

the kite



Here's to Summer!



Welcome to the Summer issue of The Kite. I would like to start with a big 'thank you' to everyone who attended my Chair's presentation in May. It was great to share our progress (and our challenges) with you. Two-way conversations between residents and the Council are vital and I hope I answered your questions and concerns.

If you were unable to attend, here's a bit of a recap. We're continuing to support local groups, such as Colney Heath-Boissy Twinning Association and Colney Heath Girlguiding, with community grants. Our Community Organisations Working Group's community conference gave us an invaluable insight into local organisations' needs and we want to continue this close relationship with groups that benefit Parish residents. To find out more about community grants, please contact the Clerk.

Our delivery from the Woodland Trust of new tree saplings has been planted in Roestock Park and I'm pleased to say that the 'ghost ponds' next to Warren Farm are starting to look glorious (it amazes me what nature can do if left alone). The new playground at the recreation ground is still under construction (see page 3) and from what I've seen, children and families are going to really enjoy it.

Progress has been made with agreeing the new lease for Colney Heath FC's pavilion and the legal details are in hand. We're also working on the new lease for the Charles Morris Hall. Work around getting Roestock Hut back in use is still ongoing, having been slowed down by necessary legal procedures. However, progress is being made and we look forward to the Hut becoming a key part of the community again.

I think most of us are well aware of the threat of inappropriate housing development in the Parish, so please continue to comment on planning applications and consultations. When everyone comes together, we can make a difference.

I wish you a safe and happy Summer.

Craig Tallents, Chair

YOUR DIARY DATES

Parish Council meetings:
Thursdays 25th July and
26th September 2024 at
7.30pm at Colney Heath
JMI School. Residents are
always welcome to attend.

• **Smallford Station and
Alban Way Heritage Society**
• Annual Heritage Open Day
• on Sunday 8th September.
• Everyone welcome!

• **Colney Heath FC Social
Club** presents great live
• music from **McVicar** on
• 27th September 2024
• at 8pm. Free entry (over
• 16s only).

United we stand!

We have been busy since our last update in the March issue. Top of the priority list has been continuing the ongoing opposition to the housing developers, with the the Tarmac Planning Inquiry leading the way. It started on 23rd April and was arranged to investigate Tarmac's appeal against the District Council's refusal of planning permission for 45 houses next to Colney Heath FC and the JMI school. Members of the Planning Working Group worked tirelessly to put together robust evidence and research to support the Parish Council's case against Tarmac. It represented the Parish Council as a 'Rule 6' party to give evidence and cross examine witnesses. The first two days included 'round table' meetings on heritage, landscape character, and sustainable transport. The site visit with the Planning Inspector on the evening of the second day highlighted errors in the key planning drawings – discovered by the Parish Council. The Inspector therefore decided that as the drawings had to be amended, the public should be consulted on the revisions. The inquiry was suspended to allow the consultation, however other commitments for Tarmac's legal team, the District Council and the Inspector meant that the inquiry couldn't continue and so it will now reconvene in October!

The other big piece of news has been the announcement by newly-elected Hertsmere Borough Council to bring back the plans for Bowmans Cross in its Draft Plan for new housing – albeit in an edited plan of 'only' 5,000 new houses! The Parish Council is vehemently against the development and, as with previous applications, has maintained a united front on all matters concerning plans for large developments on the Green Belt. In May, Councillors Tallents, Shaw and Pettit were invited by Hertsmere to attend a meeting at the Council's offices to discuss Bowmans Cross and gain an understanding of both sides' position. It proved to be a productive meeting and was particularly

useful to understand Hertsmere's thinking. However, we left them in no doubt as to the Parish Council's opposition to the development. This was further reinforced by our Chairman at a meeting held at the Caledon Centre in London Colney about Bowmans Cross, involving London Colney Parish Council and St Albans MP Daisy Cooper. The Parish Council also submitted a lengthy evidence-based document, compiled by Councillor Burns and Mike Rawlins, to Hertsmere Council as part of the call for public comments on the Draft Plan. We, along with many hundreds of residents, await further news from Hertsmere Borough Council.

As a footnote to the above, there were some critical comments on social media about the Parish Council meeting Hertsmere. To be clear about things, the invitation came from Hertsmere and it specified who could attend. We fully respected it.

The rainfall problem...

