

Sat 16 Sep

Lydbrook Band - "Give it a Go" 10.00-14.00

Lydbrook Band HQ, Upper Lydbrook, GL17 9LQ

Lydbrook Band is celebrating its Centenary this year. Find out more and have a blow.

Craft Event with local Craft Workers 10.00-16.00

The Main Place, Coleford GL16 8RH

Meet local craft workers who have developed crafts that have existed through the years, bringing modern ways of working to them.

Cinderford Memorabilia Day 10.00-16.00

Town Council, St Annals House, Cinderford, G14 2AB

An excellent display showcasing the history and heritage of Cinderford.

Story Telling with Emily Joyce 10.15-10.45

The Main Place, Coleford, GL16 8RH

Emily will tell a story suitable for children of primary school age evoking a life before the state education system came into being.

Gunns Mill, Nr Littledean 10.30-16.30

Lower Spout Lane, Littledean, GL17 0EA

Beneath the protective covering is a building that has one of the most complete surviving seventeenth century blast furnaces in the country.

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Newnham Bellingring Premier 12.30

St Peter's Church, High St, Newnham, GL14 1AD

Newnham ringers will perform a bell sequence never played before. Learn how bells are rung and the challenge of inventing new "tunes". Tours of the belfry available afterwards. Booking preferred by 13 Sep. Tel: 07966985339 any.j.vivian@gmail.com.

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Roman Temple, Littledean 11.00-17.00

Littledean Hall, Newnham Rd, Littledean, GL14 3NR

Since 1984, there have been excavations at this sacred Roman site, and the Nymphaeum has since undergone complete restorations. Discover this fantastic site and find out about future excavations.

Between the Covers 15.00-17.00

The Main Place, Coleford, n GL16 8RH

An afternoon with two local authors and members of the Dean Writers Circle. Booking required by 15 Sep. Tel: 01594 836469 info@main-place.org.uk

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Hidden Heritage of the Dean.

Download this free app to discover the hidden heritage of the Forest of Dean. Maps, pictures and more this app covers a 9 mile route on the Forestry England's Cycle Trail.



Coleford's Hidden Heritage.

Download this free app to discover the hidden heritage of Coleford, with maps and more covering a 7 mile route around this historic market town.



heritage open days

These events are sponsored and organised by the Coleford Area Partnership as part of the National Heritage Open Days event. This year there are 31 events on over the 10 days of the festival. This years theme is Creativity Unwrapped so several special events celebrating creativity have been organised to celebrate everything from stained glass to music.



CREATIVITY UNWRAPPED

Full details on all the events including accessibility and facilities at venues are available on the local website. Some events require booking due to the activity or the size of the venue so please ensure you book early to avoid disappointment. Some events need to be booked direct with the organiser but most will be booked with the Coleford Area Partnership on 01594 836469 or email info@main-place.org.uk. Most events can also be booked in the website.

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with lots to visit, see and explore

8th to 17th September 2023

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To book and for more information
please contact the heritage team:
Tel: 01594 836469 (Mon - Fri 9.00 to 13.00)
Email: info@main-place.org.uk

Fri 8 Sep

Deputy Gaveller's Office. 10.00, 12.00, 14.00

Forestry England, Bank Street, Coleford, GL16 8BA
Meet Dan, the 'Deputy Gaveller' in his working office and learn all about his historic role, freeminers and the crown. Booking required by 1 Sep. Tel: 01594 836469 info@main-place.org.uk

Recover Memories with Photoshop 13.00-14.30

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Bring an old photograph, postcard or artwork and learn how to create a digital copy and then restore it digitally using Photoshop at The Lab in Coleford. Book by 1 Sep. Tel: 01594 836469 info@main-place.org.uk

Bee Keeping: Past and Present 14.00-16.00

The Main Place, Coleford. GL16 8RH
Bob Snowdon is a local beekeeper and member of the Forest of Dean Beekeepers Society. Learn all about working with honey bees. Booking preferred by 1 Sep. Tel: 01594 836469 info@main-place.org.uk

Great Western Railway Museum 14.00-16.00

The Old Railway Station, Coleford, GL16 8RH
Visit a privately owned museum lovingly created from the GWR Goods Shed that marks the site of Coleford's two railways.

Sat 9 Sep

Wesley Players Heritage Talk 10.00-15.00

St Stephen's Church, Cinderford, G14 2AB
Wesley Players present a history of performances since establishment in 1956 see costumes, photos and a performance at 15.00.

