



Tree Dedication 1st Dinton Guides voted to Commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee & honour our longest reigning monarch by planting a Magnolia tree for our community.

On Wednesday 23rd March 2016, 1st Dinton Guides and honoured guests held a tree dedication ceremony next to Stone Jubilee Pavilion in Stone War Memorial Recreation Grounds.

This is a long but fruitful story of a group of Guides aged 10-14 years old who got together in 2012 to make some choices and decisions that exceeded the expectations of the adults who support them! 'The youth of today' is all too often a derogatory term, however, please take a look at the thoughtfulness, hard work and success of this group of young people who wanted to do something for their community.

Inspired by trees planted in Stone for King George VI coronation, the Guides voted to buy a tree for our Girlguiding patron, HM Queen Elizabeth II, to commemorate her Diamond Jubilee & honour our longest reigning monarch.

"Please can it be a beautiful tree?" was the Guide's primary request. Collectively they discussed and agreed on a flowering Magnolia, to plant in a community space. There was much excitement and giggles at the idea that this tree might stand long enough for their own children to enjoy it.

1st Dinton Guides did what all industrious Guides do when invited to have a stall at a fete; they planned, organised & decorated. 1st Stone Brownies, 1st Stone Rainbows, 1st Dinton Guides, friends and family filled jam jars for our Sweetie Tombola at 'Stone, Bishopstone & Hartwell Diamond Jubilee Fete'. Together we raised £150.60 plus donations.

We approached the Parish Council for permission and agreement for the positioning of the tree. Especial thanks go to Mark Bale, the Parish Council & Mark Woodford for their generous assistance in planting a Magnolia tree and a Magnolia shrub next to Stone Jubilee Pavilion.

Many thanks to all those who helped us keep our Guide Promise 'To serve the Queen and our community.'