Figures from Rothamsted Research in Harpenden show that this year, 500mm of rain has already fallen by June compared with the average of 300mm. This has had a big impact on the growth of grass and vegetation around the Parish; many roadside verges are high. As a result, available grass cutting services have been stretched.

A number of comments have appeared on social media aimed at the Parish Council about overgrown areas and the untidy appearance after mowing and strimming. The Parish Council's responsibilities include cutting and maintaining the field behind Charles Morris Hall in Tyttenhanger, The Common, Roestock Park and the recreation ground at Colney Heath FC, but the pathways and roadside verges are the responsibility of Herts Highways. Councillors Brazier and Pettit have already reported roadside areas of concern to Highways (who in turn acted swiftly to reduce the long grass, especially on the A414 Longabout) and we will continue to look at ways to improve the grass cutting and maintenance services in the Parish.

HELP US FIGHT THE DEVELOPERS

The Parish Council is still looking for residents who are experienced in planning, building, sustainability and legal matters to help us respond to planning applications and appeals. If you can help, please email Councillor John Clemow with your details: cllrclemow@colneyheathparishcouncil.gov.uk

Do you have a few hours to give for the benefit of the Parish? We urgently need your help in planning matters.

Managing The Common's trees

Earlier in the year, the Parish Council commissioned a safety inspection of all trees and tree groups on the 60 acres of Colney Heath Common. As previously mentioned in The Kite, managing The Common – including its safety for all to enjoy – is a top priority for the Parish Council.

The survey was conducted in May by Maydencroft, who carried out the previous survey in 2021. The remit required an inspection of each individual tree and an assessment made of its condition. Whilst much of the area is in a healthy condition, nine trees have been identified as being of such condition that they pose an imminent risk requiring urgent remedial works – mainly a combination of Sycamores and Oaks (six are dead and will be taken down to ground level). Six trees were also identified as requiring remedial work within three months of the survey, including such things as overhanging



The Common © Nick Pettit 2024

and dead branches. The trees requiring safety works have been tagged with a numbered metal disc, so if you are out walking on The Common keep an eye out for them. Works will start very soon on the trees that need to be felled.



Colney Heath High Street © Nick Pettit 2024

A marked change!

We hope that you will have noticed the much improved road markings throughout Colney Heath Village. These were done by Highways during May. The Parish Council would like to say thank you to Councillor John Hale who pushed these works through following communications with him over the past months. In particular, the Zebra Crossings, the SLOW signs and the markings outside Colney Heath JMI School have been greatly enhanced and we hope they will help alert drivers to pay more attention to their surroundings. With the support of Councillor Hale, we will continue to push Highways on the matter of limiting access to those HGVs who continue to use the High Street as a rat-run.

Cheers to the pub's repairs

Work has recently started on the repairs to the Crooked Billet in Colney Heath after the pub's collision with a rogue lorry last October! We'd like to wish landlord Wally all the best with the building works and we look forward to seeing the pub back to its old self very soon. The pub is open during the repair works.



Crooked Billet © Nick Pettit 2024

Playground update

Unfortunately, work on the new playground at Colney Heath Football Club has been halted whilst solutions are found to a number of flooding and drainage issues that have occurred. They are hoping to recommence the construction and installation works in the next month.

Get out for Summer!

Councillor Nick Pettit champions the countryside in our Parish. With the school holidays on the way, now is the time to discover some of the very best nature right on your doorstep. Additional information supplied by local naturalist **Rupert Evershed**.

Having just enjoyed a lovely week away exploring the wonderful North Norfolk Coast, I came home to an inbox full of emails and client projects all needed yesterday! I am acutely aware that work can become all too consuming and a balance must be achieved. One of the ways I do this is by getting out! It's something I've always done going right back to childhood when during weekends and school holidays, I'd be out on my bike first thing in the morning not to return until tea time. Even when putting long hours into my design career in central London, I'd take my 'thinking' time out the office. Armed with my trusty note book, I'd head off on a walk around the streets, or even better, out into a green space to simply sit, listen and observe.



Four-spotted Chaser Dragonfly © Rupert Evershed



Great Crested Grebe © Gill Merritt

However, working and living in Colney Heath has given me a new dimension to what it means to get out. I feel blessed that I now have a world of nature on my doorstep and incredibly lucky that it came into my life at a time when I really needed it. It was quite literally my lifesaver during lockdown and it re-introduced me to my childhood pastimes of illustrating and watching birds. In fact, on my first walk over The Common after arriving home from Norfolk, I was first met by the now familiar cackle of local parakeets flying overhead and then, as I walked up the Timberland Trail* to the Gravel Pits, by the call of a cuckoo proudly sitting on an overhanging branch. The contrast between the two birds couldn't be more apparent and it underlined to me once again the variety of what you can see and find around the Parish.

