

Coaley Parish

NEWSLETTER

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**New District Councillor
Plant Trail Raises £850**

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Parish Council meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month, except August, at 7.30pm. We have returned to face-to-face meetings which are held in the main village hall, but have to limit the number attending to 18.

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 Friday 16th July 2021.

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This issue edited by Stephen Cook.

Cover picture: A welcome period of fine weather in a very wet May.

VILLAGE NEWS

NEW DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

A message from your new Councilor Martin Percy.

Dear Residents of Uley, Coaley and Nymphsfield Ward.

It is an honour to be elected as your representative over the next three years on the Stroud District Council and I look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks and months, with the relaxation of Covid social distancing this will hopefully be increasingly in person. I plan to carry on the excellent work of Jim Dewey and will support the cases he championed such as realising the extension on the Greenway Cycle Route through Uley and onto Coaley

I also wish to focus on the issues close to my heart and which I know many share the same concerns, namely supporting businesses and community amenities, addressing traffic and speeding issues and seek improvements to the operation of the planning process and its transparency. As well as supporting and help shaping the practicalities of the Stroud District reaching its ambitious carbon neutral commitment, which can only be realised through close local engagement.

In its almost last act of the previous administration Stroud District Council

signed off its Local Plan, which can be viewed on its website. This sets out the housing, employment, retail and community development over the next 20 years. Coaley is categorised as a 3b settlement with no planned development, although development may be permitted in inside the Settlement Development Limit (which is the centre of the village) or exceptionally outside if it enhances or sustains the village. This will when agreed by Government set part of the framework for SDCs planning decisions for future development in the village.

Cllr.Martin.Pearcy@Stroud.gov.uk

Councilor for Uley, Coaley and Nymphsfield Ward.
Green Party
Stroud District Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council meetings have returned to face-to-face meetings in the main Village Hall. To stay within the current hall capacity we are limited to 18 people in total attending the meeting.

COALEY PLANT TRAIL SWAP & SALE

The Coaley Plant Trail Swap & Sale on 2nd and 3rd May was absolutely fantastic with lots of plants, and people swapping and buying which raised £850 for the village community orchard and Produce Show.

This was the fourth year the Produce Show & WI arranged the swap to improve people's gardens. The spring weather was not ideal to grow plants and with the lockdown, we wondered if people would come out and we were not disappointed!

There were more stalls this year which completed the loop for a lovely walk around the village. A broad range of plants arrived on the day including flowers, fruits, vegetables, shrubs and herbs with some villagers growing and dividing plants especially for the event.

The weather was glorious on Sunday and children, families and friends turned out in their droves for the walk, to swap and buy plants and also to enjoy the delicious WI tea and home made cakes. It was lovely to see so many people out enjoying the occasion.



This year we also promoted the swap on Facebook which attracted visitors from further afield, including Gloucester, Stroud and Dursley to name a few.

The feedback we have received has been amazing with one person saying "This is the first time we have been out to meet people since moving to Coaley seven months ago and it's great."

Another posted: "You've inspired me to organise something similar for our village."

At the end of the swap the remaining plants were gathered together and collected by the Spring Centre for disabled children in Quedgeley to create a new garden and the Coaley Primary School had the tomatoes, sunflowers, shrubs and herbs for the children's garden.

Overall, due to the hard work and community spirit of Coaley villagers the event was a resounding success, so thank you to everyone who took part by setting up stalls, supplying and/or swapping plants.

The Produce Show takes place on 4th September 2021 and we look forward to seeing all the children's sunflowers then!

More information about the Produce Show is available at coaleyproduceshow.org.uk



VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

In line with government policy the Village Hall is now open BUT with Covid restrictions still in place until June 21st at least. This means that because of social distancing numbers are limited to 18 and the Jubilee Room is NOT available to be booked.

Exercise classes and other groups can take place in the Hall with a limit on numbers.

It is hoped that Covid restrictions will be lifted on June 21st and the hall can then be opened to all groups. Provisional bookings can be made in the usual way.

Barbara Davis - Hon Sec of Trustees



COALEY AND ULEY CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair!

Most people will be familiar with the frustration when, just a year or two after spending money on a new phone, it slows right down and the battery drains to zero in minutes. This planned obsolescence, where products are designed to be replaced on a frequent basis, doesn't feel right when we have limited resources and the world is in the midst of a climate emergency.

The biggest part of the carbon footprint of most things is in its manufacture. We can all do our bit to minimise climate change by reducing the amount of new things we buy and mending and repairing what we already have, making them last as long as possible. And, of course, it's lighter on the pocket too!

