

## Friday 13 August



### David Pownall

David Pownall is a critically acclaimed, prize winning author of numerous successful plays, novels and short stories. This is a not to be missed opportunity to hear him read work inspired by the time he spent in Africa.

6.00 pm The Forest Bookshop. Tickets £3



### Simon Sandell: The free-miners of Dean and the defence of Forest custom during the seventeenth century

This lecture will provide historical context for the Warren James uprising of the early 1830s. The seventeenth-century witnessed a large-scale assault on custom in Dean as the Crown and outside capital investors sought to maximise profit from the resources of this royal forest. Traditional mining and other common rights which had supported the Forest community

since a 'time out of mind of man' came under threat as large areas of woodland were enclosed for private use. Simon will talk about the role of the free-miners in organising resistance to such royal grants and, discussing the Forest 'Skimmington' riots of the 1630s and will compare the methods of 'these Robin Hoodes' to those employed in the Warren James uprising 200 years later.

7 pm Coleford Baptist Church £3



### Friday 13th 'Twilight' youth event.

Come along and dress your best.

8.00 pm The Forest Bookshop. Entrance *free*.

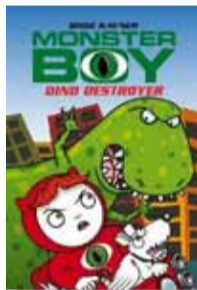


### Cabaret: The Man in Black With Tiffany Murray.

Tiffany will talk about and read from her bestselling book *Diamond Star Halo*. Alan Crabbe is the MAN IN BLACK. He brings all his knowledge and passion for music to spice Tiffany's readings from her novel.

8.00 pm The Kavern, Angel Hotel. Tickets £3

## Saturday 14 August *The Final Fling*



### Monster Boy at Large!

Shoo Rayner launches his new *Monster Boy* series of children's books. Wonderful stories about Monster Boy, who is half monster himself and lives in a forest *very* like ours. It is ours! He is the Ministry of Monsters Number One Agent, licensed to do things no other boy can do. With his amazing monster bikes and the help of his flying dog, Trixie, Monster Boy keeps the Forest a calm a peaceful place.

11.00 am at The Forest Bookshop. Entrance *free*.



### John Griffiths: To Be Heard Not Seen

This talk will contrast words designed for speaking aloud and heard, with those to be read upon the page. It will also cover writing for radio and for television for which John has wide and varied experience as a BBC scriptwriter.

John will also compare poetry designed to be heard, or at least absorbable by ear, with that only intelligible if read. Finally he will touch upon the technique of writing for foreigners both in English and for translation into their own tongue, with examples from the BBC European service and some Latin, French and Russian translations. John is the author of fourteen books, a script writer/broadcaster, a politician and JP.

1.00 pm The Kavern. Tickets £3

### All day until 4.00 pm:

Stage events and entertainment in Coleford Town Centre including:

- 'Way Out West'
- Jane Pearl
- Ukelele sing-along
- Human Library
- 'Spicy Fingers'
- Origami Garden
- Chalk Words
- Readings



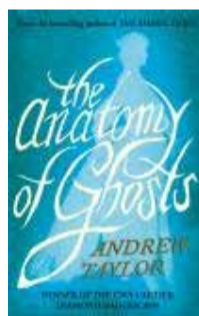
# COLEFORD FESTIVAL of words

## 9 - 14 August 2010

- Sir Ian Blair
- John Hegley
- Lola Perin
- Julia Gregson
- Jonny Fluffypunk
- Margo Perin
- Ross Hawkins
- Maggie Clutterbuck
- John Griffiths
- Laura Porciani
- Homer
- Shoo Rayner
- David Pownall
- Chris Amery
- Alan Butt
- Keith Morgan
- Andrew Taylor
- *And more . . .*
- F. W Harvey
- Warren James
- Simon Sandell
- Doug McLean
- Roger Deeks
- Johnny Coppin
- Paul Burgess
- David Lloyd
- Anne Edyvean



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### Postscript Event

Thursday 19th August 6.30 pm Andrew Taylor launches *The Anatomy of Ghosts*

By special permission from Penguin Books, we bring you the pre-publication launch of Andrew's new literary delight, *The Anatomy of Ghosts*. Andrew is a man whose reputation precedes him - just last year he was awarded the coveted CWA Cartier Diamond Dagger Award for his body of work. This most outstanding tale of suspense will leave you in little doubt - be on your guard for a chilling story with darkly sinister consequences. Drinks and nibbles available. Sponsored by Penguin Books. Numbers are limited, please contact Ann at The Forest Bookshop to reserve your place. 01594 833334. At The Forest Bookshop. Wine, juices and nibbles available. Entrance *free*.



