

NEWS AND UPDATES FROM ORGANISATIONS

In this "Parish E-News" newsletter you will see news from, and information about, a number of community organisations received for inclusion in this issue. **Edition 1.1 corrects the booked date for the Annual Parish Council Meeting – i.e. 16th May 2019.**

Clicking this link <https://www.colneyheathvillagehall.com/parish-e-news.html> will take you to the website page with

- this newsletter,
- a long listing of organisations and key contacts,
- more detail about organisations, and
- a calendar of Events.

Some of the information will be updated as necessary before the next newsletter is published.

This is a start, but we need to hear about the activities of the many organisations that work to build community life. All contributions of information, news etc are welcome, as are any comments and suggestions. Please e-mail me at jackclemow@gmail.com or call 07803 313 525.

My thanks to all who have contributed, it has been both informative and a pleasure to prepare - I have found out much more is going on in our community than I had expected!

With best wishes for the Spring,
John Clemow, Editor, 31st March 2019

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ST MARK'S CHURCH

www.stmarkscolneyheath.co.uk

Church Office 01727 825175

St. Mark's is delighted to be part of this news circulation in the parish. The church has been a focal point in Colney Heath and plays an important part in the life of the parish. We are part of the Church of England, informal in style, welcoming all ages (currently 1-93!) to be part of our diverse family.

As well as worship services on Sunday mornings, and some Sunday evenings, we hold a monthly 'Messy Church' for families – a lively mix of activities, worship time and meal together. We hold a monthly meeting for older members of the community and a number of events such as coffee mornings and craft evenings which are open to all.



Our Sunday Services

8.30am A generally quieter and more reflective service usually with Holy Communion

10.30am Family friendly and livelier. Children's and youth activities. Holy Communion usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

7.30pm Evening Service (not every Sunday; please check website)

Other Regular Events

SMARTEES



Smartees : A toddler group for pre-school children and their parents/carers. Every Wednesday during term time 10am-11.30am at St. Mark's Church Centre. Snacks, toys, craft and singing. £1 donation per family (if possible)

Relax : At a loose end on a Friday evening? Aged between 11 and 16 years? Why not come along to Relax? A youth social for school years 7 to 11. Relax runs in St. Mark's Church Centre on alternate Fridays 7.30pm in term time.

You are always welcome to join us, and can find out more about the church and activities at www.stmarkscolneyheath.co.uk or by phoning the church office (01727 825175.) And, if you have any questions, or think we can help you in any way, please do get in touch as well.

New Vicar

We look forward to welcoming our new vicar, Caroline Keightley, who was appointed in March and will be joining us in September.

Easter at St. Mark's

The Gathering at Easter

Tuesday 9th April – 2pm to 3.30pm

Informal worship for retired folk. Refreshments included.

Messy Easter in the Church/Centre

Sunday 14th April – 4pm to 6pm

Activities and worship for the whole family followed by a meal together.

Maundy Thursday 18th April 7.30pm

Holy Communion

Good Friday 19th April 10.30am

Reflective service remembering Jesus Christ's death.

Easter Day Sunday 21st April

Services at 8.30am & 10.30am

Celebrating Jesus Christ's resurrection.

A date for your diary

Welcome Break

Tuesday 18th June 2019 – 10.30am to 3pm at St. Mark's Church and Centre

An interactive day with a Christian message for the retired members of our community. Please contact the church office for more details.

COLNEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Information abstracted from

www.colneyheathparishcouncil.gov.uk

(italics by editor)

The dates and location for Colney Heath Parish Council meetings are published on the website.

There is an opportunity for residents and members of the public to speak or comment on an item on an agenda, at every meeting the Council encourages it. At the meeting the Chairman will invite members of the public to address the council within public session.

Residents elect nine parish councillors every four years in *three* Wards which will change after the next election due to Boundary Commission changes - the next elections will take place on *2nd May 2019*.

The Council elects a Chairman and Vice-Chairman annually at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May.

This will be held on 16th May in the Colney Heath Village Hall.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Electorate will be on 23rd May in the Colney Heath School.

The Highfield parish office is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am - 12.30pm.

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For community bus places please call Debbie Fulwell on 01727 824185.

