





# Conley Harish Aemsletter



# EASTER AT COALEY **COMMUNITY SHOP**

CoSPA (Coaley Shop and Post Office Association)is the Our Easter opening times are organisation that runs the Community Shop. If you would like to join, the membership fee is a one-off payment of £10 for which you will receive a set of discount vouchers worth £22 over a full year. Just ask in the shop. Unfortunately we were not permitted to have a Post Office but we sell stamps including those for large letters.

With Spring coming I am sure the keen gardeners of Coaley are planting their flowers and vegetables. We are happy to sell your surplus crops and plants, either as adonation or as "Crop for the Shop" where the shop takes 10%. We hope to be able to display them on our new deck which will hopefully be completed soon after

Good Friday April 14th Saturday April 15th Easter Sunday April 16th Easter Monday April 17th

8am to 12 noon 8.30am to 12 noon 9am to 12 noon 10am to 12 noon

Thanks to all our customers for their support during the last financial year, and thanks to the many volunteers without whom thert shop would not run at all.

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## Would you appreciate some gardening assistance?

My skills range from weeding and grass cutting to shrub pruning and cutting small hedges. Please ring to discuss how I may help on 01453 543551

Isobel Gamman 1 Quarry Gardens, Cam, Dursley, Glos GL11 6HN



Open Garden Thurs 22nd June 2017 11am-8pm to celebrate British Flowers Week



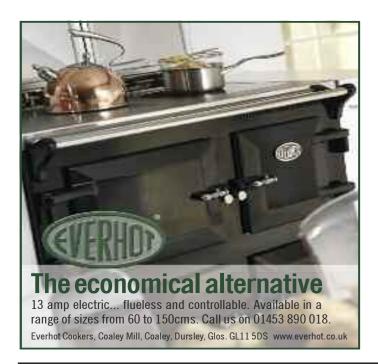














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#### USEFUL 'PHONE NUMBERS & INFORMATION

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Parish Councillors:	John Burgess       .07917 785525         Stephen Cook       .860504         John Hobson       .07715 558110         Penny Wait       .890191         Ben Bywater       .07909 545303					
Parish Clerk:	Lynn Thornton					
Village Agent:	Penny French	pennyf@villageagent.grcc.org.uk				
Vicar:	Revd Sue Greatorex					
Village Hall:	Lesley Chalmers890788					
Needing a lift to Coaley Church?						
Co-ordinator	Isobel Farmer					
Tree Warden:	Stephen Cook					
ST Emergency Water & Sewage Centre (24hr)						
Gas Emergency Leaks etc [24 hour]						
Electricity Loss of Supply [24 hour]						
Street Lights – lightout@gloscc.gov.uk						
Snow Warden	Jonathan Leigh01453 860665/07767660296	jonathan@bigeventcatering.co.uk				
Village Link						
County Travel Line 24-hours	01452 425543					
Crimestoppers						
Neighbourhood Watch	Ken Wibberley					
Community Shop	01453 899000					
Police	101					

Parish Council meetings are normally on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm and all residents are invited to attend.

#### Please let us have your contributions for the next issue by Friday 26 May 2017

To Lynn Thornton Mill House, Stancombe, Dursley GL11 6AY Telephone: 01453 545880 Email newsletter@coaleypc.org.uk www.coaleypc.org.uk

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# What's On

#### The Friends of Coaley School's Music Festival

### Saturday 17th June

Coaley School Field 5.00-10.00pm



Tickets: £6 adults/ £3 children Available from late April: Coaley Village Shop, or email: coaleyfest@gmail.com

Any bands/singers who would like to perform please email.

## THE EASTER JOUST

**SUDELEY CASTLE** 

The rumours are true! Jousting returns to Sudeley this Easter Sunday!



10am – 4pm – Meet & Greet the Royal Party & Knights 11:30am & 2:30pm - Joust Performances (30 minutes each) www.sudeleycastle.co.uk

# Open Garden

Thursday 22nd June 2017 11am-8pm to celebrate **British Flowers Week** 

All welcome, entry free. Light refreshments available; donations to charity

Fiona Porter, Withywind, Ham Lane, Coaley, GL11 5AS **☎** 07967 416799

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With the days gradually growing longer, and the beautiful spring flowers appearing in our parks and gardens, we could be forgiven for thinking that all's right with the world. Sadly, however, there are still people around who would seek to alter that optimistic view by taking advantage of us in one way or another.

