

# Coaley Parish

# NEWSLETTER

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**Plant Swap   Parish Assembly**  
**Celebrations Flower festival**

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE	CONTACT
April 3rd	Lent lunch	12.30pm	Hall	
April 3rd	Wives Fellowship	7.30pm	Jubilee Room	Barbara Davis 890679
April 4th	Knitting Group	3.00pm	11, Westend	Barbara Davis 890679
April 8th	Whist	2.00pm	Hall	Barbara Davis 890679
April 10th	lent Lunch	12.30pm	Hall	
April 19th	Famine Lunch	12pm	Hall	
April 27th	Table top sale in aid of the new shop	10am-12	School Hall	Brenda Board
April 30th	Parish Assembly	7.30pm	Jubilee Room	
May 2nd	Knitting	3.00	3, The Street	Barbara Davis 890679
May 5th	Plant swap & sale	2.00pm	Hall	
May 8th	Wives Fellowship	7.30pm	Jubilee Room	Barbara Davis
May 13th	Whist	2pm	Hall	Barbara Davis
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			860558
July 22nd	Barn Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall	Jackie Davis 890596
Dec 7th	Posh Frock Disco Dance	tbc	Village Hall	Jackie Davis

## REGULAR HALL EVENTS

Coaly WI every 3rd Wednesday 7.30 pm

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](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

Saturday 16th May 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)

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Cover picture: Spring lambs

# VILLAGE NEWS

## WI

WI enjoyed a New Year Auction where members brought along regifted items to raise money for our funds and shared a glass of prosecco and nibbles. Our February meeting saw attics ransacked and cellars cleared as we had Stroud auctions giving free evaluations and also they spoke to us about their business and how they are continually building the business to keep ahead in the market including translating sale catalogues into Chinese to tap into the profitable Chinese market. Top Tip - when asked about an old teddy who was moulting, they suggested putting it in a plastic bag in the freezer for 48 hrs to kill any organisms that are causing the problem, this would also work for any smelly items as its the organisms that cause the smell.

Coaley WI have a busy programme including a number of social activities where we hope new members will come along and get to know us and hopefully join our membership.

We look forward to the plant swap on May 5th where we will be providing refreshments and cakes.

March 20th Nothing like a dame  
Mystery celebrity!  
Competition – unusual item of jewellery

April 17th Overland to Hong Kong  
We join Patrick Howell on his incredible journey to Hong Kong by train  
Competition – a favourite holiday photograph

May 1st - Coaley Vale Group social evening with Tony Harris (alias Sherlock & Henry VIII)

May 15th Severn Freewheelers  
Advanced motorcyclists providing voluntary courier service for hospitals in SW. With Bring and Buy stall.

June 19th Social evening - T.B.A.  
Competition – the most enjoyable home made pudding as voted for by members

July 17th Reporting and Magic with Steve Knibbs - Popular Radio Gloucester presenter  
Competition - a home made tea cosy

August Summer outing - to be arranged

September 18th  
Social Evening

October 11th to 13th GFWI Centenary exhibition in Gloucester Cathedral

October 16th Star animals with Pam Weaver

November 20th AGM followed by Christmas crafts

December 18th Christmas Party

Any old china? Coaley WI would be grateful of any china cups saucers plates and especially any teapots which can be used for events where refreshments are provided. They don't have to match and all donations are much appreciated.

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

## COALEY COMMUNITY SHOP

The shop now has its own website. Go to [www.coaleycommunityshop.co.uk](http://www.coaleycommunityshop.co.uk) to find information about our stock and opening times. You can check out the new range of sandwiches and filled rolls we now have delivered on Mondays and Thursdays.

We are making good progress towards our new building. We met with a planning officer in January who was very supportive of our plans to replace the terrapin with a timber frame, timber clad building. We are going to deliver a questionnaire to every household in the

next few weeks so everyone in the village can give us their views on what new services we can usefully provide in the new building.

There are several fund-raising events for the new building planned over the next few months. All details are on the website. On Saturday April 27th there will be a Table Top Sale in the School Hall from 10am to 12 noon. Book a table for £8 in the shop and come along to sell all your unwanted items leaving your house beautifully uncluttered! Or take the opportunity to sell your home-made produce or crafts. Coffee and tea (and possibly cake!) will be available in the shop.

