

Calling all previous & potential customers!



**The Sebastopol Inn -  
Closed Pub or Community Pub?  
It's Decision Time!**

*Everyone's Welcome!*

**Public Meeting at Minting Village Hall,  
Bricken Field Lane, Minting LN9 5SB  
Thursday 17th November 2016 at 7pm**

**The Working Group will present its findings and proposals  
and ask for your views on the next steps.**

If you can't attend this main meeting, and to give you a further opportunity to ask questions and share your ideas and views, there will also be a drop-in session (same venue) on Saturday morning, Nov. 19th, 10.30 to 12.30

For more information, please see our webpage at <http://mintingandgautby.co.uk/sebastopol-inn-community-pub/> or email [mintingandgautbyheritagesociety@gmail.com](mailto:mintingandgautbyheritagesociety@gmail.com) or call Parish Clerk on 01507 578755

## What's happened so far?

- The Sebastopol Inn, Minting, for sale and closed for trading end of August, 2016
- Village Hall meeting discussed idea of taking on the Sebastopol Inn as a Community pub
- Formation of a 'Working Group' to prepare a proposal for the community
- Meeting with the owners, David and Dianne, and viewing of pub and its assets
- Meeting with Ann Hindley of the Plunkett Foundation for financial support and expert advice
- Action plan drawn up
- Plunkett Foundation have paid a bursary to finance valuation and survey and automatic membership to the Foundation
- Independent valuation commissioned

## Next Steps:

- We decide whether or not to proceed with the Community Pub project, and if the answer is YES....
  - ...The Plunkett Foundation will help us set up a Community Benefit Society and draw up a business plan and share prospectus
  - A Share Launch will be organised
  - Everyone will have the chance to invest in the Sebastopol Inn Community Pub and have a say in how it is run
  - Volunteers with a range of skills will be needed to join a Management Committee

## So.....please consider

- Do you want a vibrant pub at the heart of our communities?
- Are you prepared to get involved?
- Would you consider investing and becoming a shareholder ?

**Successful Community Projects make for sustainable, long-lasting businesses, so please encourage as many people as possible to attend this meeting.**

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