

Coaley Parish

NEWSLETTER

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New Kissing Gates
Produce Show Results

Panto Tickets on Sale
Fireworks

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE	CONTACT
Oct 2nd	Wives Fellowship		Jubilee Room	Barbara Davis 890679
Oct 3rd	Knitting Group		Lapley View	Barbara Davis
Oct 5th	Macmillan Coffee morning	10.00 am to 12.30 pm	Village Hall	Helen Wilcox 860281
Oct 6th	Harvest festival	9.15 am	Church	
Oct 6th	Harvest Praise	6.00 pm	Church	
Oct 8th	Village Hall AGM	7.30 pm	Jubilee Room	Barbara Davis
Oct 11th	Harvest Supper	7.00 pm	Church	
Oct 11th to 14th	GFWI Centenary exhibition		Gloucester Cathedral	
Oct 14th	Whist	2.00 pm	Village Hall	Barbara Davis
Oct 16th	WI - Overland to Hongkong			
Oct 20th	Music and Cake (Cam learners brass)			
Nov 3rd	All Souls Service	4.00 pm	Church	
Nov 3rd	Fireworks	5.30 pm	School	
Nov 6th	Wives Fellowship		Jubilee Room	Barbara Davis
Nov 7th	Knitting		Field End	Barbara Davis
Nov 11th	Whist	2.00 pm	Village Hall	Barbara Davis
Nov 13th	Remembrance Sunday			
Nov 17th	Music and Cake	3.00 pm	Church	
Nov 20th	WI - AGM followed by Christmas crafts			
Nov 28th	Panto performance	7.30 pm	Village Hall	
Nov 29th	Panto performance	7.30 pm	Village Hall	
Nov 30th	Panto performance	2.30 pm	Village Hall	
Nov 30th	Panto performance	7.30 pm	Village Hall	
Dec 1st	Church Christmas Bazaar			
Dec 4th	Wives Fellowship		Jubilee Room	Barbara Davis

Dec 5th	Knitting		Whitehaven	Barbara Davis
Dec 7th	Posh Frock Disco Dance	tbc	Village Hall	Jackie Davis
Dec 8th	Words & Music for a Winter Afternoon	3.00 pm	Church	
Dec 9th	Whist	2.00 pm	Village Hall	Barbara Davis
Dec 15th	Carol Service	4.00 pm	Church	
Dec 18th	WI - Christmas Party			

REGULAR HALL EVENTS

Coaley 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 on the first Tuesday of each month except August, at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Room. All residents are invited to attend. See the council's website at 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 16th November 2019.

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Cover picture: Matt and Sarah Lorkin at one of the new kissing gates. See item on page 4. Image by Zara Davis Photography.

VILLAGE NEWS

NEW KISSING GATES

The cover picture shows Sarah and Matt Lorkin at one of the four new kissing gates installed in the village. When they married last year, rather than have a conventional wedding gift list, they wanted to find a local cause to support. After attending a council meeting they realised that replacing some of the stiles in the village with kissing gates was an obvious choice. At 5'1" tall Sarah knows that a stile can be a significant obstacle.

The four new gates are at the end of Norton's Alley (the path from the far right corner of the recreation ground), two more on the path from there up to Haw Street and one off The Street at Pinnells End Lane.

The gates from Nortons Alley allow a stile-free circular walk from the recreation ground, returning to the village centre via Haw Street, Trenley Road and The Street. See the Parish Council's website for a map.

The gates were installed by the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens who work with parish councils, farmers and local residents to help keep footpaths open and identify local features in need of restoration.

This is a wonderful and generous gift and one the village is very grateful for.

VILLAGE HALL AGM

The AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee will take place on October 8th (not 9th as in the last Newsletter) at 7.30 pm in the Jubilee Room.

This is an opportunity for everyone to hear of the developments that have taken place in the Hall over the past year along with future plans. Also there will be details of the legacy left by the late David Billett and what it means for the Hall.

