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The Jubilee Oak planted in the playing field is alive although late coming into leaf this year, like all trees, it would be nice if it had a plaque there identifying it. The young hedge behind it is in a terrible state but I understand the parish council is hoping to restore it.

The current national push to plant more trees, for instance in the top corner of the Jubilee Field, I feel sure this link could be re-established and saplings obtained from The Woodland Trust or similar.

Some years ago I was appointed tree warden for Swithland and had contact with organisers at district or county council level. This contact has been lost. Should any group in the village wish to take part in the current national push to plant more trees, for instance in the top corner of the Jubilee Field, I feel sure this link could be re-established and saplings obtained from The Woodland Trust or similar.

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