

Coaley Parish

NEWSLETTER

Issue no 129

April / May 2023



Summer Fete
Easter Events

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
1st April	Messy Easter	10am-12pm	Church
7th April	Good Friday famine lunch	12.30pm	Hall
10th April	Easter egg hunt	10.30am	Church
29th April	Coaley Rocks	7.00pm	hall
30th April & 1stMay	Produce Show Plant Swap		Throughout Village
24th June	Summer fete		Recreation ground
2nd July	Gardens' Cup judging	from 2pm	

Parish Council meetings are normally on the first Tuesday of each month, except August, at 7.30pm.

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
Tuesday 16th May 2023.

email: newsletter@coaleypc.org.uk

web: www.coaleypc.org.uk

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

This issue edited by Stephen Cook.

Cover picture: Spring Lamb at Ham Farm.

COALEY SHOP

Our Easter opening hours are below. We have a range of Easter gifts available – do pop in and see.

Prices

Everyone will be aware of the impact of inflation on grocery prices. We are doing all we can to keep prices down, and trying to buy the most competitively priced products. Our milk and eggs, amongst other things, are much cheaper than in other small outlets so do please check us out. And if you've never been into the shop you may be surprised at how much we stock. In these green times, rather than drive to the supermarket, why not save on fuel and pop in and see us.

Zero Waste products

We are exploring the possibility of having zero waste dispensers in the shop for dry goods such as cereals and pasta. If successful it could possibly be extended to products such as washing up liquid. Whilst good for the environment it has implications re cost, space and cleaning. We need to know if this is just a nice to have or whether lots of people would really use it. If you really would use this facility please email us at coaleyshop@gmail.com to say so and we will gauge support from the village

Change

Getting change for the shop isn't always easy nowadays so can we ask that if you do have change available then please consider using it when shopping with us.

Dogs

We have been asked a few times lately why we don't allow dogs in our café area as many other cafes do. Unfortunately, as we are also a food shop, our policy remains that no dogs, apart from assistance dogs, are allowed inside the building. We apologise if this causes inconvenience, but we do have hooks outside for tying up dogs when you visit, and with summer coming we are more than happy that you drink your coffee on the decking outside with your dogs.

Books

We have a good library of books for loan in the shop for which we make no charge unless you want to make a small donation. But it has been pointed out that the titles we have don't cater so well for young adults. So if you have any books you feel would be suitable that you are willing to donate then please do bring them in.

Easter Opening Hours	7th April – Good Friday	10.00 to 12.00
	8th April – Easter Saturday	9.00 to 12.00
	9th April – Easter Sunday	10.00 to 12.00
	10th April – Easter Monday	10.00 to 12.00

SUMMER FETE

Coaley village summer fete will be held on the recreation ground 24 June 2023 so save the date in your diary.

The fete will be a traditional village fete with hog roast, afternoon teas, bar, displays, stalls, games, races, a pet show and lots of entertainment. The Fete will have a theme which will be 'Coaley Past & Present'

It will be for everyone, children, families and residents young and old, and free for everyone to come along and join in. We aim to bring people together to have fun, socialise and strengthen the Coaley village community.

Following the success of the Jubilee fete last year local residents said they wanted us to arrange it again. The contributors and volunteers have agreed to organise it and village groups have said they will support it.

The parish council have provided a grant for the core cost, the CADS a grant towards the programme and the village hall has offered the use of the facilities, tables, chairs and PA.

We hope it will become a biannual event alternating each year with the successful Coaleyfest!

Further information will be published soon. We are seeking some help to set up the activities and sponsors for the prizes.

If you are able to help or have any

suggestions please email me:
lscmptn@btinternet.com

Les Compton

On behalf of Coaley Summer Fete Group

CHARITY CYCLING EVENT

St Peter's Hospice in Bristol is holding a cycling event on Saturday 15th April. They have several routes starting from the UWE Campus, one of which goes through Coaley with a feed station at the village hall. They will come from Slimbridge, via the station, to the hall and then up Peak Lane via Trenley Road. We can expect to see the first riders from mid morning. Please keep an eye out for them and take care while driving, particularly on Peak Lane.

