

Coaley Parish NEWSLETTER

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New Shop Opens
Produce Show Schedule inside

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE	CONTACT
Aug 5th	Knitting group		4 The Street	Barbara 890679
Aug 23rd	Panto meeting	7.30 pm	Hall	
Aug 28th	Repair Cafe	10.30am - 1.00pm	Hall	
Sept 1st	Produce Show entry day	5.00-8.00 pm		
Sept 4th	Produce Show			
Sept 5th	Tennis session	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Tennis Courts	
Sept 11th	Film Club	7.00 pm	Hall	Lesley 890679
Sept 13th	Whist	2.00 pm	Hall	Barbara 890679
Sept 17th	Piano Recital	7.00pm	Church	

Parish Council meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month, except August, at 7.30pm. We have returned to face-to-face meetings which are held in the main village hall.

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
Thursday 16th September 2021.

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This issue edited by Stephen Cook.

Cover picture: Isobel Farmer (R) and Lana Lorkin open the new shop with CoSPA Chair Brenda Board (L).

VILLAGE NEWS

LAUNCH OF NEW COALEY COMMUNITY SHOP A HUGE SUCCESS.

The forecast had been grimly predicting a morning of constant heavy rain, bringing to an end a week of wall to wall sunshine. In the event, on Saturday 24th July, the weather defied predictions and apart from a deluge of rain lasting two minutes at 6.30 it set fair for the launch of the new Coaley Community shop.

An estimated 250 local people and specially invited guests arrived promptly at 10.00 to listen as Brenda Board, chair of the shop management committee, described the many challenges that had been overcome over the previous three years. She also thanked everybody who had given their time and skills freely to make the

project a success – too many to name; planners, fund raisers and designers. She particularly thanked local builder Steve Birkbeck and his team of apprentices and volunteers for their commitment to the project.

The event would not have been complete without huge thanks going to Brenda for her tireless commitment to the project. She was presented with a large bouquet of flowers, specially commissioned from Fiona Porter's Cotswold Country Flowers. Brenda and Simon also received two bottles of wine for all their hard work.

The audience then watched Brenda invite Isobel Farmer, one of Coaley's older residents and one year old Lana Larkin, both regulars in the old shop, to cut the ribbon allowing customers into the new shop for the first time. Visitors



were greeted with complimentary bubbly and soft drinks to allow everybody to celebrate the success of the new shop.

The new shop is bright, spacious and welcoming. Stock is laid out much more attractively than in the old shop and new lines have been added. There is a larger area to enjoy refreshments and confectionery. Picture windows overlook the playing field with good views up to the Cotswold Edge. This will offer scope for informal gatherings and facilities for visiting walkers and cyclists. For the first time the shop has a toilet for the use of customers and volunteers. New branded goods include attractive shopping bags which should prove popular.

As well as see the shop itself, people were able to sample a range of Hania and Godsell's cheeses, and cakes from Lillie B and Choux Bon Appetit. They were entertained by Matthew Hemson who had people bopping to well know tunes and amazed children and adults alike with feats of magic. A display of words and photographs allowed people to study the journey to the new shop.

This was accompanied by a time lapse video that suggested that the new build had taken a mere 1 minute and 38 seconds!

The new shop moves into the next chapter with new opening hours. It will now be open:

Monday to Friday
9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday
9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

We hope to open on Saturday afternoons but we need a few volunteers prepared to give a couple of hours every four weeks. Also we are now able to have a second volunteer in the shop and would love to hear from anyone who would like to help with shelf stacking and order unpacking. Please let Brenda or any other member of the committee know if you are able to help in the continuing success and ambition of the new shop.



NEW COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Dear Coaley residents

I would like to introduce myself as your new County Councillor. I represent the Dursley Division, which includes Uley, Frocester, Nympsfield, Leonard Stanley and Owlpen as well as Coaley.

With a three-tier system of local government (town/parish, district and county), it is often not clear who is responsible for what. Gloucestershire County Council's remit includes roads, social services/social care, safeguarding children and adults, public transport, some schools, libraries, the fire service, and recycling centres. County Councillors sit on various scrutiny committees, which develop and review existing policies and hold the Cabinet to account. I have been appointed to sit on the new Fire and Rescue Scrutiny committee, which will monitor fire regulation and prevention and assess performance of the fire and rescue services.

