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LICENSING HOURS FOR THE MILLENNIUM HOLIDAY

This letter gives you HS approval to proceed as you proposed in your letter of 22 June, subject to the points made by colleagues.

You explained that the Deregulation Committees had reported different views on the proposed Order: the Commons supported the proposals for all-night opening every New Year but the Lords had significant reservations. Following legal advice, you now proposed to lay an Order for a one-off event.

Replies were received from Jack Cunningham, Frank Dobson, Nick Brown, Chris Smith, and Alan Meale.

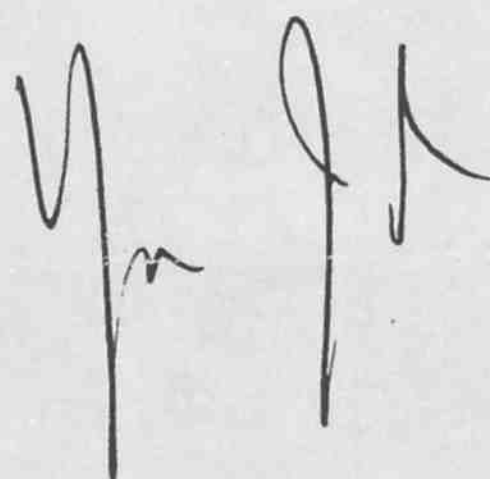
Frank was content but he remained concerned about the inevitable increase in pressure on the emergency services. The Government would need to ensure that the public was aware of its own responsibilities in behaving responsibly and the Department of Health would make sure sensible drinking messages were part of the publicity campaigns. He would also be looking for support from DETR and the Home Office to maximise synergy with the Drink Drive campaign and for police engagement with local NHS winter planning groups to ensure problems were averted wherever possible. Alan also acknowledged that the proposals could lead to a significant increase in the number of impaired drivers on our

roads with an associated increase in the number of drink drive accidents. To help prevent that, his Department was currently considering publicity campaigns for Christmas and New Year 1999/2000 taking into account the special circumstances this year.

Frank said he would also wish to explore the possibility of a police presence in A&E Departments to minimise any violence and disruption likely to be triggered by extended drinking. To reassure the House of Lords Deregulation Committee, his Department would be happy to provide a clear statement of how the NHS was planning to address the increased pressures over the Millennium holiday.

Nick, Jack, Chris and Alan hoped it would be possible for you to confirm that it was the Government's intention to consider continuing the relaxation in future years in the light of experience this New Year.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, members of HS and LEG Committees, Sir Richard Wilson and First Parliamentary Counsel.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Prescott', is centered on the page. The signature is stylized and cursive.

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30 June 1999

Dear Jennie

NMECG BRIEFING MEETING: 29 JUNE

You met Lord Falconer today, along with Robin Young, Brian Leonard and Clare Pillman.

Opening Night

Lord Falconer said that the Archbishop of Canterbury had discussed the proposals for the Opening Night with the Prime Minister, who promised to consider his ideas further. Dr Carey was now awaiting a response from No10. You agreed that once the Prime Minister had replied, I should speak to Lambeth Palace about reaching a swift agreement on the Archbishop's involvement in the ceremony. We would also need to agree with Lambeth a presentational handling strategy.

Contents

You said that there would be a brainstorming meeting on Local on Wednesday. You would discuss this, and progress on the rest of the contents with Lord Falconer and Michael Grade in the next few days.

Lord Falconer thanked you for your paper on sports content. You said that the Sports Bar would be in the middle of Skyscape, between the auditoria. Negotiations were continuing with Sky on the contents of the Bar and on securing sporting archive film. Lord Falconer suggested that a sports company should be encouraged to sponsor the Bar, but you said that Sky would not be willing to accept a co-sponsor of Skyscape. You said that you in discussion with the Sports Council about hosting live sports events at the Dome. Robin Young agreed to help secure a Sports Council secondee to work at NMEC.

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Transport issues

You said that not having a Kiss & Drop facility at the Dome, as proposed by DETR, would only make sense if the ban on cars reaching the site was properly enforced. The London Borough of Greenwich had indicated that it would only be able to police the ban for a short period. The Kiss & Drop facility was already built, and NMEC would only be willing to agree not to use it on the basis that the position would be kept under review. NMEC should reserve the right to introduce Kiss & Drop if the car ban was not adequately enforced.

You said that a deal had now been done with Sandown for parking spaces, which allowed NMEC to pull out if the facility was underused. Getting from Sandown to the Dome involved a rail journey to Waterloo and then the JLE. You agreed that visitors from the South West were more likely to use either Wembley or Swanley, as these sites involved only one change.

You agreed to provide Lord Falconer with a draft reply to Glenda Jackson, in consultation with DCMS, addressing the Kiss & Ride and parking issues (action: NMEC & DCMS).

Legacy

Lord Falconer said that he had had further discussions with officials on the legal steps necessary to allow a sub-group, from the NMEC and EP boards, to play a pro-active role with bidders in pulling together consortia. The competition had to continue to be run in such a way as to avoid conflicts of interest, both real and perceived. He was having a meeting with officials and lawyers later in the day to try to resolve the outstanding issues.

I am copying this letter to Robin Young, Clare Pillman, Brian Leonard and David North.

Yours sincerely
Mark

MARK LANGDALE
Private Secretary

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To SECRETARY OF STATE cc Brian Leonard
From Warwick Hawkins Clare Pillman
File Ref MIL 5/3/2 Clare Salters
Date 29 June 1999 David North (No.10)

Andy Clark
Paul said DCMS had
withdrawn this.
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MILLENNIUM CHURCH SERVICE FOR ENGLAND, 3RD JANUARY 2000

Issue

To show you the draft Order of Service which the planning group at St. Paul's has now prepared, and to seek your agreement to dividing the guest-list along the lines suggested below. I am copying this submission to David North at No.10 for any comments he may have.

Timing

2. Urgent. We need to set the ball rolling with Churches Together in England (CTE) and Lord Lieutenants by the end of this week, so that they can assemble the guest-list in time for us to be able to send out the initial letters of invitation by the end of July.

Order of Service

3. The proposed order of service looks promising, and meets with your requirement that the content should be characteristically English whilst being fully ecumenical. It has been drawn up in consultation with those planning the other three UK services, through the Four Nations planning group led by the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. You may find the attached explanatory remarks by the Dean helpful.

4. Given that it would in any case only be appropriate for Government to request revisions if the draft seemed actually offensive in any respect, all that is required is for us to tell St. Paul's that you are broadly content with the current draft. You may also wish us to pass on any observations which you may have on it. It will then be for the Dean to clear the text with the Palace.

Guest-list

5. We suggest that the guest-list be split along the following ratio: 45% members of the Christian Churches; 45% nominees from the public, business, voluntary and cultural sectors in the counties identified by the Lord Lieutenants; 10% "state" list (Ministers, heads of armed services, representatives of other faiths etc). Every nominee will be invited to bring one guest. Given that we anticipate an overall congregation of 2,400, this suggests that the CTE be asked to identify 540 names, the Lord Lieutenants 540 and DCMS 120.

6. Both CTE and the Lord Lieutenants are happy with these numbers. The Dean of St.Paul's had expressed some disquiet with the previous suggested distribution, which envisaged around two thirds of the invitations going to the Churches, since St.Paul's regards the Service as primarily a "national" one rather than an event for church-going Christians. Following discussions with the Dean, we believe that he will accept this compromise, which brings the Churches representation below 50%.

Conclusion

7. Are you happy for us to write to the Dean of St.Paul's, saying that you welcome the Order of Service, and passing on any observations you may have? Are you also content that we should now write to the Churches Together in England and the Lord Lieutenants, inviting them to proceed with identifying suitable guests on the basis of a 45/45/10 split?

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Warwick Hawkins', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Warwick Hawkins




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National Millennium Service for England

I am enclosing two copies of the draft Order of Service which has emerged out of the discussions of our ecumenical planning group over recent months. Full account has been taken from the beginning of the requirement that it shall be a Christian act of worship which is thoroughly inclusive and which enables both those who worship at St Paul's and those who are watching on television to share fully in what is taking place.

It might be helpful if I make a brief comment about the various ingredients that together make up the service.

Page 1 Introit The Millennium is by definition a celebration of Christ's coming into the world. The Incarnational character of the celebration is therefore being established at the very beginning by the Introit hymn. It is envisaged that the hymn will be sung in large part by the choir who will move through the Cathedral using the three aisles and thereby embracing the whole congregation in this opening act of worship.

Page 2 Bidding The emphasis in the first part of the service falls very much upon *Time and Place* before we move into the second part of the service with its emphasis upon an *Unknown Future*. This first bidding merely sets the scene for the first part of the service.

Page 3 Hymn *O praise ye the Lord* is a well known hymn which picks up the theme of Incarnation with the dominant note of praise and thanksgiving.

Pages 4 to 5 Readings What is being attempted here is a dialogue for two persons in which writings from the English tradition of Christian spirituality over more than twelve hundred years are brought into a relationship with the words of scripture.

Page 6 Jubilate Deo This setting of the *Jubilate* by Peter Maxwell Davies has been commissioned specially for this service.

Page 7 Prayers of Recollection The simple form of Litany Prayer places its emphasis upon looking back.

Page 8 Hymn This hymn marks the point of transition in the service. The words and the tune are respectively the winners of the Millennium Hymn Competition that was sponsored by the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's.

Page 9 Bidding The words that have been used in this Bidding, which sets the scene for the second part of the service, come from a notable lecture given by Ben Okri two or three years ago. He is a Nigerian poet of very great distinction and Ben Okri has already agreed to read this passage himself in the course of the service.

Page 10 and Page 12 Children's Choir These two choir items will be sung by a large choir of young children chosen from many schools. Something of the vitality of both the words and their voices point us in new directions.

Page 11 Reading I think I am right in saying that the reading of the Beatitudes will be one of the common features in all four services.

Page 13 Prayers for Renewal These prayers which are again written in a simple Litany form take us on and point us forward.

Page 14 Hymn John Bunyan's hymn *Who would true valour see* seems to be an appropriate hymn at this stage in the service.

Page 15 Sermon The Sermon will be given by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Pages 15 to 16 Act of Commitment A number of ingredients come together to constitute the Act of Commitment - a short fanfare which is again being specially commissioned for this service, a brief moment of silence, the reading of the words from St Luke Chapter 4, a second brief moment of silence, the speaking of the Millennium

Resolution by a child, the lighting of a candle, the Act of Commitment in which the Archbishop leads all of us, the Lord's prayer which again will be a common feature in all services, and a concluding fanfare. It is hoped in this way to give substance and space and symbolism to this Act of Commitment.

Page 16. Blessing It is hoped again that the words of the Blessing point us forward.

I hope you will not hesitate to come back if there is any comment that needs to be made at this stage. Obviously I hope that what has come out of a good deal of careful thought will be acceptable to all who are taking part and who have any responsibility for this Order of Service.

NATIONAL MILLENNIUM SERVICE
Draft Order

INTROIT

Of the Father's heart begotten,
Ere the world from chaos rose,
He is Alpha: from that Fountain
All that is and has been flows;
He is Omega, of all things
Yet to come the mystic Close
Evermore and evermore

By his word was all created;
He commanded and 'twas done;
Earth and sky and boundless ocean,
Universe of three in one,
All that sees the moon's soft radiance,
All that breathes beneath the sun,
Evermore and evermore.

He assumed this mortal body,
Frail and feeble, doomed to die,
That the race from dust created
Might not perish utterly,
Which the dreadful Law had sentenced
In the depths of hell to lie,
Evermore and evermore.

This is he, whom seer and sibyl
Sang in ages long gone by;
This is he of old revealed
In the page of prophecy;
Lo! He comes, the promised Saviour;
Let the world his praises cry!
Evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
Angels and Archangels, sing!
Wheresoe'er ye be ye faithful,
Let your joyous anthems ring,
Every tongue his name confessing,
Countless voices answering,
Evermore and evermore.

Words *Latin, Prudentius*
tr. *R. F. Davis*

Tune DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

BIDDING

We come as the people of God,
rejoicing in the story of His love, his coming among us in Christ Jesus, and the faith alive in our hearts.

We come as the people of this nation,
recalling with thanksgiving all that we have received over long centuries.

We come from many places with our memories, our hopes, our anxieties, our prayers for God's world.

We come to hear again the word of God, the word of forgiveness, the word of promise.

As we stand on the threshold of the third Christian Millennium, we call to mind all that has been.

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens adore him
By whom ye were made,
And worship before him,
In brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord,
All ye of new birth;
Praise him who hath brought you
His grace from above,
Praise him who hath taught you
To sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord,
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured
All ages along:
For love in creation,
For heaven restored,
For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord! Amen! Amen!
Words *H W Baker*

Tune LAUDATE DOMINUM
C.H.H. Parry

READINGS

Writers from the English tradition of Christian spirituality over more than twelve hundred years speak in dialogue with the words of Holy Scripture.

Britain, an island in the ocean, formerly called Albion, is situated between the north and west, facing the coasts of Germany, France and Spain. Britain excels for grain and trees, and is well adapted for feeding cattle and beasts of burden. It is remarkable also for rivers abounding in fish, and plentiful springs. The island was formerly embellished with twenty-eight noble cities, which were all strongly secured.

The Venerable Bede, *Ecclesiastical History*, c.731.

Thus says the Lord, I gave you a land on which you had not laboured, and cities which you had not built, and you dwell therein; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards which you did not plant. Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness.

Joshua xxv

Then I saw in my dream a town, and the name of that town is Vanity; and at the town there is a fair kept called, Vanity Fair. At this fair are all such merchandise sold as houses, lands, trades, honours; and moreover, at the fair there is at all times to be seen cheats, fools, knaves and rogues. Now the way to the Celestial City lies just through this town; and he that will go to the city and yet not go through the town, must needs go out of the world.

John Bunyan, *The Pilgrim's Progress*, c.1678.

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. What do we gain by all the toil at which we toil under the sun? I have seen the business that God has given to us to be busy with. He has made everything beautiful in its time; also he has put eternity into our minds. I know that whatever God does endures for ever.

Ecclesiastes i and iii.

Lord Jesus, I have heard you say:

'Sin is necessary
but all will be well,
and all will be well,
and every kind of thing
will be well.'

