

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Commemoration Working Party 6pm, 19th January 2022

Present: Ron Rutland, Coniston Business Forum and Coniston TIC
Judith Myers, Coniston Women's Institute, First Responders, Guides
Angela Ellerton and Tracy Dearnley, Coniston Women's Institute
Lian Dixon
Michael Dearnley
Tracy Coward, Coniston Parish Council

Apologies: Tracy Hodgson, Coniston Institute
Brian Streeter, Coniston and Crake Benefice and John Ruskin School

Community Orchard

This element of the commemoration is progressing well. Discussions are ongoing between the Parish Council and the National Trust to identify and transfer land for the orchard. A group has been set up under the Chairpersonship of Jean Edwards, this group has made the first steps toward establishing an orchard in the parish. Key to this will be a ceremony of some description on the Jubilee weekend although it is likely that most trees and other plants will be planted in the Autumn.

It is hoped that people may wish to sponsor individual trees and memorial benches to be located in the orchard.

Tree Planting 'Queen's Green Canopy'

A tree will be planted by the Lakeland Housing Trust in the Tourist Information Centre Garden. This garden is leased by the National Park from Robinson's Brewery. Anne Hall is leading on the project and liaising with all parties to ensure that permissions have been granted in advance of the tree planting.

Tea Dance

Organisation of the Tea Dance will be under the leadership of Coniston Women's Institute. This will have a theme, possibly 1952. Details to be worked out in more detail for future meetings.

For the housebound a boxed up picnic would be prepared containing a cream tea, commemorative mug, etc.

Bunting

The WI will investigate how they might organise bunting making (including in the schools) for display in the Institute during the Tea Dance, with possible bunting colouring competitions for the younger children who cannot make their own.

More weather-proof bunting will be costed to erect along Yewdale Road and other village centre roads.

Beacon Lighting

The Beacon has been registered, but it would be helpful to have a representative of the CMR on the planning group to ensure that they can take a lead on the beacon and keep the rest of the planning team in the loop.

Girl Guiding is taking a lead on the Beacon Lighting nationally and we would like to see that replicated locally with a Guide lighting the beacon above the village. Judith to ask CMR

Commemorative Mugs

It is anticipated that all schoolchildren will receive a keep-sake of the event, unless otherwise informed by the high school this will take the form of a commemorative mug. MD to source mugs: cost and quality. Fr Brian will work with the high school and student council to identify an age-appropriate keepsake for older children.

It is envisaged that we buy more than we will need and sell these through outlets in the village as there will be more than just the children who might value an item commemorating the Jubilee with Coniston written on it.

Church Service

Fr Brian is happy to organise a service to celebrate and commemorate the Jubilee and a life of service.

Display

Coniston 1952 to the present day. Many ideas: hold a display on the stage in the Institute with vintage clothes from across the decades, photographs and memories of jubilees gone by. Names suggested to contact included John Dodds, Helen Glaister, Linda Inman, and Ann Hall.

Signature Dish

In the spirit of 1952 when Coronation Chicken was first created it was hoped that we could have a competition to create a 'signature' dish. This could be organised in different age groups.

Street Party

Previous street parties were very successful, but equally stressful due to the anxiety amongst businesses possibly due to the road closure. It is hoped that we can arrange something which will be as much fun, but without the stress.

There are different venues such as Lake Road Playground, the Sports and Social Centre or an actual road closure on a cul-de-sac.

This might take the form of a parish picnic or a Jacob's Join. There are advantages and disadvantages to all sites. The Sports and Social Club have a safe area, toilets, a bar and sheltered area in case of poor weather. The Playground is easily contained, a good size and in the heart of the village. There could be fancy dress. Games could be of a 'Summer Fete' type with races such as three legged, egg and spoon, or tug of war; alternatively more 'Summer Barbeque' activities the children can access as they want.

Other

The Institute has been reserved for the duration of the Bank Holiday weekend.

Ron will contact **Coniston Launch** regarding how they might be involved in the celebrations. The Boating Centre will be asked to be involved in whatever way they can.

Michael will contact John Moffatt regarding the possibility of evening cruise on the **Gondola** as has happened in previous years.

Michael will contact Cumbria Highways to investigate issues surrounding **road closures**.

Red White and Blue flower theme to be organised and promoted amongst residents, business displays and in the village planters.

Window Dressing Competition: Open to all businesses (possibly residential windows as well?)

Communication

Michael to write an article for the Parish Magazine to disseminate information to a wider audience than Facebook can reach.

The Group needs a Facebook page.

The next meeting will agree a diary of events in order to let people know what is planned, to invite them to help and for them to come up with other events that we might have missed.

Parish Council to act as a point of contact.

Funding

The Parish Council indicated that it would be prepared to set aside a sum of money to help pump prime events, however, other funding sources will be investigated including an application to the Rawdon Smith Trust (by MD) and the Business Forum.