



Coaley Parish NEWSLETTER

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Coaley Parish Council Needs You!
CRAG Summer Activities
Coaleyfest Details

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
2nd June	Rec spring clean	am	Rec
4th June	Friendship	2.30pm	Hall
6th June	Knitting	2.30pm	6, The Close
10th June	Whist	2.00pm	Jubilee Room
15th June	Garden Cup judging	2pm	
15th June	Great Big Coaley Quiz	7.30pm	Hall
28th June	Panto casting (main cast)	7.30pm	Hall
30th June	Panto casting (juniors)	10.00am	Hall
2nd July	Friendship	2.30pm	Hall
4th July	Knitting	2.30pm	Harvest
House			
6th July	Croc n Roll childrens class	See page 4	
8th July	Whist	2.00pm	Jubilee Room
17th Aug	Childrens Rebounder dance class	See page 14	

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 July 2024.

email: newsletter@coaleypc.org.uk

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Cover picture: Bluebells and Wild Garlic at Coaley Peak by Mike Davis.

COALEY PARISH COUNCIL CRAG UPDATE NEEDS YOU!



At the recent Parish Council elections two councillors stood down and there were no other candidates apart from the four remaining councillors. This leaves the council with three vacancies.

As a result we are looking for community minded people to join the council. We welcome people with all types of life experience and backgrounds to join this forward thinking council. Co-option on to the council is straightforward and doesn't involve standing for election.

If you are interested, email clerk@coaleypc.org.uk or come along to one of the meetings which take place on the 1st Tuesday of the month, next one is on Tuesday 4th June at 7.30pm, to see how things work.

It's been an incredibly active couple of months for CRAG! Following the conclusion of our consultation period, the committee has been diligently collating and addressing all the feedback received regarding the proposed design plans. We're pleased to announce that responses to all concerns are now available for viewing on our website: <https://www.coaleyrec.co.uk/design-plans/consultation-feedback>. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to every member of the community who took the time to review the plans and share their valuable opinions.

In other exciting news, thanks to the generosity of Coaley Parish Council, Coaley WI, Coaley Produce Show, Everhot, and CADS, we've recently acquired and installed three new picnic benches around the shop area of the Rec. These benches have already seen plenty of use, particularly when the sun has made a welcome appearance!

Our events calendar is bustling with activity for the year. We had a fantastic turnout at the Old Fox for our charity pub quiz and raffle. Special thanks to the Old Fox for hosting us! Additionally, at the recent Plant Swap Weekend, we organized a tombola and raffle. We raised an impressive £650.00 across both events for the Rec's regeneration. We're truly grateful to all our supporters for their unwavering enthusiasm and generosity.

Looking ahead, our upcoming events include providing refreshments for the participants of the Park Run at Berkeley on Saturday 1st June, followed by the Big Summer Cleanup of the Rec on Sunday, 2nd June. If you have a couple of hours to spare, we invite you to join us at 10 am to help spruce up the Rec for summer. There's plenty to do, including weeding, litter picking, sweeping, cutting back brambles etc and everyone is welcome! Let us know if you plan to attend either via Facebook or email at coaleyreactiongroup@gmail.com. Refreshments will be provided.

We're thrilled to announce our collaboration with the Guides who meet in the Village Hall. Through the consultation process, their older 'Rangers' have agreed to take on the project of repainting the bus stop next to the Rec. It's wonderful to see their excitement, and we can't wait to see the results of their efforts!

Mark your calendars for June 15th for the Great Big Coaley Quiz at the village Hall, complete with a Fish and Chip Supper. Bookings are now open at £15 per person. The evening will be hosted by Susanna Keating and sponsored by our friends at Sage Residential. We're also excited to announce a Children's Croc n Roll Music Workshop for children aged 1-5 on Saturday, July 6th. Please drop us an email to coaleyreactiongroup@gmail.com to book any of our events.



