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Farewell and many grateful thanks to **Val Clarke**, whose 22 month stint at the Village Hall as temporary Post Mistress has been a godsend and we are all extremely sorry that the future for the **PO/Shop** is a bit bleak. Many letters on the correspondence page, of which one can only echo Meryl Moore's view that the existence of such a facility is so important to the village that we *should* be prepared to give and take a bit. Trevor and Alastair have come up with an intermediate solution whereby we can at least *give* but with our time not money—volunteers required *now* (see page 4).

We hope you like our **Millennium Cover**, especially commissioned from the Millennium Generation. Many thanks to the school (in more ways than one!) and copy dates are such that we are going to print without having more details to give you.

Those of us who sneak out at dead of night to the Bottle Bank with the suspension just clearing the road can take heart from Alastair Everitt's **Pass the Port** where it is clearly revealed that we, at least, are positively teetotal in comparison *to some*. Meanwhile the Vicar's Team (as represented by Francis Riggs on the *Letter's* page) finally reveal all, *if a little tardily!*, about the extremely badly done to and much maligned Unready **Ethelred**.

I have been very unready this month. When my beautiful new dryer arrived and Robert Sales kindly agreed to take the old one away with them, I was sufficiently unready that the washing inside it went with it. Disaster! My favourite jeans! I got it back in the end, (from a very splendid *Steptoe and Son's* north of Chatteris via a very kind person called John) but I missed the **Christmas Fayre**. I hear it was very good, and I'm still tracking down left over goodies.

We have also been a bit unready on the editorial front, in particular **Marcia's Turkeys**. *First* they escaped completely (we lost the copy, and Marcia had to do it again) *then* they turned up, but *homeless* (the bottom dropped off the end of the ad.). Marcia, we are very sorry.

Happy 10th Birthday to the **Prospects Trust** (see page 14) and on a horticultural theme, this month's **Puzzle** is set by Elizabeth Everitt on page 13 and the Editorial Team can't do it (and the Vicar's team?). Happy New Year-Before-The-*Real*-Millennium, and see you at the **Village Lunch** when it's all over! Or begun. Whatever.

Caroline Matheson

Cover Picture: by Class 4



Letters to the Editors



Village Quiz Wrangle!

Oh dear. So now I have upset our lady editor by not mentioning poor old Ethelred (more properly Aethelred) in my essay “That other Millennium”, and that this caused her team to become joint second with ours at the last very successful Village Quiz. The truth is that I could find nothing in his reign that directly applied to Swaffham Prior, although my researches, of necessity, could not be that full.

No doubt he had a bad time of it as one of his Aeldermen played the dirty on him by telling the Danes where his defences were, thus causing an English defeat. Then the same Aelderman feigned sick at another battle, and caused a defeat because his troops were thus leaderless.

All this and more gave him the sobriquet of “The Unready”. The more true translation of the old English could be Noble- Counsel, No- Counsel, in that he was badly advised. So he has been maltreated by history and this was not helped by the fact that his reign of thirty eight years ended in Cnut of Denmark coming to the throne of England. (Peter Hunter Blair)

King Cnut does however get a mention in that he agrees that Abbott Leofsige of St.Athelthryth’s, can charge “Food Rents” on Swaffham Prior in 1029, but that has been written about before.

Next time our team will beat hers into third place - perhaps.

Francis Riggs

PS Caroline, I just couldn’t resist it!

Dear Editors,

Swaffham Prior Post Office & Shop

We now know that all attempts to save the Post Office for the village have failed. This will be especially hard for the elderly and young mothers with children who have no car. Maybe a facility of some sort will be continued in the Hall, but those wanting the many services of a PO will either have to walk to Swaffham Bulbeck (or stand about in the cold waiting for a bus) or depend on family and neighbours thus losing their independence. Any of us may one day find that we are no longer able to drive. As it is, decisions have been taken by people with cars on behalf of those without cars.

The P0/Shop Action Group have worked hard for months to save the Post Office for the village and I applaud them for trying, but I think they based their approach on a mistaken premiss: a PO with shop is a precious amenity; it should not have been assessed on a commercial basis. The Village Hall

Management Committee are responsible for the finance, running and maintenance of the Hall. Lighting, heating, cleaning and decoration are all expensive; it seems that the project foundered on these concerns and on a certain fussiness – does it matter if the entrance hall has a few muddy footprints on it and a few blown leaves?

I felt that unquantifiable benefits were at stake in the efforts to retain a P0 in the village: a P0/shop is a focus where people can meet and pass the time of day; without this centre Swaffham

Prior may begin to lose its already fragmented sense of community. It is easy for me to criticise when I have done nothing more constructive than to use the P0 and keep on hoping! It certainly seems a bit late in the day to express these views now, but there has been widespread support for a P0 in the village, and I think people will want to know why plans have fallen through.

Yours sincerely,

Meryl Moore

Dear Editors,

Life After The Lion

Since leaving the Red Lion in February this year, life for the Berry family has taken several changes. After moving out of the fast lane of the Lion, we have settled in the hard shoulder of Silver Street, Burwell, but in August I was blessed with a couple of heart-attacks followed by a mild stroke - having a stroke in the past has nearly always got me into trouble!! However on this occasion it simply left me unstable on feet with slurred speech - "Nothing new" I hear cried in unison.

One major indirect change was that KLM at Stansted were forced to invest in proper mechanical power to push out the Jumbos from their hangars as Mags had to give up her work to look after me. It's lovely being looked after pampered by your loved one - it's a pity Mags didn't feel the same!!

Torly has unfortunately died as a result of doing something he has always loved doing - stealing from the rubbish bag - he will be greatly missed. But the real reason for putting pen to paper is to say a "Thank You" to all our friends who have made contact over my recent illness and to wish all our old friends in Prior a lovely Christmas and a great New Year.

John and Maggie Berry

<p>Booking the Village Hall? For the next month, bookings should be made through Elisabeth Everitt, telephone 742974.</p>
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Dear Editors

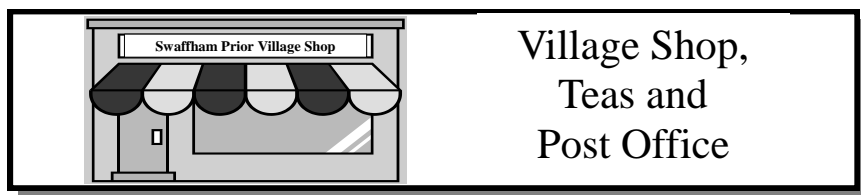
Christmas Fayre

We would just like to say an enormous thank-you to everybody who supported the Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 4th December. People gave so generously – their time and their money – that we raised over £850, even better than last year. The money raised will be split equally between MAGPAS and the Arthur Rank Hospice.

