

The Gossip



HORNTON

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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.



CHURCH SERVICES

First Sunday in Month
8.30 a.m. Parish Church
11.00 a.m. Methodist Church
(United Service)

Second Sunday in Month
11.00 a.m. Parish Church
(United Service)

Third Sunday in Month
10.30 a.m. Parish Church
(Matins)
11.00 a.m. Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday in Month
11.00 a.m. Parish Church
11.00 a.m. Methodist Church

United Sunday School
meet in the Sunday
School Room, Methodist
Church at 11.00 a.m.

**PLEASE NOTE:
CHRISTMAS DAY
COMMUNION
IN THE PARISH CHURCH
AT 10.30 A.M.**

HISTORIC CHURCHES BIKE RIDE

It was good to see so many bikers and walkers visiting our two Churches in Hornton this year. One Hornton person, namely Rosemary Gilkes, took up the challenge to walk around local Churches and raised £25 for her efforts. Thank you to Rosemary and to all who manned the Churches again this year. Hopefully next year more people will take part in this very worthwhile cause.

HANDY HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Freshen your carpets cheaply and ecologically by sprinkling bicarbonate of soda all over them. Leave for 15 minutes then vacuum.

Scent a room by adding fir cones or citrus peel to a real coal fire.

To remove lime scale around plug holes, simply rub gently with the outside of half a lemon.

WANTED

VOLUNTEER READING HELPERS

If anyone is able to help local children with their reading then please contact Nicola Menage, Volunteer Reading Help, Drayton School, Drayton Road, Banbury OX16 0UD (Tel. 01295 273900)

THE VOLUNTARY READING HELPER

*The first rule in the forces
is never volunteer.*

*If you do the result, of course, is
sore feet, sore back and no beer.*

*"Be a VRH" the ad said,
"Help make the children literate.
Don't delay. Join today.
Lost are those who hesitate."*

*So I phoned Ms Nicola Menage,
who persuaded me to sign.
"What have I let myself in for?" I
thought.
"Oh, why did I step out of line?"*

*"You'll have three twice a week" she
told me,
"For half an hour at a time".
"Can I last half an hour" I wondered,
"Again, and againand again".*

*Then I went along for the training,
at St Leonard's Primary School.
I met friendly and interesting people
and I didn't feel such a fool.*

*And now my first term is ended,
the children, I hope, somewhat better.
I've tried to carry my instructions out
right down to the lower case letter.*

*My charges, I think, have enjoyed it.
That certainly goes for me.
Will next term be as good? Well, I
wonder
We'll just have to wait and see
(Brian Dickson, VRH volunteer)*

DAVID MILES

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CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER

IN THE METHODIST
CHURCH

AT 6 P.M.

IN AID OF SAVE THE
CHILDREN

*PLEASE SEND ANY ITEMS FOR
INCLUSION IN THE NEXT ISSUE
OF "THE GOSSIP" TO JULIE
STANLEY OR ANN HEMMINGS BY
THE END OF FEBRUARY 2000.*

Chiltern Railways

Extensive work on the refurbishment of Banbury Station has now begun. The redevelopment, costing £1.84m, will include many passenger benefits. Some of these are:

- a brand new passenger lounge and toilets, including disabled facilities on the overbridge
- a new enclosed entrance to the station will be built along with brand new retail units
- The ticket office will be extended to allow for an extra two ticket windows
- New shelters will be built on the platforms providing extra sheltered seating
- Access to the rear of the station from the car park will be improved, as will access to the lifts

MILLENNIUM DOME

Did you know you can now get your rail and admission ticket to the Millennium Dome by calling 08705 165 165?

It's easy to get to the Dome with Chiltern Railways. On arrival at Marylebone catch the tube for easy connections to the Dome.

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*Thank you to Philip Williams for
his kind donation to "The Gossip"*

MILLENNIUM FESTIVAL 2000

The Millennium Committee have been very encouraged by the enthusiasm and so many offers of help received from village residents to make the Millennium a memorable, enjoyable and happy time of celebration.

Project updates:

TAPESTRY - the ladies of Hornton have been working very hard all winter and this is now nearing completion. The tapestry squares will be fixed to a moveable screen and housed in the Parish Church.

