

# Coaley Parish

# NEWSLETTER

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New Vicar  
Produce Show Results

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE	CONTACT
15th Oct	Coaley Rocks 2	7.00pm	Hall	See page 9
16th Oct	Music and Cake	3.00pm	Church	See page 13
18th Oct	Village Hall AGM	7.30pm	Jubilee Room	Barbara Davis 890679
23rd Oct	Songs of Praise	4.00pm	Church	See page 13
25th Oct	Produce Show AGM	7.00pm	Jubilee Room	
31st Oct	Trick or Treat trail			See page 7
6th Nov	School Fireworks	6pm	School	
24th Nov- 26th Nov	Panto	7.30pm	Hall	See page 10
4th Dec	Christmas Tree lighting			

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  
Wednesday 16th November 2022.

We're sorry this newsletter is late. This was caused by holiday and a difficult edit with much more content provided than we had room for.

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This issue edited by Stephen Cook.

Cover picture: *Beatrix Walker in her prize winning crown.*

# VILLAGE NEWS

## INTRODUCING... US

So I'm the new vicar for Lower Cam and Coaley - Graham Stacey - and I, and my family, have moved into the vicarage in Lower Cam.

Here are the basics:

Kate and I have been happily married for 26 years, and this is our 8th move. These have taken us from Northwood to Gloucester via High Wycombe and Oxfordshire.

Our three children are now all adults: Anna - 22, Bethia - 20 and Daniel - 18.

Kate has been the Rector in Stroud since 2018 and will now be commuting to work from Lower Cam.

What else might you like to know?

I've worked as an assistant in an Italian restaurant and for the then 6th richest person in the world and plenty in between. I became a Christian when I was 23 and have pretty much worked for, around and in the church ever since. Along the way, I have started and run a charity and a business.

When I am relaxing, you'll find me either in my workshop fixing or making something, in the garden digging and planting or out cycling.

I am looking forward to meeting you, whether you're a regular in a church service, an occasional visitor, or you have been since you can't remember.



# COALEY PRODUCE SHOW CELEBRATES 80 YEARS.

Coaley celebrated it's "Oak" anniversary this year - 80 years since the first show in 1942 - and laid on a special cake made by Lillie B which was handed out to all in attendance.

The first show had a winner with a collection of 2291 white butterflies! It is good to know that the show has moved on although many classes stay the same.

The show had an impressive number of entries. New exhibitors were among the many who won prizes. It was amazing to see the amounts of fruit and vegetable entries considering the difficult growing conditions this year.

The Arts & Crafts section demonstrated



the skills of the community whilst exhibitors in the Home Economic section surpassed themselves with 18 entries for Victoria sponge cakes and in the men only class 14 entries for a malt loaf. The children's classes were well supported with both entries from local children and Coaley School pupils.

Delicious refreshments were supplied by Coaley W.I.

## Trophies

- Vegetable Cup - David Wilcox.
  - G. S. Neale Cup for Fruit - Tylan Bahcheli.
  - Flower Cup - Ann Bahcheli.
  - Floral Decoration Cup - Laura Gibbs.
  - Domestic Cup - Vanessa Sprague.
  - Rose Bowl - Jackie Davis.
  - Coaley W.I. Cup for Arts and Crafts - Barbara Whitwam Davis.
  - Jean Steel Cup for Children - Poppy Cook.
  - Billet Cup for Children - Pippa Gibbs.
  - Frank Workman Rose Bowl - Kay Lynch.
  - Winnie Brooks Cup for the Most Beautiful Flower - Avril Burak.
  - Major Memorial Award - Tylan Bahcheli.
  - Wooden Spoon - Chris Wilcox.
  - Cospa Cup for Photography - Stephen Cook.
  - Florie Curson Dahlia Cup - Susan Tucker & Lisa Boden.
  - Centaur Cup for Coaley School (7 and under) - Esme Kologlu.
  - Centaur Cup for Coaley School (8 -10) - Iyla Telling.
  - Gardens Cup - June Dunlop.
- Full results at [www.coaleyproduceshow.org.uk](http://www.coaleyproduceshow.org.uk)

## TALK AND DEMONSTRATION BY COTSWOLD COUNTRY FLOWERS

The Produce Show are delighted that Fiona Porter from Cotswold Country Flowers will be able to come to our AGM for a talk and a demonstration. We would like to invite anyone from the village to come and join us for the evening. This will take place on Tuesday 25th October at 7pm in the Jubilee Room at the Village Hall.