In 2009 a Dutch journalist ran an experiment in her home town of Amsterdam. She brought together a group of handy friends and ran what she called a "Repair Café" – a free event where people could bring their broken belongings and volunteers would help to try and fix them. A decade later, there are 1,700 repair cafes offering their services in 35 countries around the world. The grass-roots movement to bring repairing back into our economy is growing and making a real difference to our relationship with our 'stuff'.

As COVID restrictions ease, Coaley and Uley CAN would love to start a repair cafe in Coaley, where anyone can come along to pick up a new skill or help out a fellow villager with their repair. We will be working alongside Transition Stroud and other local repair cafes to find expert volunteers but we need your involvement too!

If you'd like to be part of the cafe you can email coaleycan@gmail.com:

1. Submit ideas for what you would like to learn (e.g. how to make beeswax wraps, how to knit, lawn mower maintenance) so that we can source the right experts.
2. If you have a skill you can share, or a knack for repairs please get in touch. This can be absolutely anything from knitting to DIY or gardening.
3. Keep an eye out for the first cafe date and drop by!

Dates for the Diary:

29th May – 6th June: National Children's Gardening Week. Kids love growing plants and one of the most impactful things we can do to reduce our carbon footprint is by getting as much of our food as we can from local, packaging-free sources, like the garden!

5th June: World Environment Day: bringing awareness to the need to restore and revive our natural ecosystems, every action counts. See decadeonrestoration.org.

16th- 17th June: World Refill Day – this day aims to bring awareness to reducing single-use plastic and the environmental impact of “throw away” culture. Try out a reusable water bottle, coffee cup, shopping bag, switch to loose fruit & veg or bulk kitchen staples. Think about what else you can reuse and refill in your house!

11th September - Nailsworth CAN & Transition Stroud are running a ‘Retrofit Fair’ at the Sub Rooms to provide advice to householders about how to make their homes more energy efficient.

CAN LOGO COMPETITION

Some of the older kids at Coaley Primary Academy and Uley Primary School have had fun creating a logo for the Coaley and Uley Climate Action Group. It was a tough brief - a logo needs to be simple, distinctive, practical, and convey something if the purpose of the group. As you can see below, the entries were fantastic and the group is still deliberating which design or combination of designs will work best. The winner (or winners) will be announced soon!



ANYONE FOR TENNIS

Open session at Coaley tennis courts.

Coaley has two free to use tennis courts on the playing field. It is always great to see these being used but there is currently no way to arrange social tennis between villagers. The plan is to arrange some informal sessions for those in the village who may wish to take up tennis with others but don't know who else may be interested or how to arrange anything.

An open session is to be held on Sunday 13th June, between 2pm and 4pm, for anyone in the village to meet other people who are interested in playing tennis, and maybe even hit a few balls as well! This is for complete beginners, those who haven't played for a long time and also for those who may already play at other local clubs but who perhaps would like to play closer to home too.

As tennis is quite weather dependent, Sunday 20th June will be the backup should it be needed. This will be communicated by a notice on the tennis courts (or by how heavy the rain is!) both dates are still within the covid-restrictions, but under the current guidelines up to 30 people are allowed to gather outside.

Please send an email to MattandSarah.lorkin@gmail.com to let us know you are interested in playing tennis (even if you can't make the session) and we can ensure you get notified of any social tennis

sessions, ladders, coaching or tournaments etc that may get arranged in the future.

PANTOMIME

Sadly it was not possible to stage a Panto in 2020, but it is hoped to stage "Humpty Dumpty and the Magic Wall" at the end of November.

More details will be circulated once it is confirmed that it can go ahead.

Some arrangements are already in place - the scenery painted and the casting carried over from 2020. But a lot of help is still needed especially backstage - helping position scenery and props during the performances, makeup, costumes and front of house.

A get together is planned for June 27th in the Village Hall for everyone to meet again and welcome new members. Invitations will be sent out once

it is confirmed that this can happen.

Anyone interested in helping with the Panto is invited to contact Keri James, the Chairman of C.A.D.S on 890104 or keriatcoaley@btinternet.com

KNITTING GROUP

This will take place IN THE HALL on Thursday June 3rd at 2pm. This will mean the meeting will not have to be cancelled in case of bad weather.

Barbara Davis 890679



The “INSIDE” Info

We are very pleased to now be able to welcome
you back inside the Fox !