More information is on their website at <https://www.stpetershospice.org/support-us/join-our-events/tour-de-bristol/>

2023 GARDENS CUP

This year's Coaley Gardens' Challenge Competition is looking at Front Gardens. That's it, no stipulation as to size or content. It just needs to be the garden in front of your house. It will be judged on the basis of what has been done to make the most of whatever the space available happens to be. Closing date to enter is Friday 23rd June, judging is on 2nd July which can be done in your absence if you happen to be away.

FROCESTER HILL CROSSROADS

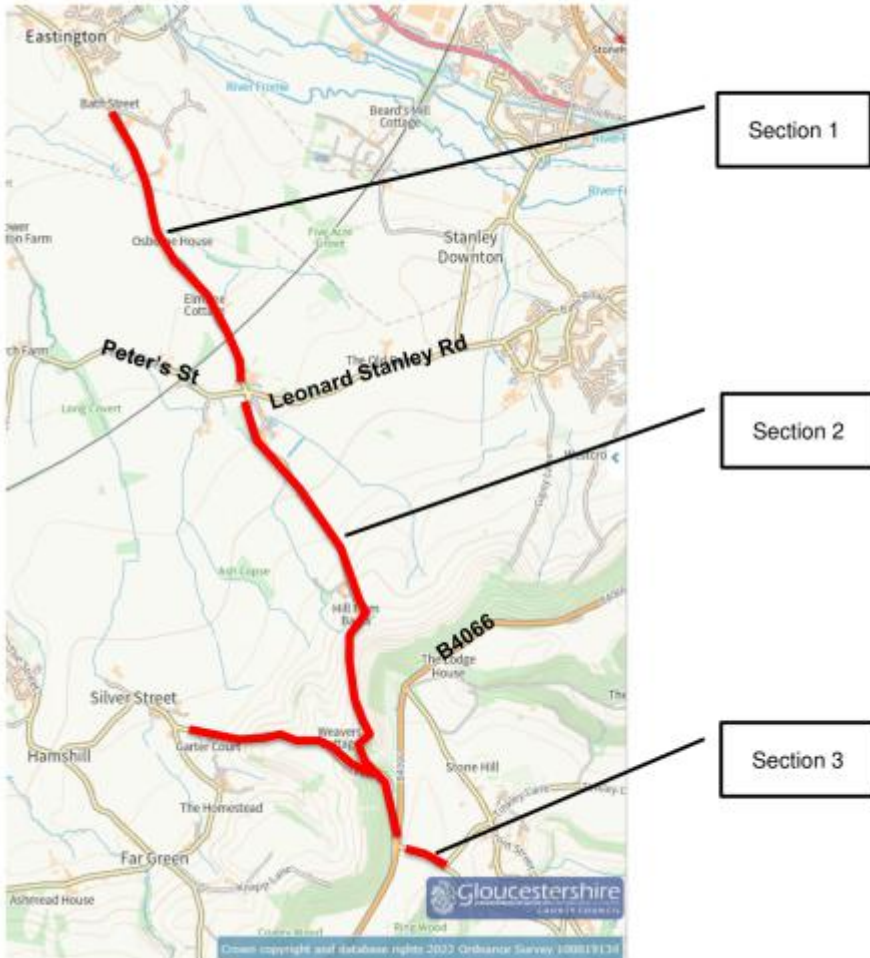
The work to improve the junction at the top of Frocester Hill starts on 3rd April and continues until 14th April.

To ensure safety of the workers and residents the roads shown on the map will be closed. To minimise any disruption, the works will be delivered in sections as indicated and as signed on site.

Section one and two will not be closed at the same time to accommodate local access. Dry weather conditions are required to paint the lines so dates could be subject to change.

The B4066 from Crawley Hill to the crossroads and then on to the Coaley Peak view point car park will have traffic light or stop/go board control.

These restrictions will be in place between 7am and 7pm, excluding weekends.



CRAG REPORT

Fundraising success for Rec. group

The Coaley Rec. Action Group (CRAG) was lucky enough to be able to host our first quiz at The Old Fox in February. It was a fantastic evening and Libby, one of our CRAG volunteers, did a great job as Quizmaster!