## VILLAGE HALL

Everyone is invited to attend the AGM of the Village Hall Committee at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Room on Tuesday 18th October. There will be a chance to ask questions of the Committee about what has happened in the hall in the past 12 months and plans for the future.

Copies of the Chair's and Treasurer's Reports can be obtained by contacting the secretary.

A new Committee is elected at this meeting. New members are urgently being sought. If there is no Committee in place the Hall cannot function. The Village Hall is a great asset to the village and it is unthinkable about it having to close.

Contact is the con 890679 or [barbaradavis4119@gmail.com](mailto:barbaradavis4119@gmail.com)

## COALEY VILLAGE PLAYGROUP SHEEPHUNT 2022

THANK EWE to everyone in the Coaley community who supported Coaley Sheep Hunt. We had 31 fabulously dressed sheep in total (including our cheeky little bonus sheep all the way up Knapp Lane). The turn out this year was absolutely staggering and we just can't thank enough everyone who helped, decorated a sheep or just came along for the hunt. Our endless gratitude goes to our fabulous men on the BBQ; Brian Morgan, Mike Davis, Mike Wathen and Mark Lynch, who selflessly gave up their entire Saturday in support of the playgroup with only a few ciders and an empty promise of coffee as reward (sorry about the coffee Mike Wathen)! Anne Morgan, Maggie Lewis and Jackie Davis who generously lent us their time and their expertise in running the tea and coffee and cake stall all day are absolute heroes. Many thanks also to our hardworking playgroup staff, committee members and parents Becky Court, Sarah Portlock, Sophie Goode, Chantelle Walker, Suki Cook, Ella Fielding, Verity Koluglu and all the businesses and individuals who donated prizes or the raffle and tombola. Thank you!

We're absolutely overwhelmed by the community support and enthusiasm for this event. It genuinely feels very special to live somewhere where all the different aspects of the village come together from the Old Fox Pub 'SuperLamb,' the Produce Show 'Meryl

Sheep' and the Coaley Shop 'Are Ewe Being Served?', to the three church sheep 'Pasture U. Lamb and his flock' and 'Baaartholomew the Chorister', (who I believe are still gracing the pulpit and choir stalls with their presence), the cryptically brilliant 'Muffles of the Lambs' from the Bellringers to our winning sheep in 3rd place 'Baapunzal', 2nd Place 'Big Baa' and the stunning 'Welly the Skate Baaarder' in 1st place.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who created a sheep and to all of you who donated, took part, came along, bounced on the bouncy castle etc. It wouldn't have happened without you and we are so very grateful. The Sheephunt raised an incredible over £1500 for the village playgroup, which as you know is a not-for profit charity which relies on these funds for new equipment, toys and educational material for the children.

## LIGHT UP HEADS UP

The Coaley Christmas Tree, provided by the Produce Show and funded by the sale of village calendars, will be switched on on Sunday December 4th as part of A Very Coaley Christmas an event being organised by St Barts and with other village groups taking part. This will take place in the Village Hall from 4pm – 6.30pm. As usual, we will gather for some festive singing, but this year we will also be accompanied by Woodford Silver Band. If you have lanterns, please bring them with you to add to the seasonal atmosphere.

## TWYNING ASH APPEAL

### Family Fun Day

The recent superb weather helped to create a thoroughly enjoyable family day out at Twyning Ash. Which was in aid of Gloucester hospital charities with the fund raised being equally split between the paediatric diabetes unit at Gloucester and the Oncology Unit at Cheltenham General.

A super beef lunch was enjoyed by 550 diners with Twyning Ash supplying all the beef and the caterers (Big Event Catering) received 100% positive comments. All tables and chairs were very generously provided by Alpha hire free of charge. With all onsite electricity provided by the generator donated by Rocket Rentals.

