

Coaley Parish NEWSLETTER

Issue no 110

February / March 2020



Shop Fundraising | WI Programme
Climate Action Network Open Meeting

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| DATE | EVENT | TIME | VENUE | CONTACT |
|-----------|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Feb 1st | Quiz Night | 7.30 pm | Village Hall | Fran Rees 890352 |
| Feb 5th | Wives Fellowship | 7.30 pm | Jubilee Room | Barbara Davis |
| Feb 6th | Knitting | 3.00 pm | 8 Betworthy | |
| Feb 10th | Whist | 2.00 pm | Village Hall | |
| Feb 13th | Climate Action Network | 7.30 pm | Jubilee Room | |
| Feb 15th | Table Top Sale | 10.00 am -2.00 pm | Village Hall | 890689 |
| Feb 19th | WI - Wild Flowers of the Cotswolds | 7.30 pm | Jubilee Room | |
| Mar 4th | Wives Fellowship | 7.30 pm | Jubilee Room | |
| Mar 5th | Knitting | 3.00 pm | 1 The Street | |
| Mar 9th | Whist | 2.00 pm | Village Hall | |
| Mar 18th | WI - Crossword Puzzler | 7.30 pm | Jubilee Room | |
| Mar 23rd | Panto AGM | 7.30 pm | Jubilee Room | |
| April 1st | Wives Fellowship | 7.30 pm | Jubilee Room | |
| May 3rd | Plant Swap | 2.00 pm | Village Hall | |
| June 18th | Gardens Cup Judging | | | |

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
Monday 16th March 2020.

email: newsletter@coaleypc.org.uk

web: www.coaleypc.org.uk

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

This issue edited by Stephen Cook.

Cover picture: Signs of spring on Haw Street.

VILLAGE NEWS

NEWS FROM COALEY VILLAGE SHOP

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the local fund-raising for the new shop. So far in excess of £7500 has been raised within the village, which is quite amazing. Most recently, Ellie and all the customers at the Old Fox collected £835 at a Boxing Day quiz and the New Year's Eve party. The Posh Frock Dance also raised a similar amount. We have received significant donations from CADS, Everhot Cookers and Mr. Ossie Goring, and from the Tong family in memory of Jimmy and Barbara. We are extremely grateful for all of these.

A grant of £10,000 has been received from the Summerfield Trust and one of £3,900 from Awards for All (National Lottery). We are hoping to hear soon about two further applications for a total of £15,000.

Altogether it looks as though we are on track to be able to afford to start building in April/May this year.

We have been pleased to welcome a number of new customers who have recently moved to the village. Two or three have already volunteered to help in the shop, and we would be delighted to hear from anyone else who would like to join them. A few hours once a fortnight (or once every 4 weeks at weekends) are an excellent way to get

to know people in the village. Contact Brenda on 860558 or Jackie on 890596 or leave your name and contact details in the shop.

We try to provide a good range of essential items including milk, bread (deliveries Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday), and tinned and frozen food. We have an excellent range of dried herbs and spices so you can refill your jars or buy just a small amount. We order from Cam Butchers each Thursday, and from Frocester Fayre every Monday and Friday. Please ask if you have special requests, or favourite items you would like us to stock.

COALEY PANTOMIME 2020

Believe it or not, it's the time of year when we start to think about darker nights, approaching Christmas festivities and Coaley Pantomime!

Our annual general meeting to discuss the ins and outs of last year's event and to plan the outs and ins of this year's production will take place in the Jubilee Room at 7.30p.m. on Monday, 23rd March 2020.

Although November seems a long way off, it is very important, at this early stage, that the director knows roughly how many people wish to be involved, in order for a script to be chosen to

fit the size of the cast. Also, this has to be done early to enable the Coaley Art Group to make a start on the fabulous scenery. To this end, please let the director know, at this meeting, if you wish to be involved. This also applies to the behind-the-scenes crew, without whom the pantomime will not happen!

Everyone is welcome to attend, including anyone wishing to have a go for the first time, or maybe offer to help behind the scenes. There are many ways to become involved and if you want to be part of this very rewarding experience, please come along and find out a bit more about it. The rehearsals are fun and informal and everyone, from young to not-so-young, enjoys a feeling of achievement and team work throughout the whole process.

Every year we welcome new faces to the cast and crew. Juniors must be aged 7 years or over. Rehearsals begin in September and take place on Monday evenings (except Juniors), Friday evenings and Sunday mornings. The production will be during the last week in November.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Jubilee Room at 7.30p.m. on Monday 23rd March.

For more information, please contact the Chairman, Keri James on 01453 890104.

