

December 22

Dear Member

Planning Matters

We are continuing to help the Town Council with the drawing up of the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan. This includes gathering supporting evidence for sites suitable for **Green Space Designation** and producing a detailed commentary on the **Design Code**. The Town Council is making good progress to finalise the NDP which will be put out to consultation in 2023. We encourage everyone to get involved in this as it will eventually create a legal framework for Planning Applications. Once this NDP is approved by the CDC, the town will receive the full Community Infrastructure Levy of 25% (which is reduced to 15% if there is no adopted NDP in place). CIL is a charge which can be levied on new developments and is an important tool for local authorities to use, helping them deliver the infrastructure needed to support any development in the local area.

Orchard Update

Work parties resume every 2nd and 4th Saturday morning of the month 10-12 noon, from **Saturday 14 January**. Our volunteer Orcharders are absolutely essential to our operations and we were delighted to host a Christmas Drinks evening for them earlier this month. **New volunteers are always welcome, so if you are looking for a new hobby in 2023, why not come and join the Orcharders?**

Winter Pruning Workshop Saturday 28 January 9.30-12 noon in the orchard – free. We still have two or three spots available for Martin Hayes' Pruning Workshop. There will be a demonstration as Martin, from Gloucestershire Orchard Trust, talks us through his approach. Then there will be some time to put your new skills into action. There is no charge as the workshop is the final part of our *WEO Finding Our Feet Project*, funded by the *Caring for the Cotswolds* grant we received from Cotswold National Landscape (AONB). No experience required. All work is done from the ground. Dress warmly and bring your thickest gardening gloves. If you have a pruning saw, you're welcome to bring it. Reserve one of the final 12 places by emailing foweo2020@gmail.com - first come, first served!



Juice made from the Orchard and Campden gardens is available to purchase at £3.25 a 75cl bottle. They can be bought from Rachel's Stall, Pan's Place, Back Ends. Alternatively we can deliver cases at a discounted price to members : 6 bottles at £18 or 12 bottles at £36 in the Campden area; to purchase a case or cases, please contact Geoffrey White on 0781 500 5879 or email geoffreymwhite@gmail.com.

Apples collected one October Saturday by our Orcharders were juiced and the bottles are being donated to the North Cotswolds Foodbank. Earlier this month Julianne and Geoffrey delivered the first of 17 cases to Kevin Carden and colleague.



Protecting the architectural and historic quality of Chipping Campden, its open spaces and its natural setting.

Our next **Art Open Afternoon** will be **2 - 4pm on Friday 20 January**. Bring your own art materials and come for the whole time, or whatever part suits you. If you register your interest by contacting foweo2020@gmail.com, or texting 07966734731, we can let you know if the dates change due to weather or other circumstance – but do feel free to just roll up on the day too, even if it's just for a wander. As always, everyone is welcome.

All Hail the Wassail! Saturday 7 January 2023

Eight Bells Inn, Church St, from 7pm
Wolds End Orchard, approx 8pm
Red Lion Tavern, Lower High St, approx 9pm

The Campden Wassailers will meet in The Eight Bells Inn from 7pm to play and enjoy some traditional folk music; at about 8pm there will be a procession to Wolds End Orchard. After the traditional Wassail ceremony at the Orchard - including singing of the Old Apple Tree Chant and enjoying a glass of mulled cider or apple juice around the fire - there will be a procession from the Orchard to the Red Lion Tavern, where more music will ensue. The Procession is led by 'Musicians' and followed by 'Pot Rattlers' (basically rattling and banging pots or drums) to make a 'din' and frighten off evil spirits.

If weather is particularly inclement, we will move the date to the following Saturday. So, please keep an eye on emails from the Society or the Orchardeers' WhatsApp for any postponement.

Update from the Wolds End Orchard Sub Committee: Geoff Carr, Julianne Davis, John Ellis, Donna Evans, Chris Leese, Mike Newman, Susie Tombs, Geoffrey White.

Society News

Our membership subscription falls due on the 1st January each year and is £10 per person; £15 for joint membership. These subscriptions pay for the administrative costs including website fees, society memberships to like-minded bodies, and holding events. Thank you to everyone who had paid already and those members who have set up a Standing Order. Our bank details: Lloyds TSB Sort Code 30 - 93 - 11 Acc. No. 00331052 If you prefer, you can send a cheque made out to The Campden Society at our address at the bottom of this email. Please note that new members who joined in November and December this year have a 13 or 14 month subscription and therefore do not need to pay again!

With our best wishes for 2023,

Elizabeth Devas - Chair
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