My personal areas of interest include public transport, as well as safe walking and cycling routes; environmental issues; and social care.

I have started to attend Coaley Parish Council meetings and look forward to meeting local residents, which will hopefully be easier to do as we ease out of lockdown! My contact details follow.

Wendy Thomas

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PANTOMIME

The planned get together on June 27th was not able to take place, but it is still intended to stage "Humpty Dumpty and the Magic Wall" at the end of November.

A get together is planned for Monday 23rd August at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall for everyone to meet again and welcome new members.

There will be a short meeting to confirm the Committee and check on arrangements for the Pantomime and light refreshments will be served. It will be a chance to try out the recently installed boiling water tap that CADS helped to pay for out of the previous Pantomime. Invitations will be sent out in due course.

Anyone interested in helping with the Panto is invited to contact Keri James, the Chairman of CADS on 890104 or

keriatcoaley@btinternet.com

Coaley WI had its 80th birthday in April this year and we celebrated this in June with a garden party. With covid rules eased and good weather, this was the first chance we have been able to meet up and there was no shortage of chatter. We were delighted to welcome Presidents from neighbouring WI's along with Janice Cole, the Gloucestershire Federation chairman. We enjoyed a ploughmans supper, drinks and puds before the celebration cake. Members went home with goody bags which included cup cakes, and a celebratory mug and coaster.

We are back in the hall for future meetings and you are welcome to join us, programme information is listed below. Members are busy getting their entries ready for the Produce show in September which is always a great event. Hopefully the good weather will continue and we will have bumper crops to show.

June Dunlop
Secretary
Coaley WI
coaleywi@hotmail.com

Jul 21st The Stanley Strummers
Got a ukulele? Grab your uke, tambourine, anything you like and play and sing along with the Stanley strummers ukulele group.

Aug 18th Summer outing
There's no meeting in August due to holidays but we plan to go on an outing to be arranged nearer the time.

Sep 4th Produce show
Coaley's annual produce show returns and the WI café will be open for tea and cake.

Sep 15th Jenner museum
Hear about the work of Edward Jenner, physician, surgeon & pioneer of smallpox vaccination.

Oct 20th Christmas craft workshop
Members will be sharing their crafting skills to show you a number of Christmas crafts. Come along and choose what you would like to make.

Nov 17th AGM

Dec 15th Christmas party



CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

Keith Tibbets describes his air source heat pump installation which has helped save electricity and made his house warmer.

In 2020 we decided to install an Air Source Heat Pump(ASHP) to replace our very ancient electric storage heaters which were installed 47 years ago, soon after we bought our cottage in Hamshill.

The storage heaters, which were already second hand when we bought them, had been reliable with zero maintenance costs, but they were expensive to run, even using offpeak electricity. Our annual consumption was about 19,000kWh..

We had been considering alternative heating systems for at least 4 years but without any mains gas the only other options were oil, solid fuel or bottled gas as we had no mains gas supply. We had extra Rockwool loft insulation installed in 2018 followed by a Powervault battery to store excess solar output.

After researching the idea and considerable debate, an ASHP was chosen partly to try to reduce our carbon footprint but also for economic reasons. I obtained various competitive quotes from MCS approved heat pump installers. Our main concerns were operating noise, larger radiators, disruption during installation, redecoration, pump location etc. Each

contractor worked with a specific manufacturer. I had quotes for Mitsubishi, LG and Hitachi heat pumps. In the end we chose GSM a local contractor based in Newent who had just installed a larger Mitsubishi “Ecodan” system for friends locally. This was also our preferred choice based on lower noise figures and Coefficient of Performance(SCOP). Heat pumps basically absorb heat from the outside air and transfer it to the house even at sub zero temperatures! Heat output is roughly 4 times the energy input in kWh. We noticed a number of similar units had already been installed in the village which gave us extra reassurance.

