

Coaley Parish

NEWSLETTER

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Free Summer Play Days

How to Apply for Affordable Housing

New Shop Gets Planning Permission

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE	CONTACT
Aug 1st	Knitting Group	3.00pm	Bridge Cott.	Barbara Davis 890679
Sept 4th	Produce Show Entry Day	5.00pm to 8.00pm	Hall Annexe	
Sept 4th	Wives Fellowship	7.30pm	Jubilee Room	
Sept 5th	Knitting Group	3.00pm	1 The Street	B Davis
Sept 7th	Produce Show	2.00pm	Village Hall	
Sept 9th	Whist	2.00pm	Village Hall	B Davis
Sept 15th	Quiz Night	7.00pm	The Old Fox	Jackie Davis 890596
Sept 15th	Music & cake	3.00pm	Church	
Sept 18th	WI - Star animals with Pam Weaver			
Sept 24th	CoSPA AGM (Coaley shop)	7.00pm	Jubilee Room	Brenda Board 860558
Oct 5th	Macmillan Coffee morning	10.00am to 12.30pm	Village Hall	Helen Wilcox
Oct 6th	Harvest festival		Church	
Oct 9th	Village Hall AGM	7.30 pm	Jubilee Room	
Oct 11th to 14th	GFWI Centenary exhibition		Gloucester Cathedral	
Oct 16th	WI - Overland to Hongkong			
Oct 20th	Music and Cake (Cam learners brass)			
Nov 17th	Music and Cake			
Nov 20th	WI - AGM followed by Christmas crafts			
Nov 28th	Panto performance	7.30 pm	Village Hall	
Nov 29th	Panto performance	7.30 pm	Village Hall	

Nov 30th	Panto performance	2.30 pm	Village Hall	
Nov 30th	Panto performance	7.30 pm	Village Hall	
Dec 1st	Church Christmas Bazaar			
Dec 7th	Posh Frock Disco Dance	tbc	Village Hall	Jackie Davis
Dec 8th	Words & Music for a Winter Afternoon			
Dec 15th	Carol Service			
Dec 18th	WI - Christmas Party			

REGULAR HALL EVENTS

Coaley 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 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 16th September 2019.

email: newsletter@coaleypc.org.uk

web: www.coaleypc.org.uk

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Cover picture: St Bartholomew's Flower Festival

VILLAGE NEWS

FREE SUMMER PLAY DAYS

Play Gloucestershire is a registered charity that delivers active and creative outdoor play in urban and rural communities. Their Play Rangers provide adventure, friendship and fun for hundreds of school aged children each year. This August they are holding two play days in Coaley. For more information see pages 14 and 15.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The affordable housing drop-in session advertised in the last newsletter was well attended, with 27 people coming along to find out how to apply for one of the houses.

There are ten homes for affordable rent: four one bedroom houses at an anticipated rent of £96.81 a week, five two bedroom houses at £126.81 and one three bedroom house at £151.81.

To apply for a house you need to register on the Homeseeker Plus website at www.homeseekerplus.co.uk. You will require an email address to register.

Stroud District Council will then send you an email or a letter telling you which priority band you are in.

You then need to keep an eye on the Homeseeker Plus site for the Fox

Meadow houses. They will be advertised six to eight weeks before they are completed. When you see the house you want you need to bid for it. At this time you will also be asked to provide evidence of a connection to Coaley. Plenty of time will be allowed for bids - it's not first-come first-served.

Houses are then allocated to those people with the highest priority and who also have a connection to Coaley.

If you need further information please e-mail chris.knibbs@bromford.co.uk.

COALEY PANTOMIME 2019

Dim the lights, cue the music and raise the curtain for Coaley's ever popular, traditional (and sometimes not so traditional!) pantomime. This year's offering is a panto version of Hansel and Gretel, (by Limelight Scripts) so you can be assured of a smattering of gingerbread somewhere in the mix, along with baking references galore! Coaley Art Club have already been hard at work over the past few months, designing and painting the now legendary scenery. All roles have now been filled and the director hopes that all the cast members are busily learning their lines and cues, ready for the first rehearsal at the beginning of September.

