

# Coaley Parish NEWSLETTER

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VE Day Celebration

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE	CONTACT
Aug 30th	Gardens Cup Judging			
Sept 5th	Produce Show	2.00 pm	Hall	
Sept 19th	Coaleyst		School	

Please see the related articles in the newsletter for details.

Parish Council meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month, except August, at 7.30pm. In normal circumstances they are held in the Jubilee Room but during the coronavirus crisis they are held using a Zoom video conference.

If you wish to make a contribution to the meeting, as you would have done in the open forum part of a conventional meeting, please contact the clerk by 4pm on the day of the meeting. You can either email any contribution or we will send you a meeting code so you can join us. If you are unable to use Zoom please get in touch and we will consider how best to include you in the meeting.

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 Thursday 16th July 2020.

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

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Cover picture: A socially distanced VE day street party in The Close.

# VILLAGE NEWS

## COVID-19 CRISIS

The parish council's mutual support scheme has received over 30 offers from those willing to help vulnerable people in the village. Whilst we are aware of a number of vulnerable people, only a few of them have required any help. We have checked up on everyone known to us and, without exception, we have found that they are being offered support by neighbours, friends or relatives. This is an excellent response from the community. Thank you to everyone involved.

If you or someone you know needs help then please get in touch with us using the details in the box below.

## COALEY VILLAGE SHOP

We would like to thank all our customers for their support and patience. Despite only being open in the mornings, and the inevitable queueing in order to allow our volunteers to work safely, we are supplying more food than usual, as well as making a small number of deliveries to those who need to be self-isolating. Thanks go to the volunteers who are manning the phone to take your orders and delivering them safely. Those of our long-standing volunteers who are keeping the shop supplied with fresh stock are doing an amazing job in difficult circumstances, tracking down items in short supply, such as flour, from a variety of sources.

## Need help while self-isolating?



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



**email**     [help@coaleypc.org/uk](mailto:help@coaleypc.org/uk)



**phone**     890629 (8am-noon)  
860191 (noon-4pm)  
07703 468422 (4pm-8pm)

We would like to stay open for more hours, but we are limited at present because many of our traditional volunteers are over 70 or classed as vulnerable. If anyone feels able to help by working in the shop please contact Jackie (890596) or Brenda (860558). We would love to hear from you.

To use our delivery system, simply phone the shop between 9 am and 12 noon Monday to Friday, someone will take your order, and it will be delivered in the afternoon the same day.

Payments can be made by online transfer, by cheque, or by cash if other options are not possible.

## RECYCLING CENTRE

Pyke Quarry recycling centre, otherwise known as Horsley tip, has reopened.

To limit the number of people on-site pre-booking is now required and vehicles should only have drivers wherever possible – a maximum of one passenger is permitted if you need help to unload your waste and recycling.

The booking system has a limited number of timed slots available each day for visitors to select and visitors can book up to 14 days in advance. Bookings can only be made online. The necessary cap on vehicle numbers does mean that the capacity of the sites is lower than normal, so residents are being asked to make essential bookings only.

## WI

We are missing the meetings and the opportunity to meet up as are many groups, but we continue to keep in touch with members via our monthly newsletter and regular updates from Gloucestershire federation. With the lockdown extended, we are planning ways to link up with members in their homes and are looking into zoom meetings for the future. Any updates will be published on the notice board by the shop and on our Facebook page.

It was lovely to see the plant swap redesigned into a plant trail and many of us shared and swapped plants to fill our gardens while we have this time to spend outdoors. We look forward to the next event with the Produce show where we can enjoy tea and cake and discuss what plants we have acquired.

Our monthly meetings would normally include a flower competition where members bring along a flower from their garden and the visiting speaker chooses the winner. With so many lovely flowers around, it would be a shame not to celebrate these so we will be having a monthly flower competition on our facebook page - no prizes, its just for fun so watch our page and post your best flower or vote for your favourite.

Take care everyone and we'll see you all soon.

## PLANT SWAP

Don't bin them but CARRY ON SWAPPING.

Cancel the Plant Swap? Not in Coaley. Thanks to our Coaley Village community spirit near disaster was turned into an enjoyable village event. Instead of the centralised Swap & Sale in the Village Hall, the Produce Show committee decided to try a socially distanced Plant Trail.

