

Coaley Parish NEWSLETTER

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Panto Review Ringing Remembers
Coaleyfest Quiz Night

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE	CONTACT
Feb 2nd	Quiz Night	7pm	Hall	Barbara Davis 890679
Feb 6th	Wives Fellowship	7.30pm	Jubilee Room	"
Feb 7th	Knitting Group	3pm	7 The Close	"
Feb 11th	Whist	2pm	Hall	"
Mar 6th	Wives Fellowship	7.30pm	Jubilee Room	"
Mar 7th	Knitting Group	3pm	Harvest House	"
Mar 11th	Whist	2pm	Hall	"
Mar 13th	Lent Lunch	12.30pm	Hall	Maggie Lewis
Mar 20th	Lent Lunch	12.30pm	Hall	"
Mar 25th	CADS AGM and Panto planning	7.30pm	Jubilee room	
Mar 27th	Lent Lunch	12.30pm	Hall	"
May 5th	Plant swap & sale	2.00pm	Hall	
May 31st	Flower Festival / FOCC 25th Anniversary Celebrations Preview Evening - Ticketed Event	7.30 pm	Church	Sarah Randall
June 1st	Flower Festival	11.00 am	Church	
June 2nd	Flower Festival	11.00am	Church	
June 15th	Coaleyst		School field	
June 19th	Garden cup (ponds and water features) entry day			
June 23rd	Garden Cup judging			

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.

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

Saturday 16th March 2019.

email: newsletter@coaleypc.org.uk

web: www.coaleypc.org.uk

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

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Cover picture: Steve Birkbeck as the Emperor in the CADS Panto.

VILLAGE NEWS

RINGING FOR THE CENTENARY OF THE WWI ARMISTICE

Ringling Remembers was the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers' campaign to mark the Armistice Centenary which was officially endorsed and sponsored by HM Government. In line with the recommendations on Sunday, 11th November the Coaley bell ringers rang half-muffled for the 9-15 service. To ring half-muffled a leather pad is attached to one side of the bell clapper and these had been attached on Saturday afternoon. Following the service ringing the muffles were removed so that open ringing could commence at precisely 12:30pm – aligning with the published agenda for processions and marches in celebration of peace.

Ringling Remembers also focused on recruiting 1,400 new ringers to ring for the Armistice Centenary, in honour of the 1,400 known ringers to have been lost in WWI. At Coaley three bell ringers lost their lives in the conflict. We have failed to recruit replacements for those three, but have achieved some success. Charlotte Griffiths was encouraged by the recruitment campaign and has learnt to ring. In addition Anthony Eve has returned to the 'fold' and re-joined the tower ringers. Anthony rang many years ago prior to embarking on a career in the

RAF. He quickly demonstrated that having once learnt to ring it is easy to re-start.

Related to these Centenary events is the charity There But Not There whose aims are to Commemorate those who died in WWI; Educate younger generations about the conflict and Heal today's veterans suffering from mental and physical wounds. The charity raises money by the sale of transparent seated military figures and the Coaley bell ringers have purchased three silhouettes and each bears the name of a lost bell ringer: Private Nelson Frank Griffin; Corporal William Charles Pegler and Private Robert Percy Smith. These silhouettes were on display during November and on suitable occasions they will appear in the church as a reminder of their sacrifice in WWI.

Whilst Coaley bell ringers failed to meet their target of recruiting three new



Above: L to R, Terry Chivers; Anthony Eve; Matt and Sarah Lorkin; Sally Allen; Sarah Smith and Terry Clarke.

ringers we haven't given up and we are looking for new members. We practice on a Wednesday evening from 7:30 and ring for service on a Sunday morning from 8:45. If you are interested in finding out about 'the exercise' come and join us on a Wednesday or talk to any of the ringers.

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

After ten years on the parish council, including five as chairman, Cllr Burgess has stepped down. The council would like to thank him for his sterling service which included expertly handling some difficult and long term problems.

