

July 23

Dear Member

PLANNING & CONSERVATION MATTERS

The NDP Working Party, assisted by The Campden Society, has made good progress and is moving quickly towards being able to share a new draft publicly for comment. Prior to this, the Working Party is looking for some informal input from Cotswold District Council to check that the approach being taken is on the right track. More work is being done on some aspects, including the proposed Local Green Spaces.

#MAKE A DIFFERENCE Our Town Council needs you!

They have 3 vacancies to fill to bring them up to a full council of 11. If you are interested, there is a short questionnaire to complete and can be found on their website : www.chippingcampden-tc.gov.uk and searching for Under "About the Council/Documents" for the Co-Option Form 2023. Deadline for applications : 25 August.

The Bee Count until 30 September. Why not participate in this simple survey and add local information to the database? The Bee Count collects data on the number of insects that visit a particular flower, ideally chosen from a list of 14. Flower Insect Timed Counts can be done anywhere, for 10 mins, in warm, dry weather during daylight hours until 30 September. For further details go to the UK Pollinator Monitoring Scheme at ukpoms.org.uk/fit-counts

WOLDS END ORCHARD

Whilst we had to cancel the Town Picnic on 16 July due to the wet weather and high winds, we have been busy - including harvesting honey. The presence of honeybees and cross pollination is a major factor to producing a good crop, increasing yield, weight and quality. We have seen solitary bees in the orchard previously and we have added two hives of honeybees which Andy and Becky Parker have been looking after.

'The large amount of honey in the hives at this time of year is likely due to the bees visiting the rapeseed fields locally, as well as the orchard and local gardens,' said Andy. 'Honey colour and flavour varies depending on the nectar collected, so it is interesting to taste the differences throughout the year.'

WEO HONEY NOW AVAILABLE - £5 per jar.

Andy and Becky have bottled a percentage of the honey to sell, raising funds for orchard maintenance. Currently we have **10 jars available** for Campden Society members to buy. Please contact Andy direct by email at andy.parker_74@outlook.com or phone 0782 807 2499



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

From August, we will recommence the Orchard Work Parties, every 2nd & 4th Saturday, 10-12 noon - so that's Saturday 12 and 26 August. We hope to be harvesting fruit for juice from mid/end September and we have a list of autumn maintenance tasks to undertake. New volunteers are always very welcome to join in.

Come along and enjoy a morning making new friends and learning about what goes on. Bring a flask and a snack as we take a break mid-morning to catch up on harvest plans and winter activities.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: The next community event at the orchard will be **Apple Day on Saturday 21 October**. During September watch out for signs at the gate when we are harvesting apples. If the gate is open, you are most welcome to pop in and collect a bag to enjoy at home!

Our next **Art Open Afternoon** will be **2 - 4pm on Friday 18 August**. Bring your own art materials. There's no expectation to show anyone your work. 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.

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

With our best wishes

Elizabeth Devas
Chair

APPLE JUICE made from Wolds End Orchard and Campden gardens is available to purchase at £3.25 a 75cl bottle. They can be bought from Rachel's Stall in 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 geoffreywhite@gmail.com.