

# Coaley Parish

# NEWSLETTER

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Affordable housing

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE	CONTACT
May 31st	Flower Festival / FOCC 25th Anniversary Celebrations Preview Evening - Ticketed Event	7.30 pm	Church	Sarah Randall
June 1st	Flower Festival	11.00 am	Church	
June 2nd	Flower Festival	11.00am	Church	
June 15th	Coaleyst		School field	
June 19th	Garden cup (ponds and water features) entry day			
June 22nd	Barn Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall	Jackie Davis 890596
June 23rd	Garden Cup judging			860558
July 7th	Cream teas	2-5pm	Village Hall	
July 11th	Affordable housing drop-in	4-7pm	Jubilee room	
July 13th	Open Garden	2pm	The Homestead The Ham	Ann Bachelli 860230
Oct 9th	Village Hall AGM	7.30 pm	Jubilee Room	
Dec 7th	Posh Frock Disco Dance	tbc	Village Hall	Jackie Davis

## REGULAR HALL EVENTS

Coaly WI every 3rd Wednesday 7.30 pm

Pilates is Monday 9.30am - 11.30am, Wednesday 9.30 - 10.30am. Thursday 7.00 - 9.00 pm - term time only.

Badminton is every Monday 12.00 - 1.00 pm  
and every Friday 9.30 am - 10.30 am ( only for U3A members)

Brownies (term time only). Monday 5.30 - 7.00 pm

Guides (term time only) 7.00 - 8.30pm

Taekwondo every Tuesday 6.30 - 8.00 pm

Film Night September - March only. Second Saturday in the month. 7.00 pm onwards

Whist - 2nd Monday of the month 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Lunch Club 4th Tuesday in the month at 12.30 pm

Friendship Group - Every second Tuesday in the month 2.30 - 4.00 pm

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.

Please let us have your contributions for the next issue by  
Saturday 16th July 2019.

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This issue edited by Stephen Cook.

Cover picture: First-cut grass silage at Knapp Lane.

# VILLAGE NEWS

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT FOX MEADOW

Gloucestershire Rural Housing Association working with Centaur Homes are delivering 10 new affordable homes on the site at Fox Meadow Coaley. The new affordable homes include 1, 2 and 3 bed houses for affordable rent for local people with a connection to Coaley.

If you are interested in applying for these homes, you are welcome to come and see us to find out more.

Gloucestershire Rural Housing Association and Stroud District Council will be holding a drop-in information event at

**Coaley Village Hall  
on Thursday 11th July  
from 4pm to 7pm**

where you will have the opportunity to view the proposal, ask questions, and you will be able to register your interest.

Meanwhile if you would like to discuss the affordable housing on this site please e-mail  
[chris.knibbs@bromford.co.uk](mailto:chris.knibbs@bromford.co.uk)

## THE SATURDAY NIGHT CLUB FILM EVENINGS

A Big Thank You to everyone who has helped make our Film Nights such a success that we have raised £1,889.34 for the Village Hall Refurbishment Fund.

Our next film season starts on Saturday 14th September and will be held on the second Saturday of every month up to and including March.

During the summer we will be compiling our programme for the 2019/20 season and if there are any films you would like us to show please let Lesley or Tom know.

We are looking for volunteers to help set up and learn how to use the equipment, somebody to help set up the hall and someone to help in the bar when it gets busy.

Members are reminded that their membership fee of £25 is due on September 1st. Cheques should be made payable to Coaley Village Hall and can be left in the postbox at 8 Cider Orchard.

If you are interested in becoming a member or would like further information please contact Lesley on 890788.

## WI NEWS

Coaley WI were delighted to hear from a mystery celebrity, Dame Janet Trotter who has recently retired as Lord Lieutenant for Gloucestershire having held the post since 2010.

Janet explained the role and how it has evolved since being responsible for training local men and leading them against rebels and foreign invaders. She has attended many interesting events and has been busy with organising royal visits, one year as many as 38 in our county. The role also includes supporting excellence through nominations and presentations of awards and honours and representing the Queen locally. Janet was invited by David Cameron to take on the role and was the first female appointed in Gloucestershire. She had many interesting stories about Royal visits and the passion and knowledge that the Royals have for the organisations that they are patrons of.

The first ever WI meeting held in Coaley was on 15.04.41 and so to celebrate this, our April meeting was a social event with Prosecco, cake, biscuits and chocolate eggs. There was a quiz followed by a discussion about a Centenary event being held in Gloucester Cathedral in October this year where we will have a stand displaying all things that represent Coaley WI. There will also be a service and two lucky names will be drawn to see who will attend this along with members from the 142 WI's in the Gloucestershire region.

An extra Spring event enabled us to meet up with friends and relatives of our own and from nearby WI's and our very special guest was Winston Churchill (alias Tony Harris) who told us about his early years through to his term as Prime Minister.

