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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	TIME	CONTACT
3rd December	Coaley Church Christmas Fayre	Village Hall	2.30pm	
5th December	Festival of Lessons and Carols	Slimbridge Church	6.30pm	
5th December	Parish Council Meeting	Jubilee Room	7.30pm	Lynn Thornton 545880
8th December	Coaley School Christmas Fayre	Coaley School	3.15-5pm	
9th December	Film Club	Jubilee Room		
9th December	Messy Church	St Bartholomews Church	10am-12 noon	
9th December	Visit to Everhot Cookers			
	Coaley Mill		2.30pm	Isobel Farmer 890556
10th December	Words and Music	St Bartholomews Church	3pm	
12th December	Friendship Club - dining out			Isobel Farmer 890556
16th & 17th December	Christmas Tree Festival	St Bartholomews Church	11am to 4pm	
17th December	Carols by Candlelight	St Bartholomews Church	4pm	
2nd January	Parish Council Meeting	Jubilee Room	7.30pm	Lynn Thornton 545880
5th, 6th & 7th January	Christmas Tree Recycling			Julia Mundell/Claire Ellis 01453 886868
3rd February	Quiz and Chilli Night	Village Hall	7pm	Barbara Davis 890679

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 19 January 2018**

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CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Saturday 23rd December.	8.30 to 12
Sunday 24th December	9am to 12
Monday 25th December	Closed
Tuesday 26th December	10am to 12
Wednesday 27th December	8am to 12
Thursday 28th December	8am to 12
Friday 29th December	8am to 12
Saturday 30th December	8.30 to 12
Sunday 31st December	9am to 12
Monday 1st January	10am to 12.

Coaley School Christmas Fayre

Coaley Village Hall, December 8th, 3.15-5pm



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SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

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Sunday 17th December

11am-4pm



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Coaley church are looking for new choir members - no experience necessary and all ages welcome. We do a mix of traditional and modern music and sing an anthem each week. There's no binding commitment, if you can't make every week still feel free to come along, it's a relaxed and enjoyable session.

Choir practice: **Tuesdays, 7.30pm**
Services: **Sundays, 9.15am**

If you're interested get in touch or just come along to see how it works!

Matthew Sharp
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Bachelor of Music, Cardiff University, 2015
Choirmaster and Organist at Lower Cam and Coaley

What's on in the Village Hall

DECEMBER	1st	Pantomime
	2nd	Pantomime
	3rd	Church Xmas Bazaar
	4th	Pilates/Badminton/ Brownies/Guides
	5th	Taekwondo/Parish Council
	6th	Pilates
	7th	Pilates
	8th	Badminton/School Xmas Fayre
	9th	Private Booking/ Film Night
	10th	Private Party
	11th	Pilates/Badminton/ Whist
	12th	Taekwondo/V.Hall Com mtg.
	13th	Pilates
	14th	Pilates
	15th	Badminton/ Brownie Sleepover
	16th	Brownie Sleepover/ Private Booking
	17th	Birthday Parties
	18th	Pilates/ Badminton
	19th	Lunch Club/Taekwondo
	20th	Guide Sleepover
	21st	Guide Sleepover
	22nd	Badminton
JANUARY	1st	Private Party
	2nd	Taekwondo/ Parish Council (JR)
	3rd	Wives Fellowship
	4th	Pre-School group
	5th	Badminton
	6th	Private Party
	8th	Pilates/Badminton/ Whist/Brownies/Guides
	9th	Private Booking/ Taekwondo/V.Hall Com mtg.(JR)
	10th	Pilates
	11th	Pre-school Group/ Pilates
	12th	Badminton
	13th	Film Night
	14th	Birthday Party
	15th	Pilates/Badminton/ Brownies/Guides
	16th	Private meeting TBC/Taekwondo
	17th	Pilates/FOCC Lunch/W.I.
	18th	Pre-school group/ Pilates
	19th	Badminton
	22nd	Pilates/Badminton/ Brownies/Guides
	23rd	Lunch Club/Taekwondo
	24th	Pilates
	25th	Pre-school group/ Pilates
	26th	Badminton/Private Booking TBC
	29th	Pilates/Badminton/ Brownies/Guides
	30th	Taekwondo
	31st	Pilates

FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND CONTACT NUMBERS
PLEASE CONTACT LESLEY CHALMERS ON 890788

BETWORTHY FARM APPLICATION UPDATE

The Betworthy Farm planning application for 24 houses, recently went before the development control committee at Stroud District council. Cllr John Burgess attended the meeting to present to the district councillors, the report is below:

To date Coaley PC has supported this application.

This support has been on the basis of:

1. The impact of the development on the drainage and sewerage infrastructure.
2. No further development being carried out on the exception site beyond the proposed application.
3. Sympathetic integration of the new and existing properties.
4. The affordable housing being prioritised for those who comply with the local eligibility criteria in perpetuity.

Whilst these concerns were raised at the last Planning and Development meeting they are worth repeating.

Throughout the process concerns have been raised about the impact of the proposed development on the drainage and sewerage infrastructure of the village.

The drainage in Coaley is of the combined Foul and Surface Water type, so the risk posed by flooding is significant and represents a major concern for the members of our Parish, as seen in the responses to this application. We have ongoing issues with the sewer and drainage system being unable to cope with periods of heavy rain.

There is evidence of root incursion in to the sewer pipework, which will only get worse over time, and the addition of 24 new properties will only place additional pressure on the sewer system.

Assurances were given that these issues would be addressed before any development would take place. Despite these assurances the Severn Trent report is far from convincing in demonstrating that the infrastructure can support the addition of 24 new properties and no remedial action has been proposed. The assessment identifies that there is known flooding in a number of areas and with a confidence level of only 51% reaches a conclusion that whilst the additional houses will have a medium impact no improvements are required.

Given the points made above it is clear that the current sewerage is degrading and it is debatable whether it is fit for purpose, the new development will only increase the incidence of flooding.

Were the development to be approved it would be essential that improvements to the drainage and sewerage system would have to be undertaken.

With regard to further development of Betworthy Farm, the Parish Council are deeply concerned that further development was not ruled out at the last SDC planning meeting, and furthermore, the latest local plan shows these sites as being candidates for inclusion within the village settlement boundary. We look to the planning committee reassurance that the remainder of this site will remain classified as an exception site. The issues raised by Mr Tomblin have caused further concerns for the Parish Council.

Despite further redrafting there are still numerous inaccuracies in the site plan including:

- More detail on the plots is required to inform on the distances from the borders and importantly the livestock barn. Also the plots appear to have been moved nearer to the ancient oak trees in the field, although the map only shows 2 trees there is in fact 3 of them.
- Another issue is the boundary of the site; the site plan appears to encroach onto the neighbouring property Betworthy Farm giving a false impression on the size of the plot.
- On speaking to residents in neighbouring properties it has become clear the specifications for existing properties bordering the site are not up to date therefore again this provides inaccurate data.

The meeting was also attended by local residents who have raised objection to the proposed development along with Mr Guy Wooddisse from Bayhill Property Limited. The committee considered all the evidence presented to them and also carried out a site visit. The final vote was 6 councillors to 3 to approve the application.

To mark Remembrance Day the front of the Community Shop was decorated with poppies knitted by Coaley WI and Coaley Knitting Group, as well as a sculpture of poppies.



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VILLAGE NEWS

WI UPDATE

In September our guest speaker was from the Tallinding project. The project has set up a school in the Gambian village of Tallinding and they raise money and collect donations to further develop the school. The school is now the top three in the country and the current project is to build a pharmacy which will further benefit the students. It was really interesting to see slides from the early days of the project and how it is now showing just how much has been achieved so far.