The families fortunate enough to have purchased tickets enjoyed access to the clay pigeon shoot with 2 different standards, competitive and novice, where many people took part who had never taken part in clay pigeon shooting before by using the guns provided by Cotswold Country Sports. Olly Toms winning the high gun and a day deer stalking and his partner Jess winning the lady's title.

The skittles also attracted a lot of family interest and was won with a spare score of 14 and won by Peter Windell, his prize being a £70 voucher kindly donated by the Brewhouse and Kitchen in Gloucester. And the under 15s was won jointly by Ollie aged 14 and Eleanor age 6 of Coaley who won a £15 book token each.

# TRICK OR TREAT

MONDAY OCTOBER 31st 2022



## Coaley Village Trick or Treat Trail

The Old Fox, Friends of Coaley School (FOCS) and Coaley Playgroup are delighted to announce the return of the Trick or Treat Trail on Monday 31st October. More information coming soon! Watch out for us on posters in the village and on Facebook.



The many other activities enjoyed by the families included, mini motorbike track provided by LDR racing, mini digger driving experience provided by James Smith, wellie wanging and wet sponge stocks, small children enjoyed the bouncy castle with the more competitive making use of the bungy run the coconut shy and splat the rat. There was also face painting provided by Hayley Tunnacliffe, Marshfield ice cream was available and an excellent range of classic vehicles provided by Bob Polley (ATC audio), Johnathon Denbury (Alltrans liquids) and Barry Fleury with a rare Hudson, all of which sparked great viewing.

A most outstanding exhibit which attracted a huge interest was the fully assembled single seater Glider provided by Fred Hill, John Timpany, Roy Upton and Steve Parker. With many people taking an interest in a flight from Nymphsfield Gliding Club.

Guess the weight of the Twyning Ash Bull was a feature of the day with a combined weight of the Hereford bull and the British Blue bull being 2051 KG, this was accurately guessed by Rebecca. The other cattle related activity was a cow trail through Coaley wood provided by Gemma which was a family hunt for escaped cows in the wood (nothing new there). The winning word after finding all the various breeds was AGRICULTURE. With the prize being a family ticket to Old down Country Park.

A further feature was the very welcome bar which helped to quench the sun induced thirsts on that day.

A hugely popular item was the outstanding Rednock swing band who played for approx. 2 hours and received rave reviews from everyone that was mesmerized by their outstanding quality of music which included music for all taste. A huge thank you too all musicians.

Richard and Charles who hosted the event would like to thank the many people whose outstanding contribution not only by donation or by sponsorship but also for the very hard work of the volunteers who cleaned washed and scrubbed the Twyning Ash buildings. These were too many to mention individually but without this generous spirit of very hard work would have made it difficult to achieve the superb and enjoyable day that it turned out to be.

The committee who from the outset in April helped to formulate the fun day were- Gemma Carter and Georgina Hulbert (secretaries) Roger Bush (finance controller) Johnathon Leigh (catering) and James Irvine (technical support).

A very special thank you to everyone who provided raffle prizes, and this was well supported by everyone and managed by Phil Sullivan.

To all who have supported our day your kindness and generosity has achieved £16,300 which was transferred to the charities



ALL PROCEEDS TO THE TAILINDING PROJECT

# COALEYROCKS

this time it's funky

featuring

Too Old For Toys

with support from

DOOZIE

15TH OCT 2022

COALEY VILLAGE HALL

TICKETS £10 AVAILABLE AT COALEY  
VILLAGE SHOP FROM SUNDAY 18TH  
SEPTEMBER

BAR OPEN FROM 19.00

MUSIC FROM 20.00-23.30



MEGABITE burger van  
open to ALL from 18.00

## PANTO

Mother Hubbard and the magic purse  
by Limelight Scripts.

Rehearsals are well under way and the cast and crew are enjoying getting stuck in with all the necessary preparations. Yet again, we are very pleased to be welcoming new faces both on the stage and behind the scenes! Tickets will be available from Monday 3rd of October.

