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# Coaley Parish Newsletter

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## CINDERELLA – Coaley Pantomime 2011



The cast and crew of Cinderella, this year's Pantomime would like to thank everyone who supported show. Judging by the laughter and applause the Panto was greatly enjoyed by the four full houses who came to see it.

The proceeds will be going towards the upkeep and refurbishment of the Village Hall.

As well as the regular performers the cast was pleased to welcome newcomers both on stage and backstage.

The dates for next year's Panto have already been fixed and so if want to see another good show or missed out on this year's fantastic show then watch out for the announcement and book your tickets early.

If you want to see Cinderella again, a DVD will soon be available. Ring Andy or Eileen 890869 to reserve your copy.

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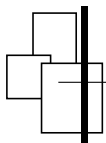
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**HUCCLECOTE COMMUNITY CENTRE** Hucclecote Road GL3 3RT

Parish Council meetings are normally on the first Tuesday of each  
month at 7.30p.m. and all residents are invited to attend.

Please let us have contributions  
for the next issue by  
Friday 18th January 2012

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**Cospa Christmas Opening Hours**

Saturday 24th	8.30 am-Noon Afternoon Closed
Sunday 25th December	Closed
Monday 26th December	10.00am to Noon
Tuesday 27th December	10.00am to Noon
Wednesday 28th December	As normal
Thursday 29th December	As normal
Friday 30th December	As normal
Saturday 31st December	8.30 am to Noon 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Sunday 1st January 2012	10.00 am to Noon
Monday 2nd January	10.00 am to Noon
Then - back to normal	



8th December 10am Said Eucharist  
9th December 3.15 School Fair  
10th December 7.30pm Winter Concert  
11th December 9.30am Sung Eucharist  
13th December 6pm School Carol Service  
15th December 10am Said Eucharist  
18th December 9.30am Sung Eucharist  
4.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols  
22nd December 10am Said Eucharist  
Christmas Eve 3pm Blessing of the Club  
9.30pm First Eucharist of Christmas

**Tea Concert in aid of  
Marie Curie**

There will be a tea concert at  
**Coaley Village Hall**  
on **Sunday 11th December**  
at **3pm**

where Catherine Jones' piano  
students (including some from  
Coaley) will play, and you can all  
share in Christmas cakes, mince pies  
and tea! The last concert, in July, held in Cam as we couldn't  
book the hall, was a great success and we raised just over  
£50 for Marie Curie Nursing Care.

If you or your child are thinking about learning to play the  
piano, (or keyboard if you don't have a piano) this is a great  
opportunity to find out more and see what kind of progress  
adults and children can make in a relatively short time.  
Please contact Catherine on 07868 028246 if you would like  
to attend.

Some of Catherine's students learn through the local  
Fairshares scheme; there is also a discount for your first  
term's fees if you live in Coaley!





## Village Agent Free Solar PV Offers

I don't know if any of you have had leaflets put through your door about free solar panel offers but as there are a number of different organisations offering this scheme, I thought I'd give you some information about it. These offers are called 'Rent my roof Space' which is simply 'renting' the roof space from the customer.

How it works is that the company installs the panels on south, south-west or south-east facing roofs. The company pays for the installation, connection charges and the maintenance of the panels and the home owner benefits from free electricity from the panels. Any electricity that is not used is exported into the local electricity network. Any income associated with this is likely to go to the installation company.

How much money you could save depends on the proportion of the electricity generated that is used directly in the home, rather than exported to the grid and this depends on a number of factors:

- How much electricity you use and when you use it
- Whether you are at home and using appliances during the day
- Whether you can change the time you run your appliances, eg running your washing machine when it's sunny (when solar PV is generating) instead of at night.
- How big the solar PV installation is

The proportion used in a house may be as low as 25% for a typical PV system, but it could be a lot more for some users. With a typical 2.7kw system, (average 3 bedroom semi) this would mean, to the homeowner, a likely saving of £70 - £140 per year.

It should be noted that some companies may not offer the



generated electricity for free, but instead offer it at a discounted price. If this is the case, then your savings will be even less and you should consider whether it's worth going ahead.

If you are considering a free solar PV offer, you will need to calculate what the annual benefit to you will be. If the electricity is to be free then you must remember that the actual savings will depend on how much electricity you use and how much is used during the day when the sun is shining.

Make sure you read the contract carefully, checking for such things as penalties for early termination and maintenance responsibilities. Advice on this can be found on the Energy Saving Trust website [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk).