Fortunately, the Government Renewable Heat Incentive(RHI) is still available which helps to pay back most of the capital cost over 7 years when the reduction in electricity consumption is also taken into account. GSM first



Air source heat pump outside unit.

carried out a survey and specified an 11.2kW unit with a larger hot water cylinder and 9 new radiators and 2 towel rails. In the end, we added 2 extra radiators which fitted in better with our available wall space/room layout. Once we placed the order and paid our deposit the installation was completed in 2 weeks during July/August 2020. An “EPC” or Energy Performance Certificate took a few weeks longer to obtain after the survey. The official commissioning date was 11th September after we decided to add a new hot water shower connection. We then had to apply on-line to MCS (with advice from GSM) for the RHI.

The system has now been running for nearly 12 months and our annual electricity usage will have reduced by over 30%. I estimate our annual consumption will have dropped from about 19,000kWh to roughly 13,000kWh and we have a warmer house with extra hot water if needed.

Overall we are very pleased with the result so far and would recommend heat pumps to others.

Keith Tibbitts
Coaley and Uley Climate Action
Network

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New hot water cylinder

COALEY PRODUCE SHOW

Sat Sept 4th 2021

The committee are very hopeful that this year the Show will be able to go ahead. Changes may have to be made if present or new COVID restrictions are in place.

The schedule is very nearly the same as it would have been last year – so dig out all those crafts you made for 2020! The schedule is included opposite and can also be found on the Coaley Produce Show website www.coaleyproduceshow.org.uk

Make sure you have Saturday September 4th in your diary and look out for information nearer the time for any changes and information about entry night.



“Normality” Returns

So here is what we are doing.

As Step 4 takes us closer to normality, we now welcome you into the pub and back to the bar once again..... Hooray!! Whilst we cannot wait to serve you at the bar, it will however be a little longer before bar stools return. We are continuing to offer hand sanitising points, sanitising tables and NHS track & Trace.

We are pleased to welcome the return of our popular monthly quiz nights, themed food nights, and we may even throw one or two music nights soon too. Details will be up in the pub and on our Facebook page.

Opening Hours:

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - Saturday 12.00 til 11.00pm

Sunday - 12.00 - 9.00pm

NEWS.... On Sunday 18th The Fox Staff Team challenged the Old Spot Staff team in our annual Rounders & Tug of War Championship, and we are proud to say that the Fox won both events!! Thanks to all that came along it was a lovely hot & sunny afternoon and of course we maintained hydration throughout.

And.... if all this is not pretty exciting stuff, we are also delighted that Suzi & Barry John, their boys Arlo and Dylan & Mampi the dog, have now made the Fox their home and are busy taking over the reins of the pub. You probably know them already as Suzi is our Head Chef and Barry John is expanding his love for real ale. We love working with them and we know the Fox has lots more “Good Times” on the way.....so join us in your village local, there is always something to look forward to.

Julie, Ellie and The Old Fox Team

PLAYGROUP

We have had a very busy term at playgroup with lots of exciting changes. We now have a new management team that took over just after Easter. Becky and Sarah had both previously been Deputy Managers of Coaley Playgroup but are now joint Managers of the playgroup. We have had a lovely first term as managers and have welcomed lots of new children. We have also been very lucky to have some volunteers from the village that have joined us one day a week.

With lots of new children joining our Coaley playgroup family we have now become very busy meaning we are operating a waiting list for new children. We currently have no spaces available until September 2022 and then we have limited availability so please get in touch as soon as possible if you would like to add your child's name to the list. Please email coaleyplaygroup@gmail.com for more information about availability.

What we have been doing since January?

The children have been busy playing in the new role play area and had lots of fun taking on the roles of hairdressers, Dr's, nurses, ice cream shopkeepers and most recently teachers. We have a Facebook and Instagram page with lots of pictures of the setting.

Our focus books this term have included 'the colour monster' '10 little pirates' and 'commotion in the ocean.' We have completed lots of fun activities from these books such as making sea horses, jelly fish, under the sea pictures and exploring lots of water play and sea creatures. We also had a special pirate week where we made pirate treasure chests, pirate maps and telescopes.

In the last few weeks of term we will be having lots of fun and celebrating the pre-schooler's last few days with us before heading off to big school! We have a party planned for all of the children to finish off a lovely year.

