

### Update for Village Shop - Fund Raising

As of 12 noon today (Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June) the total has risen to 73.4% of target. With another 4 days to go, we can make it with just a little more help.

One very significant investment was from Jonathan Godden, who made the investment on behalf of his late father Geoffrey, a great villager who would have wanted to help the village in its hour of need. I shall keep Jonathan in touch with developments.

The council is meeting this Wed. night to discuss further actions, with one option to invite all registered shareholders to a private meeting at the Village Hall on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. Please make a tentative diary note, we will send a group e-mail to all shareholders at the end of the week.

That is 2 days before the auction at the Sussex County Cricket Ground in Hove, the auction starts at 11am and the shop is Lot 20. The reserve price seems to remain at c.£325,000 for the moment.

Tonight some of my council colleagues are meeting the appointed adviser from the Plunkett Foundation, and we are now in close touch with the recently formed Balcombe Village Co-op which have just completed their purchase of the Half Moon Pub as a village asset, using Plunkett to advise them, for a sum of £385,000.

There will be another update on Wednesday afternoon.