Our most recent visit was from Severn Freewheelers who are a group of advanced motorcyclists providing a free out-of-hours courier service for hospitals in Gloucestershire, Worcestershire, North Wiltshire and Herefordshire. They carry blood, pathology samples, patient scans / x-rays, human milk - in fact any medical essentials between hospitals in the area. All of the riders are volunteers, they have a yearly check ride and all receive extra training in emergency response riding. They are always looking for help and have information on their facebook page. Lookout for the 'Prescott Bikefest on June 15,16 for all things motorbike and help them with fundraising.

It was an enjoyable day working with the Produce Show team for the second Plant swap where we donned our new WI pinnies and provided drinks and cakes for visitors. The weather was kind to everyone who had grown plants in readiness for the event and we look forward to seeing how many of the plants swapped and sold will be winners in the Produce Show in September.

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November 20th AGM followed by Christmas crafts.

December 18th Christmas Party.

Any old china? Coaley WI would be grateful of any china cups saucers plates and especially any teapots which can be used for events where refreshments are provided. They don't have to match and all donations are much appreciated.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. We meet in the village hall on the third Wednesday of the month at 19.30 .

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Email – Coaleywi@hotmail.com

Our future events are listed below and you are welcome to join us, we would love to see you.

June 19th Social evening.  
Competition – the most enjoyable home made pudding as voted for by members.

July 17th Reporting and Magic with Steve Knibbs - Popular Radio Gloucester presenter.  
Competition - a home made tea cosy.

August Summer outing - to be arranged.

September 18th Social Evening .

October 11th to 13th GFWI Centenary exhibition in Gloucester Cathedral.

October 16th Star animals with Pam Weaver .

## COALEYFEST

Coaleyfest June 15th 2019 from 4.00 pm to 10.30 pm, Coaley CoE Academy,

It's almost time, we're almost ready and we're very excited to present Coaleyfest 2019!

This year there's a new line up with more food and more choice of beers.

The line-up kicks off with Bybrook, followed by Lewis and Dav, Ride the Edge, The Disclaimers and finishing with the headline and local favourite The Usual Suspects. A wide range of music that suits all tastes. We have the BBQ and Cafe2U and Cappinnis pizza. The Old Fox have secured local beers plus we will have larger, cider

and prosecco. There's lots for the kids to do.

So please come along and support our annual school fundraiser, it's all for a very good cause will be a great day.

(If anyone would like to help on the stalls on the please email [coaleyfest@gmail.com](mailto:coaleyfest@gmail.com))



Tickets: Adults £7, children £3, under 4 free, available from The Old Fox, The Old Spot, Coaley Village Shop or via [coaleyfest@gmail.com](mailto:coaleyfest@gmail.com) (small fee to cover costs of postage and paypal on email orders)

## MAKING TENNIS EASY

A few villagers have kindly donated some tennis rackets and balls to be freely available for anyone to use at the courts. We still need a few more though so please get in touch if you have anything. Also, we could do with something to store them in - ideally one of those waterproof plastic garden storage boxes. A request has been posted on Freecycle but if you have one going spare please let me know on

[benbywater@gmail.com](mailto:benbywater@gmail.com) or 07909545303. Thanks.

## 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

## 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 01453 890679 or [barbaradavis4199@gmail.com](mailto:barbaradavis4199@gmail.com) if you would like to find out more.

## PLANT SWAP

The second Coaley Produce show plant swap was held on Sunday 5th May. It was a great success with a large number of home grown plants swapped and sold. There were also really nice teas provided by the WI. The swap raised over £170 for the Produce Show funds.





## NEWS FROM COALEY VILLAGE SHOP

We are making good progress on the new shop building. A local architect has drawn very satisfactory plans and we are about to submit for planning permission. Local fund-raising is progressing well. Our next event is the Barn Dance on June 22nd. Tickets are £15 adults but we have a special offer of two for £25. Children aged 8 to 16 are £7.50. A ploughman's supper is included. There will be an Open Garden event at The Homestead, on The Ham, hosted by Ann and Tylan Bahcheli on Saturday July 13th when tea and cakes will be served.

Many thanks to everybody who completed the village shop survey. The results will help guide us in the right direction and support applications for funding. 106 householders responded to the survey. A fantastic result. The survey was completed by all sections of the community – older people and younger families, showing how important the shop is to the village. Over 90% of respondents agreed that a new shop building would be an improvement for the village community as a whole. 60% agreed strongly.