I have been alerted to one such scam that somebody recently experienced in the local area. I will tell you about it because the more we know about such things the more likely it will be that we will recognise if a scammer comes our way. This particular scam applies to people who have a computer. The individual in question received a phone call. The caller said that they were calling from BT and that the householder's router would be out of order for three weeks. The caller then asked for the individual to turn their computer on. Luckily the individual guessed that something wasn't right and so ended the call. They then phoned up BT who confirmed that the information they had been given was untrue and that it wasn't them who had made the phone call.

I phoned Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 and gave them the details of the attempted scam which they then forwarded to the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau for further investigation. The lady I spoke to suggested that a call to the TPS (Telephone Preference Service) may help to stop similar fraudulent calls in the future. The TPS number is 0845 070 0707 or online www.tpsonline.org.uk. She also told me that Tesco and Argos stock cold call blocking handsets, as do most telephone providers. These cost approximately £20.00p. As well as the Action Fraud phone line here is a website that gives useful information, including a link to support and prevention: www.actionfraud.police.uk

## Do you need a little help at home?

It's nice to be independent but sometimes, ironically, the only way to retain that independence is by recognising the fact that we need a little bit of help, just now and again, from others. Sometimes, when I visit people, they ask me about getting help at home. Often they aren't sure of how exactly to go about getting it, or to what help they may actually be entitled. There is a wide range of different types of help available and a person might actually be legally entitled to services which meet their needs. Services available to help people stay in their own home include: help getting in and out of bed, bathing and washing, preparing meals, cleaning, the fitting of equipment and adaptations to a home to help with day to day activities, or assistance in visiting a local day centre. These are usually set up by the local County Council's Adult help Desk. To begin a Care Assessment is made; this would usually take place at the individual's own home by an occupational therapist or social worker, whereupon a Care Plan is drawn up. There is no charge for this Care Assessment. The assessment would very much reflect the individual needs and wishes of the person concerned. There could be a charge for the services provided but, before charging for any services rendered, the council would means test how much the person in question could afford to pay, any amount arrived at still leaving a reasonable level of income. The Adult Help Desk relating to such matters can be contacted on 01452 426868. Age.UK also has a leaflet available that explains things in more detail. It is called Getting Help at Home and can be obtained from Age.UK on 0800 169 65 65. In some cases a person may just want occasional help with cleaning or gardening and there are many ways of setting this up too. If contacted I am often able to help in finding this sort of informal help.

Penny French. Mobile: 07776 245 726. Email: pennyf@villageagent.grcc.org.uk

# **Dates for your diary**

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١	DATE	EVENT	VENUE	TIME	CONTACT
	1st April	Caribbean Evening		7.20	Maggie Lewis 890437
	5th April	with Panache Steel Band Lent Lunch	Coaley Village Hall Village Hall	7.30pm 12.30pm	Yvonne Billet 890559
١	8th April	Litter Pick	Meet at Village Hall	11am	Lynn Thornton 545880
١	14th April	Famine Lunch	Village Hall		
١	19th April	Visit by Alison, from Vale Vets	Village Hall		Maureen Wibberley 890449
١	26th April	Spring Rally Group "Henry VIII"			Maureen Wibberley 890449
١	16th May	Annual Parish Meeting	Jubilee Room	7.30pm	Lynn Thornton 545880
١	9th June	Pantomime Casting Session (adults)	Jubilee Room	7.30pm	Paul Day 01453 544158
١	11th June	Pantomime Casting Session (under 14's)	Jubilee Room	10.00am	Paul Day 01453 544158
١	17th June	Coaley Fest	Coaley School	5-10pm	Shop or email:
	18th June	Garden's Cup			coaleyfest@gmail.com www.coaleyproduceshow.org.uk
	22nd June	British Flowers Open Gardens	Withywind, Ham Lane	10am-8pm	Fiona 07967 416799
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#### **COALEY WOMENS INSTITUTE**

After all the cooking and excitement of Christmas, and a fun auction in January, members were more than happy to sit back and enjoy watching someone else do the work at our February meeting.

