



Carols around the Christmas Tree

Join the Coleford Community Choir and friends for some festive carols to get Christmas underway. Refreshments will be served by Coleford Town Council.

A look ahead to 2026

Cyclocross at the Angus Buchanan VC Recreation Ground



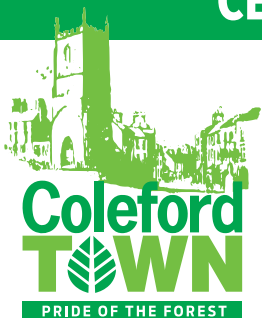
Returning following the success of the 2025 event, join hundreds of riders as they compete in classes of all ages in this cross country cycling event.

The Battle of Coleford Commemoration



Join members from The Sealed Knot in Coleford town centre as they commemorate the 1643 Battle of Coleford with musket fire, pike displays and speeches. 11:30am

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE



4 Musher Walk,
Coleford

Open Monday - Saturday from
10:00am - 3:00pm
(Extended times will apply in
summer months)

Tel: 01594 837135



A warm welcome awaits you in

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Dates at a glance:

- Friday 28th March - Coleford Community Choir and Les Musicales Variations at Coleford Baptist Church
 - Saturday 19th April - Berry Hill RFC U16s v Rugby Club Saint Hilaire Ocean (FR)
 - Easter Monday 21st April - Annual Coleford Carnival of Transport
 - Saturday 26th April - St George's Day Parade
 - Sunday 4th May - Coleford Food and Arts Festival
 - Thursday 8th May - VE '80' Service of Remembrance
 - Saturday 10th - Sunday 18th May - Coleford Area Walking Festival
 - Saturday 17th May - Forest Music Bursary Concert at The Baptist Church
 - Saturday 24th - Sunday 25th May - Broadwell AFC Youth Tournament
 - Saturday 7th June - Forest of Dean Morris Festival
 - Saturday 14th June - Coleford Festival of Brass
 - Saturday 28th June - Rising Stars - a celebration of local training bands at Scarr Bandstand
 - Sunday 29th June - Schools History Day, The Hive (above Coleford Tourist Information Centre)
 - Saturday 12th - Sunday 13th July - Coleford Music Festival
 - Sunday 20th July - Scarr Brass Fest - local brass bands at Scarr Bandstand
 - Sunday 27th July - The Rivals comedy classic at Scarr Bandstand
 - Sunday 3rd August - Great Oaks Hospice Summer Fayre
 - Saturday 9th August - Emergency Services Showcase
 - Saturday 9th - Sunday 10th August - Broadwell Youth AFC 24 hour Football-athon, King George V Playing Fields
 - Saturday 16th August - Sunday 17th August - Children's events at Bells Field
 - Saturday 17th August - The Pantaloons present Robin Hood at Scarr Bandstand
 - Sunday 24th August - Cool Classics at Scarr Bandstand
 - Sunday 24th August - Coleford Food and Arts Festival
 - Saturday 30th August - Musical Extravaganza at Scarr Bandstand
 - Friday 12th - Sunday 21st September - Heritage Open Days
 - Sunday 9th November - Remembrance Parade and Service
 - Tuesday 11th November - Remembrance Day at Coleford Clock Tower
 - Friday 21st November - Coleford Twinning Association Wine Tasting evening
 - Saturday 22nd November - Pride of Coleford Community Awards
 - Saturday 29th November - Christmas Lights Switch On and Lantern Parade
 - Monday 22nd December - Carols around the Christmas tree
- 2026**
- Sunday 18th January - Cyclocross at Angus Buchanan VC Recreation Ground
 - Saturday 21st February - The Battle of Coleford Commemoration
 - Easter Monday 6th April - Coleford Carnival of Transport

Please keep an eye on the website for other town centre events.

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TOWN EVENTS PROGRAMME

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Annual Coleford Carnival of Transport

Once again the streets of Coleford will be filled with an amazing range of vehicles of all ages, shapes and colours. A dazzling pageant of cars, motorcycles, modern and vintage trucks, farm vehicles and even steam powered engines. A wonderful opportunity for all the family to enjoy a day out, a chance to go down memory lane and see vehicles that parents, and even grandparents, had driven - and perhaps to find the first car that you ever owned. www.colefordcarnivaloftransport.co.uk



St George's Day Parade

Once again we will host a St George's Day Parade bringing together youngsters from across the Forest of Dean. Join us from 1:45pm on Bowens Hill Road / Victoria Road for the parade to the Angus Buchanan VC Recreation Ground.



Coleford Food & Arts Festival *New for 2025!*

Join us for our twice yearly food and arts festival taking place in the town centre. The event will showcase our local artisan businesses, and host cooking demonstrations and live music. 10am until 4pm.

Also taking place on Sunday August 24th 10am to 4pm.



VE Day 80 Commemoration Town Centre 8.45 - 9.30pm

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day we will be holding a short Service of Remembrance that concludes with the lighting of the Lamp Light of Peace.



Coleford Area Walking Festival

Offering 20 plus walks in and around Coleford, our popular Walking Festival returns once again. Walks to suit families, heritage lovers, wildlife fans and the serious or occasional rambler. Programme and bookings via www.colefordareawalkingfestival.co.uk



Forest of Dean Morris Festival

The annual Forest of Dean Morris Festival once again starts a day of dancing in the centre of Coleford with Morris Sides from across the UK joining together in a mass dance before they split into groups to dance around our region. 10 - 11am.



Coleford Festival of Brass *New for 2025!*

Coleford Town Council in partnership with the Gloucestershire Brass Band Association bring you a day celebrating the tradition of Brass Banding across the Forest of Dean. Performances in the Town Centre and Baptist Church. 12 noon to 7pm



Coleford Music Festival

From 1pm each day - 4 live stages, street food, market stalls, children's workshops and much more, this promises to be a great weekend. The festival line up will be available on www.colefordmusicfestival.co.uk nearer the date.



Emergency Services Showcase *New for 2025!*

We invite representatives of our emergency and essential support services to take over areas of the town to demonstrate the valuable work they do within our community. There will be talks, demonstrations and of course a chance to look at a variety of emergency service vehicles as we say thank you to these wonderful people who work hard to keep our community safe.



Children's Activities at Bells Field 2pm - 5pm each day

Join our friends from Sportily for fun and games, including a free climbing wall, at Bells Field, Lords Hill, Coleford. Children must be supervised by parents at all times.



Heritage Open Days

Heritage Open Days is England's biggest and most popular voluntary cultural event. Previous events have attracted around 1 million visitors. Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by allowing visitors free access to interesting properties that are either not usually open, or would normally charge an entrance fee. There will be plenty to enjoy in the Coleford area. For more information please contact Coleford Area Partnership on 01594 836469 or visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk



Remembrance Parade & Service

Coleford's annual Remembrance Parade and Service will once again be led by the Coleford Branch of the Royal British Legion. The parade will start at 10:30am followed by a service in Coleford town centre.



Remembrance Day in the Town Centre 10.50.am

Join the Royal British Legion, local councillors and residents to observe the national 2 minutes silence at 11am. We hope to be joined by local school children singing wartime songs.



Christmas Lights Switch On & Lantern Parade



In true Coleford tradition, the streets will be closed to traffic and the town filled with festive stalls and entertainment to get you in the mood for Christmas. Live music from approximately 4pm on the town centre stage. Parade at 5pm and Switch On at 5:30pm, with live music to see us into the evening.