It was lovely to see so many friends at the Fayre and we hope it was a happy start to Christmas festivities.

With many thanks and best wishes for a happy new year from

Judith Temple, Kate Child, Sue Rust, Barbara Jones, Ruth Scovil



Farewell From Val

To all customers of the Post Office in the Village Hall by the time you read this hopefully you will all have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and are still celebrating the Millennium.

I thank you all for your support over the past twenty two months. I know it was difficult for many of you to have the service on such short hours. I am extremely sorry that the Post Office is not to be continued/extended, I know that Pat Cunningham and a few others have worked very hard to make use of the room in your Village Hall for this very needy service, unfortunately to no avail. I have enjoyed being at Swaffham Prior, working with Pat and June Wolfenden who like many more of you I have made good friends with.

Lode Post Office will be fully computerised during February 2000 which means all transactions are entered at the time of serving the customer and therefore I would be unable to enter Swaffham Prior transactions later as I do at present.

I shall miss you all but will keep in touch. Kind regards and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Val Clarke, Lode P.O.

... And Future Plans

The Village Hall Management Committee were very disappointed that the plans for the continuation of the Post Office did not come to fruition.

However, there is a plan to continue with a slightly different scheme to help the village, in particular the older residents and those without means of transport, when the current arrangements cease at the end of January.

With regard to the payout of pensions and benefits this could be a significant problem for some of our residents. The Village Hall would like to help those who would find the problem to be insuperable, by arranging for the money to be collected on their behalf from a Post Office each week, together with the posting of the occasional parcel etc.

But this depends on volunteers. A minimum of 8 volunteers for the Shop/Teas and 8 volunteers for the Post Office transactions are required so that people need only commit themselves one Thursday afternoon each month **at the very most.**

We require two pieces of information quite quickly:-

A) Those willing to help on a volunteer basis for either or both.

B) Those who would like to have their pensions collected, etc.

It would help if we could hear from you by 30 December, and by 5 January at the latest.

If sufficient volunteers are forthcoming, a meeting of those volunteering will be held in the middle of January and a new club will be formed to run, organise and control the activities of the new shop/'post office'. The aim is to have the new arrangement up and running by Thursday 3rd February.

If you are interested in either **A** or **B** please telephone Trevor Jones (741197) or Alastair Everitt (742974).



GRAND JUMBLE SALE
to raise funds for the village map

**JUMBLE * NEARLY-NEW * BOOKS * BRICaBRAC
TEAS * CAKES & PRODUCE * RAFFLE**

VILLAGE HALL

2.00pm 4.00pm

SATURDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2000

A Millennium Poem

With the Millennium fast approaching
We recall the years gone by
So many things have happened
For reasons we know not why

The birth of Christ was the main event
He came on earth to dwell
To be like man – to seek and save
Our lives to change as well

We've heard about Egyptian times
Christopher Columbus and Alexander Bell
Of Edison and his amazing light bulb
The Great Fire of London as well

Two World Wars and others since
So much fighting and despair
Such poverty around the world
The pain we all would share

We've seen man walk upon the moon
More cars on the road day by day
And now with modern technology
The computer is here to stay

We've witnessed the death of Princess Diana
Elvis Presley – John Lennon as well
The years have come and gone so fast
What the future holds – no one can tell

And now in London they've built a Dome
With a Ferris wheel at its side
The year 2000 is almost here
Celebrations will be held far and wide

We know not what the future holds
But the Lord is at our side
We only have to ask, and He
Will take our hand and guide

He is our Lord and Saviour
His love is strong and bold
And knowing that He's always there
Is worth much more than gold

So as we enter a brand new year
And praise God for the years that have gone
It only leaves a few more words
HAPPY CHRISTMAS –
HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE

Sandra Butcher

Pass The Port!

You can't beat old Sale Catalogues for an insight into the past. They add flesh to the country houses we visit and to the books and films of Jane Austen and Trollope.

Recently I have been looking at "*A Catalogue of the Household Furniture, Linen, China, Glass, Excellent Library of Books, Cellar of Fine Old Wines, &c, &c, &c . . . To be Sold by Auction . . . on the Premises of The Late Rev. John Baker, Thorp Arch, near Wetherby . . . 17th to 21st days of March, 1834.*"

It's an impressive 35 page catalogue. So who was this Rev. John Baker? A student of theology kindly researched him, produced a family tree and concluded that it was "a fairly typical early 19th century story of jobs through family contacts/Oxbridge contacts, sinecures, non-residency and multiple benefices - before the church reforms in the mid 1800s."

The Rev. John Baker's grandfather had made a fortune from medicine and surgery in Canterbury which he passed on to his only son (another John Baker) who

stood for many years as MP for Canterbury. John Baker M.P. married into the Tattersall family who comprised a series of clerics going back to the 17th century, all Cambridge educated. (No family connection has yet been established with the Richard Tattersall who founded our local bloodstock auctions in 1766.) In the 18th century the Tattersalls married into the De Clair family which also contained an eminent array of reverend gentlemen.

Our Rev. John Baker, born in 1787, was the youngest of four children and, as was often the custom with younger sons, he entered the church (1811) after attending St. John's, Cambridge. Not unwisely he married his cousin Frances Tattersall, and success was assured. He became Vicar of Thorp Arch, Yorkshire in about 1812. Later his uncle the Rev. W. De Clair Tattersall presented him with the conveniently located living of Westbourne, Sussex. He held both livings until his death in 1834.

It would have been a comfortable house with about 24 rooms including the servants' quarters. The Catalogue gives some idea of what was required to run such a house - for example, on the second day 310 lbs (almost 3 cwt) of candles were sold in 31 ten pound lots. But it is the second half of the Third Day which is particularly interesting. There were 16 Bins in the Wine Cellar and the contents were as follows:

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<i>Bin</i>	
1	9 dozen wine (sold in three lots)
2	9 dozen port, vintage 1822 (3 lots)
3	2.5 dozen port (Wilson) very old (1 lot)
4	5 dozen wine (1 lot) and 1.5 dozen Cape (1 lot)
5	8 dozen fine old port, vintage 1827 (4 lots)
6	9 dozen very old port, bought at Lord Hawke's sale, 1821; very old (3 lots)
7	Empty
8	27 dozen fine port, laid down 1832 (9 lots)
9	29 bottles Marcellas (1 lot) and Lot of Bucellas (1 lot)
10	14 dozen fine old port, 1825 (5 lots)
11	10 dozen sherry (3 lots)
12	2.5 dozen port, 1828 (1 lot)
13	18 dozen port, 1828 (6 lots)
14	Sundry wines (1 lot)
15	38 bottles Catley Madeira, 1824 (1 lot)
16	9 dozen fine old port, 1822 (4 lots)
On the Floor - 16 bottles of sherry (1 lot)	
In Cupboard - 12 bottles of claret (1 lot)	
On the Floor Next Door - 14 bottles Sauterne (1 lot)	

