



Remembrance Day in the Town Centre 10:50am

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 and 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 2pm on the town centre stage. Parade at 5pm and Switch On at 5.30pm, with live music to see us into the evening. The Fiddle Fair will also return with a festive offering in St John Street.



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 2027:



Cyclocross at the Angus Buchanan VC Recreation Ground

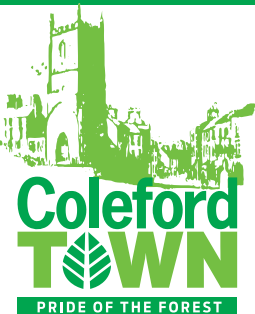
Returning for a 3rd year. Join hundreds of riders as they compete in classes of all ages in this cross country cycling event.



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)

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A warm welcome awaits you in COLEFORD TOWN! Dates at a glance:

- Easter Monday 6th April **annual Coleford Carnival of Transport**
- Saturday 25th April **St George's Day Parade**
- Saturday 9th - Sunday 17th May **Coleford Area Walking Festival**
- Saturday 9th May **Forest Music Bursary Concert at The Baptist Church**
- Sunday 7th June **Fiddle Fair (St John Street)**
- Saturday 13th June **Coleford Festival of Brass**
- Friday 19th June **Classics and Choirs at Scarr Bandstand**
- Saturday 27th June **Rising Stars at Scarr Bandstand**
- Saturday 11th July **Coleford Busking Festival**
- Sunday 12th July **Watch Wimbledon on the Big Screen**
- Sunday 19th July **Scarr Brass Fest (Scarr Bandstand)**
- Sunday 26th July **Song and Dance at Scarr Bandstand**
- Sunday 2nd August **Sherlock Holmes and the Hound of the Baskervilles (Scarr Bandstand)**
- Thursday 6th August **1 Rifles Parade**
- Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th August **Sealed Knot Battle of Coleford event**
- Sunday 9th August **Great Oaks Hospice Summer Fayre**
- Saturday 15th August - Sunday 16th August **Events at Bells Field**
- Sunday 23rd August **The Pickwick Papers at Scarr Bandstand**
- Saturday 29th August **Musical Extravaganza at Scarr Bandstand**
- Saturday 5th September **Scarr Bandstand Hymn and March Contest**
- Friday 11th - Sunday 20th September **Heritage Open Days**
- Sunday 8th November **Remembrance Parade and Service**
- Wednesday 11th November **Remembrance Day at Coleford Clock Tower**
- Saturday 21st November **Pride of Coleford Community Awards**
- Saturday 28th November **Christmas Lights Switch On and Lantern Parade**
- Saturday 28th November **Fiddle Fair (St John Street)**
- Wednesday 23rd December **Carols around the Christmas tree**

2027!

- Sunday 17th January **Cyclocross at Angus Buchanan VC Recreation Ground**
- Saturday 20th February **The Battle of Coleford Commemoration**
- Easter Monday 29th March **Coleford Carnival of Transport**
- Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th July **The return of Coleford Music Festival**

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

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COLEFORD TOWN EVENTS PROGRAMME 2026



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Easter Monday 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



Coleford Faddle Fair

Returning for 2026! Coleford's creative artisan street market returns by popular demand. Whether you are searching for arts, crafts, vintage, vinyl, antiques or flea the Faddle Fair has something for you.

Also taking place on Sunday 30th August.



Coleford Festival of Brass

Following the success of last years event, Coleford Town Council in partnership with the Gloucestershire Brass Bands 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 7:30pm



The Sealed Knot Battle of Coleford

We welcome a larger contingent from the Sealed Knot to bring history alive with a re-enactment of the 1643 Civil War Battle of Coleford. The regiments will be in the Town Centre from 1:30-4:00pm on Saturday with a street skirmish and then on Sunday they will provide living history, talks and battle re-enactments at the Angus Buchanan VC Recreation Ground from 11:00am until 4:30pm. *Photo Paul Nicholls*



Children and Young People's activities at Bells Field

2 - 5pm each day.

Join us for fun and games, including a free climbing wall, skate Jam (Saturday) and sporting activities at Bells Field, Lords Hill, Coleford. Children must be supervised by parents at all times.



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 Busking Festival

This once popular event returns to raise funds for Coleford Music Festival. Buskers will fill the streets to entertain you, whilst awaiting their slot on the town centre open mic stage. From 10am to 5pm



Wimbledon on the Big Screen

Join us for an afternoon (and evening) of tennis on the big screen in the town centre as we enjoy the final day of action from Wimbledon.



1 Rifles march through the town

We welcome back 1 Rifles Regiment to exercise their right to march through the streets of Coleford following their granting of the Freedom of the Forest in 2009. Timings will be available from www.colefordtown.net/events nearer the date.



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



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



Remembrance Parade and 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.