Jonty Leigh, a resident of Coaley, had been booked to tell us about, and share secrets of his "Big Event Catering" business. Not knowing quite what that would entail, we thought he would be demonstrating dishes for 100/200 guests, giving hints and tips along the way. No-one imagined that he regularly catered for really big events of up to 5000 people, including Future Events include National Golf tournaments; Rugby Gala Events; the Ark Royal R.N. Aircraft Carrier and a contract with Longleat.

He demonstrated the very latest methods and appliances used to produce the type of delicacies served at a Royal Banquet, and we were treated to a • continuous stream of tasters throughout.

The quarterly competition for sausage rolls was well supported, and created much interest and friendly competition as members tried to guess which had home-made pastry, and which had ready-made pastry. All agreed it really was almost impossible to tell, but Jonty decided the winning entry was Isobel Farmers, details. with Pat Grimwood's in second place.



- The County Quiz on March 29th.
- A day out to the W. I's own Denman College, with a 3 course lunch and cookery demonstration
- Spring Group Rally on 26th April, when "Henry VIII". Visitors must be booked in advance.
- The March Meeting's speaker will be Alexandra Stanbrook, showing us her collection of Hilarious
- On April 19th we have a visit from Alison, a Vet with Vale Vets.

Visitors and new members are always welcome at the monthly meetings, ring 890346 or 890449 for more

Maureen Wibberley



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#### **COALEY PARISH NEWS**

# Internet Connectivity ....

We have received 36 responses to the internet speed survey. information about provision down to specific address level in Everyone who responded get's a service which is poor by May and this information will be available by using their modern standards but is about all that can be expected due to the distance to the exchange. There are a couple of houses that get much slower speeds than expected where we can assume there is a fault, either in the house or the local telephone wiring. We have let these people know. It's also clear that some people mistake poor wireless network speeds for poor internet connectivity. If you get better speeds when your computer of other device is next to your router than you do when elsewhere in your house, then the problem is with your wireless network. Old houses with their thick walls are particularly difficult. A wired connection, if your device has the facility, is always better.

In the last newsletter we said that Fastershire (a partnership between Gloucestershire County Council and Herefordshire Council to bring faster broadband to the two counties) were due to award a contract for phase two of the fibre roll-out in January. This has been delayed and they now tell us that they are due to sign the contract this month. They will announce

website address checker at www.fastershire.com.

#### Parish council website and email updates

The parish council website has had a revamp. It has a new responsive' design which means it displays well on all evices from a smart phone to a desktop PC. A new feature on the site is a facility to provide email updates for urgent news and other things that will be out of date by the time the next newsletter is delivered. Please sign up at www.coaleypc.org.uk. You will receive an email for you to confirm that you want to sign up and of course you can unsubscribe at any time.

#### Litter Pick

A litter pick will take place on Saturday 8th April, meet at the village hall at 11am. The councillors would like to litter pick all the way through the village, so as many volunteers as possible would be appreciated.

Contact the clerk on lynnthornton01@gmail.com

## **Annual Parish** Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting of the parish council will take place on Tuesday 16th May, 7.30pm in the Jubilee Room of the village hall.

Tea and coffee will be served from 7.15pm

## **Footpaths**

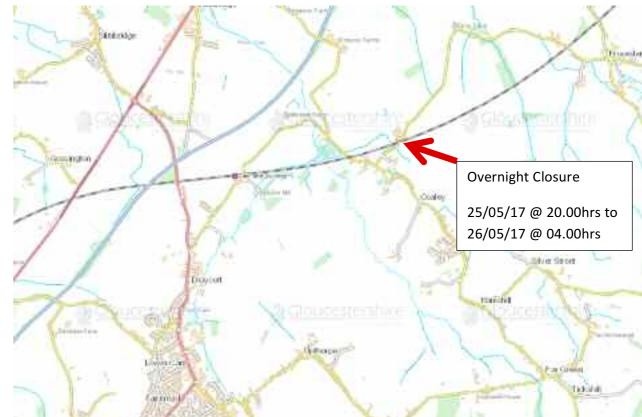
The parish council actively walks and reports any issues with the footpaths in the village, should you come across any issues including trees down, paths blocked.