If you feel you would like more information and would like to speak to someone, please ring the Energy Saving Trust on: 0800 512 012.

If you would like to more information about this or any other matter do telephone me Sue Colquhoun on 07810 630 145.

## Electrocution of Birds

A transformer pole in field 6697 behind the allotments on The Ham has been responsible for the electrocution of some birds. The pole has some redundant metal work attached to it, close to live wires. Somehow birds are able to touch the live parts and are being killed as a result. While this is distressing it cannot be rectified immediately. Western Power is aware of the problem and is hoping to deal with the issue next spring. Unfortunately outages have to be planned well in advance and are for specific work on specific lines. With winter approaching it is vital to safe guard people's electricity supply and so the work will be carried out when the threat of bad weather has lessened, probably around March. If removal of the problematic metal work proves not to be possible then some form of bird scaring devices will be attached to the lines.



Local scene December 2010

## Dates for your diary

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	TIME	CONTACT
21st December	Dursley Male Voice Choir	Fox & Hounds	8pm	890366
11th December	Tea Concert	Village Hall	3.00pm	Catherine 07868 028246
31st December	New Year's Eve Party	Fox & Hounds	8pm	860366
14th January	Live Music	Fox & Hounds		860366
18th January	Stroud Museum - past, present and future	Village Hall	7.30pm	Daphne Pearce 890224
21st January	Live Music	Fox & Hounds		890366
3rd January	Parish Council Meeting	Jubilee Room	7.30pm	Lynn 545880

# CINDERELLA – Coaley Pantomime 2011





As the end of 2011 rapidly approaches, I can report the parish Council has had a very busy year and has some exciting plans in place for 2012.

Work has taken place on Norton's Alley, the work group from Leyhill were on site for 2 days to reinforce the bank which had been rapidly eroding. This has now been supported with sleepers and the path has been graveled. The council would like to thank Dave Randall for all his assistance during this project.

The play area will receive some attention in January, after putting the work out to tender a company has been awarded the contract to repair and paint equipment that needs it and also to replace the roundabout.

The council also needs to make a decision regarding the phone box near the village shop, the box is going into a rapid state of disrepair. BT offered the council the opportunity to purchase the box, this was considered but as BT would remove the payphone and just leave the shell of the box it was not considered beneficial to the community. The council would like to hear of any ideas anyone may have for the future of the box. Alternatively would you support Council refurbishing it [subject to cost levels] or do you feel it should be removed? Please e-mail [lynnthornton01@gmail.com](mailto:lynnthornton01@gmail.com) or call 01453 545880.



## Dog Fouling and Dog Waste

In the last issue we highlighted the increase in dog fouling on our pavements and verges. We would like to thank all of you who do collect your dog waste. However it must only be disposed of in the correct dog waste bin or taken home and put in your domestic rubbish bags. PLEASE DO NOT put dog waste in the general litter bins such as the one by the bus shelter at Hamshill. Bags can split and leave a smelly unpleasant mess in the bin. We will investigate the possibility of getting another dog waste bin for the Far Green and Hamshill areas of the village but in the mean time please take your dog waste home in a sealed bag and dispose of it in your own rubbish. We want to keep the village clean and as litter free as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Neighbourhood Watch

There have been further thefts of oil, syphoned from tanks, and with the escalating cost of fuel an increase is more than likely. Extra precautions by one victim failed to prevent a theft, so I urge you to please report any suspicious persons or vehicles. Saddles and various tools have been stolen from outbuildings in the village, so I appeal for any information on this offence and urge persons possessing such property to be extra vigilant.

Halloween brought the usual spate of complaints, especially of persons throwing eggs at property. My advice to the culprits, Behave yourselves and grow up. Consider the problems of cleaning-up this unnecessary mess. With Christmas approaching, please refrain from leaving presents exposed in homes and cars. Ensure doors are well secured, vehicles locked and property removed or concealed from view.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas, and a peaceful, healthy and prosperous New Year.



Coaley village hall witnessed lots of fun at the Halloween Fancy Dress Disco on the 28th of Oct. Halloween evening the 31st of October, also started out with the younger villagers (under 15s) having a fun time, then the vandals came out and under the cover of trick or treat must have thought it was open time to vandalise property. House windows were used as targets for egg throwing, in doing so, paint work was also damaged and they trespassed on private property. None of this is funny or acceptable.