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PRESENTS



CHILDRENS CROC N ROLL MUSIC WORKSHOP

**£10 PER FAMILY
INCLUDES
REFRESHMENTS
FOR ADULTS
AND CHILDREN**

**SATURDAY
6TH JULY
10:30 -12:00
COALEY VILLAGE
HALL**

**FOR CHILDREN
AGED 1-5
ADVANCE BOOKING
REQUIRED**

**SIGNUP
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As part of our ongoing fundraising efforts, we're launching a Bonus Ball Lottery, where members can purchase a number for the year. Each Saturday National Lottery draw, the bonus ball number will select a winner, with 50% of the weekly pot (£29.50, assuming all 59 balls are sold) going to the lucky winner and the other 50% to CRAG. If you're interested in participating, sign up on the CRAG website and choose your number: <https://www.coaleyrec.co.uk/bonus-ball>

Thank you immensely for the overwhelming community support thus far. We eagerly anticipate seeing you at our future events as we continue to work together to enhance our wonderful community space.



THE GREAT BIG COALEY QUIZ

With Fish & Chip
Supper

Saturday,
15th June

Coaley Village Hall
7.30pm

Ticket includes Fish
and Chip Supper

Teams of 6



Sponsored by our friends at
Sage Residential



For tickets and to provide details of
dietary requirements please contact:
coaleyreactiongroup@gmail.com

COALEY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a very busy term at Coaley and the brighter weather has certainly been warmly welcomed, making our school look even more idyllic with the beaming sun and the rolling hills beyond.

After a gruelling application process, I was delighted to welcome a new 'Worship Leader' team at Coaley, led by our Year 6 'Worship Minister'. In the children's letters of application, their level of passion and commitment to the role really shone through and it was extremely difficult to narrow it down to just six. They wear their sashes with pride and are exemplary role models to our whole community. The Worship Leaders have already been very proactive in writing a new whole school prayer and evaluating our daily Collective Worship. They have a great long list of fantastic ideas for the future too!

We welcomed Mrs Butler, the Bishop's Visitor, into Coaley at the start of term and she was delighted to meet the children and receive a tour from our Worship Leaders. Mrs Butler



commented on the impact of our school vision and how she could see it being lived out in every dimension of the school which was lovely to hear; As a family, we flourish.

Last term I shared how the children had worked incredibly hard to write lyrics and compose an accompaniment for our new school song. I was delighted to be able to take a group of our pupils to The Music Works studio to record this; it really is something very special. The lyrics capture who we are as a school and our aspirations for the future and the music video which will eventually be uploaded to our school website is wonderful.

We also welcomed 'With the Ball' into Coaley earlier this term and they have been making our lunchtimes more active and engaging. The pupils have thoroughly enjoyed participating in a huge variety of sports activities each week including a huge dance-off with a sound machine. It has been lovely to see the children's confidence grow during these sessions.

Coaleyfest preparation is in full swing and tickets are available to purchase now for a special May offer. Please make a note of this very special event in your diary-Saturday 29th June. We look forward to seeing many of you there. Of course, events like this don't just happen by themselves, and we are extremely grateful to the organisers behind this phenomenal event who have already dedicated so much of their precious time.



COALEYFEST

FRIENDS OF COALEY SCHOOL PRESENT



COALEY ACADEMY SATURDAY 29TH JUNE 2024 12-20.00



SEARCH EVENTBRITE COALEYFEST FOR TICKETS

Adult admission £12
Child admission (11 and under) £8
Infants (3 and under) Free of charge

The Children of Coaley School TwoCan Youth Choir
Reminiscence Sophie and Alice Folk Alaturka
Coaley Handbell Ringers LCS Cheerleading
The Disclaimers Bohemian Bar Thieves
Night Lounge The Usual Suspects



Bar provided by The Old fox at Coaley

Tea and Cakes from Coaley WI

Burgers and more from Megabite



Megabite wood fired pizza

fresh hand made Pizza from Mama's Woodfired Pizza



FREE kids activities,



giant inflatable slide, inflatable obstacle course.

hook a duck, splat the rat and more

sponsored by



SHOP

Brise Soleil - In my last newsletter I hoped for an improvement in the weather - but that hope was sadly not to be fulfilled for many weeks. The boot scraper was a timely addition to the shop. However, more recently, you cannot fail to have noticed the new architectural feature on the side of the shop. This is a brise soleil, which means 'sun breaker'. This will shade the café area of the shop and keep it comfortable for our customers. It will also protect perishable stock and reduce cooling costs. Let's hope this time that the sun stays with us!