Bookings can be made by obtaining a booking slip from Coaley Community Shop. All details on how to book and pay for your tickets will be included on this slip. Alternatively, you can phone the Box Office on 01453 860570. Details for paying either by cheque or bank transfer are available on this number.

Tickets always sell out quickly, especially for Friday and Saturday evening performances, so early booking is advised!

Ticket Prices: All aged 16 and under - £5.00

All aged 17 and over - £10.00

Reminder of performance dates:

Thursday 24th November at 7.30 p.m.  
Friday 25th November at 7.30 p.m.  
Saturday 26th November at 2.30 p.m.  
Saturday 26th November at 7.30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you at the performances!

## COALEY ROCKS

Back in April when I organised the first CoaleyRocks as a fundraiser for Coaley Playgroup I got all my printing done at JC Carters print shop in Cam. Through my chats with John and Christine I discovered that they are actually the founders of a school in The Gambia, which is entirely charitably funded and in a jokey way I suggested that if CoaleyRocks was a success, I would organise another Rock Night as a fundraiser for their charity. And so CoaleyRocks2 was born. The story of The Tallinding Project is an inspiring one and it's absolutely my pleasure to be able to try and raise funds in support of it. I hope you'll all come along on the night and join us for some music, drinks and dancing, maybe a cheeky burger from Megabite and help support this very worthy cause.

Our advertised headline band, The Matt Kirby Band, are unfortunately no longer able to take the stage on the 15th so we very much look forward to having them back for another event in the future. Filling the headline slot, I am delighted to announce that we now have Too Old For Toys a local covers band playing Rock and Pop classics from the 60's onwards. Our very own Doozie, acoustic duo, are supporting with their own brand of self-deprecating humour and 'creative' interpretations of songs you'll know and love.

Tickets are available from the Coaley Shop. Please do buy in advance as numbers are limited and we can't guarantee tickets on the door.  
Susy Keating



# *Christmas @ The Fox*

## *Christmas Menu*


From November 25th  
to December 23rd  
menu packs now available  
in the bar and online

## *Party Nights*

Saturday 3rd December - The Disclaimers  
80's 90's and today's hits

Saturday 10th December - Sean Carless  
singer and acoustic guitarist

Saturday 17th December - Laura Davis  
popular covers and country singer



## THE TALLINDING PROJECT

The Tallinding Project started as an effort to help with the building of a Nursery School in the area known as Tallinding, which is a part of Serrekunda, the largest town in the Gambia, West Africa.

The land is tribal land, equivalent to the village green, and the village elders had requested help to provide Nursery Education for the village children. The local people got together to provide the labour and we raised the money to buy the materials.

This is a community effort, the local parents have formed a school committee which governs the school and hires the teachers, all local people. In August 2004 enrolment took place for opening in September. There were places for 160 children but nearly twice that many turned up. Now Tallinding Central Nursery School has been open for 18 years and is still thriving. It still needs a lot of support but the results are tangible and visible for all to see. It is magical to visit and see so many children benefitting from a basic education. Because of the success of this venture we were asked to increase upon this with further classrooms for Primary age children so that 'our' pupils do not have to walk many miles to school when they leave the nursery classes at age 7. This we have done and a further two blocks, each of four classrooms has been built, plus a store, library and headmasters office, Enrolment in the Carter Lower Basic (Primary) section commenced in

September 2007 with the first batch of children 'graduating' from the Nursery Section.

January 2015 saw the opening of the final block, a 2 storey building offering a further 5 large classrooms for the Upper School taking pupils to 16 years of age.

November 2019 saw the provision of a bore hole to ensure a continuing supply of fresh water for the children.

ALL the money we collect goes directly to the school for the purchase of building materials and supplies for construction and fitting of the classrooms.

