

the kite



Here's to Summer



Welcome to the latest issue of The Kite and to June, which has kick started Summer with blue skies and warm days. I have to start my round-up by saying that it's been a difficult time over the last few weeks for the Parish Council due to the Clerk's unplanned staff absence. I am pleased to report that this is now behind us and she is thankfully back at work.

I expected a much bigger turnout of residents at May's annual Chairman's Questions particularly as the Parish is firmly in the sights of national housebuilders. I suspect many people have now resigned themselves to a 'what will be will be' attitude when it comes to planning under the new Labour government. I do understand such a view, however I want to still stress that we all have the ability to influence decisions, especially when in numbers, and we shouldn't just give up. So please continue to comment on planning applications and consultations – it really can make a difference.

For those who did attend May's meeting, I hope I was able to answer your questions and provide you with the reassurances that the Parish Council is working in the best interests of all residents. Much progress has been made with the new leases for Colney Heath FC's pavilion and the Charles Morris Hall and we are very close to completing the

necessary paperwork. This is excellent news. Furthermore, a meeting with the Scouts about Roestock Hut will soon take place and we are hopeful that a workable solution can be achieved.

Lastly, I have to raise something that regularly irks me. It's very easy to take pot shots at Councillors and the Clerk on certain issues in the Parish, especially from behind a keyboard. Recent events – the sudden resignation of Councillor John Clemow and the Clerk's absence from work – have affected how the Council has been successfully operating. I would ask residents to bear this in mind. Our councillors are all volunteers who give up their personal time. Please respect the work that they all do and the progress that has, and is, being made.

I wish you an enjoyable Summer.

Craig Tallents, Chair

YOUR DIARY DATES

Parish Council meetings:
Thursday 24th July 2024
at 7.30pm at Colney Heath
JMI School. Residents are
welcome to attend. There is
no meeting in August.

• **St Albans Race for Life in**
• **Verulamium Park** on the
• 13th July organised by Cancer
• Research UK. Places still
• available on the events page
• at cancerresearchuk.org

• **Smallford Station &**
• **Alban Way Heritage**
• **Society Pop-Up Café** on
• Sunday 27th July from
• 10.30am – 3.30pm at the
• station on Alban Way.

Planning issues

As residents will be aware, Colney Heath Parish has been, and continues to be, a desirable area for developers seeking land for building new houses. In recent years, numerous planning applications for large-scale developments on land in the parish have been submitted to St Albans District Council (SADC). Two of these, those in Bullens Green Lane and Roestock Lane, have been successful and will result in about 250 new houses coming to Colney Heath Village. Plans for another 200 houses on two sites have failed to gain approval. Decisions on other major applications have yet to be made, most significantly the following:

- Colney Heath Lane (190 houses)
- Roestock Lane (93 dwellings and a Community Hub on 'neglected' farmland opposite Roestock Gardens)
- Tollgate Road (30 houses opposite Meadway).

The Parish Council is opposed to all large developments in the parish, principally for the following reasons:

- The harm likely to be caused to the Green Belt
- The loss of openness, green spaces and valuable farmland – not to mention the damage to nature
- The risk of the merger of Hatfield and St Albans
- The lack of public transport and essential amenities – schools, shops, medical services etc.

It is important to recognise that the Parish Council does not have the power to make decisions on planning applications; this is the responsibility of SADC. The Parish Council is able only to object, and has done so as strongly as possible in every case. However, recent changes to government policy have resulted in a doubling of the number of houses SADC will be required to build in the coming years. This is likely to affect every part of the district, including Colney Heath parish. Residents can be assured that the Parish Council will continue to oppose inappropriate developments and will be working to minimise the impact of any developments that are approved.

Any comments or queries relating to planning matters in and around the Parish can be addressed to: cllrburns@colneyheathparishcouncil.gov.uk



Welcome to Spencer our new Parish Councillor

Meet our new parish councillor, Spencer James. A Smallford resident for the past three years (having previously lived in St Albans for 24 years), he joined on an unopposed election following the resignation of Councillor John Clemow. His decision to stand for election was led by his remit 'to strive to make the parish a better place for all' and the parish council is delighted to have him on board. He has already brought his thoughts and opinions to the table and has added his support to the teamwork ethic of the Parish Council and its Working Groups.

