

# Coaley Parish

# NEWSLETTER

Issue no 103

December 2018 / January 2019

**Recreation Ground Forum**

**Coaley Calendar**

**Old Fox Reopens**

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE	CONTACT
Dec 2nd	Church Christmas Bazaar		Hall	
Dec 2nd	Pilates/Badminton /Brownies/Guides		Hall	
Dec 6th	Knitting Group	3.00 pm	17 Betworthy	Barbara Davis 890679
Dec 7th	FOCS Christmas Fayre	3.15 pm	School	
Dec 8th	Film Night		Hall	
Dec 9th	Flower Arranging Workshop		Hall	
	Words and Music for a Winter Afternoon	3.00 pm	Church	
Dec 10th	Whist	2.00 pm	Hall	Barbara Davis
Dec 16th	Messy Church	10.00 am	Church	
Dec 16th	Carols by Candlelight	4.00 pm	Church	
Dec 18th	Lunch Club			
Dec 20th	V. Hall Committee mtg.		Hall	
Dec 24th	Crib Service	3.00 pm	Church	
	Christmas Communion	10.30 pm		
Dec 25th	Christmas Communion	9.15 am	Church	
Jan 3rd	Knitting	3.00 pm	8 The Close	
Jan 8th	Friendship Group		Hall	
Jan 14th	Whist	2.00 pm	Hall	
Jan 20th	Third Harmony Recorder trio	3.00 pm	Church	
Dec 19th	WI Christmas meal	7.30 pm	Hall	
Jan 23rd	WI Auction and social evening	7.30 pm	Hall	
Feb 2nd	Quiz Night	7.30 pm	Hall	
Feb 6th	Wives fellowship	7.30 pm	Jubilee Room	
Feb 7th	Knitting	3.00 pm	7 The Close	

## REGULAR HALL EVENTS

Pilates is Monday 9.30am - 11.30am, Wednesday 9.30 - 10.30am. Thursday 7.00 - 9.00 pm - term time only.

Badminton is every Monday 12.00 - 1.00 pm  
and every Friday 9.30 am - 10.30 am ( only for U3A members)

Brownies (term time only) . Monday 5.30 - 7.00 pm

Guides (term time only) 7.00 - 8.30pm

Taekwondo every Tuesday 6.30 - 8.00 pm

Film Night September - March only. Second Saturday in the month. 7.00 pm onwards

Whist - 2nd Monday of the month 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Lunch Club 4th Tuesday in the month at 12.30 pm

Friendship Group - Every second Tuesday in the month 2.30 - 4.00 pm

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

THE JANUARY 2019 MEETING WILL BE ON JAN 8th.

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

Wednesday 16th January 2019.

email: [newsletter@coaleypc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@coaleypc.org.uk)

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

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

This issue edited by Stephen Cook.

Cover picture: Winter sunshine.

# VILLAGE NEWS

## REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES

In Coaley Remembrance Day on the 100th anniversary of the end of the first world war was marked by strings of poppies around the centre of the village. This included a 100 in poppies on the fence and single poppies on the Church gates.

Many thanks to all who knitted or crocheted poppies and helped to put them up.



# WI

Our September meeting started with congratulations for those WI members who had been successful in the Coaley produce show and thanked those who baked cakes for the WI Tea room.

Our speaker Ian Caskie told us all about the SS Great Britain. Members have paid a visit to this previously but it was great to be able to hear about this legendary ship and its creator Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We heard about the new museum and Ian's enthusiasm for his subject encouraged members to visit again soon.

Along with other villagers, members have been busy knitting and crocheting poppies which were displayed around the village for Remembrance day.

October's speaker talked about the Pantanal wetlands in Brazil. This is the worlds largest wetland and is home to thousands of exotic species of birds and reptiles.

November is the AGM where the committee discuss this years business and plans for next year as well as voting on the committee and roles. We also have Jenny Fryer giving us advice and hints on photography.

Gloucestershire WI have been asked for knitted garments for babies from newborn to 18 months old for Eastwood park mother and baby unit. Donations can be handed in to WI members.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. We meet in the village hall on the third Wednesday of the month at 19.30.

Facebook – coaleywi  
Email – coaleywi@hotmail.com

## CALLING YOUNG PEOPLE IN COALEY

We need to increase the entries and participation of young people in the annual Coaley Produce Show and would like to hear what young people think might do this.

Young people 11 to 16 years living in Coaley can enter things they have made, grown, cooked, baked, carved, photographed or written into any of the show classes.

There are also three classes which are specifically for young people 11 to 15 years that we change each year to vary the things young people can enter to keep up to date.

The participation of young people in the show has declined and we would like to have your ideas and suggestions of what you would like to do to include in the show next year.

