

EDITORIAL FOR FLEET MAGAZINE

COLLINGHAM BUSINESS CLUB UPDATE

By kind permission of the Club Committee, the June meeting of the Business Club was held on Wednesday, 14th June on a pleasant summer evening in the cool and welcoming lounge-bar of Collingham Football Club.

Having introduced first time attendees, attention turned to village arrangements to welcome the 2017 Tour of Britain cycle race, one stage of which is being held wholly in the County of Nottinghamshire. The closing section of that stage passes through Collingham on Wednesday, 6th September, at which point the cyclists will already have covered approaching 100-miles that day, and will be jockeying for position as they approach the finishing line in nearby Newark.

This event offers the local community a once in a lifetime opportunity to get a close-up view of international athletes in competitive action, along with all the accompanying excitement of a rolling road closure, race officials, team support vehicles, and press coverage, including from the air. Experience of the race in previous years shows that the competitors are always well-supported and encouraged as they pass through individual towns and villages, and a certain amount of mayhem can be anticipated in Collingham where the High Street narrows at the traffic lights; make sure to book your viewing spot early!

A "Community Engagement Plan" has been issued by the organisers, which highlights a host of ways in which the village can use the event to inspire associated activities. The Plan, a copy of which can be obtained via the contact below, identifies ideas that may be of interest to the school, other organisations in the village, and local businesses. More information is also available on the event website at <http://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/>

Business Club meetings are held between 6:00pm and 7:00pm on the second Wednesday of every month (excluding August & December), with the next meeting taking place on **12th July**. All meetings are free to attend, and are open to anyone from the Collingham area with an interest in business matters.

For Club information, or a copy of the above "Community Engagement Plan", please contact terrynash@gusto-uk.com