

Ide Jubilee Celebrations & The Queens Green Canopy

The committees for St Idas church fete, Weir Meadow fundraising group and other interested people in Ide are coming together to plan a series of events and activities to celebrate the Queens jubilee this summer.

At one of our meetings, one of the ideas put forward was the purchase of one or two fruit tree to support the Queens Green Canopy initiative to commemorate the jubilee. I agreed to take this forward and bring a request to the Parish Council to request funding for the initiative.

I have approached Peter Cloke as chair of the Orchard Working Group who is very supportive and welcoming of the idea to plant these trees in the community orchard.

As background:

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee."

Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporates will be encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees during the official planting season between October to March. Tree planting will commence again in October 2022, through to the end of the Jubilee year.

With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC will encourage planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations.

As well as inviting the planting of new trees, The Queen's Green Canopy will dedicate a network of 70 Ancient Woodlands across the United Kingdom and identify 70 Ancient Trees to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.

<https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

*From October, you can add your Jubilee tree to the **QGC map**.*

We may also wish to mark the occasion with a commemorative plaque. I have researched those available and here is an example costing £43:



It would be a great opportunity to mark the jubilee in this way in our newly acquired community orchard and there may be potential to have a related community event in the orchard as part of the celebrations (dependant on status of purchase?).

Proposal

For Ide Parish Council to support the QGC initiative in the village and approve funds to purchase 2 fruit trees and the plaque to commemorate the Queens jubilee for the Community Orchard.

Approx costs:

2 X fruit trees @ £35.00 each

1X plaque @ £43.00

Approx. total: £113.00

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