What do you think? Please email your ideas to Les Compton at [lscmptn@btinternet.com](mailto:lscmptn@btinternet.com) by 11 January 19 with your name and age so we can improve the show for you next year.

# SCHOOL REPORT

Life at Coaley C of E Academy continues to move with passion and pace. This term, we have packed in an enormous amount, and looking towards 2019 we see no reason to slow down.

In the last two months we have hosted two very successful Open Mornings. If you have not been able to attend and are interested in securing a place for your child at our school, please get in touch with our office and arrange to pop in and see us. Visitors are always welcome.

Having had the privilege and opportunity to rewrite our vision with the help of all stakeholders, we are now all proudly living it... We Are Coaley, We Believe, We Respect, We Belong. The children have led the learning across two Vision days where we have explored and developed how we will demonstrate our vision. Our six core Christian values underpin all we do to ensure that we are always living our vision.

We have recently employed a Forest School Leader to work with the children one afternoon a week accessing the curriculum through a hands on, practical and environmentally aware approach. By the end of the year, all children will have spent time learning in this way.

The introduction of a school parliament as further developed our links with charitable organisations. In particular, they have been instrumental in

ensuring all pupils have an understanding of how challenging life is for those less fortunate than themselves. So far this academic year, the children have donated to for MacMillan Cancer Trust, British Legion, BBC Children in Need and the local Food Bank. We are grateful to all our families for their continued support of these worthwhile organisations.

At the moment, we are fully immersed in all things Christmas, a truly magical time of the year. Coaley C of E Primary Academy would like to wish all of our local community a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

If you would like to find out more about us, please visit our website – [www.coaleyschool.org.uk](http://www.coaleyschool.org.uk) or Call us 01453 890358 to arrange a visit.



## WHIST

Whist continues on the second Monday of the month at 2pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome and beginners will be taught how to play. Proceeds go to the Village Hall. Each session costs £5 which includes refreshments and a raffle ticket. No booking required. Just turn up for a fun afternoon.

## KNITTING GROUP

The group meets on the first Thursday of the month. Instruction can be given in learning to knit or crochet. The group meets once a month in each other's houses. There is a chance to natter have a hot drink and cake/biscuit and knit or crochet. your own work or make blankets and children's garments for the Haven in Gloucester. A small donation is requested to buy wool for projects.

## WIVES FELLOWSHIP

December's meeting is a meal at the Tudor Arm's. There is no meeting in January and the group starts again in February with a social evening in which members are asked to bring a charity shop find.

## QUIZ NIGHT

The annual Quiz Night in aid of Village Hall funds is on Saturday 2nd February. The cost is £10 to include a chilli supper. Marlon Zoglowek will be the quiz Master.

Details for any of these events from Barbara Davis 890679  
barbara4119@gmail.com

## LENT LUNCHESES

Lent lunches will begin on Wednesday March 13th and be held each Wednesday in Lent till April 10th. There will be a Famine Lunch on April 19th, Good Friday. All these are in the Hall from 12.30pm. More details in the New Year.

## COLLECTING YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE – FOR CHARITY!

Have your tree collected and recycled, just after Twelfth Night, and help a highly valued local charity.

Longfield will collect the tree from your home between January 10th and 14th and recycle it for you, in return for a donation. All you need to do is register before 6.00pm on Sunday January 6th and make your donation, online or by phone.

The money raised will help to pay for Longfield's Hospice at Home nurses. They provide specialist support, day and night, on every day of the year (including Christmas Day !) and the service is completely free of charge. So please be generous in donating to Longfield this Christmas and support people in your community, when they need it most.

For more information or to register go to <https://www.longfield.org.uk/event/christmas-tree-recycling> or ring 01453 886868 (option 1).

# COALEY CALENDAR

Coaley Produce show have created our fourth Coaley Calendar with beautiful photos of our local area, photographed by talented village residents. It is on sale at the shop, and at the Christmas Bazaar. £6 for one, two for £10. Envelopes for posting to friends and family are also available.

This year any profits will be used for our illuminated Christmas tree on the recreation ground. We hope everyone enjoys our display. Thank you to Jo Attwooll for the kind donation of the tree.

It would be great to get everyone taking photos throughout the year to give us a good selection for next time.

St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley

## Christmas Bazaar

Sunday 2nd December  
2.30-5pm  
Coaley Village Hall

Christmas Shopping Opportunity!  
Lots of Stalls! Tombola & Raffle!  
Cream Teas & Festive Treats!



