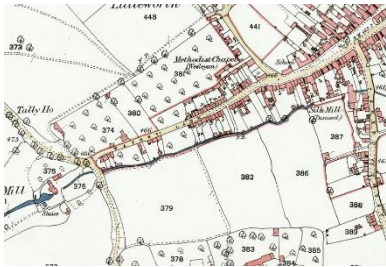


April 22

Dear Member

PLANNING MATTERS



The Town Council is now seeking advice from a Planning Consultant over the **Craves/Leasows offer**. This is after the guidance they received from the NALC in-house solicitor that, although the Council is empowered to acquire land for the benefit of the community, it is important to ensure that a gift of land from a planning applicant was not, in fact, a bribe.

Copies of the exchanges these can be found on the Town Council's website or via the Town Clerk. The Council are then hoping to conduct a referendum over the matter; they are now indicating that they may hold a public meeting prior to this.

In other news, a draft of the **Chipping Campden Design Guide** has been put up on the Town Council's website for public comment under About the Council/Documents: Draft Design Guide. If you wish to read a hard copy, Jo Harrigan, the Town Clerk has one. This document is aimed at providing guidance for planning applications and is part of the town's Neighbourhood Plan. We encourage everyone to read and comment on the draft.



WOLDS END ORCHARD



Blossom Weekend Saturday 30 April – Monday 2 May Join us over the bank holiday weekend! The gate will open from 10.30am-4pm each day. Come and enjoy what we hope will be a breath-taking pink and white mosaic across our 94 fruit trees, sitting within nearly three acres of ridge and furrow landscape. It's not just about the fruit trees. We also have a 'Shadow Orchard' in the form of boundary hedges where you'll also spot a variety of blossom including hawthorn, blackthorn, elder and wild damson as well as pussy willow catkins and

maybe even some early wild rose. Everyone is welcome - just pop in and have a wander around. *Note: 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.

Art in the Orchard. Track the arrival of Spring through monthly visits to sketch, paint, photograph, etc., as the season shifts from winter to summer. Meet in the orchard between **4 - 6 pm on Friday 20th May**. Bring your own art materials and come for the whole time, or whatever part suits you. There's no expectation to show anyone your work or to attend every session. A further visit is planned for 17th June, taking us to Midsummer. If you register your interest by contacting foweo2020@gmail.com, or ringing/texting 07767111338, we can let you know if the dates change due to weather or other circumstance – but feel free to just roll up on the day too. (Poets also welcome, though we have no daffodils.) Organised by Christina Kingsmill, Derry Sharman, Susie Tombs.

Our thanks to everyone who has taken part in our twice monthly work parties. Work this spring will include starting our Wildflower Project with the first mowing of the area - visible from the entrance gate - in late April, raking and removing all the cut grass and will be followed by a wildflower survey in June. We thank Cotswold Glorious Grasslands team for their advice on this. If you'd like to join as a volunteer, please email Donna on foweo2020@gmail.com. We are particularly keen to hear from anyone with event organisation experience, to lead one or two of our open day events. It's great fun!

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

It is with great pleasure we would like to announce the co-option of **David Roberts** to our Committee. Many of you will know David as he has lived in Campden for over 20 years and is a founding Trustee of the Chipping Campden Music Festival. We will be inviting you all to confirm his appointment at our AGM on **Thursday 7 July**.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with various projects. Enthusiasm for the town, a willingness to pitch in and a few hours spare a week are all that is necessary. If you are interested, please contact us via campdensociety20@gmail.com for an informal chat.

Elizabeth Devas
Chair

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