Seven tables were set out around the village: starting at Lapley Cottage, continuing up The Street and looping around The Ham/Silver Street. Thank you to the volunteers who set the tables up and thank you indeed for those who found plants to put on them! Other households joined in with plant related themes which made it feel like

the community event it was designed to be.

The event was planned to run from Saturday May 16th to Sunday May 24th. The first weekend was blessed with good weather and many people enjoyed their daily exercise with this interesting trail addition. Villagers were spotted walking through the village bringing swaps and buying plants. By Sunday evening, concern was felt by the stall holders about whether stock levels would hold out for the next week. About £200 has been raised to share between Yercombe Lodge care home and the Village Shop fund after the first weekend.

Well done Coaley and thank you to the Produce Show committee for organising this event.



# VE DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

VE Day celebrations in the village were necessarily limited but several groups of residents held socially distanced street parties and many houses were decorated with flags and bunting.



*Above and cover picture: The Close where residents were able to enjoy themselves despite social distancing.*

*Left: some colourful home-made bunting.*

*Below: Decorations at the shop.*



## PRODUCE SHOW 2020

It is unclear at this present time whether the Produce Show will be able to go ahead on Saturday September 5th. The committee do not want to cancel it and it may be possible to run it in an alternative format if safety does not allow the normal scheduling.

If it cannot be held then the 2020 schedule will be rolled forward to 2021. So, all of you crafters and creators out there, do not let this uncertainty cramp your style! Use your time in this isolating period to create something that can be entered into a future Produce Show.

The schedule would have been included with this newsletter but obviously there's no point in doing that while the show is in doubt. Hopefully it will be with the next newsletter but in the mean time you can see it on the show website at [www.coaleyproduceshow.crg.uk](http://www.coaleyproduceshow.crg.uk)

The Coaley Calendar will certainly be produced this autumn so please remember to take stunning landscape-format photographs of our beautiful area.

The Garden Competition this year of 'My Vegetable Garden' will hopefully be judged on Sunday August 30th. The committee are considering alternative safe ways if it proves not possible for the judges to visit the gardens in person. The gardens in Coaley are looking very smart as villagers have had more time to spend there so there

should be plenty of entries from vegetable patches to vegetable pots. Entry forms will be in the Village Shop.

Enjoy your gardens and crafting and we look forward to the next village Produce Show to showcase your efforts.

## COALEYFEST 2020

Due to the Covid-19 situation, we have moved the date of Coaleyfest to September 19th 2020.

We will be watching out for how the current COVID-19 situations develop and pray that we will be able to go ahead with Coaleyfest. It would be something for all of us to look forward to.

We will of course only go ahead if it's safe to do so and will follow any guide lines that may be in place.

We hope you and you family's are keeping safe and well, sending our best wishes to everyone.

Friends of Coaley School and Coaleyfest organisers.

## WHIST

The sessions will restart when Social Distancing allows.

## WIVES FELLOWSHIP

It will be September at the earliest before then group resumes.

## COALEY PANTOMIME 2020

# "HUMPTY DUMPTY AND THE MAGIC WALL"

By Limelight Scripts



*The show must go on...*

We are being very optimistic and ploughing on with the preliminary arrangements in the hope that this year's show will be able to go ahead. The script has been chosen and the performance dates are set out below, so make a note in your diaries and watch the newsletters for updates.

**Performances will take place (subject to confirmation) in the Village Hall on:**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30p.m.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30p.m.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30p.m.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30p.m.

For any further information, please contact the Chairman, Keri James on 01453890104

## TENNIS COURTS REOPEN DOG WASTE BINS

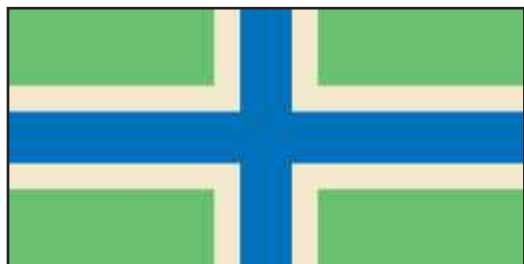
The original lockdown regulations required the parish council to close the tennis courts. We're pleased to say that after the recent relaxation we have been able to reopen them. We have removed the equipment stored in the seat so you'll need to bring your own rackets and balls. You are allowed to play with someone from a different household but please read the advice from the Lawn tennis Association about playing tennis during lockdown at <https://bit.ly/3cXwntD>.