The Tallinding Project is currently encouraging people to sponsor individual children at a cost of £12.50 per month. This pays for their books, schooling and uniform. If you are interested, please contact John and Christine Carter 22 High Street Cam Glos GL11 5LE Tel: 01453 810835 [www.tallindingproject.co.cuk](http://www.tallindingproject.co.cuk) email; [tallindingproject@gmail.com](mailto:tallindingproject@gmail.com)

## POPPIES

There is still time to knit or crochet poppies for Remembrance Day, Wool and patterns are available in the shop, Please return poppies by the end of October.

Contact Barbara Davis 8906769

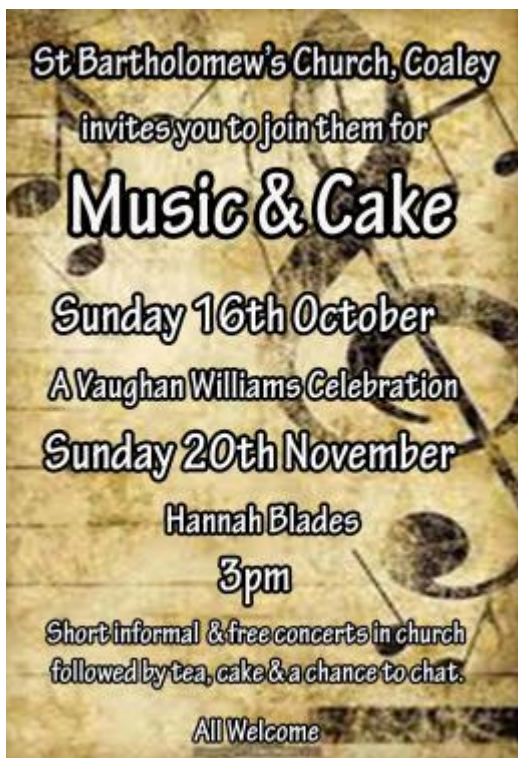
## WI

We would like to start our comments with a very special thank you to those listed below who set up the marquee for the WI tea room at the Produce show. They worked hard to set it up and then get it down and back to Slimbridge Scout group, your efforts were very much appreciated :-

Les Compton, Stephen Roper, David Dungworth, Dave Cavill, Wills Allan, Adrian Mather, Slimbridge Scouts.

We also thank the Shop for use of its venue and the Produce show committee for the opportunity to set up our stall and to everyone who supported us. Well done all those who were successful with their produce show entries.

At a previous meeting, we had a retro cheese and wine night with Liz from Godsells' cheese. Wine is served on arrival so it was nice to have a variety of cheese to taste along side our drinks. Liz started her talk with a brief history of Church Farm in Leonard Stanley, how they were known as 'Royal Stock farm' as they supplied eggs (for hatching) all over the commonwealth and to Queen Victoria. They started making cheeses 21 years ago with the first cheese being a cheddar and they now make a whole range of cheeses including Double and Single Gloucester- the Single has a Protective Designated Origin (PDO) which can only be made in Gloucestershire and Godsells are one of only 4 producers of this cheese in the county . We learnt how cheese is



**St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley**  
invites you to join them for  
**Music & Cake**  
**Sunday 16th October**  
**A Vaughan Williams Celebration**  
**Sunday 20th November**  
**Hannah Blades**  
**3pm**  
Short informal & free concerts in church  
followed by tea, cake & a chance to chat.  
All Welcome



**United Benefice of St Bartholomew**  
**Lower Cam & Coaley**  
**Songs of Praise**  
Join us to celebrate the Hymns  
of Ralph Vaughan Williams  
**Sunday 23rd October**  
**4pm**  
**Coaley Church**  
**RW**  
**150**

made and heard about the milk vending machine at the farm gate where you can buy fresh milk (non-homogenised so the cream settles on the top!) along with cheeses and other goods.

In August we had an informal get together on the rec for a chat and a cuppa as we don't have a formal meeting in August.

September was a pampering evening with products to taste from Neals Yard organics. The company believe in wellbeing that radiates from within, harnessing the power of the finest natural, ethically sourced herbs, botanicals and essential oils, all free from unnecessary chemicals.

In October our speaker is from Stroud womens refuge and we will hear about the work they do. November is AGM time with reports from the events this year.

