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COLMWORTH CHRISTMAS ROUNDUP

from Julie & Tilly

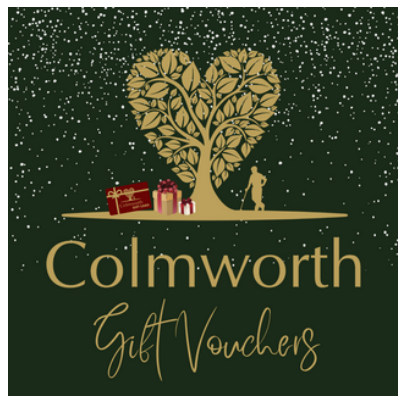
To our members and valued customers,

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support as a valued member and wish you a very Merry Christmas & a healthy, happy New Year!

It's always nice to round up the year with a bit of reflection over the past 12 months, to see how far we have come, what fun has been had and dream about what is yet to come.

We hope you have had a successful year - however that looks for you, and we hope you have some exciting plans ahead of you too!

Here are some of our reflections as a business and a few of our plans to come!



GIFT VOUCHERS

Our digital gift vouchers can be used towards anything here at Colmworth - from a bite to eat in our cafe, purchasing some of our great sustainable merchandise, used towards membership, a cottage stay or even a wedding!

Email us to purchase.

WINTER '22-23



The end of last winter saw a number of improvements on the golf course, including the improved **drainage** on the 13th, the improvements to the 2nd tee and also the filling in of the back bunker on the 15th green. We installed our 2nd “batch” of **solar panels** on the “Elephant Shed” as we call it! (Feel free to ask the story behind this building when you see us!).

Sid (Julie’s Jack Russell) joined the team and has since caused mayhem and laughs amongst many of us - we apologise to those of you who have had your ball stolen recently, he seems to be going through a bit of a rebellion!

Ronnie’s **“Tee Amnesty”** of bring in your old plastic tees in exchange for a bamboo tee, no questions asked, was introduced and has been a great success in raising awareness of the harm plastic does to our environment and how natural products are so much better!

We hosted another stunning wedding shoot to showcase **The Jetty** - some of the images from this can be seen on the screen in the clubhouse.



SPRING '23



Spring is always a busy time for all golf courses, but this year saw the end of an era and the beginning of a new one with the resignation of Dave, head greenkeeper and the succession of **Bradley** into a new head role - and what a mighty fine job he is doing! He hasn't had an easy run of it - with unprecedented rainfall & grass growth. Despite this he still found time to revamp the 7th & 8th bunkers, further irrigation improvements and he even hosted our first ever divot party which we hope to repeat again next year - thank you to all of those who joined in this year, I hope you enjoyed seeing the results of your hard work!

May bank holiday is always our **Alma Trophy** event - where "new" members play "management" and "existing" members, this was a great event as usual and we thank you all for your support - hoping to see you next year, introducing more new members to the Colmworth way and living in hope that one day management might win!

Tilly met with Emma Ballard from **Women & Golf Magazine** and enjoyed a great round with her, Geoff & Jay from The Amateur Golf Collective. If you'd like to see the write up the Emma did for us, please head over to Women & Golf (<https://womenandgolf.com/40-by-40/colmworth-a-club-with-people-and-the-planet-at-its-heart>)

To round up spring we hosted some great **King Charles III coronation celebrations**, with fun competitions, wildflower seed giveaways, re-usable water bottle giveaways and let's not forget the awesome array of cakes created by our amazing Jasmine & Laura!

We have had several **live music** events which we hope to continue in 2024 - watch this space!



SUMMER '23



With Summer came full flow honey production from our **Colmworth honey** bees and Laura's Elderflower cordial went down an absolute storm - from a G&T with elderflower, elderflower belinis, elderflower cake and just the cordial itself flying off the shelf as soon as it was made! We need to buy more bottles ready for next year that's for sure!

With Ronnie's Captaincy in full flow he completed his 4 rounds in a day for both prostate cancer and ovarian cancer charities and went on to host a memorable Captains Day raising in excess of **£2000 for MNDA!**

Our fleet of **husqvarna robot mowers** began to grow, beginning with a trial on our wedding venue, beer garden, putting green surround & driving range. This has now extended to 3 small mowers extending coverage to the 1st, 8th, 9th, 10th & 12th banks and rough! We are looking to extend this with the potential of larger fairway mowers too! Don't worry, this won't "do" any greenkeepers "out of a job!" as there is still PLENTY we would like to do, and this will just free up their time to do this work, such as improve the bunkers, the tees and the pathways!!!



AUTUMN '23



We rounded up our busy summer with a FABULOUS Greenkeepers Revenge open competition, where Brad worked his socks off to pull off 18 fun and challenging holes. We had live music & a hog roast to boot raising and thanks to our incredible sponsors and competitors we raised a further **£3000 for MNDA!** Do take a look at our dates for the diary below and make a note for more great events like this in 2024!

The 3rd install of **solar** panels were completed and yet more batteries added, meaning we can store even more solar energy and become more self sufficient. On Friday we managed to keep the clubhouse open and running on these batteries while a planned power cut was in place for essential tree work & maintenance.

We have been announced as finalists for two awards: **UK Environmental Club of the Year** Award, this is a great honour and we are excited to attend the awards in January 2024 and **England Golf's Sustainability Project of the Year** which will be announced in February 2024!

Geoff Swain has come on board to run **FREE junior golf clinics** and **FREE golf clinics** to our members! We feel very lucky to be able to offer this and have Geoff's enthusiasm for golf and the environment by our side! If you are interested in attending his free clinics, do get in touch and we can put you on the waiting list for when the next set of dates are released.



WINTER '23



Although we are just at the start of Winter, we've had an awful lot happen already! From the arrival of our new recycled plastic course map sport towels from Bando (gosh that's a mouthful!), to our lovely little **Sustainable Christmas Market** & Launch of our Christmas Menu!

We've started a mini revamp of the "Club Room" and locker room. There are more improvements to come here, but I hope you are enjoying the brighter space and club logo for all club & competition matters.

Brads team of greenkeepers has grown, with the addition of Mick & John joining over the past few months. We have made a start on 11th **bunker renovations** and **drainage** of the 10th/11th/12th fairway with plans to begin installing irrigation to the 7th & 8th tees ahead of a **full tee revamp** here before Spring!

And to round up the year we have awarded Ronnie Young our **Colmworth Eco Warrior** of the Year award & Colmworth sports towel. This is a new initiative that has started from Ronnie's Tee Amnesty - Bring in your old broken plastic tees and we will give you a bamboo replacement - no questions asked! We've made the old plastic tees into a trophy and will open nominations up for next years winner in November 2024!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Phew!

What a year! We're so excited to see what 2024 brings, but for now do save the following dates if you'd like to get involved in some of our bigger events;

Open to Members

6th May Alma Trophy
New Member vs Management vs Established Members,
a great & fun introduction to the club,
all members welcome!

Open to all

5th October Charity Day

Have a fabulous Christmas from

*Julie, Tilly
& the whole team at Colmworth*

