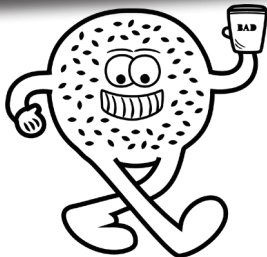


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v COLNEY HEATH

Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division
7.45pm Wednesday, December 27, 2023



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Happy New Year

Old school print deadlines mean we've produced a joint programme to cover our two home fixtures between Christmas and New Year.

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors from both Colney Heath and Milton Keynes Irish.

Hopefully everyone has had a great Christmas and 90 minutes of fresh air and some exhilarating live football is just what we all need to feel refreshed and recharged before welcoming in the New Year.

Both games promise to be absorbing encounters. Colney Heath are our near neighbours and over the years lots of players have turned out for both clubs, so there's sure to be some added festive spice, especially under the floodlights. And Milton Keynes Irish are in hot pursuit of Real Bedford at the top of the table, so they will present another stern test for us.

Last time out here at Rothamsted Park, we lost 1-0 to a physically-imposing Cockfosters side. We had the ball in the back of the net in the second half only for the assistant referee to rule it out for offside.

Our January fixture list has been altered – check out the results and fixtures page for full details – so after the MK Irish match our next game here will be a St Mary's Cup quarter-final tie against Chipperfield Corinthians on Tuesday, January 9.

In their last game before Christmas, Harpenden Town Women beat Wootton Blue Cross Lionesses 5-1 here at Rothamsted Park to go top of the Eastern Region Women's League Division One North ahead of back-to-back games against closest challengers Dussindale & Hellesdon Rovers in January.

Everyone at Harpenden Town would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and we hope for a great 2024 on and off the pitch. **GREEN&GOLD**

HONOURS

Herts County League Western Division champions
1910-11, 1911-12, 1920-21

Herts County League champions
1950-51, 1952-53, 1954-55

South Midlands League champions
1961-62, 1964-65

South Midlands League Division One champions
1989-90

Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division Cup
2017-18

Herts Charity Shield
1967-68



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WELCOME TO ROTHAMSTED PARK

COLNEY HEATH



HONOURS

Spartan South Midlands League Division One champions 2005-06
Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division Cup winners 2010-11
Herts Senior County League Premier Division champions 1958-59,
1999-00
Herts Senior County League Division One champions 1988-89
Aubrey Cup winners 1959-60
Herts Senior Centenary Trophy winners 1995-96, 1996-97
Herts Charity Shield winners 2013-14, 2017-18, 2018-19

Manager: Matt Day

Assistant: Tommy Burns

Coaches: Steve Macarty, Ben Ypey

Physio: Elliott Matthew

Home kit: Black and white stripes

Away kit: All blue

The Magpies were founded in 1907 and played their early football in the Hatfield District League. After the First World War they joined the Mid Herts League. In the early days the club played on two grounds in Coursers Road – The Meadow and The Warren. Later they played at Fuzzen Field and made the switch to the Recreation Ground in Colney Heath in 1952, around the same time the team joined the Herts County League.

They won Division Two at the first attempt, then achieved promotion to the Premier Division and won the title in 1959. In a 20-year spell from 1966 to 1986, the club slipped down to Division Three before climbing back to the Premier Division again.

Another relegation was followed by a fire at the clubhouse in August 1988 as modernisation work was underway. Without a clubhouse and with a Portacabin for dressing rooms, the club won the Division One title in 1989.

The new clubhouse set the foundations for promotion to the South Midlands League but the team narrowly missed out with four top-four finishes in the 1990s.

After winning the Herts Centenary Trophy twice, Colney Heath finally won the Herts Senior County League title in 1999-2000 and were promoted to the Spartan South Midlands League.