Village Organisations who are stakeholders are entitled to have a representative on the Hall Committee. The present Committee would be pleased to welcome new members. Nominations can be sent to the secretary - Barbara Davis 890679 or barbaradavis4119@gmail.com.

BLOCKED PAVEMENTS

Pedestrians in the village are having increasing difficulty with blocked pavements.

Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs and exposes them to increased danger if they have to walk in middle of the road to get round the obstruction. The width of the

roads in Coaley means that there is no benefit in parking on the pavement because there is still not enough space for two cars to pass at the same time. Please park sensibly with consideration for all other road users.

Overgrown hedges next to footpaths and roads are another problem. They pose a real hazard to people who are disabled or who are visually impaired and young children or other pedestrians who risk injury or damage to their faces or clothing from thorns and branches. If the pavement is narrow or the obstruction is excessive, they may be forced into the road. This is particularly dangerous for wheelchair users or for people pushing a pram or buggy.

TICKETS, PLEASE!

Tickets are now available for this year's pantomime production of Hansel and Gretel, by Limelight Scripts. Here is a reminder of the dates and ticket prices:

Thursday 28th November at 7.30p.m.

Friday 29th November at 7.30p.m.

Saturday 30th November at 2.30p.m.

Saturday 30th November at 7.30p.m.

All aged 17 and over - £8.00

All aged 16 and under - £4.00

Bookings can be made by obtaining a booking slip from either the Village Shop or The Old Fox. Details of how to order are on the slip (payment with order, please). Alternatively, the box office number is 01453 890869.

Early booking is advisable, as news of the popularity of this annual event seems to have spread far and wide and consequently, tickets sell out very quickly.

It was decided that part of the proceeds from last year's production of The Emperor's New Clothes should go towards the fundraising efforts of the Village Shop. At this year's first rehearsal on 1st September, a cheque for £300 was presented by Barbara Davis (Secretary) and Keri James (Chairman) to members of the Coaley Community Shop Committee.



(L. to R. Ann Bahcheli, Penny Waite, Jackie Davis, Barbara Davis, Keri James, Sue Hanman.)

As always, this is very much a community event and CADS members are always very grateful for the overwhelming support they receive from their enthusiastic audiences. Long may it continue.

PLAY DAYS

This summer saw two free play days in Coaley. Both days were well supported with over 50 at the first day and 45 plus at the second. Pip Levett the Director of Play at Play Gloucestershire said "We've had lots of lovely comments from happy players of all ages and one of the parents is interested in thinking about how residents might organise similar days for themselves.

"The playing field in Coaley is a good gathering place for families by the village shop and village hall. There were lots of families with very young children here sitting close to our base camp and we noticed that the older children made dens a little away from this area. They spent most of their day making things for their dens and playing a variety of park sports such as cricket, football, tennis and basketball using the local facilities. The tennis courts are open to the public, and simply by putting tennis rackets and balls on the courts, children and adults used them all day."

Below: having fun with a parachute.



SPONSOR A LITTER PICK

Hi My name is Jack Miles and you may have seen me and my family litter picking in Coaley and nearby. In 2020, I am travelling to Poland on the European Scout Jamboree. We have to fundraise the money to take us on this incredible trip. So, towards this I am doing 100 sponsored litter picks. If you would like to donate to my fundraising and help me to clean the environment please pop some money in the box in village shop or drop it in at 5 The Close Coaley. You can follow how I am getting on at my Facebook page: Jack's 100 litter picks to jamboree. At the time of writing I have done 19!

Friends of Coaley School Fireworks

Sunday November 3rd

Gates open at 5.30 pm
BBQ, tea and coffee

Please come and support us
Tickets on the door



WI

Coaley WI invited guest speaker Steve Knibbs who is the Reporter for Gloucestershire with BBC including Points West. Steve told us how he had always been interested in the Media from a very young age and whilst he was still at school he volunteered with BBC Gloucester where on Sunday mornings he would help out answering the phones. From this he learnt a lot about the business and he eventually secured a job and has worked his way through various roles to his present post. He is passionate about Gloucestershire and about representing the County where he lives and works. Steve talked about current stories he is covering and how the reporting and filming is put together showing us some of the technology used which makes reporting more mobile and easier to deliver and he described a typical day 'at the office'.