COLNEY HEATH SCHOOL

www.colneyheath.herts.sch.uk

Our school is a one form entry primary school taking children from 3 years to 11 years old. Our aim is to Inspire, Encourage, Enthuse and Enable the children in our care. We are proud to be a village school. We believe a successful school is a partnership involving children, parents and carers, staff, governors and the wider community.

Information about admission to the school can be found via our website by visiting our Admissions Page. We have a morning Nursery which you can apply directly to us throughout the year.

For school news, newsletters, and the school calendar visit our website or please feel free to contact the school directly with any queries you may have.

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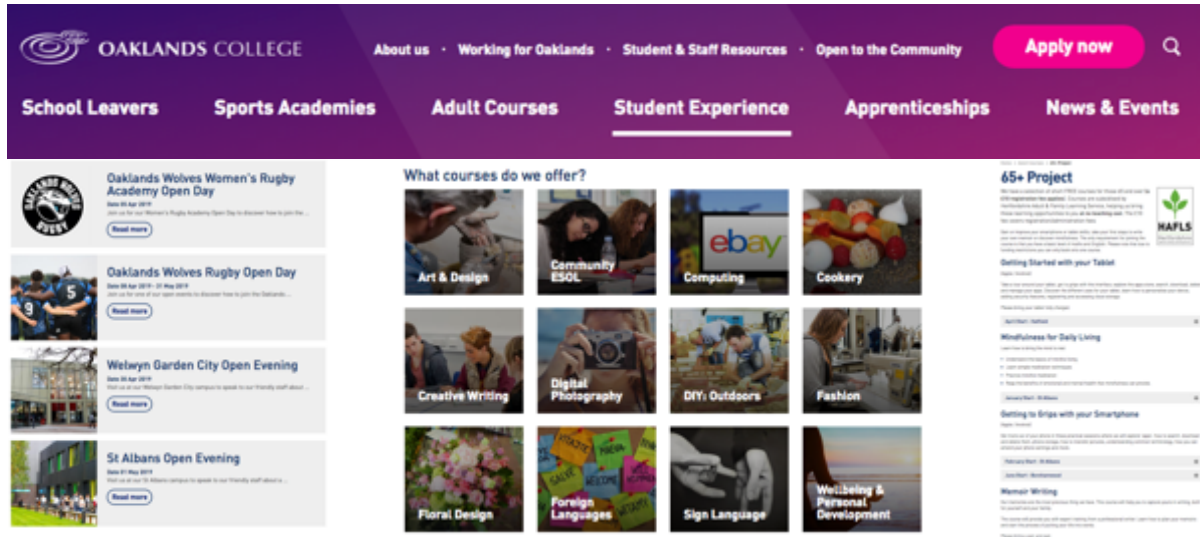
Headteacher: Mr. P. Rose



OAKLANDS COLLEGE

www.oaklands.ac.uk

Visit Oaklands College website for news and events, details of courses etc. Lots happening here



ST ALBANS LIBRARY & CREATORSPLACE

Marshalswick Library - <https://www.facebook.com/MarshalswickLibrary/>

St Albans Library - <https://www.facebook.com/StAlbansLibrary/>

St Albans Central Library reopened on March 11th after a short closure to finish the refurbishment. The new library features a modern redesign of all public and staff space, a community meeting room and CreatorSpace, and new furniture, carpets and flooring throughout.

Looking for something to do with the children during the Easter holidays? Visit your local library:

- St Albans Library are hosting author **Tom Palmer with his Football reading game** on Monday 8th April at 4.15pm
- Also at St Albans **Wow said the owl: a family learning event** based on the book by Tim Hopgood on Wednesday 17th April at 11.00am. (Suitable for children 3-6)
- Marshalswick Library will be holding a **Junk robot family learning event** on Monday 15th April at 2.30pm.

For adults the chance to meet 2 bestselling authors and get a signed book:

- St Albans Library are hosting **Dorothy Koomson** on Tuesday 23rd April 7.15pm
- St Albans Library are also hosting **Alison Weir** on Monday 13th May

Also at St Albans:

- **Get Creative Week**, 13th – 17th May- look out for a number of exciting activities during this week.
- Human Theatre Company present **Connie's Colander, a humorous and tender play** tracing the evolving relationship of a mother and daughter through dementia.

de-HAVILLAND AIRCRAFT MUSEUM

www.dehavillandmuseum.co.uk

The Museum is open 6 days a week (including Bank Holidays) but closed on Mondays.

