

EDITORIAL FOR FLEET MAGAZINE

COLLINGHAM BUSINESS CLUB UPDATE

By kind permission of the Management Committee, this month's meeting was held on Wednesday, 14th March at the usual well-appointed Collingham Football Club venue.

The main item on the agenda was an introduction to a whole range of activities taking place in the village throughout the year to celebrate the centenary of the formal conclusion of World War 1, on Armistice Day 11th November 1917. To help to ensure that the various plans being hatched by interested groups in the village do not overlap, an event coordinating website will be launched in the next month or so. As part of this overall programme, the Business Club has agreed to seek participation ideas from its members.

Members also discussed existing village-year highlights currently under threat, as their organisers pass-on the baton to new volunteers. In particular, for the first time in living memory there will be no May Fair this year, with next year's event hinging on volunteer organisers coming forward. It is a similar story with the annual bonfire night and fireworks display, for which a new venue needs to be identified now that the re-development of the Braemar Farm site is underway.

Meanwhile, in updates on discussions at the February meeting, it was noted that the decision has been reached to postpone preparation of a Collingham Neighbourhood Plan for the time-being. All readers also continue to be encouraged to sign the petition against development of an animal products rendering plant at nearby Norton Disney; the petition can be found online at <https://goo.gl/rC3Ajm>.

Collingham Business Club meetings are free to attend, and take place between 6:00pm and 7:00pm on the second Wednesday of every month (excluding August & December). The next meeting will therefore take place on **Wednesday, 11th April 2018** at the usual Collingham Football Club venue, when anyone interested in business matters in the Collingham area will be welcome.

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