We are going to be selling bedding plants grown by two of our volunteers. We hope to have the following available:- mixed geraniums, petunias, nemophila, french marigold, dwarf asters, heliotrope, lavatera (pink), lobelia for hanging baskets, petunia surfinia – all at competitive prices. Place your orders in the shop to avoid disappointment.

There will be a Barn Dance with the Cotswold Ceilidh Band on Saturday June 22nd from 7.30pm to 11pm in the Village Hall. Tickets are £15 for adults and £7.50 for 8 to 16 year olds, and will include a ploughman's supper. They will be available from the shop from April 1st.

We are also going to revive Barbara Tong's Posh Frock Disco Dance on Saturday December 7th.



## COALEYFEST 2019

Plans are already well underway for Coaleyfest. We have the bands booked, beer and food ordered. This year for the first time we will have pizza which will hopefully tempt a few more people.

Tickets will be going on sale at the beginning of April or earlier if we can. We will post an update on the Coaleyfest Facebook page. They will be on sale in Coaley Village shop and in The Old Fox. The Old Fox are one of our new sponsors this year so we will have an even bigger selection of beers.

We are also looking at having some activities for the children including a bouncy castle, which will help keep the children entertained.

We have also secured more sponsors from the previous newsletter article, we'll announce those soon.

Once again, thank you for your support and if you would like to help at the even please email [Coaleyfest@gmail.com](mailto:Coaleyfest@gmail.com)

## CLIFF ARCHER

Pat Archer and her daughters would like to thank everyone for their lovely cards and offers of support following the death of Cliff. It was greatly appreciated and comforting in what has been a very difficult time.

## GOT A SPARE TENNIS RACKET?

The parish council would like to provide villagers with freely available tennis rackets and balls at the tennis courts for people to turn up and use. If you have any spare tennis rackets and balls in a reasonable condition that you would be happy to donate please contact the parish council on [clerk@coaley.org.uk](mailto:clerk@coaley.org.uk) Many thanks

## PLANT SWAP & SALE

5 May 2pm and 4pm Coaley Village Hall,

The Produce Show is organising a plant swap and sale to help people improve their gardens.

A plant swap is the perfect way to thin out some extra plants you have, while getting some new ones to enliven your summer garden. You can also come along and meet fellow gardeners and pick up a few tips over a delicious afternoon tea.

All you have to do is bring your surplus plants to the village hall in individual containers with the name written on it with a marker pen.

When you arrive you will be given one ticket for each plant you bring which will be set out on the tables while you mingle.

When everyone is ready you can use your tickets to 'buy' the plants that you want. In this way, you get the same

number of plants you donated.

Delicious teas and cakes will be available for sale by the Coaley WI to raise funds for their activities.

When the swapping has ended any plants remaining will be sold off to anyone who wants them.

If you want any further information about the Plant Swap go to:

<http://www.coaleyproduce.org.uk>

## WIVES FELLOWSHIP

On April 3rd John Crowther from the Hedgehog Hospital will be coming to tell us about the work they do rescuing hedgehogs and how we can help hedgehogs which are becoming increasingly rare. He hopes to bring a hedgehog for us to admire. There will be a stall of items relating to hedgehogs and wild life. Anyone is welcome to come to this meeting.

The May meeting is on May 8th and Peter Lead from Stroud Beekeepers will be coming to tell us not only about Beekeeping but the work they do in Africa helping villages set up enterprises based on bee keeping to help local economies.

## THE OLD FOX

The pub have announced on their Facebook page that food service will start on Tuesday 2nd April.

## PARISH ASSEMBLY

The annual Parish Assembly is on 30th April at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Room.

We will have a speaker from the Gloucestershire Rural Housing Association who are working with Centaur Homes in relation to the affordable homes being built at Fox Meadow.

## BONUS BALL LOTTERY

The Bonus Ball Lottery run on behalf of the Village Hall Committee has been discontinued as from 1st January 2019.. The numbers participating have reduced for various reasons.

The last pay out is the Lottery on 29th December 2018. Any winnings up to that date will be paid. Anyone who has paid in advance from 1st January will be reimbursed.

Thank to everyone who has supported the Lottery in the past.

The Bonus Ball Lottery could be restarted if someone comes forward to run.

## LENT LUNCHES

Lent Lunches continue in the Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd & 10th April at 12.30pm. Famine Lunch on Good Friday is at 12pm

Proceeds to Gloucester City Mission and Coaley Church

## COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW CONSULTATION

A Community Governance Review is the process used to consider whether existing parish arrangements should be changed in any way.