Spencer brings wide-ranging career experience and skills with him – project management, business insight and analysis, negotiation, commercial planning and property development. Locally, he undertakes a number of volunteer roles – among them, he is a member of Smallford & Sleepshyde residents' committee and is a director of Radio Place in Smallford, overseeing the development's landscaping, maintenance, health and safety and supplier relationships. He also volunteers as an appropriate adult in the Youth Justice system.

Roestock Hut update ...

Following the Parish Council's call earlier on in the year for declarations of interest for the usage of the Roestock Hut, only one was received – from Colney Heath Scouts. The Council has been keen to progress the detail of this with the Scouts, but unfortunately, following Councillor Clemow's resignation (who had played an important lead role in the project), progress going forward stalled. However, new dates have been tabled and the Parish Council is hopeful of meeting with representatives of the Scouts in early July. An update will follow in the Kite's Autumn edition.

Embracing change in our community

Building significant numbers of new homes next to existing communities can be daunting and create a reflexive hostility to change. As someone who is strongly opposed to inappropriate housing projects and doing all we can to not build on the Green Belt, I can understand this. However, there is no getting away from the fact that many new homes are on the way – the first of which have already arrived in Colney Heath at the Taylor Wimpey development. As a Parish Council, we are acutely aware that change brings issues – more traffic, more waste, more noise, more pollution etc – but it is also possible to demonstrate that new development can positively improve the lives of existing residents. So this means embracing change; it means being welcoming, seeing the positives and offering up a degree of patience, especially on our local roads, which will get busier. Above all though, we can be ambassadors. There's much to love and enjoy living in Colney Heath and the wider parish, so let's help promote it, share in it and offer support to our new residents. Remember too that many will have specifically chosen Colney Heath for a new life.



Beating The Bounds © Nick Pettit 2025

Lovely afternoon for a walk

On Sunday 1st June, I had the pleasure of joining the Beating of the Bounds walk with a number of residents and my fellow Councillor Hilary Brazier. This traditional annual event goes back many years and takes place around Colney Heath Common. It is led by the ranger, Charlie Nash, who brings lots of enthusiasm and personal knowledge about the Common to things. This year, I walked with Margaret, his wife, who kept me entertained with her own stories about Colney Heath, as well as some great insights into the wildlife and plantlife on the Common. The afternoon was rounded off with tea and cake at Colney Heath Village Hall.



The Causeway © Nick Pettit 2025

Gravel Pits: improvements

In the Spring issue of *The Kite*, I reported on the recent issues around the poor maintenance of the Gravel Pits at Tyttenhanger. I'm pleased to say that following on from the meeting myself and Herts Bird Club chair, Rupert Evershed, had with Tarmac in February, work on a series of repairs to fencing and access around the Gravel Pits has begun. The causeway crossing between the two lakes has had new fencing installed and is now much safer (as well as creating protection for the nesting water birds). Importantly, the water flow onto the main lake has been returned, although sadly not to previous levels. It now has a moving channel and a shallow covering. This is good news as Rupert and I were told that nothing could be done to put water back into the main lake following the flow issues between it and the working quarry on Coursers Road.

In late March, myself and Councillor Hilary Brazier attended the Tyttenhanger Liaison Group meeting at Tarmac's quarry office. With support from Local Councillor Chris Brazier and the Parish Council's Planning Officer, Mike Rawlins, we put forward a document that brought a number of new concerns to the table. Specifically, the traffic dangers along Coursers Road caused by queuing lorries at the quarry in the morning; the dangerous road conditions at various times especially when it is raining and lorry tyres spread wet slippery mud; lorries illegally using Colney Heath High Street to access and leave the quarry – as well as entrance gates not being secured at night. Tarmac's officers were receptive to our concerns and have given a series of reassurances that they will be looked into and remedied over the coming weeks.

If you have any issues relating to Tyttenhanger Gravel Pits and its environment, please email me at: cllrpettit@colneyheathparishcouncil.gov.uk

Just look at our nature!

I returned home last evening from a lovely, if very hot, three-hour walk around Tyttenhanger and the Gravel Pit lakes, boasting about the wonderful wildlife that I had seen and enjoyed. Top of the list were two gorgeous herons, one in full flight, which is always a sight to behold, three little egrets standing proud next to the causeway on the main lake, grebe and coot parents guiding their little ones around the reeds, dragonflies buzzing over the reed tops, and my new favourite bird, the common tern, doing loops and dives into the water. Then as I walked over Coursers Farm fields I stood to watch house martins catching insects on the wing, rabbits hopping in and out of the long wheat and grass stems and two majestic kites overhead communicating to each other with their piercing cries. Approaching the Common, I was then met with a cacophony of noise from chiffchaffs, blackbirds, long-tailed tits, and the loudest of them all, Colney Heath's growing family of bright green parakeets!