VILLAGE SEAT - Cherwell District Council Millennium Commission were pleased to assist us in creating a permanent feature in the centre of the village. Hornton has been included in their Millennium Umbrella scheme whose theme is TIME and our feature fits in well with this. Our stunning design consists of a twelve-sided stone seat with a sundial in the centre (a plan of which is printed on page 4). Various village activities will be carved around the outside and it is intended to place a time capsule in the middle of the seat to be opened in 100 years time.

MAY DAY STALL - this very successfully sold Hornton Millennium T-shirts and tea towels as well as taking orders for The Village Film.

FORTHCOMING PLANS:

JUNE - Variety show to be presented by the Allsorts and Young 'Uns.

11 JULY - Village Photograph at 12 noon. This will be followed by Barbecue and drinks kindly organised by the Neighbourhood Watch Committee

DECEMBER - It is hoped to have a large Christmas tree with lights in the centre of the village ready for the New Year party celebrations which are at present still at planning stage.

YEAR 2000 - It is hoped to hold a

village party next summer to dedicate the new seat and to give every child in the village a gift to commemorate the Millennium.

AUGUST - With kind permission of the Methodist Church, a presentation of village life and activities through the ages will be on display.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO JUSTIN STANLEY ON HIS 21ST
BIRTHDAY IN JULY

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO JEAN
GIBBINS AND HILDA RUMP WHOSE
BOTH BIRTHDAYS FALL ON THE SAME
DAY IN JULY

DELATED 18TH BIRTHDAY
CONGRATULATIONS TO JENNIE
WALTHER

MAN AND HIS SHOES

*How much a man is like his shoes;
For instance, both a sole may lose,
Both need a mate to be complete,
And both are made to go on feet;
Both need healing; and oft are sold,
And both in time all turn to mould.
With shoes, the last is first,
With man the first shall be the last;
And when shoes wear out, they're
mended new,
When men wear out, they're men dead
too;
They both are trod upon, and both
Will tread on others, nothing loth,
Both have their ties, and both incline,
When polished, in the world to shine;
And both peg out. Now would you
choose
To be a man or be his shoes?*

Extract from Phyllis Miles's
autograph book, dated 1939.