Make your *words* experience complete. Visit . . .

### afterwordscafé \*

—offering a delicious selection of eclectic food designed to flatter and enhance your literary juices. Coleford Baptist Church

Monday - Friday 5.00 pm - 8.00pm

\*or *before words* if you wish.

### BOX OFFICE

All tickets are available at: The Forest Bookshop, 8 St John Street, Coleford 01594 833334 9 am-5.30 pm or on-line, post free, at [www.forestbookshop.com](http://www.forestbookshop.com)

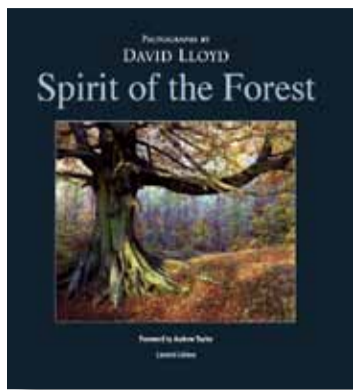
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The Forest Bookshop COLEFORD TOWN COUNCIL soundworks

# Monday 9 August

3.00 pm **Opening Ceremony** at The Forest Bookshop.  
Followed by . . .



## David Lloyd

To celebrate 25 years of taking insightful photographs of the Forests' unique character, award winning photographer David Lloyd is launching his much awaited book *Spirit of the Forest*. David is a professional award winning photographer. His work shows great creative empathy, a love of the organic and of landscape, of ordinary people in everyday surroundings. Whether taking spontaneous portraits or styled images his work above all has integrity.

3.30 pm The Forest Bookshop. Entrance *free*.



## Script to Screen

### Anne Edyvean

Tips, tricks, hard work and rewrites, the background to the BBC TV series 'Casualty'

Anne Edyvean has over twenty years experience writing and producing for BBC television and radio. Anne will show extracts from television dramas and explain the stages and

challenges that get it on to your screen. 6.00 pm Coleford Baptist Church  
Tickets £3



## John Hegley

### Beyond Our Kennel

Lean, besuited and bespectacled, the wry word-smith is on the road again, with a show that reveals both his tongue and his eyes, beadily observing the world from behind those trademark glasses, to be as sharp as ever. John Hegley's latest concoction of comic poetry, stand-up, storytelling and song presents his audience with

an alphabetical menagerie - an A to Z carnival of the animals, some of which turn out to be human. (*The Sunday Times*)

8.00 pm Coleford Baptist Church Tickets £6

# Wednesday 11 August



## Laura Porciani: Da El Alamein a Marconi

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Laura Porciani, who has come over especially from Italy, talks about her recent book about the Coleford (Wynol's Hill) monument to Marconi that was designed by her father and built by his fellow PoWs during WWII. Their monument is gone, along with their lovingly constructed little church and theatre but Ms Porciani will bring back many lost memories with her fascinating illustrated presentation.

11.15 am The Main Place, Coleford Community Centre. Also:

2.00 pm The Forest Bookshop. Entrance *free*.



## Roger Deeks and Douglas McLean

### F W Harvey: The Making of Comrades in Captivity

The recent republication after a 90 year gap of *Comrades in Captivity*, became an unexpected journey of discovery for both the publisher, Doug McLean and Roger Deeks, chair of the F W Harvey Society. Here they describe many of the discoveries and enhance their talk with a variety of old photographs and illustrations. *Followed by . . .*

### F. W Harvey and the Forest of Dean

Harveys deep affection for the Foresters and the Forest is explored in poetry and song. 6.30 pm Coleford Baptist Church. Tickets £3, or *free*, with purchase of Johnny Coppin ticket below.