As we head into Summer and the fast approaching school holidays, the world of nature and the variety of birdlife on offer comes into its own. One of the busiest places is the area around the Gravel Pit lakes at Tyttenhanger. Birds and animals will be feeding their young and trying to strike that balance between introducing their offspring to their new world while making sure they don't get eaten! The calls of baby birds will be everywhere – maybe Blue Tits calling from a hole in a tree, or young Wrens lined up on a branch waiting to be fed. Some of the noisiest young birds are to be found on the water, with Coots and Great Crested Grebe chicks among the loudest! Babies of both these species look very different to their parents, with young Coots having a white breast unlike their parents' all-black plumage. Baby Great Crested Grebes are very different – they sport humbug-like black and white stripes on their head and neck.

Summer is also the best time for dragonflies and butterflies. The shallow lagoon at the southern end of the Gravel Pit lakes (near Lawsons) attracts many dragonflies and damselflies and these can often be seen perching on twigs sticking out of the water. If you have a pair of binoculars, it's worth looking at these large insects closely as they are beautiful close-up. Keep your eye out too for a Tyttenhanger speciality – the Hobby. This fast and agile falcon visits in the Summer months and is adept at catching dragonflies on the wing. They often perch on the dead branches around the lakes waiting for their next flying morsel to pass by.



Whilst walking around Tyttenhanger Gravel Pits keep your eyes peeled for Bee Orchids. These little flowers are far from common, so to see them here is a real treat. They pop up in the most unexpected of places, but especially like rough ground, grass and chalk banks. The Bee Orchid is a sneaky mimic – the flower's velvety lip looks like a female bee and males fly in to try to mate with it and end up pollinating the flower. Sadly, the right bee species doesn't live here, so this orchid is self-pollinated in the UK.

If you've never explored the Parish countryside then this Summer presents the perfect opportunity to do so. The longer you linger the more you will see and with the extended daylight hours, there is much to enjoy. Why not start on The Common at Coursers Road and take a walk across it to Church Corner (or go through the woods on your left). Keep your eyes and ears peeled for Song Thrushes and Goldcrests – as well as the bobbing rabbits appearing out their burrows as evening starts. Then head up the Timberland Trail (you'll see the signs) to the Gravel Pit lakes, taking a slow walk around them to observe the huge variety of wetland birds (look out for the Cormorants perched on the trees holding their

wings out to dry in the air) and back up the footpaths past Lawsons to Warren Farm. If you want a longer walk, follow the Timberland Trail to Willows Farm then take a right up the hill past the sweetcorn maze to 'Bluebell Wood'*. Enjoy a slow walk through it and you'll meet a footpath down to the Alban Fishing Lakes and back to where you started. Last Summer, the wood was full of loud, colourful Jays and I saw my first Treecreeper of the year.

The west of the Parish (ie: the other side of the A414 Orbital Road) will also provide you with another rich area of countryside to discover. You can explore the footpaths around Tyttenhanger Green – keep an eye overhead on the swooping Red Kites – and access the Alban Way where, if you walk along to Station Road bridge and then up to Notcutts Nursery, you can enter the expanse of Ellenbrook Fields. Once part of the former Hatfield Aerodrome, it's now a thriving area for wildlife and the natural grassland is home to many species of birds, deer, rabbits and foxes. I've seen Blackcaps, Yellowhammers and Green Woodpeckers very easily, as well as Cinnabar Moths, the red and black ones that start their life as the familiar yellow and black striped caterpillar. I've also spotted one of my favourite plants, the Marsh Thistle, which you'll easily recognise from its electric pink spiny flowers (they're on The Common too). Ellenbrook Fields is also a lovely area to cycle; it's not too taxing on the knees and you can enjoy it in a leisurely couple of hours.

I hope you get a chance to go exploring over the coming weeks. If you go with children you could use the spotter list below to tick off things as you find them (pictures of everything listed are on Google). Have fun and enjoy 'getting out'!