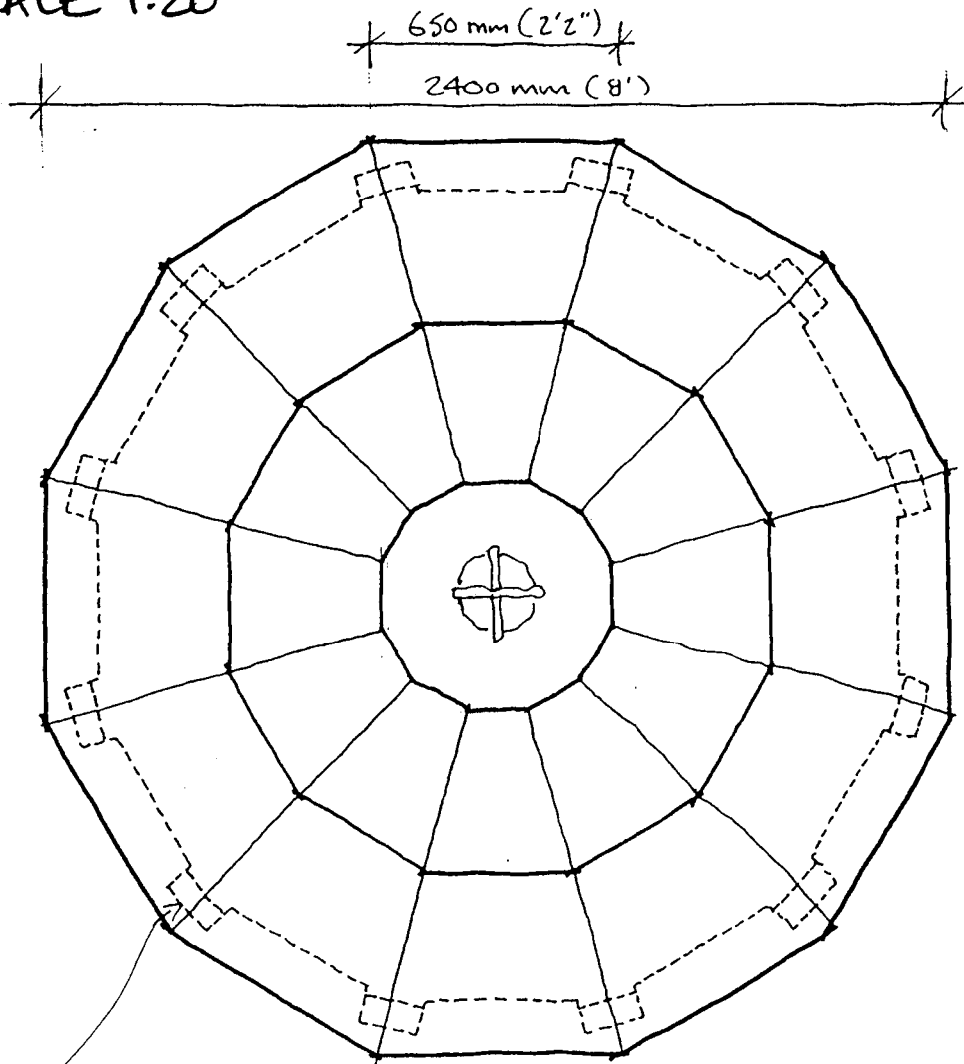
MAY DAY 1999

PAVILION FUND

	£	p
White Elephant	321.47	
Teas	202.95	
Barbeque	181.50	
Pick-a-ticket	104.00	
Shire Horses	40.00	
Sweets & slot machines	13.00	
Plants	8.00	
British Legion	5.00	
	875.92	
less advertising, May Queen's crown and gifts	38.00	
		837.92
Sunday School - Bottles		85.00
Church Ladies Working Party		175.00
Brownies		62.80
Cubs		44.44
School Association - Cakes, Icecream		125.00
Peach Tree Pre-school		83.05
Small Playing Field		137.00
Bowling (proceeds to The Gossip & Small Playing Field)		64.80
Young 'Uns		45.30
		1660.31
GRAND TOTAL	£1660.31	

