



Coaley Parish NEWSLETTER

Issue no 111

April / May 2020

COVID-19 help and support
Climate Action Network

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE	CONTACT
1st April	Wives Fellowship	7.30 pm	Hall	Cancelled Barbara Davis 890679
2nd April	Knitting	3.00 pm	6 The Close	Cancelled
6th April	Whist	2.00 pm	Village Hall	Cancelled
27th April	Panto AGM <small>(provisional date - rescheduled from 23/03)</small>	7.30pm	Jubilee Room	
3rd May	Plant Swap	2.00 pm	Village Hall	Cancelled
5th May	Wives Fellowship	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Cancelled
7th May	Knitting	3.00 pm	17 Betworthy	Cancelled
11th May	Whist	2.00 pm	Village Hall	Cancelled
3rd June	Wives Fellowship Outing	tba		
4th June	Knitting	3pm	Field End	
June 20th	Coaleyfest		School	
June 28th	Gardens Cup Judging			

Many of the events publicised elsewhere in the newsletter are likely to be cancelled. We publish them in hope rather than expectation and to avoid blank pages. Please check with the event organiser.

REGULAR HALL EVENTS

(All events are subject to cancellation)

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
Saturday 16th May 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: A new lamb at Field Farm.

VILLAGE NEWS

COVID-19 CRISIS

The Covid-19 crisis is going to be challenging for everyone in the village. People who are having to self-isolate, either because they are ill or want to avoid getting ill, will need considerable help and support.

The most important thing people who are not self-isolating can do is to make sure their self-isolating friends and neighbours are OK and offer to help them with anything they require.

The parish council website at www.coaleypc.org.uk has a page dedicated to the crisis and is updated with the latest information that concerns the village. Please get in touch with the council if you have any content for that page.

If you are self-isolating you can register on the website to ask for help with tasks like shopping, collecting

prescriptions or anything else. Even if you have no specific need we are happy just to give you a call every so often to make sure you're OK. On the other hand, if you're able to offer help then you can register for that. The council will match helpers with those that need it. We are concerned to make sure the vulnerable are as safe as we can and have followed guidance to mutual aid organisations on setting up this sort of scheme.

If you don't have internet access then the best way of letting us know what you need is to get a relative or friend to register on-line for you - they don't need to live locally. Otherwise please ring one of the numbers in the panel below.

Coaley has an excellent community spirit and by working together we will deal with the situation we find ourselves in.

Need help while self-isolating?

visit www.coaleypc.org.uk/ineedhelp

**or ring 890629 (8am-noon), 860191 (noon-4pm)
07703 468422 (4pm-8pm)**

Want to help?

visit www.coaleypc.org.uk/icanhelp

COMMUNITY SHOP NEWS WI

The government's current advice about Covid 19 is that the elderly, and anyone with a new persistent cough and temperature, should self-isolate. Even in normal times a number of people help their friends and neighbours with their shopping needs. But as and when the needs become more widespread, the shop is aiming to arrange local deliveries at least of essential items. If you would like to help in this endeavour please contact Brenda on 01453 860558, or Phil Sprague on 07767 384393. To request a delivery please phone the shop on 899000 in the morning and we will deliver in the afternoon.

We hope to keep the shop open as usual, though we would ask customers to respect social distancing (1-2m). As quite a few of our volunteers are over 70, we may not have enough people to cover every shift. In this event, we will prioritise the morning opening of 8 am to 12 noon. If anyone would like to volunteer to work in the shop we would be very grateful. Contact Jackie on 890596 or Brenda on 860558.

As the government's advice is updated you can keep up with any changes in the shop practice on our website www.coaleycommunityshop.co.uk or on our facebook page at coaley village community shop.

We now have sufficient funds to start to building our new shop. Virus permitting, we hope to be able to start at the end of April/beginning of May.

At our last meeting our speakers gave a very comprehensive talk on wild flowers of the Cotswolds. The myths, legends and uses associated with them were explained as they showed us their photos taken locally over many years. They began with catkins & snowdrops in the spring and continuing through the year to the poppies in autumn. For centuries plants have been used in cookery, and to heal wounds, while many have medicinal properties, and others are used in the production of perfumes & dyes.

On Friday 24th April we will be hosting a Bluebell walk through Coaley woods. We will be meeting at the village hall car park to organise car sharing due to the limited parking in the area and there will be two walks, one would be a short and easy walk into the woods to see the Bluebells for those less mobile and the other will be approx 2 miles up to Uley Bury. There will be refreshments afterwards and anyone is welcome to join us.