Our October meeting included a timely talk from Pam Thomson who runs Cotswold Cakes making all kinds of celebration cakes. She gave us tips on making our Christmas cakes including steaming the fruit for 5 minutes before soaking in your tippie of choice as the fruit will absorb more of the juices. She also demonstrated how to make penguins and a snow bear to decorate the top of your cake. WI members were invited to bring along 4 mince pies for judging and Sheila was the worthy winner.

We also had our AGM in October when the 6 WI groups making up the Coaley vale got together to enjoy drinks and a light supper. Richard Atkins from BBC Radio Gloucester joined the group and spoke about his experiences working in radio and members. Each of the groups gave a short report on the activities that have taken place this year and the 2017 programme.

Future activities include our Group Carol service which is being held on 12.12.17 at 15.45 at Upper Cam Church, a county scrabble contest, our Christmas meeting (at the Prince of Wales Hotel) and our November meeting when we will hear from Multi Award winning Cam Butchers.

We meet in the village hall on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm and Visitors and new members are always welcome.

TENNIS COURTS UPDATE

Making the courts free for the summer seems to have gone well and increased use by villagers. The parish council have agreed to continue the arrangement for the time being. So anyone who wishes to play, just text 'Free tennis!' to 07909 545 303.

Also, the Parish Council is seeking villagers' opinions and suggestions about how the tennis courts could be developed to accommodate other sports. For instance, is there a desire for netball? Or perhaps five-a-side football? Please share your thoughts and suggestions by emailing tennis@coaleypc.org.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A theft from an unattended vehicle parked in the Village Hall Car Park, when tools and valuable equipment was stolen, resulted in delayed progress of employment.

Any information regarding this matter would be greatly appreciated, and anyone having been offered tools cheaply, please contact me, 01453 890449, or the police by dialling 101.

Distraction Burglaries have occurred in this area, and attention must be given to the following.....

Do not allow any person into your home without checking their identity or telephoning the company the caller claims to represent, (Utility Services included).

Obtain details of any vehicle, and description of the vehicle and person.

With Christmas approaching, it is even more important to store presents out of view of suspect callers, both in your home, and in vehicles. Several thefts and burglaries have been committed in previous years, which would not have happened if care had been taken by this simple preventative measure.

And PLEASE do not drink before you drive. This applies 365 days of the year of course but is especially important to remember as Christmas grows nearer, and alcohol flows more freely, and please remember the welcoming and warming glass of hot punch could be almost 100% alcohol.

Once again do not use a mobile phone whilst driving.

Scam Calls continue unabated, including to me. My advice, just replace the telephone.

May I wish you all a merry Xmas, Good Wishes for the New Year, and thank you for all the help and calls I have received from you during the past year.

Ken Wibberley, Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator.

NEWS FROM COALEY COE PRIMARY SCHOOL



It's been a very busy term at Coaley School with lots of news. The most important news is that from January 2018 Coaley CoE Primary School will become part of the Diocese of Gloucester Academy Trust (DGAT). It is a new start for the school which will become known as Coaley CoE Primary Academy. The Trust will pay for new signage and there will be no need to buy new uniform until the children need new items. The logo will stay the same, with Academy replacing School. It is an exciting time for everyone and there will be a Celebration tea in January.

This year's Christmas Fayre will be in the village hall between 3.15pm and 5pm on 8th December. Christmas trees will be for sale along with plenty of mulled wine and other festive delights. Organised by FOCS (Friends of Coaley School), all are welcome to the Christmas fayre with proceeds going towards the school.

Based on last year's success, there will be two iSingPop concerts in the Church at 2pm & 6pm on Tuesday 5th December. iSingPop is a primary school music project that brings together school, church and community. The children work hard and have great fun rehearsing a selection of songs before recording their own album and performing the live concert. Villagers are warmly invited to the concert at the Church at 2pm or 6pm on 5th December.