63% of respondents use the shop at least once a week. Most people think that the opening times are ok as they are, but some customers do think it should be open at lunch time or on Saturday afternoon. A number of people would be interested in using a delivery service occasionally if it were available. 40% of people who

responded to the survey would welcome a wider range of fresh fruit and vegetables so we are looking into ways we can achieve that without a lot of wastage. Over the summer months there will be a lot of locally grown produce available including pak choi! There was also an interest in more home-made produce and we would love to hear from cake bakers and jam makers to would like to sell their goods in the shop. Over half of respondents said they would use the shop as a meeting place and to have a cup of coffee at least once a month. There were also a large number of detailed comments and the committee will consider all of these carefully. Some nice example comments:

“Thank you for all hard work you all do to keep the shop running. I really appreciate it.”

“I support the shop as it's a really useful community service.”

“A great asset to the village.”

“In view if the development taking place in the village and the extra number of people, it is an excellent idea.”

## LENT & FAMINE LUNCHES

Thank you to everyone involved A sum of £542 was raised which has been shared between The Gloucester City Mission and Coaley Parochial Church Council.

# PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The Annual Assembly was held on 30th April. Just three parishioners attended.

A speaker from Bromford Housing Association gave us a presentaion about the affordable housing at Fox Meadow. Details of that appear at the start of this newsletter.

The Council Chairman then gave us his report:

This year saw the retirement of Councillor Burgess as chairman; he has since retired as a councillor due to work commitments. Thank you for almost ten years great work.

Councillor Carter has taken on the responsibility for Allotments.

We have a vacancy for a councillor which can be filled by co-option if a candidate is identified.

The council has responsibility for several areas:

## **Planning**

We are a statutory consultee for planning applications in the village but disappointingly it would appear that we have little influence. For most applications the decision is delegated to an officer, but we are able to call in the application so it's decided by the Development Control Committee at Stroud District Council. We have done that twice recently when we thought the officers decision would be the opposite

to our recommendation, but both times the DCC have declined to consider it.

It's worth noting that if you wish to support or object to a planning application your comments will have much more weight if they quote the relevant paragraphs from the Stroud District Council local plan. Parishioners should use the SDC planning website to make comments and not just rely on the parish council to represent them. Parishioners can ask us for advice of course.

## **Allotments**

The allotments generate a relatively small income but the health benefits to the tenant are far more important. We still have plots available.

## **Tennis Courts**

The tennis courts were transferred to the council from the tennis club some years ago. Last year the council stopped charging for use of the tennis courts. Like the allotments, the benefits to health are more important than the income. The arrangement for opening the courts was not easy to manage so we now leave them unlocked. This could result in misuse of the facility and we have had a problem with young people dismantling the bench but we have a plan to deal with that. There is a fault with the lights at the moment and it's proving difficult to find a contractor who is qualified to work on the installation. The surface of the court, particularly the one furthest from the gate is a concern, with the weeds just being kept at bay. We have asked for the trees on the recreation

field boundary to be cut back to reduce the amount of leaf fall and hopefully reduce the moss.

### **Newsletter**

This time last year the newsletter was without an editor and was not being published. As the newsletter was quite expensive to produce the council conducted a survey to establish whether it was wanted and in what form. The results showed overwhelmingly that people appreciated it so we decided to produce it again with a temporary editor. We have updated the format and have a new printer which is much cheaper. There is still a vacancy for the editor for which there is a small payment.

### **Footpaths**

The councillors monitor the state of footpaths and stiles and report problems to the Cotswold Wardens. The edge of Norton's Alley had been eroded by flood water which the Cotswold Wardens will be fixing. We have also had problems with young people blocking the ditch to make a bridge for their bikes.

There has been a succession of temporary closures to the footpath over the railway due to safety concerns. There is no sign of this being fixed by Network Rail.

Matt and Sara Lorkin were married last year and rather than have wedding presents they asked their wedding guests to make a donation towards something for the village. Between us

we have decided to install four kissing gates which will give a stile-free circular walking route from the village centre. We are very grateful for this lovely idea.

### **Village maintenance**

The telephone box has been refurbished and we are looking to use it as an information point.

We have replaced the seat at Westend which was damaged by a car and reinstated the plaque.

Grass cutting – the recreation ground is recovering from the damage suffered last year but it has also been raked and had bare patches reseeded.

### **Grants**

We have given one grant of £3480.00 for the village hall to carry out the access changes. We get few requests for grants and I would encourage Parish organisations to make use of them. The budget is over £4900.

### **Play Area**

In November we held an open forum to discuss proposals to improve amenities for the older village children and the council has formed a new sub-committee to progress this. In the mean time we have provided new monkey bars to provide a challenge to the older children. Every year the equipment has an inspection performed by Rospa and we have just received their latest report. There are a few issues that need sorting out regarding wear and tear and trip hazards.

## **Shop**

Councillor Waite is the council's representative on the shop committee. The council supports the plans for the shop redevelopment and will provide assistance when required.