Look out for these favourites

Colney Heath Common (meadows and woods) and Ellenbrook Fields

Trees: Oak • Sycamore • Ash • Hawthorn • Elderflower

Plants: Ivy • Fern • Nettle • Marsh Thistle • Wood Anemone

Birds: Blue Tit • Long-tailed Tit • Blackbird • Green Woodpecker • Jay • Goldcrest • Treecreeper

Insects: Marbled White Butterfly • Red Admiral Butterfly • Small Tortoiseshell Butterfly

Tyttenhanger Gravel Pit Lakes, Timberland Trail and along the rivers

Trees: Alder • Willow

Plants: Common Bullrush • Yellow Iris • Purple Loosestrife

Birds: Great Crested Grebe • Moorhen • Mallard Duck • Little Egret • Cormorant • Heron • Starling

Insects: Banded Demoiselle (Damselfly) • Four-spotted Chaser (Dragonfly) • Lesser Water Boatman



* I don't think the wood has a true name, but this seems a perfect fit given the bluebell display it puts on in Spring.



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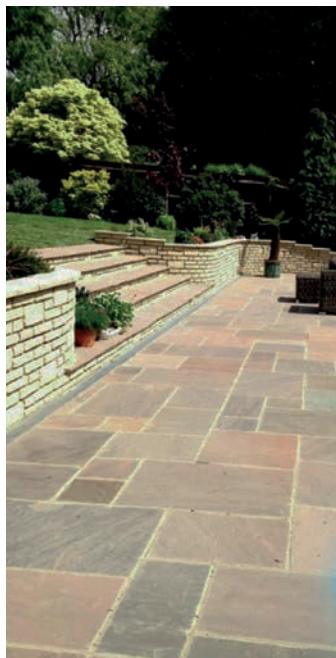
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Busy, busy, busy...

Colney Heath WI continues to enjoy a very busy 2024! At our birthday meeting in March (we are 71!), we feasted on a bring and share supper while being entertained by a talk on Joyce Grenfell. Our members particularly enjoyed the much-loved sketches. April was a much quieter affair as we all produced a silk painted card thanks to Ruth King. At our AGM in May, the Treasurer explained the finances using a cake chart, though our members prefer to eat cake rather than deal with numbers! As we have had new members joining us over the past year, we used our social time to try some speed dating – a great way to mix everyone up and get to know everyone more. We also held a fashion show in the Village Hall, with three of our members volunteering as models. The clothes may not have been to everyone's taste but there was a lot of buying (our members plan well in advance for Christmas presents!).

Between meetings, our members took advantage of the group discount to go to Hatfield Living Crafts – a great day out in the sunshine with friends – and Colney Heath JMI School's Summer Fete. Visit www.colneyheathwi.com to see everything we get up to and for contact details about joining us – and remember, your first visit is free!

Amanda Furlong



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COLNEY HEATH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Exchanging the fun

The annual exchange with our French friends is the foundation of our Association. This year our French families travelled on Eurostar and were met at St Pancras International on Friday 17th May. In the confusion of the transfer to the Thameslink station, half the group found themselves on the southbound Thameslink platform towards Brighton while the other half were on the northbound platform towards St Albans! Eventually, all were met by their respective English families and were able to attend a BBQ in the evening hosted by Graeme and Jackie Shaw.

Excursions on Saturday included London, Windsor, Cambridge and the open day at The University of Hertfordshire. Susan Blunt and John Clemow hosted a BBQ on Saturday evening with families contributing salads, puddings, cheese and, of course, wine! On Sunday we enjoyed an English afternoon cream tea at St Michael's Manor with a lively debate on the 'cream on first or jam on first' issue. It was also a pleasure to re-establish the tradition of the Chair of the Parish Council attending the event. Before the return journey on Monday, we all met

with the Mayor of St Albans, Anthony Rowlands, who presented an interesting speech about his role in both French and English!

Other recent events have included an excellent Quiz Night in the Village Hall and in June we rode the Bletchley steam train. Later this year we look forward to our our popular Cocktails and Mocktails in September. All in all, we are having lots of (really affordable) fun, so why not consider joining us? Membership and the Association's events are open to all residents in the Parish. Contact Lesley Lewis at: lewislesley@hotmail.co.uk



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Activities galore!

We were very proud to see all sections of the Scouts taking part in the annual St George's Day parade in St Albans which was very enjoyable.

