

# Coaley Parish NEWSLETTER

Issue no 102  
October/November 2018



Pub Update

Panto

Newsletter Survey

Produce Show

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE	CONTACT
Oct 3rd	Wives Fellowship	7.30 pm	Jubilee Room	Barbara Davis 890679
Oct 4th	Knitting Group	3.00 pm	Harvest House	Barbara Davis 890679
Oct 7th	Harvest Festival Harvest Praise	9.15 am 6.00 pm	Church Church	
Oct 8th	Whist	2.00 pm	Hall	Barbara Davis 890679
Oct 9th	Hall AGM	7.30 pm	Jubilee Room	Barbara Davis 890679
Oct 11th	School Harvest Worship	9.00 am	Church	
Oct 12th	Harvest Supper	7.00 pm	Hall	
Oct 16th	Produce Show AGM	7.30 pm	Jubilee Room	
Oct 17th	Soup and Pud	12.30 pm	Hall	Maggie Lewis 890437
Oct 17th	WI: The Pantana Brazil, the worlds largest wetlandt	7.30 pm	Hall	
Oct 21st	Music & cake. Mee & Mrs Robinson	3.00 pm	Church	
Nov 1st	Knitting Group	3.00 pm	Fieldend	Barbara Davis 890679
Nov 4th	FOCS Fireworks	6.00 pm	School Field	
Nov 7th	Wives Fellowship	7.30 pm	Jubilee Room	Barbara Davis 890679
Nov 12th	Whist	2.00 pm	Hall	Barbara Davis 890679
Nov 18th	Music and Cake GL11 Singers	3.00 pm	Church	
Nov 21st	Soup and Pud	12.30 pm	Hall	Maggie Lewis 890437
Nov 21st	WI - AGM	7.30 pm	Hall	

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE	CONTACT
Nov 29th to Dec 1st	Panto		Hall	890869
Dec 2nd	Church Christmas Bazaar		Hall	
Dec 6th	Knitting Group	3.00pm	tba	Barbara Davis 890679
Dec 7th	FOCS Christmas Fayre	3.15pm	Hall	
Dec 9th	Words and Music for a Winter Afternoon	3 pm	Church	
Dec 10th	Whist	2.00 pm	Hall	Barbara Davis 890679

Parish Council meetings are normally on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Room and all residents are invited to attend. See the council's website at [www.coaleypc.org.uk](http://www.coaleypc.org.uk) for meeting agendas and minutes and to sign up for email updates from the council for news that can't wait for the next newsletter.

## THE NEWSLETTER IS BACK!

Following our survey over the summer it is clear that the newsletter is appreciated by villagers and should continue to be published. You'll see that we have made some changes to the format so that we can save printing costs.

**Please let us have your contributions for the next issue by Friday 16th November 2018.**

email: [newsletter@coaleypc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@coaleypc.org.uk)

web: [www.coaleypc.org.uk](http://www.coaleypc.org.uk)

facebook: [coaleyparishcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/coaleyparishcouncil)

This issue edited by Stephen Cook.

Cover picture: The Old Fox after its refurbishment.

# VILLAGE NEWS

## NEWSLETTER SURVEY RESULTS NOW IN

Thank you to the 89 villagers who responded to survey about the newsletter. Almost all of those who responded wanted to see it continue in some shape or form. Therefore the Parish Council are happily committed to producing a regular printed newsletter for the foreseeable future. However, we will be exploring how to reduce the cost and are trying out new content so there may be a period of

- There were 89 respondents (50 online, 39 paper)
- 80% were over 50
- 40% were over 70+
- 98% wanted the newsletter to continue in some shape and form
- 80% valued the newsletter 'quite a lot' or 'lots'
- 73% felt the newsletter provided 'quite good' or 'lots' of value for money
- The most popular money saving options were black and white and smaller size
- The most popular content ideas from those suggested were History of Coaley and Profiles of villagers
- There were some great suggestions for content & distribution

experimentation and flux for a time. Please keep us abreast of your feedback and further thoughts via the usual channels. Thanks. Coaley PC

If anyone would like to see the full survey responses and read all the interesting comments please contact [benbywater@gmail.com](mailto:benbywater@gmail.com) or call 07909 545 303.

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

After many years sterling service Alison Hambling has retired from editing the newsletter. The Parish Council would like to thank her for her efforts in producing it to such a high standard. Her recent redesign of the newsletter was a welcome refresh which we have tried to preserve in this new format.