WI

January sees a new President elected to Coaley WI.

Here is an introduction from our new President Suzie Compton

I moved to Coaley in August 2013 and joined the WI in January 2015. I felt it would be a good opportunity to meet some new people in the village and hopefully to learn some new skills. Being part of the WI has been enriching and rewarding and I now find myself as President for the next three years!

We have an exciting programme of Speakers and Events booked for this year, including a talk on the Remedies of Cotswold Flowers, a trip to Katherines Farm and a Pudding Club! See the full programme over the page.

If you fancy making some new friends and having a bit of fun, do come along to our April Meeting, which is an free open evening for everyone, where you can enjoy a glass of wine and find out a little more. Can't wait until then? Come and see us in February or March! Our March meeting speaker writes crossword puzzles for publication and will tell us all about this and how to solve those tricky cryptics! This is an open evening to all family, friends, partners. Otherwise, we meet on the third Wednesday of every month in the Community Hall from 7.30pm for a couple of hours and I look forward to seeing you very soon!

| | | |
|----------------------------|--|---|
| January 15 th | New year auction | Fund raise where you can 'Re-gift' your surplus Christmas gifts at or annual auction. With cheese and biscuits and Wine / fruit juice. |
| February 19 th | Wild flowers of the Cotswolds | Find out all about the remedies myths and legends of Cotswold flowers. Competition – tell us your best natural remedy. |
| March 18 th | Crossword puzzler | Our guest speaker tells us how she got into writing crossword puzzles, how to write one and how to solve cryptic puzzles. An open evening for partners, husbands, friends. |
| April 15 th | Birthday celebrations | This social evening is an open evening to celebrate our birthday. Ever thought about joining the WI? This is a free taster evening for you to come along and see what you think. |
| May 3 rd | Plant swap | <i>We join the Produce Show team at our annual plant swap</i> |
| May 20 th | Wild one | We look after our pets but who looks after the wildlife? Barry Wicks tells us about his Wildlife rescue work and how we can look after wildlife. Competition – best wildlife photo. |
| June 17 th | Outing to Katherine's Farm | This beautiful garden in Swinhay raises funds for the hospice movement in memory of Katherine Mayer. See the copy of Prince Charles grand Henhouse. (transport can be arranged if you wish to join us). |
| July 15 th | Lillie's story and Pudding club | Lillie talks about her baking business and how it all started. Her popular products are sold in the village shop. Competition – best home made pudding. |
| August | Summer outing | to be arranged |
| Sept 5 th | Produce Show | <i>Our second event in partnership with the Produce Show team.</i> |
| September 16 th | Stanley Strummers | Got a Uke? Bring along your ukulele or your percussion instrument to join in with the Stanley Strummers Ukulele group |
| October 21 st | Christmas craft workshop | Get ahead for Christmas with our Christmas craft workshop Competition – best made decoration. |
| November 18 th | AGM | |
| December 16 th | Christmas party | |

Coaley WI meet on the third Wednesday of the month in the village hall at 7.30pm
Visitors and new members always welcome. (suggested donation £3.50 for visitors)

Contact Coaley Wi on facebook or via email as listed below:

PRODUCE SHOW

The Coaley Produce show committed have had a successful year in 2019 with a great show and then the production and sale of our Coaley calendar. We also had an evening of carol singing around our lovely illuminated Christmas tree outside the shop.

This year's Coaley Produce show is on on Saturday 5th September 2020. The committee have set the show schedule. So you can get started the arts & crafts and photography classes are:

Arts & Crafts

Five poppies either knitted or crocheted for display in Centre of the village in November. Wool and patterns can be provided.

Knitted or crocheted fingerless gloves.

An upcycled birdbox.

An indoor Christmas wreath.

A wood carving.

A household item made out of wood.

A home-made cushion cover.

A Cotswold view (painting, any medium).

Still life (painting, any medium).

A patchwork.

"Rainbow", (any subject, any medium except photography).

A Limerick starting "Our village has got a new shop..."

Photography

Day and night. Two pictures on an A4 sheet.

Food glorious food.

Hands.

Industrial heritage.

The full schedule will shortly be available on our website at www.coaleyproduceshow.org.uk.

The Gardens cup theme this year is "my vegetable garden" and will be judged at the end of June. We know there are some keen veg growers in our village so get digging!

PLANT SWAP & SALE

Coaley Village Hall Sunday 3 May 2020

This will be the third year the produce show committee have organised a plant swap to help people improve their gardens so put the date in your calendar.

Last year hundreds of plants were exchanged and freshly cut bamboo canes were a real hit to support those hungry beans and climbers.