This makes a total of 1,597 bottles of which 1188 were Port. John Baker would also have had a regular monthly or bi-weekly delivery from his wine merchant. Those were the days when life had a real order! Unfortunately the Rev. John Baker died at the early age of 47. If any moral is to be drawn from this tale perhaps we should turn to Ogden Nash:- "*Candy/Is dandy/But liquor/Is quicker.*"

Alastair Everitt



THE VILLAGE MAP



Do you remember last March? There was a meeting in the Village Hall at which the majority of people present decided they would like a map of the village to be put up to mark the year 2000. We are now a long way down the road and are about to apply for ECDC funding towards the project. We have also been offered generous support by the Parochial Charities. The map will be sited facing the High Street in front of the Village Hall.

Nevertheless, depending upon the amount of the final grant, and possibly unforeseen expenses, the population of the village, and particularly those who wanted a map, must now raise about £600 as our share of the overall cost. As a first move we have decided to hold a **Grand Jumble Sale** in the Village Hall on February 5th (see separate announcement). So please clear your cupboards, bookshelves and wardrobes or, if your house is one of those that is kept permanently tidy and cleared-out even after Christmas, bake a cake, bring your jams, donate a raffle prize, or simply come and buy. For those reluctant to fill their cupboards and wardrobes up again there will be a box for straightforward donations.

If you would like sale items to be collected from your house, or if you would like to make a donation, please telephone one of us.

On April 1st (no kidding) we are holding a **Moveable Feast**. This is a **walkabout dinner** party (sometimes known as a Safari Supper) that will begin and end at the Village Hall: drinks beforehand, coffee afterwards. Main course and pudding will be served in different people's, houses. Details in the next Crier but book the date if you would like to come.

Mark Haworth
The Vicarage
741409

Elaine Malster
28 Fairview Grove
743894

Elisabeth Everitt
59 High Street
742974

School Report - November 1999

We had Her Majesty's Inspector Mrs Julie Ward, in at the beginning of November to look at how the school was progressing with our Action Plan. As well as being very tall, she was a very astute woman and I am delighted to tell you that her report on us was very satisfying. She had a four point scale of judgements on the progress the school was making on the issues identified in the OFSTED report: Good; Reasonable; Limited; and as she put it 'Oh dear'.

- On raising standards, her judgement is, that reasonable progress has been made;
- on the quality of teaching, the progress is good, (all teaching is satisfactory, 60% of it is good)
- on broadening the curriculum, progress is reasonable, (it will of necessity take time to demonstrate that this is being done);
- the behaviour in the school is good;
- on assessment the progress is reasonable;
- on systems for monitoring, good progress has been made;
- the ethos of the school is good.

Mrs Ward commented that the leadership is calmly purposeful, with a solid understanding of the curriculum; that the Governors are more involved than previously; and that she has asked the LEA to review their Action Plan in the light of us coming out of Special Measures sooner than they had planned. As you can imagine, we are thrilled at this endorsement of the school's hard work.

The School Nativity is being held on Tuesday 14th & Thursday 16th December at 6 o'clock. The juniors will be doing a separate performance in summer this year.

Brenda Wilson, Headteacher

PRIME WHITE

TURKEYS

NORFOLK

'My birds are hand reared to ensure succulence. They will be available **fresh** and oven-ready in perfect time for Christmas' (weight range: about 8lbs - 20lbs+)



Contact Marcia Miller on 01638 741141 to place your order.

Swaffham Bulbeck and District Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 99

Swaffham Prior house to house collectors were Mr Ben Blaydon, Mrs M. Moore, Miss S. Smith and Mrs R. Stinton. The result: £251. This, together with the Swaffham Bulbeck House Collection, Whist Drive, and other amounts, gave us a total of £850.50 for the appeal.

We thank our collectors and all who gave so generously.

Chairman: **Mr J. Chalkin**

Local Organiser: **Mr R. Butler**



STAINE HUNDRED

Christmas Meeting

Around 30 people came to the December Meeting in the Village College Lecture Room, which had a festive air as members sat round candle-lit tables. Gill Rushworth asked the questions for a Christmas Quiz and as collaboration was allowed it was quite a social event.

Then five speakers each spoke for about five minutes on Memories of Christmas. Peggy Day spoke of old Christmas Customs in Quay pre WW 1 when the widows and widowers were invited to Quay Hall for dinner, widows went round the farms on Doleing day (the shortest day) where they received beer and a sixpence, the share-out clubs which helped people when ill and spend the remaining money at Christmas on a blow-out meal. Tony Newman remembered knitting dishcloths and stitching felt egg-cosies for his aunts. A home-grown cockerel was the Christmas dinner and the day ended with games and charades. Hugh Rogers spoke of a coach journey up and up a mountain pass to 5,000 feet in Syria to a small fourth century chapel cut in the rocks, where the service was taken in Aramaic - the language which Jesus spoke but then the locals could speak it but not read or write it. Robert Hill spoke of his memories of Peterborough Cathedral where his father was a Lay Clerk and he himself became a chorister. He was an only child but four of his relations came to stay. As well as attending Christmas services in the Cathedral, there was always a lot of carol singing at home. Gill Rushworth said her father used to work until 12 o'clock on Christmas Day. Her presents came in a pillow case and in the early hours she would have unwrapped her books, read them by torch-light under the covers and then wrapped them up again! Boxing Day she spent at her uncle's house where there was roulette and she usually managed to win enough halfpennies to buy herself another

book! While she was at school, she twice sat in the choir stalls for the rehearsal of the Kings College Carol Service.

Maureen and Hugh Rogers had prepared a feast of savouries and sweetmeats which were much enjoyed, washed down with wine or juice. The evening ended with a quiz about Cambridge presented by Robert Hill.

The next meeting will be on January 12th, when Professor Morrill (who lives in Bottisham) will be giving a talk entitled “The curse of Cromwell?”



JANUARY 2000

WILDLIFE SNIPPETS

BAKE A BIRD-CAKE

Now that January is here and food for the birds is becomingly increasingly scarce, why not bake a veritable banquet for our feathered friends?