Come & meet Father Christmas  
Admission free





## COALEY SHOP CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Monday	December 24th Christmas Eve	8am to 12noon 3pm to 6pm.
Tuesday	December 25th Christmas Day	CLOSED
Wednesday	December 26th Boxing Day	10am to 12 noon.
Thursday	December 27th	8am to 12 noon.
Friday	December 28th	8am to 12 noon.
Saturday	December 29th	8.30 to 12 noon.
Sunday	December 30th	9am to 12 noon.
Monday	December 31st New Year's Eve	8am to 12 noon 3pm to 6pm.

## NEWS FROM COALEY COMMUNITY SHOP

Planning permission for our temporary Portacabin premises comes to an end in two years time, so we are thinking hard about the future of the shop.

We believe it is useful to the village. Apart from being the only source of newspapers, our turnover (about £50,000) averages out at £65 worth of small purchases per year for every person in Coaley. This illustrates the extent of the local convenience and the number of longer journeys saved. The shop also offers a vital social hub where our customers meet and volunteers can help to develop the caring community spirit of the village.

Assuming we are going to continue in the longer term, we need a more permanent home. A purpose built bricks and mortar structure such as an extension to the village hall would be very expensive. A modular building, built in a factory and assembled on site could be better value for money. The aim would be a structure that improved rather than detracting from the village landscape.

Big decisions need to be made about planning, location, design, and fundraising. If anyone would like to join the project and help realise our future, please contact Brenda Board (860558 or 07986 348325) or leave your name in the shop.

## THE OLD FOX OPENS

After a comprehensive refurbishment the Old Fox has opened. The new kitchen is almost finished and the pub will have a full food service early in the new year. In the mean time pizza, cooked on-site in a wood fired oven, will be available on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Opening times to start with are:

Monday to Thursday - 5.00 pm until close.

Friday to Sunday - Noon until close.

The pub will be open from noon every day when the full food service starts.

Website: [www.oldfoxatcoaley.co.uk](http://www.oldfoxatcoaley.co.uk)

Facebook: Old Fox at Coaley

Telephone: 01453 890905

*Below: Ellie Sainty at the bar*



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**NOEL**

**St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley  
invites you to join them at Christmas**

**Saturday December 15th  
Messy Church 10am-12 noon**

**Sunday December 16th  
Carols by candlelight 4pm**

**Christmas Eve  
Crib Service 3pm  
Christmas Communion 10.30pm**

**Christmas Day  
Christmas Communion 9.15am**

**Rev. Sue & the churchwardens  
wish you a happy & peaceful Christmas**

**Christmas**



## RECREATION GROUND

Thanks to those dozen or so villagers who shared their ideas and concerns at the recreation ground forum in the Jubilee room on Tuesday 4th. The three thing main areas to recount from the drop-in session are:

1) Participants suggested various good ideas and approaches about about what to do and how:

Equipment suggestions included green gym equipment, a pump track, bike/ board/scooter ramps, covered / multi-weather sandpit, BBQ space, seasonal variation / themes e.g. deck-chairs and mini-beach in the summer

Principles that came thought were to ensure facilities were 'inclusive' where possible (i.e can be used by all abilities and disabilities), creating more challenging options for our older children / teenagers, considering the needs of our pets, and creating a more attractive / less flat and featureless space

2) Participants identified a need to ensure that recreation plans and thinking was 'joined up' with the village hall, the shop and the play area in the close.

There was a need for a vision that we were all working towards.

For instance, a key question that came up was whether to retain, reduce, or lose the football pitch. If there is a desire to re-establish Coaley FC or

host competitive teams, then this would be an important constraint to our thinking. And hosting football teams depends on our ability to provide changing / showering facilities and this depends on the village hall plans / capacity. Or perhaps the new shop build. And if village football on a full sized pitch is a possibility we wish to retain for now, then any change to the recreation ground might need to be lighter / more reversible than it would be otherwise. In short, we need a shared vision with village buy-in so that we can plan accordingly.

It was suggested there could be a recreation space committee of some kind with representation from the parish council, the shop, the village and the close. If anyone is interested in getting involved in this please contact Lynn on [clerk@coaleypc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@coaleypc.org.uk).

3) We didn't hear enough from the younger generation.

Despite the school including the meeting in their newsletter, and the parish council publishing posters around the village and on the Facebook page, the mean, mode and median average age of the group was about 60! It may have been a tricky time for parents and families but feedback elsewhere was also minimal (one email from a parent and one Facebook comment).

The parish council have agreed to consult the school on how best to engage children and ensure we understand their needs.

