St Hilary 2000

Less than two years to go

Best wishes to all villagers for a happy and healthy 1998. However, the members of your committee are mindful of the fact that we have only this and next year to complete the arrangements for the millennium celebrations.

What is in store this

year? A series of events are planned and others are being considered. In principle four or five 'social' events are considered appropriate each year, this being enough to stimulate interest without burdening organisers and supporters too much.

Take away quiz. A fund raising project which should be a painless way to raise funds. Quiz sheets are being offered to villagers, who in turn will be encouraged to sell sheets on to their friends. The cost of each sheet is only £1 so it should not hurt the house keeping too severely.

In addition to the sales we can make to our friends, Mark Hitchcock, at the *Bush Inn* has agreed to offer them at our local. This should widen the sales opportunities and increase our revenue. We are grateful to him for his assistance

The quiz has been 'borrowed' from another organisation a long way from here and when some of us 'tried it out' we had hours of entertainment. We hope you get just as much fun from it.

Quiz night. Last autumn's was a sell out. What a pleasure to see the Village Hall so full. Assessing the evening on the bar takings it was an overwhelming success. To balance the events out during the year this to be held on Friday 24 April. If it is as good as the last one then it will be brilliant. Ticket just £5 each to include a hot refreshment.

Cricket match versus St Mary Church. The one planned for last year had to be postponed twice because of the weather and then on the day it was to be held, news broke of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. This year's match we hope will be held on *July* at St Mary Church's ground. It is hoped to have a barbeque and entertainment for the younger villagers as well as a 'refreshment' tent.

Safari Supper. Following on from the numerous complimentary comments after the last one, it has been decided to hold another. The event will be held on *Friday 28th August*. Tickets will be £10 each to include wine.

Project News... The history of the Village is still being researched by Hilary Thomas. Great strides have already been made and she has a mountain of information. More is needed and interviews with some of the villagers whose families go back some time here are now planned. The The Millennium bell is also progressing. The formal detailed application has been submitted. We now have to wait for the decision which may take months. The research into the village millennium signs is still being undertaken. It now seems more likely that the local school children will be able to have an input.

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