

The Gossip



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It's a Wrap

Well, almost. The Filming of Hornton Millennium film is drawing to a close. The last moments will be filmed around the Christmas tree on the village green as the clock strikes midnight on December 31st, completing a record of a whole century in the village.

But that won't be the end of the project! The editing will then start in earnest and that's when we're going to need to look again at all the old pictures and photos of the village, shoot some of them and incorporate them in the finished film. With that in mind, we've got five special pleas:

1. Has anyone got any home movie footage of the village from years gone by - or do you know someone who has? We've got some and it's fascinating but we could do with more. Similarly, anyone who has discovered old photos and pictures in the attic - please ring Ann Joyner on 670337.

2. Has anybody in the village ever been told about what happened in Hornton on the night of December 31st 1899? We want to talk about how the village saw that New Year in and someone must have been told about it by a villager in years gone by - please ring Roger Corke on 670673.

3. We are looking for 5 Gigabytes of storage for the computer to allow us to edit the film. If anyone knows where we can borrow it, please ring or let Roger know.

4. Please *please* could you contact us if you haven't ordered your copies of the video yet but would like one - please ring Jenny Holt on 670544. it's going to cost a lot less to produce them if we know in advance how many copies we need. *But the good news is that you don't have to pay for them in advance.*

HORNTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HORNTON MILLENNIUM
COMMITTEE

are holding

"CHRISTMAS CRACKERS"
Evening

on Friday 10 December

from 6.00 pm

including:

- Lighting the Village Christmas Tree Lights.
- Silent Auction in the School
- Refreshments
- Carol Singing around the tree
- Father Christmas
- Festive Stalls

Fun for all - put the date in your diary!

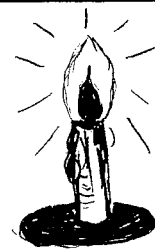
The other good news is that it's going to be much longer than planned - it was going to be an hour long but it's now likely to be one hour 40 minutes - "*a hundred years in a hundred minutes*".

5. Jenny also has Hornton Millennium tea towels, tee-shirts and photos for that extra special and unique Christmas stocking filler.

Finally, can we thank everyone in the village for their patience throughout the whole of this year. You've all performed like the TV naturals we knew you were and, when we asked "could you do that just one more time for the camera?" everyone has been fantastic.

Roger Corke

Millennium Candles



By Rev. Jeff Chard

The Christians of Hornton will be delivering to every house in the village, sometime in the second week of December a Candle, together with a short Resolution and Prayer. Although we cannot claim every house in the country will receive a candle, most of the houses in the villages of north Oxfordshire will do so. Candles symbolise hope: they have deep Christian significance, but can also have meaning for those who adhere to another religion or have no religion at all. The resolution expresses a hope for the future that we believe everyone can share. The prayer contains a more specific Christian ideal.

It is hoped the candles will be lit sometime over the millennium period. The national organisers intended that the candles should be lit just before midnight on 31st December. But many people will be away from their homes at this time. If you are unable to use the candle on New Years Eve, you may want to light it on new Years Day. I think I shall light mine at the Christmas dinner-time, when I shall be sitting down with my family. As a Christian Christmas, representing as it does the birth of Jesus, will be the main millennium celebration for me. But I hope everyone will find some time around the change of the year, the change of the century, to find a space for some reflection about the future, and of all our hopes for a more fulfilling time for both ourselves as individuals, and also as a village, nation and world community. If you are able to find this space, this too would be a good time to light the candle.