The children are also looking forward to a visit from popular entertainer Chris P Tee (paid for by FOCS) as part of their Christmas lunch celebrations on 13th December.

From all the children, staff and governors at Coaley school, Happy Christmas!

PEACE **NOEL**

St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley invites you to join them at Christmas

Saturday Dec 9th
Messy Church 10am-12

Sunday Dec 17th
Carels by candlelight 4pm

Christmas Eve
Parish Communion 10am
Crib Service 3pm
Christmas Communion 10pm

Christmas Day
Christmas Communion 9.15am

Rev. Sue & the churchwardens wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas

Christmas JOY

St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley

Words and Music for a Winter Afternoon

A light hearted entertainment with seasonal readings and music followed by mulled wine, mince pies (and the famous tea & cake) and a chance to chat.

Sunday 10th December
3pm

Admission free

St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley

Christmas Bazaar

Sunday 3rd December
2-5pm

Coaley Village Hall

Christmas shopping opportunity!

Stalls! Festive treats!
Raffle! Cream teas!

St. Bartholomew's Church, Coaley

Messy Christmas

Children of all ages welcome

Painting **Crafts**
Stories **Refreshments**

Saturday 9th December
10am-12noon

ROBINSON CRUSOE AND THE PIRATES

A booze cruise to the Caribbean, with a famous explorer who nobody has ever heard of?

A pirate-eating plant, belonging to a tribe of vegetarian cannibals? A father and daughter playing mother and son... work that one out! It can only be the Coaley Pantomime!

With every performance being a complete sell-out, audiences were treated to yet another colourful and fun-filled production, with plenty of opportunities for joining in. On entering the hall, attention was immediately drawn to the wonderful proscenium scenery, designed by Sally Hyslop, depicting seabirds and maritime flag signals (did anyone work out what they said?) The vibrant and detailed stage scenery, designed by Bob Priest and brought to life by the Coaley Art Club, provided the perfect backdrop to the action.

Right from the rousing opening number to the toe-tapping finale, the seafaring adventure rolled along at a lively rate of knots. The script, (by Limelight Scripts) was full of jokes and innuendos and the talented cast clearly gave it their all, while having fun connecting with the audience and adding their own unique touches to the dialogue. After his triumphant appearance as the dame in last year's production, Paul Day decided to change roles and become a director this year, ably assisted by his daughter Emily (who was also involved on stage and backstage!) All the musical numbers were delivered with obvious enjoyment and enthusiasm by a young and talented chorus, many of whom had several roles to play. Full marks to the backstage crew, who in addition to their usual scenery changing tasks, successfully managed to manoeuvre several very large items on and off the stage. In the second act, the action took place on a cannibal island and a huge cooking pot, constructed by prop-maestro Dave Prout, which was large enough to contain 6 actors, appeared as if by magic!



It is always a pleasure to see new faces among the cast and crew and this year, CADS was particularly pleased to welcome nine new names to the programme: Paul Freeman as Blackbeard; Noah Birkbeck, Amelia Freeman, Martha Wilcox and Scarlett Young in the chorus; Wendy Noad for choreography; Ray Fielding for backstage crew; Chlöe Matthews for make-up, and Damien Kay for providing a backing track to one of the songs. There were also two returning members in Hannah Daniels and Steve Birkbeck.

Next year will be the 20th pantomime since its resurrection in 1999, which was originally intended to be a one-off production to celebrate the new millennium. However, it proved to be so popular that it was decided to produce an annual show. In subsequent years, it has grown into the annual pre-Christmas event that we know and love. Let's hope we continue to see even more new faces joining in with this fun and rewarding activity (age 7 upwards). Watch out for the newsletter in the early part of next year for details on how to become involved.

Lastly, congratulations to everyone who was involved in this year's production, both on stage and behind the scenes. Most of all, special thanks go to all the members of the audiences who came along to support this worthwhile cause. See you next year!