Our Opening Times are :

Monday – Closed
Tuesday – Saturday 12pm – Close
Sunday 12pm – 10pm

At last, you can enjoy a meal from our new menu regardless of the weather.
Head Chef Suzi has designed a menu for the most discerning taste buds.
Our menu is still available as a takeaway option,
including our traditional Sunday roast.

As restrictions have began to ease, and having made it into the Good Beer
Guide, we look forward to an exciting real ale focus including Brewery trips,
meet the brewer evenings and a great range of brews on the bar.....Exciting
times ahead !!

We would like to thank everyone who has braved the inclement weather
and still come out to support us in their winter woolies.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.
Julie, Ellie & The Fox Team

SHOP DEVELOPMENT

Nobody in Coaley can have failed to notice the new shop taking shape. It's created so much interest and commitment. We couldn't have imagined how much the project would draw people together from across the community. Over and above our wonderful regular volunteers in the old shop we now have volunteers helping Steve Birkbeck to build the new one.

At least 10 people have volunteered their time, labour and skills on all manner of tasks including roof trusses, oak trusses, roof insulation, battens and slates, internal insulation, wall battens and cladding, glazing as well as general labouring – all under strict supervision. As it's been the wettest May on record so it hasn't always been plain sailing; many thanks to them all.

And there are still more opportunities to help – in June / July we will be recruiting volunteers to help paint the

interior walls. So if you can wield a paint brush and have the time please leave a message for Steve Wills in the shop or send him an email at steve.wills@outlook.com

Volunteers have also been active on a number of working groups – especially planning the interior of the shop. Deciding what goes where has been an enormous task!

One opportunity being considered by a working group is finding space in the new shop to display and sell local arts and crafts. We know that there are many creative artists and craft workers living in the area and we would like to help showcase their work. Please let us know if you would be interested in displaying your work.

We would also like to offer a service to people providing visitor accommodation and their guests in a number of different ways. We would like to provide information about the





shop in self-catering accommodation so that visitors know that they will be able to find fresh, local food and groceries without leaving the village. We would also be able to put together welcome packs for new arrivals. If you have self-catering or other visitor accommodation and would be able to display information about the shop please let our chair, Brenda Board, know. You can email her at brendaboard502@gmail.com or leave a message in the shop.

If you are interested in any of the opportunities raised in this article or can help in any way – painting the interior of the new shop; displaying and selling arts and crafts; promoting the shop to your visitors – please let us know by leaving a note in the shop.

We are planning a launch event to

celebrate the opening of new shop, hopefully towards the end of July. All are welcome – watch out for your invitation!

If you have any ideas, suggestions or questions about the new shop please do leave messages in the shop addressed to Brenda Board. You can also find out more about the shop at:

www.coaleycommunityshop.co.uk

or on our Facebook page – Coaley Village Community Shop

Martin Gregg



WI

WI have enjoyed some fascinating talks on zoom. One from Peter Cranswick, the Senior Project Development manager from Slimbridge wildfowl trust. Peter led a project to investigate why the numbers of Bewick swans is declining. The plan was to follow the flight of the swans from Russia to Slimbridge with a Paramotor. The planning and organising was immense and Ranulph Fiennes was on the selection panel for the 10 volunteer ground crew members. We saw lots of beautiful pictures and heard about the many challenges along the way including the calamitous arrival at Slimbridge when one of the Paramotors hit power lines and took out all power in the village. The team made over 650 TV and radio appearances and won the Britannia Trophy. Besides learning a great deal about the challenges facing the swans on their migration.

We also heard from Tara, a Chiropractor about what this work involves, the differences between a Chiropractor, an Osteopath and a Physiotherapist. and the science - 80% of people will get back pain, it's the third most common condition seen by GP's and the average back pain lasts 6 weeks. Treatments include massage, stretching, acupuncture and manipulation but gone are the days ways we are sent home to lie down, we are now encouraged to keep moving! We finished our talk with some stretching exercises.

In May we organised walks through Coaley woods to view the beautiful bluebells. There were a variety of walks depending on mobility followed by tea and cake in a member's garden.

We were also delighted to open the WI cafe as part of the plant swap/trail albeit in adapted Covid facilities! It was lovely to meet up and chat with people and thank you to everyone who visited and supported our stall. We raised over £300 some of which will be donated to charity.

Our memberships were renewed in April and we have taken the decision to reduce our costs to £35.00 which includes among other things, all meetings, a national magazine and a Regional newsletter.