Kingshill House in Dursley have contacted Coaley WI to remind us of the many activities that take place there. They run a summer school with 19 different creative workshops on offer. They also have 'Crafty Thursday' every week which is a drop in session from 10am to 1pm and 6pm to 9pm. There is a £5 charge which includes refreshments with a small material charge depending on what you make. WI members are offered a 50% off your first crafty Thursday session when you show your WI card. More information is available on their website www.kingshillhouse.org.uk or leaflets are available.

We ran a competition for a home made Tea cosy (those donated will then be used at future events). There were 7 entries altogether and the winner was chosen by our guest speaker.

We don't have a meeting in August and looking at the results, it would appear members use this time to prepare for the Produce show.

Once again we joined forces with the Produce show committee to provide tea and cake for this popular village event.

Our next meeting is on 18th September and we will be planning our display for the Centenary event in Gloucester cathedral. Gloucestershire federation WI is 100 years old this year and part of the celebrations take place at the cathedral where over 100 WI's will put on a display of what represents their branch today.

Visitors and new members are welcome at our meetings, we would love to see you.

June Dunlop
Secretary
Coaley WI

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PRODUCE SHOW

Coaley produce show took place on Saturday 7th September. There were lots of entries this year – over 520 entries by 77 entrants so the hall looked great with every surface covered with fruit, vegetables, flowers, arts and crafts, cooking and photography. There were lots of beautiful flower arrangements this year with the theme “Japan” proving most popular. Lemon drizzle cakes, treacle tarts and banana loaf were favourites of the bakers of the village. The range of photos on the theme of “A visitor to my garden” showed we have some very talented wildlife photographers, with 30 entries ranging from butterflies to badgers.

We had lovely colourful pictures of “my favourite place” and flower pictures by Coaley school children. There were cute playdoh models by the youngest children and chocolate apples with decorations and flowers in a jam jar.

One of our all-time great show entrants Mrs Florrie Curson sadly died this year. Her family kindly donated a new cup – The Florrie Curson Dahlia Cup in her memory. It was won by Fiona Porter who had grown some very spectacular blooms.

Thank you to our judges and the committee for all their hard work. Our AGM will take place on 30th October at 7.30pm in the village hall.



*Above: A winning Dahlia.
Right: A rainbow flower arrangement.
Below: Vegetable judging in progress.*



TROPHY WINNERS

- Vegetable Cup - David Wilcox.
G. S. Neale Cup for Fruit - Tylan Bahcheli.
Flower Cup - Fiona Porter.
Floral Decoration Cup - Gemma Carter.
Domestic Cup - Vanessa Sprague.
Rose Bowl - Stephen Cook.
Coaley W.I. Cup for Arts and Crafts - June Dunlop.
Jean Steel Cup for Children - Jack Cook.
Major Memorial Award - David Wilcox.
Wooden Spoon - Chris Wilcox.
Cospa Cup for Photography - Sam Sirett.
Billet Cup for Children - Lizzie Burrows.
Frank Workman Rose Bowl - Pat Grimwood.
Winnie Brooks Cup for the Most Beautiful Flower - Ros Jones.
Florie Curson Dahlia Cup - Fiona Porter.
Centaur Cup for Coaley School (7 and under) - Ffion Fielding.
Centaur Cup for Coaley School (8 -10) - Mia Griffith.



SHOP

The Shop Committee would like to thank all the customers who have regularly supported the 'fund for the new shop' by either donating or buying local produce which has ranged from potatoes to sweet peas. Plans for the new build are well under way and we are waiting to hear whether we have been successful with several bids that have been made. If you would like more details on these bids please ask either Sue Hanman, Brenda Board or Bernie Anthony (Committee members for the working group). The Quiz held on the 15th September at The Fox has raised £401.90. Thankyou to those who donated to the raffle, supported on the night and The Fox for allowing us to use the pub.