HORNTON
MILLENIUM SEAT
SKETCH PROPOSALS

PLAN SCALE 1:20

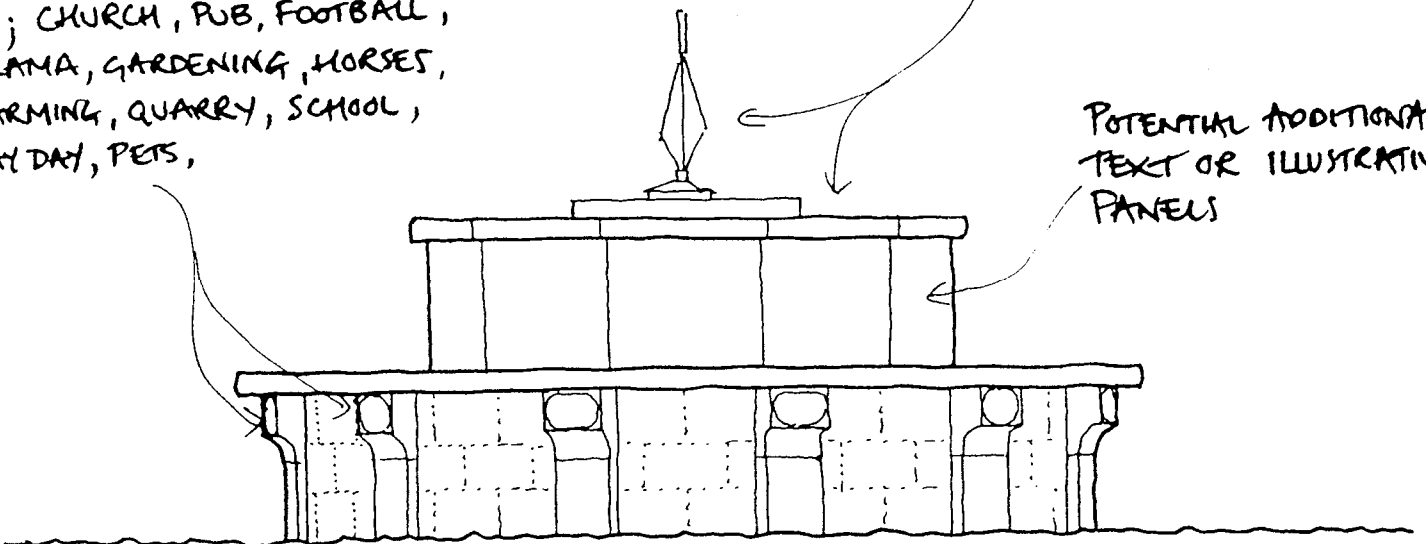


"VIGNETTES" OF VILLAGE LIFE
CARVED INTO CORBELS
AROUND PERIMETER.

ie; CHURCH, PUB, FOOTBALL,
DRAMA, GARDENING, HORSES,
FARMING, QUARRY, SCHOOL,
MAY DAY, PETS,

12-SIDED SEAT IS ALSO
A SUN-DIAL WITH
INSCRIPTION ON TOP

POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL
TEXT OR ILLUSTRATIVE
PANELS



ELEVATION SCALE 1:20

JILL'S MINCEMEAT & ORANGE TEABREAD

INGREDIENTS

(Makes 12 slices)

4 OZ BUTTER

8 OZ S.R. FLOUR

4 OZ CASTER SUGAR

2 EGGS Lightly beaten

8 OZ MINCEMEAT

GRATED RIND OF 1 UNWAXED ORANGE

3½ FL OZ FRESH ORANGE JUICE

ICING SUGAR FOR DUSTING

METHOD

Preheat oven 180°/350°/Gas 4.

Butter and base line a 2lb loaf tin.

Sift flour into bowl, mix in sugar.

Add butter cut into small pieces and rub in mix (should resemble fine breadcrumbs). Mix in eggs, mincemeat, orange rind and juice.

Spoon into tin and smooth top.

Bake for 1 - 1¼ hrs. until golden brown and firm to touch.

Cool in tin for 10 mins. Turn out and cool on wire rack. Dust with icing sugar.

of rice, sugar and flour was sent plus £50 in donations.

Children from Year 2 joined the Rev. Chard and patients and carers at Katharine House Hospice to sing at their Harvest Festival. This is always a very special occasion.

We also held a book week and were lucky enough to have visits by Jan Mark, a children's author and Margie Barbour, a story teller. The book character day was great fun. Everyone dressed up as a favourite character - the costumes were inspiring! Even the teachers paraded-dressed as "witch" like characters - good and bad - Cruella d'Vil, Merlin the Magician, the Snow Queen, the Fairy Godmother and Meg from the Meg and Mog stories.

The Hockey Club played a friendly match against North Newington - we've not sure who won overall, as we mixed the teams, but it was an enjoyable and sociable event.

Finally - please made a note of the dates of our Christmas events:

- Friday 10 December - "Christmas Crackers" - a fun evening of carol singing, stalls and lighting the tree lights in conjunction with the Millennium Committee (see advert).
- Wednesday 15 and 16 December - School Millennium Play in the Pavilion. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There is a considerable sense of anger and frustration in some parts of the village. This is perfectly understandable.

As you may know, there has been a spate of car crime in Hornton and Horley over the last few months. Not only have cars been broken into but two have been stolen and later found burnt out in Drayton. And recently the driver of yet another stolen vehicle crashed

into two cars parked by the village green causing a great deal of damage.

Must we now just accept this sort of thing as part of every day life? Although vehicle theft and damage causes great expense, inconvenience and heartache to the owners - never adequately covered by insurance - it doesn't even merit a visit from the police. You are merely sent a form to fill in.

Moreover, attempts to report incidents as promptly as possible are sometimes frustrated. Telephone calls to Banbury police station are routed via the call centre at Kidlington and are not always answered promptly, and when finally you get through to Banbury you may well be answered by a machine and asked to leave a message. Are these shortcomings due to bad organisation or lack of will-power on the part of the police? Surely someone who makes a career of helping the public service must want to give them the best service possible. Is it then due to lack of funding? You can do something about this: the demand for a better police service must come from the public - from us. If you are not satisfied with the service we are getting, write to the new head of Banbury Police Station, Superintendent John Reeve. Let him know your views.