As a result there is now a vacancy which the council can fill by co-option. If anyone has an interest in becoming a councillor please speak to any of the councillors or the clerk.

PLANT SWAP & SALE

Following the success of last years event a plant swap is being organised for 5th May to help people improve their gardens.

As spring approaches and you start to think about your plans for the garden put in a few extra seeds and pot up that plant you divide so that you have a few plants to bring along and swap for new ones to enjoy. Delicious cream teas and cakes will be available by the Coaley WI.

Further details will be available in the next Newsletter and at www.coaleyproduce.org.uk.

COALEYFEST

Coaleyfest is confirmed for 15th June 2019 in the school field. It is the biggest fundraiser for the school and helps to raise much needed funds for school resources. Last year the school was able to purchase 10 iPads, and the children had a trip to the theatre. All this and more was covered by the profits made from Coaleyfest.

We are trying to get the community more involved. We're looking for volunteers to help us manage the stalls.

If you know of any bands that would be willing to perform for the modest fee of a beer and a burger please email us below.

One of the things that makes Coaleyfest such a success is the huge contribution local business make in the form of sponsorship. If you run a local business and are will to make a contribution please let us know.

In addition we are open to any ideas you might have to help us improve the enjoyment of everyone.

For any suggestions, volunteers, bands, or sponsorship please email coaleyfest@gmail.com

We thank you for your continued support in making Coaleyfest a success for the school and the whole of Coaley as a community.

COALEY COMMUNITY SHOP

A very big thank you to all the volunteers who worked in the shop over Christmas and the New Year. It is only your support that enables us to keep the shop open every day throughout the year, apart from Christmas Day itself.

To encourage all the New Year good intentions, (and help with climate change!) we now stocking a range of vegan meals in the freezer to complement the vegetarian ones. We continue to keep a selection of non-dairy milks as well.

Fund raising to replace the shop building has started. Thank you to all who took part in the Window Competition. The winner was No.2, and £138 was raised. It's a start! The next event is a raffle for a luxurious Valentine Basket valued at £50. A perfect gift for Valentine's day. Tickets costing £1 are available from the shop. Future events include a Barn Dance on June 22nd and a quiz in September.

Members of the Working Group are meeting with Planning Officers in mid-January to discuss our building options. In the next Newsletter we should be able to give some details of our options. We are also planning to produce a questionnaire to enable everyone in the village to give their views on the shop and any improved facilities it could provide.

PANTO AGM

With last year's triumphant production still fresh in our memories, it is now time to start planning this year's offering. The first thing that always needs to be done is to have a get together to share ideas and get a feel for how many people are likely to be involved, both onstage and backstage. This is a VERY important part of the planning process, as a script cannot be chosen until a director knows roughly how many actors are intending to take part and it is also vital to know how many wish to help backstage, because a production cannot take place if there is no background support!! This very informal session also gives anyone who is thinking of giving it a try an opportunity to come along and see what it's all about. Yet again, we had new faces involved last year.

Coaley Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS) is all about having fun, working as a team and entertaining sell-out audiences. There are all sorts of ways to become involved in this hugely popular show, not only on the stage but also behind the scenes and front of house. Rehearsals begin in September and new members are always made to feel very welcome. There is a minimum age of 7 years, (with absolutely no upper age limit!) and the emphasis for everyone is always on having a great time with a great team of people. So, whether you are already involved with the pantomime or would like to know more, please come along to the Jubilee Room on Monday 25th March at 7.30pm, when a short AGM will kick

start the planning meeting for Coaley
Pantomime 2019.

Please don't forget: if you wish to be
involved in any way, this is the date by
which you need to express an interest.

If you require further details, please
contact the CADS Chairman, John
Sirett on 860059.