The Beavers have been meeting outside on a Thursday evening as we have done over recent years for the Summer Term. Unfortunately, the recent weather hasn't been too kind, although luckily we haven't had rain like last Summer, which disrupted a few of our evenings. Sadly though, we had to cancel our walk to Nast Hyde due to the Alban Way being flooded after the huge 24-hour downpour earlier this month. We have had lots of fun with various activities. We prepared and lit a fire to cook crumpets; we organised a sandcastle building competition up by the Tyttenhanger Gravel Pits and we have been to Roestock Park to play games such as basketball and rounders. We've also done some much needed litter picking. On the weekend of 22nd June, we went camping, where we joined in activities with other Colonies from the

County, had a wide game and enjoyed a camp fire. All the Beavers slept soundly until the morning!

The Cubs have been busy with craft evenings, making Father's Day presents and sowing seeds. They too will be going on a weekend camp to Chalfont Heights, taking part in lots of activities. The Scouts have also had an eventful term, learning tomahawk throwing and bicycle maintenance. They also went on a chippy hike, did some pioneering and used knot tying to make gadgets.

Pat Hall, Colney Heath Scouts



© Pat Hall 2024

Teamwork makes the dream work

We lead with the exciting news that a previously unused space at Colney Heath Primary School has been transformed into a fabulous outdoor area for children and staff. Last year, we were gifted a fantastic trampoline and it prompted plans to create a 'sensory area' to support our children who may benefit from a movement break or may need some time out of class to self-regulate. We also wanted to be able to provide a peaceful space that could be enjoyed by our whole school community during very busy school days! We were very fortunate to receive a grant from the Parish Council and also Councillor John Hale – thank you. This money was spent on plants, particularly chosen to encourage bees and butterflies, and also a range of sensory equipment.

We would also like to say thank you to our PTA who funded the installation of the trampoline, Harvesters Football Club who donated the astro turf



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and Dan Russell – our site manager – who oversaw the project and laid the turf and patio and built our amazing outdoor seating. A final thanks must go to Wendy Dowling and Hazel McLaughlin who have created some beautiful flower beds. The courtyard area is now utilised throughout the day and has had a really positive impact on our school. It is wonderful to hear the children having such a fabulous time with their friends.

Anne Clark, Head

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Your Voice is given over to a person connected to the Parish to speak on a subject that others might be interested in.

Here, **Eva Nagy**, Support Coordinator for **Reach Out**, talks about the support and companionship work that the project provides to older people in the community.

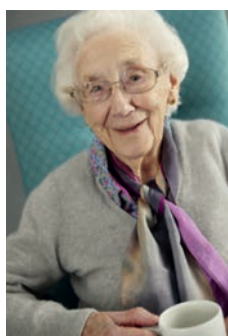


Do you have a spare hour a week to help an elderly person who is recovering from illness or is home from hospital?

While most people would be happy to be back at home with their family to recover from illness or when discharged from hospital, many elderly people feel differently. If they live alone, or have little support, they can feel very anxious. They may need help with the practical issues of being back at home such as being physically less able to do things, or they may simply have lost the confidence to do the things that they did before (especially after a fall).

Reach Out is a project that provides companionship and practical support to older people who are medically vulnerable or have returned home from hospital. It assists people by linking them up with a volunteer in their neighbourhood who can offer support to them, helping them to adjust to and recover from illness, whilst also reducing social isolation and loneliness. Funded through the NHS, Reach Out works across Hertfordshire, including St Albans and the surrounding areas of Colney Heath, Smallford and Sleepshyde.

One of our most recent success stories has been helping Betty. She had a bad fall and needed surgery on her hip, but upon returning home from hospital felt very lonely and lost the confidence to do things.



We introduced her to Fiona who visits her once a week, helping Betty rebuild her confidence and strength with gentle chair-based exercises. They have a great laugh as they try out the exercises together and always enjoy a cup of tea and chat afterwards. Betty says that Fiona is so thoughtful and has

really helped her to feel more positive. Fiona says that she loves spending time with her new friend and it feels great to know she's making a difference.

Could you help someone like Betty?

If you can, contact me (Eva Nagy) on **07917 978 728**

You can also email: **reachout@nhcvs.org.uk**

To find out more visit: **www.reachout.org.uk**

If you are an elderly individual and want support from Reach Out, you must first be referred into our service by a local hospital discharge team, HertsHelp, Hospital Community Navigation Service or another health or social care provider.

