

New Year Quiz 2026



Test your local knowledge of the lovely Parish of Colwall with these twenty-five questions - some easy, some less so! The answers are provided at the end.

The questions...

1. The properties 'Hartlands' and 'The Malthouse' are in which Colwall lane?
2. A Colwall estate comprising a house, stables and 135 acres of land was put on the market in 1968 and attracted interest from two parties both of whom wanted to develop the site as an animal park. Which estate was this?
3. William James created a business in Colwall that existed from the 1880s until the 1970s. Which trade did the business operate in?
4. 'Golden Glow' is a variety of fruit developed by Geoffrey Knight who worked in Colwall. What type of fruit is it?
5. Thirds Wood, on the western flanks of the Malvern Hills overlooking Colwall, is planted with conifers giving it a distinctively alpine appearance. Which European country do you associate with its other colloquial name?
6. On which piece of Colwall infrastructure might you once have seen 'Tubby' stationary at 'Windermere'?
7. The first meet, in May 1900, of which Colwall sporting enterprise attracted around 3,000 visitors?
8. A large water-filled hole, located in the private garden of a property at the end of Old Orchard Lane, once yielded large quantities of good quality clay. Which Colwall business operated from this site around 1900?
9. Which twentieth century children's books author once lived and worked at 'The Croft' on the corner of Old Church Road and Mathon Road in Colwall?
10. In the 20th century people named Custance, Carnegy, Harris, Cooke, Sumner, White, Whatley, and Attwood all held which position in Colwall?
11. The famous Arts and Crafts architect - C.F. Voysey - designed which grand house on Jubilee Drive, Colwall for John William Wilson, M.P, in the 1890s?
12. The first batch of council housing in Orlin Road, Colwall was erected in which decade? The 1930s, the 1940s or the 1950s?

13. Which Colwall landmark, according to myth, was known to rotate nine times at midnight and was once hurled by an angry giant to kill his unfaithful wife?
14. With which precious gemstone do you associate this painting by the nationally renowned artist Laura Knight, resident of the Park Hotel in Colwall during World War II?
15. In which building in Colwall can you find St. Crispin's chapel?
16. The Ballard family in Colwall were pioneers of the use of what building material which they employed to build several grand residences and some more humble lodges around the village?
17. Where in Colwall can you find the Plant Heritage National Plant Collection of Michaelmas daisies, and those of *Polypodium* and *Bistorta amplexicaulis*?
18. How was the waste dross from the former Ballard vinegar works in Stone Drive transported to the nearby pigery complex?
19. What name links a former shop in Walwyn Road, Colwall with the first man to walk on the moon?
20. Local resident Jeremy Harford recently released his debut novel, a whodunnit set in Colwall in the first decade of the twentieth century. What is the title of the book?
21. The Downs School was founded in 1900 by Herbert and Ethel Jones. With which Christian group are they both associated?
22. 'Ghost Meadow' is associated with which Colwall club?
23. At which 19th century property in Colwall did confusion over the date of a planned visit by the future King Edward VII cause the servants to painstakingly rake the drive every day for several weeks?
24. What was the lofty name of the former café in Jubilee Drive, Colwall that later became Fern Lodge?
25. What was the name of the spring that supplied water to the Schweppes Malvern Water plant in Colwall from the 1930s onwards?



The answers...

1. Evendine Lane
2. 'Old Colwall'
3. Builders & Contractors
4. Apricot
5. Switzerland. The colloquial name is 'Little Switzerland'.
6. Downs Light Railway. 'Tubby' was a locomotive, 'Windermere' was a station.
7. Colwall Park Racecourse
8. Colwall Brick & Tile Works
9. Geoffrey Trease
10. They were all rectors of St. James the Great Church in Colwall.
11. 'Perrycroft'
12. 1930s
13. The Colwall Stone
14. Ruby. The painting is *Ruby Loftus Screwing a Breech Ring*.
15. Colwall Village Hall
16. Concrete
17. The Picton Garden, at Old Court Nurseries in Walwyn Road
18. Via a narrow-gauge tramway
19. Armstrong. Armstrong stores and Neil Armstrong.
20. 'A Village in Turmoil'
21. The Quakers
22. Colwall Cricket Club
23. 'Hoe Court'
24. 'Cloud Nine'
25. Pewtress spring, later called Primeswell

From the Colwall Village Society archives:
Evendine Lane in the snow, December 1999.

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*New Year Greetings
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