Currently a new display hanger and car park are being installed funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The total cost will be in the order of £2 million. There is a variety of de-Havilland designed aircraft on display, many of which can be walked through or sat in by visitors.

Even if you have visited before it is worthwhile making another trip as all exhibits are constantly being worked on to improve the experience for visitors.

COLNEY HEATH FOOTBALL AND SOCIAL CLUB

www.colneyheathfc.co.uk

As a football club, we were established in 1907 and have played in various parts of the Parish since being at our present home since 1952.

Today we have over 300 members and players ranging from under 9's to adult teams featuring both men and womens teams. We would like to have teams at all age groups and anyone wanting to help in any capacity is more than welcome to contact us.

We are supported by nearly all local enterprises within and around the District and are always pleased to promote our sponsors local and recommend them where we can.

Our premises are licensed and available to hire for members for parties, functions, meetings etc.

We are not all about football. We have a darts team and regular social events that recently have included live music, fund raising quiz nights for charity and bingo. Race nights and a Casino night are being organized along with another quiz night to raise funds for ourselves.

Details of these can be found either at the clubhouse or on facebook and twitter.

The current fixture list until the end of the season is as follows:

APRIL

MON	1 ST	5.00	HOME	SCHOOLS FINAL
SAT	6 TH	3.00	AWAY	WEMBLEY
SAT	6 TH	3.00	HOME	RESERVES V BROADFIELDS
MON	8 TH	7.45	HOME	UNDER 18'S V CB HOUNSLOW UNITED
SAT	13 TH	3.00	HOME	COCKFOSTERS
WED	17 TH	7.30	AWAY	HADLEY (CHARITY SHIELD SEMI-FINAL)
SAT	20 TH	3.00	AWAY	OXHEY JETS
SAT	20 TH	3.00	HOME	RESERVES V EVERGREEN
WED	24 TH	5.00	HOME	SCHOOLS FINAL
THU	25 TH	7.45	AWAY	UNDER 18'S V HOLMER GREEN
SAT	27 TH	3.00	HOME	NORTH GREENFORD UNITED
SAT	27 TH	3.00	AWAY	RESERVES V NEW SALAMIS
SUN	28 TH	2.00	AWAY	LADIES V BEDFORD LADIES
SUN	28 TH	1.00	HOME	AFA REPRESENTATIVE GAME

MAY

SAT	4 TH	3.00	HOME	HERTS COUNTY LEAGUE PLAY OFF FINAL
MON	6 TH	10.00	HOME	BINGHAM COX CUP FINAL
MON	6 TH	12.30	HOME	HSCL DISABILITIES FINALS
MON	6 TH	3.00	HOME	AUBREY CUP FINAL
TUE	7 TH	6.00	HOME	DISTRICT SCHOOLS FINALS

Please support all teams where and when you can
Further reserve fixtures to be added when known

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HIGHFIELD PARK TRUST

www.highfieldparktrust.co.uk

Over the winter the staff have been tidying up various areas of the park, among other things, cutting back overgrown vegetation and laying bark chippings on some of the paths. It will be looking at its best as we go in to the Spring, so **please do come and visit**.

To conclude our commemoration of the First World War, a memorial bench (sponsored by Colney Heath Parish Council) has been installed in the Hill End Commemorative Garden. Please **sit for a moment or two of quiet reflection**.