Mother Julian of Norwich, *Showings*, c.1393.

We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans xii

If you came this way,
At any time or at any season,
It would always be the same.

You are not here to verify,
Instruct yourself, or inform curiosity.
You are here to kneel
Where prayer has been valid.

So, while the light fails
On a winter's afternoon,
History is now and England.

T S Eliot, *Little Gidding*, 1942.

JUBILATE DEO

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Music *Peter Maxwell Davies*

PRAYERS OF RECOLLECTION

O God, in whom time and eternity are united in Jesus Christ, we pray to you as we recall our nation's past: our histories of triumph and tragedy.

As the stories of our people entwine with the earthly life of your Son, we give thanks that you came among us to set us free and we rejoice as we pray in peace.

For all our people who with sincerity and sacrifice have led us, inspired us and urged us in our journeys of faith:

Gracious God
Hear our prayer.

For all our people who with courage and commitment have drawn us to wonder at the glory of your creation:

Gracious God
Hear our prayer.

For all our people who with vision and energy have challenged us to explore new worlds and further horizons:

Gracious God
Hear our prayer.

For all our people who with clarity and compassion have longed to heal our divisions and hold us in our pain:

Gracious God
Hear our prayer.

For all our people whose stories are seldom told and whose graves are unmarked:

Gracious God
Hear our prayer.

Gently speak to us of the real fight and thrall of our nation's story
and through the honest exchange of love and judgement
help us to remember without fantasy
and to redeem within our power
so that even our memories, paved with gold
can beckon a way towards the future.

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN

Through the darkness of the ages,
Through the sorrows of the days,
Strength of weary generations,
Lifting hearts in hope and praise,
Light in darkness, joy in sorrow,
Presence to allay all fears,
Jesus, you have kept your promise,
Faithful through two thousand years.

Bounty of two thousand harvests,
Beauty of two thousand springs:
He who framed the times and seasons
Has vouchsafed us greater things.
Word of God who spoke creation
Speaks forgiveness, speaks to save,
Gathers still his ransomed people
In the life he freely gave.

Countless flowers have bloomed and withered,
Countless noons are sealed in night,
Shattered thrones and fallen empires,
Realms and riches lost from sight.
Christ your kingdom still increases
As the centuries unfold.
Grain that fell to earth and perished
Has brought forth ten thousandfold.

Master, we shall sing your praises,
Man of sorrows, God of power,
For the measured march of seasons
Shall at last bring in the hour
When, as lightning leaps the heavens,
You return to lead us home.
You have promised, "I am coming."
Swiftly, our Lord Jesus, come.

Words Hilary Jolly

Tune ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

BIDDING

The Millennium is a moment we have marked out; a moment when we are faced with the larger questions of time, new beginnings, the unknown.

History only knows two responses to the unknown: silence or terror; praying or panic; courage or cowardice. Which is why it is important that we clear our minds, that we listen, that we prepare ourselves for what we are going to bring about.

We are living on the cusp of wonders and terrors. Time is yet young. Is humanity exhausted? Individuals are, nations are, some civilisations are; but humanity isn't. There can be no exhaustion where there is much to be hoped for, much to work towards. Have all the possibilities of the last two thousand years been exhausted? Has Christianity really found its fullest fruition? I do not think so.

The Millennium is here already. Never again will we stand at the threshold of a new Millennium. The new Millennium happens every day. Every day is a new world. Our future is greater than our past. The most authentic thing about us is our capacity to create, to overcome, to endure, to love, to transform.

Ben Okri (extract from Mental Fight pub. Orion)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

1. Sizohamba naye (wo) sizohamba naye
Sizohamba naye (wo) sizohamba naye
ngomhla wenjabula
sizohamba naye
ngomhla wenjabula
sizohamba naye.

2. Sizohalalisa (wo) sizohalalisa
Sizohalalisa (wo) sizohalalisa
ngomhla wenjabula
Sizohalalisa naye
ngomhla wenjabula
Sizohalalisa naye.

3. Sizohlabelela (wo) sizohlabelela
Sizohlabelela (wo) sizohlabelela
ngomhla wenjabula
sizohlabelela naye
ngomhla wenjabula
sizohlabelela naye.

1. We are on the Lord's road,
we are on the Lord's road, (*rpt*)
on our way to heaven -
we are on the Lord's road. (*rpt*)
2. We shall sing the Lord's praise,
We shall sing the Lord's praise, (*rpt*)
on our way to heaven -
We shall sing the Lord's praise. (*rpt*)
3. We shall live the Lord's word,
We shall live the Lord's word, (*rpt*)
on our way to heaven -
We shall live the Lord's word, (*rpt*)
4. Hallelujah, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen (*rpt*)
on our way to heaven, Hallelujah, Amen (*rpt*)

Words and music: *Unknown*
South Africa

READING

Matthew 5. 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Words *Dan Schutte, based on Isaiah 6*

Music *Dan Schutte*

PRAYERS FOR RENEWAL

Eternal God; our history and our hopes are held in the wounded hands of your risen Son. As we look into time unknown, we pray for the people and the tasks that will weave the pattern of our future days.

To people we have yet to love, and answers we have yet to find:

Loving God

Guide us and lead us.

Through challenges we have yet to face and to courage we have yet to need:

Loving God

Guide us and lead us.

Through suffering we have yet to feel and pain we have yet to know:

Loving God

Guide us and lead us.

Towards dreams we have yet to follow and horizons we have yet to see:

Loving God

Guide us and lead us.

In the renewing of our nation and the inspiration of new life:

Loving God

Guide us and lead us

In the freedom of hope, and the promise of all creation:

Loving God

Guide us and lead us.

God of love,

You call us to follow paths as yet unknown .

Teach us not to be afraid, and give us your grace,

that we may be drawn together in life and love and peace

And in our trusting, find our future life in you.

Through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

HYMN

Who would true valour see
Let him come hither
One here will constant be,
Come wind come weather
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound-
His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
Though he with giants fight:
He will make good his right
To be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend
Us with thy Spirit,
We know we at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.

Words *John Bunyan*

Tune MONKS GATE

Adapted from an English folk song by R. V. W.

PRAYER

The Archbishop of Canterbury

FANFARE

Silence

READING: St Luke 4: 18-19

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

Silence

ACT OF COMMITMENT

A child will say the Millennium resolution:

Let there be respect for the earth, peace for its people, love in our lives, delight in the good,
forgiveness for past wrongs and from now on a new start.

A candle is lit.

The Archbishop says

Before God and in the name of Jesus Christ will you join me in this act of commitment as we say
together:

All say

We pledge for the future before us:

**to treasure the fragile earth
and defend all who are weak;**

**to promote the ways of peace
and heal the wounds of conflict;**

**to make the sacrifice of service
and honour all that is good;**

**to build a safer future for all children
and reverence the gift of life.**

This we pledge in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Archbishop says

And now as Jesus himself has taught us so we pray

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

FANFARE

BLESSING

May God the Father set us free from fear, surround us with love and strengthen us in faith. **Amen.**

May God the Son guide us in the way, lead us in truth and bring us to life eternal. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit give us grace to meet whatever comes with fortitude, patience and joy. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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28 June 1999

Dear George,

LICENSING HOURS FOR THE MILLENNIUM HOLIDAY

I have seen a copy of your letter to the Deputy Prime Minister seeking agreement to the re-laying of a one off Deregulation Order for Millennium New Year.

My Department has, as you know, long been keen to see progress in modernising the liquor licensing laws, which would remove an obstacle to the further development of our tourism and hospitality industry. Although I would obviously like to see the extension of licensing laws applied on every New Year's Eve, I would not like to see the chance of a relaxation for the Millennium New Year lost by continuing to press for the longer term change.

I agree therefore that, in the circumstances, we should proceed as you suggest. I very much hope we can make early progress in achieving longer term change, both on New Year's Eve licensing and on wider licensing reforms.

- ▶ I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

Yours ever
Chris

CHRIS SMITH

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25 June 1999

Strictly Confidential

Rt Hon The Lord Falconer of Thoroton QC
The Cabinet Office
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Dear Charles,

Thank you for your faxed letter, dated 23 June. I want first of all to repeat my gratitude for the time and attention you are continuing to devote to this matter. It is greatly appreciated.

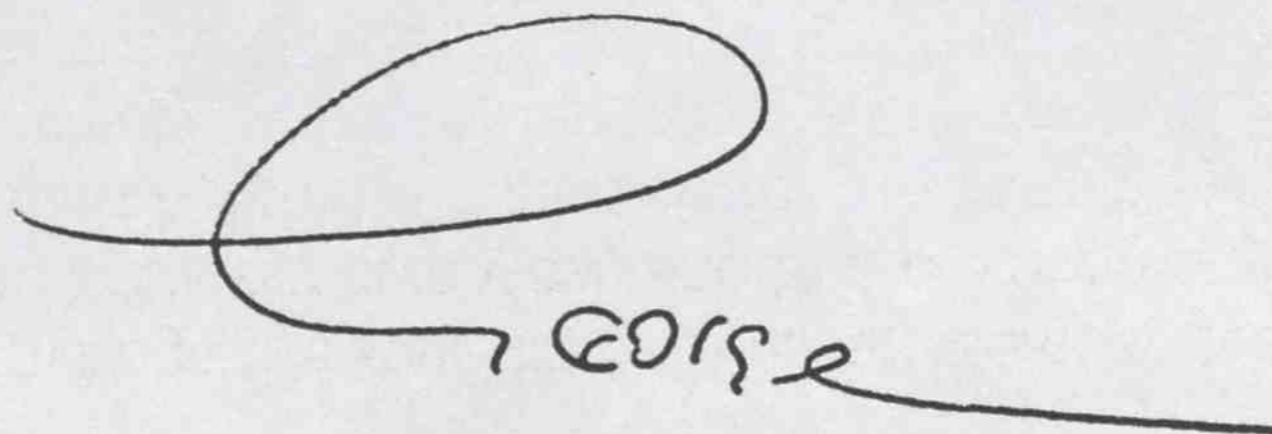
I will of course arrange for my staff to look carefully at the latest ideas for my own participation in the proceedings at the Dome on New Year's Eve, as laid out by the event organisers.

These scenarios both envisage the specifically Christian element at shortly after eleven p.m. As you know my own view, and that of very many others owing no allegiance to the Church of England, is for this to come very much closer to midnight. This would powerfully underscore the essential Christian significance of what is about to take place.

As I think you are aware, I had the opportunity to discuss all of this at some length with the Prime Minister earlier this week, and he immediately expressed agreement with my approach. Indeed, he was kind enough to undertake to look into it further.

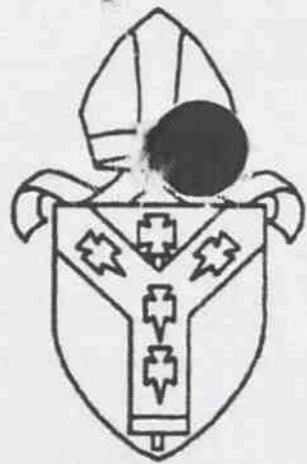
As you will appreciate, it would be entirely appropriate in the circumstances for me to await the outcome in due course of those reflections and consultations.

Yours ever,



Gordon Brown

cc: Jeremy Hayward, Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister



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To Secretary of State
Lord Falconer

From Clare Pillman

Date 25 June 1999

cc Lord McIntosh
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David North
Peter Hyman
John Newbiggin
Andy Burnham

CC PU

THE MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS: A PROGRESS NOTE

Millennium Commission

The Commission announced that they would be funding Phase 2 of the Earth Centre in Doncaster on Tuesday. Some redundancies were announced at the same time.

Millennium Experience

Content/construction/operation

2 The DPM and his ministerial team enjoyed their visit to the Dome on Tuesday, part of a wider visit to the Greenwich peninsula.

Sponsorship and budget

3 Lord Falconer has commented on NMEC's draft Annual Report and Accounts. They will be published well in advance of the summer recess. We will be putting advice to Lord Falconer next week about the proposed pay increases for the two executive directors. The Millennium Commission are considering NMEC's request to draw down from their contingency for enhancements to the content of a number of the zones.

Legacy

4 Lord Falconer should have a submission from Clare2 on this by close today.

Transport to the Dome

5 NMEC's report on kiss and ride has arrived, and meetings with GoL, LUL etc are taking place.

National Programme

6 David Blunkett launched the Design pack - one of NMEC's series of curriculum packs - from the Dome on Tuesday.

Millennium Festival

7 Nothing new to report.

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First Weekend

Dome Opening Celebration

8 NMEC announced the method of selection for the "ordinary people" element of the Opening Celebration guest list on Wednesday at their regular media forum. Invitations to the event are now being issued in batches. We had a very good meeting with Black Rod to confirm details of the Millennium Award winners event in the Royal Gallery on 31 December.

London River Event

9 The Pan-London Steering Group met on Wednesday.

Millennium Church Services and Multi-faith event

10 Clare2 is seeing the Dean of St Paul's this afternoon to discuss the English church service.

Other FWE events/issues

11 I am speaking at the Newcastle conference on Monday.

International

12 The President of Hungary's visit to the Dome went well. We are working with NMEC on a seminar in August for countries participating in or wishing to participating in Children's Promise.

Parliamentary business

The Select Committee

13 NMEC and GoL are working up the additional report to the Select Committee on transport strategy. We aim to get the draft to Lord Falconer and Glenda Jackson on Monday, with a view to submitting it to the Select Committee later that week (target = Wednesday).

P.Qs, debates and Parliamentary strategy

14 Oral Questions are on Monday afternoon; we have a pre-meeting in the diary with Janet Anderson that morning. Invitations to MPs to visit the Dome on 21 July issued from Lord Falconer today.



Clare Pillman
Head of Unit

MINUTES OF AN AD HOC MEETING HELD IN THE CABINET
OFFICE ON FRIDAY 25 JUNE 1999 CHAIRED BY MR BOSTOCK

Item 1: Millennium Declaration

The meeting had before it David Bostock's letter of 23 June to Sir Stephen Wall.