## SCHOOL NEWS

Coaley C of E Primary Academy has started the new year with pace and vigour. The new Interim Headteacher, Aisling Stranack, started at the beginning of September along with 7 new pupils.

In week one, we had a whole school Vision Day to allow all stakeholders the opportunity to input into the long term direction of our school.

During our second week, we had a 'Launch Day' for our new topic, Historical Heroes and Heroines. Children and staff came to school dressed up as inspirational figures from past and present.

Between now and half term we have lots more to enjoy: Y6 day at South Cerney Outdoor Centre, District Cross Country races and football matches to mention just a few things. Although we are perceived as a small community school, currently 51 pupils on roll, we are mighty in what we achieve!

If you would like to find out more about us, please visit our website – [www.coaleyschool.org.uk](http://www.coaleyschool.org.uk) or call us 01453 890358 to arrange a visit.

## COALEY CALENDAR

The Produce Show committee will be producing their popular Coaley calendar again this year and hope to have it ready by the end of October in good time for Christmas. Look out for it in the shop.

They will continue to produce the calendar so long as the photographs keep coming. It's never too early to start taking pictures for next year.

## VILLAGE HALL AGM

The AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee will be held on Tuesday 9th October at 7.30 pm in the Jubilee Room.

This is your chance to find out what developments there have been over the past year and what is planned for the future at the Hall. It is also a chance to pose questions to the Committee and to give your views on future developments.

Details can be obtained from Barbara Davis on 01453 890679 or [barbaradavis4119@gmail.com](mailto:barbaradavis4119@gmail.com) if required.

## PHONEBOX

The Parish Council has bought the telephone box by the recreation ground from BT for £1. It's in a rather sorry state at the moment with missing windows, peeling paint and a lean to rival the Tower of Pisa. The council has had an offer to project manage its refurbishment and this should be completed over the winter. We are still open to suggestions as to what to do with the box once it is in a fit state. Two common uses of old boxes are a library and a defibrillator but we already have these two covered by the Community Shop and the Village Hall. Please let the council know if you have a good idea.





## WIVES FELLOWSHIP

Some of you may not have heard of Wives Fellowship – though you do not have to be a wife to join!

This is a friendly group of females who meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Jubilee Room at 7.30pm. We sometimes have a speaker, sometimes have a game or quiz and always end up with a hot drink and chat. We occasionally have an outing to somewhere of local interest.

Please contact Barbara Davis 890679 or [barbaradavid4199@gmail.com](mailto:barbaradavid4199@gmail.com) if you would like to find out more.

## POPPIES

Thank you very much to all who have been knitting or crocheting poppies ready for Remembrance Day. Please can poppies be placed in the box in the shop or given to Barbara Davis, Pat Grimwood or June Dunlop by October 15th to give us a chance to assemble them before Remembrance Sunday. Thank you.

Contact [barbaradavis4119@gmail.com](mailto:barbaradavis4119@gmail.com)

## RECREATION GROUND

The Parish Council is sorry for the state of the recreation ground early in the summer. The first cut was made later than usual due to a change in contractors by which time the grass was longer than ideal. Although the cut grass is not normally picked up and removed we had to get the contractor back to do this because there was so much of it. As soon as the grass was got in a reasonable state we had the start of the hot weather which knocked

it back again. We will make sure it's cut promptly next year and will consider reseeding any areas that have not recovered. There will be a forum meeting discuss other ways to use the space at 6.30 pm on 6th Nov. See page 13.

## COALEY PANTOMIME

Rehearsals are now under way for this year's panto, The Emperor's New Clothes, by PL McQueen. Yet again, we are very pleased to be welcoming new faces, both on stage and behind the scenes.

Although the rehearsals are still in the early stages, it is very evident that the cast have already put a lot of work into learning their lines and developing their characters over the summer break. The behind-the-scenes crew are busy designing and painting scenery, sourcing and making props, taking bookings and all the other numerous jobs which add up to the success of this annual event.

Please book your tickets as early as possible to avoid disappointment. Every year, the performances sell out fast and we often have to operate a "waiting list", especially for the Friday and Saturday evening performances.