The world of nature really does come into its own in Summer and it presents the perfect opportunity to take it all in. The longer you linger the more you will



6pm at Coursers Farm Field © Nick Pettit 2025

see (especially with a pair of binoculars hung around your neck) and, with the extended daylight hours, there is much to enjoy. But what made my walk even more enjoyable last evening, was the chance to give a wave or stop and chat with the 'locals' that I regularly see out doing the same thing. Routine is very much part of my life and walking in nature is my food for the soul. I know that when I go out walking, I'll come home with some news or a story to tell, or have been inspired with an idea that solves a client's design challenge – or even better still, a new bird or flower to add to my spotter's guide. I hope you get to enjoy the next few weeks as much as I plan to.

THE WI

Don't always believe what you hear

One of the comments we often hear about the WI is that it is only for retired ladies. How very wrong! The WI is open to all ladies over the age of 18. In fact, many of our members joined in their 20s and 30s, and in doing so have made lifelong friends. The WI is welcoming and friendly, so if you are thinking about a new interest, do consider Colney Heath WI.

We meet monthly on a Thursday evening so that members who work can attend – and we carefully choose our activities so that all ages are catered for. This is reflected in the guest speakers that we have. So far this year, we have been entertained by a saxophonist, heard about the enigma of the bra world and discovered a charity supporting the homeless by storing their belongings for up to 3 months. Coming up in the next few months are talks from a magician, a gin expert and how music therapy helps those with Parkinson's disease, as well as gliding and a chocolate-making workshop!

Colney Heath WI is part of the County Federation. Visit our website colneyheathwi.com to read more and for details about joining us (and your first visit is free!).

Amanda Furlong



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The hall for all

Charles Morris Hall was built in 1975 on land left for the benefit of the residents of Tyttenhanger Green by the late Charles Morris as part of his last will and testament. It is managed and maintained by volunteers from the Tyttenhanger Green community and the Charles Morris Hall Management Committee (CMHMC). The current committee consists of six members elected by the community and two members from the Tyttenhanger Green Parties Committee.

The CMHMC has been fully engaged in renewing its Constitution and putting in place a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) structure for the Hall to continue to operate under, following positive discussions with Colney Heath Parish Council. The Committee is working hard on these processes to ensure that the Hall is here not only for today, but also for the next 50 years. For the residents of Tyttenhanger and those who use the Hall, it's a hugely important asset and facility – and we need to give them the reassurance that the Hall is being managed in a professional and supportive way. Indeed such is the support for the Hall, that at our recent AGM we had over 30 residents attend.

Current regular activities at the Hall

There are regular fun events organised by the Tyttenhanger Green Parties Committee for the residents, their family and friends. Events already planned for this year include a Summer celebration of the Hall's 50th Anniversary, a fun Quiz Night,

a Halloween event, our annual and always popular Bonfire & Fireworks Party and Christmas In The Village. There is also a wide range of activities ongoing in the Hall on a weekly basis, ranging from watercolour painting classes, pilates, yoga, toddler and baby club, street dance and martial arts.

If you want to find out more about the activities and how to get involved, visit the Charles Morris Hall website and see the 'What's ON – Clubs and Groups' section. The website has full information and contact details of the groups, including prices, that regularly meet at the Hall. There is also ample free parking at the Hall.

Charles Morris Hall Management Committee



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A busy Summer at the Station awaits

We've a busy Summer ahead with a series of events planned, as well as turning the organisation into a charity status. Here are all the details:

Becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Following a number of discussions and fact finding missions, we have made the decision to move from being a simple Community Society (with a Constitution, Bank Account, Audited Accounts, AGM, etc) to formalising and incorporating our organisation as a small charity. We plan to call the charity The Smallford Station & Alban Way Trust. This will provide better legal protection for our members and, for instance, put us in a better position should we wish to seek funding for a project – such as renovating Smallford Station. Exciting times are ahead, so watch this space!

July Pop-Up Café

Sunday 27th July: 10.30am–3.30pm

Our fantastic Pop-Up Cafés, the idea of Pauline and Frances pictured right, have proved to be enormously popular with visitors since we first started doing them at our events. All donations generated go directly towards the work of our Society. To give you an idea of how much people value and enjoy these sessions, last year we held 5 pop-up cafés which generated over £2,000 in donations – quite an amazing effort!

