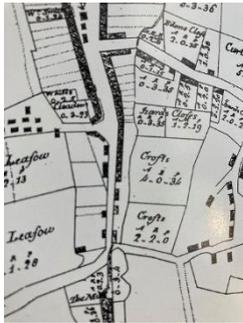


December 2021

Dear Member

Planning Matters



As you may know by now, the Town Council has deferred the Town Referendum on the issue of **the Craves/Leasows** on the advice of the Cotswold District Council's Monitoring Officer. We gather the Council is now seeking guidance on a way forward. We presented our concerns over the handling of procedure for this complex issue in a statement to the Town Council. A copy of which is enclosed. Hopefully there will be more news in the New Year.

Our letters of commentary on **the Aston Road development** have generally been received positively and we understand that many suggestions gathered in the consultation process are currently being considered.

The condition of the **new Broad Campden footpath** was raised at the Town Council by both the Society and by Lynden Stowe. He promised that the poor state of finish would be rectified.

Wolds End Orchard Wassail! Saturday 8 January 2022

Garden of Eight Bells Inn, Church St, from 7pm

Wolds End Orchard, approx 8pm

Red Lion Tavern, Lower High St, approx 9pm



Wassailing is a Twelfth Night tradition that has been practised in Britain for centuries and now celebrated generally anytime early in the New Year. It has its roots in a pagan custom of visiting orchards to sing to the trees and spirits in the hope of ensuring a good harvest the following season.

The Campden Wassailers will meet in the garden of The Eight Bells Inn from 7pm to play and enjoy some traditional folk music; at about 8pm there will be a procession for the Wassailers and musicians to Wolds End Orchard. After the traditional Wassail ceremony at the Orchard - including singing of the Old Apple Tree Chant and enjoying a glass of mulled cider or apple juice around the fire - there will be a procession from the Orchard to the Red Lion Tavern, where more music will ensue. The Procession is led by 'Musicians' and followed by 'Pot Rattlers' (basically rattling and banging pots and receptacle or drums) to make a 'din' and frighten off evil spirits.

**** Please do not turn up without registering. ****

We will be following the COVID guidelines in place on the day. In order to track Wassailers and manage the arrangements, please register for your free tickets by

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phoning the Secretary, Vanessa, 01386 849228. Please note we may have restrict the number of attendees in order to comply with the relevant COVID advice. If weather is particularly inclement, we will move the date to the following Saturday. So, once registered, Vanessa will phone you if there is any postponement.

Society News

On 9th December, we were given a fascinating Zoom presentation by Simon Smith, the Nature Recovery Lead for Cotswolds National Landscape, on the plight of nature in the Cotswolds and what we can do to help reverse its decline. For interested members, Simon has shared with us the draft of the **Cotswolds Nature Recovery Plan** which will be up on the website shortly.

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 to: Teresa Newman at our address at the bottom of this email. Please note that new members who joined us in November and December last year have a 14 month subscription and therefore do not need to pay again!

With our best wishes for 2022,

Elizabeth Devas - Chair

Images: The Craves/CCHS; Wassail/Paul Bryan