It was noted that:

- (i) The Finnish Presidency (which had the UK's ideas) were not planning a collective discussion, preferring to keep consultations to Prime Ministerial offices. They would then produce a draft. Getting this first draft right meant that it was important to stay close to the Finns. But there was no evidence that the Finns had done much serious thinking on the Declaration. Nor was it a priority for other member states;
- (ii) The Millennium Declaration was a UK initiative, which we should exploit as far as possible;
- (iii) The Vienna European Council conclusions said that the Declaration should set EU priorities. This could mean setting out a work programme or a values statement (or both);
- (iv) If goals were set in the Declaration, there was a risk that some of them would be own goals (e.g. employment targets, social standards);
- (v) There was little risk of the Charter of Rights influencing the Declaration as the Finns were ambivalent towards the Charter, and the working time scales were different.

It was agreed that:

- (a) The Cabinet Office would circulate a revised UK draft Declaration to Departments, building on the FCO paper by drawing on elements from the Prime Minister's Aachen speech and from the "Friend of Europe Group" paper.

Item 2: EIB External Mandates

It was noted that:

- (i) the Commission had produced its proposal for the EIB External Mandates in April. The Finns were planning an orientation debate at ECOFIN on 12 July;
- (ii) the guarantee rate would not have a direct impact on the level of EIB lending or on the real risks born by the EIB. On this argument, it would be better to focus efforts on reducing the overall size of the lending envelope rather than press for a high guarantee rate. Further, a low guarantee rate would help free capacity within the Financial perspective for balance of payment support which was likely to be required in the Western Balkans. On the other hand, there could be a non-automatic link between rate and lending volumes as a higher rate of guarantee would mean that the provision in the financial perspective would be exhausted more quickly;
- (iii) several of our most natural allies on budgetary issues such as Sweden, Germany and Austria were arguing for a low guarantee rate whereas a high rate was supported by Member States with some of which we would not normally agree on financial issues;
- (iv) the guarantee rate was less important for the UK than agreement on performance indicators and objectives (on which there was inter-departmental agreement);
- (v) the Secretary of State for International Development had written to the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 17 June proposing that we should block the mandates until there had been an agreement on allocation of Category 4 in which an increased share of assistance went to the poorest countries. The idea had been floated in the Working Group where it had attracted little support. Difficulties with pursuing this approach were that it implied that we might get Spain and others to agree to an increase in MEDA lending in return for a large cut in the Category 4 expenditure they received. However, it was likely that Category 4 funding for Kosovo would be based on an across the board cut and persuading other Member States to accept larger cuts to some programmes would be

extremely difficult. Further, such an approach would use large amounts of negotiating capital and was unlikely to be sustained in the long term;

- (vi) there was no requirement for an early decision on the Mandates as present arrangements did not expire until the 1st January at the earliest;
- (vii) it was common ground between Departments that there should be no reference in the Mandate to Russia. We needed to decide rapidly our line on the EIB's role with respect to Kosovo. This issue was being actively pursued between Departments with a view to settling it before Working Group on 30 June.

It was agreed that:

- (a) pending inter-departmental agreement on a way forward, we should avoid expressing a view on guarantee rates at the 30 June Working Group meeting;
- (b) subject to any points which emerged in Ministerial correspondence, the majority of Departments were of the view that we should seek support for getting decisions on the mandate and allocation of Category 4 expenditure taken together but we should not make such agreement a sticking point in the negotiations;
- (c) Treasury, DfID, FCO, UKRep and the Cabinet Office should agree a line on the treatment of Kosovo in the Mandates in advance of Working Group on 30 June.

Item 3: Follow up to Internal Market Council (IMC)/End of Life Vehicles Directive

Chocolate

It was noted that:

- (i) There was some prospect of a compromise over comitology which would give more power to the Commission and over timing to help Belgium;

- (ii) The Minister of Agriculture was to meet his Finnish opposite number the following week. The UK did not want the dossier to go cold as a wider international agreement on chocolate in Codex was being held up pending agreement within the EU;
- (iii) The Presidency was trying to persuade acting Commissioner Bangemann to drop his opposition to comitology provisions.

It was agreed that:

- (a) MAFF and UKRep would continue to work together towards a solution on the chocolate directive.

Takeovers Directive

It was noted that:

- (i) the treatment of Gibraltar in the Takeovers Directive had been the sticking point at the IMC. It appeared possible that there might be a way forward which would involve inclusion text referring to non-Metropolitan supervisory authorities. The detail drafting of such a text was being discussed between FCO and DTI;
- (ii) resolution of the issue would involve post-boxing arrangements where liability would be of central importance. It might be necessary to get some form of indemnity from the Chief Minister although there were likely to be questions of residual liability which would need consideration within Whitehall. The sort of approach which was being considered might well have wider applicability and it would be important to present it to the Government of Gibraltar as being applicable more widely, for example to insurance and banking directives;
- (iii) it was envisaged that the FCO writing round with a proposal on 28 June. If things were satisfactorily resolved within Whitehall than we would need a dialogue with the Spanish;
- (iv) in considering the issue we should remember the comments made by Luxembourg about the proposals which had given them cause for concern on on JHA matters during the UK's Presidency.

- (v) other Member States were unlikely to put pressure on us to resolve the Takeovers Directive rapidly so long as they understood that we were seeking to make making substantive progress with the Spanish.

It was agreed that:

- (a) the FCO should proceed along the lines set out in the discussion, and make proposals on how postboxing might work early in the week beginning 28 June. The Cabinet Office would then arrange a meeting to discuss the FCO's proposals.

End of Life Vehicles

It was noted that:

- (i) At Environment Council the Germans had made clear that they would vote against the Directive and they had attracted support from both the UK and Spain. The Germans appeared to have given signals that they wished to amend the Directive so that it applied to new vehicles from 2001 and existing vehicles from 2006;

It was agreed that:

- (a) The DTI should prepare a paper which analysed our substantive position on the Directive including possible changes which might be sought by Germany. The paper should be circulated by close on Tuesday 29 June. The Cabinet Office would arrange a meeting to discuss the paper.

Droit De Suite

It was noted that:

- (i) the Finns had indicated that they would pursue the Droit de Suite Directive but it was unlikely they would do so actively and it was unlikely to be on the agenda of the first IMC of their Presidency. However, we did not in practice possess a blocking minority

against the Directive. The prospect of having the dossier on the table during the French Presidency was not an attractive one.

- (ii) it was unlikely that the Commission would be keen on undertaking a study on the impact of the proposal on the EU art market and it was also unlikely that any UK based study would be conclusive. The 2000 euro figure for the level at which the royalty probably started to have an impact was probably in the right ball park;
- (iii) were we to reopen consideration of the Directive it would be possible to examine a cap, not making the Directive retroactive, and restricting it to living artists. However, doing so would run the risk that we might stoke the issue up again.

It was agreed that:

- (a) We should consider further our approach to the Droit de Suite proposal further in the light of the analysis DTI were doing on the End of life Vehicles Directive.

Cabinet Office
25 June 1999

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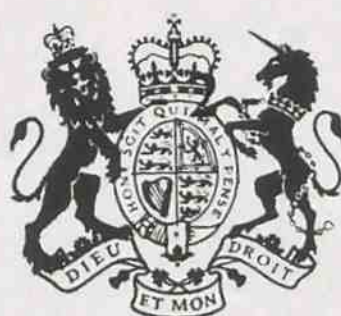
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DOME OPENING NIGHT: ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

The Archbishop of Canterbury spoke to you at the Windsor banquet on Tuesday about his involvement in the Opening Ceremony on 31 December. I have proposed that he should say a prayer just after 11pm. He would prefer to say the prayer in the final few minutes before midnight. You asked whether this would be possible and if not why not.

The Opening Night ceremony must sufficiently acknowledge the Christian significance of the event, in a way that Christians would be content. Apart from Christians, I don't think other groups (atheists, other religions, chattering classes generally) are sufficiently interested or coherent on the issue to be a real problem.

So the only constituency which needs to be satisfied is the Christians. At the same time the Opening Event, from the point of view of the Dome, must be an absolute show-stopper. There will be huge media attention on it. If at all possible, the event should leave the UK and the world with a real sense of wonder and admiration about what we have achieved in the Dome. People who see the broadcast should be left very keen to come.

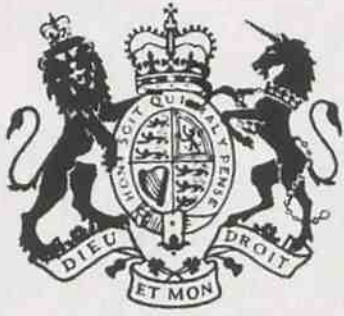


The most critical time at which the focus of the world will be on the Dome is from about 11.40, when the Queen opens it, until just before midnight when the BBC pull away as the quarter chimes of Big Ben start.

The two aims of the Opening Night therefore have to be to satisfy the Christians and to give the Dome the best start possible.

Whilst the Archbishop would prefer to get the prominence which comes from being immediately before midnight for the church, he would still come and participate if it was at just past 11pm. Moreover he would co-operate in a handling strategy to the effect that his coming at that time involved the Dome having conceded to his wish to have a prominent place in the closing ceremony i.e. he would not complain about it. I think his supporters in the media (i.e. Daily Telegraph) would accept – as long as he did – it was an appropriate concession by Dome.

The event organisers (not NMEC but professional event organisers) and the BBC both tell me that to include in the climax shortly before midnight a prayer by the Archbishop will reduce the emotional impact of the event – it would detract from the emotional power of the Dome which the event will convey. The BBC say they would pull away from the Dome earlier if the Archbishop has a prayer immediately before midnight. I don't think they would but I think it reflects their view that to have the Archbishop praying at the point immediately before Big Ben's quarter chimes – when they are pulling away anyway - will detract from what they believe would otherwise be very powerful television.



I think the interests of the Dome, and the Archbishop are both satisfied by the solution. The Christian constituency will be content, and the Dome gets a great send off. For the reasons given, I think you should write to Dr Carey to say you won't intervene (draft enclosed). It has taken us sometime to get him to this point but he will co-operate.

CHARLES FALCONER

25 June 1999

*Oh but the letter
is wrong - To show
explain specifically
what the problem is
i.e. impact & R&B.*

PERSONAL



Minister of State
Cabinet Office

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PRIME MINISTER

cc David North
Owen Barder
Alun Evans

THE MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE: PROGRESS NOTE

Construction

Still on time and within budget.

Contents of Dome

NMEC has put a lot of effort into translating John Hackney's ideas for the Body into workable, affordable plans. Jennie has agreed that Hackney should also look at other zones, particularly Global (now called Home Planet) and Play, to see what can be done to make them more fun and accessible.

JLE

I will provide you with a letter to send to John Prescott shortly on keep up the momentum on the JLE. The Virgin rail crash earlier this week is the kind of unforeseen problem that could sap HM Railways Inspectorate's resources at a critical time in the authorisation process for the JLE. We will need to get reassurance that DETR will provide HMRI with the necessary support. ✓

Church

I have done you a separate note on the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Opening Night.


Sponsorship

The IT supplier 3Com have agreed a sponsorship deal, bringing the total so far to £160m.

PERSONAL

Ticket sales

Liam Kane has been put in charge of sales, which will be launched on 22 September, with promotions in papers, radio and tv stations and through the sponsors. Tickets will be obtainable through Lottery outlets and a credit card booking phone service. Sales will be monitored on a daily basis. NMEC has done extensive surveying to identify the target audience for its sales marketing. Key groups are families and children. They are also working with the British Tourist Authority and London Tourist Board to promote the Dome overseas. Plans are also being worked up for briefing the foreign media. Early indications from the travel trade and the response to the 1m free tickets for schoolchildren are encouraging.



CHARLES FALCONER
25 June 1999

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MILLENNIUM PRESENTATIONAL ROUNDUP

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This Week's Media

Main stories:

The Sunday Telegraph carried a piece alleging that progress was slow in talks to find a role for the Archbishop of Canterbury and prayer during the opening night event at the Dome. (This kept us busy at intervals over the weekend.) The Express on Sunday claimed the Prime Minister had thrown his weight behind a scheme to allow a prominent place for prayer. On Monday Morning, the Today Programme had a trio of supporters for an act of Christian worship in the Dome on New Year's Eve. The Telegraph on Tuesday had Dr Carey prepared to concede ground. Negotiations continue.

The Queen's proclamation of an additional bank holiday on New Year's Eve this year did unexpectedly well, getting prominent space in most national dailies on Thursday.

Coverage of the announcement of revised plans for stage 2 of the Earth Centre at Doncaster and associated redundancies received some local coverage and a prominent piece in the Yorkshire Post, but thus far national attention has been very limited. The Commission and the project worked hard at containment of this story.

Other items:

The announcement of plans for the guest list at the opening night event in the Dome got a good notice

in Wednesday's Standard and a somewhat sour treatment in Thursday's Times.

Several newspapers had some fun on Friday with the news that Chinese mitten crabs are undermining the shoreline of the Greenwich Peninsula at the Dome site. They are to be dealt with by the Environment Agency.

This Week's Events

The announcement of the first awards of grant under the Millennium Festival Fund in Scotland is to be made today.

A letter is being sent by Lord Falconer to all MPs today inviting them to visit the Dome on 20 July.

John Prescott and his ministerial team visited the Greenwich peninsula, including the Dome, on Tuesday.

NMEC held its monthly media forum on Wednesday. The Company announced 3Com's IT sponsorship of the Dome. Lord Falconer recorded an endorsement for use in a video news release on Monday morning.

Details of the Dome opening night event guest list were announced at the same briefing.

Jack Cunningham is attending the topping out event at the International Centre for Life in Newcastle today: a significant media turn out is expected.

NMEC is running a nationwide appeal to the public for photographs to be included in the Dome's Self Portrait zone. A press release has been sent to regional, women's youth and senior citizens' media.

Next Week's Media

The Guardian's Seamus Milne may run a piece about the Commission-funded Caribbean Heritage Centre on Saturday.

The Sunday Telegraph team has been ringing round again trying to revive last Sunday's story. All parties are holding the agreed line that negotiations continue in respect of the opening night event at the Dome.

Next Week's Events

The Strangford Stone megalith is being pulled into place by 1,000 young people tomorrow.

Also tomorrow, the first game (South Africa vs Wales) will be played in the Millennium Stadium at Cardiff.

Voyager's press day in Portsmouth is Monday.

