

The Bell Update October 2018

Work on the pub

The Mortimer CBS Committee has been hard at work with the help of a growing team of volunteers to improve the condition of The Bell and ensure that it is compliant in all aspects in order to reopen as a fully trading pub as soon as possible. Tasks include repairs, cleaning, servicing of equipment, safety checks, improving the insulation and heating systems and updating the décor and furniture. This involves a lot of planning and co-ordination to ensure that funds are used wisely and that essential tasks are prioritised.

Help from volunteers will enable us to make more progress, especially if you have practical skills or equipment.

If you would like to get involved, please add your name and contact details to the list on the board at St Leonard's or email: themortimercbs@gmail.com

A Community Garden Sub Group is being set up to plan and oversee the development of the Bell gardens. This will allow the many experienced gardeners in the village who wish to be involved to contribute their skills, enthusiasm and surplus plants.

Further plans

The community is also eager to know when the pub is likely to open and how we are progressing with finding tenants, as well as future plans for the site.

We have therefore updated the Q+A section on the website www.themortimercbs.org to answer some of these questions and to give shareholders and members of the community a clearer idea of the progress and plans.

Selection of tenants

Several potential tenants have come forward and initial meetings are being held. Formal interviews will consider how they intend to run the pub and interact with the community before the final selection is made.

Party Time! We plan to celebrate the purchase with a party later in the year involving food, drink and music if possible. Look out for details.

The Management Committee of The Mortimer Community Benefit Society