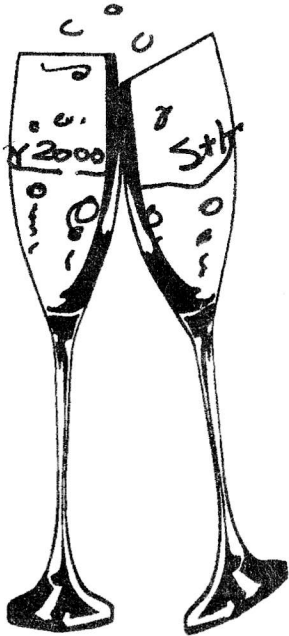


# St Hilary 2000

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## Happy New Year Happy New Century Happy New Millennium

I make no apology for the same headline as the December 1999 issue. On behalf of all the committee of St Hilary 2000 we wish you all these happy greetings.

It was a delight to see so many villagers enjoying themselves at our New Year's Eve / New Year's Day party. So many have been so kind in their appreciation of the hard work put in by the village caterers, decorators of the marquee etc. My personal thanks go to everyone who assisted. I am also grateful to Guy who turned up early on New Year's morning to

help take the tables and chairs back to the village hall.

It gives us pleasure to present you with a memento to commemorate the year 2000 in St Hilary. Hopefully these champagne flutes will remind you of pleasant memories of time spent in the company of your fellow villagers.

### *'St Hilary - a history of the place and its people'*

#### **Book publication March 4th 12.00 noon at the Village Hall**

Our own history will be formally published at this event. Most generously written by our honorary villager, Hilary Thomas, the book charts the significant events of the village and its inhabitants over 900 years. It is well illustrated and beautifully written. It will be with pride that we villagers will be presenting to both the Vale of Glamorgan council and Cardiff County Council sufficient copies of the book to place one in every primary school in their areas. As you probably realise each primary school has, as part of their core curriculum, to compare an urban environment with a rural one. We are cited by both authorities as being an example of an unspoiled rural village.

Our history should prove to be an important addition to each school's reference library, both for teachers and pupils. We are grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund for their assistance in funding this project.

Invitations to the launch of the book have been extended to the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, The Chairman of the Vale, Mr. Tony Lewis, chairman of the Welsh Tourist Board, who has kindly written the forward, John Smith M.P. and of course Hilary Thomas. More details as they are available.

Every best wish, best of health... CHEERS ... Mike Kemp ..... Chairman