As in previous years, tickets will be on sale from mid-September (watch out for posters around the village) and will be priced at £4 for all aged 16 and under and £8 for all aged 17 and over. Tickets will be available by obtaining a booking slip from Coaley Shop or by calling the box office. Further details will be included on the posters. A reminder, that these tickets always sell out really quickly and it is always necessary to operate a waiting list for some of the performances. To avoid disappointment, it is vital that you book as early as possible.

Here are the dates of the performances, for your diary.

Thursday 28th November at 7.30p.m.
Friday 29th November at 7.30p.m.
Saturday 30th November at 2.30p.m.
Saturday 30th November at 7.30p.m.

See you there!

VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

Over the past couple of months the Hall has become a target for some mindless pranks. On one Tuesday evening a really clever individual decided to lock the cubical in the men's cloakroom from the inside and exit through the window. To do this they would have had to stand on the pedestal and cistern with the risk of serious injury had the fittings given way. However it appears this anti-social behaviour has now become much more serious in that an electrical cable conduit on the outside of the building has been interfered with

requiring an electrical engineer to carry out a safety test of the system for integrity and repair the damage. From an initial assessment it would appear that this damage may have been caused by someone carrying tools with intent to cause criminal damage.

Members of the community are requested to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the Booking Clerk, one of the Hall Trustees or Neighbourhood watch on 890449. If vandalism is in progress please dial 101. The Hall post code is GL11 5EG.

WIVES FELLOWSHIP

There was a break in August but the group start again on September 4th. This is a social Evening. Members are invited to bring a souvenir of either a holiday or event to tell the others about it. All are invited to come to this friendly group which meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the Jubilee Room at 7.30pm . Contact Barbara Davis 890679

WHIST

After a br in the summer whist starts again on 9th September at 2pm in the Village Hall. Everyone from learners to experienced is invited along to an afternoon of friendly competition, with a refreshment break and raffle in the middle. Proceeds from the Whist Drivers go to the maintenance on the Village Hall. Contact Barbara Davis 890679.

WI

Our last meeting was a social evening and we started with a general knowledge and dingbats quiz all based around food. We had joint winners who received a small prize before going on to our competition which was a pudding competition. Members brought along their homemade puddings which everyone had the opportunity to taste before choosing their favourite. Pat Bozworth was the winner with a refreshing Blackcurrant cheesecake and the recipe was shared out for others to try.

The WI had their annual conference in Bournemouth this year and we sent a delegate who represented a number of local branches as well as our own. We heard a report from the conference which was very interesting and



informative day. The speaker reported that Calendar girls is now a stage show which is touring the country and getting excellent reviews. We also heard about the two national resolutions that the WI are campaigning on 'don't fear the smear' and the campaign to retain local bus services. Maggie Philbin was also a guest speaker at the conference and spoke about a project she is involved in to encourage more young people into science. The Annual conference next year will be held at the Royal Albert hall.

The winning recipe -

6oz Digestive biscuits, crushed and mixed with 2oz melted butter. Press into the base of an 8 inch loose bottomed flan case and set in the fridge

Beat together 8oz full fat cream cheese with 3 oz caster sugar and one small pot of plain yoghurt.

Whip 10oz double cream to floppy stage, then mix into the cheese mixture and pour over the crumb base. Leave to set in fridge (or freeze for later use)

Top with fresh fruit, pie filling etc before serving.

You are welcome to join us for future events as listed below.

August Summer outing - to be arranged

September 18th - Star animals with Pam Weaver

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

October 16th - Overland to Hongkong
-We join Patrick Howell on his incredible journey to Hong Kong by train.

November 20th - AGM followed by Christmas crafts.

