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SAVE OUR PUB

Parish Council seeks support to save the last pub in Coaley

Following the closure of The Fox and Hounds, Coaley Parish Council have applied for the pub to be registered as an 'Asset of Community Value' to help ensure it remains a pub. Councillor Ben Bywater is leading on this for the council and expects a Stroud District Council decision by the end of June. Effectively 'ACV' status would mean:

- Planning permission is required for the pub to be converted to any other use or demolished
- The sale of an ACV pub to a developer can be delayed for up to six months while the community explore options to keep the pub open
- Property developers who want to avoid a contentious planning application may be dissuaded from buying an ACV listed pub.

In the meantime, a working group has been set up by villagers to explore options for the way forward. They would like to hear the views of local residents and will be convening a meeting on Wednesday June 28th at 7.30pm in the village hall.

They are also encouraging everyone to fill out a short survey about what they want from a local pub, so that regardless of who may run the pub in the future, it can better meet our needs and thereby thrive. There is a link to the survey on the homepage of the parish council website at www.coaleypc.org.uk

If you would like to join the working group, or have any questions, please contact Les Compton at lscmptn@btinternet.com. And for further information about the ACV bid or related queries, please speak to your local councillor, or contact Ben Bywater on 07909 545 303 or benbywater@gmail.com

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1 Quarry Gardens,
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Sat 22nd July 2017 - Fill your own vase workshop 3-5pm
Sun 13th August - Hand tied bouquet workshop 3 - 5.30 pm
Sat 9th Sept - Seasonal basket arrangement workshop 3-5pm
For more details and booking see contact details below

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	John Hobson07715 558110	
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Village Agent:	Penny French07776 245726	pennyf@villageagent.grcc.org.uk
Vicar:	Rev'd Sue Greatorex01453 542547	
Village Hall:	Lesley Chalmers890788	
Needing a lift to Coaley Church?		
Co-ordinator	Isobel Farmer890556	
Tree Warden:	Stephen Cook860504	
ST Emergency Water & Sewage Centre (24hr)0800 783 4444	
Gas Emergency Leaks etc [24 hour]0800 111 999	
Electricity Loss of Supply [24 hour]08000 328 1111	
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County Travel Line 24-hours01452 425543	
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Parish Council meetings are normally on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm and all residents are invited to attend.

Please let us have your contributions for the next issue by Friday 21 July 2017

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NEW COUNCILLOR

The Parish council is keen to recruit a new councillor, this is a very fulfilling role and is ideal for someone who would like to contribute to village life. Some of the council's roles include reviewing planning applications, maintaining the village recreation areas and footpaths as well as many other aspects. If you are interested and would like to get more information please contact the clerk on 01453 545880 or lynnthornton01@gmail.com



Did you See

If you missed the beauty of Cam Peak's bluebells last month they were breathtaking, put it in your diary for next year, front and the back of the hill were absolutely covered and certainly makes you appreciate what a beautiful area we all live.

What's On

The Friends of Coaley School's Music Festival

Saturday
17th June

Coaley School
Field
5.00-10.00pm

Bands, BBQ, Bar &
Coffee Lounge

Tickets: £6 adults/ £3 children
Available from late April: Coaley Village
Shop, or email: coaleystest@gmail.com

Any bands/singers who would like to perform
please email.



FILM CLUB 2017/18 SEASON

A Big Thank You to everyone who has helped make our Film Club such a success that we have raised £1,801.31 for the Village Hall Refurbishment Fund.

Our next film season starts on Saturday 9th September and will be held on the following Saturday nights: October 14th, November 11th, December 9th, January 13th, February 10th and March 10th.

During the summer we will be compiling our programme for the 2017/18 season and if there are any films you would like us to show please let Lesley or Tom know.

Members are reminded that their membership fee of £25 is due on September 1st. Cheques should be made payable to Coaley Village Hall and can be left in the postbox at 8 Cider Orchard.

If you are interested in becoming a member or would like further information please contact Lesley on 890788.

Let's play tennis!

Fancy a game now the weather is warming up?

Wondering how to find out who else in the village wants to play?

Interested in some adult coaching?

