

January 23

Dear Member

Planning Matters

We are continuing to help the Town Council with the drawing up of the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan. There is now further work to be done to bring all the proposals to a consistent and effective level, and we have had some helpful input from Cotswold District Council in this respect. We are aiming to have the necessary work done by the time of the February Town Council meeting. Once the NDP draft is finalised by the Town Council, there will be a consultation period for Campden residents to have their say before it passes on to the next stage of approval and consultation. We encourage everyone to get involved in this as it will eventually create a legal framework for Planning Applications.



At January's Town Council meeting, County Cllr Lynden Stowe reported that the necessary survey work for the Aston Road development will begin and a planning application should be drawn up this year. In other news, the owner of Grevel House hopes to have finished the roofing work by the end of February; and detailed plans to repair the urn finial and mullion window of the Town Hall have been submitted by contractors working for the Town Trust.

We are continuing to monitor applications and work with others to argue for more strategic thinking, better design, and a more environmentally friendly approach to planning. We encourage everyone to submit their individual views about planning applications.

Make a Difference

There will be Town Council elections this May and the Council are looking for new candidates to join them. Being a Town Councillor can be a varied and highly fulfilling role. You don't need any experience or special qualifications, just a desire to help the community. They will be leafleting the parish to promote this. If you are interested, why not attend a Town Council meeting? The dates of these can be found on their website and in the Bulletin.

Orchard Update

Our Work Parties are taking place every 2nd and 4th Saturday mornings (10 – noon) when we will also be open for visitors to come in and have a look around. If you come along on **Saturday 11th or 25th February** you can have a chat and see what we get up to. On those days we are planning plant up to 20 fruit trees, as part of a project by Gloucestershire Orchard Project and the Local Authority Tree Fund.

Our Orchardeers are absolutely essential to our operations and **new volunteers are always welcome, so if you are looking for a new hobby in 2023, why not come and join the Orchardeers?**

Unfortunately a large Lime tree bordering the Aston Road hedgerow has Brittle Cinder Fungus. This was discovered by Gloucestershire Highways during routine pruning. Infected trees are prone to sudden collapse and therefore it will be felled. On a brighter note, various orchard experts had commented on this lime's shadow and impact on the growth of some of our younger trees - so there is a small silver lining to the felling cloud.

Wassail!



Over 80 people attended the Wassail on Friday 13th January to bless the orchard ensuring a good harvest for the year to come. The celebrations involved music, song and a recognition of what orchards give to us as a community. Our thanks to Geoff Carr and The Magnificent Campden Wassailers who brought music, mulled cider and a fabulous ceremony which included a blessing from Rev. Craig Bishop and musket fire from local representatives of the Sealed Knot. Thanks too to our Orchardeer Stewards as we paraded along the High Street enjoying the fabulous hospitality at The Eight Bells and The Red Lion Tavern.

Juice made from Wolds End Orchard and Campden gardens is now available to purchase at £3.25 a 75cl bottle. They can be bought from Rachel's Stall outside Pan's Place 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.

Our next **Art Open Afternoon** will be **2 - 4pm on Friday 17 February**. 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.

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!

THE
CAMPDEN SOCIETY

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

We have a vacancy on the Society's main committee. If you would like to consider joining as a co-opted Committee Member and support the charity's work, do get in touch.

Our AGM this year will be held on **Thursday 27th April**. After Society business, **Andy Parsons, Chief Executive of Cotswolds National Landscape**, will be talking about his team's work in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with a particular focus on their projects which concern Campden and the surrounding area.



With our best wishes,

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