Quizmaster Libby in action

We want to say a big thank you to Everhot, Froster Fayre, Eastington Farm shop, The Old Fox and Cotswold Country Flowers, the local businesses that helped us raise £394 by kindly donating some fantastic raffle prizes.

At this month's meeting we have been busy selecting our favourite logos that the children from Coaley school have

designed for us. We aim to incorporate some of these designs into our new CRAG logo - we'll hopefully be able to share this with you soon.

If you would like to join us and be a part of CRAG, please drop an email to lucyholder709@gmail.com, we'd love to see you at one of our future meetings and always welcome new faces.





**St Bartholomew's Church
Coaley**

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Monday Morning

10th April 10.30am

**Hunt for nests of chocolate eggs
in the church grounds**

Refreshments

SCHOOL

We have had a busy term at Coaley Primary which was made even better by our special singing enrichment week. We held two incredible concerts on Thursday 16th March in the afternoon and evening where the church was full of joy. The children's singing was amazing and we loved seeing the beaming faces and excellent dancing, even from the parents as well! I would like to thank Mrs Lowe for insisting that we have iSingPOP in school and I'm definitely up for having them back again in the future. It's hard to imagine that within four days, the children created a stellar performance which the children loved. It was also lovely to be in the Church, with the lights, sounds and

atmosphere. We hope to be even more involved in St Bartholomew's Church now that we have Rev Graham at the helm.

As a school, we have been thinking a lot about our vision and what it means to be a part of the Coaley school family. The school vision helps drive the direction of our strategic plans and makes sure that we lead the school based on the school's Christian principles for the good of all pupils. We'd like to involve you in this process and so will be asking for your views on the school vision too. This will give us a chance to find out what you feel about the school in your village and what is important for you and the children, their learning and enjoyment. Please email



admin@coaley.gloucs.sch.uk to ask for a short form to complete so we can add your views too.

And finally, the King's Coronation is taking place on Saturday 6th May. We thought we would celebrate this noble event in school on Friday 5th May by dressing up like royalty in our best glad-rags and having a street party with cake! We also thought we would hold a 'Coaley's Got Talent' show to entertain the regal guests (or children in posh clothes). No talent is too small for our appreciative audience. We know the children will be amazing!

WI

In February our guest speaker was Deryck Pritchard fundraising manager from Sharpness Lifeboat and Rescue station (SARA). Sara was founded in 1973 at Beachley and is the largest water rescue organisation after the RNLI. There are 6 stations and all of the staff are volunteers and all of them are trained first aiders. It costs £35 thousand per year in running costs and £1500 to equip each crew member. Deryck talked through the history of the organisation before showing us videos of various exercises activities carried out by the organisation. Deryck brought a set of kit worn by the crew which was cumbersome and weighty and he also showed film of a 'mud lance' which SARA developed to help rescue people trapped in mud in the estuary. It was interesting to see how difficult it is to manoeuvre boats in the turbulent waters of the Severn and the crew carry out many different exercises

to maintain the skills needed to provide this valuable service. We were delighted when Deryck informed us that members had added to our donation amount making a total of £150.

Our March speaker was Jerry of Silver Time Legal who specialise in Will writing, Power of attorney, Property trusts and more. He explained the importance of wills and what happens to an estate when a will is not in place. We heard about inheritance tax, care costs, sideways disinheritance. It may sound like a heavy subject but it was fascinating and there was certainly more to understand than just having a will in place. Apart from the documents for the various subjects, there are also time lines that need to be considered. Understandably there were many questions which were all answered confidently and with good knowledge and free consultations were offered to members.

One of our members has been busy splitting and potting up snowdrops and each member was invited to take some away to replant around the village to blossom again next spring.

The plant swap takes place on 30 April/ 1 May and we will be running our tea room. The aprons have been washed and china cleaned up ready. This is a big fund raising event for us and enable us to make donations to our speakers, many of whom are from charities and we give additional donations where we can – we gave £250 to GL11 this Christmas. We also love the social aspect of the event and

this year we will also be joined by the Repair café so seek out those rusty blunt tools and bring them along to sharpen up.

WI membership starts again in April and our fees will be £36.00 per person. The subscription set by NFWI and National Council is £46 and we are charging £10 less than the recommended fee. We are able to do this due to the fundraising activities we do throughout the year and we are very grateful to everyone who comes along to support us.

