

June 22

Dear Member

AGM *VENUE CHANGE* - UPPER TOWN HALL

Due to a school production moving from the Cidermill Theatre to the school hall, our AGM will now be held in the **Upper Town Hall** at 7 for 7.30pm on **Thursday 7 July**. At the AGM, we will be voting to elect Committee Members and some constitutional amendments primarily to further protect Wolds End Orchard.

If you would like to attend, please register by phoning Vanessa, our secretary.

The Notice to Members; the Agenda & Candidate Biographies; and the Memorandum explaining the proposed revisions to the Constitution were sent out last month. Four further papers are enclosed with this Newsletter. These are reports from the Wolds End Orchard Sub-Committee; the Campden Conservation Trust; the Chair's report on the Committee's Activities; and the Treasurer's Report and Accounts.



After this formal business, we are delighted to have **John Evetts**, the Furnishing Consultant as our speaker. He will be talking about his long association with the Landmark Trust and explore the relationship between that, the Cotswolds and the Arts & Crafts movement locally. We do hope you will be able to join us for our Annual meeting, enjoy the talk and a glass of wine.

Planning Matters

We have concerns about the way the Town Council has conducted the Leasows/Craves issue and urge them to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer at Cotswold District Council with regards to the way that the EGM meeting, held on 31 May, has been documented. We do not have confidence that the minutes of that meeting, ratified at the TC meeting on 14 June, provide a full and accurate picture. Furthermore we feel that the resolution that was adopted and the letter that was written to Msrs Haines does not close the matter.

The Town Council is now turning its attention back to the **Local Neighbourhood Plan**. We will be joining the Working Party looking into potential sites for Green Space designation and a draft of the Chipping Campden Design Guide is up on the Town Council's website for public comment. This document is aimed at providing guidance for planning applications and we encourage everyone to read and comment on the draft.

Wolds End Orchard Update

TOWN PICNIC Sunday 3 July 12.30pm - 3.30pm

Part of our ambition is to bring people together through enjoyment of the orchard, a key feature of the beautiful Town in which we live. We are delighted to have received a grant from The National Lottery Community Fund to support our annual Town Picnic at Wolds End Orchard as well as the planting of our Jubilee Copse of fruit trees in the autumn. Last year over 100 people joined the Picnic and enjoyed the live music from our local musicians.



This year we are hoping even more people will join us. The event is free once again, and thanks to our funding we will be offering cake as well as music to our visitors in honour of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. Come along between 12.30pm and 3.30pm and join the fun! All you need to do is bring something to sit on, your picnic and enjoy being in glorious Wolds End Orchard in summertime with friends and family.

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.

The Orchardeers gave Scuttlebrook Trough its annual clear out, removing silt which was used as mulch around the hedgerows. The Scuttlebrook runs largely as a conduit under the Aston Road and through Leysbourne. This trough is opposite the entrance to Back Ends.

On 23 July the Friends of Wolds End Orchard have arranged a talk by Martin Hayes from **Gloucestershire Orchard Trust**. Martin's take on the history of orchards and farming is deeply personal and draws on his experiences as an itinerant agricultural labourer. In his book, Martin describes life on the road and work in the orchard and field. He will provide a highly colourful description of a rapidly changing countryside. The talk will take place at the Church Rooms 2-4pm, Saturday 23 July. There is no charge. All are welcome.

We are looking for an Event Co-Ordinator We would like some help to ensure our events run smoothly as well as doing some publicity. If you'd like to volunteer please email Donna on foweo2020@gmail.com, we would love to hear from you!

Update from the Wolds End Orchard Sub Committee: Geoff Carr, Julianne Davis, John Ellis, Donna Evans, Chris Leese, Mike Newman, Susie Tombs, Geoffrey White.

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