So as spring approaches and you start to think about your plans for the garden just put in a few extra seeds and pot up that plant you divide so that you have a few plants to swap for new ones to enjoy.

You can also enjoy the delicious teas and cakes which has become a real feature of the event organised by Coaley WI.

Further details will be available in the next newsletter and at www.coaleyproduce.org.uk or you can email Lesicompton@gmail.com for further information.



CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

COALEY C.A.N.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

—

COALEY NOW HAS A CLIMATE ACTION GROUP AND IT'S YOUR CHANCE TO GET INVOLVED!

WE'RE HAVING A COMMUNITY MEETING AT THE VILLAGE HALL TO GATHER IDEAS ABOUT HOW OUR VILLAGE CAN HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

WE'LL BE JOINED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL GROUPS NAILSWORTH CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK AND TRANSITION STROUD WHO WILL BE SHARING IDEAS ABOUT THEIR SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS.

CAN'T MAKE IT? EMAIL COALEYCAN@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFO.

THURS 13TH FEB
7.30PM
COALEY VILLAGE
HALL

COALEY: CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK (CAN)

Coaley CAN was set up at the end of last year by people in the village with the desire to support like minded people in the community to respond to the climate emergency. A number of groups already exist locally, such as the Cam and Dursley groups, but none focusing on the challenges and opportunities in a rural community such as Coaley.

It will have its first open meeting on the 13th February in the Jubilee Room, the Village Hall, with speakers from Nailsworth town who set up a group several years ago to share their approach and highlight some of the projects they have run with their local community. Also a speaker from Transition Stroud will be there as local organisation who supports local groups concerned with climate change and heir environment able to link groups and local businesses with local government. This new network is being sponsored by Coaley Parish Council as part of its commitment on climate change and support the links with other community associations in the village.

This is an open meeting with refreshments asking the local community what their concerns are and what projects and initiatives you would like to see develop in the village connected with climate change.

Please come along and share your views, passion and ideas with us.

YERCOMBE LODGE

Yercombe Lodge is an 11 bedded residential and respite home for the people of Gloucestershire. It is friendly, homely and small, situated in its own 18 acres of woodlands and gardens high on the Cotswold escarpment with stunning views across the Severn Vale.

Originally Yercombe Lodge was the home of the late Herbert Maxwell Workman JP, who wished that his house should be used to benefit the people of Gloucestershire with special care needs. Mr Workman founded a Trust in 1972, now a Registered Charity, which owns and runs the Lodge. Over time the house has been extended and modified, which has ensured that the facilities meet the requirements and standards of care for the disabled, elderly and frail.

Residents say that the staff are 'fantastic, so loyal and will do anything for you'. They love the home cooked food and feel they can do what they want including taking part in the variety of activities available. They describe their rooms as nice places to be and very personal to them.

Yercombe Lodge offers long stay, short stay, respite and day care as well as a day centre for disabled adults encouraging arts, crafts and a social atmosphere, which residents can also access.



Yercombe Lodge has extensive grounds in a woodland setting.

There is a good care staff to resident ratio, supported by an Activities Coordinator, to ensure safe and person-centred care. Residents, members (of the day centre) and staff meetings take place regularly and ideas are implemented e.g. the Pebble in the Jar scheme for staff which recognises good customer service and rewards staff. The residential home was recently awarded an overall 'good' rating by the Care Quality Commission.

Some residents of the village have attended our day centre and have come for respite stays. Two residents Dr Phil Sprague and Dr Marion McDowell are Trustees who help to run Yercombe. We would love it if more people could help us. This could be in a paid role as care staff, volunteers to help in the day centre, or as a Trustee. Please also think of using us for friends

and relatives who would like activities, day care, company and respite care stays.

We are opening a new resident's room and are looking for individuals to join our team in a variety of roles. Please contact Tereza Bingle, Registered Manager on 01453 542513 or tereza@yercombelodge.co.uk or talk to Phil or Marion.

PLASTIC FREE TALK

On Tuesday 7th January a 'Plastic Free' talk by Chloe Turner from Stroud District Action on Plastics was held to a full house in The Old Crown, Uley, to which Coaley residents were also welcomed.

The speaker was introduced by the Uley Plastic Free Ambassador, Kathy Williams.

Chloe presented a most informative and interesting talk, outlining the concerns about plastic production and waste, and focused on positive action being taken. She explained that Stroud District Action on Plastic is a community action group, working under the umbrella of Transition Stroud. It was formed by Claudi Williams, who started her own plastic free journey a few years ago. The aim is to help individuals, businesses, organisations and schools to eliminate unnecessary single use plastic.