Pastries - Still on the subject of the café, we now stock additional breakfast pastries from Hobbs Bakery. These are available on Saturday mornings and are proving very popular. Do let us know what you think, we always welcome customer feedback. If we can see there is a demand we may be able to get them more frequently.

Doggie ice cream – By popular request, we continue to expand our range of treats for our canine friends and customers. It seems dogs need as

much cooling refreshment after their long walk over the fields as their owners. So we will soon be stocking doggie ice cream and, of course, asking our canine customers about their favourite flavours!



Volunteer training - A few weeks ago we had a very successful volunteer training session. More than 20 volunteers attended. This demonstrates the strong commitment of volunteers to the efficient running of the shop although they may have been encouraged to attend by the promise of wine and nibbles! It also demonstrates the care that the committee takes to look after the volunteers.

Issues discussed included our safeguarding policy, concerns about the service we get from Smiths News and how to keep the coffee machine running smoothly. All these items and more are essential if we are to continue to offer an efficient and friendly service that is responsive to the wishes of you, our customers.

COALEY PLANT TRAIL SWAP & SALE

The Coaley Plant Swap was fantastic again this year! One person seemed to sum it up:

"We had a brilliant time this morning at the Coaley swap. A good exchange of plants, the cakes were amazing, it's a lovely event!" We look forward to coming every year, such a well organised event, well done all involved."

The spring was not ideal for growing and beans and bedding were in short supply, but there was a super range of fruits, flowers, vegetables, shrubs and herbs.



There was even a stall in Foxmeadow for the first time. The stall attracted new people in the swap and a colourful range of ceramic pots proved popular too.

The weather was generally good and large numbers of children, families and friends came out in their droves from Coaley and many areas of the County.

The delicious WI tea and home made cakes were as popular as ever in the hall and people spilled out onto the new picnic tables.

At the end of the swap the remaining plants were donated to help an event in North Nibley.

Overall, due to the hard work and community spirit of Coaley villagers the swap was a great success and has raised hundreds of pounds to help local groups, so thank you to everyone who took part by setting up stalls, supplying and/or swapping plants.

A special thanks to some of the prolific growers who provide hundreds of plants every year including: Duncan, David, Pat, Jean, June & Suzie.

The Coaley Garden Cup for 'The Best Flowering Plant in my Garden' deadline for entries 7 June 2024.

For more information about the Coaley Produce Show go to:
coaleyproduceshow.org.uk



WI

It was an open meeting for the WI in April as we invited Stroud Brewery to our meeting. Founder Greg graduated as a marine biologist and has a rural background. He spent 3 yrs in Nigeria where his interest in the environment and brewing began. He obtained a sponsorship to study traditional alcoholic brews and on his return to the UK, joined the soil association and looked into starting a veg box scheme. He moved to Stroud and thought it would be a good idea if Stroud had a brewery. He found a location and bought second hand equipment to make his first beer called Budding which won a championship in Gloucestershire. The brewery business has changed over time and since Covid and the bar is now an important part of the business. They brew 1500 pints each week of which 60% goes to trade and the remainder to their bar.

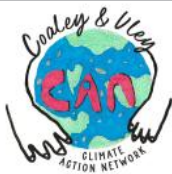
In May we learnt about floral arrangements. Guest speaker Danielle came armed with tulips, sweet Williams as well as greenery and squares of chicken wire. Danielle likes to use various products in her arrangements that can be re-used or recycled and are better for the environment. Members had brought along flowers from their gardens and a variety of greenery and ornamental seed heads and for their arrangements and the chicken wire was formed into a ball and placed in the pots through which the plant material was threaded to hold it in place. The completed arrangements were all different but all beautiful. The

produce show have previously said there are fewer floral entries in the produce show and we thought an introduction to flower arranging may give people confidence to have a go at future events.