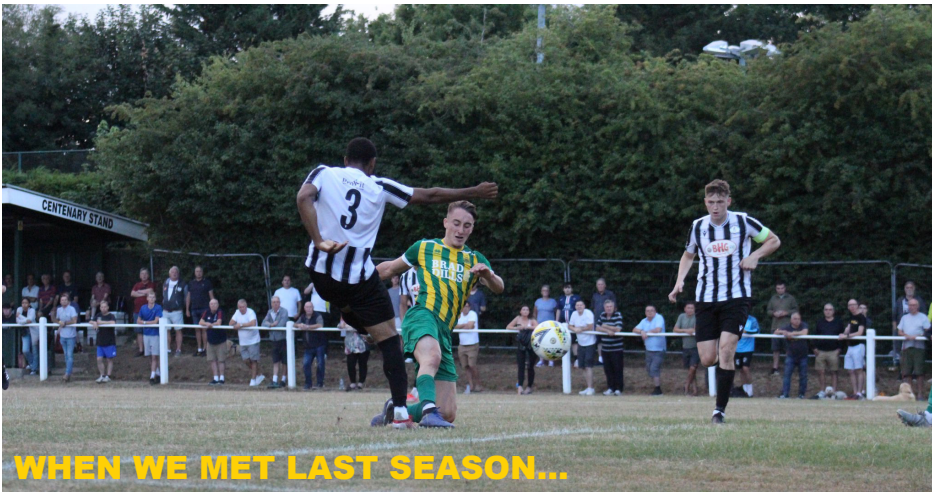
In 2005-06, the club won the Division One title to reach the Premier Division, making their FA Cup debut against Broxbourne Borough the following season.

The club established itself in the top division, winning the Premier Division Cup in 2011 with a 2-0 win over Leverstock Green in the final.

In 2013-14, the club reached the third round of the FA Vase. In 2017-18 they had their best run in the FA Cup, reaching the second qualifying round before losing to Burgess Hill Town. They also won two Herts FA Charity Shields (2014 and 2018)

FA restructuring, points-per-game and improvements to the Recreation Ground with the installation of fencing and turnstiles, the club was promoted to Step 4 for the 2021-22 season. They stayed in the Southern League Division One Central for a single season before returning to the SSML Premier Division last year.

Before the start of this season, Colney Heath appointed Matt Day as manager. Day had been under-23 manager when Ryan Thompson was in charge during the club's FA Cup run in 2017-18. His assistant is Tommy Burns, who was previously at Sandridge Rovers. Their first goal is consolidation before building for a return to Step 4 football.



WHEN WE MET LAST SEASON...

Last season we opened our campaign with a 1-0 home win over Colney Heath courtesy of a Jake Tabor strike (above). Then, in April, we travelled to the Recreation Ground and secured a league double with a 3-0 win thanks to a couple of goals from Jake Anthony. Photos by Freddie Clark and Toby Howe



Colney Heath The past 10 seasons

Season	League	Step	Position	
2013-14	Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division	5	3rd / 22	
2014-15	Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division	5	14th / 22	
2015-16	Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division	5	20th / 22	
2016-17	Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division	5	18th / 22	
2017-18	Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division	5	11th / 21	
2018-19	Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division	5	6th / 20	
2019-20	Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division	5	—	abandoned
2020-21	Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division	5	—	abandoned
2021-22	Southern League Division One Central	4	19th / 20	relegated
2022-23	Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division	5	18th / 20	

Source: Football Club History Database fchd.info

THAT WAS 2023...

Photos by Freddie Clark and Toby Howe



Three points against
Sheffield Town and Campton



What the pitch used to be like



A pint in hand under
the scaffolding stand



Winning in the mud
at Hoddesdon



Victory on the road for
the boys in green and gold



Closing the season with
a win at Crawley Green



*New season
New kit*



*Last minute winner
at St Panteleimon*



*Walking out onto the
new pitch for the first time*



*A big thank you to the huge
crowd at Rothamsted Park*



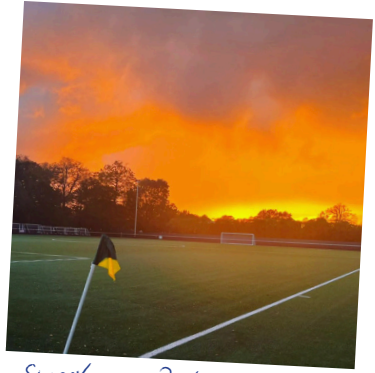
*Beating Potton United
under the lights*



