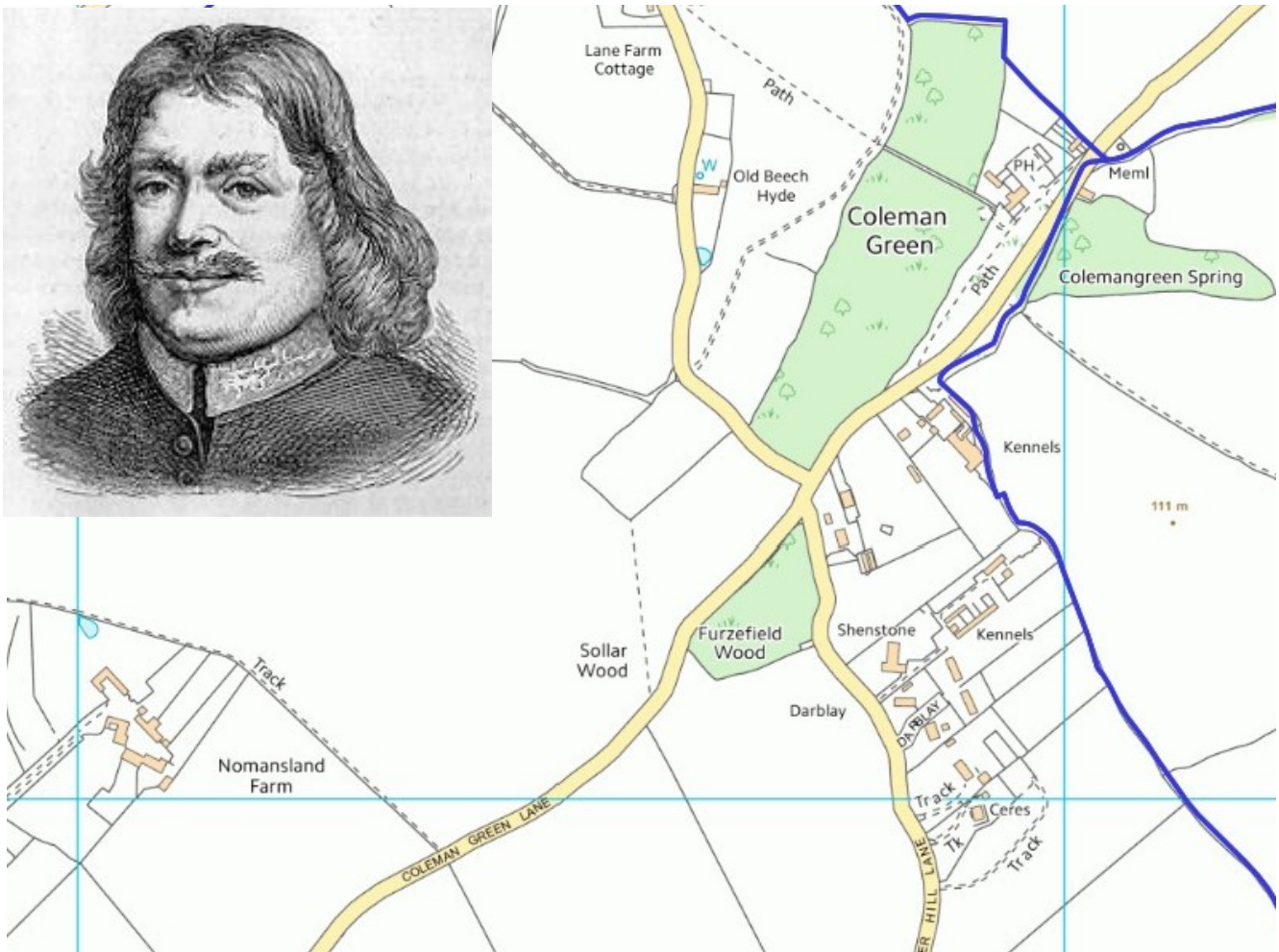


John Bunyan (1628 –1688)



Fact File...

John Bunyan was born near Bedford in 1628

John was a bit of a rebel because he would swear and play games on Sunday, The Lord's Day.

John joined the army. He was on the side of the Roundheads

John was the 'bad boy' who turned good when he heard voices telling him to repent.

Hundreds of people came to hear his open-air preaching at Coleman Green. He was arrested and sent to prison for twelve years.

During that time he wrote his famous allegory: 'The Pilgrim's Progress'. It sold 100,000 copies and has never been out of print.

John Bunyan wrote the famous hymn 'He Who Would Valiant Be'

Imagine...

Pretend you are John Bunyan writing 'The Pilgrim's Progress' in prison. Write your thoughts on the day you wrote about Giant Despair and Doubting Castle.

Write a poem about a difficult journey.

Write out and illustrate a copy of the hymn 'He Who Would Valiant Be'

Draw a series of pictures to illustrate the characters in 'The Pilgrim's Progress'.

Find Out...

About the Puritans and the strict religious beliefs they had.

Find out more about some of the stories from 'The Pilgrim's Progress'