

January 24

Dear Member

PLANNING & CONSERVATION MATTERS

We have worked with - and supported - Cllr Gina Blomefield's endeavours to investigate the on-going issues arising from the **Olympick Drive** development, including the flooding of the pathway between the new estate and Littleworth.

We also support the **Planning Committee's review** which has been conducted by Cllr Paul Welford. His report tracks the alignment of the Committee's submitted recommendations over the past year and the eventual decisions by Cotswold District Council. For further details, please go to the Town Council's website and search for the Planning Committee documents associated with 23 January 2023.

Turning to the **Neighbourhood Development Plan's** progress, the Working Party has sought input from the relevant authorities on regulatory and statutory aspects of the plan and the required process in order to help ensure that the absolutely critical public consultation is framed and undertaken as effectively and transparently as possible. This has necessitated a slight delay in launching that public consultation – which will hopefully be in March.

We encourage everyone to submit individual views about planning applications and local strategy to Cotswold District Council. They are currently conducting a short digital survey on their Housing Strategy to collect views on their approach. This can be found via their website.

The Chipping Campden History Society's Talking Local History presentation: **In The Brook: A photographic tour of the Cam with local memories** by Vanessa Rigg will be running again on Friday 9 February at 10 am for a 1030 start in The Court Room at The Old Police Station. Campden Society members, as well as Campden History Society members, are all welcome.

WOLDS END ORCHARD - All Hail the Wassail!

We were delighted to hold the Wassail once more on the evening of the 12 January. The photos tell the story best – we were a colourful brightly lit procession following our musicians up the road from the Eight Bells to the Orchard and enjoying mulled cider by the bonfire. Our Wassail Queen was again Grace Boccock, who hung the traditional slices of toast from the central apple tree. The Sealed Knot provided three Musketeers (do they always come in threes?) who shot up into the branches to drive away any evil spirits, while Craig Bishop did something similar by leading us in a beautiful Wassail prayer. Our trees being thoroughly blessed, we concluded with gathering at the Noel Arms. Many thanks to everyone who participated including all the volunteer organisers and marshals – and particular thanks to Paul Bryan for coordinating the event.

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

WORK PARTIES : 2nd & 4th Saturdays 10am -12noon There are lots of jobs to get done this winter and there are jobs to fit every level of activity, knowledge and enthusiasm. **Work party mornings are 10 & 24 February; 9 & 23 March – please add to your diaries and consider coming along!** The Orchard's future and health depends on volunteer support. 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.

WORKSHOPS : We have run two winter pruning workshops, with an evening session on grafting techniques. Look out for summer pruning, scything, and other sessions – drop us a line if you are interested.

Art in The Orchard

Thank you to everyone who came last week to discuss how they would like to see the group develop. For those of you who couldn't make it, it was decided to try an extra day at the beginning of a week for those of us who find Friday just too busy. In addition, these sessions will be longer to allow people to sit and have lunch in the Orchard. Spring sessions : **All 1030 - 330 : Friday 16 February; Monday 4 & Friday 15 March.** We will be working towards a small display of work inspired by the Orchard in the Spring. Christina Kingsmill.

Best wishes, Julianne, Geoff, Susie, Mike, John, Geoffrey, Steven and Owen

SOCIETY NEWS

Our membership subscription falls due on 1 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!

With our best wishes

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Wolds End Apple Juice is now available to purchase. We can deliver cases at a discounted price to Campden Society members : 6 bottles at £20 or 12 at £40 in the Campden area; to purchase, please contact Geoffrey White on 0781 500 5879 or geoffreywhite@gmail.com