Rehearsal underway

COALEY PANTOMIME 2018

**THE EMPEROR'S  
NEW CLOTHES**

By PL McQueen

PERFORMANCES WILL TAKE PLACE IN COALEY VILLAGE HALL ON

**THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 7.30P.M.**

**FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 7.30P.M.**

**SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER AT 2.30P.M.**

**SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER AT 7.30P.M.**



Book **NOW** to avoid disappointment  
Tickets for our annual pantomime always sell out **FAST**



**ALL AGED 17 AND OVER - £8**  
**ALL AGED 16 AND UNDER - £4**

**For tickets, please obtain a booking slip from  
Coaley Community Shop  
or phone the box office on 01453 890869**

# THE OLD FOX

In April this year, renovation work commenced on the Fox and Hounds pub. Gradually, the Old Fox began to emerge from its cocoon of scaffolding and white vans. Initially, the plan was for a remodel and “freshen up” but we received so much interest and positive feedback from local people, it became clear that Coaley lacked a pub at the heart of the community. So it was back to the local Planning Dept with a revised plan to renovate, extend and refurbish from floor to rooftop. The Old Fox is unrecognizable from its past incarnation with a much more inclusive space having been created. A completely new kitchen with separate wash up area, modern beer cellar, new loos (we've put heating in them too!) and a bespoke main bar. New ceilings, floors, electrics and plumbing, fully refurbished accommodation and new woodburner are some of the things you will notice.

Owning the Old Spot in Dursley, for over 25 years and until recently, the Old Badger at Eastington, I know the area well and I am confident that we can create a pub that will play a strong role in village life.

We will be opening early November, fully rebranded and ready to welcome one and all. As usual we will have a strong focus on real ales and traditional ciders, supporting local producers. The Old Fox will find its path by listening to what customers want from their “local” but you are sure to find a warm welcome, good beer, good food and a menu of regular events including music, food and drink tasting evenings, pub games, quizzes, charity fundraisers and more.

I believe every village needs a pub, but for it to win support, the pub must offer something that appeals to everyone. We look forward to joining Coaley life and running a quality pub that the village can be proud of. Our website and Facebook page will be online shortly.

Cheers!

Ellie Sainty





The wall between the two rooms is removed



The new bar laid out on the floor



The new kitchen goes up



# PRODUCE SHOW

Coaley Produce show was held on 1st September, the village hall looked splendid with a beautiful array of flowers, fruit, vegetables and art work. The cold spring and hot dry summer meant some of our usual crops were scarce but inventive gardeners came up with other produce, including exotic items such as Mexican cucumbers and chilli peppers, tomatoes were plentiful and fruit classes were well covered. Flowers had lots of scented roses, sweet peas and beautiful dahlias and Japanese anemones.



There were interesting craft items such as items made from home – marbled paper, thrift items and needle felting. Cookery and home economics had an incredible array of jams and jellies, soda bread, gooey cakes and home made fudge, the men's cookery class had an interesting chocolate and bacon cake. Childrens' entries were boosted by Coaley school children competing for our two new Centaur Homes cups with flower pictures made by thumb printing and models made from plastic bottles.

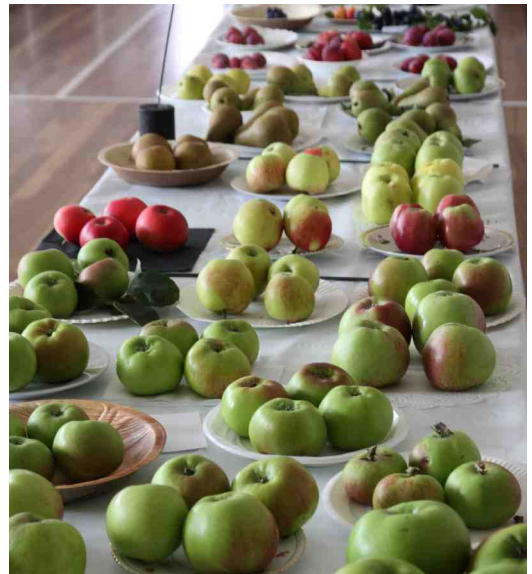
Floral decoration had Harvest displays and displays of five blooms , arrangement in a wine glass and an

arrangement titled “Votes for Women” 100 years of women's suffrage. Photography was particularly popular with photos of Bridges, Pattern, 3 photos on a theme, and “Fun”. We were pleased to welcome Coaley WI who provided teas and home made cakes

The Gardens cup this year was won for a display of Pots and Containers – next years theme will be a pond or water feature.

We were very pleased with this years show, as there were a very good number of entries – over 550, by 60 different people. We would love to be able to get more children entering, especially in the older age groups. Please let the committee know if you have ideas of what classes they would like us to include.