We hope to be back in the hall in July and would love to welcome new members and visitors.

Here is our future programme.

Jul 21st The Stanley Strummers Got a ukulele? Grab your uke, tambourine, anything you like and play and sing along with the Stanley Strummers ukulele group.

Aug 18th Summer outing There's no meeting in August due to holidays but we plan to go on an outing to be arranged nearer the time.

Sep 4th Produce show Coaley's annual produce show returns (fingers crossed) and the WI café will be open for tea and cake.

Sep 15th Edward Jenner Museum
Hear about the work of Edward Jenner, physician, surgeon & pioneer of smallpox vaccination.

Oct 20th Christmas craft workshop
Members will be sharing their crafting skills to show you a number of Christmas crafts. Come along and choose what you would like to make.

Nov 17th AGM November is our AGM and we hear from the committee about our finances, our year, our future plans.

Dec 15th Christmas party Time to get together with partners and friends and enjoy an outing for a Christmas meal and an after dinner quiz.

COALEY CHURCH NEWS

After many months with services on zoom, Coaley Church is planning to reopen at the end of June, provided advice from the government and the diocese agree that it is safe to do so. There may still be some safety measures in place but be assured that the churchwardens will follow any guidelines that may be in place. It will be good to welcome all parishioners back into our lovely church.

A special Churches Together Service is planned for Sunday July 18th at 6pm

Our zoom Sunday afternoon concerts continue with Music for a Summer Afternoon on June 13th at 3pm. Zoom details are on the church website. On Sunday July 11th an outdoor music event is planned. Details will be in the church magazine, church website and on posters once it is finalised. The event will be free, and everyone is invited.



Musical Event

Save the date

3pm Sunday 11th July

Coaley Church Grounds

Event is subject to the lifting of Covid restrictions around the country.

Look out for further details.

SCHOOL

The summer term is well and truly upon us and all the children have settled into the routine of learning loads, having fun and being outside as much as possible. We've all been dodging the rainy showers but we are so lucky at Coaley as we still go outside as often as we can. Every child has their own set of wellington boots in school so they can go outside whatever the weather might throw at us and take full advantage of Coaley's wonderful field and Forest School area. As Headteacher, it's always a pleasure being outside at lunchtime and seeing the children play together, using the vast field, trim-trail and new playground.

We are looking forward to the usual set of summer activities, such as sports day and the residential trip. However, we are still under the same guidance as before and we are still living with bubbles and hand sanitizer in school. We have no news yet on when this will change but we are always adaptable at Coaley whilst making sure that the children's safety comes first. We have also planned a special activities week for the older children to compensate for not having their residential trip this year. We are also having a special environmental/arts themed week too where we are inviting in artists and the local community to give the children a really great experience, to learn loads and help look after the planet too. The village environmental group Coaley



CAN are getting involved, as a chance to share their passions and love of the environment with the children. We are really looking forward to a fun and exciting week for all the children.

On a final note: our wraparound care is underway and the children are loving it! It's full of lots of fun activities, snacks and care to support you with affordable children-care. It has definitely been a hit with those who attend! If you want to find out more about the wraparound care, or any aspect of the school, then please don't hesitate to come and see me or Jackie Astley in school: we'd love to hear from you.

RURAL CRIME REPORTING

Gloucestershire constabulary has a dedicated team of officers across the district who deal with Rural and wildlife crime. Rural crimes are those incidents relating to; Agriculture, Equine, Heritage crime or livestock.

The dedicated officer for our area is: PC Mel Campbell. They also have a new page on their website where you can report these types crimes or to read more on the subject.

<https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/police-forces/gloucestershire-constabulary/areas/Gloucestershire/about-us/about-us/reporting-a-rural-or-wildlife-crime/>

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Meetings of the Friendship Group will restart on Tuesday June 8th at 2.30pm in the Hall.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

If you want to submit an article to the newsletter we have a page on the Parish Council website to help you provide it in a format we can use. See https://www.coaleypc.org.uk/newsletter_guidelines.



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

Generally we play on a Friday evening for 20 overs a side against like-minded local teams.

For more details contact:

David: 07966 777241
Paddy: 07460 206569
Adrian: 07805 078391

USEFUL CONTACTS

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GCC Councillor	Wendy Thomas wendy.thomas@gloucestershire.gov.uk	
Vicar	position vacant	
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)		0800 6783 105 or 105
Street Lights		08000 514514
Community Wellbeing Service (was Village Agent)	communitywellbeing.stroud@nhs.net	0345 8638323