Alban Way Guided Walk

Sunday 27th July: 10.30am–5.00pm

As part of our celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the opening of the Hatfield & St Albans Railway, John Darnton, supported by Alastair Cameron, will lead this walk starting at Hatfield Station and



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ending at London Road Station (now a children's nursery). If enough people join us, we hope to arrange a vintage bus return journey. As with all our activities, the walk is free, but any donations would obviously be very welcome.

Annual Heritage Open Day Sunday 14th September: 11am–4pm

Our popular annual event is sponsored by the National Trust. This year we will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the opening of the railway and the refurbished station environment. You'll have the opportunity to visit our newly installed refurbished goods van body holding our exhibition (illustrating much of the history of Smallford Station and the Hatfield & St Albans Railway that it served) together with our collection of artefacts and historical documents. You can also see a new set of railway posters designed by members of the St Albans Art Society. Furthermore, you can enjoy a 1-hour guided walk along the Alban Way to Nast Hyde Halt with John Darnton providing the history and suitable for all ages and abilities. Teas and coffees and delicious homemade treats will be available all day from our pop-up café.

I look forward to welcoming you at one, or all, of our events over the coming months.

Jeff Lewis, Chair



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Busy, busy, busy!

As is always the case with Colney Heath Scouts, lots has been going on! Since Easter, Beavers have been meeting outside and have litter picked in Roestock Park and had an enjoyable Easter Egg hunt. We also went river dipping on a warm evening, but all the Beavers really wanted to do was get thoroughly soaked! We have also lit fires using a flint and steel and then toasted marshmallows and made s'mores, as well as den building. Everyone enjoys the outside meetings in the Summer and so far the weather has been very kind to us.

Cubs have been busy doing the Athletes badge and also had an interesting visit to St Albans Library where they discovered the many things you can do besides borrowing books. Scouts have been meeting with London Colney Scouts, going on a weekend camp to Well End campsite where they took part in a variety of activities. All sections took part in the Annual St George's Day Parade in St Albans.

Pat Hall, Colney Heath Scouts

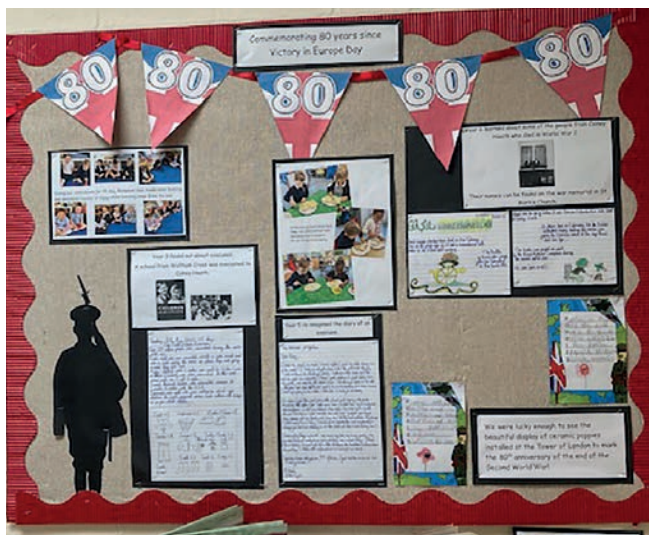


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History matters

The children of Colney Heath JMI School broke out the bunting on Thursday 8th May to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. We found out about some of the servicemen who are remembered on the local war memorial in St Mark's Church, and we wrote about them. We would really like to add to their biographies, so if you know any information please do get in touch with the school.

The children also found out about the impact that evacuation and rationing had on the children of Colney Heath (although the news that sweets were widely unavailable didn't go down very well!). Year 3 and Year 5 imagined how it must have felt to be an evacuee, or to have an evacuee share your home, as the actual children of Colney Heath did when Winns Avenue School came to the Village in 1941. Again, if you have any information about the evacuees who visited our village we would love to hear from you so that we can add it to our resources for future school years to read and hear about.



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Our youngest pupils shared the joy of the street parties that greeted the VE Day news, although they did partake of jam sandwiches rather than the original fish paste! As a school we believe it is vital that our children learn about their local history and mark this important national milestone.