We are holding this years AGM on Tuesday October 16th at 7.30pm in the Jubilee room, our meetings are short and will end with cheese and wine and a quiz. Everyone is welcome to attend.



## TROPHIES

G. S. Neal Cup for Fruit - Jo Attwooll & Stephen Cook.  
Flower Cup - Jean Bryant.  
Floral Decoration Cup - Sarah Lorkin.  
Domestic Cup - Jenny Hanson.  
Rose Bowl - Julia Carter.  
Coaley W.I. Cup for Arts and Crafts - June Dunlop.  
Billet Cup for Children - Poppy Cook.  
Jean Steel Cup for Children - Franklin Carter.  
Centaur Homes Cup (7 years and under) - Molly Mann.  
Centaur Homes Cup (8-10 years) - Amelia Freeman.  
Frank Workman Rose Bowl - Ann Bahcheli.  
Winnie Brooks Cup for the Most Beautiful Flower - Avril Burak.  
Wooden Spoon - Chris Wilcox.  
Cospa Cup for Photography - Mike Davis.  
Garden Challenge Cup - Matt & Sara Lorkin.

## RECYCLING CENTRE CHANGES

To reflect the 25 per cent reduction in custom throughout the winter months, the five household recycling centres (HRC's) in Gloucestershire will be reducing their opening hours as of October 28th.

As the evenings get colder and darker, the HRC's across the county receive less waste and recycling; by almost 30 per cent. In order to reflect this and save taxpayers money, seasonal opening times are being introduced.

When the clocks go back an hour, HRC's will be open from 10am until 4pm. Each centre will also be closing for one day a week.

When summer returns in 2019, HRC's will open an hour earlier at 9am and close an hour later at 5pm. Each site will still close one day a week.

A great deal of consideration has been given to seasonal and daily site usage patterns at each of the centres. These changes are not only reflective of when they are used, they are also supporting a reduction in the budget for this service and making sure the council is living within its means.

Cllr Nigel Moor, cabinet member responsible for household recycling centres at Gloucestershire County Council, said: "A lot of research, monitoring and consideration went into this decision; this solution will not only allow the council to make savings, but it also means our HRC's are open when the public need them to be.

"Recycling is very much a council priority and we are committed to reaching our target of 60% recycling by 2020. These changes aren't coming into affect until the end of October; more information can be found on our recycle for Gloucestershire website."



## WI UPDATE

Our monthly meetings have included talks from the following guest speakers:

**Cotswold cats and dogs home.** Our three young speakers brought along Oscar, a rescue dog from the home in Elmcote Lane. They explained how they manage the animals in their care who are then rehoused, adopted or fostered after careful vetting of the prospective new owners.

**Vale of Berkeley Railway.** We heard about this ambitious local project which, it is hoped, will result in the reopening of the existing Sharpness branch line to passengers as a heritage railway attraction.

**Snow business** is a local firm based at Ebley are the world leaders in artificial snow & winter effects, servicing the film & T.V industries here & abroad, including the Olympics in Moscow. Films they have worked on include Blade Runner which won an Oscar for best visual effects.

A beautiful evening was spent in **Fiona Porter's garden** on the edge of the

Cotswolds just as the sun was setting. Fiona runs Cotswold Country Flowers [fiona@cotswold-country-flowers.co.uk](mailto:fiona@cotswold-country-flowers.co.uk) supplying flowers to local businesses and individuals as well as running a number of different courses. She also belongs to Flowers from the farm which is a national network aiming to reverse the trend of imported flowers filling our shops and supermarkets. Fiona was generous with her time and knowledge and it was lovely to see the variety of plants that go into her bouquets and arrangements.

We were excited to be involved with Coaley produce show in the first plant swap and sale where we provided refreshments and a tombola. The vintage china was popular as was the home baking! We were also pleased to join with them again for the produce show providing refreshments and cake.

Please see the what's on section for our upcoming meetings.

Follow us on facebook: [coaleywi](#)

Email: [coaleywi@hotmail.com](mailto:coaleywi@hotmail.com)



# Have your say!

*What would you like in your recreation areas in Coaley?*

## OPEN FORUM

**Tuesday 6th November**

**6.30 pm – 7.30 pm in the Jubilee room at the back of the Village Hall**

If you would like to have more children's play equipment, outdoor gym equipment, a skate park or anything else please pop in with your ideas and suggestions.

If you are unable to attend but still wish to contribute please email

Gemma at [orchardcottage.info@googlemail.com](mailto:orchardcottage.info@googlemail.com) or telephone on

01453 860754





## THE DEFIBRILLATOR CAN BE USED BY ANYONE

It's worth a recap on how to access and use the defibrillator.

