

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO : LEISURE COMMITTEE - 11TH JANUARY 2000

SUBJECT : MILLENNIUM REPORT

FROM : HEAD OF LEISURE AND AMENITIES

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform Members of the successful millennium activities held in the Pump Room Gardens on 31st December.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Members will recall that a firework display and an afternoon of activities for the District to welcome the new Millennium, were arranged for the Pump Room Gardens from 2 pm to 6.30 pm on 31st December.

2.2 The other three towns will have a firework display and associated activities during the year 2000.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

3.1 The afternoon's activities were enjoyed by thousands of people who joined in the District's New Year celebrations and we are thankful that the weather was kind to us.

3.2 The attractions, which included the fun fair, punch and judy, and the millennium sounds proved very popular.

3.3 In addition the Royal Leamington Spa Military Youth Band provided a spectacle not to be missed as they marched and played up and down the Pump Room Gardens to the delight of the crowds.

3.4 The highlight of the afternoon was undoubtedly the entertainment led by Sue J Willis, excellently supported by the Cubbington Silver Band. The spectacular fireworks display ended with crowd singing Auld Lang Syne and boisterously Warwick District welcomed the Millennium.

3.5 Members may wish to note that at the time of writing, no complaints have been received about any aspect of the event. It should also be noted that there was no sign of unwanted boisterous behaviour and the large crowds left less than one bagful of litter behind between them.

4. KEY ISSUES

4.1 This is not really an issue that impacts on the Key Issue strategy, although the Community Key Issue states that one of its aims is to encourage the growth of communities by bringing together people with common interests.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 A spectacular afternoon of entertainment was enjoyed by thousands of people who welcomed the Millennium with Warwick District.

5.2 The success of the afternoon would not have been possible without the help and assistance of the police, local companies and agencies, the press, the performers/entertainers and our own staff and sincere thanks are extended to all for the effort and commitment shown in making the afternoon so enjoyable.
A final big thank you to all those who participated in the afternoon's activities, without whom it would not have been possible.

6. RECOMMENDATION

6.1 Members are asked for their views and comments on the afternoon's activities.

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Background papers : Nil

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Areas in district affected : Royal Leamington Spa