> Please report to the clerk at lynnthornton01@gmail.com



#### **COALEY PARISH NEWS**





#### Overnight Closures TTRO 2533 The Street Coaley and TTRO 2534 Peters Street Coaley Date: 21 February 2017 12:17:02 GMT

Please be advised of the following two overnight closures: 1. The Street Coaley- Closed at the rail bridge (see attached plan) from 20.00hrs on 24th May 2017 to 04.00hrs on 25th May 2017 2. Peters Street, Coaley - Closed at the rail bridge (see attached plan) from 20.00hrs on 25th May 2017 to 04.00hrs on 26th May 2017

These closures are to allow for works to the rail bridges by contractors working on behalf of Network Rail.

If you require any further information regarding these closures please contact the office on 08000 514514

> Caroline Cogram Gloucestershire County Council Roadspace Co-ordinator (Stroud District)

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### CADS PANTOMIME 2017 CASTING SESSIONS

Following our recent AGM and preliminary planning meeting, preparations are now under way for this year's pantomime. Yet again, it was great to welcome new faces at this meeting and there was much enthusiasm to get the ball rolling. The earlier we start, the more time there is for the many tasks involved and the director, Paul Day, is already ploughing through potential scripts, (title to be confirmed in the next edition of the newsletter).

The first meetings will be early in June (see below), when very informal casting sessions will take place. This involves introducing sections of the script and allocating parts to both principals and chorus. The first of these sessions will also be an opportunity for behind-the-scenes co-ordination to begin, so if you don't fancy appearing on stage, but wish to be involved behind it, (scenery, props, costumes, make up, etc) please come along on Friday 9th June.

Rehearsals take place three times a week, (Monday evening, Friday evening and Sunday morning) from the beginning of September. Children will not be required to attend the Monday evening sessions.

The main aims of staging the pantomime are to have fun and raise a substantial amount of funds for the Village Hall Restoration Project. The emphasis within CADS has always been on having fun. Anybody aged 7years and over can join in and there is a wealth of talent in and around our village. New recruits are made to feel welcome and quickly become part of a very supportive team. As it is VERY much a team effort, there has to be a certain amount of commitment and it is important that both

cast and crew attend as many rehearsals as possible, so please check that you will be available for rehearsals and performances before committing to taking part. Helping or taking part in some small way is just as important as taking a major role onstage, so if you have never been involved before and would like to have a go, or would simply like to know more, please come along and see what CADS is all about.

More information can be obtained from Paul Day on 01453 544158.

So check your diaries and your availability between September and December and we hope to see you there!

## Dates for your diary:

Casting sessions:

Friday 9th June at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Room – Adults (14 & over) + Backstage volunteers

Sunday 11th June at 10am in the Jubilee Room – Children aged between 7 & 13.

Performances: Thursday 30th November Friday 1st December Saturday 2nd December (matinee and evening)



## Let's play tennis!

# Fancy a game now the weather is warming up?

Wondering how to find out who else in the village wants to play?

Interested in some adult coaching? Or for the kids? So am I! All of the above!

Drop me an email or call and we'll take it from there. Perhaps if there are lots of people then we start a ladder. Or maybe we just establish a regular time each week and hope at least someone else turns up. Any other bright ideas, please share.

We're so lucky to have our own courts. Let's make the most of them.

Contact me on benbywater@gmail.com or 07909 545 303

## Coaley Produce Show 2017

The arts and crafts classes this year are:

A knitted/crotcheted toy animal – may be donated to Family Haven Project so please make safe for under 3's.

A placemat, any medium.

An apron

A string of bunting, minimum 6. A wood carving.

A birdfeeder

A block print picture (using wood, leaves, potatoes etc to make print) Wildlife (any medium).

Still life in oil.

A garden ornament (any medium) "Pink", (any subject, any medium except photography).

A Limerick "A gardener in Coaley once grew......"

And the photography classes are: A picture suitable for a Christmas card (no plans to make them into cards!)

Doorways. A farm animal

A rarm animal A vegetable picture

A picture for a Coaley Calendar

### Garden's Cup 2017

The subject for the Garden's Cup this year is "My Roses".

Judging is on Sunday 18th June and is very friendly, informal and helpful.

Entry forms will be available in the shop and on the produce show website at www.coaleyproduceshow.org.uk.

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