To make this you will need:

- *a container - either ½ a coconut shell, a round margarine tub or a yoghurt pot*
- *a piece of string*
- *½ lb lard or solid cooking fat*
- *edible table scraps or suitable bird food such as: oatmeal, seeds, unsalted peanuts, dry cake*
- *suet*

1. Fix string through your container so that it makes a bell shape.
2. Heat fat or lard in saucepan until melted.
3. Moisten the suet with water
4. Add the suet to the melted lard and mix in well.
5. Add the food bits (including scraps from your table such as bacon, peas or cereal) and mix into fat/lard.
6. Allow to cool a bit and then scoop into the container (margarine pot or coconut), pressing down all the ingredients as much as possible.
7. Allow to stand and cool for about three hours — or until completely cool.

Now hang outside and watch the birds feasting!

Why not help protect local wildlife and become a member of The Wildlife Trust. To join over the phone or ask for a membership leaflet, simply ring the Membership Secretary on 01234 364213.

BOTTISHAM PLAYERS

A CLASS ACT TO FOLLOW

Panto 2000

January 27th, 28th and 29th 2000 will see the presentation in the main hall at Bottisham Village College of an original Pantomime written by **Diana Denith** named

Pantomania* or *A Little Bit of Bother for the Bears

This a show for children of any age.

Tickets can be purchased from Lushers the Newsagents in Bottisham or The Fire Place shop in Burwell. Telephone booking on 01223 811094.

Costs Adults £5.00, concessionaries £3.50

Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7.30pm and Saturday Matinee at 2.30pm.

So come along to see something new in the New Year.



LADIES CIRCLE

This year the Ladies Circle decided that they would hold their Christmas celebrations slightly earlier so on Monday 29th November sixteen members met at the Wheatsheaf at Quy for our Christmas Dinner. The table was laden with party hats and the meal was super - the evening was most enjoyable.

The Ladies Circle has been running now for almost three years and it is so nice to see so many faithful members arrive at the meetings each month. It would be nice to enter into the New Year with a few more members so please feel free to come along and join us. You would be made to feel very welcome.

The first meeting in the New Year will be the AGM on 31st January 7.30pm at the Baptist Chapel.

Sandra Butcher



WI Notes

The deadline for the 'Crier' copy is before the W.I. meeting so I am unable to report on our party. But with fish and chicken and chips, Bucks Fizz, making animal shapes out of balloons and a Beetle Drive you can guess a good time will be had by all!

Our speaker at the meeting on 17th January will be Anne Mollan, and her subject 'Healthy Feet'. That's something that must surely be of interest to us all, so ladies come and join us. Annual subscription £15.50, or if you're not sure come as a visitor for £1.50. We look forward to seeing you.

Betty Prime



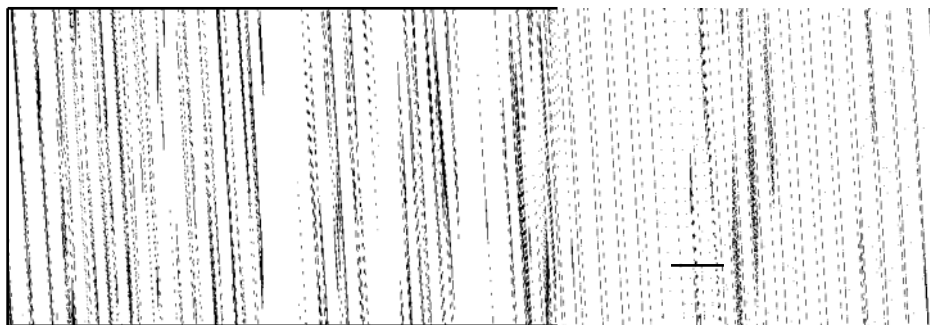
VILLAGE GARDENERS

As intimated in last month's magazine there was no meeting of the Village Gardeners in December.

The next meeting will be on 18th January in Swaffham Prior Village Hall at 8pm. when Peter Lewis will talk on 'Organic Gardening'. Mr. Lewis holds a national collection of Companulas.

New members will be most welcome. We have a very interesting programme arranged for next year, and are planning a coach trip to the Old Vicarage at East Ruston in Norfolk on 21st May, so do come and join us.

Betty Prime



Help with Gardening Instructions?

The above instructions came with a plant called HEBE Pimeloides - a present from a friend. Can some clever member of the gardening club please translate the semiotics for me, stage by stage, before the poor thing dies!

Elisabeth Everitt
742974



Trustees/Directors' Report

This past year has been another excellent year for the Prospects Trust. In listing the activities and achievements, I want first to pay tribute on behalf of the Directors to the wonderful **atmosphere** that exists both at Snakehall Farm and within the Garden Team. It is good-natured, challenging, dedicated, teasing, orderly and often hilarious. Our co-workers thrive within it, and we have seen with pleasure their growing self-confidence and the changes they are making in their lives.

During the year the Trust has provided 37.5 day **placements** per week a small increase on last year. We have improved facilities at the Farm significantly during the year, and the first full year's use of the new vegetable packing area and cold store has been accompanied by a significant increase in Farm sales.

Although **Farm sales** are very much a secondary concern for the Trust, they provide an important extra source of income and at the same time challenge us to improve the efficiency of our growing, harvesting and marketing skills. However, there are some areas of Farm production where we are still poorly equipped, and it will be a notable triumph for us when we finally get to control the weeds for a whole season!

This year we have experimented with more intensive lettuce **production**. Although not without problems, the results have been generally encouraging and we hope to increase production next year. This should again have a dual purpose – both increasing Trust income and providing valuable training for the co-workers in the practicalities of commercial production as a complement to the wide-ranging skills they learn in many aspects of organic horticulture.

During the last year we were pleased to sign up with an **EDAS scheme accredited** by the Open College of the NorthWest. Seven of the co-workers agreed to try out the course, and they've really enjoyed making their folders as part of the scheme, as well as benefiting from the more structured approach to training that it has encouraged. We hope to run a VAC scheme next year, similar to EDAS but more widely recognised.

The **Garden Team** has had another superb year - sometimes they are so steadily successful that we forget what an amazing job they accomplish. They demonstrate to us how well supported employment can work when that support is well rooted. We're now keen to see development of a much wider range of opportunities for "**moving on**", and have helped with the founding of a new Social Firms Supported Employment Consortium which will soon begin raising funds to put this into practise.

Our **financial situation** continues to be relatively secure, and we have sufficient reserves to tide us over any minor hiatus. Although it is unlikely that we will ever feel really financially secure while so much of our income depends on the vagaries of government and county council policy, we continue to improve the situation by generating more of our own income and by diversifying our funding sources.