DCMS Oral questions take place on Monday afternoon. I will be in the press gallery. We will brief Janet Anderson earlier in the day.

A conference is being held on Monday in Newcastle to bring together representatives from 22 cities to talk about Millennium Festival events over the First Weekend. A photocall involving the Mayor and children has been organised to mark Newcastle's signing up to Children's Promise.

Jennie Page is giving a briefing on the Millennium Experience to the London diplomatic corps at St James's Palace on Tuesday.

Chris Smith will be present with the Queen at the Opening of the Dynamic Earth project in Edinburgh on Friday. Arrangements for the event are being handled by the Millennium Commission. A group of foreign correspondents are visiting Dynamic Earth and the University of Highlands and Islands next week.

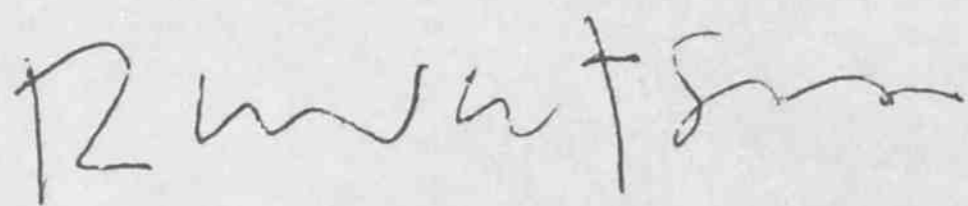
Chris Smith has also been offered a brief visit to Millennium projects in Newcastle following the Edinburgh event.

Next week's meeting of the media/PR group for the London River Event will include a visit from Mike Horne, who masterminded the media handling and PR for the World War Two Commemorations in 1995.

Future Opportunities

Among the short term opportunities being worked on at present:

- * a visit to Liverpool by Chris Smith and Lord Falconer on 9 July has now been agreed and an itinerary for the day is being worked up;
- * a further Channel 4 News film on the Millennium; they are interested in the proposed joint visit by Chris Smith and Lord Falconer to the Dome in July;
- * Lord Falconer's attendance at the event being planned to mark the students' graduation at the NMEC Summer School on 16 July;
- * a visit to Scotland by Lord Falconer is now likely to take place on or about 30 July;
- * visits for Janet Anderson and Alan Howarth to coincide with future stops by the Millennium Voyager and to visit other Millennium projects. We have provided a list of Millennium visits which might be worked into the Minister's schedule of regional visits to promote the Tourism Strategy.



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| 25/06/1999 | Yorkshire | | Dales Environment | Summer ball | A fund raising evening | TA: Project Supporters | | Mill. Comm. Press Office 0181 880 2007 |
| 25/06/1999 - 27/06/1999 | Strangford, Northern Ireland | | The Strangford Stone | A weekend of activities with the stone being pulled into place on Saturday 26th June at 2:00pm, followed by a concert. | Lord Glentoran will be attending. The Sec. of State for Northern Ireland has been invited. | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in projects such as The Strangford Stone which serve to unite people. TA: General public, community leaders, media. | Regional and national media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 25/06/1999 | Newcastle | 11:00 | International Centre for Life | Topping out visitor attraction centre | Dr. Jack Cunningham, MP, to attend. Ellen Dempster and Doug Weston (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in innovative projects which increase our understanding of science and technology. TA: General public, media, Specialist groups | Regional, national and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 25/06/1999 | Bath | 12:00 | Twerton Village Hall | Topping out ceremony. | Don Foster, MP attending. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects supporting our local communities. TA: General public, local media. | Local media and BBC TV expected. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 26/06/1999 | Cardiff | | Millennium Stadium | Opening | David Baird (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing Lottery money in those projects which encourage the regeneration of our great cities TA: Specialist groups, MP's, general public, media. | Regional, national and specialist media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 26/06/1999 | Preston | 19:00 | South Meadow Lane Centre | Cultural evening and prize draw. | Mayor of Preston attending. | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in this community project. TA: General public, local media. | Local and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 26/06/1999 02/07/1999 | Portsmouth | 10:15 | Millennium Voyager | Launch Open to the Public for 1 week. | Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects | Voyager will take the message round the UK that the Millennium Commission projects are delivering a valuable legacy TA: Local, regional and specialist press. General Public and opinion formers. | VIP/Press day 28/07/1999 | Mill. Comm. Kate Hardcastle 0171 880 2009 |
| 27/06/1999 | Suffolk | 15:00 | Rural Churches in Community Service | Claydon Old Chapel dedication service | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in those projects which support our local communities. TA: General public | Local press | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 28/06/1999 | Newcastle | | Newcastle Millennium Conference | Newcastle City Council (with support of NMEC/Millennium Commission) have organised this Conference as a follow up to the Edinburgh Hogmanay Conference | | | | DCMS Rod Watson 0171 211 6356 |
| 28/06/1999 | House of Commons | 15:05 | Oral PQ's | DCMS Oral PQ's | | | Press Officer in Gallery | DCMS Rod Watson 0171 211 6356 |
| 28/06/1999 | Ewell, Surrey | | | Millennium Fair - Glyn House, Ewell | | Raising public awareness about the Millennium Experience within the regions. TA: Regional Public. | Regional Public. | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 28/06/1999 | Dome | | | No cameras allowed into the Dome this whole week ~ central show construction material being installed | | | | NMEC Gabrielle Owtram 0171 808 8226 |
| 29/06/1999 | St. James's Palace | 18:30 | | Ambassadors Briefing | Jennie Page to speak. | | No media | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |
| 29/06/1999 | Edinburgh | 10:00 | Edinburgh Environment Partnership Millennium Awards | Launch of this award scheme | Vanessa Scott (MC) is attending. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in supporting ordinary people doing extraordinary things. TA: General public, environmental groups, local councils. | Regional, local and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 30/06/1999 | Rochester, Kent | | | Millennium Fair - Princes Hall, Corn Exchange | | Raising public awareness of the Millennium Experience within the regions. | Regional Media. | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 30/06/1999 | N/A | | | Festival applications complete | Millennium Commission, Lottery Distributors | | | NMEC Tim Cattle-Jones 0171 808 8365 |
| undated June Tentative | New Mill. Pier | | | Travel trade trip to New Mill. Pier | | | | NMEC Jacinta Johnston 0171 808 8655 |
| 01/07/1999 | Millennium Dome | | Scope and Capability Millennium Awards | Photocall in front of the Millennium Dome. | Lizzy Pearce, Andrew Farrow, Tanya Joseph (MC) is to attend. Sita Indrani (The Bill) and Paul Hendry (Presenter) are attending. | The Millennium Commission is encouraging ordinary people to do extraordinary things by investing lottery money in this award scheme. TA: General public, award winners, community leaders. | Regional, National and specialist press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 01/07/1999 | Jazz Cafe, Camden | 20:00 | Gospel Choir Festival Project | Cheque handing over ceremony and concert. | Rena Sodhi (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in making the year 2000 memorable for cities, towns and communities all over the UK with celebrations involving thousands of people. TA: The general public, media, specialist groups. | Regional and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 02/07/1999 | Edinburgh | 09:00 | Dynamic Earth | Official opening and press briefing | HRH the Queen, Chris Smith, MP, Lord Dalkieth to attend. This is a landmark project - 1 of nearly 30 around the UK. | The Millennium Commission is encouraging environmental sustainability - one of our key themes. This project is one of a range of environmental initiatives around the UK. TA: National, Regional Media, specialist press and General Public | National media, specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 05/07/1999 - 11/07/1999 | London | 10:15 | Millennium Voyager | Launch. Open to the public for 1 week. | Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects | Voyager will take the message round the UK that the MC projects are delivering a valuable legacy. TA: Local, regional and specialist press. General Public and opinion | VIP/Press day 05/07/1999 | Mill. Comm. Kate Hardcastle 0171 880 2009 |
| 05/07/1999 | Kings Lynn | 18:00 | North Sea Haven | Reception for donors | Earl of Leicester to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects that provide opportunities for life long learning. TA: Donors, educational groups, environmental groups. | Regional and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 05/07/1999 | River Thames | | | City Cruises launch (major event, possibly travelling to the Dome) | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |

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| 06/07/1999 | Brighton, East Sussex | | | Millennium Fair - East Wing, Brighton Centre | | Raising public awareness of the Millennium Experience within the regions. | Regional media. | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 09/07/1999 Tentative | Liverpool | | | Lord Falconer and SoS on joint visit to launch Liverpool's Millennium Festival plans. | Lord Falconer to visit the National Wildflower Centre and NMEC regional conference. SoS to visit Raleigh International's Award Scheme, a project supported by the Millennium Commission. | Further details to follow. | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 09/07/1999 Tentative | tbc | | Millennium Experience | Tickets for Greenwich Residents announcement. | | TA: Greenwich Residents. | | |
| 09/07/1999 | Wettenhall, Cheshire | 18:30 | Rural Churches in Community Service | St. David's dedication and confirmation service. | | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in projects such as this one. TA: General public | Local press | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 10/07/1999 | Knottingley | 19:30 | Rural Churches in Community Service - Edward the Confessor | Concert and buffet | Archdeacon of Pontefract | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in this centre. TA: general public | | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 10/07/1999 | Cambridgeshire | 12:00 | Buckden Village Community Centre | Official opening | John Major will officially open this centre. Graham Savage, Kate Burditt, Richard Mountain (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in this community centre. TA: General public | Regional media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 12/07/1999 | London | | Action 2000 - Millennium Bug issues. | NIF Press Conference. | Press conference with industry regulators - speakers to be arranged. | | | Action 2000 Elizabeth Allen 0171 215 2000 |
| 13/07/1999 | Westminster | 08:30 | String of Pearls Festival Event | Half day seminar | Chris Spiceley (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is supporting Festivals which celebrate the year 2000, making it memorable and leaving a lasting legacy for the future. TA: Architects, general public, Festival sponsors. | Specialist media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 15/07/1999 | London | 10:00 | Hungerford Bridge Millennium Project | Photocall and briefing to press. | Mike O'Connor (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing in the regeneration of our great cities by supporting projects which encourage revitalisation. TA: General public, media, specialist groups, MP's and opinion formers. | National, regional media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 16/07/1999 | Durham | | Turning the Tide | Procession along the sculpture trail. | Ellen Dempster (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects that encourage environmental sustainability to ensure a greener, cleaner future for us all. TA: General public, local council, specialist groups. | Regional and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 16/07/1999 | Birmingham | 20:00 | Age Concern Millennium Awards | Jazz concert at Ladywood Community Centre | | The Millennium Commission is supporting ordinary people in doing extraordinary things by investing lottery money in award schemes. TA: General public | Local media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 19/07/1999 | Washington | | Millennium Centres: Washington | Opening of the centre | Chris Spiceley (MC) to attend. Duke of Edinburgh to officiate | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in centres such as this one. TA: General public, media. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 21/07/1999 | London | 17:00 | The Scarman People's Trust Millennium Awards | Can Do Day Reception | | The Millennium Commission is supporting ordinary people doing extraordinary things. TA: General public, award winners and specialist groups. | Regional media and specialist media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 22/07/1999 | Garston | 14:45 | Millennium Centres: Garston | Royal Visit | Chris Spiceley (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing lottery money in projects such as this centre. TA: General public. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 25/07/99 | TBC | | | Launch of Big Time with Nick Raynsford | | Details of River Event on New Year's Eve 1999. | Press Briefing | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |
| 27/07/1999 | Mile End, East London | 12:00 | Mile End Park | Green Bridge Opening | Ray Anderson (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects which will regenerate our great cities. TA: General Public, media, specialist groups. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 27/07/1999 | London | | London Readiness 2000 | Six month conference; follow up to the conference held in December - further details to be confirmed. | | | | GOL Tracy Ivers 0171 217 3079 |
| 28/07/1999 | Shireshead, Lancashire | 09:15 | Rural Churches in Community Service | St. James' dedication service. | | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in projects such as this one. TA: General public | Local press | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 30/07/1999 | Castle Esple, Comber | | Sustainable Communities Millennium Awards | Training / refresher day for NI judging panel | Dawn Conde (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in ordinary people doing extraordinary things. TA: Award scheme. | | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| undated July 1999 | Co.Fermanagh | | Kesh Boat park | opening | | The MC will be supporting our communities by investing lottery money in the Kesh Boat park TA: Local media and general public. | | Mill. Comm. Press office 0171 880 2007 |
| undated July | 110 Buck. Palace Road | | | 13th Media Forum | | | | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8308 |
| undated July | 110 Buck. Palace Road | | | Annual Report and Accounts published | | | Press conference (tbc) | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8303 |
| undated July | tba | | | TV and Outdoor advertising | 2nd Phase tbc | | | NMEC Ruth Wicks 0171 808 8320 |
| 01/08/1999 Tentative | tbc | | Millennium Pier | Millennium Pier completed. | | | | |
| 27/08/1999 | Dome | | | Meridian promenade construction complete | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 31/08/1999 | JLE Line | | | JLE trains run (North Greenwich to Waterloo) | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| August 1999 Tentative | Edinburgh | | Water of Leith | Opening of visitors centre | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects which are encouraging environmental sustainability. TA: General public, specialist groups, media | Regional, national media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| undated August Tentative | 110 Buck. Palace Road | | | 14th Media Forum | | | | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8303 |
| 01/09/1999 | TBA | | | Awards for all announcement | | | | NMEC Tim Cantle-Jones 0171 808 8365 |
| undated Autumn | London | | | NAO report on public sector and the bug. | Publication of 4th NAO report on progress across central government and the wider public sector. | | | NAO Steve Doughty 0171 798 7357 |
| Autumn 1999 Tentative | tba | | JLE | JLE trains run Waterloo to Green Park | | | | |
| 01/09/1999 | Transit Line | | | Millennium transit link to rail line complete | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 01/09/1999 Tentative | TBA | | | Dome tickets go on sale to public | | | | NMEC Sholto Douglas-Home 0171 808 8263 |
| 05/09/1999 | Petersborough | | Petersborough Millennium Green Wheel Project | Launch of Phase Two | Chris Spiceley (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in those projects which encourage environmental sustainability. TA: Environmental groups, local council, general | Specialist and regional press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 07/09/1999 | Dome | | | Opinion Former Visit | Lord Rogers, Jennie Page attending | | No media | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |

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| 08/09/1999 Tentative | tbc | | | Announcement about the Transaction zone | | | | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |
| 10/09/1999 | Co. Fermanagh | | Kesh Boat Park | Launch | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in those projects which are encouraging regeneration. TA: general public, local | Regional media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 12/09/1999 | Derbyshire | 15:00 | Rural Churches in Community Service: St. Mary the Virgin | Annual Clypping service | The Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire will attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects which support our local communities. TA: General public. | local press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 13/09/1999 | Egerton | 16:00 | Egerton Village Hall | Official opening | Jim Briscoe (MC) is to attend. The Countess of Mountbatten is attending. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects that support our local communities such as this village hall. TA: General public. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 20/09/1999 Tentative | TBC | | | Millennium Show event | | No further details available yet All to be confirmed | | NMEC Gabrielle Owtram 0171 808 8226 |
| 22/09/1999 | tba | | | 100 days to go | | | | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8303 |
| 22/09/1999 | TBA | | | Consumer ticket launch/100 Days To Go media event | | | | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8303 |

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| undated September Tentative | London | | | Economic Impact Assessment for Millennium Experience | Greenwich Council, English Partnerships & NMEC have commissioned this report | Good news on jobs/regeneration plans. | | GVC Andrew Parry 0181 305 3403 |
| undated Sept. Tentative | tba | | | 2nd Granada series begins | | | | NMEC Fiona Cline 0171 808 8314 |
| 27/09/1999 | TBC | | | Children's Promise Month begins | | | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 30/09/1999 | Bournemouth | 18:00 | Sustrans: Millennium Cycle Network | Evening fringe event | | The Millennium Commission is supporting projects which encourage environmental | | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| undated Oct. | tba | | | Party Conference receptions | | | | |
| undated Oct. | Eversley Primary School | | | Launch of Eversley Primary School's 'Mini Dome' | | | | |
| 04/10/1999 | TBC | | | Voices of Promise "Books of Songs" - published and ready for sale | | | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 06/10/1999 | M&S Stores | | | Voices of Promise CD on sale in M&S Stores | | | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |

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| 15/10/1999 | Leicestershire | | National Forest millennium Discovery Centre | Laying of Foundation Stone | Chris Smith, MP to lay the stone | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in this educational centre as it will provide opportunities for life long learning. TA: General public, media, specialist groups | Regional, national media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 21/10/1999 | tbc | | | Blackfriars pier completion | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 28/10/1999 | Northants | 18:30 | Rural Churches in Community Service: Halse Mission Building | Re-dedication service. | | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in this community centre. TA: General public | Local media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 29/10/1999 | Dome | | | Footpaths/Cycleways complete | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 30/10/1999 Tentative | JLE line | | | JLE trains run (Waterloo-Green Park) | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 11/11/1999 | Waterloo Pier | | | Waterloo Pier Completion | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |

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| 16/11/1999 | London | | Help the Hospices Millennium Awards | Presentations to the Awards winners as part of the annual national conference. | Martyn Lewis to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in Awards Schemes which encourage ordinary people to do extraordinary things, TA: General public, media, award winners. | Specialist and national media expected | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 28/11/1999 | London | | | New Year's Eve event: Advent Sunday | | | | NMEC Greg Hayman 0171 808 8235 |
| 06/12/1999 | Dome | | | Meridian point complete | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 31/12/1999 | TBA | | | DoC | | | | NMEC |
| undated Dec. Tentative | tba | | | Travel Trade previews | | | | |
| undated Dec. Tentative | tba | | | Consumer previews | | | | |
| Late 1999 Tentative | tba | | | South Bank Show on the Central Show | | | | NMEC Ross Cook 0171 808 8308 |
| 01/01/2000 | Dome | | | First performance of the Millennium Show | | | | NMEC Gabrielle Owtram 0171 808 8226 |
| 01/01/2000 | Thames River | | | Full river boat public service | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |

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| 03/01/2000 | Dome site | | | Festival "kick off" | | | | |
| 04/01/2000 | Dome | | | Our Town Story - Stirling | | | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| undated jan. Tentative | tba | | | Multi-part BBC documentary series about project begins | BBC | | | NMEC Fiona Cline 0171 808 8314 |
| 15/01/2000 | TBA | | | Voices of Promise Final | | | | NMEC |
| 15/04/2000 - 16/04/2000 | tbc | | Earthwatch Millennium Awards | Two day conference | Heather Cooper is to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in schemes which promote the use and understanding of science and technology. TA: Specialist groups, general public | National, regional, specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 28/04/2000 | Salford | | The Lowry | Official opening | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects such as this which provide the opportunities for life long learning. TA: General public, opinion formers, specialist groups. | Regional, national, specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| Spring 2000 Tentative | London | | Millennium Bug | NAO report on the public sector and the bug. | Publication of 5th NAO report on progress across central government and the wider public sector [what problems actually arose and what can we learn for future government-wide projects] | | | Cabinet Office Kristian Armstrong 0171 238 0373 |

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LICENSING HOURS FOR THE MILLENNIUM HOLIDAY

I have seen George Howarth's letter to you of 22 June in which he seeks colleagues' urgent agreement to a one off Deregulation Order to extend normal licensing hours for a twelve hour period for this year's New Year's Eve/New Year's Day, to celebrate the Millennium.

As my Department has previously noted, this will inevitably increase pressures on A&E departments and ambulance services as well as the other emergency services. Nevertheless, given the exceptional nature of this one off event and the fact there is likely to be a significant increase in alcohol consumption on or off licensed premises, I am prepared to support the proposal. However, we shall need to ensure that the public is aware of its own responsibilities in behaving responsibly and the Department of Health will make sure sensible drinking messages are part of our publicity campaigns.

We shall also look to support from DETR and Home Office in this to maximise synergy with the Drink Driving campaign and for police engagement with local NHS winter planning groups to ensure problems are averted wherever possible. We should also wish to explore the possibility of a police presence in the A&E departments to minimise any violence and disruption likely to be triggered by extended drinking.

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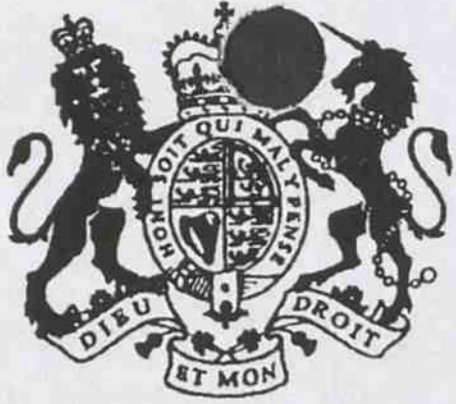
To reassure the House of Lords Deregulation Committee, my department will be happy to provide a clear statement of how the NHS is planning to address the increased pressures over the Millennium holiday.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of George Howarth's letter.


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Dear Jennie

NMECG BRIEFING MEETING: 22 JUNE

You met Lord Falconer today, along with Robin Young, Clare Pillman and David North.

Opening night

You said that Michael Lockett and Avril McCrory had had a further meeting on Monday with Jeremy Harris and Colin Fletcher at Lambeth Palace. The options were that the Archbishop of Canterbury should say a prayer at around 11.03 either from the Prayer Space, which could be shown live or recorded on screens in the central arena, or live from his seat in the central arena. Lambeth Palace was attracted to the idea of the Archbishop holding the first service in the Prayer Space. Buckingham Palace would need to be consulted on the Queen's potential involvement. The BBC would broadcast either option, but probably not until around 11.10pm, in order to have time to set the mood following the coverage of the midnight celebrations on the continent.

Lord Falconer said that he would try to arrange a private meeting with the Archbishop very quickly, to see if an "in principle" agreement could be reached on a prayer shortly after 11pm.

You said that John Tavener's involvement with the Millennium Resolution would be announced at Wednesday's regular Media Forum. The selection arrangements for distributing tickets to members of the public for the Opening Night would also be publicised.

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Body zone

You said that Litmus has endorsed John Hackney's ideas for the Body zone, and good progress had been made in ensuring they were deliverable. Letters would be going to the Millennium Commission and the Shareholder about the need to drawn down funds from the contingency to cover the additional expenditure. The original design company was being retained to deliver the exterior Body space. Their work and Hackney's would have to be closely integrated.

Play zone

Lord Falconer said that, while there was no suggestion of going back to the drawing board, the Play zone needed an injection of fun and to be made more accessible to children and teenagers. You said that Litmus had endorsed the plans. The entrance and exit areas were being revisited by the designers to make them more fun, but more substantial change would require cancellation of contracts and risk missing completion deadlines. The games in Play had been picked on the basis of being cutting-edge and unique to the UK. Getting new games at such short notice would either mean having games that were commercially available or so cutting-edge that their reliability and usability would be untested. You agreed that Michael Grade and you should have a further meeting with Lord Falconer within the next fortnight to discuss how to enhance both Play and other zones (**action: Maria Daniels**). You also agreed to send Lord Falconer a list of "wow" factors before the meeting (**action: NMEC**).

Other zones

You said that Litmus had asked for more work to be done on the proposals for Local. You and Michael Grade had seen Hugh Hudson to discuss his concerns about the film for Global. He was now happy with the working arrangements. The design team was looking further at the "experiential" nature of the ride. A meeting was being held tomorrow to discuss the items for inclusion in National Identity. You agreed with Lord Falconer that the contents of the zone should be provocative and become a talking point, rather than being a predictable collection of everyday items and images. You had agreed with John Hackney that once he had completed his work on the Body, he should be involved in adding the "stardust" to other zones, including Living Island. Lord Falconer said that it had been suggested that some of the zone names, such as Shared Ground and Home Planet, could be made more interesting. You explained that the names had been agreed after extensive discussions within NMEC and with the respective sponsors. You agreed to consider whether any further changes could be made.

Sport

Lord Falconer said that he had had a meeting with Tony Banks about sport in the Dome. It was important that as well as live sport, the Dome included sports related items and recorded sports pictures and film. You said that plans for the Sports bar were progressing as was the proposal to make the educational visits

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centre a venue for live sport. You said that you would send Lord Falconer the "sports audit" by the end of the week (**action: NMEC**).

JLE

Lord Falconer said that London Underground's (LU) latest monitoring report suggested that they were on target to complete the JLE, including all the stations, by the end of October. You said that it was essential to have at least the connection to Waterloo up and running before tickets went on sale in September. On current forecasts this should be achieved. However, the departure of David Bailey in August would leave a significant gap in LU's senior management team. The pressure needed to be kept up both on LU and HM Railways Inspectorate to ensure that the JLE was delivered on time. Lord Falconer agreed to speak again to Helen Liddell (**action: Maria Daniels**).

Legacy

Lord Falconer said that, following his discussion with officials, he hoped it would now be possible to give Sam Chisholm, Alan Cockshaw and Bob Ayling a more pro-active role in managing the legacy competition. It was important to maintain the momentum of the competition and for a more pro-active approach to be taken in identifying and bringing together the leading bidders. It went without saying that conflicts of interest between the 3 board members and bidders would have to be avoided. The other members of the NMEC and English Partnerships' Boards would be able to oversee the process and provide reassurance to Ministers that the competition was being run in a fair and appropriate way. You said that it would be important to avoid a proliferation of professional advisers in the process. Clare Pillman agreed to speak to Brian Leonard about providing advice on how the new arrangements should work (**action: Clare Pillman**).

Parking and Kiss & Drop

You said that NMEC were working on the basis of a pro rata reduction of parking spaces from the figures agreed by the London Borough of Greenwich as part of the original planning permission (4,000), when the anticipated number of visitors was higher. Lord Falconer said that Glenda Jackson had raised concerns about the apparent lack of progress on securing parking spaces at Sandown, which were important for visitors from the South West. You said that you hoped that Sandown could be agreed. Kempton was an alternative.

You said that the consultants' report on Kiss & Drop had just been received. The key question, however, was whether or not London Underground intended to ban Kiss & Drop at North Greenwich station. If they didn't, NMEC would provide a Kiss & Drop facility, which had in any case already been built. If they did, it would be important for the car ban (other than for staff and Orange Badge holders) to be properly enforced. The London Borough of Greenwich had said that they would only police the ban for 2 weeks. If this happened, NMEC would

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not be prepared to pick up the cost of enforcing the ban properly. You agreed to provide Lord Falconer with a draft reply to Glenda Jackson (action: NMEC).

Camelot

You said that Camelot had proposed that its second Millennium National Lottery Draw be broadcast from the Dome. While this would present a number of problems, including contractual wrangles between Sky and the BBC over broadcast rights, such a deal would provide excellent publicity for the Dome. The National Lottery had of course provided the majority of the funding for the Dome. Lord Falconer said that there could be no possibility of having a draw in the Dome before midnight on 31st December or while the Queen was still attending the Opening Night event. He agreed to consider the idea further. You agreed not to finalise any deal with Camelot without consulting him further (action: NMEC).

I am copying this letter to Robin Young, Clare Pillman and David North.

Yours sincerely

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Dear George,

LICENSING HOURS FOR THE MILLENNIUM HOLIDAY

Thank you for copying to me your letter of 22 June to John Prescott.

From my Department's sponsorship perspective it is important that at the very least we deliver a Millennium Order. In view of the difficulties which you describe, while I would therefore endorse your intention to proceed with a Millennium-only Order, I would hope that it will be possible for you to confirm in due course that it is the Government's intention to consider continuing the relaxation in future years in the light of experience this New Year.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, members of HS and LEG Committees, Sir Richard Wilson and First Parliamentary Counsel.

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Dear John,

LICENSING HOURS FOR THE MILLENNIUM HOLIDAY

George Howarth has written to you, in your role as chair of HS, to seek your agreement to re-lay the order extending licensing hours solely for the Millennium New Year's Eve.

I sympathise with the Lord's concern about public safety, and welcome the fact that this extension will be limited to the Millennium New Year in the first instance, rather than every New Year as was originally envisaged.

The proposals could lead to a significant increase in the number of impaired drivers on our roads with an associated increase in the number of drink-drive accidents. To help prevent this, my Department is currently considering publicity campaigns for Christmas and New Year 1999/2000 taking into account the special circumstances this year.

As George says in his letter, we will be able to give consideration to options for future years in the light of experience of the coming New Year.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, members of HS and LEG Committees, Sir Richard Wilson and First Parliamentary Council.