Is this the work of the same group who were running wild on the rec at 3 am in August and broke the windows of the telephone kiosk and the Parish Council notice board door? If you see or hear anything out of order, please phone Ken Wibberley, Neighbourhood Watch, and maybe this behaviour can be dealt with before the damage gets more serious.

## Samaritan's Christmas Boxes



I would like to thank all the people who contributed a shoe box filled with 'goodies'. On Friday 3rd November I took thirty five boxes over to Woodfields School for collection but there may have been a few more that made it after this date. It was a fantastic response and if they run the scheme again well worth repeating next year! So start looking out for those little gifts asap and putting them aside for next October! If by any chance you find it difficult to fill a box yourself then it is possible either to give a contribution to the charity on line [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk) (this helps with the transportation costs) or as happened to me this year, find a person that will do one for you. Once again thank you all for your generosity. Mandy Troxler



## Thank you

Coaley Churches Festive Cream Teas were highly successful. The crowded Hall testimony to the popularity of this event. New this year was a painting competition by the children of Coaley School, and visitors were impressed by the standard of the Artwork, and the imagination shown in producing the pictures from scratch. The Craft Stalls and traditional stalls were laden with Christmas Fayre, and stallholders kept very busy. A total of almost £1.000 was raised for General Church Funds. Thanks go to the members of Coaley Church, the Women's Institute, and Wives Fellowship who supported the event, to the children of Coaley School and their headmistress Mrs Anderson for their support. We must also thank Paul Griffiths and Tim from Draycott Petrol Station and Shop for their generosity.

Maureen Wibberley,  
for the Church Social Events Committee

## ONE CRACKING SUMMER (APART FROM THE WEATHER)

Normally the end of season report is one of sad reflection on opportunities lost. However, this year Coaley Cricket club can look back on a successful season in the field. The wins totalled seven games and only five were lost, two of these being narrow defeats by a few runs. Did I mention we won a cup game this year? The weather tried its best to thwart our enjoyment, it appeared at one point that it would only rain on Friday afternoons, but the weather didn't bank on us seasoned professionals accustomed to playing in all weathers, well Chivs wants to play.

Once the weather had improved, Captain Chivs amassed a team of mercenary skittle players (The Chiv's XI), utilising his insider knowledge to take us out. However, he didn't account for our youth components, Ethan Goring and Paddy Griffiths, both bowling excellently to keep the opposition at bay. We won by a fair margin. Brian, you need to get some better 'ringers'!

The weather improved in late July and it was time for North Nibley to get revenge for the thrashing handed down to them at St Peters. Coaley batted second to chase a big target of 140. With fine batting displays from Paul Skirrow, Anthony and Paddy Griffiths, Phil Spiers, Vegas' mate Cam, and not forgetting Pete Burrows smacking a credible three, the target was met with two balls to spare. North Nibley could not believe that the mighty Coaley had crushed them twice in one season.

Newcomers to the fixture list this year were Slimbridge. They appeared to be a youthful side, well, most sides are against us and played some very good cricket, setting a reasonable but, considering the Nibley game, achievable target. This was a game that was ours for the taking but before we knew what was happening we had run out of batsmen and overs. We narrowly lost by four runs.

Mid August saw the match of the season, the game against the 'Fox & Hounds'. This was a must win match for Coaley CC. otherwise we wouldn't have been able to face 'Wiff' without the loss being brought to our attention. Landlord John, who claims

never to have picked a bat up before, tonked almost every ball to the boundary. Valuable contributions from Paul Gillings and Paul Wiffen saw the Fox get to a credible 95. The match had drawn a big crowd and with the WAGs of both teams cheering and screaming (I think drink was involved) you could feel the tension as Coaley went into bat. A couple of quick wickets and a slowing run rate all added to the pressure but the wise old head of Pete Hatton came to the crease and steered the ball to six boundaries to reach thirty two not out. The full set of overs were played out and Coaley finished on 109, close but a win is a win and we can face 'Wiff' with heads held high.

The last two games were fantastic matches, one narrowly won and one narrowly lost. Both involved a comprehensive batting display from Martin Wright who was on top form for both games. Aided by Brian Chivers in the first game against Leonard Stanley, Martin hit 62 not out. Brian, also not out, hit 29. Coaley reached the massive total of 184 with two balls to spare in the last over. In the second game, against Aldsworth, the support for Martin came from Pete Hatton. The partnership was worth 70 with Pete contributing significantly with 12. However, Martin cracked under pressure with three balls to go in the last over and two runs to get he was clean bowled – no batsmen left. Tucky – we might need some 'mind training' as well as batting practice in the nets next year.