In January we held a strategic planning workshop to help us formulate a **plan for the next 5 years**. Early on in the course of the workshop we realised it was equally important to clarify our organisational roles and structures. We owe heartfelt thanks to Sue Parlby, who facilitated us through the twists and turns of that weekend, helped us achieve the clarification we needed and put the structures in place for us to refine our long-term plans subsequently.

We could not operate nearly so successfully without the **support** of the many Volunteers and Friends of the Farm who put so much into the Trust. And we couldn't operate at all without our wonderful staff who have done the work, organised the work, funded the work and played another blinder. All power to their arms.

FREE VOLUNTEER TRAINING COURSE

A Tuesday morning six week training course for volunteers to help the hearing impaired starts on 18th January. CAMTAD, Cambridge Campaign for tackling acquired deafness, runs hearing help sessions where volunteers clean, check and retube NHS hearing aids and advise on regular maintenance and best listening conditions. They also loan out equipment. They can help with hearing doorbells, telephone, television and household alarms. Training courses cover such subjects as the ear, types and causes of deafness, NHS hearing aids, procedures for assessment, communication methods and so on. If you are interested in the training course or would like to discuss it further please phone, fax or minicom Sue Hempstead on 01223 460616 or write to her at Buchan House, Buchan Street, Cambridge CB4 2XF. We have facilities for hearing impaired volunteers on the course and there is a lift etc. if you are wheelchair bound. Training is compulsory for our volunteers but there is no obligation to volunteer at the end of the course. Most of our volunteers help at monthly sessions but many help in other ways.



Sue Hempstead, Organiser

Bottisham, Burwell, Linton Village Colleges
Lifelong Learning
for
The New Millennium

New Courses for the New Year

Certificate in Counselling (NCFE/City & Guilds): Introduction to Counselling
Counselling Skills for those working with Drug & Alcohol Misuse
Understanding Alternative Therapies

Accounting NVQ-Levels 2 & 3: Computer Courses at all levels

Managing Early Learning Goals; Managing Positive Behaviour: Supporting
Your Children with English & Maths: Introduction to Learning Support

The Golden Age of English Painting - 18th/19th Century
Traditional Thai Cookery

Professional Cookery Certificate (City & Guilds 3320)

Spanish for Business: French - First Steps for Complete Beginners

Many existing classes welcome new members

Spring Term starts Monday 17th January 2000

Further information from the Community Offices
at the Village Colleges: Bottisham: 01223 811372
Burwell: 01638 741901, Linton: 01223 892400



CAMBRIDGESHIRE

*We exist to improve the quality of life
for older people in the county.*

We are trying to improve our services in your area.

THE VOLUNTEER VISITING SCHEME

Our Visiting Scheme is trying to expand the services offered in the area
- to help the Scheme be a success we need:

1. **VOLUNTEERS** - caring people able to offer an hour a week to visit an older person for friendship and support.
2. **SERVICE USERS** - Older people who would enjoy having a regular visitor.

If you are interested or would more information please call me - **Barbara Simon 01353 662943**

HOME HELP SERVICE

We also offer a Home Help service. Paid staff offer support with tasks such

as - Domestic help
 Shopping
 Pension/prescription collection
 Laundry / ironing

If you are interested in this help OR helping deliver this valuable service - (in becoming a HOME HELP.)

Please ring- 01354 693353 (Anne, Dawn & Lynne)

Among some of the other services Age Concern Cambridgeshire has to



**EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

The Grange, Nutholt Lane,
Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 4PL

Dog Fouling - “bag it and bin it”

A recent successful prosecution for ‘Dog Fouling’ was won on the evidence given by a witness and it is only with the help of the public that the Council can put a strong enough case to the Magistrates Court. The Council’s Dog Warden has a large area to cover and carries out patrols of the area to try and catch offending owners and their dogs. However, it proves very difficult for her to be in the right place at the right time. Many dogs are walked early in the mornings or evenings when people are back from work.

Irresponsible dog owners who allow their dogs to foul in public areas and fail to clean it up, should be prosecuted. The Council have tried numerous campaigns to encourage dog owners to be more responsible. This has had some impact, but we still need help from the general public to act as witnesses to catch these persistent offenders.

The Council provide poop scoop bags for dog owners. If a supply of them is wanted, contact Veronica Avory on 01353 668833.

Notes from the Parish Council December Meeting

Mr Andrew Badcock chaired the meeting with 5 members and 2 members of the Public.

Matters Arising

Parish Council Vacancy: A letter had been received from ECDC to say that no applications had been received for the vacancy on the Parish Council. Following this, the vacancy was filled by co-option and Mrs Elaine Malster joined the meeting. This was unanimously agreed.

A letter of resignation had been received from Mr Mengham. The Chairman reported this to the meeting and expressed their gratitude for Mr Mengham's interest and hard work during his time on the P.C. The Clerk was asked to inform ECDC of this vacancy and display on noticeboard.

Playground Equipment: The annual inspection report had been received from Wicksteed Leisure. Some resurfacing work is necessary and after further discussion, it was agreed that prices should be sought for this work.

Public Footpaths: The Clerk had spoken to CCC Rights of Way Department who advised the P.C. to contact ECDC about the possibility of closing part of the footpath. The Clerk was also asked to write to CCC to confirm their concerns over the safety of this footpath.

Sports & Recreational Committee: Further advice had been sought and this was reported to the meeting. It was noted that now Mr Mengham had moved from the village, the P.C. no longer had a representative on the Sports & Recreational Committee. Mr Mundin agreed to take up this post and the Clerk was asked to write to the Chairman of the Committee to confirm this.

The Millennium: Mrs Malster reported to the meeting noting that a couple of fundraising events would take place early in the New Year, one being a jumble sale in February. Posters for the New Year Day gathering at the Village Hall were given to the Clerk to display.

Church Clock: An application to ECDC for funds through the Parish Grants Fund was not successful as it was felt this was not a suitable project for that fund. ECDC did offer advice on other funds that would be more suitable. The Clerk was asked to investigate further.

Reports

Councillor Fitch reported to the meeting.

Councillor Cane reported to the meeting.

Correspondence Received

A copy of the **Notice** of the public path Diversion Order was received from ECDC. This is for the footpath on Mill Hill/Heath Road.

Quotations for the work needed to extend the footpath in the cemetery were received. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to look into these further.

Accounts for Payment

These were agreed.

Planning

Applications Received: Anchor Lodge, Upware, Ely: Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use or Development for a domestic dwelling. There were no objections.

Planning Approval: Marinor, Prior Fen, Upware, Ely : Demolition and reconstruction of double garage on new piled raft foundation.