December 18th - Christmas Party

June Dunlop
Secretary
Coaley WI

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PRODUCE SHOW

Coaley Produce Show will be taking place on Saturday 7th September, please support us with lots of entries and visitors for the show. The schedule was the centre spread of the last village newsletter and can also be found on the Produce Show website www.coaleyproduceshow.org.uk. There are also spare copies in the shop. Early



entries can be left in an envelope with your entry fee and entry form at the shop or given to any committee member before entry night which is Wednesday 4th September .

We would love to have more children's entries and children can also enter any other classes too.

Sadly Mrs Florrie Curson, one of the village's best gardeners, and great supporter of the Produce Show, passed away recently. Her family have generously given donations in her memory to fund a new cup which will be for dalias as these were her favourite flower. If you grow dalias please be sure to enter as you may be the first to win the Florrie Curson Dalia Cup.



Above: Florrie at the 2004 show.

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S FLOWER FESTIVAL

What a lovely occasion! The church was beautifully decorated with amazing flower arrangements on the theme of "Celebrations". Linking with Friends of Coaley Church, who celebrated 25 years of fund raising for the upkeep of the church building and churchyard, the flower arrangers excelled themselves with their skills. It was good to see so many involved and, despite being at the end of the spring holiday, Coaley Academy was able to participate with their arrangement and by taking part in Songs of Praise.

Thanks go to those who gave donations for dedications and all who contributed to the success of the festival. Special thanks to Sarah Randall and her team of arrangers, and Maggie Lewis and her catering team who kept everyone supplied throughout the day with lunches and

teas, and of course to all who supported the event.

£1600 was raised which was split between PCC funds for the day to day running of the church and Friends of Coaley Church for the fabric of the church.





VILLAGE SHOP

We are very pleased with Simon Littlewood's design for the new shop, for which we have now received planning permission. Fund raising is progressing well.

Thank you to all who came to and helped at the Barn Dance on June 22nd. Everyone had a great time and there were calls to "do it again please!" The Cotswold Ceilidh Band commented on how good it was to have a group of people were enthusiastic about dancing. Hopefully we will also have lots of enthusiasm for The Posh Frock Dance on December 7th , which will not only be a fund raiser, but also a Memorial Dance for Barbara and Jimmy Tong who both worked tirelessly to support the shop, and many other causes in the village. You can book a table at this event by contacting Jackie Davis(890596).

It was a beautiful sunny afternoon on July 13th when many people came to

visit the open garden of The Homestead. Scrumptious cakes and tea were served to the many visitors while they enjoyed the superb garden and lovely views. Many thanks to Ann and Tylan Bahcheli for working so hard not only on the garden, but on organising the day.

As well as organising both dances, Jackie Davis has been growing vegetables to sell in the shop to raise funds. There are already two varieties of potatoes available at £1/kg. Bunches of carrots will shortly be available at £1 each, and there are red onions, celery and broad beans to come.

Since fund raising for the new shop started we have raised £ 3500 in various ways. Thank you to everyone in the village for your support.

We hope to be able to start building by next spring.

Below and facing page: The architect's design for the new shop.





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*There may be a cost for people in work



St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley

Many people have noticed and several have complained about the state of the churchyard.

In the absence of any volunteers for grass cutting, the Friends of Coaley Church were paying to have the area professionally mown.

Unfortunately, this has turned out to be too expensive to be continued with, hence the current uncut area.

However, ideas are in hand to mow the area closest to the road and around the memorial plaques.

It may be that the remainder of the churchyard is left and turned into a wildflower meadow.

Should anyone wish to make a contribution towards the cost of the upkeep of the churchyard, then donations would be gratefully accepted.

**Please contact Maggie Lewis (01453 890437)
or Yvonne Billett (01453 890559)**

SERVICES AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

A service of Holy Communion is held at Coaley Church every Sunday at 9.15.

The service on the first Sunday of the month is always a Family Service, slightly simpler with child friendly activities, which always engage adults too!