Kathy Williams at a local refill station

Chloe was able to pass on many tips for living with less plastic, and links and addresses are shown below.

Chloe also described the rolling out of the national Refill scheme across the district for free tap water refills at participating outlets.

Chloe Turner, Stroud District Action on Plastic, Project Co-ordinator :
sdap@transitionstroud.org

Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/170315980177684/?ref=share> or just search for Stroud District Action on Plastic), Instagram (@strouddistrictactiononplastic) and Twitter account (@SDAP_Tweets).

Claudi's blog is here <http://www.pfree.co.uk/> and her local plastic free database is here <http://www.pfree.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/shops-and-products-2.pdf>.

More information on Transition Stroud via their website here <https://www.transitionstroud.org> and we have a page there <https://www.transitionstroud.org/stroud-district-action-on-plastic/>

SEVERN TRENT COMMUNITY FUND

Severn Trent Water have sent the council the following about their community fund which may be of interest to village organisations.

Applications for Severn Trent's Community Fund are now open!

We're really excited to share that applications are now open for our new Community Fund which will give away more than £10 million to charities and community groups over the next 5 years.

Organisations, charities and communities from across our region can now apply for funding for their projects.

The Fund will be looking to support projects that can demonstrate a clear link to one or more of our three elements of community wellbeing:

People: Projects that help people to lead a healthier life and gain new skills;
Place: Ideas that help create better places to live in and use;
and Environment: Schemes that will help look after the natural environment, give people greater access to that environment or help look after water.

We will also be encouraging projects that have a link to water in some way, such as river restoration, flood alleviation or sustainable drainage.

Our independent Community Fund Customer Panel, which is made up of Severn Trent customers, will review applications on a quarterly basis and they decide where the money goes. The Panel will meet for the first time in March and from April 2020 we'll be giving out our first grants.

Applications are welcomed all-year round and capital and revenue projects will be considered, as long as the application shows how the project will be sustained beyond the investment.

To apply and to find out more, please visit www.stwater.co.uk/communityfund

St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley

**Lent Lunches in
the Village Hall
12.30pm
Wednesday
4th, 11th, 18th,
& 25th March & 1st April**

**Good Friday Famine Lunch
10th April at 12noon**

Proceeds to charity

All Welcome

QUIZ NIGHT

COALEY VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 1st FEBRUARY

7 FOR 7.30PM

£10.00 PER PERSON

TO INCLUDE CHILLI SUPPER

(Mild or vegetarian pre-ordered)

BAR

MAX OF 6 PER TEAM

ENTRIES To

Fran Rees 01453 890352

francesrees@gmail.com

St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley

Music & Cake

Sunday 16th February 3pm

**Susy Keating
& local artistes**

Sunday 15th March 3pm

**A celebration of young musicians
featuring**

Steel Alive

Phoebe Hewlett-Hitchings

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

All Welcome

St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley



Coaley Village Hall

Saturday February 15th

10am-12 noon

£5 per table Refreshments

Free parking

For more info email Gill: g.s.holmes@sky.com

or phone Pat: 01453 890689

BURNS NIGHT CELEBRATION

WHEN

Saturday 25TH JAN

**THE NIGHT WILL INCLUDE A
CEREMONIAL TOAST TO THE
HAGGIS, HIGHLAND PIPER &
CELTIC FOLK TUNES FROM DEAD
DOG CIDER**

MUSIC NIGHT

SAT 8TH FEB

**LOCAL LADS FOLK/POP BAND
EASY SUNDAYS 8.30PM**

SPANISH TAPAS NIGHT

**MONDAY 3RD FEB. Our “Pop-Up” food
nights return. This time with all
things Spanish. Authentic tapas
dishes available – Book Now !!**

OTHER EVENTS COMING UP !

VALENTINES NIGHT

Friday 14th

**Set 2 or 3 course
dinner available.
Join our “Hosted
Social Supper
Table” ask a
member of staff,
for more details.**

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

**Sunday 16th Feb
In aid of Women
V's Cancer 7pm**

MUSIC NIGHT

**Saturday 22nd Feb.
Cat Amongst, The
Pigeons 8.30pm**

SIX NATIONS RUGBY

**Showing all England
matches in the bar**

USEFUL CONTACTS

| | | |
|--|---|----------------|
| Parish Councillors | Stephen Cook | 860504 |
| | Martin Percy | 890818 |
| | Ben Bywater | 07909 545303 |
| Parish Clerk | John Hobson | 07715 558110 |
| | Penny Wait | 860191 |
| | Lynn Thornton clerk@coaley.org.uk | 545880 |
| 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 | 860665 |
| | coaleysnowwarden@gmail.com | 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 |