If you came to our Summer Fair on 29th June, many thanks for your support!

Anne Clark, Head

Issues that need addressing

The SSRA Residents' Association had its AGM in May, which was well attended. We invited our local neighborhood police team as speakers, who went through the three priorities that they are concentrating on in St Albans. Two of these are in the Smallford / Sleapshyde area – preventing speeding on local roads, particularly Station Road, and investigating ongoing reports of bad behaviour with students from Oaklands College. Questions were many and varied – the speeding of cars being top of the list, especially off the A414 longabout at Sleapshyde, which is becoming more and more dangerous by the day, as well as catching the fly tippers in Sleapscross Gardens. We will progress some of these points with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) over the coming weeks.

Our chair, Craig Tallents, went through the committee's activities over the past year. A huge amount of work had gone into mounting a defence to the application to quarry the old Hatfield Aerodrome and which has been reported in the last few editions of *The Kite*. We are now expecting to hear the decision of the Secretary of State on this application at the end of the Summer.

We also discussed the future use of Horseshoe Field (the piece of land on the corner of Oaklands Lane at the north-east corner of Smallford roundabout). There was a lot of enthusiasm at the meeting among residents to help transform the field into a community garden, hopefully with the support of local businesses and Oaklands College. We are



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aware that the matter will be debated by the Parish Council at a forthcoming meeting so hopefully a way forward can be decided upon and planned.

The other good news to report is that a new committee was voted in, made up of 12 residents, which is the largest for some time. There seems no shortage of areas of activity to keep on top of and for the benefit of all our residents. Whatever the decision on the quarrying of Ellenbrook Fields, rest assured that we will be involved in either campaigning to get the site removed from the minerals plan if consent is refused, or setting operating conditions to create the least nuisance to residents if it proceeds. In terms of new housing and planning, we will be adding our voice to developing St Albans Local Plan, as well as representing the local community in Oaklands College Development consultations. There are a number of nuisance issues such as fly tipping, drug dealing, litter on footways and bus stops and speeding on our roads to deal with, as well as following up on the bad flooding issues we all saw during the Winter.

Steve Ross, Secretary SSRA

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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, **Vicky Gutteridge**, founder of **Soil Squad**, talks about the marvels of compost and its ability to connect and engage communities with better food and the wider natural world.



The power of compost!

Have you thought about composting at home but didn't know where to start? Or maybe thought about putting your food scraps to better use, rather than simply giving them over to the weekly refuse collection. That's where Soil Squad comes in. We're a St Albans-based Community Interest Company on a mission to educate and empower people to compost locally, build healthier soils and strengthen our connection with nature. From hands-on workshops and school visits to setting up community composting systems, we're reimagining food waste as a valuable resource.

Hello, I'm Vicky Gutteridge, founder of Soil Squad, and I want to offer something practical in the face of the climate and health crises we hear so much about. I want to make compost not just a way to deal with waste, but a way to restore land, people's wellbeing and our connection to the natural world.

So, what does Soil Squad actually do?

In a nutshell, we demystify what composting is and how it works – and how peelings and scraps can be transformed into a living compost for your soil. We run workshops that give people the opportunity to see (and smell) what good compost looks like, how mighty microbes work their magic and how good compost connects the whole system – from soil to plate, to the gut and an individual's well being.

For St Albans community groups keen to go a step further, we offer advice and support on installing shared composting systems – whether on an allotment, behind a community centre or tucked away in a school garden.

But don't we already compost food waste through the council?

This is the question we hear most often – and it's a fair one. Yes, your council food waste collection does divert food from landfill, but the method used, called anaerobic digestion, isn't composting as nature intended. It breaks down food waste without oxygen and in doing so generates biogas. This digestate, called sludge, is then often spread on

fields. However, it lacks the rich, microbial diversity of real compost – and worryingly has been found to contain levels of microplastics that end up in the soil, in our plants – and ultimately in our food!

Home and community composting is different. It's aerobic, using oxygen to mimic nature's process and, when done properly, creates microbe-rich, plastic-free compost that supports healthy soil, resilient plants and nutrient-dense food.



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A regenerative future starts with us

Soil Squad believes that the solutions to big environmental problems start small – in the bottom of a kitchen caddy. By composting food waste close to home, we cut emissions from transport, keep nutrients in our local soils and reconnect with the natural cycles that sustain us. And composting isn't just about waste. It's about regeneration, resilience and the magic that happens when communities work with, not against, nature.

