

## EDITORIAL FOR FLEET MAGAZINE

### COLLINGHAM BUSINESS CLUB UPDATE

This month's meeting of Collingham Business Club took place on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March; as usual, the meeting was held at the Football Club, by kind permission of the Management Committee.

Given the sequence of votes going through Parliament around the time of the meeting, Brexit was the first item on the agenda, with those present holding both "remain" and "leave" opinions; what all agreed upon was the abysmal performance of Parliament in the way it called for the original referendum, the low quality of the arguments deployed ahead of the referendum, and the lack of negotiating skills in implementing the referendum outcome. We await, without much enthusiasm, further developments!

Meanwhile, closer to home, a start has been made on the work needed to convert the Royal Oak into a "destination gastro-pub". This involves various demolition and re-building works, and the re-shaping and fitting-out of the interior to suit its new intended purpose. These works are proceeding well, with a grand re-opening provisionally planned for August.

A further update on progress with the plan to link Besthorpe and Collingham with a safe and enjoyable cross-country cycle-pathway illustrated the myriad of considerations that need to be taken into account on such an ambitious project. To name a few, these include identifying a suitable route, taking into account environmental considerations, the implications of mineral-extraction plans alongside the route, land-ownership and, of course, funding. It was agreed that an analysis of these various factors, leading to conclusions about the ideal outcome, would provide good subject matter for a University student dissertation, a possibility that will therefore be explored.

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, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019** at Collingham Football Club.

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