

# Coaley Parish NEWSLETTER

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**Pump Track Opens**  
**Produce Show Schedule Inside**  
**Coaley School Bounces Back to Good**

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE	CONTACT
26th Aug	Dursley Male Voice Choir	7.30pm	St Cyr's Stinchcombe	see p10
3rd Sept	Produce Show	2pm	Hall	
4th Sept	Panto rehearsals start	10am	Hall	
10th Sept	Film Night	7.00pm	Hall	890788
4th Oct	New Priest In Charge Installation Service		Lower Cam Church	

Parish Council meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month, except August, at 7.30pm.

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 Friday 16th September 2022.

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Cover picture: Will Pockett does a trick on the pump track.



# VILLAGE NEWS

## SCHOOL REPORT

'Caring' Coaley School bounces straight back to good!

Coaley Primary Academy are very proud to announce that the school has bounced straight back to being a Good school following our recent Ofsted inspection in June 2022. The whole school community are celebrating after inspectors were impressed with the caring, family feel of the school.

The School was placed in Special Measures in March 2017 and has been on a rapid journey of improvement since then. Headteacher Richard Lucas, who started at Coaley in September 2019, said *"We are so proud of the children, parents, staff and*

*all leaders that the determination we have all put in to make Coaley the great primary school we know it to be has paid off. If parents want to pay us a visit and see all the brilliant things we do here at Coaley, then give us a ring and come and have a look at what makes Coaley Primary such a special place to send your child to. This judgment is an end of year treat for the whole school community."*

Ofsted inspectors praised leaders for having 'high expectations of all pupils' and for placing 'pupils' personal development at the heart of their decision-making'. They noted that pupils themselves are 'polite and respectful', 'thoroughly enjoy attending school' and are 'well prepared for the next stage of their education'.



Inspectors found that leaders have designed a well-thought out curriculum where teachers are clear about what they want children to learn. They also said that reading is a priority in the school and that children are taught reading really well, including early reading. The inspectors also found that pupils with special educational needs and disabilities are well supported and learning matches their needs well. Finally, inspectors were impressed by Coaley's wide range of outdoor learning opportunities such as its Forest School.

Chair of Governors, Carole O'Donnell said *"Our recent Ofsted judgement recognises all the hard work that has been undertaken in the last 5 years and marks an exciting new chapter on our journey at Coaley Primary Academy. I am so proud of the children, staff, governors and Academy team who have worked together to achieve this. I have been privileged to have been part of the management and leadership team throughout the last 5 years, developing our school to become the family that we are. Our Christian Ethos and Values shone through to the inspectors and the children's enjoyment of coming to our school and being proud to be part of our family was clearly noticeable"*.

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## QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

A big thank you to all who helped make the events of the Jubilee weekend such a great success. These include members of the WI who made cup cakes and helped prepare the tea for the young members of the village who came to the discos on June 2nd, those who helped with the Beacon that evening, the valiant three who served the hog roast and those who put on the Pet Show, Fun Races and other activities on the field on June 5th and not forgetting the special guest, Dame Jubilee.

The hog roast proved so successful that a trip had to be made to acquire more bread rolls!

Many thanks also to the Parish Council who sponsored the event so that apart from the hog roast the activities on the field could be free of charge.

Many left the field saying that a village fete ought to be held again. This is being considered and probably will alternate with Coaley Fest. We have pencilled in a meeting on 20th September at 7.30pm for anyone who would like to be involved.

Most of all thank you to all who came and supported the event and made it the success that it was.

*Top - Dame Jubilee with the winners of the Best Betty Challenge.  
Bottom - Oscar & Harry Morgan leading in the sack race.*







*Top - Sarah Randle and Anne Cheshire serving the pig roast.  
Bottom - Two competitors in the best dressed pet say hello.*





*Top left - Wheelbarrow race. Top right - Tug of war.  
Bottom - Susie Compton and her tortoise Esiotrot.*

## VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee is continuing to develop the Village Hall.

At the moment the Jubilee Room is being developed with a large screen for presentations having been installed and also more power points will be put in place for laptops to be used. It is proposed to install a kitchenette so that hot drinks can be made without having to go down the steps to the main kitchen.

In the near future solar panels will be put on the roof. The foyer and cloakrooms will be decorated. The refurbishment of the disabled toilet has been completed and a new floor placed in the gent's cloakroom. The installation of WiFi is being explored.

Now that the old shop has been removed the car park will be extended and redesigned.

The village hall can only function and develop with a Committee. The present Committee is looking for new members and a Treasurer in particular. Without a Committee there cannot be a village hall. So think what a loss it would be if the hall had to close because there was no-one to run it.

Please think if you could offer your services to keep this valuable village asset going.

Contact is the secretary Barbara Davis on 890679 or [barbaradavis4119@gmail.com](mailto:barbaradavis4119@gmail.com)

## COURGETTES, CARROTS, CHRYSANTHEMUMS, CROCHET AND CAKES

The 80th Anniversary of the Coaley Produce Show takes place on Saturday 3rd September and with your help we can make it an anniversary to remember. Classes range from vegetables, fruits and flowers to culinary items and then right through to arts and crafts.

Entrants can be any age although there are special sections for our younger villagers. The only stipulation is that you must have some links with Coaley, being a resident, attending Coaley School, going to Coaley Brownies/Guides or belonging to any Coaley Club.

There will be something that you would enjoy doing, either as a result of an existing hobby or learning to create something for the first time. The schedule with entry forms is opposite and can also be downloaded from the show website at [www.coaleyproduceshow.org.uk](http://www.coaleyproduceshow.org.uk).

Entry forms and photographs need to be taken to the Village Shop between 5pm and 8pm on Wednesday 31st August. If you are away, entry forms, with correct monies at 30p per entry, can be left at the shop. Unfortunately, no late entries can be accepted.

Even if you are not inspired to enter, come along and be amazed at the skills of your community. At the end of the show many items are auctioned off providing all sorts of bargains!