SCHOOL UPDATE

Back in September 2018, Coaley C of
E Primary School enjoyed their first
Vision Day. One element of the day
was gathering the hopes and
aspirations of all our stakeholders –
pupils, parent, staff, governors and Rev
Sue. From this, we have been able to
write our new School Vision:

WE ARE COALEY

We are thankful
Everyone belongs here

And...
Respect and Resilience
Enrich us every day

Celebration and
Openness lie at our heart, so
Always be forgiving, treat others fairly
Listen and
Encourage
Your friends

WE BELIEVE – WE RESPECT – WE BELONG

Since then we have celebrated two
further Vision Days to reflect, consider

and celebrate all that we strive to
achieve, academically, socially and
spiritually during our time at school. We
discuss our Core Christian Values –
Respect, Compassion, Forgiveness,
Courage, Humility and Truth – and how
we might demonstrate them in all that
we do.

Our latest Vision Day was a fantastic
launch for our new term. It was an
opportunity to remember what makes
us special, how we use our values to
support us in work and play and where
our endeavours are taking us.

www.coaleyschool.org.uk

PRODUCE SHOW

Hot off the press here are the classes
for you to work on over the summer.

Arts and Crafts

A knitted baby cardigan for donation.
Knitted or crocheted flowers.
Planter made from recycled materials.
An outdoor Christmas decoration
suitable for the village tree.
A wood carving.
Something made from pompoms.
An item of embroidery.
Flowers (any medium).
The journey (any medium).
An item made using mosaic.
“Neon”, (any subject, any medium
except photography).

Photography

Up & down. Two pictures on a theme.
Fungii.
My bicycle.
A visitor to my garden.

the emperor's new clothes

"The best so far...and I've seen them all."

"Very well cast."

"The youngsters were superb!"

"What a triumph!"

"I literally had face ache from laughing so much."

*"I was in stitches more or less throughout the entire show
...and that was my third viewing!"*

The above are just a few of the wonderful comments made by audience members, following CADS's very successful pantomime back at the beginning of December.

Yet again, Coaley Art Club triumphed with beautifully designed and very colourful backdrops, which set the scenes perfectly. The hard working backstage crew did a sterling job with silent scenery changes and two of them even managed a cameo appearance on stage!! As always, the atmospheric lighting and toe-tapping songs added to the "professional" feel of the whole production.

Quite a few of the "regular" faces were unable to take part this year, giving Director, Gemma Sirett an opportunity to entrust some of the major roles to younger members of the cast. Alistair Smith, in only his fourth panto, took on a lead role (and sang a solo for the first time!) and should be very proud of the way he connected with the audience. Newcomer, Bonnie Denning also gave an excellent performance as the emperor's daughter, and with two solo songs she was also able to showcase her beautiful singing voice.

The comic duo of Stitch and Sew Tayler were portrayed by Lily Clayton and Emily Day. They performed extremely well together and their exchanges were obviously well rehearsed and very funny. Their brother, Taylor Tayler, the Tailor (and hero of the piece) was confidently played by Hannah Daniels and her character endeared himself to the audience from the very start.

There were also two new members in the chorus this year. Mia Griffith and Bella Bywater looked completely relaxed when delivering their lines and were obviously enjoying being part of the team.

In a welcome return to the stage, (after directing last year's panto) Paul Day was clearly having great fun in the role of Babs Cockney, this year's outrageous dame and he/she involved the audience at every opportunity. Having enjoyed the Dame role on several previous occasions, John Sirett was given the chance to practise his evil laugh this year and was suitably sinister in the role of Sir Spicious, relishing in encouraging the audience to boo and hiss. He was assisted in the evil department by Lady Vil, played with delicious malevolence by Emily Smith. Of course, credits would not be complete without mentioning the superb performance of Steve Birkbeck in the title role. He managed to maintain a flamboyant and over the top characterisation the whole time and had the audience in stitches on numerous occasions.

Coaley pantomimes are always presented with obvious enjoyment and enthusiasm and congratulations must go to the entire cast and crew for yet another highly successful venture.

See separate article on how to become involved in this year's production.