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23 June 1999

Dear George,

LICENSING HOURS FOR THE MILLENNIUM HOLIDAY

I have seen a copy of your letter of 22 June to John Prescott seeking comments on how to proceed following the reports by the Deregulation Committees on this proposal.

I fully support your suggestion to re-lay the Order, taking into account the amendment suggested by the House of Lords Deregulation Committee to limit the proposal to the Millennium. I agree that the Committee would almost certainly reject the Order if you continue to press for a relaxation of licensing hours for all subsequent New Years. However, I remain of the view that there is a strong case for relaxation in future years which we should pursue in the light of the Millennium experience.

My officials are in contact with yours about the logistics of re-laying the Order on Monday 28 June.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, members of HS and LEG Committees, and to Sir Richard Wilson and First Parliamentary Counsel.

As ever,

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JACK CUNNINGHAM

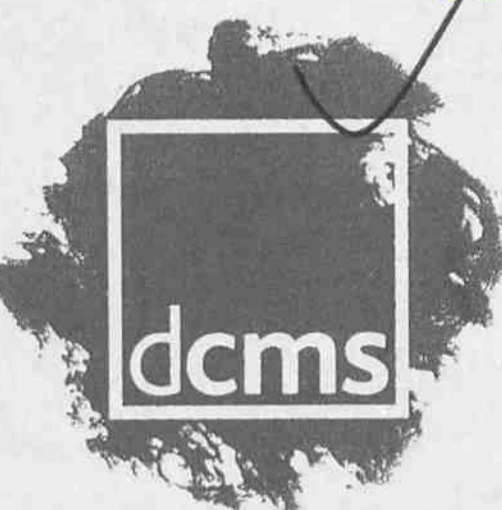
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Dear Colleague,

With apologies for the delay, I am enclosing for your information a copy of the first in a series of Information Bulletins, which this Unit issued to members of both Houses of Parliament in April. Whilst there have been new developments in some areas in the intervening two months, I nevertheless hope that you will find this a useful resumé of where the Government, the Millennium Commission and the New Millennium Experience Company had reached by the spring of 1999 in taking the various Millennium programmes forward.

There is no copyright in this document and you are free to copy and make use of it as you see fit. Copies of the next issue will be sent out in the late summer.

Yours sincerely,

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Millennium Celebrations in the United Kingdom

An information bulletin for members of both Houses of Parliament, April 1999



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Introduction

- A great many Millennium projects in the UK are being supported by the **Millennium Commission**, which was established under the National Lottery etc Act 1993 to assist communities to celebrate the year 2000 and the start of the Third Millennium. The Commission receives 20% of the net proceeds of the Lottery, and has no other income. During its lifetime its total income will exceed £2 billion. This is supporting:
 1. CAPITAL PROJECTS, LARGE AND SMALL, THROUGHOUT THE UK;
 2. A PROGRAMME OF MILLENNIUM AWARDS TO INDIVIDUALS;
 3. A MILLENNIUM FESTIVAL IN THE YEAR 2000 (with other Lottery distributors);
 4. THE MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE AT GREENWICH AND ITS NATIONAL PROGRAMME.
- Information about projects can be found on the Commission's website: www.millennium.gov.uk. "Voyager", the travelling exhibition which promotes the Commission's Awards schemes and capital projects, is embarked on an eight-month tour of UK cities, drawing thousands of people wherever it goes.
- Information about the Dome and the Millennium Experience National Programme can be found on the Millennium Experience website at www.dome2000.co.uk.

Section 1: Capital Projects

- To date the Commission has awarded grants totalling **£1.26 billion** to **188 capital projects** at around **3,000 sites** across the United Kingdom, ranging from landmark projects to new halls and community greens in country villages. It provides funding of up to 50% of the capital costs of projects.
- All projects will be accessible to the general public, and each is linked to one or more of the five broad themes that emerged from the application process. Some examples follow:

"Encouraging Environmental Sustainability" (Total grants £346m)

The Sustrans Millennium Cycle Route, a 6,500 mile cycle route throughout the UK (£43.5m);
The Eden Project in Cornwall, an international centre exploring the relationship between humans and plants in the world's largest greenhouse, built in a worked-out china clay pit (£37.2m);
The Millennium Link, re-opening the Forth & Clyde and Union Canals to provide a navigable link between Edinburgh and Glasgow and the East and West coasts of Scotland (£32.2m);
The Millennium Seed Bank at the Royal Botanic Gardens' Sussex site, which will store frozen samples of 25,000 species of UK and foreign fauna for conservation and study (£29.9m).

"Revitalising our Cities" (total grants £301m)

Millennium Point, a world-class centre for technology and learning which will regenerate the Digbeth area of Birmingham (£50m);
The Earth Centre, a state-of-the-art world centre for environmental research in the former coalmining area of Denaby near Doncaster (£50m);
The Odyssey Project, a major development on the East side of the River Lagan in Belfast, providing a mixture of education, entertainment and sporting activities (£45m);
The new, international standard **Scottish National Stadium** at Hampden Park, Glasgow (£23m).

"Promoting Science and Technology" (total grants £274m)

@Bristol, a landmark project for the South West, regenerating a derelict site with the Science World and Wildscreen attractions (£41.3m);
X-site, a new science centre for Glasgow which will incorporate a planetarium, interactive theatre, exhibition galleries, a Millennium Tower, an IMAX cinema and civic works (£35m);
The International Centre for Life in Newcastle, a landmark project for the North East combining a high-tech visitor centre with a world-class genetic research facility (£27m);
The National Discovery Park, Liverpool, which will bring the latest innovations in IT and communications to the general public in an entertaining way (£27m).

"Investing in Education" (total grants £224m)

The Tate Gallery of Modern Art, a new national art gallery housed in the old Bankside Power Station in London (£50m);

The University of the Highlands and Islands, electronically linking research institutions and colleges to create new learning opportunities for people in North and West Scotland (£33.3m);

New Technopolis, an educational complex in Norwich city centre including a Millennium Library, business and learning centre, auditorium and heritage attraction (£30.1m);

Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff, providing a lyric theatre, performance space for the Welsh National Opera, museum, IMAX cinema and HQ for the Welsh Academy of Writers (£27m).

"Supporting our Communities" (total grants £115m)

21st Century Halls projects to build or refurbish Village Halls and Community Centres across the UK (£28.2m);

Changing Places, a Groundwork Foundation project to reclaim wasteland at 21 sites in England and Wales, thereby enhancing the environment and benefiting local people (£22.1m);

Millennium Greens – 250 new Village Greens throughout England, all designed by local communities and incorporating a variety of uses (£10m);

New church bells to Ring In the Millennium, rural churches adapted for community use, church floodlighting.

Section 2: Millennium Awards

- Millennium Awards are small Lottery grants, averaging about £2,000, to enable individual people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to put their own bright ideas into action, fulfilling a personal goal and in doing so enriching their communities in the new Millennium.
- The Commission has allocated £200m for Millennium Award schemes. £100m of this will be invested permanently to carry the work of the Awards forward into the new century.
- Awards are made to individuals through grant-giving organisations – Awards Partners – which run individual Award schemes in partnership with the Millennium Commission. Awards Partners contribute partnership funding of a minimum of 10% towards the cost of the scheme.
- 57 organisations have so far been identified as Awards Partners. These organisations will receive over £56 million in total, covering grants to over 18,000 individuals. By the early years of the new Millennium, 40,000 people will have received Awards.
- So far the youngest award winner is 12 years old and the oldest 92.

Current Awards Partners include:

Community Service Volunteers (Award total £1.6m) 300 Awards to young people aged 14-25 years for projects which forge new partnerships between schools, colleges and universities and their local community.

Prince's Trust (Award total £2.7m) 2,500 Awards to excluded young people, encouraging them to create and implement local projects such as community cafes, helping them to develop new skills and improve the quality of life of local people.

Raleigh International (Award total £1.9 m) 360 Awards to young people from three UK cities, enabling them to work together on community and environmental projects in their home cities and in developing countries such as Malaysia, Chile and Uganda. For example, 112 people from Leeds received an Award of around £4,500 each to travel to Malaysia in Autumn 1997. On return the recipients used their newly acquired skills to work together on a local community project.

Help the Aged (Award total £2.5m) 1,250 Awards to people over 60 living in remote rural areas, enabling them to share their talents, experiences and enthusiasms with others living locally, for instance by producing a local news magazine.

- On 21 January, the Prime Minister launched the Millennium Commission's Awards Fellowship. This will confer a unique accolade on people who have successfully completed their Millennium Awards projects.
- Millennium Fellows will form a network through which they will continue to share the experience and expertise developed during and since their participation in the scheme, to the benefit of the whole community, well into the third Millennium.
- Information about the Millennium Awards Fellowship can be found on the fellowship website at www.starpeople.org.uk.

Section 3: Millennium Festival

- A **£100m Millennium Festival** will fund national, regional and local celebrations in the year 2000.
- All the National Lottery distributing bodies, except the new Opportunities Fund, are co-operating in the Festival and contributing funds. The New Millennium Experience Company – NMEC, the organisation responsible for the creation, building and day to day operation of the Millennium Experience – is channelling private sector sponsorship into the Festival.
- A huge variety of sporting, artistic, religious, heritage and charitable projects and community celebrations will qualify for Festival awards. To receive grant, projects should in one way or another celebrate the new Millennium, encourage activity in the community, develop an understanding of our heritage or culture, promote sport, educate for the future or encourage international links.
- The Festival is application-driven, with two application rounds: large-scale projects over **£5,000** (now completed) and community-based projects between **£250** and **£5,000**.
- In Birmingham on 22 February, Chris Smith announced the award of grants totalling **£53.7m** to larger projects in England. Donald Dewar, Kim Howells and John McFall made similar announcements for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. In all, more than 1,000 grants were announced, covering an extraordinarily diverse and imaginative range of celebrations.
- Festival events and activities will be funded over the First Weekend of the year 2000, including New Year's Eve, in the centres of 21 major towns and cities around the UK.
- No further large applications are being considered, but the second funding round – Millennium Awards for All – opened in April 1999.

Millennium Festival projects announced in the first round include:

2,500 Millennium Beacons across the country, to be lit on New Year's Eve;

Millennium Youth Games: the potential to involve every 11 to 16 year-old in the country, a quarter of a million talented young people expected to take part in county games, best young sporting hopes representing their home areas at the national finals in 2000;

Celebrate your Environment, a chain of 'green festivals' in communities across England and Wales: involving local people in making improvements to their surroundings, encouraging respect and support for the environment, bringing communities together to pledge its protection for future generations.

- Anyone interested in the Millennium Festival can register an interest by calling the **Millennium Festival Awards for All helpline** on the following numbers: **0845-600-2040** for England, **0645 700 777** for Scotland, **0345 273 273** for Wales and **01232 526 690** for Northern Ireland.

Section 4: Millennium Experience

- The Millennium Experience comprises the Dome at Greenwich, situated on the Prime Meridian and home of Greenwich Mean Time, and its associated National Programme of events across the UK. It will be the centrepiece of the UK's Millennium celebrations in the year 2000, and the greatest Millennium event in the world.
- The project has progressed rapidly and remains on time and on budget.

Major Milestones before 1999

June 1994 – the Millennium Commission announced the concept of an exhibition to mark the Millennium;

February 1996 – the Commission selected the Greenwich peninsula site;

January 1997 – the previous administration announced, in agreement with the opposition of the day, the basis on which the Millennium Exhibition project would proceed;

February 1997 – the operating Company for the exhibition came into being;

May 1997 – the new administration carried out a thorough review of the exhibition;

June 1997 – the new administration gave their full support to the project, and work began on site;

February 98 – the Prime Minister announced initial details of Experience content and the first £59m in sponsorship commitments;

June 1998 – Marks and Spencer announced as fifth £12m Official Sponsor, Dome external structure completed, with the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Chris Smith, Peter Mandelson and Michael Heseltine attending the topping-out ceremony;

July 1998 – first meeting of the Millennium Youth Council, announcement of innovative water recycling scheme for Dome, supported by Thames Water;

August 1998 – first tranches of auditions to recruit young performers for the Millennium Show;

November 1998 – Boots announced as £12m Official Sponsor supporting the Body zone, McDonald's announced as £12m Official Sponsor supporting Our Town Story, GEC and British Aerospace announced as joint sponsors for the Mind zone, new details of designs for Body zone and Mind zone published;

December 1998 – details of Spirit Zone announced, with the support of the Christian Churches and other faiths through the Lambeth Group, first phase of marketing strategy launched with "Imagine" advertising on TV, billboard and national press to raise awareness of the Millennium.

- Lord Falconer of Thoroton is the sole shareholder of NMEC, and as such is accountable to Parliament for the work of the Company. He is also responsible for ensuring that the Company meets the Prime Minister's five commitments for the Millennium Experience:
 - it will result in no extra burden on the public purse;
 - its content will entertain and inspire;
 - it will be a truly national event;
 - it will provide a lasting legacy; and
 - the management structure of its operating company will be made up of the best business and creative talent.

Funding

- The Millennium Experience has an overall cash budget of £758m to meet the costs of the creation, building and operation during the year 2000 of the Millennium Experience.
- Those costs will be partly covered by a grant of £449 million (gross) in Lottery proceeds from the Millennium Commission (representing about one fifth of the Commission's grants across the UK). This grant recognises NMEC's cashflow requirements in advance of the Experience opening and operating income being received.
- The remainder of NMEC's forecast income, totalling £359m, will derive from sponsorship, commercial activities, visitor revenues and disposal income.
- £142m of sponsorship has now been committed to the Millennium Experience – well over twice as much money as has ever been raised in any private sponsorship initiative in this country. NMEC's £150m target is now well within its grasp subject to further, final negotiations.
- BT, Manpower, Tesco, BSkyB, Marks & Spencer, Boots the Chemist, Ford and McDonald's have been announced as Official Sponsors. Each is contributing at least £12m. Other sponsors announced and committed at Board level are the Corporation of London, BA, BAA, GEC, BAe, Camelot, Walls, and L'Oreal and Roche (in association with Boots).
- The Company held a highly successful event in the new Preview Centre at the Dome on 5 March, marking 300 Days to Go until the Dome's opening. A live message of support from the Prime Minister was relayed to the Dome, highlighting the £50m National Programme which is now involving hundreds of businesses, thousands of schools and many thousands of people. At the event, Ford was unveiled as a major new sponsor, committing £12m to the Journey Zone.