Our next fund raising event will be the Jimmy and Barbara Tong Memorial Posh Frock Dance on 7th December 2019 at 7.30p.m. Tickets for this will be on sale from October 7th at £15.00 each with a cold buffet. Tables can be booked for a reduced price. See Jackie Davis for more details.

We are still in need of more volunteers if anyone has a spare afternoon or morning and would like to help out. Sharing a shift with someone else can be arranged if you do not want to volunteer for a whole session. Learning 'the rope's so you can step in when someone is ill or on holiday would also be useful.

Shop Session times are:-

7.30 am - 9.30 am

9.30 am - 12.00 am

3.00 pm - 6.00 pm (can be split to accomodate!)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Firstly I would like to express my thanks for information received regarding suspicious vehicles in the area. I informed the police, who checked them, and could tell me that none were stolen or suspicious, but that our diligence was appreciated.

Any incident you may have to report, please inform the police. Call 101 first as they wish to obtain reports from a first person rather than myself, as was previously the procedure, but I would still appreciate being informed.

You may experience delays on the 101 system, as I did a couple of weeks ago, when I discovered a road accident near the old Church at Frocester. A car had overturned, and was lying on its near side in a ditch, so deeply that it was hardly visible at all from the road.

Due to tinted windows, I was unable to see clearly inside, so could not know whether a person was lying injured inside, or even underneath the vehicle. Despite help from a passing motorist, this could not be established.

COALEYFEST

Dialling 101, I could not get any reply, so I rang 999, only to be told it was not an emergency. When told of my fears that a person could be trapped, they then took notice.

With the increase of traffic, please exercise extra caution when driving through the village, and especially the roads in and around Betworthy and the Close as I have received several complaints. Speeding in these areas can only result in accidents causing injuries to residents and unsuspecting animals.

Many of you have expressed concerns over the number of cars parked outside the Railway Station, and along Box Rd. I have discussed my concerns on an increasing number of occasions, and cannot understand why nothing has been done to rectify the problem.

Be extra careful with the many scams operating these days, too many to mention. The solution is quite simple.....PUT THE PHONE DOWN.

On Crimewatch this week, the latest fraud is when you receive a visit from a person claiming to be a Police Officer. Be careful...They have false warrant cards, and can be very convincing.

Please continue to report your suspicions of any person or vehicle, and thank-you for your past and hopefully future support.

Ken Wibberley.
Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator.

Coaleyfest was a huge success this year despite the adverse weather, all thanks to some of the Coaley dads who built a weather proof section for the stage. The sun shone on the righteous and at 4pm on the day the rain stopped and everything went to plan.

We would like to pass huge thanks on to our local sponsors. Kev Spills, Rocket Rentals. The Old Fox, Everhot, WSP, Ethos Heating, Renishaw, Centaur Homes and last but not least the Randall's Farm.

The reusable glasses went down a treat as did the wide range of beers, on tap lager and cider. The addition of pizza were also well received.

The music was great and we have lots of positive feedback especially from new attendees.

We made a massive £4,500 which will go towards a new playground for the school.

We are already thinking of next years event which is planned for Saturday 20th June 2020. Let's hope the weather is good.

Thanks again to all your continued support.

Friends of Coaley School



Dursley Walking Festival 2019

**Wednesday 2nd
to Sunday 6th October**

Free walks for a range of abilities exploring the glorious countryside and heritage of Gloucestershire and the Cotswolds.

www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk

Cotswold Country Flowers

For those of you that don't already know, my name is Fiona Porter and I have been trading as Cotswold Country Flowers for 3 seasons now. I grow my own flowers at our home just off the Ham and use them in floristry workshops for beginners, local weddings, bouquet deliveries and I also sell buckets of flowers to event florists and individuals wanting to do their own thing. I have also opened my garden to visitors throughout the summer. Everyone loves coming to Coaley and it really makes me appreciate what a beautiful part of the world we are lucky enough to live in.

