

In our villages *Compiled by Mair Huband*

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adults and £1 for children. Please call (01793) 762209 to book your place. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

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COLESHILL

Visit Coleshill Mill

The next Coleshill Mill Open Day will be on **Sunday April 13** from 2pm to 5pm.

Step back in time and visit a working mill on the beautiful rural Estate at Coleshill. Go along and see flour being milled by a fully restored, water-powered grain mill which will be open to the public. The mill and machinery, which you will be able to see, are largely unchanged from the early years of the twentieth century, although the mill has a much longer history than that.

There is a short walk down to the mill from the car park at the Estate yard. Please note that there is deep water and working machinery so all children should be accompanied by an adult. No dogs please except assistance dogs. There will be an entrance charge for adults of £2 and £1 for children. No booking is required.

The Coleshill Estate is owned and managed by the National Trust. In addition to the water mill, visitors can also enjoy miles of park, woods and farmland via a series of way-marked walks which are open all year round. For more information and images, please contact Richard Henderson, Property Manager, Coleshill Estate Office, Tel: (01793) 762209 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/buscotandcoleshill.

Spring walk

Enjoy a springtime stroll at Coleshill and discover the delights of spring on a special spring time stroll led by a National Trust warden. Go and see the Estate bursting into life as new leaves unfurl and spring flowers blossom. Visitors can enjoy a relaxing afternoon walk and learn about how the National Trust manages this ever changing landscape. If you are lucky, you may catch a glimpse of some of the wildlife such as Roe, Fallow and Muntjac deer, or buzzards circling high overhead. The walk will take you through the woods and parkland of Coleshill and down to the River Cole.

This springtime stroll is on **Saturday April 26** from 2 to 4pm and leaves from the Coleshill Estate office. There will be a charge of £2 for

Open garden

The gardens of the Old Rectory at Coleshill will be open again on **Sunday April 6th** from 2pm to 5pm. This is a medium sized garden, with lawns and informal beds of a wide variety of shrubs, including old-fashioned roses and a fifty-year-old standard wisteria. Distant views of the Berkshire and Wiltshire Downs can be glimpsed from this lovely garden. Admission is £2 for adults, children admitted free. Home-made cakes and teas will be available for refreshment. The proceeds will go to the National Garden Scheme Charitable Trust.

Woodland skills



Woodland Learning offers great fun, hands on, woodland learning experiences for children, families and adults in beautiful woodlands around the Highworth area. All courses and activities are led by fully qualified, experienced, insured, police checked and enthusiastic people who enjoy sharing their love of the woods. Shelter Building will be held from 10am to 3pm on **Saturday April 8th** at Cuckoo Pen Plantation, Coleshill.

Using traditional building methods to make a rainproof, cosy shelter using only natural materials found in the wood. Enjoy some food cooked on the fire in your shelter.

Also on **Tuesday April 15th** there will be a