You are welcome to come along, enjoy a glass of wine and enjoy the evening and the company.

## KNITTING GROUP

The Knitting Group has been busy over the summer. Post box toppers were made for the 4 postboxes in Coaley, as well as red, white and blue rosettes assembled for the Platinum Jubilee.

Donations of knitted and crocheted blankets and items of children's clothing have been made to these charities - Knitting for Peace, Tallinding Project and The Haven in Gloucester.

Anyone is welcome to come to meetings to natter, have a cuppa and cake and knit or crochet. Meetings are on the first Thursday of the month at 2.30pm.

Also items from those who wish to donate without attending meetings are very welcome.

Contact is Barbara Davis 890679

## SLIMBRIDGE SCOUT REUNION

Slimbridge Scout Group is 30yrs old this year and in celebration they are having a get together on Sunday 28th November 3-7pm, of anyone who has been involved as a Beaver, Cub, Scout, Leader, Committee Member or helper during this time.

They are looking to re-connect with as many people as possible. If you know of anyone who has been involved during this time, PLEASE can you let them know.

They are also looking to display any photographs of Group activities/events. These can be sent to Adrian below.

Refreshments will be available during the day and an entertainment to round the day off will be planned.

Please see their Facebook page for more details: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/704997199601852>

Any questions please to Adrian Mather 01453 519465 / 07805 078391 [gsl@slimbridgescoutgroup.org](mailto:gsl@slimbridgescoutgroup.org)

## NURTURE NATURE

In December 2020 our new King, Charles III, then the Prince of Wales, stated 'Humans should remember they are part of Nature, and stop exploiting it, to avert environmental and climate catastrophe'. Our King was well influenced by his father, the late Duke of Edinburgh, who was a well renowned conservationist worldwide, and he said, before he died aged 99 last year, that in his life time the world's population had tripled in size (in round terms from 3 billion to 9 billion people). An enormous increase over a relatively short period, in the life of the planet, that is. Rachel Carson, in her 1962 book 'Silent Spring', has been credited with starting the global environmental movement. An award winning film starring Julia Roberts, 'Erin Brockovich', (2000) forcibly portrays the negative consequences of man made environmental misuse. This film is often shown on TV channels, and is well worth a view.

Nature is in crisis worldwide - but we can be lifelines for species on the brink of extinction. An example of this is the Fatu Hiva Monarch, a large black flycatcher resident on a tiny French Polynesian island in the Pacific. Just eighteen birds remain, and only four are females. Only forty years ago this bird was abundant in the island's native forests. But in the 1990s the population plummeted due to man's intrusions, with the introduction of black rats – often diseased – and cats – which went feral. The SOP (Save Our Planet) Manu ('Birdlife' in French Polynesia) has saved this superb

species from extinction by controlling the predator rats and cats and protecting nests.

Finally, closer to home, we can improve our own environment by making space for wild life and understanding the value of green spaces, not only in rural areas but in urban spaces too. We can all play our part by helping to conserve our own spaces and areas. With Autumn approaching many feel it is time to cut hedges, lop trees, trim shrubs and generally remove what we consider to be untidy foliage. Before embarking on your big seasonal tidy up, try sitting outside on warm evenings just before dusk, and note where your garden birds are flying into their roosts. Try to leave plenty of foliage and berry bearing limbs for winter food, as the sustenance and shelter thus provided give vital protection against both inclement weather and predators. And a reminder to get that pond dug this year, which you've been meaning to get around to for years! You'll be staggered by the increase of wild life you've never had before, if you do!

Lastly, as I write this on a lovely early sunny morn with the bees gathering nectar from the flowers of our *Abelia grandiflora*, why not consider planting such a shrub, or a winter flowering honeysuckle too - in memory of her late Majesty? Note that only single, or bell shaped flowers allow bees access to their nectar, not double ones.

Otis Tarda

## USEFUL CONTACTS

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	Penny Wait	860191
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GCC Councillor	Wendy Thomas wendy.thomas@gloucestershire.gov.uk	
Vicar	Graham Stacey	709859
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
Friendship Group	Pam Sweetland	890513
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