

## EDITORIAL FOR FLEET MAGAZINE

### COLLINGHAM BUSINESS CLUB UPDATE

The Spring season of Business Club meetings got underway on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January, at the usual Collingham Football Club venue by kind permission of its Management Committee.

John Howkins and James Derry, of the Collingham Community Pub Ltd Steering Committee, kindly agreed to attend this meeting to update members on progress with the project to take a leasehold on the historic Royal Oak premises, renovate and upgrade the property, and re-open it as a community-owned destination restaurant and bar.

It was explained that, in practical terms, preparations for the project are now complete, with the necessary management and culinary skills identified and the start-up funding largely in-place. Building work on the renovations and property upgrade are therefore planned to start around the end of January.

Meanwhile, the Steering Committee is still offering an opportunity to buy a share in the rejuvenated Royal Oak, providing local people with a unique chance to part-own their local community pub for as little as £250. There is also an opportunity for more serious investors to take a higher stake, and reap very significant tax-breaks in the process.

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, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019** at the usual Collingham Football Club venue. Anyone interested in business matters in the Collingham area, and their guests, are always welcome.

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