Dome Contents

- There will be 14 Zones in the Dome, with the working titles: Body; Work; Learn; Transaction; Play; Journey; Local; Living Island; Communicate; Faith; Global; Rest; Mind; and National Identity. Work on the installation of their content is progressing on time. In addition, a 500-seat theatre will host Our Town Story, and Skyscape – a new multi-use entertainment venue with the biggest cinema screens and the largest theatre stage in the UK – is being built alongside.
- Rock star Peter Gabriel is assisting Mark Fisher – a British architect with a track record for creating spectacular concerts – in the production of the Millennium Show in the central area of the Dome. 12,000 visitors will be able to watch the show several times each day.

National Programme

- NMEC's National Programme is made up of a series of UK-wide events, activities and initiatives running from mid 1998 to the end of 2000. It will make the Millennium Experience accessible and inclusive to people all over Britain.
- The National Programme includes the Learning Experience – a range of education projects designed to ensure that the Millennium Experience makes a practical contribution to education across the UK as well as within the Dome, not just in the year 2000 but beyond. Teams from NMEC

are working to bring National Programme activities to voluntary groups, schools, churches, local authorities and businesses. People interested in participating should access the NMEC website or contact their local NMEC office on the following numbers:

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| West Midlands | 0121 2366 4210 | East | 01223 366 818 |
| East Midlands | 01536 41 2000 | Yorkshire & Humberside | 0114 263 4282 |
| North West | 0161 236 0866 | London | 0171 808 8247 |
| North East | 0191 261 0203 | Wales | 01222 228 224 |
| South East | 0181 407 1362 | Scotland | 01259 219 905 |
| South West | 0117 929 2124 | Northern Ireland | 01232 526 313 |

National Programme initiatives include:

Children's Promise – supported by Marks & Spencer, this is set to be one of the largest appeals ever seen in Britain. Everyone in the UK is being asked to donate the value of their final hour's earnings of this Millennium, to benefit the children of the next. Also part of this programme, **Voices of Promise** is a competition for children across the country to write a song for the Millennium, which may be performed in the Dome;

Manpower's National Skills Festival – in partnership with the Prince's Trust and UK SKILLS, aims to raise the profile and standard of skills throughout the UK; **BT Future Talk** – will involve thousands of schools and workplaces across the UK, and provide opportunities for everyone to improve their communication skills;

Tesco's SchoolNet 2000 – children will capture life in their communities through pictures, words, poems and interviews, to form a new Internet 'Domesday Book' website. 13,000 schools have already registered;

MacDonald's Our Town's Story – a key link between the Dome and communities around the country, allowing 211 towns to take their place on the Our Town Story stage in the Dome;

BSkyB Reach for the Sky – an inspiring initiative to help young people discover their talents and expose them to the opportunities and career choices open to them in the new Millennium; and

British Aerospace's Engineering Our Future – through science events, teaching materials and engineers' visits, this project aims to enthuse young people to become engineers and scientists.

Economic Impact

- As a direct result of the Millennium Experience 2,000 construction jobs have been created or protected, and 5,000 jobs will be created during the year-long operation of the Experience. In addition, an estimated 3,000 further jobs should be produced in secondary markets.
- The new operator of the Dome after 2000 is expected to provide new employment opportunities in Greenwich, and the Millennium Experience workforce will provide a pool of highly-trained employees for the expanding tourist industry.
- The British Tourist Authority has estimated that the Millennium Experience will bring in £300-500m additional overseas tourist revenue, and between 10,000-15,000 tourist related jobs. The 'halo' effect of this influx could mean an extra £1bn to the UK economy. The Millennium Experience is a catalyst for the regeneration of the wider Greenwich peninsula. A 32 acre Millennium Village of 3,000 new homes and 50 acres of new public open space is to be created on the peninsula, combining state of the art design with the highest environmental standards.
- Substantial improvements are being made to public transport systems to and from Greenwich. The new station for the Dome at North Greenwich is the largest underground station in Europe. Travel time to North Greenwich on the Jubilee Line Extension from Waterloo in central London will be only 13 minutes.
- £21m is being allocated to boost new passenger transport systems on the Thames as part of the Thames 2000 initiative. New vessels, new services and new and upgraded piers will help to transform the capital's river. 1 million people are expected to travel by boat from central London to the Dome using the new river services.
- These improvements in Greenwich will help to continue to attract business into the Thames Gateway area, leaving a lasting economic legacy from the Millennium Experience.

Ticketing

- Up to 1 million school children will have free admission to the Dome as part of the Education Tours Scheme announced by the Prime Minister on 17 March. Schools will be able to take part in a series of draws for free education visits for up to 100 children per school. Details of the scheme will be announced to schools in June.
- On 18 March ticket prices for the Millennium Experience were announced, with attractive discounts for families and groups. Full details are given in the following table:

| Group Rates | £ | Individual Rates | £ | Education Rates | £ |
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| 'Family Five' ticket (2 adults + up to 3 children, or 1 adult and up to 4 children) | 57.00 (@11.40 each) | Single adult | 20.00 | Students/college visits | 14.50 |
| Senior citizens (groups of 15+) | 12.00 | Children under 5 | Free | School visits (all ages) | 8.00 |
| Adults (groups of 15+) | 17.50 | Children ages 5-15 inclusive | 16.50 | Education tours (ages 8-16) | Free |
| | | Students | 16.50 | | |
| | | Senior citizens | 18.00 | | |
| | | JSA40 holders | 12.00 | | |

- The ticket prices have been set at a level to encourage as many people as possible from across the UK and abroad who wish to visit the Experience to do so. They will offer very good value for money compared to other major attractions, and enable the Company to meet its budget. The standard adult price for the Experience (£20) is similar to the Lisbon Expo (£18 in 1998) and more affordable than the Hanover Expo 2000 (£23.50).
- Tickets will be on sale from September onwards at any National Lottery outlet, from a call centre and from the NMEC website (www.dome2000.co.uk). NMEC is working with rail and coach operators to develop and implement attractive travel packages. For example, National Express is proposing to offer a lead package price for return coach travel and admission to the Dome for £29.99 inclusive from anywhere in England, Scotland or Wales.
- The travel trade is already reporting heavy demand for accommodation and travel packages.

Long-term use of the Dome

- The Dome itself is built to last – it could be standing for decades into the next century, and possibly into the one after that. NMEC's decision to switch from PVC to PTFE-coated glass fibre for the roof covering means that the roof material would last for at least 25 years without any major refit. The steelwork has a design life of at least 60 years.
- On 4 March, Charles Falconer and Nick Raynsford hosted a press conference to launch a competition to find a sustainable alternative use for the Millennium Dome when the Millennium Experience finishes at the end of 2000.
- Initial expressions of interest from organisations with a serious interest were due by 26 March. Outline proposals are to be received this autumn, followed by financial offers in the winter from short-listed bodies. A winner will be selected by spring 2000.

Section 5: Latest News

- A one-off, additional **Bank Holiday** has been announced for Friday 31 December 1999.
- The **Government** is working closely with the Christian Churches on a series of **Millennium Church Services** in the four capitals of the UK on the afternoon of Sunday 2 January 2000.
- The Millennium Commission has announced that it will provide £5 million to towns and cities across the UK, including the four Home Countries' capitals, to ensure that fitting public celebrations can take place to mark the beginning of the year 2000.
- NMEC has released the first details of its Opening Night event at the Dome. A majority of the 10,000 invited guests will be members of the general public. Buckingham Palace has announced that the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the event.
- On **24 March** the New Millennium Experience Company launched the **Work and Learn Zones within the Dome**. The zones will occupy the same building, which will feature exterior walls made from the largest revolving panels in the world.
- The Work Zone, sponsored by Manpower, will highlight the new world of work, and further details of the zone will be revealed shortly. The Learn Zone, sponsored by Tesco, presents the new world of learning in an unusual and imaginative way accessible for all ages.
- On **26 March** Chris Smith opened Phase One of the Earth Centre, a state-of-the-art world centre for environmental research and sustainable technology near Doncaster.
- The Millennium Commission's capital projects are now opening at the rate of around one a week, and will continue to do so until the end of the year 2000.
- On **29 March** NMEC announced **Skyscape**, the UK's biggest cinema screen and London's newest state-of-the-art entertainment venue. Previously known as Baby Dome, this prestigious venue will be located next to the Dome. The estimated 50,000 visitors to the venue every day will be entertained by a diverse programme of events encompassing the best in film, live comedy, music, dance, opera and cabaret.
- On 12 April Chris Smith launched the Millennium Festival Awards for All in England. By the end of April, Lottery distributors in all four countries of the UK will be considering applications for grant between £250 and £5,000. Those wishing to register an interest should telephone the numbers given above.

From: David North
Date: 22 June 1999

PRIME MINISTER

cc: Jonathan Powell
Alastair Campbell
Jeremy Heywood
Anji Hunter
Godric Smith
James Purnell

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DOME OPENING NIGHT: ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

1. Charlie wants to warn you that the Archbishop of Canterbury might try to speak to you over the phone in the next few days about the Dome Opening Ceremony. Charlie is very keen that, if you do speak to the Archbishop, you should stick firmly to our negotiating line, namely that **it will not be possible for the Archbishop to say a prayer in the Dome just before midnight, but that he can have a prominent slot just after 11pm.**

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The Details

2. Negotiations with Lambeth Palace about the Archbishop's role in the Opening Ceremony have been grinding on for weeks. Agreement with his officials was reached on Friday that the Archbishop should say a prayer in the Dome during the final hour before midnight, which would also be broadcast live on BBC1. The only question was whether it should be at around 11.03pm (i.e. formally opening the final hour of music) or at 11.55pm (i.e. the last thing before the chimes of Big Ben).

3. The Archbishop is pressing for the latter and for live BBC coverage. NMEC, the BBC and Charlie's view is that 11.03pm is the only acceptable option, because:

- the final hour will be a musical and theatrical extravaganza, with no spoken words; stopping at the last moment for a prayer will destroy the momentum and emotional build-up to Big Ben;

- the BBC will not broadcast the prayer by the Head of the Church of England live just before midnight, because it would break its remit of inclusivity (both of other churches and non-Christians). It is however willing to broadcast it live at or around 11.03pm, as part of a series of shots covering all the main churches;
- the Christian significance of the Millennium must be recognised, but the Lord's Prayer at 11.55pm is going too far and risks excluding too many people. It would also give the Archbishop an unduly prominent role, not afforded to the Queen or to you;
- the 11.03pm slot is a prominent one: the Archbishop would effectively be "opening" the final hour; the Millennium Resolution (a "multi-faith" prayer composed by a committee of churches) will be sung just before midnight.

4. Charlie made these points to the Archbishop today. The Archbishop is now on the verge of accepting the 11.03 option. But he may have one final attempt to get his way through you before agreeing. So Charlie is very anxious that you hold to his line.

David

DAVID NORTH

but is that so bad?
How are people really
affected by the cards
prayer?

George Howarth MP



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22 June 1999

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LICENSING HOURS FOR THE MILLENNIUM HOLIDAY

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HARPER COLLINS BOOK OF THE DOME

The Prime Minister agreed to provide a foreword to the Harper Collins Book of the Dome (see your reply to my minute of 17 May - copy attached).

As agreed, I attach a draft foreword. I would be grateful if you could get the Prime Minister's approval.

One minor additional point: the front cover will include a sub-title referring to the foreword (e.g. Foreword by the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Tony Blair MP). Could you advise on the correct wording please.

Mark

MARK LANGDALE



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Mark Langdale

cc: Clare Pillman

*Thank you. The PM would
be grateful for a draft.*

HARPER COLLINS BOOK OF THE DOME

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The New Millennium Experience Company is producing, in collaboration with their licensed publishing partners (Harper Collins, Dorling Kindersley and Booth Clibborn) a number of publications on the Dome. They would like the Prime Minister, if he is willing, to write the foreword to a short, illustrated coffee table book about the creation of the Dome. Attached (your copy only) are sample pages, to give you an indication of the scale and style of the book.

Lord Falconer recommends that the Prime Minister agrees. If he does, NMEC will of course provide a draft.

Mark Langdale

MARK LANGDALE

DRAFT FOREWORD TO HARPER COLLINS BOOK OF THE DOME

The Millennium matters.

It matters because of what it is, and what it symbolises. It matters because the year 2000 represents the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Christ. It matters because it is a significant milestone in the history of the western world. Something to be celebrated, commemorated and marked accordingly.

At all such milestones and anniversaries, we reflect on the past and consider what it means as we approach an unknown future. The Millennium is no different. It is a time when our traditions, our heritage and our culture come together with our hopes and aspirations for the future. The Millennium celebrations throughout the United Kingdom, with the Dome as the centrepiece, provide us with an opportunity to do that together.

The Dome is already recognised as one of the most powerful symbols of the Millennium. Its awe-inspiring structure is famous the world over and it has captured the imagination of many. Its site by the Prime Meridian at Greenwich - the "home of time" - is particularly symbolic. But its value and importance extend well beyond its location and architectural interest. The exhibits within the Dome will provide a powerful presentation of life in the UK at the end of the second millennium - who we are, what we do and where we live - and what the future could have in store for us.

The Millennium Experience will be wonderful. It is something of which all of us in the United Kingdom should be proud. It is about us. We have created it together. We will participate in it together. That is why it matters and that is why I am pleased to associate myself with it. I want the year 2000 to be something we can all look back on with pride. A time when we came together to celebrate and to make a difference for the future.

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To Secretary of State
Lord Falconer

cc Lord McIntosh
Janet Anderson
Robin Young
Brian Leonard
Paul Bolt
Andy McLellan
Clare Salters
Rod Watson

From Clare Pillman

Date 18 June 1999

David North
Peter Hyman
John Newbigin
Andy Burnham

THE MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS: A PROGRESS NOTE

Millennium Commission

At their meeting on Wednesday, the Millennium Commission agreed that they would fund a revised Phase 2 of the Earth Centre subject to support from key partners (ERDF through the Government Office for Yorkshire and Humberside and Doncaster Council) and management changes at the project. This is now being negotiated.

