

EDITORIAL FOR FLEET MAGAZINE

COLLINGHAM BUSINESS CLUB UPDATE

The first of the Autumn series of meetings took place on Wednesday, 13th September at the usual Collingham Football Club venue. These meetings take place at the Football Club by kind permission of the Committee, which also offers "Social Membership" for a token payment, which Business Club attendees are encouraged to take-up.

Whilst there was a certain amount of open discussion at the meeting around ongoing developments in the village, and in particular those concerning the former Royal Oak pub and the various semi-finished retail units opposite the Memorial Hall, attention was mainly focussed on a debrief of the recent Tour of Britain event.

The common consensus was that the whole day had proven a great success, very well attended by the local community and visitors alike, with the village looking fit for the occasion bedecked with plentiful balloons, bunting, yellow bikes and, of course the "Men in Sheds" bone-shaker bike. This outcome was, of course, the culmination of the efforts of many individuals, groups and volunteers in the local community all of whom are thanked for their efforts.

A particular highlight was the participation of a large delegation of John Blow School pupils whose enthusiastic support enlivened the race atmosphere around the big screen TV kindly provided by the Lincolnshire Co-op and Collingham-based business Gusto Homes. Other village businesses and organisations also pitched into the event, with a BBQ provided at the Grey Horse pub, and the Methodist Church, Memorial Hall, Medical Centre Pharmacy and the Co-op all laying-on refreshments for spectators.

Two keen local photographers captured the mood of the day in numerous high-quality photos, low resolution versions of which are in the process of being made available for download online at <https://goo.gl/BLromY>; high-resolution versions of the same images are available as below.

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 **11th October**. All meetings are free to attend, and are open to anyone from the Collingham area with an interest in business matters. Just pitch-up on the day, and enjoy a free welcoming drink.

For Club information, or copies of the high-resolution images mentioned above, please contact terrynash@gusto-uk.com