

May 22

Dear Member

SOCIETY NEWS

Our **AGM** will be held at **Campden School on Thursday 7th July** where we will be voting to approve the appointment of Committee Members and to approve some constitutional amendments primarily to further protect Wolds End Orchard. The Notice to Members including agenda, Committee candidates' biographies and a fuller explanation of the amendments to our Constitution are enclosed with this newsletter.



After the formal business, we are delighted to have **John Evetts**, the Furnishing Consultant of The Landmark Trust, as our speaker. He will be talking about his long association with the Landmark Trust and explore the relationship between that, the Cotswolds and the Arts & Crafts movement locally.

PLANNING MATTERS

The Town Council has now received advice from a Planning Consultant over the **Craves/Leasows offer**. This will not be made public until after a closed Extraordinary meeting of the Town Council on 31 May when the Town Council will evaluate the advice. We are pressing them to resolve this issue as it is delaying the town's Neighbourhood Development plan. If Campden doesn't have this in place, then the Council will only receive 15% of any CIL monies arising from any future local development – not the full 25%. This may include the Aston Rd development. (The Community Infrastructure Levy is a charge that local authorities set on new developments to raise funds for infrastructure, facilities and services.)

In other news, a draft of the **Chipping Campden Design Guide** has been put up on the Town Council's website for public comment under About the Council/Documents: Draft Design Guide and is also available from the Town Clerk. This document is aimed at providing guidance for planning applications and is part of the town's Neighbourhood Plan. We encourage everyone to read and comment on the draft.

PlantLife's **No Mow May** campaign encourages gardeners and councils to delay mowing lawns and verges until late Summer. This allows more plants to flower – creating more nectar for bees and other pollinators. If you would like our Town, District and County Councils to adopt this approach for Campden's verges, for example, along Back Ends and Kingcombe Lane, please email your support to Jo Harrigan, the Town Clerk at clerk@chippingcampden-tc.gov.uk Alternatively you can write to Jo c/o The Old Police Station, High Street.

WOLDS END ORCHARD UPDATE

We were delighted to welcome over 160 people over **Blossom Weekend** when the orchard was looking superb. Thanks to all who visited and those who baked cakes for us – they were delicious! We raised over £270 in donations on the day, which will go towards maintenance, events and projects in the orchard over the coming year.

Our next Open Days are **Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 June 2pm–6pm** as part of **OPEN GARDEN WEEKEND**. Come and enjoy the wildflowers which will be adorning the orchard at that time, providing food sources for insects and animals. Everyone is welcome – the orchard will be open between 2 and 6pm both days – just pop in and have a wander around. Meantime, we are also looking at opening the orchard more frequently at weekends during the summer. Watch our signage on the orchard gate to find out more.

TOWN PICNIC Sunday 3 July 12.30pm – 3.30pm



We are delighted to have received a grant from The National Lottery Community Fund to support our annual Town Picnic at Wolds End Orchard as well as the planting of our Jubilee Copse of fruit trees in the autumn. Last year over 100 people joined the picnic and enjoyed the live music. This year we are hoping even more people will join us. The event is free once again, and thanks to our funding, we will be offering cake as well as music to our visitors in honour of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. Come along between 12.30pm and 3.30pm and join the fun! Bring something to sit on, your picnic and enjoy being in glorious Wolds End Orchard in summertime with friends and family.

Art in the Orchard – Heralding Summer!

We have been tracking the arrival of Spring through monthly visits to sketch, paint, photograph, etc. as the season shifts from spring to summer. **Our final meeting for this project will be 4 – 6 pm on Friday 17 June.** Bring your own art materials and come for the whole time, or whatever part suits you. There's no expectation to show anyone your work. If you register your interest by contacting foweo2020@gmail.com, or ringing/texting 07767111338, we can let you know if the dates change due to weather or other circumstance – but feel free to just roll up on the day too, even if it's just for a wander. As always, everyone is welcome. *Note for all our events: the orchard is very uneven underfoot so ensure you wear appropriate footwear. Also, no dogs please as the orchard is a nature reserve as well as a working orchard.*

We are looking for an Event Co-Ordinator : We would like some help to ensure our events run smoothly as well as doing some publicity. If you'd like to volunteer, please email Donna on foweo2020@gmail.com, we would love to hear from you! Update from the Wolds End Orchard Sub Committee: Geoff Carr, Julianne Davis, John Ellis, Donna Evans, Chris Leese, Mike Newman, Susie Tombs, Geoffrey White.

Elizabeth Devas – Chair

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