Any other Business:

Neighbourhood Watch: No further meeting had been arranged. The Chairman expressed his gratitude to Mrs Mengham for her efforts and hard work during her time as Secretary. A meeting will be planned for the New Year to decide the way ahead.

Village Shop: Mr Trevor Jones reported to the meeting. The last applicant had decided not to proceed with this project. The Post Office facility will close at the end of January 2000.

It is hoped that enough volunteers can be found to be able to offer a transport service to Pensioners and to keep the tea and biscuits social gatherings that have built up going. This will be reported on separately in the Crier.

Further clarification of the **route for the footpath** on Mill/Heath Road was discussed.

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Karen King

Clerk of the Parish Council

***Note:** As part of the works to automate the Church Clock, a chiming facility for the clock is to be considered. This chime would mark the hour. The Parish Council invite anyone who would like to comment on this to contact the Clerk or any member of the P.C.*

Bottisham Village College Music Society

Welcome back to the
St Mary's Players
from

Swaffham Bulbeck
who will perform

A Half Concert

On

Friday 21st January 2000

At 8:00pm

Programme includes music by Telemann and Barthe

Tickets at the door £2-50 Concessions £1-25



Happy New Year – I hope that this first year of the new Millennium will be a good year for all of us.

Once the twelve nights of Christmas are over, you can turn your Christmas tree into a tonic for the soil by recycling it. Between 3rd and 9th January, there will be tree recycling centres at High Barns Road, Ely and Depot Road, off Exning Road, Newmarket.

We have received our first report from the Citizens' Panel. 1,021 people were interviewed in October. The people were chosen to be representative of East Cambs' population from aged 16 upwards. They have agreed to answer future questionnaires so that we can gauge how well we are performing year on year.

Two thirds were satisfied with Council Services and less than one tenth dissatisfied. Two in five felt that the Council gave value for money while one in six felt we did not. Less than half thought the Council kept them well informed, so I hope that the new District newspaper will improve on this. Another way in which I see the Council improving communications is by using the Internet and e-mail. For those of us in the villages, it would be a lot easier to view a planning application on our PCs than have to go in to Ely to see it at the Council offices. So I was encouraged to see that over a quarter of the panel uses the Internet and e-mail.

Only about one in sixteen people were able to name their District Councillor, so we clearly have a lot more work to do there if we are to truly represent you on your Council. Only about a quarter of the panel had contacted the Council in the last year but of those over two thirds were satisfied with the response.

The three highest priorities for improving the quality of life in East Cambs are better local public transport and more activities and facilities for young people. The need for better public transport was underlined by the low car usage in the 16-24 and 60+ age range. We shall be seeking to build on our partnerships with the County Council and Parish Councils to address these concerns.

Charlotte Cane



Because of an earlier editorial closing date, this month's news covers only to the first week of December. The significance of this is that whatever I write about, the **County's budget** may be out-of-date by the time you read this. Still, I may as well make a stab at what broadly will happen.

The Government, from its traditional "we know best" standpoint, says the County should spend about 4½% more in 2000/2001 than their judgement for this year. Although 4½% is in line with the average of all other authorities, it is less than other Shire counties (5%). This means that the Government's assessment for Cambridgeshire is less per head than any other county!

Based on this year's costs, our officers calculate we need to spend just under £360 million after balancing pressures against economies. I emphasise these are provisional figures subject to confirmation or change during the next two months. Once again, the cost of living allowance has been denied, so once again we are having to live within limits any reasonable person would judge to be unfairly low.

The effect on us as **Council Tax** payers is likely to be an **increase** of around 8%. No decision has yet been taken but assuming the Conservative administration at Shire Hall agrees to spend about £360m., then about 8% on to Council Tax seems inevitable.

There will be general consultations between now and February 2000, when a final decision is taken. Furthermore, although the County portion of Council Tax is by far and away the largest, you will not know what your final tax demand will be until the East Cambs. District Council, your Parish Council and the Police have all added their (much smaller) shares.

Much of the content of my county report from March onwards will be accounting for the results of the spending decisions to be taken at the February 2000 budget meeting. We hope to spend your money as wisely as humanly possible.

Schools are to be a top priority. If we can ease the acute money problems of our local schools, I, for one, will be mightily relieved. More news later as it unfolds.

There is some good news! For instance, our schools have produced best ever GCSE results this year. The proportion of students gaining five or more higher grades (A-C) was 53.2% compared with a national figure of 47.8%. We get less government money than other neighbouring counties yet our schools consistently achieve exam results which are above national average. Congratulations to all those working under these financial disadvantages.

Bottisham Village College has been picked out as specially successful in the last school year and the Warden was invited to a special event to celebrate this earlier this month.

Happy Christmas and New Millennium Year.

James Fitch

SWAFFHAM PRIOR WITH REACH
EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING AT SWAFFHAM PRIOR VILLAGE HALL.
WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER '99

1. Matters Arising

a) Toddlers' Service: the first service had taken place on Thursday 21st October at Reach Village Centre. The Little Windmills Playgroup and other small children and parents had attended.

b) Reach Christingle Service would be on Sunday 5 December at 3.30pm at St Etheldreda's.

2. Treasurers' Reports

Michael Cazenove presented the report. He commented on the fact that Collections were badly down, but Covenants were up. There was still a deficit of £2,794, but, as there had been no major repairs to the church, things were not too bad. Reach Accounts to 31st October were circulated in Norah Smith's absence. Both the current account and the business account were healthily in credit, but the memorial seat for the garden had still to be purchased using money which had been donated. The Vicar explored the possibility of amalgamating Reach and Swaffham Prior's Electoral Roll, so that there could be a single Parish Share for the two churches. A reduction of the overall Parish Share might be possible, if so. The PCC and Treasurers were to consider the figures and implications before the next meeting.

3. Deanery Synod Report

There was some discussion about the new services which would replace those of the ASB in 2000. There was still no news about a new Bishop of Ely.

4. Social Working Groups' Reports

Reach: Jen Hohnwood reported that St Etheldreda's Fair on October 16th had raised £120, and the Gift Day had raised £600. The Harvest Supper at the Village Centre on Friday September 24th had been very successful.