The new Visitor Centre has been open for nearly 10 months and is proving to be an excellent venue. We have hosted several of the park events and welcomed a number of local groups. If you are **interested in hiring the meeting room** further details can be found on the website



www.highfieldparktrust.co.uk/venue-for-hire/

Events at Highfield Park

The events **planned for the Spring and Summer** this year include

Easter Bunny Hunt
Photographing Bluebells
History Walk
Mini-beast Safari
Luna Cinema - Mamma Mia – Here we go again
Luna Cinema - Bohemian Rhapsody
Opera Anywhere - Pirates of Penzance
Photographing Autumn Colours

Wednesday 10 April
Sunday 28 April
Sunday 5 May
Sunday 9 June
Wednesday 3 July
Thursday 4 July
Sunday 14 July
Sunday 29 September

New for this year is our series of **Nature Talks and Walks**

Helping wildlife by submitting records of what you see
Bugs and beetles – and what they feed on
Getting to know bird calls and birdsong
Bat Night
Bat Night
Native trees – and what feeds on them
Habitats and microhabitats in the park and the surrounding area
Bat Night

Sunday 28 April
Sunday 19 May
Sunday 16 June
Friday 19 July
Friday 16 August
Sunday 21 July
Sunday 18 August
Friday 13 September

For full details please visit our website www.highfieldparktrust.co.uk

History - With the help of a grant from the Heritage Lottery fund and supported by volunteers, we are currently working to catalogue and digitise our history archive. The aim is to make it more accessible to a wider audience. Former hospital staff continue to share their memories, and provide valuable material for our archive. We are **always keen to hear from anybody** who would like to talk to us, please do get in touch.

Volunteers in the park - We would like to thank all our regular volunteers for their work over the last few months. They help our staff to maintain the park and have been involved with clearing ditches, removing brambles and resurfacing the bark paths. [If you would like to volunteer](#) with the *Highfield Helpers* please do get in touch with us.

Footpaths - The Trust is very conscious about the deterioration of the tarmac paths. We have received some funding and have applied for a grant to help us resurface the paths on the Hill End side of the park. If we are successful we hope this might take place in the summer.

Apple Juice - We have our delicious Highfield Park apple juice available to purchase (£3.00 a bottle) from the Highfield Park Visitor Centre.

Sponsorship - If you would like to support the park, [you can sponsor one of the trees](#) on the tree trail or simply send in a donation. For further information and forms please contact the park office or visit the website.

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www.highfieldparktrust.co.uk

COLNEY HEATH VILLAGE HALL

www.colneyheathvillagehall.com

The Village Hall is used intensively by organisations that book regular sessions. All welcome new members, contact details for all these organisations can be found here :

<https://www.colneyheathvillagehall.com/parish-e-news.html>

[Treasure Tots](#) pre-school use the Main Hall on weekdays in school term times along with meetings of the [Old Friends Club](#). Evenings are booked by the [Badminton Club](#) on Mondays, [Zumba](#) and Zumba Gold on Tuesdays, [Taekwon-Do](#) on Wednesdays, and the [Cyclists Touring Club](#) on Thursdays other than when the [WI](#) have their monthly meeting. Taekwon-Do also book Saturday mornings, [Ju-Jitsu](#) Sunday mornings and [A Different Dog](#) (dog training) on Sunday afternoons. Friday evenings are mostly available as are Saturday afternoons and evenings which are popular for "casual bookings" for private parties, [Colney Heath BoissyTwinning](#) events such as their quiz night.

The Community Room has more availability with about 25% of the available slots booked. This room is booked variously for [Yoga](#), [Connective Play](#), [Child Matters](#), [First Aid Training](#), [Iris Art group](#), and formal meetings. The [Parish Council](#) hold some of the Council and their sub-committee meetings here.

People who book our Hall comment on the high quality of our facilities, our favourable hire rates, and efficient administration. Visit <https://www.colneyheathvillagehall.com/enquire.html> to check availability and contact jackclemow@gmail.com or call 07803 313 525 to enquire about your planned event.

Recent modernization projects have included the male and female lavatories with grants from Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund, upgrading the main hall lighting, and resurfacing the hall floor. We plan to refurbish our kitchen and Community Room during the summer school holiday period. Further modernization includes our website www.colneyheathvillagehall.com launched in January 2018. The number of casual bookings has significantly increased from 29 in 2017 to 165 in 2018. The number of visitors to our website and enquiries continued to increase in the first quarter of 2019.