## Johnny Coppin with Paul Burgess

### F W Harvey and Ivor Gurney:

### A Celebration in Words and Song

Johnny Coppin is a singer/songwriter, composer and poetry anthologist. Formerly with the folk-rock band Decameron, his many solo albums include 'Forest & Vale & High Blue Hill' (Songs of Gloucestershire), 'Edge of Day' - a collaboration with world-famous writer Laurie Lee, 'Force of the River', 'A Country Christmas' 'The Shakespeare Songs' and his most recent albums 'Keep the Flame' and 'The Winding Stair'. His clear voice together with his ability to write fine songs make his music essentially English in character while having universal appeal. 8.00 pm Coleford Baptist Church. Tickets £7

# Tuesday 10 August 2010



## Chris Amery: The Iliad—A Dramatic presentation

Homer's Iliad, a vivid account of twenty crucial days in the Trojan War, is the first work of Western literature and the greatest narrative poem ever written. For nearly three thousand years it has inspired artists and writers as an endless source of material for paintings, plays, books, operas, poems, and histories. These linked extracts, from a modern verse translation by Robert Fagles, aim to convey its power and range—the rich characterisation, the violence of the battlefield, tender domestic scenes, and the

intrigues and jealousies of the Gods. 6.00 pm at The Kavern, The Angel Hotel. Tickets £3



## Ian Blair: Policing Controversy

Sir Ian Blair was appointed Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police in 2005 Four months later, he was dealing with the worst terrorist attack in British history and his officers mistakenly shooting an innocent man. Last year Sir Ian published his autobiography *Policing Controversy*, which is a story of an almost impossible job: dealing with traffic deaths and burglary, knife and gun crime; the de Men-case, fighting terrorism and and being forced to resign by Boris Johnson. He is an informative and engaging speaker and his passionate views and expertise widely

sought by media and decision-makers.

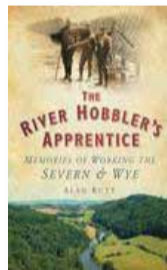
Sir Ian will be interviewed by Ross Hawkins, political correspondent, BBC News. Ross was born in Soudley and went to Heywood school in Cinderford before going up to Oxford university. 8.00 pm Coleford Baptist Church. Tickets £3



## Jonny Fluffypunk – plus the PUKES

A wonderful welcome to the world of Jonny Fluffypunk – stand-up poet, give-up guitarist and walkabout clown. Supported by the PUKES - COAL-WAY—Avant Uke orche -stra 9.00 pm at The Kavern, The Angel Hotel Tickets £3

# Thursday 12 August 2010



## Alan Butt

### The River Hobbler's Apprentice

Alan Butt provides a vivid insight into the forgotten world of the river hobbler, a unique trade and one which he learnt of at the end of its days. The river hobbler paid no taxes and made a living by working whatever was available on and around the river. Tasks included catching salmon and elvers, rabbiting, cleaning barrels and castrating piglets to name just a few. Stories from the new book

2.00 pm at the Kavern, The Angel Hotel. Tickets £3



## Is the Book Dead? Julia Gregson, Doug McLean, Shoo Rayner

Given the huge hype and media attention for the digital downloadable book, does this mean the end of the book, bookshops and libraries as we know them? International award winning author Julia Gregson chairs the proceedings where Doug McLean draws on his 50 years' book-trade experience to present the 'case' for The Book. Illustrator and writer Shoo Rayner joins the discussion to bring his wide and up-to-date knowledge and enthusiasm for digital publishing to this interesting and enlightening debate.

6.30 pm Coleford Baptist Church. Tickets £3



## Three Women:

Margo Perin Stories from Prison Recordings and readings from a collection of work written with prisoners in San Francisco Jails.

## Lola Perin



Born in New York, pianist Lola Perrin is now based in London. Following an early career producing soundtracks for television, and a period of musical hibernation she launched her successful solo career in 2003. Ever since, she has attracted increasing attention across Europe as an accomplished performer and composer.



## Maggie Clutterbuck

Comedienne, writer and entertainer of note, Maggie will delight us with her Forest stories and verse. 8.00 pm Coleford Baptist Church Tickets £3