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COLLINGHAM BUSINESS CLUB UPDATE

The month of May saw another virtual meeting of the Collingham Business Club – hopefully the last of its kind with COVID-19 restrictions scheduled to be lifted sometime in June. Meanwhile, following the latest relaxation of restrictions, local businesses are reporting an upturn in their trading.

The meeting opened by highlighting East Midlands Railways 175th anniversary celebrations, which include a free offer to promote local businesses on its website; further details are available through the contact below.

An update was also provided on planning progress with the commercial element of the ongoing housing development on the eastern edge of the village. Work on this is now starting, and is expected to result in the provision of a gym, café, retail units and co-working and other office space.

It was also reported that the overall mixed housing/commercial development will be serviced by a not-for-profit management company, which has just appointed a Community & Estates Manager. Alongside her role in the central administration and maintenance of the development, her duties include helping residents integrate with village life and helping village residents to enjoy the new amenities being provided. The Gusto Community Fund is also playing an important role in this by placing within the gift of new home-buyers, and the construction team working on the site, an opportunity to nominate local community initiatives and charities to receive £500 grants.

The next Business Club meeting will take place between 6 and 7pm on Wednesday, 30th June 2021. As suggested above, and subject to national COVID-19 guidance at the time, it is hoped this meeting will take place in the function room of the Royal Oak, by kind permission of the pub's management.

To join the Club e-mail list, for Club information, or for more details about any of the above, please contact terrynash@gusto-uk.com