The Charities Commission have awarded us the charity number 1182267 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This is an updated form of charity using the Charities Commission

Model Constitution. This reflects current best practice of governance and administration for charities. The provisions of the 1936 Trust Deed are mirrored in the constitution of our CIO. The Village Hall Council were motivated to establish the CIO to attract new and younger trustees to aid succession to safeguard the Hall for the future. The VHC propose to transfer the assets from the charity established in 1936 to the CIO. [A public notice has been published of a vote on this proposal by the inhabitants of the Parish at a meeting to be held on Tuesday 16th April 2019 at 7.30 in the Community Room.](#)

The status of the Parish Office at the Hall has been under discussion with the Parish Council since they moved initially to Alban Park and since to Highfield Park. The VHC hope and expect this to be resolved in the near future.

CHARLES MORRIS HALL

Abstracted from website

www.charlesmorrishall.org.uk

The Charles Morris Hall is a traditional village hall in the hamlet of Tyttenhanger Green, a couple of miles south east of the historic city of St Albans.

The Hall was built in 1974 at the behest of the residents of Tyttenhanger Green. The building was financed by the sale to the City & District Council of land left to the community by the late **Charles Morris**, a local businessman, after whom the Hall is named. A brief biography of Charles Morris may be viewed [here](#).

We believe we have one of the best village halls in Hertfordshire and although we could keep this wonderful asset to ourselves, we are pleased to offer it for hire to individuals and organisations outside Tyttenhanger Green.

Editors note : Facilities include a main hall, committee/bar room, conservatory and kitchen. It provides an excellent venue for the many regular users and for casual hiring for parties and similar events.

TRESTLE ARTS BASE

Abstracted from website

www.trestle.org.uk

Trestle is a mask and physical theatre company: our mission is to inspire creativity through participation and dialogue and we do this by approaching opportunities with an open mind, playful approach and our ever surprising and engaging masks.

Trestle Arts Base is an ideal place to hold your function, whatever the occasion.

Whether it is a concert, workshop, business meeting or birthday party, our experienced staff can help you plan and deliver the perfect event.

Visit www.trestle.org.uk for information and upcoming events

Trestle Youth Theatre, Trestle Workshops

Trestle School of Drama | Easter Holiday Workshops 2019

Mon, 16 Apr 2019, 10:00 am – Wed, 17 Apr 2019, 3:00 pm
Trestle Theatre ([map](#))

This Easter Trestle are delighted to be offering a series of Drama workshops for ages 4 - 16 held here, at Trestle Arts Base.

[VIEW EVENT →](#)

Professional Hires, Theatre

Freeman Productions | The Ghost of Chesterton House

Friday, 17 May 2019
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Trestle Theatre ([map](#))

A man seeks the company of a ledger to help exercise the ghostly visions that haunt him. However as night creeps in, and in a world of falling light and creaking floorboards, they soon discover strange shadows lurking in the dark...

[VIEW EVENT →](#)

COMMUNITY SHOPPING BUS

Every Thursday morning to Asda, Hatfield.

Any adult in the community is welcome to use the service including able bodied and disabled persons. Due to the child-seat laws we cannot take children of any age on the bus. Also, we regret that we are not able to take motorised or battery wheelchairs.

We collect passengers from their homes or at the pre-arranged pick up point when booking. Currently we pick up passengers in Colney Heath village and in Smallford.

Pick up is around 9.45am returning around noon. The fare is £2.00 return. *Limited space available so prior booking is essential.*

For further information and to book your place please call Debbie on 01727 824 185.

COLNEY HEATH BOISSY SOUS ST YON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

www.colneyheathtwinning.org.uk

The CBTA runs an annual programme of social events for our community such quiz nights, summer afternoon tea, BBQ and boules competition, dinner dance, and other special events. Members of the community are welcome to attend most of these events and to support the CBTA by joining the Association.

On Friday 25th May 2018, we had a very pleasant trip for our **official visit to Boissy** arriving just after 6pm. The soiree on Saturday had us leaving Boissy at 3pm to travel by coach to the elegant Chateau of Vaux-le-Vicomte. Here we wandered through the beautiful gardens during the late afternoon and then enjoyed the evening meal in the restaurant les Charmilles. An audio-guided tour through the rooms of the Chateau followed and the finale to the evening was a spectacular fireworks show in the grounds. All in all we had a very enjoyable stay with our French friends and look forward to welcoming them back here for their official visit on the weekend of 7–10 June 2019.



