## Sir Walter Raleigh Pub report for Parish Council Meeting, 19 February 2024

Business is picking up again after a very quiet January.

Feedback is monitored carefully and discussed, with measures taken to try to meet everyone's needs but balancing the financial sustainability of the pub, maintaining standards and ensuring the offer is affordable to as many as possible, is not easy.

It is vital that more people from the community volunteer, which will help to keep costs down and therefore help the pub financially thrive and not just survive!

An online booking system for the restaurant is being introduced to improve accessibility and hopefully increase bookings.

It is hoped that there will be an increase in bookings for the flat, Raleigh's Rest as this income stream would really help.

There will be a string of Events through the year hoping to provide entertainment for a wide range of people. Just last Saturday there was a music event which filled the pub for the whole evening with both diners and drinkers and provided a wonderful atmosphere.

As ever, the pub continues to be a fabulous community hub, enjoyed by many and will continue to evolve and make every effort to meet everyone's needs.