The Chorus

*(Molly Bywater,
Bella Bywater,
Bea Smith,
Mia Griffith)*



The Courtiers

*(Noah Birkbeck &
Scarlet Young)*



*Lady Vil, Daisy &
Colin The Cockney
Courtier*

*(Emily Smith,
Bonnie Denning,
Alistair Smith)*



*Sir Spicious &
Taylor Tayler*

*(John Sirett &
Hannah Daniels)*

Stitch and Sew Tayler

*(Lily Clayton, right & Emily
Day)*



Stage Crew

*(Andy Curry, Keri James,
Pete Hatton, Dave Prout,
Ray Fielding)*



*The Emperor (Steve Birkbeck) is nonplussed by his new clothes.
Barbera Cockney (Paul Day) struts her stuff.*



QUIZ NIGHT

COALEY VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 2nd FEBRUARY

7 FOR 7.30PM

£10.00 PER PERSON

**TO INCLUDE CHILLI SUPPER
(Mild or vegetarian pre-ordered)**

BAR

MAX OF 6 PER TEAM

ENTRIES TO

**BARBARA DAVIS – 01453 890679
Barbaradavis4119@gmail.com**

VILLAGE HALL AGM

The Coaley Village Hall AGM was held on 9th October 2018. Tony Eve, the Chairman presented his report.

He mentioned many projects that had been undertaken in the previous 12 months, these included:

Frost protection for the air conditioning system,

Improvements to the emergency fire exits,

Installation of loft fire sensors,

Erection of a large wooden storage room,

Renovations to the lobby floor and area outside the hall entrance.

Thanks were given to Anne Williams the new caretaker and to Gemma Carter the new finance committee member co-opted from the parish council, and to Lesley Chalmers the booking clerk.

Fundraising efforts included lotto, Pantomime "The Emperor's New Clothes" quiz night, whist drives and lunch club. The chairman reminded villagers that priority for parking at the hall needed to be given to paying customers of the hall rather than the general public.

Next years plans include updating the hot water system and installation of a hearing loop (with thanks to Les

Compton for project management). The entrance porch also needs renovating because of subsidence.

The hall funds have benefited greatly from a generous bequest from the estate of Mr David John Billett which will be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the hall.

For bookings go to www.coaleyvillagehall.org.uk or email coaleyvh@gmail.com, we are also on Facebook "coaleyvillagehall".

COTSWOLD CANALS RESTORATION

Although the Stroudwater Navigation doesn't run though the village many people are interested in the restoration.

Stroud District Council has invested £3 million in the restoration of the Stroudwater Canal. The Heritage Lottery Fund recently awarded £842,000 development funding to continue work on the project ahead of an application for a full grant of £9million which will be made later this year. This will see the canal between Stonehouse and Saul Junction restored, and will link the canal to the national inland waterways network for the first time since it was abandoned in 1954.

The project's community engagement programme is running a series of events over the next few months. If you

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By registering today you will receive news and appeals, local crime information and crime prevention advice - directly to you.

Registering with us is completely free.



It will also help your local policing teams better police your neighbourhood.



are interested in getting involved or want to share your views about the canal restoration come along to any of the following events:

Eastington Village Hall, GL10 3AT
Saturday Feb 2nd - 12-4pm

Frampton - Cadbury Hall, GL2 7HG
Saturday Feb 9th - 12-4pm

Stroud – Subscription Rooms, GL5 1AE

Fri March 1st – 12-4pm & Sat 2nd March - 10-4pm

Stonehouse Community Centre, GL10 2NS

Sat March 9th – 2-6pm & Sun 10th March



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Every Friday & Saturday
(6-9pm)

At the old Fox times & dates may vary, Like our facebook page to keep up to date. Collection or eat in, Phone for delivery 07484151812

USEFUL CONTACTS

Parish Councillors	Stephen Cook	860504
	Martin Percy	890818
	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	Loraine Patrick Loraine.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 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)		08000 328 1111
Street Lights		08000 514514
Community Wellbeing Service (was Village Agent)	communitywellbeing.stroud@nhs.net	0345 8638323