Dogberry

HORNTON SCHOOL NEWS

Term started well. We have 61 children on roll, which will increase to 70 by the end of the school year. During September we had our 2nd Ofsted Inspection. We are delighted with their report which has yet again praised Hornton School for its high standards. The full report will be published by the end of the month.

Children from each class have been on "topic" visits - the youngest children visited the Warriner Farm; Class 2 took a trip to Stoke Bruerne to investigate canals; and Class 3 explored scientific things at Curioxity in Oxford.

Our Harvest Appeal this term was to collect Flour, Sugar and Rice for the children of Kosovo. This appeal was organised by the European Children's Trust. We would like to thank everyone who supported us - a total of 225 kgs.

THE LADIES' WORKING PARTY

★ present a ★

CHRISTMAS SALE AND

SOCIAL

In the Parish Church

on Saturday 4 December

at 7 p.m.

DAMIAN'S WORLD CHALLENGE

I feel very lucky to be a member of the 16-strong team of students from Banbury Sixth Form Centre who are at present planning the finer details of our four-week expedition to Venezuela in July 2000, following completion of our A-level examinations. The trip is being organised by adventure education specialists, World Challenge Expeditions, and is designed to help young people develop team work, communication and organisational skills within the framework of an exciting, challenging expedition to the developing world. Over the past 12 months, with the support of our teacher Matt Dawson, we have been planning the itinerary as well as organising various fund-raising ventures. We have to raise approximately £2500 per student to finance our expedition, both through our own individual efforts and as a group. To this end we have been arranging coffee mornings, cake stalls, bingos, and lots of other activities in order to supplement the funds. To help me with my fund-raising, a fun quiz night is being held at the Dun Cow on Saturday, 20 November at 7.30 pm. and there will also be a raffle. Please telephone 670511 to book your team of four at a cost of £5 per team. I am hoping for lots of support!

As part of the Challenge we have to assume responsibility for all aspects such as route planning, budgeting, buying provisions, organising in-country travel and accommodation etc. As the main language is Spanish, I trust that I will have retained something useful from my Spanish lessons at The Warriner School!

Following our arrival in Caracas next July, we take a short time to acclimatise before embarking on our first trek. During our stay in Venezuela we also undertake a community project and plan to enjoy some of the marvellous sights such as the Angel Falls.

We shall shortly be off on a training weekend to Cumbria to help prepare us for our trip and hopefully increase our fitness levels and stamina to undertake the long treks we have planned.

I am really looking forward, though slightly apprehensively, to a wonderful experience which I shall remember always.

Damian Hemmings

Hornton Methodist Church

Christmas Bazaar

on Saturday Nov. 20
2.30 pm

at Hornton Pavilion

Bottle Stall, Christmas Gifts,
Bric a Brac, Good as New
Games, Raffle, Refreshments

CUBS

By Sam Offord

I have been at cubs for 18 months and I think its great fun. Every week at cubs we do some sort of game. In the summer we usually go out to play rounders. In the winter we sometimes play football or British Bull dog. Every week we do some activities like tracking, knots, mapping, first aid, athletics and other things.

In the summer our pack and lots of other packs go to Horley to camp for a weekend. I enjoy camp because you get to eat lots of sweets and get to stay up and also you don't have to have your mum wittering on about you not washing behind your ears.

HORNTON SUNDAY SCHOOL

invite you to a

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

on Sunday 12 December at
6 pm in the Parish Church



In aid of the Church of
England Children's
Society

DEDICATION OF THE
MILLENNIUM TAPESTRY
WILL TAKE PLACE DURING
THE SERVICE

BINGO

TUESDAY 16 NOVEMBER

7.30 PM AT THE CHURCH
ROOM

FOR THE LADIES WORKING
PARTY

BINGO

MONDAY 22 NOVEMBER

7.30 PM. AT THE CHURCH
ROOM

FOR THE SMALL PLAYING
FIELD

BINGO

MONDAY 6 DECEMBER

7.30 PM. AT THE CHURCH
ROOM

FOR METHODIST CHAPEL
FUNDS