All of our programme is subject to changes depending on Government guidelines with the coronavirus.

You can contact us on Coaleywi@hotmail.com or follow us on Facebook Coaley WI.

**HEALTH SERVICE
ADVICE
www.nhs.uk**

WHAT'S ON @ THE OLD FOX! GIN TASTING

WHEN

Tuesday 24th March

A fine selection of gin and accompanying garnishes including a light supper. £30pp-£10 deposit required.

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

Sunday 29th March

Cash prizes, and donation to Cotswold Cats & Dogs Home

FESTIVAL OF FISH

GOOD FRIDAY-10TH APRIL.

We will bring the ocean to you
A two or three course supper full of market fresh fish!

OTHER EVENTS COMING UP!

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 12th April
We are now taking bookings for Easter Sunday!

We also have TOMMY LEWIS joining us at 5pm for LIVE MUSIC.

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

Sunday 19th April

MUSIC NIGHT

Friday 8th May
TOO OLD FOR TOYS.
5 piece band

NEWS FLASH

We are now open on a Monday. Come & check out our "Chef's deal of the day"

MAY BANK HOLIDAY BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL

22ND - 25TH MAY
Watch this space for more details coming soon

COALEY MAIN SEWER CAPACITY

Many of you who have lived in the village for a number of years will be aware that we suffer from occasional problems with the capacity of the main sewer which runs down “The Street” from the top of the village to West End and beyond. This sewer is probably more than 50 years old, and is what is known as a “combined sewer”, that means that (as well as household effluent) it carries rainwater run-off. The rainwater component mainly comes from the gutters and drains of older houses (which discharge into the sewer rather than soak-aways), but may also carry overflow from storm drains or incursion of ground water into the older clay pipes which carry the effluent.

Periodically periods of heavy or persistent rain cause the main sewer to overflow onto the highway, and you will see water coming out of the triangular drain covers particularly around the road by the school. In addition a number of properties can suffer from drains “backing up” causing difficulty in clearing water away from their own drains, or discharge through external drains or inspection pits.

This winter has seen repeated episodes of these problems and residents, supported by Councillor Jim Dewey and the Parish Council, have been engaged in discussions with Severn Trent and Stroud District Council as to what can be done to reduce or control this. Our concern is that changing climate, and the growth

in the numbers of houses attached to the drain over the last 10-20 years, is making this a much more common problem for the village.

The SDC Water Resources Officer’s assessment was that “There is a general capacity issue affecting the present (Coaley) public sewer network which appears insufficient to now address the increased demand from the surrounding locality, not just the feed into the network of drainage from the Betworthy Farm development. Whether this is as a result of accumulating changes to the surrounding locality or the presently experienced climate conditions is for further investigation”

In discussion with their engineer Severn Trent accept that their pumping station by the Rail Bridge (which clears this sewer into the main system) has suffered periodic over-load. However they say that they have had insufficient evidence of problems in Coaley to take substantial action at this point. It was pointed out to them that reporting the problem normally results in a visit by a maintenance team days after the event, who then report the drain is flowing freely, and that this may be discouraging residents from making problem reports.

So, in order to build a case for action by Severn Trent, the Parish Council would like to encourage all residents who experience problems or notice the main sewer overflowing to report this. This has been endorsed by Severn Trent who stated that they would rather



know about the problems, even if they cannot do much in the short term.

So, if you see the main sewer overflowing onto the highway, or you have any problems with your own drains backing-up, please report this to Severn Trent by one of the methods below:

Call Severn Trent 24-hour customer helpline on 0800 783 4444

Report via the website at <https://www.stwater.co.uk/in-my-area/report-a-problem/>

Email them
customer.care@severntrent.co.uk

Use live-chat from <https://www.stwater.co.uk/help-and-contact/contact-us/> or drop S.T. a tweet (@stwater)

It would also help if you let the Parish Council know. We are now hopefully getting to drier weather in the spring, but please continue to monitor this problem through the rest of the year so we can get an idea of the frequency of this issue.

SILVER LINING

All National Trust houses, shops and cafes are closing because of the Covid-19 crisis. All their open spaces however, will still be open and will be free to enter.

Opposite: Spring has sprung.