If you come across someone who is not breathing, the most important thing is to call 999 and start cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). After a cardiac arrest, every minute without CPR and defibrillation reduces someone's chance of survival by 10 per cent.

When you call 999, the operator will tell you the access code for the defibrillator and will continue to help you until the ambulance arrives. If you're on your own, don't interrupt CPR to go and get the defibrillator. If there is someone else with you send them to fetch it.

The defibrillator gives clear spoken instructions in a natural voice, monitors the heart rhythm and delivers a shock automatically and only when required. While the defibrillator needs no specific training it is worth being trained to perform CPR. For free training go to the British Heart Foundation website at [www.bhf.org.uk](http://www.bhf.org.uk) and search for "heartstart courses".

## COALEY EXCHANGE

Alistair Smith has created a website for villagers to offer or ask for goods, services or anything else they wish.

See <https://coaleyexchange.ml>



**Join us for Harvest**  
at  
**St Bartholomew's Church,  
Coaley**

**Harvest Festival**  
Sunday 7th October 9.15am

**Harvest Praise**  
Sunday 7th October 6pm

**Harvest Supper**  
Friday 12th October 7pm

**All Welcome**



**St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley**

**Music & Cake**

featuring  
**Mee & Mrs Robinson**  
Guitar & Vocals

**Sunday 21st October**  
**3pm**

Short informal & free concerts in church  
followed by tea, cake & a chance to chat.

**All Welcome**



Coaley Academy is looking for a Mid-day Supervising Assistant 6 hrs 40 mins a week, Term Time only, 11:55 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Mon-Fri. More details & application form at [www.coaleyschool.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.coaleyschool.org.uk/job-vacancies)

## Coaley Parish Council need a permanent editor for this newsletter.

The job involves gathering items from various sources in the village, mainly by email, and then using desk top publishing software to lay out the newsletter. Training can be given. A modest salary is available.

Contact the Parish Clerk at [clerk@coaleypc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@coaleypc.org.uk).

St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley

## Music & Cake

featuring

## GL11 Singers

Director: Pauline Thomas

Sunday 18th November

3pm

Short informal & free concerts in church followed by tea, cake & a chance to chat.

All Welcome

## ROAD CLOSED ON 18TH OCTOBER

The Street will be closed from Elmcote Lane to Peter Street so the high restriction sign on the railway bridge can be replaced. More details at [www.coaleypc.org.uk](http://www.coaleypc.org.uk).

## Naughty Corner

Would the young people who ride their bikes in the wood by Norton's Alley please note that the kissing gate is not to be removed from its hinges and placed over the stream for use as a bridge.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

Parish Councillors	Stephen Cook	860504
	Martin Percy	890818
	John Burgess	07917 785525
	Ben Bywater	07909 545303
	Gemma Carter	860754
	John Hobson	07715 558110
	Penny Wait	860191
Parish Clerk	Lynn Thornton	545880
Stroud District Councillor	Jim Dewey	860795
	<a href="mailto:cllr.jim.dewey@stroud.gov.uk">cllr.jim.dewey@stroud.gov.uk</a>	
GCC Councillor	Lorraine Patrick	07881 581189
	<a href="mailto:Lorraine.Patrick@gloucestershire.gov.uk">Lorraine.Patrick@gloucestershire.gov.uk</a>	
Vicar	Rev Sue Greatorex	542547
Village Hall	Lesley Chalmers	890788
Need a lift to Coaley Church?		
Co-ordinator	Isobel Farmer	890556
Tree Warden	Stephen Cook	860504
Snow Warden	Jonathan Leigh	860665
		07767 660296
	<a href="mailto:jonathan@bigeventcatering.co.uk">jonathan@bigeventcatering.co.uk</a>	
Neighbourhood Watch	Ken Wibberley	890449
Community Shop		899000
ST Emergency Water & Sewage Centre (24 hr)		0800 7834444
Gas Emergency Leaks etc (24 hr)		0800 111999
Electricity Loss of Supply (24 hr)		08000 328 1111
Street Lights	<a href="mailto:lightout@gloscc.gov.uk">lightout@gloscc.gov.uk</a>	08000 514514
Community Wellbeing Service (was Village Agent)		0345 8638323
	<a href="mailto:communitywellbeing.stroud@nhs.net">communitywellbeing.stroud@nhs.net</a>	