Between these meetings we had the plant swap and the Coaley WI cafe was open for business. The weather was kind and the plants were in abundance so there was lots to attract the public. The cake sales went so well that we had to go home and bake again for the second day which was busier than the first. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us, it was lovely to see so many people enjoying the cafe and we look forward to the next event. With your support, since Christmas we have been able to donate £550 to local good causes. Thank you.

Coaley WI welcomes new members, our annual subscription is £37 or visitors pay £4 on the door. We also have a 'welcome to Coaley' leaflet with lots of useful information so, if you are new to Coaley and don't have a copy of this, get in touch on email or facebook and we will drop one in to you.

coaleywi@hotmail.co.uk
facebook - coaleywi



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REPAIR CAFE

THROW IT AWAY? NO WAY!!



SUNDAY 14TH
of July, 2-4pm

ULEY VILLAGE HALL

Bring and learn how to repair your broken
things...



or just enjoy some **DELICIOUS REFRESHMENTS**

For queries or to volunteer your skills to help others repair their things,
contact us on: coaleyuleycan@gmail.com



COALEY ROCKED

Many thanks to the good people of Coaley who came and partied with us to raise funds for Coaley Village Playgroup at CoaleyRocks. It was a spectacular night and we'd like to say a massive thank you to Crates mobile Disco and The Good Times for getting everyone up and grooving. The lovely Natalie and Steve Guy of The Food Court kept everyone supplied with all manner of chips, burgers, hotdogs and a whole load of sweet treats throughout the night. Thank you so much for keeping us all fed (and maybe soaking up some of the more deadly cocktails!) Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the night possible; Suki Cook for coming and helping me buy ALL the booze, our valiant barmen Jeremy Keating and Tim Kidner, Becky Anne and Matt Lorkin for their diligent work on the door and selling raffle tickets (Matt also doing a bit of valiant barmanning too), Sarah Lorkin for her invaluable assistance in calling the raffle and general help through the night, Stephen Cook for his expert work lighting the stage and erecting the disco ball, Mike Davis for the excellent photography (The Good Times are now using your pictures of them in their promotional materials), Julie Gilborson and the Old Fox at Coaley for their generous donation to our raffle. Huge thanks also to Carly Warly Baird, Anne Cheshire and everyone else who said they'd like a Motown/ soul themed night- it wouldn't have happened without you. Special thanks to Anne Morgan and Brian Harper who came and helped me out in the Coaley

Village Community Shop the next morning as I was knackered. It was really, really kind of you both and I SO appreciate it.

Events like this only happen because of all of you lovely people who support them, whether by helping out, donating prizes, spreading the word or by coming along and having an awesome time. Through your support CoaleyRocks 2024 raised nearly £1000 for the playgroup. Thank you all so much. Many thanks also to all the local businesses; Intersound Guitars, TolseyTwo, The Old Bank Cafe, Tesco Cam and Domino's Pizza, who donated raffle prizes. Please drop in and give them some love. Next year's CoaleyRocks will see the return of Bohemian Bar Thieves but in the meantime you can catch a whole host of musical talent at CoaleyFest on Saturday 29th June.

Susy Keating Chairperson Coaley Village Playgroup

PLAYGROUP

Topics

This term we have been learning about the countries France and the Netherlands, including the colours of their flags, landmarks, foods and learning a few words in French and Dutch. The books we have been reading have included 'The tiger who came to tea', 'Jack and the beanstalk' and 'what the ladybird heard'. We have also enjoyed spending lots of time outside.

St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley

Music & Cake

featuring

A Celebration of Young Musical Talent

Sunday 23rd June

3pm

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

All Welcome

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone that attended CoaleyRocks, we are very grateful for the support with our fundraising events. The sheep hunt will be returning on Sunday 15th September so please save the date and we hope to see lots of you there.