Skittles Night on 14th July involved 15 members in a game of Killer! Slowly each one was eliminated to find the eventual winner. It was a very social evening with lots of fun and laughter and some delicious food was consumed.

Our annual **BBQ&Boules** was held as usual at the Scout Hut in Roestock Park in September. After a cool and windy start the sun shone through resulting in a lovely warm afternoon. With the BBQ well lit, a selection of meats were cooked and accompanied by salads etc, all washed down with a variety of beverages. Once the feast had been consumed it was time for the competition to begin. 18 keen players entered the Boule competition fighting through 3 rounds to the final.





In October, around 20 of us met in the village hall for a very pleasant evening of **Cheese and Wine**. 4 very different and eclectic wines from around the world were selected, including one from Moldova. In addition we had a cheese quiz which comprised tasting and identifying 10 different cheeses, as well as some questions on cheese and its manufacture. This was followed by a light buffet, including more cheese!



On Saturday, 8 December the **annual dinner dance** took place in the School hall. As always, it was a great evening with delicious food, fun, entertainment and dancing.

Our **Jumble Sale** in January was well attended, with queues to get in starting an hour and a half before the doors were opened. After the manic first half hour there was a steady stream of people rummaging through clothes, toys, books, household goods, shoes and bric-a-brac. A special thanks to the WI for providing refreshments.

Contact Lesley Lewis lewislesley@hotmail.co.uk or 01727 822086 if you are interested in any of our events planned for the rest of this year which includes

26 March	Quiz Night in the Village Hall
12 April	Sunday breakfast in the Community Room
7-10 June	Visit from Boissy
8 September	BBQ&Boules in Roestock Park
19 October	Cocktails& Mocktails in the Community Room
7 December	Christmas event in the Village Hall

COLNEY HEATH SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

Currently Cubs are held on Wednesdays and Beavers are held on Thursdays in the Scout Hut in Roestock Park. We wish to attract older children (male and female) in our newly formed Scouts Group. This will start initially on Wednesday 12th June until established, and then a decision will be taken as to which evening would be more suitable.

Our aim is to provide young people of the village with fun, adventure and skills for life, experience outdoors and to take part in a range of community and international activities, interact with others, make new friends, gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

We held a quiz 'Streets of St Albans' a hundred questions, in the New Year, and this was won by Mr.E.Catterfield. The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Scouts Hut on Thursday 23rd May at 7pm, we have invited the new Mayor of St Albans, but await confirmation. We are also planning a Walking Treasure Hunt in July and details will follow.

As always the Scout Hut is available for hire throughout the week (prices from £35 to £90), depending on the planned event.

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COLNEY HEATH WI

www.facebook.com/colneyheathwi

The Colney Heath WI have had a busy first quarter.



At our January meeting we engaged in 'Yoga Antics' with Loren Goldsworthy; February saw us learn how we can help save our planet by reducing, reusing and recycling everyday items; whilst in March we celebrated our 66th birthday with a very tasty buffet and wonderful singing from Just a Capella.

In addition to our regular meetings we enjoyed a night out with entertainment from the Welwyn Wailers, a fundraising cheese and wine party at a member's home, and this month we enjoyed our trip to the West End musical Motown. We have also had two Book Club meetings to discuss our latest reads one of which is the 'The Children Act' by Ian McEwan and look forward to our next film night where we will see and discuss the film of the book.

We anticipate that the coming months will be as varied, interesting and enjoyable as this quarter has been. We book a varied programme of for the whole year. Speakers and demonstrations for our meetings still to come includes making chocolates, protecting Hertfordshire's countryside, motorcycle drag racing, and expressing yourself through your wardrobe.

If you require any further information about Colney Heath WI please contact Joanna on 01727 828003 or email colneyheathwi@gmail.com You can also find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/colneyheathwi.

COLNEY HEATH OLD FRIENDS CLUB

We enjoyed four coach trips last Summer, to Brighton, Windsor, River Boat cruise including lunch and a Mystery Tour with afternoon tea. These outings prove very popular and are also open to non-members at a reasonable cost.