Finishing the season with two great matches made up for the rotten weather earlier in the season. There is however a more humiliating defeat, Vegas beat me in the bowling stakes. His nine-wicket haul was just out of reach for me and didn't I get to hear about it. So to the winner the spoils, a meal of his choice. It is this bit that really worries me because I'm not sure how much fifty meat pies is going to cost me!

Although the season has finished, it will not be long before nets commence in March/April 2012. If anyone would like to play for us next year drop me a line, you're more than welcome.

## Looking after our birds

A bird table can be a very attractive addition to a garden, and of vital importance especially during the months of October to April when food is in short supply.

At the end of the winter there are natural signs that tell you when you can stop feeding: the appearance of large numbers of insects and the buds on the trees starting to open are good guides.

The bird table can be left in position all year round, but bringing it in out of the weather during the summer will prolong its life.

If you wish to continue feeding birds during the spring and summer, current thinking is that this will cause no harm as long as hard foods are avoided.

If you enjoy watching birds, consider providing more varied feeding stations to attract more species. Unfortunately, tidier gardens and the changes in farming methods have reduced the natural food supply of species such as finches, buntings and sparrows.

Providing sunflower seeds will help them. They are eagerly taken and unlikely to be harmful if given to young in the nest.

If it takes a few days before you see any birds, don't be discouraged. Once the birds discover the food and convince themselves it is not a trap, they will visit regularly.

### Which food to provide

Black sunflower seeds are excellent year round food, bird seed mixtures including flaked maize, peanut granules and millet are very popular with house sparrows, blackbirds and finches. Bird cake and food bars are excellent to hang from your table and can be easily made at home by melting suet or lard and mixing in nuts and seeds and filling an empty coconut shell. Robins and blue tits relish live foods including



mealworms, but these have to be fresh, dead or discoloured ones can cause salmonella.

Only use lard and beef suet, polyunsaturated margarines, cooking fat and vegetable oils are unsuitable for birds.

Dog and cat food from tins is acceptable and readily taken by blackbirds and even fed to their chicks. Give fresh coconut but never use dessicated as it may swell once inside and cause death.

Rice and cereals are beneficial especially during the severe winter weather, but is probably most popular with doves and pigeons!



# Village Hall Refurbishment & Extension

Yes, progress is being made, Planning Permission has been granted. Now comes the action bit. Funding the Funding. As previously reported, the first phase is making the hall roof water tight, to ensure usage of the hall will continue uninterrupted. We must remind everyone, that without the hall, all social activities will come to a stop, if the roof is not replaced A. S. A. P. This will cost in the region of £160,000. Fund raising events will continue to be held as every pound helps. It is hoped that the Village Support will continue. Any ideas or suggestions will also be welcomed to make the diary more attractive. We will be preparing our events programme for the next year, by Christmas.

October was a very busy month on the fund raising front.

<b>Jumble Collection</b>	<b>£260</b>
<b>Fashion Show</b>	<b>£536</b>
<b>Coaley Canteen</b>	<b>£124</b>
<b>Halloween Disco</b>	<b>£458</b>

The Fashion Show was very successful, from all aspects, profit and bargains galore!! It will be repeated next October. Coaley Canteen is now a regular date in the diary, for up to 30 villagers. If you would like to join us, please phone Barbara on 890292, to make a reservation, for the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

The Halloween Fancy Dress Disco was a huge social success, as the hall Rocked until midnight!! The supper was sponsored by Mike Griffiths and Frocester Fayre. So a big thank you to both. Other events have also been sponsored by the Mcombie Family and Tesco and the Kitchen staff, sponsor the Pudding at Coaley Canteen. A big thank you to all the backroom boys, who helped with the heavy work behind the scenes.

Unfortunately the monthly Monday Social Afternoon will not continue due to lack of numbers. Apologies to the regulars, who have really enjoyed the event, a big thank you for being such good sports, in entering in the spirit of the afternoon.

It is hoped to hold a Family New Year's Eve village party, in the Hall. The plan is to have Family & Children entertainment from 6-9 pm, and Adult dance music thereafter. Bring your own refreshments. Entry Adult £5 and Child £2. If you would like to join the fun, please call L. Chalmers on 890788, or B.Tong on 890292. It will depend on the committed/interested numbers, for the event to go ahead. Thanks to all who have supported our events so far.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee- June 2-4 2012, will also be celebrated. Plans are being drawn up. All suggestions will be taken on board.

