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Dear Member

PLANNING & CONSERVATION MATTERS

A new Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party was formed last month and has met twice already to agree how to take the process forward with some urgency. The group comprises Mark Benson (Chair), Patrick Spink, Michael Haines, and as a non-Town Council member, David Roberts. Other members of the public may well be asked to help in specific areas; and The Campden Society has confirmed its willingness to help where it can provide the necessary skills or expertise. The key drive of the Working Party is to get the Neighbourhood Development Plan approved as soon as possible and to that end they hope to put a draft up on the Town Council website as soon as possible.

We have recently alerted Cotswold District Council to what we think may be a breach of planning laws for a change to a property that we don't believe has had Listed Building Consent. We urge owners of listed buildings to check on the Historic England website for details when considering changes to their property. www.historicengland.org.uk.

QUAKERS' MEETING HOUSE

Just a reminder that you can visit this fascinating building and enjoy a cup of tea and slice of cake on Sunday afternoons in July. The Meeting House is a cottage built of local Cotswold stone and was converted in 1663, extended in 1677. The relatively early date is evidence for a substantial Quaker presence in the area during the second half of the C17th. During 1874-1961, it was used for a range of different purposes, including as a Baptist church hall before being restored as a Meeting House. The interior retains a historic stand and some panelling. The Broad Campden Meeting House will be open throughout July on Sundays 2-5pm. All welcome including dogs.

WOLDS END ORCHARD

**** Town Picnic Sunday 16 July 12.30 - 3.30 ALL WELCOME ****



Come and enjoy a piece of Summer at Wolds End Orchard. Bring friends, family - and the all-important picnic, rugs and seats - and listen to local musicians whilst picnicking amongst the fruit trees. Wolds End Orchard apple juice will be on sale.

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.



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

THE ORCHARDEERS NEED YOU!!

Donna Evans has sadly stepped down from our Sub Committee due to increasing workload from her Community First Responder role. Donna has been with us since we started in 2020, so we would like to say a HUGE thank you to Donna for all her hard work and unflagging enthusiasm for the Orchard and helping to make it into the wonderful community place that it is now.

So, we are seeking a person to join the Orchard Sub Committee and take on the role of Orchardeer Organiser, to take care of our volunteers' communications.

Could YOU be that person?

It's a fun position for someone with a few hours to offer each week. No horticultural expertise required! The role is based around social media and emails to organise and schedule our volunteers for work parties and events - it's an essential role in our team. If you are interested, or would like to know a bit more, please contact Julianne for a chat on 07585 703757.

Our next **Art Open Afternoon** will be **2 - 4pm on Friday 14 July**. 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

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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 geoffreymwhite@gmail.com.