Or for the kids? So am I! All of the above!

Drop me an email or call and we'll take it from there. Perhaps if there are lots of people then we start a ladder. Or maybe we just establish a regular time each week and hope at least someone else turns up. Any other bright ideas, please share.

We're so lucky to have our own courts.

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What's On

... in the Village Hall

JUNE

2nd Zumba, Badminton U3A
 3rd Private Party
 4th Private Party
 5th Pilates, Badminton, Brownies/Guides
 6th Taekwondo, Parish Council (JR)
 7th Pilates, Wives Fellowship
 8th Polling Day, Pub Working Party (JR)
 9th Zumba, Badminton U3A, Panto auditions
 11th Panto auditions
 12th Pilates, Badminton, Whist, Brownies/Guides
 13th Friendship Group
 Taekwondo, Village Hall Com.mtg.
 14th Pilates, Kurling U3A,
 15th Pilates
 16th Zumba, Badminton, Private Party
 17th Private Party
 18th Private Party
 19th Pilates, Badminton, Brownies/Guides
 20th Taekwondo
 21st Pilates, W.I.
 22nd Pilates
 23rd Zumba, Badminton
 26th Pilates, Badminton, Brownies/Guides
 27th Lunch Club, Taekwondo
 28th Pilates, Kurling
 29th Pilates
 30th Zumba, Badminton

JULY

2nd Brownie Day
 3rd Pilates, Badminton, Brownies/Guides
 4th Taekwondo, Parish Council
 5th Pilates, Wives Fellowship
 6th Pilates
 7th Zumba, Badminton
 8th Private Party
 10th Pilates, Badminton, Brownies/Guides
 11th Friendship Group. Taekwondo,
 Village Hall Com.mtg.
 12th Pilates, W.I. Quiz Evening
 13th Pilates
 14th Zumba, Badminton
 17th Pilates, Badminton, Brownies/Guides
 18th Private mtg.(JR), Taekwondo
 19th Pilates, Kurling, W.I.
 20th Pilates
 21st Zumba, Badminton
 24th Badminton
 25th Lunch Club, Taekwondo
 28th Zumba, Badminton
 29th Wedding Reception

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON TIMES AND
 CONTACT NUMBERS PLEASE RING LESLEY
 CHALMERS ON 890788

Dates for your diary

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	TIME	CONTACT
6th June	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	Jubilee Room	Lynn Thornton 01453 545880
9th June	Pantomime Casting Session (adults)	Jubilee Room	7.30pm	Paul Day 01453 544158
11th June	Pantomime Casting Session (under 14's)	Jubilee Room	10.00am	Paul Day 01453 544158
13th June	Friendship Group Annual Barbecue			Isobel Farmer 890556
17th June	Coaley Fest	Coaley School	5-10pm	Shop or email: coaleyfest@gmail.com www.coaleyproduceshow.org.uk
18th June	Garden's Cup			
18th June	Ozleworth Open Gardens	Ozleworth Park	2pm-5pm	
22nd June	British Flowers Open Gardens	Withywind, Ham Lane	10am-8pm	Fiona 07967 41679
25th June	Open Gardens	Homestead, The Ham	2pm-5pm	
28th June	Save our Pub	Jubilee Room	7.30pm	Ben Bywater 07909 545 303
1st July	SARA Duck Race	Boat Inn, Chepstow	11am	
9th July	Songs of Praise	St Bartholomews Church	6pm	
11th July	Friendship Group	Village Hall		Isobel Farmer 890556
1st August	Coaley Shop AGM	Jubilee Room	7pm	Brenda Board 860558
9th September	Film Club	Jubilee Room		

VILLAGE AGENT NEWS

We know that Severn Trent Water supply water to our homes but I have recently learnt about how they help in other ways.

- There is Watersure. This is a national scheme to make sure low-income customers don't cut back on how much water they use because they are worried about how they will pay their bill. People are eligible if there are 3 or more children under 19 in the household or, if there is an individual in the household who has a medical condition that increases water usage AND the family is in receipt of means tested benefits (including pension credit).