*Another Archie Locke goal helps
see off Leverstock Green*



Rocking the new orange
away kit at Potton United

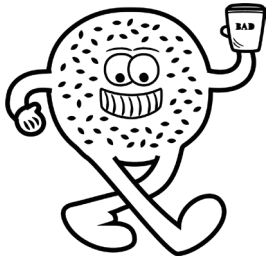


Sunset over Rothamsted Park
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Team spirit - Observing a minute's silence
for coach James Ouston's father

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2023-24 results & fixtures

Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division

August

Tue 1	Tring Town	A	1-1	137	Anthony (pen)
Sat 12	Shefford Town & Campton	A	4-2	91	Younger 2, Oluwatoyin, Gleeson
Wed 16	London Lions	A	4-4	60	O'Leary, Palmer, Andic, Monaghan
Sat 26	St Panteleimon	A	3-2	30	Palmer, Shuttlewood, og
Tue 29	Leverstock Green	A	0-2	118	

September

Sat 9	Dunstable Town	H	4-0	427	Ewington 2, Gleeson, O'Leary
Tue 12	Potton United	H	2-1	127	Anthony, Locke
Sat 16	Biggleswade United	H	1-3	169	Ewington
Sat 30	FC Romania	H	2-1	167	Plowright, Fitzgerald

October

Sat 7	St Panteleimon	H	0-1	151	
Tue 17	Crawley Green	A	3-4	40	Gleeson 2, Riley
Sat 28	Arlesey Town	H	2-2	131	Ewington, Rahho

November

Sat 4	Leverstock Green	H	3-1	201	Ewington, Locke, og
Sat 11	Potton United	A	0-0	101	
Sat 25	London Lions	H	3-2	142	Ewington, Andic, Crowter

December

Sat 2	Real Bedford	H	0-5	224	
Sat 16	Cockfosters	H	0-1	130	
Sat 23	Arlesey Town	A	2-0	80	Keenleyside, Rodrigues
Wed 27	Colney Heath	H			
Sat 30	Milton Keynes Irish	H			

January

Sat 6	Baldock Town	A			
Tue 16	Sawbridgeworth Town	A			
Sat 20	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	H			
Sat 27	Stansted	A			

February

Sat 3	Crawley Green	H			
Sat 10	Real Bedford	A			
Sat 17	Cockfosters	A			

March

Sat 2	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	A			
Tue 6	FC Romania	A			
Sat 9	Tring Athletic	H			
Sat 16	Biggleswade United	A			
Sat 23	Baldock Town	H			
Sat 30	Colney Heath	A			

April

Tue 2	Milton Keynes Irish	A			
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Rearranged fixtures in January

Our January fixture list has been rejigged following recent postponements.

■ Our rearranged Premier Division Cup tie at Cockfosters is on Tuesday, January 2.

■ On Tuesday, January 9 we will now host Chipperfield Corinthians in the St Mary's Cup quarter-final. 7.45pm kick-off.

■ The home league game against Aylesbury Vale Dynamos has been moved to Saturday January 20 (from January 27).

■ This allows us to travel to Stansted on Saturday, January 27 instead of for a midweek fixture.

Check our website Harpentownfc.com for latest fixture news

Sat 6	Sawbridgeworth Town	H
Tue 9	Stansted	H
Sat 13	Shefford Town & Campton	H
Sat 20	Dunstable Town	A

