

## The GCBS Drovers Inn Update 29th May 2016

Excitement is mounting as the refurbishment work is progressing well towards opening, hopefully, later in June.



The front elevation looks fantastic with its new decoration and further painting is already underway along the sides and partway along the back of the building. If you can help please email Les on <a href="mailto:lesandmalmadell@btinternet.com">lesandmalmadell@btinternet.com</a>.

The signs are in the process of being refurbished and there is a pristine gravel area at the front of the building with three attractive tubs complete with Hydrangeas that once in flower will make the pub picture perfect.

Following the fantastic fund raiser on the 6<sup>th</sup> May we now have the funds to re-ridge and dress the thatch and this work should start within the next week.

In the kitchen area, a larger more functional space has been created with the removal of the internal wall between the original kitchen and store area, the plaster work is now complete and the deep cleaning team have done a thorough job in preparation for hygienic wall cladding prior to installation and commissioning of the commercial kitchen equipment and completion of plumbing work.

We still have a few weeks of intensive work ahead but anticipate an opening date later in June.

Stephen & Barbara's new website for the pub is under construction and will be launched in the next few weeks and will feature regular updates on the latest seasonal food and drink, a news and events page to keep you all fully updated on pub news and future events at the Drovers and a link to our GCBS website. Our existing website will remain and will focus on information concerning the Gussage Community Benefit Society and provide a hot button to the Pub website.

Recruitment is well underway for a Sous Chef and Chef de Partie with a background of fresh seasonal food and also waiting staff. Local knowledge can be key in filling these roles so if you know of people looking for these opportunities please ask them to contact Stephen or Barbara on 01258 840550.

As we move towards opening we will also be migrating the current facebook page to Stephen & Barbara so that they can share information about the Drovers through this channel in the future.