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THE CAMPDEN SOCIETY

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

Dear Member

Planning Matters

We are working with the Cotswold District Council during the consultation process and over the local details of its **Green Infrastructure Strategy**. This strategy will be used to inform the CDC's partial update of the district's Local Plan - which sets a framework for planning decisions such as how the Council will meet the need for new homes, employment, open spaces, schools and leisure facilities.



We are expecting the County Council and the Town Council to be running public consultations over both the **Aston Fields** development and **Craves/Dyers Lane**. We understand that the target date for the Aston Fields consultation of July has been extended to the Autumn and is to be done in conjunction with the Craves/Leasows consultation. However, at the time of this mailing, we have been unable to confirm the latest information on this.

We encourage everyone to submit their individual views over these matters and any planning applications you feel strongly about. The Society believes it is important our elected Councillors and planning authorities hear from as many people as possible on matters that will impact the economic and social future of our town.



Wolds End Orchard

Over 90 people attended the first **Town Picnic** on 25 July, including a large number of family groups. Special thanks to our ten amazingly talented local musicians who played throughout the afternoon and to Cat Preston for providing her Campden Mill apple juice which contributed towards our fundraising efforts. We were overwhelmed by the positive feedback about the event, with the general consensus being this is something which should be a 'core' event (sorry!) within the Orchard's annual calendar.

In September we will be undertaking a pruning workshop to allow us to undertake this critical activity to ensure good cropping. Plum harvesting will have commenced by the time the Bulletin lands on the doormat, with apples and pears thereafter.

Upcoming Events

Autumn Work Parties will take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month until early December, from 10am – 12 noon. These will include maintenance work as well as fruit harvesting to make our own apple juice. If you'd like to join us, email Donna Evans foweo2020@gmail.com.

On these Saturdays there is an open invitation for local people to visit the orchard and collect fruit to enjoy at home – why not pop down and then whip up an apple cake or apple tart to enjoy with the family or friends?

Jecca's House Open Day from 11-4pm **Saturday 11 September** also involves the orchard being open. You'll be able to see how the fruit is ripening, check on the young trees planted earlier this year and then pop through the gate into Jecca's House garden, to meet the team there, enjoy some lovely refreshments, and find out more about this superb local facility.





orchards, originally started by Common Ground in 1990. We'll be hosting Apple Day activities on **Saturday 23 October**. Get the date in your diary and in the next Members' Update, we'll let you know what we have in store for you!

Finally our thanks as always to the Orchardeers and also those who have donated produce or funds, including towards our **Fruit Tree ID Project**. We want to complete the initial DNA testing this autumn. Donations have reached £300, towards our target of £400! If you would like to donate to this project, and help us identify what varieties we have in the orchard, please contact us at campdensociety2020@gmail.com - £50 will provide a DNA test plus tree labelling contribution, and £30 supports one DNA test. We look forward to seeing you this autumn.

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

69 people out of a total membership of 275 attended our AGM held on 29th July. Members heard reports on the Committee's Activities and a statement from the Campden Conservation Trust. The amendments to our Constitution were agreed and elections to the Committee were held. David Kingsmill, our long standing Treasurer and stalwart of the Society, stepped down after ten years. The committee are enormously grateful to David for helping us to get to grips with the ongoing affairs of the Society and for his sage advice, and we wish him well. The new treasurer is Geoffrey White; and Simon Chapman, was also elected as a new Committee Member to take the number back up to eight.

If you know anyone who would like to become a member and support our charitable objects of: working to secure the protection of the architectural and historic quality of our town, its open spaces and its natural setting, please direct them to our website thecampdensociety.org

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