Cup ties

FA Cup

Aug 8 Stanway Rovers A 1-3 Machado

FA Vase

Sept 23 Wembley H 0-4 127

Herts Charity Shield

Sept 19 Tring Athletic A 1-3 Younger

Herts Senior Challenge Cup

Oct 10 Ware H 0-4 92

Gladwish Challenge Trophy

Nov 14 St Panteleimon H 2-2 65 Ewington, Locke
won 5-4 on penalties

Jan 23 Potton United A

Premier Division Cup

Jan 2 Cockfosters A

St Mary's Cup

Jan 9 Chipperfield Corinthians H

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Real Bedford	20	18	1	1	75	13	62	55
2 Milton Keynes Irish	20	16	3	1	63	12	51	51
3 St Panteleimon	19	11	6	2	42	20	22	39
4 Leverstock Green	21	12	3	6	45	38	7	39
5 FC Romania	21	11	3	7	51	38	13	36
6 Harpenden Town	18	8	4	6	34	32	2	28
7 Cockfosters	17	7	6	4	36	27	9	27
8 Biggleswade United	18	8	3	7	40	40	0	27
9 Potton United	21	8	3	10	28	38	-10	27
10 Colney Heath	19	8	2	9	27	34	-7	26
11 London Lions	20	6	7	7	40	40	0	25
12 Tring Athletic	19	6	5	8	29	35	-6	23
13 Baldock Town	22	8	1	13	45	57	-12	22 *
14 Dunstable Town	18	5	5	8	29	33	-4	20
15 Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	18	6	2	10	34	47	-13	20
16 Crawley Green	20	4	4	12	28	52	-24	16
17 Stansted	16	4	3	9	22	35	-13	15
18 Shefford Town & Campton	16	3	4	9	23	47	-24	13
19 Arlesey Town	17	3	3	11	14	42	-28	12
20 Sawbridgeworth Town	16	0	4	12	16	41	-25	4

Table updated for digital programme, up to Dec 23 *Three points deducted

QUESTION TIME

ELLIOT BAILEY

Age: 29

Favourite playing position and shirt number
Striker and number 9

Where are you from? St Albans

Previous clubs St Albans City, Barton Rovers, Dunstable Town, Hitchin Town, Hertford Town, Ware, Welwyn Garden City, Berkhamsted Town

What was your Harpenden Town debut? Tring Athletic – lost 2-1

What did you sing at your initiation at Harpenden Town? Greased Lightning

What's your earliest football memory? Chelsea 6 Coventry City 1 – Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink scored four

First football shirt you owned Chelsea 1998 home shirt with Zola on the back

Who do you support now? Chelsea

What's the biggest match you've played in? An FA Cup first round tie for St Albans City against Mansfield Town

You're hosting a dinner party, which four guests would you invite?

Natalie Portman, Margot Robbie, Jennifer Lawrence, Mila Kunis

And what would you cook (or order in)?

Oysters, ordered in

What's the best thing about Harpenden?

The new pitch

What do you do for a living? PE teacher

Favourite ground you've played at
Top Field, Hitchin Town – My best football memories

Best game you've ever attended

St Albans City's promotion play-off win at Chesham United in 2013

Who do you travel to away games with?

Dave Keenleyside – we are really good friends

You're travelling to an away game and you're in charge of the music. What's on the playlist? Elvis Presley greatest hits is all we need

What are the best and worst things about step five football?

Best – No Boxing Day games. Worst – fewer fans

After football, what other sport are you best at? Cycling or tennis

What's your personal goal for the 2023-24 season? To get back into it after a year off from football

Can supporters follow you on social media?

I don't have any social media



WELCOME TO ROTHAMSTED PARK

MILTON KEYNES IRISH



Manager: Terry Shrieves

Coaches: Glyn Creaser, Lee Brown

Physio: Andy Nicholls

Social media: Dom Domaingue, Jake Parlett

Photographer: Silvana Peillis

Home kit: Green and white stripes

Away kit: Orange and white

Milton Keynes Irish are the result of multiple mergers and rebrands over the years. In June 2020, the club was formed when Milton Keynes Robins, Unite MK and Milton Keynes Irish Veterans merged.

Milton Keynes Robins were previously Buckingham Town until 2019 and Unite MK had been Wolverton Town until 2016.

The club's first season as Milton Keynes Irish was the 2020-21 campaign, which was shortened by Covid. The team were sitting second in the Spartan South Midlands League Division One table after nine games, and with the best points-per-game record, when the season was cut short. They also got through four rounds of the FA Vase against clubs from higher leagues before bowing out on penalties at Fakenham Town.

