



# **Summer Afternoon 2pm Sunday 30th June 2024 Coleford, Forest of Dean**

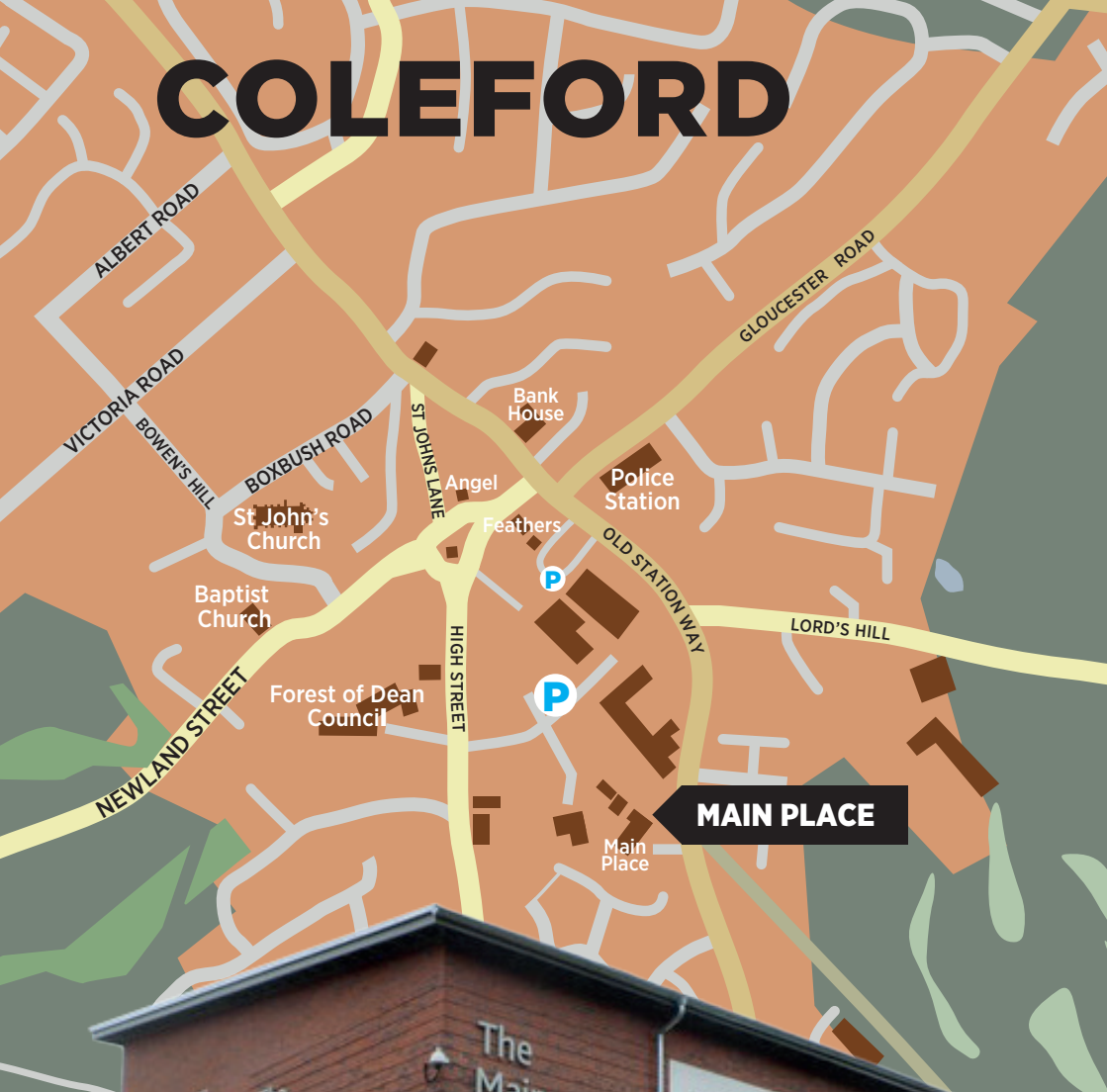
The Forest of Dean Local History Society is looking forward to entertaining members of Gloucestershire Local History Association groups and showcasing Coleford.

The afternoon will follow the usual pattern of tea/coffee on arrival from 1.30pm with displays. Official start at 2pm with welcomes and introductory presentation 'Why we have Coleford.'

We will be based at the  
Main Place, Old Station Way, Coleford GL16 8RH  
See [www.main-place.org.uk](http://www.main-place.org.uk) for details.

The Main Place is on the edge of Coleford town centre, close to ample parking (free on Sundays) and convenient for walking out to visit the town and environs.

# COLEFORD



**MAIN PLACE**



At approx. 2.30pm we will commence on the optional activities:

## **ONE** Newland Church

Known as the Cathedral of the Forest, Newland's church, three miles from Coleford, dates from the 12th century. Coleford was a tithing within Newland parish until 1894. You will be given a conducted tour of the church by our Vice President, Averil Kear. Car share would be helpful. See <https://www.allsaintsnewland.com>

## **TWO** Coleford pub crawl

Coleford has had many pubs and brewing houses over time. This pub crawl goes around ale houses, beer houses and inns of Victorian Coleford. This relatively short walk is on the level and lasts about 1.25 hours. There is also an option to call in at Forestry England offices to find out about the work of the Deputy Gaveller, who deals with the Freemines and quarries in the Forest of Dean.

## **THREE** Hidden Heritage walk

About two miles long, starting with a number of sites of interest in Coleford. The route takes us up a hill to the Angus Buchanan Recreation Ground and then via a rough, muddy path down to Whitecliff Furnace and back to the town. Sturdy walking shoes/boots will be needed. The Coleford Hidden Heritage app can be downloaded in advance of the walk as it is free from the Apple store or Google Play store.

## **FOUR** Get-to-know Coleford walk

Get a flavour of the 800-year history of the town and see examples of Victorian and Edwardian architecture, as well as older 16th and 17th Century buildings. The walk will be predominantly on road/pavements, with a few gradual inclines, and will take approx 1.5 to 2 hours.

### **Hidden Heritage App**

You may wish to download the free **Coleford Hidden Heritage** app, which shows then and now pictures as you walk the routes. Available from the Apple app or Google play stores.



The afternoon will conclude with teatime back at the Main Place.  
Cost of the afternoon including drink on arrival and afternoon cream tea  
– £12 per person.

You will have the chance to buy Forest of Dean Local History Society publications including a souvenir copy of the New Regard Coleford Special which will be available that afternoon.



# Gloucestershire Local History Association

## AFTERNOON IN COLEFORD 30th JUNE 2024

Name of participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Email and mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of \_\_\_\_\_ local history group

First and second choice of activity:

First Choice

ONE Newland Church

TWO Coleford pub crawl

THREE Hidden Heritage walk

FOUR Get to know Coleford walk

Second person's choice

ONE Newland Church

TWO Coleford pub crawl

THREE Hidden Heritage walk

FOUR Get to know Coleford walk

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