Do come along and join us. A future date for your diary is Harvest Festival on Sunday October 6th.

THANK YOU, COALEY!

Thank you to all who responded to the letter sent by St Bartholomew's Church about its finances. The PCC is very grateful to those who gave donations and to those who signed up to give a regular sum each month.

Your money will be used to help with the day to day running costs of keeping an historic church open and a focal point in the village for everyone to enjoy.

CHURCH MAGAZINE

Due to Christine Carter at Cotsmark printers in Cam breaking her hip there will be no August edition of the church magazine. We wish Christine a speedy recovery.



SUPPLYING COPY FOR THE NEWSLETTER

We can take your article text in just about any common format such as Microsoft Word, Open Office, PDF or just a straightforward email. Pictures are best sent separately to your article text. If you want your item to appear just as you designed it then the best way is to send it as a PDF. Please remember though that it has to fit in with the way the newsletter is laid out. The printing process requires images with a resolution of at least 300dpi. For a full page that means your image must be at least 1700 pixels wide and 2400 pixels high. If you have any questions please contact the editor.



Play Gloucestershire's

Free Summer Play Days in Coaley, Dursley,
Leonard Stanley and Uley

Kindly funded by Gloucestershire County Councillor Loraine Patrick
via the Growing our Communities Fund



Summer Holidays

Wednesday 24th July Leonard Stanley – The Playing Fields

Thursday 1st August Dursley – The War Memorial Recreation Ground

Thursday 8th August Coaley – The Playing Fields

Thursday 15th August Dursley – Highfields Play Area

Thursday 22nd August Coaley – The Playing Fields

Thursday 29th August Uley – The Millenium Green

All sessions 10am to 4pm

Our Play Ranger activities take place outdoors in all weathers & are open access. This means there is no registration, children are free to come & go as they please.

Under 7's are welcome and should be accompanied by a parent or carer.



Play Gloucestershire is the leading provider of free, outdoor, active play in the county. If you are new to Play Rangers please come and say hello to one of our team on site and we can get you started, you can find more details on our website and social media channels.



www.playgloucestershire.org.uk



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Things that you need to know about Play Gloucestershire

Play Gloucestershire - a registered charity - is the leading provider of free, outdoor, active play in the county. Our Play Rangers activities target 7 - 14 year olds. Under 7's are welcome and should be accompanied by a parent or carer. We love families to join us at all our sessions.

Our Play Ranger activities are open access. This means there is no registration – children can leave the site at any time. Our Play Rangers will not stop them and may not know that they have left.

We encourage children to take responsibilities for their own actions. We think this is good for them. They will be encouraged to resolve disagreements amongst themselves. We will intervene if absolutely necessary.

Play Gloucestershire believe that children need and want to take risks when they play. Our Play Rangers aim to respond to these needs by offering children stimulating, challenging environments for exploring and developing their abilities. In doing this, we aim to manage the level of risk so that children are not exposed to unacceptable risks. Our experience tells us that whilst children play outdoors they are likely to have accidents. If this causes concern please come along and speak to us about it.

All our activities are outdoors and include den building, fires, arts and crafts, sports and a range of playful games. We encourage children to play freely and choose what they do. They do not have to do anything if they don't want to. Children will get wet, hot, cold, smelly and dirty and need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Better to wear old play clothes than ruin your best!

Our Play Rangers will provide drinking water at all sessions. We promote healthy eating and sometimes will provide free fruit.

We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional support to enjoy Play Rangers. We welcome disabled children & their families.

For further information:

Visit us at www.playgloucestershire.org.uk

Email info@playgloucestershire.org.uk

Phone 01452 505548

Play Gloucestershire is a registered charity (1126562)

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IN YOUR COMMUNITY



USEFUL CONTACTS

Parish Councillors	Stephen Cook	860504
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	Ben Bywater	07909 545303
	Gemma Carter	860754
	John Hobson	07715 558110
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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