Swaffham Prior: Francis Reeks reported that the Harvest Supper on October 9th in St Cyriac's had been attended by 60 parishioners. A profit of £165 had been made, and the raffle raised £87 for charity. Further events:

Quiz Night - Saturday November 20th, 7.30pm Village Hall

Advent by Candlelight - Sunday November 28th at 4.00pm

Working Group - 29th November meeting to lay plans for 2000

5. Swaffham Prior Fabric Working Group's Report

a) Churchyard: the Millennium Yew would be planted after the Civic Service at 11.00 a.m. on January 2nd

b) Vestry chimney: this was blocked and cracked and needed the top removing and repairing. A Faculty was needed for this.

c) Rainwater pipes on tower: these needed to be re-routed to stop the rain running down the wall. This also needed a Faculty.

d) Glass entrance door had been scraping on the floor. John Norris had ground down the floor to ease this.

e) Washtell Organ: the organ did not need replacing, but the speakers were to be taken off the rood screen and re-positioned at the back of the church. possibly to be replaced with new speakers eventually.

f) The nave and chancel carpet was now in place.

g) St Cyriac's Clock: The Churches' Conservation Trust were still debating how much the PCC may have to contribute towards the cost of installing a winding mechanism. John Norris had approached the Parish Council to see whether they would be prepared to help pay for this

as the clock is a Village Amenity. A rope is to be fixed to the stairs going up to the belfry and top of tower This will be funded from the money collected in memory of Sylvia Butcher.

h) The Rural Churches in Community Trust had promised a grant of £25,000 towards the community projects (hand-rail, toilet, kitchen, hearing loop). A Village Appeal would be launched at the end of January to raise up to £30,000. A grant had also been applied for from WREN and Cambs Historic Churches Trust, likely to be in the region of £5000. Frank Riggs was also going to contact various Disabled Charities for advice and help. The handrails had already been paid for.

6. Vicar's Items

a) Worship Working Group Issues:

i) Liturgy update: ASB will be redundant next year and Common Worship will replace it. The Book of Common Prayer will continue to be used as well.

ii) Sue Rust has resigned as flower coordinator. Ruth Scovil agreed to replace her.

iii) Services Jan-Mar 2000: These will mostly follow the usual pattern, except that there will be a Chapel Service at 6.30 pm on 16 January. On 19 March Bishop John will be re-dedicating the bells at Swaffham Bulbeck, so the Vicar may not be able to attend Reach Family Service.

iv) Family Services/Parish Communion: Alasdair Coles proposed that there should be uniformity of planning of Family Services between Swaffham Prior and Reach. He and Olivia are willing to come and help with Family Services at Swaffham Prior.

v) Silke Tetzlaff-Sarsas from Westcott House had begun work as a sub-deacon for this parish. The congregation were asked to help her with advice and feedback.

vi) Children and Holy Communion: Bishop John has given permission for baptised children to receive Communion before Confirmation in this benefice. The Vicar will run after-school sessions in Swaffham Bulbeck to prepare such children for making their first communion. Any children in Swaffham Prior and Reach could also attend.

b) Church in Community Working Group.

i) A meeting on 25 November would discuss the Charitable Giving for the next year, and the distribution of the Millennium Gospel and Bookmark.

ii) The Archbishop would be opening Lambeth Palace to the public on Saturday 6 May. Parishioners would be asked to sign up if they wanted to go and see it.

iii) The Confirmation would be on Sat 13 May at 5.30 pm (venue to be decided).

Confirmands would make their first Communion in their own churches the next day.

iv) The Vicar said he would like to introduce Emmaus Adult Christian Education.

7. A.O.B.

The school Governors had decided that the name of the school is to be changed to Swaffham Prior Church of England Primary School.

Mark and Carol Haworth would be At Home to all parishioners on 27 December at lunch time.

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 12 at Reach Village Centre, 7.30 pm.

From the Parish Registers for November 1999

In Memoriam: Emma Elizabeth Rayment (88)

Birgit Karin Marianne Menzies-Kitchen (65)

Catherine Millicent Mat Jarvis (89) [SB]

Marie Ross (87) [R]

Gillian Mary Lester (68)



Church Services

January 2000

ST MARY'S Swaffham Bulbeck

ST MARY'S Swaffham Prior

ST ETHELREDA & THE HOLY TRINITY

2 AFTER
CHRISTMAS

8:00am
Holy Communion[†]
9:30am
Family Service

11:00am
Parish Communion

3:30pm
Family Service

EPIPHANY
1

9:30am
Parish Communion^A

11:00am
Epiphany Family Service
6:00pm
Evensong[†] and Sermon

8:00am
Holy Communion[†]

EPIPHANY
2

9:30am
Village Communion^A
6:00pm
Ecumenical Service
@ Free Church

8:00am
Holy Communion[†]

11:00am
Holy Communion^B

EPIPHANY
3

9:30am
Parish Communion^A

11:00am
Mattins[†] and Sermon
6:30pm
Ecumenical Service
@ Zion Baptist Church

8:00am
Holy Communion[†]

EPIPHANY
4

10:00am
United Group
Parish Communion^A

8:00am
Holy Communion[†]
6:00pm
Candlemass Evensong[†]
and Sermon

Holy Communion **Evening Prayer**

1st Thursdays 10am, Swaffham Bulbeck Church
Tuesdays, 5:30pm, Swaffham Bulbeck, Wednesdays, 5:30pm, Reach
Thursdays, 5:30pm, Swaffham Prior

Sunday School **Bellringing** **Housegroup**

Not meeting this term. Creche facilities available as required.
Tuesdays, fortnightly 8pm. St. Cyriacs. Contact: Dr Margaret Stanier on 741328.
Tuesdays, 8pm, fortnightly in Reach.
Contact Olivia Cole 743434, Juliet Vickery 742676

Mothers Union

1st Mondays, 2:15pm, c/o Free Church, Commercial End.
Contact Win Norton on 01223 811509

Toddlers Service

3rd Thursdays @ 11:30am for 15 minutes in Reach Church or Centre

The vicar is never too busy to **visit** anyone on urgent pastoral or spiritual

Dear Friends,

MAKING A NEW START

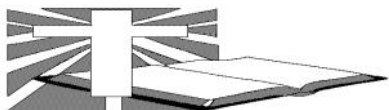
Happy New Year, and Millennium! To mark this point in history, St Mary's Parish Church like most others, is planting a commemorative *yew tree*. This will be done at 12 noon on Sunday 2nd January after the 11:00am morning service; to which everyone is particularly invited. The *completion of the church hassocks* will also be recorded in a short act of dedication at that service. At the conclusion of the planting, we shall 'raise a glass' back in church.

Regarding the gift to each household of *St Mark's Gospel, Millennium Bookmark, and the Parish Christmas Card*, please get in touch with me if the distribution network has, for any reason, not worked out correctly. Also, only children at our two village primary schools have received an additional *Millennium Bookmark*; if you have a child at a primary school elsewhere, please ask me for one. Secondary-school pupils may also have one on application.