Stroud District Council have published their draft recommendations which are available at <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections/community-governance-review>. Coaley does not feature in the recommendations but you can still let them know what you think at the link above.

## RECREATION GROUND

In November the council ran an open forum to get ideas for the use of the recreation ground. We suggested that people might like more play equipment, out door gym equipment or a skate park. No young people or anyone representing them turned up.

It's disappointing to find that the young people who ride their bikes in the recreation ground have again been improvising bike ramps, this time by dismantling the bench in the tennis courts and gathering scrap wood from a skip.

The Parish Council would be quite receptive to the idea of providing something for the bike riders but we need to know what they want. Please talk to us, either by coming to a meeting or emailing the clerk.

## PRODUCE SHOW

A reminder of the things 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.



*A rubbish bike ramp.*





In June 1994 the then Vicar of Coaley, the Rev. Ian Robb, set up the Friends of Coaley Church. They became a registered charity (registration no. 1046037) with the basic remit, which still remains, to support the maintenance of the fabric of the Church of St Bartholomew in Coaley, and the churchyard. It would not cover the day to day running of the church.

It was hoped to appeal to parishioners as well as people in the village who perhaps, never entered the church, but who would be disappointed to see the church close and fall into disrepair.

In order to celebrate the 25th anniversary, the Friends Committee is joining forces with Flower Festival over the week-end of May 31st – June 2nd.

Why not come along to the 'Preview Evening' on Friday 31st May and enjoy a glass of wine and light refreshments. Tickets cost £6.00 per head. See what the Friends have accomplished in 25 years and look and admire the beautiful flower arrangements.

## **United Benefice of St Bartholomew Lower Cam & Coaley Easter Services**

### **Saturday April 13th**

Coaley	10.00am	
	-12.00noon	Messy Easter

### **Sunday April 14th**

Lower Cam	8.00am	Holy Communion
Coaley	9.15am	Holy Communion
Lower Cam	11.00am	Holy Communion

### **Palm Sunday**

### **Thursday April 18th**

Coaley	7.00pm	Tenebrae Communion
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### **Maundy Thursday**

### **Friday April 19th**

Lower Cam	2.00pm	Mediations
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### **Good Friday**

### **Sunday April 21st**

Lower Cam	8.00am	Holy Communion
Coaley	9.15am	Holy Communion
Lower Cam	11.00am	Holy Communion

### **Easter Sunday**

# COALEY PANTOMIME 2019 CASTING SESSIONS

Performance dates have been fixed already for this year's pantomime. Unfortunately, this newsletter is due for publication before the group's AGM and planning session, (on Monday 25th March at 7.30p.m in the Jubilee Room) so as yet, there is no title or director!

After the script and director have been finalised, the casting sessions will take place on a Friday evening and Sunday morning, according to age group. "Casting" is just a grand word to describe these extremely informal and often hilarious sessions, where the whole group reads through sections of the script to give the director ideas for filling the various roles. Juniors have fun improvising, role playing and showing off their talents. The dates are set out below and in the meantime, watch for posters around the village, showing further details.

The whole process from casting to performance is a rewarding and enjoyable experience and as it is very much a team effort, there needs to be a degree of commitment from everyone involved. To this end, please check your availability before deciding to take part. New recruits of all ages are always very welcome.

Rehearsals begin in early September and take place on Friday evenings, Sunday mornings and Monday evenings, though juniors aged 7 to 12 will not be required to attend the Monday evening sessions.

Dates for your diary:

Casting sessions will take place on:

Friday 7th June at 7.30p.m. in the Jubilee Room - For all aged 13 and above (no upper age limit!)

Sunday 9th June at 10.00a.m.in the main Village Hall - For all aged 7 to 12

Rehearsals will take place as follows:

Monday evenings in the Jubilee Room at 7.00p.m. (aged 13+ only)

Friday evenings in the Village Hall at 7.00p.m.

Sunday mornings in the Village Hall at 10.00a.m.

First rehearsal on Sunday 1st September at 10.00a.m.

Performances will take place in the Village Hall on:

Thursday 28th November at 7.30pm

Friday 29th November at 7.30pm

Saturday 30th November at 2.30pm

Saturday 30th November at 7.30pm

For any further information, please contact the present Chairman, John Sirett on 01453 860059

## LITTER PICKING

The council were pleased to have two separate volunteers come forward to pick up litter in the village.