We had a very successful bring and buy with proceeds donated to the club and also a Summer Social with buffet, wine and live music (60s) provided by a guitarist. The year ends with our Christmas Lunch at no cost to members at a chosen restaurant.

This coming year we have a presentation from St Albans Crime Prevention, coach trips to Worthing and Oxford, River Boat Cruise including lunch and a visit to a garden centre, plus our usual Summer Social on 2nd September.

Colney Heath Old Friends Club meets on the first and third Monday's each month (but not on Bank Holidays) in Colney Heath Village Hall 2.00pm-3.30pm. In addition excursions include the following :

8th May	Boat trip and lunch followed by a visit to Van Hague Nursery
19th June	Coach trip to Worthing
17th July	Coach trip to Oxford

Contacts

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SMALLFORD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The purpose of Smallford Residents Association is to inform village residents of issues concerning the locality, which includes those arising from substantial housing and quarrying development in our area, while making representations to planning authorities and others to improve or defend our environment.

The Association is represented by a committee which meets every other month. Craig Tallents chairs the Committee, Steve Ross is Secretary and Hugh Burrell is Treasurer. There is a warm welcome to any resident who would like to be on the Committee.

Next Committee Dates are April 9th and July 16th

Our AGM which will be held at the Rugby Club, Oaklands Lane on Thursday May 16th commencing at 7pm, and come and meet us and hear about these issues.

We can be contacted by email at SRA@smallford.org

SMALLFORD STATION & ALBAN WAY HERITAGE SOCIETY

www.smallford.org

Our Society is formed by a group of enthusiastic volunteers with a wide range of interests, knowledge and skills in local history and heritage, railways, nature, walking etc. Our activities include

- researching the history of Smallford Station, the Hatfield- St Albans Railway it served (the track-bed now being the Alban Way) and the influence this had on surrounding communities, plus a growing collection of memorabilia
- our travelling exhibition
- providing presentations to a wide range of interest groups
- arranging guided walks along the Alban Way – sometimes with a return journey via a vintage bus!

We have been supporting the Alban Way improvement work being undertaken by St Albans District Council and are currently putting together a plan to improve the environment around Smallford Station.

A key goal is to renovate and restore Smallford Station and to create Community Heritage Centre.



Everything we provide is free of charge – and we welcome contributions to support the work of our Society.

Events programmed for the coming months include :

Guided Walks

11th & 21st May 10.00am -4.00pm

Walk from Hatfield Station to London Road – possibly with a return trip on a vintage bus!

Exhibitions

27th April

1st/2nd June

14th September

Luton Model Railway Club: Flitwick

St Albans Steam & Country Fair, Oaklands College

St Albans Heritage Open Day – supported by Colney Heath WI

Presentations

1st April

6th August

Hatfield Townswomen's Guild

Letchworth Arts & Leisure Transport & Industrial Heritage

COLNEY HEATH THEATRE CLUB

Colney Heath Theatre Club has been running trips to the West End for the past twelve years. Over that time we have seen many shows including Mama Mia., The Lion King, Les Miserables, Cats, The Sound of Music and Wicked as well as occasional outings to Buckingham Palace, Hampton Court and Highclere Castle.

Last year we saw The Play that went Wrong, Tina – The Tina Turner Musical, Strictly Ballroom The Musical and Snow White at the London Palladium

We provide a safe, comfortable and convenient way to enjoy an evening in the West End.

In May we will be taking bookings for the Pantomime at The London Palladium. We have seen the last three pantomimes at The Palladium and they have all been excellent.

If you would like to receive details for the pantomime or future theatre trips and outings, please email your contact details to colneyheaththeatreclub@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 01727 826522.

ST ALBANS KEYBOARD & ORGAN CLUB

Website : www.spanglefish.com/stalbansorganandkeyboardclub

The club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at New Greens Hall , High Oaks , St Albans, Herts, AL3 6DL

The Society has always been one in which members and guests entertain each other on organ or keyboard. All who are willing to play are encouraged to take part whether they are beginners or accomplished musicians but those who prefer to sit and listen are free to do so. Keyboard players may bring their own instruments. Several of our members have formed a group to provide entertainment on our keyboard at local community associations, clubs and retirement establishments.

