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### **29<sup>th</sup> April 2020: Shareholder bulletin**

Greetings to all The Bell's shareholders! You may be wondering if the management committee had gone to ground since the fund-raising events have had to be suspended and everyone's been in lockdown. But no! work goes on behind the scenes... Committee meetings are held once a week – although by Zoom. Forgive me if this is gratuitous information – but, just in case Zoom has passed you by, (ha ha ha) it's simply a way of having multiple people take part in a virtual meeting with audio and video. We have found these weekly sessions to be necessary in order to manage the number of initiatives being followed up, which include:

- Sam, our impressively efficient Treasurer, dealing with bank issues, digitising the accounting system, ratifying a great deal of Society documentation, and working up the financials for the Society's 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Plan
- Marianne, chasing grant money (with success to the tune of £10,000 already), pulling together the 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Plan, getting the Fire Alarm system sorted once and for all and managing tenancy issues as we wait for a light at the end of the Corona-virus tunnel. The committee appreciates that everyone is anxious to have fuller news about the tenancy and, although we are happy with our choice, we can't, for legal reasons, actually give out more details yet.
- Jim, editing with skill and wit our jottings and ramblings, hunting down grant possibilities, and arranging expert help with the new Safeguarding Policy – a requirement that has hitherto not been fully addressed
- Alex, keeping a professional watch over, and advising on, procedure, licensing, documentation, security, membership issues and finances, overseeing the pub events before lockdown and transferring records from the outgoing Treasurer
- Jeff, making skilled repairs to areas of the property in urgent need of intensive care, costing and advising on other maintenance jobs and upgrades, and supplying some professional labour as needed
- Wendy, assisting the committee with an ever-growing list of initiatives, including the drafting of new strategies and working through the detail in Inventory and the Contract, as well as minuting the now-very-frequent meetings

All in all, although the road is long and the load heavy, we are confident that the members of the Mortimer Community Benefit Society *will* reach Destination 'Village pub at Heart of Community' once again.