St Ann's Church, Oxenhall 10.00-17.00

St Anne's Church, Oxenhall Newent. GL18 1RH
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Stained Glass through the ages 14.00-17.00

St Michael & All Angels, Mitcheldean. GL17 0HN
Learn how the stained glass windows here were developed. A skilled stained glass artist will be demonstrating.

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Redbrook Heritage Trail and Church 14.00-16.00

The Millenium Green, Redbrook. NP25 4LZ
Take the recently defined Heritage Walk along the lanes of this riverside village, once the hub of industry.

Mon 11 Sep

Newland Street Walk 11.00

Newland St, Coleford. GL16 8NB
Denis Martin will lead walkers through this area of the town and explain the development of properties and their relevance, walking from the Clock Tower down the valley to the Whitecliff Furnace. Booking preferred by 1 Sep. Tel: 01594 836469 info@main-place.org.uk

Tue 12 Sep

Traditional Patchwork 11.00, 12.00, 13.00, 14.00

The Studio, Cemetery House, Clearwell. GL16 8JS
A hands-on hour of traditional patchwork and quilting with Jen Johnson from Sew Forest of Dean. Booking required by 8 Sep. Tel: 07342 979235 or visit www.sewforestofdean.co.uk

St Briavels Walk 11.00-12.30

St Briavels Castle, St Briavels, Lydney, GL15 6RG
A guided tour around St Briavel's village starting from the Castle. Visiting some amazing historic scenes and artefacts. Book by 5 Sep. Tel: 01594 836469 info@main-place.org.uk



Wed 13 Sep

Mosaics: Talk and Demonstration 10.30-12.00

Inspiring Creativity Studio, Old Park, Lydney, GL15 6BU
Visit the Rachel Shilston - Inspiring Creativity Studio on the Lydney Park Estate, to hear all about a unique mosaic making business. Book by 8 Sep. Tel: 07732694148 or visit www.rachelshilston.co.uk

Dean Forest Railway: Behind the Scenes 11.00-12.00

Norchard Centre, Forest Rd, Lydney. GL15 4ET
Take a behind-the-scenes guided tour of Dean Forest Railway at Norchard Railway Station in Lydney. Booking required by 8 Sep. Tel: 01594 836469 info@main-place.org.uk

Backstage at the Gage 12.00-13.00

Dean Heritage Centre, Soudley, GL14 2UB
Talk on objects from the Dean Heritage Centre Archive. Meet at the Gage Research Room at 12.00.

Stained Glass: Talk and Demonstration 14.00-16.00

Stained Glass, Lydney Park Estate, Lydney, GL15 6BU
Stained Glass artist Joanna Snowdon is opening her studio for a bespoke talk and demonstration on the art of stained glass. Booking by 8 Sep. Tel: 07495 42767 or visit www.josnowdon.com

Highlights of the Sculpture Trail 14.00-16.00

Beechenhurst, Speech House Rd, GL16 7EL
Guides will lead you on the forest trail to share the history behind a selection of the sculptures, some of which were first installed in 1986. Booking required by 8 Sep. Tel: 01594 836469 info@main-place.org.uk

The Dutch Water Gardens 19.00

Westbury on Severn. GL14 1PA
Manager Jerry Green will give a talk on the history and redevelopment of the gardens which came into the ownership of the National Trust in 1967.

Thu 14 Sep

Kiln fired Enamelling Studio 09.30-14.30

The Old Bakery Hse, Parkend Rd, Coalway. GL16 7HX
Kiln fired or vitreous enamelling dates back to the 13th Century BC. Visit Katie's studio to see how this ancient craft still thrives. Book by 1 Sep. Katie Sanderson Tel: 07727639447 or visit: www.katiesanderson.com

Soudley Industrial Heritage Walk 10.30-13.30

Soudley village Hall, Soudley. GL14 2TS
A walk exploring the industrial heritage of the village of Soudley. Booking required by 7 Sep. Tel: 01594 836469 info@main-place.org.uk

Coleford Then and Now 14.30-17.00

The Main Place, Coleford. GL16 8RH
Enjoy a slide show giving a glance back to the town over the years and share memories with the family of the oldest business still in existence. Booking required by 7 Sep. Tel: 01594 836469 info@main-place.org.uk

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Learn to do Bobbin Lace-Making 14.00-17.00

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Flick Gwilliam and friends will be on hand to demonstrate the age-old art of bobbin making. Visitors are welcome to have a go. Booking required by 1 Sep. Tel: 01594 836469 info@main-place.org.uk

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