As you are aware we are a charity run playgroup so kind donations of toys and resources are greatly received. We are on the lookout for a new office

September 2021 Session Times

	Morning session	Full session
Monday to Wednesday and Friday	8:50am – 12:50pm	8:50am – 2:50pm
Thursday	Closed	

We are hoping to be opening a new toddler group on a Thursday, more information will be provided soon.

chair as ours has recently broken so if you know of anyone that has one they no longer use, we would be very grateful.

If you would like to keep in touch or ask any questions, you can always contact us.

Please take a look at our website <http://www.coaleyplaygroup.org/>
Gmail: coaleyplaygroup@gmail.com

COALEY TENNIS

A great time was had by those that turned up for the open tennis session on the courts in June. We intend to have another session on Sunday 5th September 2pm-4pm. (No England football clashes this time!) As before, this is an opportunity to meet others in the village who play tennis. For more information please contact mattandsarah.lorkin@gmail.com

The courts are always open and there is no booking system, just turn up and play for free!

THE SATURDAY NIGHT CLUB FILM EVENINGS

Now that Covid restrictions have been eased and Social Distancing is no longer in place it should be possible to restart our film evenings in the Village Hall on Saturday September 11th for 7.30pm.

We meet on the second Saturday in the month from September to March.

Members are reminded that their annual subscription of £25 is due on 1st September. Cash or cheques, made payable to Coaley Village Hall,, can be left in the postbox at 8 Cider Orchard.

If you would like further information, or would like to become a member please contact Lesley on 890788.

HOW ARE YOUR GIANTS?

If you remember, there were free sunflower plants to collect at the Coaley Plant Trail organised by the Produce Show committee and WI back in May. Hopefully your little sunflower is growing up and will be a giant by September.

There is a separate 'Tallest Sunflower' class in the 2021 Coaley Produce Show open to all ages, children and adults. Judging will take place a few days before the show which is on Saturday 4th September. You can enter your free sunflower or any others that you have grown.

Exactly how judging will take place will depend on Covid regulations in September. You can enter the competition on entry day or maybe in the shop - look out for details nearer the time.

We look forward to getting your entries and to find out who grew the giant on 4th September.

SCHOOL

I cannot believe that we are nearing the end of the school year, and what a year it has been! In all my 25 years in education (including 15 years as a Headteacher), I have not had a year like this one and, hopefully, we will never have to have another like this anytime soon.

Luckily, at Coaley Primary, we have continued on our journey of improvement so the children can learn loads, have fun with their friends and have an amazing time. This term, the older children in the Owls Class have had a week of extra-curricular activities such as fencing, visiting a climbing wall in Gloucester and spending 24-hours at a Forest School, camping in all weathers and cooking over an open fire. The children were amazing, and loved building, making, cooking and even the washing up! These type of weeks ensure that the children leave the school with memories to last a lifetime.

Also, we have held an Arts themed week this term, based around an environmental theme. We've had lots of visitors into school to enrich the children's learning beyond the National Curriculum. This is an important job for us to do in school, so we can offer a broad and varied wider curriculum to help everyone in school shine. We've had artists visit us to make a mural for the entrance to the school all about our Coaley values. Mrs Holmes (our resident violin teacher) came in with her collection of recycled steel drums

and the children played beautifully, if a little loudly! We even had some members of Coaley and Uley Climate Action network (CAN) who came in to build a huge Bug Hotel with the children out of recycled materials donated from parents (see picture below). It's a multi-storey hotel which will house lots of bugs and beetles to thrive in. In addition, the children have had a glamorous time designing and making items of clothing out of recycled materials. It has been a great way of sharing the talents of the children and our local community, enabling the children to share and learn from others beyond the school.

Coaley school is growing and we have even more children starting in September. If you want to come along and share in the joys of coming to Coaley, then come along and have a look around; just give the school office a ring on 01453 890358.