- Water Direct is a government scheme aimed at assisting those who are unable to budget or are struggling to pay their bills, and therefore are getting into arrears. This relates to customers who already have arrears of £50.00 or more and who are in receipt of particular benefits. Deductions are taken at source and paid directly to STW.

- Personalised Service. The "priority service register" exists to ensure that, if there is a supply issue, they can identify and give extra support to those customers who need it. This includes people who have a medical condition, mobility needs, a visual impairment, a mental health condition or have a temporary need. Registered customers will receive priority notification of planned work, priority notification in case of any emergency and an alternative water supply where needed. Anyone who needs to register for the service can do so by phoning 0800 085 4986 or online at <http://priority.stwater.co.uk>

- There is a range of services that might make life a bit easier for some people, for example, alternative formats for bills etc. to help those with particular needs like colour blindness, dyslexia, braille and large print. Or contact can be arranged to be by BT-text, email or audio.

- Password Protection. This is my personal favourite in a society where we hear so often of bogus callers. A customer can set up a password. It works like this: if someone knocks on your door saying that they are from Severn Trent Water they will know your personal password. If he doesn't know it, then he is not from Severn Trent.
- Water Efficiency Products. These are some free water saving gadgets that you can send away for. I gave this a try and the items arrived very promptly. On offer are a range of items such as

water saving crystals, shower timer and a shower save regulator.
 To find out more about the above call freephone 0800 085 4986 or go to www.stwater.co.uk
 Should anyone be with a different water company it would be worthwhile contacting them as they will probably offer similar services, or let me know and I will help with any query.

Penny French. Tel: 07776 245 726.
 Email: pennyf@villageagent.grcc.org.uk

Garden Party
The Homestead, The Ham, Coaley
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Sunday 25th June
2pm - 5pm

Raising funds for Coaley Village Hall & St. Bartholomew's Church, Coaley

Tea, Coffee, Cake & Strawberries & Cream
Cake, Produce & Plant Stalls

COALEY COMMUNITY SHOP

Thank you to all our customers and volunteers for their patience and cooperation during the building of the deck and the installation of the new door. The work was done by local carpenter Steve Birkbeck, and I am sure you will agree that the shop looks much smarter and improves the appearance of the village. Estate agents will tell you a local shop adds value to all the houses.

You will find an envelope in the parish newsletter with information about the shop, and a fridge magnet to remind you of opening hours. There is also an application form to join CoSPA, the organisation that runs the shop. Over 14 years the shop has been running, many original members have departed, and we really need new people to join, and have an input to how the shop should run and



develop. There is a one-off joining fee of £10, but in exchange you will receive discount vouchers every year worth £22. It really is excellent value. Our AGM is on August 1st, so please join before then and come along. Members will receive the agenda and nomination papers nearer the time.

Don't forget we can sell your surplus produce and plants with our "Crop for the Shop" scheme.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN COALEY

Is there anyone who can provide me with information regarding a bicycle stolen from the Coaley area?

It is a 35 year old machine which has been ridden across the continent, and is of great sentimental value to its owner. Please help if you have any information which may lead to the recovery of this machine.

There have again been reports of vehicles exceeding the speed limits through the village, not only on the main road, but also Betworthy where children are in danger due to inconsiderate. Driving, and excessive speed. Let there be an improvement in driving, and please refrain from using mobile phones whilst driving.

Now that summer has arrived it is good to throw open your windows and breathe the wonderful fresh air of the countryside, but do take extra care to secure your property, ensuring windows, AND DOORS are closed and locked if you are to be away.

I have received a complaint of a bonfire being lit close to adjoining property. Please consider the comfort and safety of other people when lighting a bonfire.

Thank you for your support.
Ken Wibberley



Coaley Gardens Cup



This is your chance to enter this year's Coaley Gardens Cup Competition. This year the theme is "my roses". You can enter anything from a garden full of roses to your favourite single rose bush.

On the afternoon of Sunday 18th June an independent judge will visit each garden entered for about 15 to 20 minutes, during which you can discuss aspects of your garden with her. We are happy to visit gardens even if you're out for the day.

Closing date for the competition is Monday 12th June 2016.