Whether you're a school looking to inspire the next generation of eco-leaders, a resident wondering what to do with your veg peelings, or a community group dreaming of starting your own compost hub, we can help. Visit our website below to find more about Soil Squad and how to make contact. We'd love to hear from you and hopefully work with you!

www.soilsquad.uk

If you want your voice to be heard in a future issue, email Helen at: hlvaux@yahoo.co.uk



ST MARK'S CHURCH

Enjoy the present

This summer, as the days grow longer and the sun warms our paths, why not take a moment to pause and savour the present? Whether you hold a strong faith, have questions, or simply enjoy the beauty of nature, there's something grounding in slowing down and noticing life's simple blessings. The words of Psalm 46:10 offer a quiet encouragement: "Be still, and know that I am God." In stillness, we can find peace, perspective, and perhaps a little hope for the journey ahead.

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

COLNEY HEATH THEATRE CLUB

Shows now on sale

For the past 17 years, Colney Heath Theatre Club has been organising great nights out to London's West End and beyond, to see top theatre shows with the ease of coach travel from Colney Heath Village and nearby locations.

We have just seen *Fiddler on The Roof* at The Barbican which was outstanding! This well-known musical takes place in 1905 in the tiny village of Anatevka, Tevye. A Jewish milkman lives his life by proud traditions. For his five daughters, this means a visit from the matchmaker. As each daughter challenges his beliefs, against the backdrop of a changing world, can he hold onto his roots, or must he bend to the will of his children and embrace the unfamiliar? It features the songs 'If I were a Rich Man', 'Matchmaker' and 'Sunrise and Sunset'.

On 16th July, we have tickets for *The Witness for the Prosecution*, the unique courtroom staging at London County Hall. This Agatha Christie story is about Leonard Vol, accused of murdering a widow to inherit her money. The stakes are high – will

Leonard survive the shocking witness testimony, will he be able to convince the jury of his innocence and escape the hangman's noose? Grab a ticket and come and find out!

We also have tickets available for *Just For One Day* at the Shaftesbury Theatre on 15th September. This enjoyed a great run at The Old Vic earlier last year, where it broke all records as the venue's fastest selling musical. It tells the story of the original Live Aid event, with songs by Bob Dylan, David Bowie, The Who, Queen, Madonna, The Police, Elton John, Paul McCartney, Diana Ross and many more of the iconic artists who made history at the simultaneous charitable concerts in London and Philadelphia. In December, we hope to resume our annual Christmas Carol Sing a Long, which used to be at The Royal Albert Hall but has changed venue to The Barbican.

If a stress-free evening at the theatre with travel from the Colney Heath area as part of the package appeals to you, contact Elizabeth Clarke at colneyheaththeatreclub@yahoo.co.uk or call **07870 701 118** for more details on ticket availability and future shows.

A transitional season

Reflections on the past season at Colney Heath suggest that we came close to achieving success on several fronts, but often fell short. However, the signs look promising for the new season ahead.

The senior men began with much optimism, but early exits from the cups and a poor run at the turn of the year meant we reluctantly parted ways with the leadership of Matty Day and Tommy Burns. When they arrived nearly two seasons ago, they were the right people, however events happen and things inevitably move on. Under the new direction of Paul O'Hare and Paul Small, the team finished with much more promise. Some highlights included beating play-off winners, London Lions, and then decisively defeating play-off hopefuls, Harpenden Town, in the final home game of the season.

Our Ladies played their first season in the Eastern Region Women's Football League, racing to the top of the South Division table with a series of early wins. In the end, the team was edged out for second place on goal difference, but that represents a commendable performance following their promotion last year. Next season, the FA has moved our Ladies to the North Division, where they will face teams such as AFC Dunstable, Hitchin, Stevenage Development and Cambridge City.

The U23 side had a strong season in the Suburban League, culminating in a thrilling Suburban Plate victory, defeating Hartney Wintney in the final at Slough FC with an incredible 8-3 score. Paul Lilly will soon take over in his second stint as manager at the Recreation Ground, having assisted George Georgiou several seasons earlier, and the team will be aiming for a top-three finish.



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The dynamic U18 team fell just one point short of being champions in the Southern Counties Floodlit Youth League. It was a cruel twist of fate to deny them, having been clearly the best team all season, however we are sure that the players will emerge stronger as a result of the missed opportunity.

Richard Smith, Chair, Colney Heath FC

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