

EDITORIAL FOR FLEET MAGAZINE

COLLINGHAM BUSINESS CLUB UPDATE

The May meeting of Collingham Business Club, held on Wednesday, 8th at the usual Football Club venue, opened with a warm welcome to new member, *Flora Bloom* – a very welcome addition to Collingham's High Street (No. 112). *Flora Bloom* provide bespoke floral designs for all occasions, and are well-worth an early visit to see what is on offer.

Turning to other matters, the question of the impact of modern communications devices, such as i-phones, tablets and computers, on life-styles and businesses was discussed, particularly from the perspective of any sectors that might be excluded for any reason. In a village such as Collingham, for example, it would be helpful to know whether any parts of the community are separated from the world of work, networking with their wider family, or the shopping and the leisure applications of technology so that remedial measures could be developed.

The question of the local labour market was also discussed, particularly from the perspective of the difficulty of recruiting and retaining highly-qualified professionals; this is placing a brake on the expansion opportunities for some local businesses. Although not an issue just for the East Midlands, being a problem exacerbated by the changing attitudes towards their employment of the modern labour-force, it places a premium on the ingenuity of employers' ways of transacting and developing their business.

Finally, a small correction to the record of the April meeting, which should have made clear that *CF Construction* are the chosen contractor for the Trent Vale Track project.

Collingham Business Club meetings are free to attend, taking place between 6:00pm and 7:00pm on the second Wednesday of every month (excluding August & December); the next meeting therefore takes place on **Wednesday, 12th June 2019** at Collingham Football Club.

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