

Coaley Village Trail

Welcome to our beautiful Cotswold village of Coaley. The following trail will, we hope, interest you and allow you to find out more about this community focused village.

Our population is about 790 (Jan 2019); slightly more than the 788 residents in 1851. You will have noticed all the beautiful fields and scarps around, but you did you know the village used to be surrounded by perry and apple orchards? Maybe that is why we used to have so many unlicensed “tiddlywinks’ where cider was served in china mugs. Is that why the villagers needed a Temperance Hall, now called Foxlea? The following route will hopefully show you more of hidden Coaley.

1. *Start in the Rec*
2. Find the 4 + 1 crowns. What are they on?
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3. *Be blue, find the shoe and turn right*
4. When did Coaley win Calor Village of the Year?
(_ _ _ _)
5. *Follow the white arrow*
6. *Pass the Coronation Oak. Planted in 1911 to celebrate the coronation of King George V*
7. *Kiss me quick Kate, pass through the gate overlooked by Arthur and his wife. Name his wife.*
(_ _ _ _)
8. How old was Timothy Pitcher when he entered into rest?
(_ _)

Did you know: In medieval times fairs, games and markets were held in the church yard. Even fund-raising Church Ales were made. Many village family names can be found here on the tombstones. Although the War memorial only lists the fallen from the First World War, we do have one WW2 grave maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

9. *Keep the trio of windows on your left and head towards the lantern holder*
10. Up the steps, what time did John make his verse?
(_ _ : _ _)
11. *Exit the churchyard through the neighbouring kissing gate and pass where the vicar used to live*

12. Where can you spot this pattern?

(_ _ _ _ _)



Did you know: Coaley School opened in 1865 with 110 pupils. Billy Butlin (of Butlin Holiday Camps) went to Coaley school 1904-1907. Opposite the school is the old wheelwright where tyres of leather and metal were put on wooden wheels.

13. *Pass 105 blue stripes*

14. How many children at school today?

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15. *See 2 kisses and carefully cross the road.*

16. *Turn left and head back towards the Rec*

17. How many faces on Watkins Terrace?

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Did you know: These heads and some of the stone came from the demolished medieval church. House No.5 used to be the tythe barn

18. Where did Postman Pat used to work?

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Did you know: There used to be a petrol pump and general store here.

19. At the street named after a queen, who was the jam maker from Stoke on Trent?

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20. *Passing church cottages, which number rings out a silent peal?*

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Did you know: Church Cottages were the workhouse until 1834.

21. *Pass 'a rat' on your right. Name this house.*

(_ _ _ _)

22. What would you feed your chickens?

(_ _ - _)

Did you know: Mr Curtis, who used to live here at The Old Forge, was apparently the first man in the UK to put rubber tyres on a cart. Can you see the rings on the wall where the horses used to be tethered?

23. *Cross the road* to find the bus number to Stroud
(_ _)
24. *Continue along the pavement.* What view do you see?
(_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _)
25. Find the name of one of Queen Victoria's Prime Ministers
(_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _)
26. The Best in the West was built 300 years ago. What can you see that a St. Bernard dog would wear?
(_ _ _ _ _ _)
27. What is the name of the scented house?
(_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _)
28. *Follow the footpath sign for the Dursley Lantern Way.*
(www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.btck.uk)
29. If you had one a day, what would keep the doctor away? What colour is the garage door?
(_ _ _ _ _ _)

For any less able partakers, please return to the Rec and walk to the far end by the teenager's area. Continue from point 37.

30. *Up the path, over the stile and turn left up the hill.*
31. *Turn around before you go through the gate at the top.* Can you spot: left to right – Longdown, Cam Peak and Stinchcombe Hill; In front of Stinchcombe Hill is Green Street (above the yellow house and across the field) still part of Coaley and used to be linked to the village by a lane.
32. *Turn back round and proceed through the kissing gate*
33. *Turn towards the tower and take the marked footpath over the stile.*

Did you know: A church existed on the present site since 1250. The tower of St. Bartholomews is the oldest remaining part, dating from the 14th century.

34. *Turn left through the metal gate and head downhill*

35. What is the name and number of the lonely sentinel you pass on the left?
When was it inspected?
(_ _ _ _ _) (_ _ _ _)

36. *Turn right through the bottom gate on to Norton's Alley*

Did You Know: Mr Norton had a house here, he used to collect his drinking water from a standpipe by the school. Water from Spring Tyne on the Uley road was piped into the village in 1876 but there were still 8 handpumps for those that did not pay to be connected. This path is part of a burial path along which people from outlying areas could carry the bier with the deceased to the church. The renovated bier is in the church.

37. *Re-enter the Rec*

38. How many seats on the space capsule?
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Did You Know: the village formed a tennis club in 1992 to raise monies for the building on the courts which opened in 1997.

39. How many kissing gates have you been through?
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Congratulations, you have completed the trail. Feel free to treat yourselves to something from the village shop or the Old Fox.

A few interesting things to look for in the extended village:

- The battered hut on the left as you pass through West End at the bottom of the village used to belong to the British legion. It performed all the functions that the present village hall does now.
- Further up the village is Hams Hill. An original script writer for The Archers lived here; he based the character of Dan Archer on his Uncle living at Lower Silver Street Farm.
- Peak Lane was properly tarmacked in the 1960s so the The Queen could travel from Badminton to Slimbridge WWT.

And finally, use the underscored red answers to find when one of our village events started.

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Answers to this trail and the trail itself can be found on
www.coaleyproduceshow.org.uk

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