Visitors fees have increased and they now pay £4.00 to attend a meeting with the option of purchasing a raffle ticket for an additional £1.00.

If you wish to join us or attend one of our meetings, do come along or get in touch to find out more.

coaleywi@hotmail.co.uk
facebook coaleywi

June Dunlop
Secretary
Coaley WI

VILLAGE HALL WIFI

The village hall has been provided with a free internet connection by Gigaclear. The WiFi password is on display in the hall. The Committee hopes this will be useful to hall users.

SUMMER VISITORS

House Martins: These lovely migrant birds fly from Africa to nest in the British Isles, many in our area. They spend a long time making their mud nests under the eaves of houses. Please be tolerant of their building habits. The birds do not cause too much mess and they become distressed if all their hard work is destroyed. If house martins cannot raise their broods, yet another species will be endangered.

Swallows: These beautiful birds always return to their old nest sites, so please ensure access to them. If, for reasons of security, access has to be shut, swallows will fly through small openings in order to reach their traditional nesting sites.

Swifts: Their nesting sites, some of which are centuries old, are fast disappearing, due to development and property maintenance. They require an access tunnel of at least 18" long with a small entrance hole; please don't block them off. Swifts are believed to spend as much as nine months to a year on the wing, and they are known to nap whilst flying.

Note: These birds are all, of course, protected species – it is a criminal offence to disturb or destroy their nest sites and environments. There was the distressing sight a few years ago when an active house martin nest had been wired over, preventing the juveniles from flying out, and they perished inside the wire.

St Bartholomew's, Coaley

Saturday 1st April

Messy Church 10-12

Palm Sunday 2nd April

**9.30am Holy Communion with distribution
of palms and procession with donkey
from car park to church**

Easter Sunday 9th April

**9.30am Holy Communion
with lighting of Paschal Candle**

**EXPERIENCE
EASTER**

He is Risen Alleluia



**St Bartholomew's
Church, Coaley**

Hear the Easter Story



**Saturday 1st April
10-12 noon**

Crafts, painting, stories, refreshments

Children of all ages welcome

St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley

invites you to join them for

Music & Cake

Sunday 16th April

Pat Main

singing songs from the shows with singalong

Sunday 21st May

A Celebration of Young Musical Talent

3pm

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

All Welcome



What's on @ The Fox



Charity Quiz Dates for Your Diary

Monday Nights

27th March

3rd April

17th April

Speak to us to book your team in & pre order cheeseboards.

Good Friday Festival Of Fish

7th April

We will bring the ocean to you!

With a delightful menu of market fresh fish, straight from the sea to your plate.

NOW TAKING BOOKINGS

Serving both lunch and dinner.



EASTER SUNDAY

9th April

We are now taking bookings for our traditional Sunday roast, with a special treat for the little ones!

As always, we will be open all Bank Holidays, serving food 12-6pm

👑 Kings Coronation 👑

Watch this space for details coming up soon for our banquet supper fit for a king!

Thursday 4th May

Coaley Village Playgroup Presents

SAT 29TH APRIL

COALEY VILLAGE HALL

COALEY ROCKS

80'S (ish)

featuring the return of



TICKETS £10
AVAILABLE SOON
FROM COALEY SHOP

BOHEMIAN BAR THIEVES

BAR FROM 19.00
MUSIC FROM 20.00

and introducing

CRATESDISCO

It wouldn't be CoaleyRocks without our good friends
from Megabite. Open for all from 18.00



USEFUL CONTACTS

Parish Councillors	Stephen Cook	860504
	Martin Percy	890818
	Ben Bywater	07909 545303
	Caroline Eardley	890139
	John Hobson	07715 558110
	Penny Wait	860191
Parish Clerk	Lynn Thornton clerk@coaleypc.org.uk	545880
Stroud District Councillor	Martin Percy cllr.martin.percy@stroud.gov.uk	890818
GCC Councillor	Wendy Thomas wendy.thomas@gloucestershire.gov.uk	
Vicar	Graham Stacey	709859
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
Friendship Group	Pam Sweetland	890513
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