I generally provide flowers and services from around May until October apart from a flurry of Christmas wreath workshops and the odd bespoke workshop in the spring.

As I'm approaching the end of the season, there is still plenty that is looking good including dahlias, sunflowers, helychrysum, antirrhinum and statice. I'm also planning ahead for next season with biennials and hardy annuals planted out so they can overwinter and have a head start next season.

As mentioned earlier, my Christmas wreath making workshops are being held in the village hall on Sunday 8th December morning or afternoon but are filling up fast as are places at The Painswick Hotel on Dec 3rd and 10th. Places on the Seed to Vase (growing) course starting Feb 2020 are also available and can be booked via www.cotswold-country-flowers.co.uk.

Floristry workshop dates for 2020 will be published soon and could make great Christmas presents if you're stuck for ideas!





The Cam Surgery

FLU VACCINATIONS 2019

Free Flu Vaccinations are available to:

1. All patients of 65 years and over
2. All pregnant women
3. Patients with chronic (long-term) chest and heart complaints, diabetes, liver and renal problems
4. Patients with a chronic neurological disease, such as Parkinsons disease or Motor Neurone disease
5. Patients with a weakened immune system due to disease (such as HIV/AIDS) or treatment such as cancer treatment
6. People living in long-stay residential care homes
7. People who are in receipt of a carer's allowance or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person
8. People who are morbidly obese (defined as BMI of 40 or above)

**Flu vaccinations will be given at Flu Clinics on:-
Saturday 12th October 9.00am to 12.30pm**

Plus Monday 28th October and 4th November
2.00pm – 7.00pm


NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley

All Souls Service

Sunday 3rd November

4pm



Light a candle and remember
all those who are no longer with us
but who touched our lives
with their love.

All Welcome

St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley

Music & Cake

Sunday 20th October

Cam Learners Brass

Sunday 17th November

Emily Craig singer/guitar

3pm

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

All Welcome

Join us for Harvest

at

St Bartholomew's Church,
Coaley

Harvest Festival

Sunday 6th October 9.15am

Harvest Praise

Sunday 6th October 6pm

Harvest Supper

Friday 11th October 7pm

All Welcome

Proceeds to Disaster Emergency Committee

MUSIC NIGHT

WHEN

Saturday 12th OCT
8.30PM – 11PM

LEON DAYE

SINGER – SONG WRITER,
ACOUSTIC GUITARIST
CLASSIC COVERS AND ORIGINALS

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT
SUNDAY 13th OCT. 7PM

HOSTED BY JEMMA JEWKES, FOR 'INCLUSION
GLOUCESTERSHIRE'

OTHER
EVENTS
COMING UP !

POP UP
CURRY
NIGHT

FOCUSING ON
VEGAN &
VEGETARIAN
DISHES. Monday
21st October.
Booking now !

MINI WINTER
BEER FEST,
BBQ &
THRILL
COLLINS !

SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY 8th
NOVEMBER
KICK OFF AT 5PM.

CHRISTMAS
BOOKINGS

FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER TO
SAT 21st DECEMBER

USEFUL CONTACTS

Parish Councillors	Stephen Cook	860504
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	Ben Bywater	07909 545303
	Gemma Carter	860754
	John Hobson	07715 558110
	Penny Wait	860191
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Stroud District Councillor	Jim Dewey cllr.jim.dewey@stroud.gov.uk	860795
GCC Councillor	Loraine Patrick Loraine.Patrick@gloucestershire.gov.uk	07881 581189
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 coaleysnowwarden@gmail.com	860665 07767 660206
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
Community Wellbeing Service (was Village Agent)	communitywellbeing.stroud@nhs.net	0345 8638323