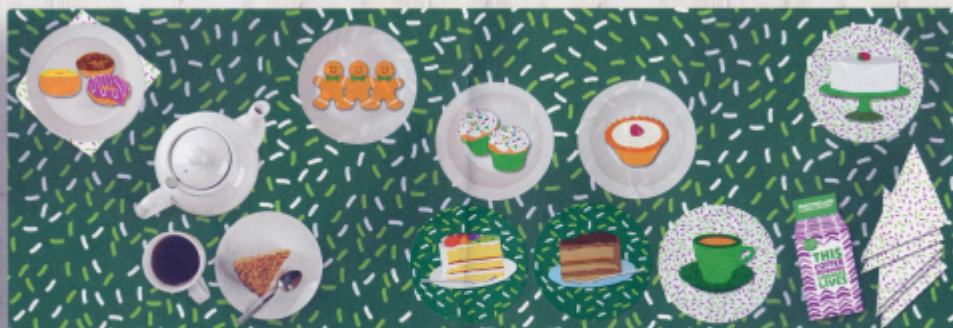
## IT'S PANTO TIME!

It seems like only yesterday that we were thinking about searching for a script for this year's panto and organising casting sessions and rehearsals. The time has really flown by and all the hard work has been done. At the time of writing, we now have only 10 days left for final preparations to be made (and panic-mode to set in) and by the time you read this, the panto may have already taken place. If so, we hope you enjoyed the show!

As always, the cast and crew have had a lot of fun during rehearsals. The younger members of the cast have been particularly amazing this year. Some of the "older" regular members have been unable to take part, giving the youngsters the opportunity to step into larger roles and in some cases, take centre stage. Their enthusiasm and energy have been a great example to us all!

A full report on The Emperor's New Clothes will follow in the next newsletter.

## THANK YOU TO EVERYONE AT Our Coffee Morning



We hosted our Coffee Morning our way by buying, baking, serving up and sharing a delicious spread – and our fantastic team effort raised an amazing

**£515.00**

Every single item on our table, and every one of you who poured a drink, cut a piece of cake, plated up a tasty selection or dropped some dosh in the coin box has helped change lives.

WORLD'S BIGGEST  
**COFFEE  
MORNING**  
MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261911), Scotland (SC039997) and the Isle of Man (804). Also operating in Northern Ireland.

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## PHONE BOX

Many thanks to Laurence Bryant and Ron Plumb for their hard work restoring the phone box. We can assure you that it is now perfectly vertical.

We had very few responses to our request for ideas for its use but one suggestion is to use it as an information point. We'll work on that.

Other frivolous suggestions include a shower cubicle (sorry, no drains) and a nightclub. The most radical was to install a phone in it.

*What a difference!*



**St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley**

**Words and Music  
for a Winter Afternoon**

**A light hearted entertainment  
with seasonal readings and music  
followed by mulled wine, mince pies  
(and the famous tea & cake)  
and a chance to chat.**

**Sunday 9th December**

**3pm**

**Admission free**

## RECYCLING CENTRE CLOSURE

From Monday 3 to Friday 21 December, Hempsted Household Recycling Centre, near Gloucester, will be temporarily closed to allow some important upgrades to the site. This work follows a similar upgrade completed at Pyke Quarry HRC, near Stroud last summer.

The information on this closure will be posted online in the next couple of days at [www.recycleforgloucestershire.com](http://www.recycleforgloucestershire.com)

Please remember that recycling centres are closed one day a week. Pike Quarry is closed on Wednesday, Hempstead is closed on Thursday.

## ROAD CLOSURE IN NYMPFIELD

A blanket temporary traffic order has been made for resurfacing works on Bath Road and Crawley Hill, Nympsfield between the dates of 25th January 2019 and 31st March 2019.

This is a short section of the B4066 main road at the crossroads at the top of Frocester Hill and two sections of the road from that junction through Cockadilly. Maps are on the parish website.

The work is planned to take place from 12th February 2019 to 25th February 2019 on a rolling programme. Any date changes will be advertised by advance warning signs on site.

If you require any further information regarding this closure please contact Gloucestershire County Council on 08000 514514.



St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley

# Music & Cake

featuring

## Third Harmony

### Recorder Trio

Sunday 20th January

3pm

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

All Welcome

### LETTER

A big thank you to everyone involved in resurrecting the newsletter. I think the new A5 format works really well and the content was well presented, varied and interesting. For many in the village, the newsletter is a vital source of information and it is great to have it back.

Long may it continue.

From a grateful Coaley resident  
*name supplied*

## USEFUL CONTACTS

Parish Councillors	Stephen Cook	860504
	Martin Percy	890818
	John Burgess	07917 785525
	Ben Bywater	07909 545303
	Gemma Carter	860754
	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	Lorraine Patrick Lorraine.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 jonathan@bigeventcatering.co.uk	860665 07767 660296
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)		08000 328 1111
Street Lights	lightout@gloscc.gov.uk	08000 514514
Community Wellbeing Service (was Village Agent)	communitywellbeing.stroud@nhs.net	0345 8638323