



To all Steering Group Members

I thought it was an appropriate time to say how much I appreciate the work that you have all put in to making the project the success that it has been to date.

At the end of April Ray Elliott staged the Millennium Golf Tournament which was a great success inspite of it being postponed. The competition attracted some 17 teams who all enjoyed themselves. The many prizes that were given were the result of Ray's hard work in attracting so many local sponsors. He also organised the excellent shirts and base ball caps which carry the Wheatley 2000 emblem.

Lyn Shew put on a special Novice and Junior Horse Show as her contribution to the Millennium. Whilst I was unable to attend she told me it was a great success.

Early in May came the much anticipated publication, 'One More Millennium' organised and edited by John Fox. This has had a tremendous reception as is shown by the fact that we have already sold some 412 copies. The quality of the articles and the design of the book have been commented on many times and have resulted in many people coming forward with additional information. Congratulations John.

At the end of May Gareth Morris – Wheatley Productions - put on Wheatley 1870 as their contribution to the Millennium project. This was most apt following as it did so closely behind the launch of 'One More Millennium'. It was the first time I had seen Wheatley 1870 and I greatly enjoyed it, as did the whole audience.

Gareth and his Morris Men were great, maybe we should encourage Wheatley to bring back it's own side.

Last but not least was the Wheatley Society's Millennium Exhibition which was excellent and what is more, was very well attended, the best attendance since I have been going to their exhibitions.

Chris Sewell's (Emma Wilson Memorial Fund) Bulb Planting Project was launched at the exhibition. There was a very impressive display of photographs and please make sure this project is a success by signing up to your 'patch' and encouraging others to do the same.

Don't forget that on Saturday 8th July Kathy Keene on behalf of the Wheatley Society is organising a Safari Supper. All are welcome whether as hosts or guests. If you would like to join in please let Kathy know as soon as possible.

Looking further ahead we have Peter Wild's Concert at Shotover, already sold out and then the Wheataid Ball, which we hope will be a great success. (That word seems to be cropping up a great many times).

Later in the year Wheatley Productions are putting in the Mikado as a further contribution to the Millennium celebrations.

Finally, don't forget the photographic display which will take place at the end of the year. This will show the best of Wheatley throughout the year 2000.

With regard to future meetings of the Steering Group, I intend to call one in September, after the holiday period.

On finance, Michael has been very busy, a financial statement is attached for your information.

Our congratulations go to Ruth and Jeremy Tremaine on the birth of their daughter Ailsa, a unique Steering Group contribution to the Millennium.

Finally, please encourage the sale of our book at every opportunity as this will be our way of raising funds for distribution to our charities.

David



WHEATLEY MILLENNIUM

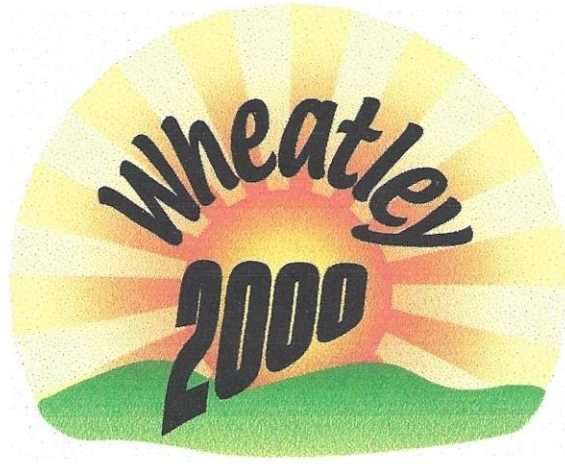
FOR SALE
Wheatley 2000



BASE BALL HATS

Price £ 6.50

Available from David Harverson 873343



WHEATLEY MILLENNIUM HISTORY

Wheatley 2000 is launching a book in April, **One More Millennium**, a history of Wheatley and Holton Park. It has been put together by villagers for villagers- writing, researching and reminiscing. Our local history is fascinating, but not easily found in a single book. And a lot of it has come to surface only recently. The making of the book has been literally, so exciting, we are confident that everyone will enjoy it. All the writers know their subject.

It is genuinely new, not a make do, with 20 articles and 35 photographs, many not seen before. Much is told in the book for the first time. Any surplus from sales will go to named charities. The book is being professionally designed and quality printed in a large format of about 80 pages. We hope it will entertain as well as inform and that everyone will be proud to have a copy to mark this special year and to help get to know their home area better. A series of walks is also planned to match up with the contents of the book.

Articles range from Wheatley in the Civil War to the 1940 Air Raid, the Russian Bell (the village love story), the Railway, the Twelfth Night burial, Cromwells Cup, the 1910 Flood, all those pubs and much, much more. Also starring Isambard Brunel, King Arthur, Glen Miller, The Hobbits and the little girl who saw the last stagecoach through the village.

Orders can be placed in advance of publication. Price £5.00 per copy (£4.00 senior citizens) by calling 01865 873343.

John Fox, Editor

David Harverson, Wheatley 2000



**MILLENNIUM
CUP GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

Saturday 15th April 2000

at the

**WATERSTOCK GOLF
CLUB**

TEAMS OF 3 MEN, LADIES OR JUNIORS

Entry Forms available from Wheatley Post
Office, Wheatley Estate Agents, The Sun,
Waterstock GC and others

Suggestions made at the January Public Meetings for the Wheatley Millennium Projects in the Year 2000

Village spring clean

Finish the windmill

Village Museum and Gallery

“Son et Lumiere” & water pageant at Shotover (+ fireworks of course !)

Fete champetie + jazz at the park and lake

Plaque on the Lock Up

Boules / petanque area

Commemorative clock at the heart of the village (not chiming please !)

Revive the market

Band stand

Revive the lecture theatre at the Primary School

Wheatley Community Drama through the ages 5-10 minutes scenes from all the major community plays etc (John O'Connor says its very do-able)

Revive the Wheatley Canoe Club

Remove overhead cables and pole outside the Bank and the Merry Bells

Identify historic hedges and trees

IT room for the village

Wheatley Web Site [www@w.co.uk] !!!

Compile and publish a directory of local businesses , self employed people. Also include local organisation.

Candles/ “Restoration”/ Beacon / Bonfire