PLANT SWAP

The Coaley Plant Swap 3 May 2020 organised by the Coaley Produce Show with the WI has been cancelled.

We are considering other ways we can swap plants to help people locally to improve their gardens and will publish this on the Parish Council facebook page.

It is a great time to garden and grow fruit and vegetables. Its creative and you can produce some wholesome food for the family, friends and neighbours.

You can also begin to get your entries ready for the Produce Show on 5 September 2020.

We will be back again next year when the Plant Swap will be even bigger and better than ever.

For more information about the Plant Swap and Produce Show go to:

<http://www.coaleyproduce.org.uk>

NEWSLETTER DELIVERIES

At the time of writing it's not at all certain which of our newsletter deliverers will be able to do their rounds. We'll get them delivered somehow, but sorry if yours is late.

CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

On 13th February the Coaley & Uley Climate Action Network held its first community meeting at Coaley Village Hall. There were over 30 local residents there to see talks by Transition Stroud and Nailsworth Climate Action Network and residents were then able to propose projects they'd like to see in the community and vote for which they felt were more important. Based on community feedback, our local climate group will be focussing first on:

E-Bikes and other local transport options

Survey to baseline existing behaviours and energy usage/carbon footprint

Home energy use consultation/reduction/insulation

Solar panels/feasibility study for community building

There were many other excellent suggestions by residents including many initiatives to reduce food packaging by buying bulk, start repair cafes and plant trees in the local area. We've logged all the requests for local projects and we are aiming to work on these in the future.

If you have already joined the mailing list, you should have received a follow up email asking you to get in touch if you'd like to volunteer on one or more of these projects. If you weren't able to

attend the meeting but would still like to get involved or be kept informed about the work we're doing, please email coaleycan@gmail.com



The well attended community meeting

What you can do now:

If you'd like to be part of a bulk-buying food co-op based in the village (package-free grocery items) please email coaleycan@gmail.com

Introductory reading, these books are an excellent place to start and available free from Gloucestershire libraries

'How Bad are Bananas?' -Mike Berners-Lee

This Changes Everything'-Naomi Klein

A full list of reading recommendations is available at The Nailsworth Climate Action Network website: <http://www.ncat.btck.co.uk/ResourcesLinks>

Local Climate Change Events:

16th - 31st March: Cam & Dursley Tree Festival coordinated from the GL11 hub.

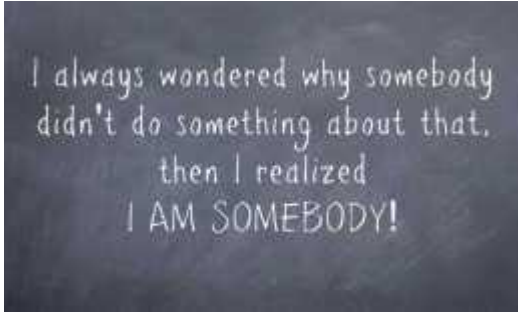
To get involved contact
miriamyagud@gl11.org.uk 0750 741 3372

28th March 11am - 2pm: Repair Cafe

Atelier, 19A Lower Street, Stroud GL5 2HT

28th March 1pm: Stroud District Action on Plastic community meeting

Atelier, 19A Lower Street, Stroud GL5 2HT



FOX MEADOW

We have a vacancy to deliver newsletters in Fox Meadow. If anyone living there would like to take on that round please get in touch with the editor (newsletter@coaleypc.org.uk). There is a newsletter every two months so it's not a big commitment.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Summer is coming and it makes me think of tennis. I wonder if there is an appetite in the village to start a tennis club? The benefits might include:

- regular 'drop by and play' sessions
- an organised 'ladder' where people can identify and play people at their level by mutual arrangement
- training opportunities for all ages and levels
- improving facilities
- social events

If you would be interested in starting / joining such a club please drop me a line on benbywater@gmail.com or 07909545303



JANET COLEMAN MOVES AWAY

Janet Coleman moved away earlier this year, to live closer to family in South Wales. Many people in the village will miss her as she was always such a friendly cheerful person to meet. She was a fantastic member of the Coaley Produce show committee - always reliable and happy to help with everything, she has skills as a flower arranger and craftswoman that we shall miss at the next show. A generation of children at Coaley school learnt to read to her and remember her as kind and patient helper. She had many other roles too, such as working in the shop and delivering the Coaley Newsletter. There was a farewell lunch at The Old Fox which was very well attended, showing how popular she is - we hope to see her back visiting someday soon.