If you want your voice to be heard, email Helen at: hlvaux.yahoo.co.uk

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

Smallford incorporating Sleepshyde

We held our AGM on 15th May at St Albans Rugby Club where our chairman, Craig Tallents, went through his report for the previous year. Top of the tree was the influx of major planning and development applications mostly in Colney Heath, but possibly at Glinwells and Smallford Works. We are very aware of the effect that these large developments will have on the infrastructure of the Parish and we will continue to show support to all objections. We also remain alert to the fact that Brett Aggregates will appeal against the latest application for Ellenbrook Quarry, which we will continue to fight and oppose.

As for the SSRA Committee, I am pleased to report that we now have 11 committee members, two having rejoined and two joining for the first time. However, what we really need are some Sleepshyde residents, so that the Association can be properly represented.

We also need a new Treasurer; in reality, the job does not entail a huge amount of work and we would welcome anyone who can help with this. If you can help with this role or are a Sleepshyde resident who wants to join the committee, please email me (Steve Ross) on **info@smallford.org**

Steve Ross, Secretary SSRA

Take time out just to simply be still

Have you ever found yourself longing for a rest or just wanting to be still? Often, life can pass us by at high speed as we move from one task to another with only a brief moment to stop. Not only are our lives busy but our minds can be busy too, filled with 'to do lists' and 'wonderings' and, for many, worry. Psalm 46 says "Be still and know I am God." This speaks of a stillness that trusts in God. He promises to care for our every need and we can trust in him. Perhaps you can spend some time this week in stillness, trusting that God has your every care in his hands.

We warmly invite you to our Sunday services where you will always be in good company. The first is at 8.30am for Holy Communion, followed by Morning Worship at 10.30am (which is also live streamed so you can watch online should you not be able to attend in person). Our Children and Young People's groups meet at the same time as the 10.30am service in the church centre. You'll find full details at stmarkscolneyheath.co.uk

Rev'd Caroline Keightley, Vicar

Moving forwards

It's been a busy few months for the Heritage Society with the completion of the platform extension. The refurbished Goods Van Body (GVB) that will house our on-site exhibition will be placed to the right of it. Once we have everything prepared and installed, our plan is to open the exhibition to the public on occasions throughout the year. We hope to move the GVB in the next couple of months following the completion of negotiations and signing of contracts with St Albans District Council. This will then mean that our collaborative community project to improve the environment around Smallford Station has been completed! If this is the case, then we plan to hold a celebration and formal opening at our **Annual Heritage Open Day on Sunday 8th September**.

We're also pleased to announce that our popular **Pop-Up Café is back on Sunday 28th July from 11.00-4.00pm**. Join us and you'll enjoy a warm and friendly welcome. We will be serving delicious



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Jeff Lewis, Chair



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What a season!

Four cup semi-finals, two finals and two trophies in the cabinet. You can't ask for a much better season! The Ladies stole the show winning the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Championship, securing the title with a thunderous last-minute screamer from the indomitable Molly Slade against title-challengers Garston. It was a goal that would have graced a World Cup Final. They then picked up the Chris Renshaw Cup with a 5-0 win over St Margaretsbury in May, but fell just short in the Herts Women's Trophy losing 3-2 to Stevenage Development. Next year, they will play in the Eastern Region Women's Football League Division 1 South.

The senior men lost their two semi-finals, but reaching the last four of the Herts Senior Cup was a tremendous achievement and easily surpasses our previous best performance. In the Spartan League, seven wins from seven to finish the season meant the team finished, er, seventh. After the 18th place finish in season 2022/23 the progress under Matty Day and Tommy Burns to finish within reaching distance of the play-offs has been remarkable. We eagerly await the season ahead.



Molly Slade © Donna, DNMedia 2024

In the Youth section the big announcement of the summer was the merger of London Colney Colts with Colney Heath Youth. The Colts bring 15 teams into our club structure, and our teams will be playing at multiple pitches around the London Colney and St Albans area, as well as at the Recreation Ground. The Colts bring a wealth of talented coaches and players which will strengthen the new Colney Heath Colts, and the pathway to senior football that we offer was the lure that attracted our friends from just along the A414.

Times are exciting at Colney Heath and we eagerly look forward to the new season ahead. Friendlies include Welwyn Garden City on 13th July, Northwood FC 20th July, and London Colney away on 23 July. The Ladies welcome Wodson Park on 21st July, Chelmsford City on 4th August, and Hertford Town on 11th August.

Richard Smith, Chair, Colney Heath FC



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