

EDITORIAL FOR FLEET MAGAZINE

COLLINGHAM BUSINESS CLUB UPDATE

The first Business Club meeting of the New Year took place on Wednesday, 10th January, at Collingham Football Club by kind permission of the Management Committee.

Top of the agenda was a review of activities underway to publicise the environmental threat to local villages posed by proposals to build an animal waste processing plant near Norton Disney. Leading the way in opposing this proposal is the ***Witham Valley Park Preservation Group***, representatives of which were at the meeting. All residents of Collingham and nearby villages are strongly recommended to keep in touch with the progress of this proposal by visiting the Group's website at <https://withamvalleyppg.net/page/>, and by being added to its contact list for updates by e-mailing volunteerswvppg@gmail.com.

Another important item on the agenda concerned the future of the now traditional ***Collingham Guy Fawkes Bonfire & Firework Display***; quite apart from being a well-enjoyed family event, the display also raises useful funds for local charities. This year the event raised £2,600 for 9 charities, ranging from Cancer Research UK and Children in Need, to Newark-based Beaumont House and Mary's Meals, and Collingham-based organisations such as Friends of John Blow School and the Collingham History Society. With the traditional venue for the display now in the process of being re-developed, identifying a suitable alternative location is an urgent requirement.

Also important to many local businesses is the need to comply with the ***General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)***, which will start to be generally enforced on 25th May 2018. The purpose of this Regulation is to give individuals greater control over the personal information held on them by businesses; compliance is not straightforward, and businesses of all sizes are urged to become familiar with the information to be found online at <https://goo.gl/oCCtcK>

Collingham Business Club meetings take place between 6:00pm and 7:00pm on the second Wednesday of every month (excluding August & December). The next meeting will therefore take place on **Wednesday, 14th February 2018** at the usual Collingham Football Club venue.

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