The last newsletter had an item about bags of dog poo being left in the recreation ground. It prompted one resident to ask why a dog waste bin wasn't provided at the rear of the recreation ground. Stroud District Council are responsible for the emptying of bins and they will only do this when the bin is located in a place where the refuse lorry can get access. The rear of the recreation ground is too far from the road.



## WHAT'S THAT FLAG?

You might see this flag flying on several flagpoles in the village. People regularly ask what the flag is.



This is the Gloucestershire flag, also known as the Severn Cross and was the winning entry in a competition held by the then High Sheriff of Gloucestershire, Jonathan Carr, to commemorate the 1000th anniversary of the county in March 2008. The flag was designed by Jeremy Bentail, a mental health worker. Before 2008, the banner of arms for Gloucestershire County Council was used as the de facto flag for the county. The new flag is coloured blue, cream and green, representing the River Severn, Cotswold stone and the Golden Valley, Stroud respectively.

## KNITTING GROUP

At the moment I cannot deliver any items, so please keep things yourself. Once I can do a delivery I will collect them.

Knitting Group Meetings will start again when Social Distancing allows. I will arrange for the first meeting to be in the Jubilee Room and not in anyone's house.

## POPIES

Poppies will be on display in the village on Remembrance Day. If you wish to knit or crochet poppies there will be a supply of red wool for poppies and black for the centres plus patterns and some needles in a container on the patio of the village shop from June 1st. You can use your own pattern and wool if you have them.

Please return completed poppies by Oct 11th. Further information from Barbara Davis 01453 890679.

## POTHOLES

The county council has an efficient means of reporting potholes or other road problems and recent experience shows that they respond within a week to rectify the problem. To report a problem please visit the county council website at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk) and follow the link for "highways" and then "report a road problem".

A pothole will be classed as a safety defect when it's maximum width is greater than 30cms (12inches) and is deeper than 4cms (1.5inches). It helps to include a picture, which you can upload as part of a report, so they can assess the extent of the problem. If a pothole has a painted circle around it, it is already known to them.



We would like to say a big thank you to so many of you for supporting Severn Vale Community Kitchen and helping us deliver subsidised meals to those most in need during these challenging times.

A quick reminder that our meal delivery service is open to everybody, and the more people order our wholesome, freshly made meals, the more we can help those who are struggling the most.

Our veg box and grocery box collaboration with GL11 and Dursley Tabernacle Church has been a great success, and we are extremely grateful to all the volunteers that help make it work. You can order a range of fresh vegetable and fruit boxes, delicious homemade cakes, local free-range eggs and milk, bags of flour, cheese, sliced bread.

We deliver meals and boxes to your doorstep every Friday. We will always be community-focused and not for profit.

For our menu visit: [www.severnvalecommunitykitchen.co.uk](http://www.severnvalecommunitykitchen.co.uk)

You can order online or call 01453 708338

100% subsidies are available for those experiencing financial hardship.





Traditional Village Pub

We are all doing something a little different with our lives during this difficult time!

“Take Outs” are proving to be very popular with a great selection of beers and beverages available for you to enjoy at home:

**TAKE OUT OPENING TIMES:**

Friday 3pm - 7pm

Saturday 1pm - 5pm

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**POP-UP FOOD on FRIDAY**

Every Friday our kitchen will offer a themed takeaway service for collection from the pub.  
A great way to start the weekend!

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**VIRTUAL QUIZ NIGHT**

The Sunday Evening Quiz- hosted by Ellie and streamed “Live” on our Facebook page. A fun night for all to join in with, just log on to our page and take part!

*We look forward to pubs being able to open fully in the future but, in the meantime, we Thank You very much for your support, it is hugely appreciated.*

Government Covid-19 advice for social distancing and health care measures are in place.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

Parish Councillors	Stephen Cook	860504
	Martin Percy	890818
	Ben Bywater	07909 545303
	Caroline Eardley	860139
	John Hobson	07715 558110
	Penny Wait	860191
Parish Clerk	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