Lillie B's

Patisserie

Rustic Afternoon Tea

My Rustic Afternoon Tea is my unique take. An example is below, however the menu does change on a regular basis as I aim to use seasonal ingredients

**Selection of Rustic Open & Club Sandwiches,
Mini Rolls, wraps or Bagels**

Local ham with caramelised red onion chutney
Cajun chicken breast with yoghurt & mint dressing
Cheesy Apple Slaw
Smoked Mackerel
Cream Cheese & Roasted Pepper

Homemade Scones with Jam & Clotted Cream

Selection of Homemade Desserts

Freshly Brewed Hot Drink

£18.00 per person

Afternoon Tea is pre booking only, available from 2 4pm
Saturday and Sunday at Coaley Community Shop.

so please call me on 07414653292 to book



CHURCH NEWS

Services on a Sunday morning have resumed in Coaley Church at 9.30am. Hand sanitizing and track & trace will remain in place whilst it is deemed necessary. The church is cleaned regularly. The church remains in a vacancy with visiting priests taking services. Preparations have started for appointing a new priest in charge but it is likely to take some time. Meanwhile everyone is assured a warm welcome at services.

We say farewell to our organist, Rachel Mapp, in September as she takes her place at Leeds Music Conservatoire. We are grateful for her wonderful playing which has enhanced our worship over the last couple of years both in church and via zoom. We wish her every success and send best wishes for the future. We will miss you Rachel.

The final opportunity to hear her is on Friday September 17th at 7pm in church when she is giving a piano recital in church. This will be a free event with refreshments courtesy of Friends of Coaley Church. Do come along and listen to her.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friendship group will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Contact Pam Sweetland 890513 or Isobel Farmer 890556



WHIST

The whist sessions will restart on Monday 13th September at 2pm. Beginners are welcome to come and learn how to play the card game.

Cost is £5 a session to include light refreshments and a raffle ticket. Any profit made is given to the village hall. Contact Barbara Davis 890679.

POPPIES

Knitted or crocheted poppies will be needed again in November. A supply of wool and patterns will be available at the shop. Help make an attractive display in the centre of the village.

Contact Barbara Davis 890679.

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

The Village Hall is open for bookings after July 19th. This also includes the Jubilee Room.

Hand sanitiser and surface wipes will still be available in the foyer for those wishing to use them. There will still be a Covid First Aid Box but the Covid Secure Corner will no longer be there.

The Hall Committee looks forward to welcoming people back.

Barbara Davis - Hon Sec of Trustees

CLICK CLICK COALEY

Don't forget to take your camera when you are out and about; your photographs for the Coaley Calendar will be needed in September. This allows time for arranging them and printing the calendar.

Winter and Spring pictures are also needed so now might be the time to look through older photographs to find that perfect shot.

Please submit your photographs to calendar@coaleyproduceshow.org.uk.

KNITTING GROUP

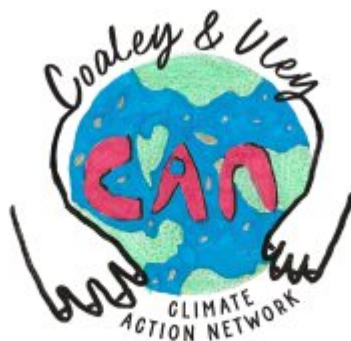
The knitting group will meet at members' homes from August onwards. The next meeting is on 5th August at 4, The Street.

Anyone interested in knitting or crotchetting is welcome. Instruction can

be given to those interested in learning these interesting and useful skills.

Needles, patterns and wool can be supplied.

Contact Barbara Davis 890679.



C.U.CAN are holding a **REPAIR CAFE**

**On Saturday 28th August 2021
from 10.30am to 1pm
at Coaley Village Hall**

This month:

**Textile repairs with Kath Child
& Toy repairs**

**Bring along your items for repair,
for help and guidance in making
them sound again**

**Also a Beeswax Wraps Workshop
from 11am**

All welcome !

Event subject to Covid restrictions.

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	Martin Percy cllr.martin.pearcy@stroud.gov.uk	890818
GCC Councillor	Wendy Thomas wendy.thomas@gloucestershire.gov.uk	
Vicar	position vacant	
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)		0800 6783 105 or 105
Street Lights		08000 514514
Community Wellbeing Service (was Village Agent)	communitywellbeing.stroud@nhs.net	0345 8638323