Thanks to points-per-game over a two-

year period, the club was promoted to the Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division for the 2021-22 season.

They were transferred to the United Counties Premier League South for the following season and finished fifth.

This season they have moved back to the Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division and have had a strong start, losing just once in the first half of the campaign.

Last season the reserve team also finished fifth in the United Counties League Reserve Division and have moved to the Spartan South Midlands League Division Two.

The Veterans are playing in the Milton Keynes Veterans League Division One, were triple champions in the 2022-23 season and have been unbeaten in the league for the past four seasons. The club added an under-18 floodlit midweek team in 2021.

Milton Keynes Irish History

Season	League	Step	Position	
UNITE MK				
2016-17	Spartan South Midlands League Division Two	7	12th / 18	
2017-18	Spartan South Midlands League Division Two	7	9th / 17	
2018-19	Spartan South Midlands League Division Two	7	10th / 14	
2019-20	Spartan South Midlands League Division Two	7	–	abandoned
MILTON KEYNES ROBINS				
2018-19	Spartan South Midlands League Division One	6	14th / 20	
2019-20	Spartan South Midlands League Division One	6	–	abandoned
MILTON KEYNES IRISH				
2020-21	Spartan South Midlands League Division One	6	–	abandoned
2021-22	Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division	5	12th / 20	transferred
2022-23	United Counties League Premier Division South	5	5th / 20	transferred

Source: Football Club History Database fchd.info

HARPENDEN TOWN

Manager: Micky Nathan
Colours: Green and gold

Eman Olajide (GK)

Jake Collins

George Robinson

Archie Locke

Daniel Palmer

Joshua Rodrigues

Tommy Smith

Ben Spranger

Lewis Williams

Joshua Kassaye

David Keenleyside

Spencer O'Leary

Ryan Plowright

Kyle Rahho

Ben Spaul

Harry Andic

Elliot Bailey

James Ewington

Hadley Gleeson

Archie McClelland

Reece Crowter

Isaiah Hilaire

COLNEY HEATH

Manager: Gavin Kelsey
Colours: All blue

Connor Sansom (GK)

Dominic Knaggs

Jack Percy

Jamie Willing

Sam O'Hare

Sam Denham

Jamie Lunniss

Godfrey Opoku

Ollie Lawford

Ibrahim Camara

Sam Ejjayha

Kai Thomas-Fraser

Ben Kirby

Jack McShane

James Samways

Harley Fonti

Bradley Dixon-Smith

Billy Owen

Jamie Fulton

George Irons

Mickey Shuttlewood

Match officials

Kovilen Sawmynaden

Stephen Meager

Russell Shacklock

COMING SOON AT ROTHAMSTED PARK

MEN'S TEAM

Tuesday, January 9

Chipperfield Corinthians (Cup) 7.45pm

Saturday, January 20

Aylesbury Vale Dynamos (League) 3pm

MK IRISH

Manager: Terry Shrieves

Colours: Orange and white

Tom Ladyman (GK)

Olly Blackmore-Read

Nathaniel Beecher

Stephen Brooks

Oliver Coleman

Luke Gardner

Callum Hirst

James Meadows

Andre Olukanmi

Keelan Shand

George Shrieves

Nathan Smith

Ryan Smith

Liam Smyth

Mason Spence

Shaheim Ward

Tyriq Ward

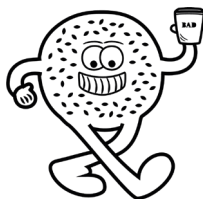
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WOMEN'S TEAM

Sunday, January 21

Dussindale & Hellesdon Rovers (League) 2pm

Sunday, March 10

Thetford Town (League) 2pm

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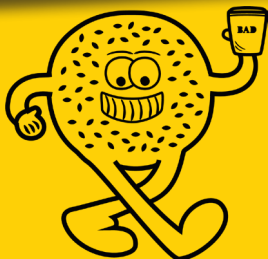
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