Our meetings are held in a warm and friendly atmosphere, set in modern comfortable surroundings. Tea and coffee are served during the evening and a full bar is available to members. Each December we have our Christmas buffet . For further details of our meetings please contact the Secretary.

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COLNEY HEATH BADMINTON CLUB

The Badminton Club meets at the Village Hall on Monday evenings (except Bank holidays). We are interested in a limited number of new members. We need players who have some previous experience and play at a reasonable standard.

If you are interested please contact Eddie Walsh 01727 821 601

IRIS ART GROUP

This is an informal group formed of amateurs, both beginners and intermediate level, who have an interest in, and enjoy, drawing and painting. We usually meet fortnightly on Wednesdays mornings in the Community room at the Colney Heath Village Hall from 10 to 12. We share ideas, techniques, sources for materials etc for drawing and painting in watercolours (and enjoy chatting, and tea or coffee and biscuits).

We paint both still life and subjects from reference photos and from pictures in books.



We contribute £5 for only those session we attend. This covers the cost of the room and contributes to building up a fund to be used to have occasional tuition by a professional art teacher. As and when our group grows we will able to reduce the contribution.

We have space for more members to join our group. There is no commitment to attend a number of sessions, so [contact Iris](#) to find out when our next meeting is and see if you like the group and what we do. If you don't have any materials these can be provided to get you started.

irisbond@yahoo.co.uk or 07809 098 629

CHILD MATTERS

About the course

Child Matters' 12 hour paediatric first aid course is designed for anyone working with children requiring EYFS and OFSTED registration such as: nurseries, pre-schools, child minders, schools and activity providers. You can either spend 2 days in the classroom or take a 2 day blended learning course, which is split by the first part being online and then just one day in the classroom.

If you work with children but do not require a 12 Hour Course for the full OFSTED register, then this course is for you, meeting the criteria of the reviewed EYFS guideline (March 2017) and the voluntary part of the Ofsted Childcare Register. We will cover a wide range of first aid topics to help you deal with any eventuality. You will be taught in a face to face learning environment with experienced professionals.

You will receive expert, qualified tuition by the team who are continuously working within a hospital or community setting for the NHS. You will receive a certificate valid for 3 yrs and a copy of all course material which you can refer back to, plus access to online resources and training videos.

How to Book

To reserve a place please contact us at contact@childmatters.info or [click here](#). Call me, Claire Street, for more details or advice on which course to book on 07788 720612

Class Prices

£65 for Blended 12hr Paediatric First Aid Course (6hrs classroom + additional £19.95 for 6hr online part) & £70 for 1 day 6hr course.

A DIFFERENT DOG

www.adifferentdog.co.uk

A Different Dog provides positive, fun, ethical and effective dogs training to the local community.

Group classes are run from the Colney Heath Village Hall on most Sundays throughout the year, all of which must be booked in advance. From puppy classes and life-skills for adolescent dogs to tricks sessions and courses with a specific focus on improving your dog's recall, we keep the numbers at group classes small so that you can get the help you need.

Our instructors are well qualified and only use kind methods to teach your canine family member the skills you need them to have. We also offer 1:1 training and behaviour support at your home or other location.

Bookings can be taken online - please be aware that we tend to get booked up quite far in advance of some courses. Take a look at our website www.adifferentdog.co.uk to see how we can help you and your dog.

ZUMBA

Zumba® is an energetic dance class with music of all kinds. Dance exercises both mind and body so if you are looking to keep or get fit why not give us a try? We burn an awful lot of calories in our sessions as we smile and laugh throughout. Zumba Gold® is a slower class with no jumping and less twisting than traditional Zumba®. It is aimed at anyone returning to exercise after a long break or those with a slightly more restricted range of movement whether through injury or age. It's less strenuous but definitely no less fun!

Current classes are held at Colney Heath Village Hall on Tuesdays

Zumba Gold is 6pm to 6:45pm £4.50 per class and Zumba is 7pm to 7:45pm £5 per class

Both classes are pay as you go and you don't need to book. You will need a decent pair of trainers and exercise/loose clothing to dance in. Bring a water bottle to make sure you stay hydrated while we dance.

Contact Alison Chason 07581 396 144
