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MILLENNIUM SPECIAL BUMPER EDITION

ONCE IN A THOUSAND YEAR PARTY

A SMALL team, led by Sian Earlam, has been working on plans for a grand Hogmanay party in the Community Centre.

There will be something for everyone on the night including a children's disco starting at 7pm, a millennium quiz, home-grown entertainment and a specially commissioned poem from John Robertson. Entry to all events is free.

After the bells normal first-footing will be resumed!

Particular thanks must go to Bill and Lorraine Cummings who had a car boot sale to raise funds for the party.

VILLAGE ON-LINE

THE Amenities Committee have just heard that their application to take part in the com.com/holyroodproject has been successful.

Through the project BT are sponsoring the provision of PCs and internet facilities for rural community groups across Scotland with the intention of making new tech accessible in rural areas. It will also allow

local people to e-mail their MSPs.

The equipment will be ready for access in the New Year. Individuals and groups wishing to make use of the facility should contact Mick or Sally Sheehan (751 244) to arrange times.

The charge for use of the service will be £1 per hour, or part of an hour. The Amenities Committee will be responsible for the phone bill.

STEVE Ritchie is taking early retirement from his post as Circulation Manager and he will be succeeded by Becky White from January 1.

Becky will be responsible for local and postal distribution of The Blether.

Those readers who get their copies by subscription should send £2 to Becky by the end of January for the five issues planned for the year 2000. Her address is Slains Lodge, Collieston, by Ellon, Aberdeenshire AB41 8RS.

Steve, who just failed to qualify for a golden handshake, will continue as Chief Reporter.

BEACON BLAZE BECKONS NEW ERA

COLLIESTON'S Millennium Beacon will be lit at sunset on December 31 – that's 3.56 pm.

The Beacon will be sited on either Braehead or The Ness, depending on weather conditions on the day.

The Beacon will be one of 2500 lit in sequence as night falls around Britain to celebrate the Millennium.

END OF CENTURY SHOW

PUPILS and staff from Slains School all contributed to a spectacular End of the Century show in December.

All pupils from P1 to P7 were involved in a wonderful night of entertainment and reminiscence covering the 20th century.

With music from popular songs of each decade and the innovation of a catwalk rather than the conventional stage there really was dancing in the aisles.