COALEYFEST 20TH JUNE 2020

Coaleyfest line up is sorted. See the facebook page for more details. There's music for all!

As usual we will have activities for all the family and plan to make it even more fun for everyone!

For the first time tickets are available online at <https://coaleyfest.co.uk/purchase-coaleyfest-2020-tickets/>

We have a fantastic line up and remember we are raising money to refurbish the playground at the school.

Please spread the word and come along and support the local school.

CHURCH SERVICES

All church services and social events are cancelled. Weddings, funerals and baptisms will continue but with limits on numbers and social distancing.

The church will remain open and on Palm Sunday palm crosses will be available in the church for collection.

The Rev Sue Greatorex will be available on the phone for pastoral care. Her phone no is 542547.

Severn Vale Community Kitchen

Severn Vale Community Kitchen has been set up by Dursley based Big Event Catering Ltd to keep those in need fed during this ongoing crisis.

In conjunction with GL11 and other local agencies we are offering wholesome, freshly made meals from our 5-star hygiene rated kitchen, delivered to your door in recyclable containers.

As part of our community commitment we are especially hoping to be able to include the following groups in our distribution:

- People who are self-isolating who want affordable meals for their household.
- People whose carers can no longer visit them as the carers are self-isolating.
- People who are nervous about going into public or are being asked to minimise contact, especially the over 70s.
- People who need help but can't afford support and who are identified by organisations and charities as eligible for vouchers to subsidise the cost of meals.

Menu choices available are:

Shepherd's Pie

Sausage & Mash

Beef Stew

Pork in Cider Sauce

Hot Pot

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice

Lasagne

Fish Pie with Peas

Butternut Squash Pie

Soup and a Roll

Sticky Toffee Pudding

Ginger Sponge with Custard

Chocolate Fudge Brownie

£3 for a single portion, 4 for portions £9.00
or 7 portions for £15.00

- including vegetables or salad -

£5.00 for a single meal, 4 for meals £15.00
or 7 meals for £25.00:



Email food@bigeventcatering.co.uk or call 01453 708338 and let us know:

1. Which and how many meals you would like to order.
2. If you have any dietary requirements.
3. Your delivery address – we will get back to you with delivery times etc.

We can take payment by card (exc. Amex) or online transfer.



REGENCY

Tae Kwon - Do



New Beginners Classes Starting
Coaley Village Hall, Coaley, GL11 5EG
Tuesday's 6:30pm – 8:00pm

First 2 Lessons Free – Come And See What You Can Achieve !

For Further Details Call (01242) 694814 or 07788 148287

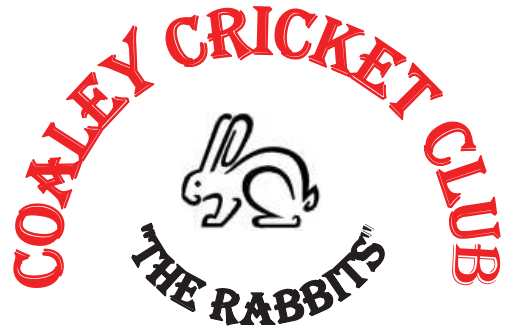
Email : Info@regencytkd.co.uk

www.RegencyTKD.Co.UK

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Keep Your Distance

Social distancing slows down the spread of the coronavirus, which keeps our resources available to those in need.



If you fancy a game of friendly, social cricket we are looking for new players.

Generally we play on a Friday evening for 20 overs a side against like-minded local teams.

For more details contact:

Bryan: 07974 088470

Paddy: 07460 206569

Adrian: 07805 078391

NAUGHTY CORNER

For the avoidance of doubt, it is not acceptable to leave dog poo bags hanging on fences. This collection of six ripe bags had to be removed from the recreation ground by a non-dog owning parishioner.



USEFUL CONTACTS

Parish Councillors	Stephen Cook	860504
	Martin Percy	890818
	Ben Bywater	07909 545303
	Caroline Eardley	860139
	John Hobson	07715 558110
Parish Clerk	Penny Wait	860191
	Lynn Thornton clerk@coaleypc.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)		0800 6783 105 or 105
Street Lights		08000 514514
Community Wellbeing Service (was Village Agent)	communitywellbeing.stroud@nhs.net	0345 8638323