The theme of this year’s festival is about how words make a difference...

Main venues:
Coleford Library, The Main Place, Coleford GL16 8RH
Coleford Baptist Hall, 27 Whitecliff, Coleford GL16 8AJ
Cafe 16, 16 Bank St, Coleford GL16 8BA

Coleford Festival of Words thanks:
Art of the Library
Arts Council
Bream Community Library
Cafe 16
Chepstow Bookshop
Coleford Town Council
Coleford Baptist Church
Coleford Library
Coleford Tourism Office
Festival of Words Committee
Foresters’ Forest Project
Forestry Commission
Hopewell Colliery
Lakers School
Le Petit Hibou
Mitcheldean Community Library

For further information and updates go to www.thecolefordhub.info/thefestivalofwords

Young People’s Celebration Event at Coleford Baptist Hall
Saturday 8 July 5.00 pm  £2/£3
Lakers School and Coleford Library celebrate the work of children and young people.
Monday 3 July
12.30 pm  
Festival Launch  
Coleford Clock Tower to Cafe 16
Live Readings by Forest writers! Programmes and tickets available.

6.00 pm  
I'm Reading  
Coleford Baptist Hall
The first of the Festival’s live performances, including shortlisted competition winners.
 £2/£3

Tuesday 4 July
12.30 pm  
I'm Reading' on Tour  
Cafe 16, Coleford
Readings by competition shortlisted winners and others.

7.30 pm  
'Taste n Tales USA' with Story Teller Charlie Marwick  
Coleford Library
Entry by donation

Wednesday 5 July
12.30 pm  
Live Readings!  
Cafe 16, Coleford
Entertainment while you lunch.

3.00 pm  
'I'm Reading' with local authors live  
Coleford Library
Join Coleford Library Reading Group with authors including Hilary Orme and Anthony Morgan-Clarke.

7.30 pm  
Festival Book Quiz  
Angel Hotel, Coleford
£5 per table (max 6 per table)
Pit your group's literary knowledge against the rest!  
Booking essential.

7.00 pm  
Art, words and music  
Le Petit Hibou - Market Place Coleford
Local writers and artists talk about their work; live music. Led by Molly Meager. Open mike.

Thursday 6 July
12.30 pm  
Live Readings!  
Cafe 16, Coleford
Entertainment while you lunch.

3.00 pm  
'I'm Reading' on Tour  
Mitchealdean Community Library
Readings by competition shortlisted winners and others.

5.00 pm  
'I'm Reading' Poets in Progress  
Coleford Baptist Hall
Local poets add their voices to the Festival

Friday 7 July
12.30 pm  
Live Readings!  
Cafe 16, Coleford
Entertainment while you lunch.

4.00 pm  
'I'm Reading' on Tour  
Bream Community Library
Readings by competition shortlisted winners and others.

5.00 pm  
'I'm Reading' Forest Writers of the Past  
Coleford Baptist Hall
What do Forest writers tell us of the past? Yorkley a&é read Forest poets Richard Morse, Kitty Drew and FW Harvey.
£2/£3

7.00 pm  
'A Fortunate Man 50 years on'  
Coleford Baptist Hall
Marking the 50th anniversary of John Berger's acclaimed book about the relationship between a Forest doctor and his patients.
 £2/£3

8.30 pm  
Miles Jupp Live!  
Coleford Baptist Hall
Actor, Comedian, Chairman of BBC Radio 4 News Quiz talks about his new book 'Egg and Soldiers'.
 £8/£10

Saturday 8 July
7.00 pm  
'I'm Reading' Winners, with Andrew Taylor  
Coleford Baptist Hall
The Forest’s award-winning author, Andrew Taylor, announces the winners of the ‘I’m Reading’ competition.

Freedoms of the Forest Weekend  
Saturday 8 July
8.00 pm  
‘Freedoms of the Forest: HOOF - the film’  
Coleford Baptist Hall
£2/£3

Sunday 9 July
2.5 pm  
‘Freedoms of the Forest: 800 Years and Counting’  
Hopewell Colliery hopewellcolliery.com
£5 per car

An afternoon celebrating 800 years (and counting) of Henry IlI’s 1217 Forest Charter and how Foresters have defended those rights ever since. Stalls, Berry Hill Silver Band, theatre, live music, Vorrest poetry, Warren James, HOOF and more!

Events are free unless otherwise stated. Prices shown as ADVANCE IN PERSON/AT DOOR. Limited door tickets. Advance in person and day tickets (Monday £8, Thursday £10 and Friday £10) available from Coleford Library and Coleford Tourism Office.
Book online at www.eventbrite.co.uk.
Please also book for free events.

* The Festival bookshop is open, thanks to Chepstow Bookshop.  
# Bar operating before and after this event.