## **Highways**

Due to concerns about the speed of vehicles in the village we have conducted two speed surveys. Despite our perception that some people drive way above the speed limit, the survey shows that generally vehicle speed in the village is not excessive. The highways department at Gloucestershire County Council will not provide a remedy without evidence of wide-scale and persistent speeding.

There are a couple of other issues to report:

## **Broadband**

The poor broadband for 860 numbers should be solved when Gigaclear install "fibre to the premises" for those houses. The schedule for this work is being revised and should have been published at the end of March. I've requested an update from Fastershire but not had any response.\*

## **Communication**

In an attempt to reach more people, the council has recently created a Facebook page. Councillor Carter looks after that. We also have a mailing list which you can sign up for on the website. We send very few messages so you won't be inundated by emails. It's surprising that just 22 people have signed up for that.

## **Thanks**

Thanks to a number of people who have come to the council with solutions, rather than problems.

Laurence Bryant and Ron Plumb for the phone box restoration.

Avril Burak & Mia Coggins for litter picking.

David Wilcox for recreation ground reseeded.

Myron Burak and Tim Porter for footpath and stile surveying.

Thank you to the 14 parishioners who deliver the more than 350 copies of the newsletter.

I also need to thank the councillors for their work with their various responsibilities.

Finally, thanks to our clerk Lynn Thornton for her advice, guidance and for dealing with our finances.

The clerk's report followed with a summary of our finances this year. This will be available on the council website when the accounts have been audited.

\* The schedule now appears to be published because the Fastershire availability checker is now showing work should start in the third quarter of 2020.



## BIRD DISEASE

There has been a suspected case of the disease Trichomonosis in the village. This typically affects finches, doves and pigeons. Signs include puffed-up feathers, lethargy and a messy beak.

Trichomonosis is parasitic disease that affects the bird's throat and gullet - eventually it will stop them from feeding properly. It's very easily spread between birds that feed at the same feeders/bird baths.

If you notice birds showing symptoms you should stop feeding and putting out water for any birds for around two to three weeks. Disinfect your feeders and bird baths, rinse with hot water and leave to dry. Your garden birds will disperse, thereby reducing the number of birds that catch this infection.

After three weeks you can start putting out food and water again whilst monitoring the situation.

## 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 chance to assemble them before Remembrance Sunday. Thank you.

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

## RECREATION GROUND PROGRESS UPDATE

The recreation ground sub committee is looking to hear from villagers aged between 10 and 16 to find out what they would want from the recreation ground. Please let us know if anyone is available for a short chat and the preferred channel (phone, WhatsApp, Google Meet, in person - however you like!). Funds are available to do something and we hope to report back on options before a decision is made in the coming months. Please contact Ben on [benbywater@gmail.com](mailto:benbywater@gmail.com) or 07909545303

## COALEY FLOWER FESTIVAL

Celebrating the 25th anniversary of Friends of Coaley Church

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd June 2pm-5pm

Lunches & Teas in Village Hall from 11am

Preview Evening on Friday 31st May 7.30pm to include food & a drink with musical entertainment by pianist Taya Green

Tickets £6 (£3 for FoCC)

Celebration Songs of Praise in church at 6pm

## PANACHE STEEL BAND IN COALEY CHURCH

Panache Steel Band gave a scintillating performance in Coaley Church on May 17th. Starting with Hot Hot Hot, and Wonderful Life, the audience was treated to calypso hits La La and Nani Wine, classic pop tunes I will survive, Fernando, & Red, Red Wine, contemporary pop Get Lucky and Despacito, film theme Skyfall, Soul Limbo the BBC cricket theme, steel band classic Cheap Thrills and Disney favourite Under the Sea. Audience participation came in the form of La Bamba and Tequila, and I love you baby had some of the audience dancing in the aisles and limbo dancing.

Thanks go to Panache, Friends of Coaley Church for providing refreshments (including fabulous punch), the brilliant audience, and all those who work so hard behind the scenes to make concerts like this possible. (photos: Carole O'Donnell)



# COALEY SHOP BARN DANCE

Saturday June 22nd

Adults £15 or two for £25  
Children aged 8 to 16 £7.50  
Ploughman's supper

St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley

# Cream Teas

Coaley Village Hall

Sunday 7th July

2-5pm



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## WE CAN HELP WITH ANY ODD JOBS

(e.g. CAR WASHING, LAWN MOWING, COMPUTING ASSISTANCE)

FOR A DONATION TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR

## EUROPEAN JAMBOREE 2020 IN POLAND.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Alistair and Jack. Coaley residents and Dursley Explorers, Meyer Unit

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Need a lift to Coaley Church? Co-ordinator	Isobel Farmer	890556
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Neighbourhood Watch	Ken Wibberley	890449
Community Shop		899000
Coaley WI	June Dunlop	890302
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		08000 514514
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