The competition is very informal and fun so why not pick up an entry form from the village shop. If you cannot get to the shop please call Tylan Bahcheli on 860230 and he will deliver a form to you.

Now is also the time to be thinking about your entries for the Produce Show in September. The arts and crafts classes were in the last newsletter and the complete schedule can be downloaded from our website at www.coaleyproduceshow.org.uk

OPEN GARDEN

Sunday 18th June

at
Ozleworth Park
Wotton-Under-Edge
GL12 7QU
from 2pm – 5.30pm
to raise much-needed funds
for
Citizens Advice Stroud
District.

These are beautiful gardens which have not been open to the public for some time. The afternoon will include the Nailsworth Silver Band, delicious teas, plants, raffle and tombola. Entrance is £5.00 Children under 16 Free. Guide dogs are the only dogs that can be admitted.

All proceeds will help to fund the support of our wonderful team of volunteers who help over 4,000 people a year across the Stroud District to resolve their problems, whatever they are.

June 18th marks 2 other occasions: it is Father's Day and it is also part of the weekend of 'The Great Get Together' when communities all over the country are being encouraged to join together on the anniversary of the tragic death of Jo Cox MP, to show that, whatever their views, they can still come together in harmony. We hope that many will come together with family, friends or neighbours on this day and enjoy these lovely gardens.



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Coaley Flower Festival

Another wonderful flower festival! The May Day bank holiday weekend saw Coaley Church transformed into a veritable sea of flowers. Each arrangement was based on a well-loved nursery rhyme and the arrangers excelled themselves in their ingenuity and creativity. The Lady Chapel became a bower for a baby, complete with a cradle which rocked and the window above the High Altar celebrated Oranges & Lemons and all the bells in London. There was a rag doll peeping out from a chimney pot near the pulpit, teddy bears picnicking in the sanctuary, bus wheels and roses on the font and more teddy bears on the bier, this time walking round the garden. On the window ledges Little Bo Peep looked for her lost sheep; Mary minded her silver bells and cockle shells; Humpty Dumpty sat on his wall; the Owl and the Pussy cat sailed to sea; the Queen of Spain's daughter, complete with mantilla and fan, searched for the little nut tree; a fine lady rode to Banbury Cross; a sad doll languished near the lectern; Dr Foster splashed through the puddles; a large spider frightened Miss Muffet and Hot Cross Buns were selling fast and very cheaply! In the porch the Dish ran away with the Spoon and the Grand Old Duke of York continued to march his men up and down the hill.

Refreshments were served from the parish room on Saturday and Sunday with the weather allowing some visitors to sit in the churchyard. The party of walkers were particularly grateful for a sit down and cup of tea. On Monday refreshments were in the Village Hall with 75 lunches prepared and eaten along with endless cups of tea, and slices of cake. The children had a fancy dress parade and then races and there were stalls selling everything from birthday cards to cushions and plants to more cakes. A real village fete.

On Sunday evening there was a Flower Festival Songs of Praise, with well-loved hymns, readings and a lovely anthem from the choir, For the Beauty of the Earth by John Rutter. It was good to see so many in the congregation.

Thank you to Joan Lumley and Pat Grimwood who masterminded the whole event, to all the flower arrangers, the cake bakers, tea makers, washers up, food preparers and servers and all the backroom staff who put up tables, erected marquees, organised races and generally made sure everything ran smoothly.

And I'm told there will be another next year...Watch this space!



St Bartholomew's Church
invites you to
Summer Songs of Praise
Sunday 9th July, 6pm
All welcome

Coaley Lent Lunches & Famine Lunch

This year money raised from the Lent Lunches and Good Friday Famine Lunch went to SARA, (Severn Area Rescue Association) based in Sharpness and Great Western Air Ambulance Charity. £610 was raised in total and this was split between the two charities. £250 was gift aided so that raised another £31.25 for each of them. Both charities were delighted and sent their thanks.

Deryck Pritchard from SARA wrote "Your donation will be put towards the cost of much needed replacement engines for SARA 2, our primary response lifeboat."

He has invited everyone to their Open Day on August 13th when the boats will be action.

Thank you to all who went to the lunches and to those who prepared and served the meals.