Mia Coggins raised £80 for Guide Dogs for the Blind by doing her pick from Trenley Road down through the village.

Avril Burak got a group of friends together (and two dogs) to clear up the loop round Trenley Road, Silver Street and The Ham.

If anyone else wants to do a collection then please get in touch with the parish clerk. We can provide high vis jackets, grabbers and bags and advice on which areas need doing.



*Above: Wellies were essential to get to some of the harder to reach litter.*

*Right: Mia's litter haul.*

## BROADBAND UPDATE

Previously we have told you that the broadband access in the village will be improved when a new fibre to the premises service provided by Gigaclear is installed. The last update we had was that this would be done between the first and third quarters of 2020.

The process is being driven by Fastershire, a partnership between Herefordshire Council and Gloucestershire County Council to bring faster broadband to the two counties.

Due to Gigaclear missing several planned start dates, Fastershire have requested that Gigaclear produce a new deployment plan. This is due to be published at the end of March but isn't available as we go to press.

Nevertheless work is continuing on the roll out and many places in the county are benefiting from the new service. For us it's a matter of watch this space.



Coaley Produce Show

# PLANT SWAP & SALE

Coaley Village Hall  
2.00 to 4.00pm Sunday 5 May 19

**Free Entry**



*Bring your surplus plants to swap  
or money to buy!*

## Tea & Cakes

Coaley WI

Further Information <http://www.coaleyproduceshow.org.uk>.

# PUDDING PARTY

**Bring & share!**

**Sunday 28th April 2019**

**Coaley Village Hall**

The Street, Coaley, Glos

GL11 5EG

**2pm - 5pm**

**Unlimited pudding, raffle &  
live music from  
Mee and Mrs Robinson**

**Adults £5 plus bring a pudding!  
CHILDREN GO FREE**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO  
JAMES HOPKINS TRUST**

In aid of



**JAMES HOPKINS  
TRUST**

Providing nursing respite care to life limited and life threatened children in Gloucestershire

**Please contact Megan at  
[Megansjameshopkinstrust.org.uk](http://Megansjameshopkinstrust.org.uk) or 01452 612216  
to pre-book your tickets**

James Hopkins Trust are not permitted to sell alcohol, however you are welcome to provide your own





**New Generation Dance**

**£4.50**  
Per Class

**Street/Commercial DANCE LESSONS**

New Generation Dance

Coaley Village Hall, GL11 5EG  
16:30-17:30 Childrens open class  
Facebook @NewGenStreetDance  
Email: [SJNewGenerationDance@gmail.com](mailto:SJNewGenerationDance@gmail.com)

## COALEY CRICKET CLUB



**THE RABBITS**

### NEW PLAYERS WANTED

If you fancy a game of friendly, social cricket, we are looking for new players.

We generally play 20 over games on a Friday evening against like-minded local teams.

For more details contact David on  
07966 777241

St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley

Friends of Coaley Church 25th Anniversary

## "Celebrations" Flower Festival

Saturday 1st &  
Sunday 2nd June

11am-5pm

Lunches and Teas in Village Hall  
from 12 noon

St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley

Join Friends of Coaley Church  
for 25th Anniversary Celebrations

## Flower Festival Preview Evening

Friday 31st April  
7.30pm

Tickets available from  
Maggie Lewis 01453 890559  
or Sarah Randall: [thegrnary89@gmail.com](mailto:thegrnary89@gmail.com)  
£6 (£3 for FoCC)  
to include wine/soft drinks and light buffet  
Musical entertainment by pianist Taya Green



## Car Boot and Table Top Sale

**Monday May 6th  
10am-12 noon**

Coaley Village Hall and Car Park.  
Come along and bag yourself a bargain, a treasure or special gift.

Bacon rolls, tea, coffee and cake on sale.

To book a pitch or a table contact Gill:  
[g.s.holmes@sky.com](mailto:g.s.holmes@sky.com)  
or phone Pat: 01453 890689

Please book early to secure a pitch or table as space is limited.

Cost: £5



St Bartholomew's Church,  
Coaley

## Flower Festival

**Songs of Praise  
Sunday 2nd June  
at 6pm  
All Welcome**

St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley

## Caribbean Cocktail with Panache Steel Band

**Friday 17th May  
7.30pm**

Admission free with retiring collection  
Cash bar & refreshments

Friends of Coaley Church

## 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