Availability

We are still very busy and encourage those in the village that would like to bring their child to Coaley playgroup to get in touch to add your child's name to the list as soon as possible.

Getting in touch

You can follow us on Facebook where we share lots of photos of our activities. Gmail: coaleyplaygroup@gmail.com Telephone: 07434364850

The Friends of St Giles, Uley Rounders Tournament & Social

13th July

Uley Millenium Green



2pm - on the day registration
2:30pm - start of games
£45 per team of 7-9 players (advance)
£7 per person (on the day)

Cakes and snacks
Beer, wine and soft drinks
Tea and coffee



Come along to play or support the teams and enjoy a fun summer afternoon

If you don't have a full team we can match you up

Please leave payment in an envelope with your captain's name and a contact phone number in the Uley Village Shop

If you have any queries please contact friendsofstgilesuley@outlook.com

Raising funds to contribute to the preservation of St Giles Church



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CHILDRENS ROBOT REG PHONICS WORKSHOP



£10 PER CHILD
INCLUDES
REFRESHMENTS
FOR ADULTS
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FRIDAY
30TH AUGUST
10:30 -12:00
COALEY VILLAGE
HALL

FOR CHILDREN
AGED 18 MTH - 5 YRS
ADVANCE BOOKING
REQUIRED

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SATURDAY
17TH AUGUST
10:30 -12:00
COALEY VILLAGE
HALL

FOR CHILDREN
AGED 4-8
ADVANCE BOOKING
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NURTURE NATURE

Having survived a miserable and inhospitable spring our garden birds especially are having a hard time. A blackbird built a beautiful nest in early spring only to abandon it due to the unfavourable weather. She has since rebuilt, and she and her cock bird have managed to get a small brood through to fledgling stage having survived the increasing number of hazards and predators, the latter being corvids, grey squirrels, cats and the local marauding sparrowhawk. The only other birds in our garden are dunnocks, a robin or two (not our usual resident robins of over several years that probably didn't survive the very cold conditions in December) and a wren plus the occasional tit. Over wintering blackcaps were few, and other winter migrants were scarce too where traditionally one saw redwings, fieldfares, and Bewick swans at WWT sites. As more land is developed with housing, industry and solar panels. We are losing acres of traditional farm land where birds feed so the corvids are turning to residential gardens and feeding stations for food and thus depriving the native small birds of their regular sources. It is now a common site to see a dozen or so rooks taking off when one draws back the curtains in the morning. Rooks especially are very crafty at getting food from the most sophisticated of feeders with their hammer drill beaks. As for summer visitors – the writer's family have yet to see a single hirondine, though swifts were reported to have arrived early in Yorkshire - who has seen any, or heard

a chiff chaff in their usual haunts? Other warbler species too are fewer, and who has heard a cuckoo? Worldwide the picture is bleaker in some areas – the South African penguin is nearing extinction as its habitat is destroyed by human activity, pollution, over fishing and increasing shipping activity. One good piece of news for the Yorkshire coast is the recovery of puffin and kittiwake numbers due to the banning of sand eel extraction. 2023 was the hottest year since modern records began, as hot as the temperature 2,000 years ago. How do the scientists know this? By counting and measuring the growth rings in the trunks of ancient tree species which provide information about the climate at the time. By the way, who's seen a bat this year so far? We haven't, and always have in previous years. So changing climate patterns are predicted to have ever more negative effects on Planet Earth. Anyone who is lucky enough to hear a nightingale, please post the info on your local Facebook and inform your county website. Finally, who's seen or heard the large maybug, the noisy cockchafer, barging its way towards lights and scaring young children? They are quite harmless, although the Asian Hornet is not, as described in this column last year. Should you see any, you should report this to DEFRA. Otis Tarda

USEFUL CONTACTS

Parish Councillors	Martin Pearcy	890818
	Caroline Eardley	890139
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	Penny Wait	860191
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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
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