The Millennium Resolution runs: - "Let there be respect for the earth, peace for its people, love in our lives, delight in the good, forgiveness for past wrongs, and from now on, a new start". How can we put the ideas of this into action in our own daily lives and relationships? *Respect for the earth*: We need to see that each human-being is made in the image of God for a special purpose. **'Love each other as brothers and sisters, and honour others more than you do yourself'** (Romans 12:10) *Peace for its people*: Because we are uniquely different, conflicts occur; it is how we handle and resolve our differences that matters. **'You should be quick to listen and slow to speak or to get angry'** (James 1:19). *Love on our lives*: We need to find ways in which we can be channels of God's love, above all the ability to 'stay' with people, giving time for proper conversation and appropriate affection, including those who are in any way isolated. **'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Love others as much as you love yourself'** (Matthew 22:37,39). *Delight in the good*: Thankfulness, and a seeking for the positive; true joy rather than short-lived 'happiness' **'Finally, my friends, keep your minds on whatever is true, pure, right, holy, friendly and proper'** (Philippians 4:8). *Forgiveness for past wrongs*: To forgive those who have hurt us badly is only difficult if we fail to ask for God's help; we need to remember how much we have marred the image of God in each one of us, and how much he has forgiven us. **'Forgive others and God will forgive you'** (Luke 6:37). *And from now on, a new start*: Make God the centre of your home, change your lifestyle to give priority to the family, and deepen your commitment to God and His Church. **'Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person; the past is forgotten and everything is new'** (2 Corinthians 5:17). There doesn't seem a better time to stick to life-enhancing resolutions like these.

O God, by whose command the order of time runs its course: forgive our impatience, perfect our faith, and, while we wait for the fulfilment of your promises, grant us to have a good hope because of your Word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark



Zion Baptist Chapel

Services for January 2000:

Sunday	2 nd	10.30am	Family Service
		6.30pm	<i>No Service</i>
Sunday	9 th	6.30pm	Cecil Nash (Communion)
Sunday	16 th	6.30pm	David Bousfield (<i>Joint Service with St. Mary's</i>)
Sunday	23 rd	6.30pm	Evening Service
Sunday	30 th	6.30pm	Colin Dailly
Tuesdays		8.00pm	Home Group venues as announced

Any Questions?

A recent Church survey found that as we're entering into the new millennium, more and more people are seeking direction and meaning in their lives. As they reflected on life they wanted answers to their questions; who am I, where am I going, what's the point? The survey, rather unfortunately, concluded that church was boring and irrelevant.

Yet the man behind it all was anything but boring and irrelevant. In fact he was seen as exciting! Crowds turned out wherever he went. Even the establishment saw him as far too radical for their own good, not to mention his. He made their lives exciting to the point of being extremely uncomfortable. So they plotted to get rid of him.

However for many people Jesus changed their lives. He answered their questions and gave them a purpose and direction. 2000 years, on people are still grappling with the same fundamental questions about life. If you have questions that you want answered, then maybe its worth looking to Jesus.

Lode and Zion Chapels will be running an Alpha Course in January. You may have heard about these nationally run courses in the media. They provide an easy and informal opportunity, usually over a meal or some food, to ask your questions and talk to others who are asking similar questions about life. If you would like to explore these issues then do come along. You'd be very welcome. Details can be found on the Chapels notice-boards, or you can get them by contacting me on the number below. So if you have any questions you're dying to ask, join us and ask away!

David Bousfield

Roman Catholic Church, Newmarket Parish

Masses: Newmarket: Sat 1830; Sun 0900,1030,1700;

Kirtling: Sun 0945; Soham 1700

In Bottisham Parish Church, Sun 0900 (Served from Cambridge).

From John Morrill, Deacon to the Roman Catholic Community

Happy New Millennium. May it be a new beginning and a new challenge to us all. I have been so busy in my secular job where my Faculty has been making seven new appointments and I have had to read four million words written by 28 short-listed candidates, and where my College is choosing a new Master, and I have been devising fiendish tests to try out the managerial skills of all and sundry, that I have just not been able to put my mind to profound Millennium thoughts; and however over-hyped the event has been, anything less than profound Millennium thoughts seems inappropriate. For two thousand years exactly this land and this continent have been infused with Christian teaching, Christian witness, Christian conflict so that the cultural air we breathe is as saturated with Christianity as the air around Chernobyl is with uranium dust, and that makes the Millennium a great event. Believers or not, we are contaminated by Christianity! So all I can do is offer a christian-soaked aphorism. Let our New Year Promises this year be not how we can improve ourselves, but how we can improve the lives of others. I know that by giving things up, reflecting on our peccadilloes, others can benefit incidentally; but if we set out to reach out to those in need in our community and in our world, we can benefit ourselves incidentally. Is that not the right way round? Happy New Millennium.

Donations

We are delighted to have received donations from **Hilary and Peter Mengham** and from **Swaffham Prior Womens Institute**.

Thank you!

Dates for Your Diary - January 2000

Sat	1	New Year's Day Village Lunch, Village Hall, 12:30pm
Sun	2	Yew Tree Planting, Churchyard, 12:00pm (after service)
Mon	3	
Tue	4	
Wed	5	Deadline for Village Shop replies (see page 5)
Thu	6	Deanery Mothers Union Epiphany Service, Burwell, 2:30pm
Fri	7	
Sat	8	
Sun	9	
Mon	10	
Tue	11	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2:40-3:30, Chapel 3:35-4:00pm
Wed	12	PCC Meeting, Reach Village Centre, 7:30pm Staine Hundred, "The Curse of Cromwell?" by John Morrill
Thu	13	
Fri	14	Crier Copy Deadline
Sat	15	
Sun	16	
Mon	17	WI, "Healthy Feet" by Anne Mollan
Tue	18	Deanery Synod, Wicken, 7:15pm Village Gardeners, Village Hall, 8:00pm
Wed	19	
Thu	20	
Fri	21	BVC Music Society Concert, BVC, 8:00pm
Sat	22	
Sun	23	
Mon	24	
Tue	25	Mobile Library, Cage Hill 2:40-3:30, Chapel 3:35-4:00pm
Wed	26	School Governors Meeting, 7:30pm
Thu	27	Crier Collating, Village Hall, 2:30pm Panto 2000, BVC, 7:30 nightly until 29 th , plus 2:30pm on Sat
Fri	28	
Sat	29	Diocesan Millennium Service, "2000 lights, 2000 blessings", 3pm
Sun	30	
Mon	31	Ladies Circle, Baptist Chapel, 7:30pm