

Dear Member

PLANNING & CONSERVATION MATTERS

The Campden Society continue to monitor planning applications for properties in the Chipping Campden and Broad Campden area. In particular, we look at the impact on the surrounding environment, neighbouring properties, potential flooding, parking, traffic flow, the commercial viability, and the heritage of the town. We encourage everyone to submit individual views about planning applications and local strategy to the Town Council and the Cotswold District Council.

Himalayan Balsam is an invasive species that grows along water courses and in damp ground. It has explosive seed pods which allow it to spread rapidly and smother an area, leading to bank erosion and clogging of the water course. Luckily the weed is easy to hand pull and, over the past three Wednesdays, a party of volunteers from the Cotswold Wardens, the Cam Clearance team, and the Campden Society have been removing all the Balsam from the banks of the Cam that are accessible by public footpaths or private land where we have been given permission. If you spot any more of this, or would like to join a weeding session, please let Vanessa know by phoning 849228.

We are also setting up regular **Water Testing** of the Cam to get some baseline statistics to help improve this important water course and wildlife corridor for the town.

WOLDS END ORCHARD

Our fabulous team of Orchardees have been working hard throughout the Spring so that we all might enjoy some peace and relaxation in the surroundings of our community Orchard. Now the blossoms have passed and pollination has occurred, it is the swelling ovary of a tiny apple, often called a 'fruitlet, which marks the visible beginning of their creation. Walking about the Orchard, you can see these now, slowly growing on their journey towards a crop which will be harvested later this year.

We are now readying the Orchard for a number of planned Summer events when the Orchard will be open to the community however "*summer's lease hath all too short a date*", so please make a note of the following in your diaries :

Town Picnic Sunday 14 July (noon – 3.30) Bring a rug and a picnic and enjoy your Community Orchard in the full Summer sun! Please remember, though, that dogs are not allowed in the Orchard.

Summer Pruning Workshop Saturday 27 July (10.00- 3.00) Run by Martin Hayes of Gloucestershire Orchard Trust, this is an opportunity to learn from an expert about how to correctly prune fruit trees. Attendees will have the opportunity to join future work parties to put their skills into practice. The workshop is free to all Orchard volunteers, otherwise it's £30 pp to cover costs. Places are limited to 10 people, so please book early by emailing us at foweo2020@gmail.com

In addition there will be our usual Work Parties held on 2nd and 4th Saturdays : 10.00 – 12 noon. This month they will be 13 & 27 July (Summer pruning workshop) and 10 & 24 August. We are looking to extend and co-ordinate our work to help in other practical ecological projects being undertaken by members of The Campden Society. So if these volunteering opportunities are of interest, please do get in touch. We are a sociable friendly bunch and offer a variety of tasks in the open air.



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

Wolds End Orchard is your Community Orchard and as such relies on both volunteer support and voluntary donations. You can just turn up, but if you want to contact us, email us at foweo2020@gmail.com or contact us through the Friends of Wolds End Orchard Facebook page. If you can't spare the time but would like to make a financial donation to help towards the cost of the work, you can do so by sending a payment to The Campden Society c/o The Old Police Station or via the 'Donate' button on the Wolds End Orchard page of our website : thecampdensociety.org

Best wishes from Geoff, Susie, Mike, John, Geoffrey, Steven and Owen.

ART IN THE ORCHARD The poster Penny Lindner has put together from our collages was much admired during Open Gardens; for those of you that didn't see it, it graced the gate and welcomed 249 visitors to the Orchard. The July dates are Monday 1 & Friday 19 (always the 1st Monday and 3rd Friday) from 10.30 – 3.30. Come for a wander, a sit down or just to eat your lunch, there's lots to inspire you!

Elizabeth Devas

Chair