Millennium Experience

Content/construction/operation

2 The Litmus Group met on Tuesday and were very positive about the "in-body experience". The framework for the body is now complete. The Lambeth Group considered the detailed contents of the Faith zone on Tuesday - they were very positive about it, particularly the photographs for the crystal pillars. I would urge any of you who have not been down to the Dome recently to visit - you do get a real sense of what it will look like inside now.

Sponsorship and budget

3 NMEC's draft Annual Report and Accounts are with Lord Falconer for comments. They will be published well in advance of the summer recess.

Legacy

4 Brian and Clare² had a helpful discussion with Lord Falconer this morning about the involvement of NMEC and EP Board members in driving the competition process in a way which did not create a conflict of interest. We hope to be able to put the NMEC/EP Boards' recommendations for the long short-list of bidders to you and the DPM next week.

Transport to the Dome

5 Discussions between NMEC, LT and GoL continue on kiss and ride. NMEC are due to receive their consultants' report on this early next week.

National Programme

6 Robin Young has a submission recommending that DCMS formally signs up to Children's Promise. Separately, we have plans in place to include a note about it in the

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next DCMS Personnel Bulletin.

Millennium Festival

7 As an indication of take-up for the small grants round of the Festival in England, 38,000 application packs have been sent out, and, to date, 1300 have been returned.

First Weekend

Dome Opening Celebration

8 NMEC are likely to announce the method of selection for the "ordinary people" element of the Opening Celebration guest list next Wednesday at their regular media forum. Invitations will start to issue at the same time. Lord Falconer had a good meeting with the Archbishop of Canterbury today to discuss his involvement in the opening event.

London River Event

9 Nothing new to report.

Millennium Church Services and Multi-faith event

10 The IFN have now formally responded to the Secretary of State's letter about the Multi-Faith Event and plans are developing well.

Other FWE events/issues

11 Preparations are well in hand for the conference in Newcastle on 28 June. The next conference will take place in Belfast on 6 September (just after Northern Ireland's Millennium festivities begin).

International

12 We met the Luxemburg Millennium team this week. They are keen to participate in "World Stage". Next week the Hungarian President is visiting the Dome.

13 We are meeting NMEC, the FCO, Marks and Spencers and others to discuss the possibility of holding a conference for countries participating in Children's Promise in late July/early August.

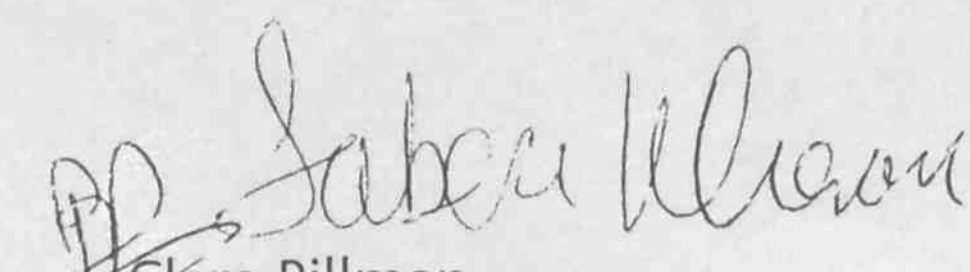
Parliamentary business

The Select Committee

14 No news is good news!

P.Qs, debates and Parliamentary strategy

15 We are working on Oral Questions for 28 June.


Clare Pillman
Head of Unit

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| To | 1. SECRETARY OF STATE | c c | Lord McIntosh | Mike Ricketts (CO) |
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MILLENNIUM PRESENTATIONAL ROUNDUP

(Copy recipients please note: NMEC circulates lines on all running stories with its daily press summaries. If you do not receive these summaries and would like more information on any particular line, please contact NMEC press office. Lines on Commission business are also circulated as necessary and are available from its press office.)

This Week's Media

Main stories:

The News of the World ran a Dome feature on Sunday, highlighting the content announcements which were to follow the next day. Good quotes topping and tailing the piece from Lord Falconer, who was interviewed earlier in the week by the News of the World's journalist. There were good trails for the announcement in several Sunday papers.

The Monday morning event at the Dome received very extensive broadcast and newspaper coverage in national and regional media. The general tone was enthusiastic and positive.

The Millennium Commission's pre-brief of the regional lobby and regionally tailored press releases about the Award Scheme, marking 200 Days to Go, received extensive coverage, majoring on Chris Smith's suggestion that people should take up the opportunities the Awards represent. A summary is attached.

Other items:

The Independent on Sunday magazine had an interview with Zaha Hadid, designer of the Dome's Mind zone.

The Daily Telegraph carried a big positive feature about the Eden Project in Cornwall on Wednesday.

Friday's Standard said that a housing boom on the scale of the late 80s property market surge is at its most intense in the areas nearby the Dome at Greenwich.

This Week's Events

NMEC marked 200 days to go on Monday at the Dome Preview Centre with a major announcement on content. Lord Falconer attended and spoke and gave a number of interviews to print and broadcast media. He also made an early morning visit to the Dome the same day to appear live on GMTV and speak to Talk Radio. He also gave a short interview and staged a walkabout with the BBC documentary crew.

On Tuesday a dinner for sponsors' Chief Executives was held at the Dome Preview Centre.

On Wednesday the BT Future Talk initiative was launched.

Chris Smith gave an interview to Adam Nicholson, who is writing the authorised account of the Dome's creation, on Monday afternoon.

Scottish MPs and East Midlands MPs were given a briefing on the Millennium celebrations this week.

Voyager visited Truro this week with a press day on Thursday. BBC Radio Cornwall did a 40 minute live programme from Voyager and West Country television attended.

A further meeting to discuss arrangements for launching the London New Year's Eve river event was held this week. A press notice and Q&A is being worked up now in anticipation of a launch with Nick Raynsford at the end of the month.

Next Week's Media

We have not been advised of any running stories or media interest at time of writing.

Next Week's Events

Voyager reaches Plymouth next week.

Chris Smith is speaking about Millennium Greens at a meeting with MPs and others at the QEII Centre on Monday.

The Deputy Prime Minister and his Ministerial team are spending the morning next Tuesday on the North Greenwich site, on a primarily factfinding visit to the Millennium village, the tube/bus station and the Dome. Photocalls have been arranged.

NMEC holds its monthly media forum next Wednesday. Agenda not yet determined, but the Company intends to raise the profile on 3Com's IT sponsorship of the Dome. (Lord Falconer will record an endorsement for use in a video news release.)

David Trimble and Seamus Mallon are visiting the Royal Hospital Project in Belfast on Thursday.

Jack Cunningham will attend the topping out event at the International Centre for Life in Newcastle next Friday.

We are drafting a letter for Chris Smith and Lord Falconer to send to the Deputy Prime Minister and Cabinet colleagues, recording progress on the Millennium celebrations since their last letter in the Spring.

The Communications sub-group of the Pan London Steering Group meets next week to take forward plans for co-ordinating media liaison in London on New Year's Eve and over the rest of the First Weekend.

I am meeting Mark Easton from Channel 4 News next week to discuss his plans for the next in his series of films about the UK Millennium celebrations.

An announcement about the future of the Earth Centre is now likely early next week, possibly Tuesday.

Future Opportunities

Among the short term opportunities being worked on at present:

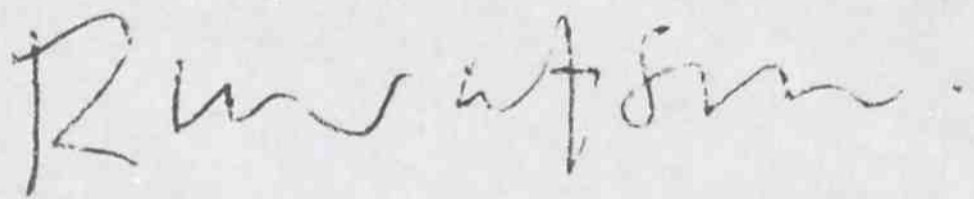
* a visit to Liverpool by Chris Smith and Lord Falconer on 9 July has now been agreed and an itinerary for the day is being worked up;

* a further Channel 4 News film on the Millennium, to feature Chris Smith; we are trying to interest them in following the Secretary of State during his visit to Edinburgh and Newcastle on 2 July;

* Ministerial involvement in the event being planned to mark the students' graduation at the NMEC Summer School in July;

* a visit to Scotland by Lord Falconer is now likely to take place on or about 30 July;

* visits for Janet Anderson and Alan Howarth to coincide with future stops by the Millennium Voyager and to visit other Millennium projects. We have provided a list of Millennium visits which might be worked into the Minister's schedule of regional visits to promote the Tourism Strategy.



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Millennium Unit Communications

Radio so far:

Newsdirect
BBC Radio 5 Live
BBC Southern Counties
BBC Norfolk
BBC GMR
BBC Asian Unit
BBC Radio Solent
BBC Wiltshire Sound
BBC Lincolnshire

102.4 Wish FM
Choice FM London
SGR ? FM
Valleys Radio
Sunrise FM

TV to date:

HTV West, HTV Wales, West Country TV, Central News East.
Many others are looking at running a feature later as they already had their own Millennium package planned.

Print coverage is still coming in from the regions but nationally we have had coverage in:

Daily Telegraph
Daily Star
Daily Express.

The Evening Standard and the Daily Express are also looking at doing feature articles in the near future.

Hotline Activity

We have had over 1,600 calls in three days. An average day is usually 50-100 calls.

Further Action Planned

We intend to follow up next week in major areas by calling them with the details of how many people have called from their area to try and get some follow-up coverage.

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| 18/06/1999 | tbc | | | Opinion former lunch hosted by Jennie Page | | TA: Opinion formers | No media | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |
| 18/06/1999 | Dome | | | No cameras allowed into the Dome on this day ~ central show structure being installed | | | | NMEC Gabrielle Owtram 0171 808 8226 |
| 19/06/1999 | Cracoe, Yorkshire | 12:00 | Cracoe and District Community Village Hall | Opening | Fred Truman attending. | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in this community centre. TA: General public. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 20/06/1999 | Isle of Harris | 18:00 | Rural Churches in Community Service: Christ Church | Dedication Service | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects that support our local communities. TA: General public | Local media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 20/06/1999 | Devilla Forest, Kincardine, Scotland | 14:00 | Kingdom of Fife Millennium Cycle Ways | Father's Day guided bike ride | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects such as this which encourage environmental sustainability. TA: General public. | Local press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 21/06/1999 | Dundee | 10:00 | Dundee Science Centre | Sod cutting ceremony for the press to mark the start on site. | Sir Jack Shaw, Chair of the Scottish Science Trust is to speak at this event. | The Millennium Commission is supporting innovative schemes which promote the use of and understanding of science and technology, by investing lottery money in projects such as this. TA: General public, media, | Local, regional, national and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 21/06/1999 | Magherafelt, Ulster | | Sustainable Communities Millennium Awards | Fellowship awards presentation | Andrew Farrow (MC) is to attend. | The Millennium Commission is supporting ordinary people in doing extraordinary thing by investing lottery money in this award scheme. TA: General public, award winners, community leaders. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 21/06/1999 | Skipton | 12:00 | Skipton Village Hall | laying of date stone | Alasdair Macdonald (MC) is attending. | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in this project. TA: General public, local council. | Local media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 22/06/1999 | QEII Centre, London | 12:00 | Millennium Greens (Countryside commission) | Parliamentary Group Meeting | Chris Smith, MP, to speak. Angela Salt, Doug Weston, Mike O'Connor and Ellen Dempster (MC) to attend. 350 expected, including 70 MP's. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery in projects such as this, which support our communities. TA: Regional media, MP's, environmental and | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 22/06/1999 | Dome Preview Centre | 14:30 | NMEC National Programme | Launch of the 3rd Education Pack Early afternoon event David Blunkett to launch | | TA: Education sector/press | Photocall Press Releases are being issued by NMEC to the education design press | NMEC Gina Channell 0171 808 8638 |
| 22/06/1999 | Greenwich | | Greenwich Peninsula regeneration | Tour of Dome's exterior and peninsula, including the Millennium Village site, by Deputy Prime Minister and ministerial team. | Private visit. Media not formally invited but this is tbc. | | Possible photo opportunities with pile driving ceremony for Millennium Village. | DETR Oliver Roberts 0171 890 4634 |
| 24/06/1999 | Dome | | | News Quest Editors meeting at the Dome | | | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 24/06/1999 | Bude, Cornwall | 19:30 | Rural Churches in Community Service | St. Andrew's evensong and dedication service. | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery in our local communities by supporting this project. TA: General public. | Local press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 24/06/1999 | Belfast | 14:15 | Royal Hospital Millennium Gardens | Laying of foundation stone | The Lord Mayor and the Chairman of the Hospital are attending. | The Millennium Commission is supporting the regeneration of our great cities by investing lottery money in those projects which are revitalising city communities. TA: General public, media, specialist groups, local councils. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 25/06/1999 | Yorkshire | | Dales Environment | Summer ball | A fund raising evening | TA: project supports | | Mill. Comm. Press Office 0181 880 2007 |
| 25/06/1999 - 27/06/1999 | Strangford, Northern Ireland | | The Strangford Stone | A weekend of activities with the stone being pulled into place on Saturday 26th June at 2:00pm, followed by a concert. | Lord Glentoran will be attending. The Sec. of State for Northern Ireland has been invited. | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in projects such as The Strangford Stone which serve to unite people. TA: General public, community leaders, media. | Regional and national media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 25/06/1999 | Newcastle | 11:00 | International Centre for Life | Topping out visitor attraction centre | Dr. Jack Cunningham, MP, to attend. Ellen Dempster and Doug Weston (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in innovative projects which increase our understanding of science and technology. TA: General public, media, Specialist groups | Regional, national and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 26/06/1999 - 02/07/1999 | Portsmouth | 10:15 | Millennium Voyager | Launch Open to the Public for 1 week. | Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects | Voyager will take the message round the UK that the Millennium Commission projects are delivering a valuable legacy TA: Local, regional and specialist press. General Public and opinion formers. | VIP/Press day 28/07/1999 | Mill. Comm. Kate Hardcastle 0171 880 2009 |
| 27/06/1999 | Suffolk | 15:00 | Rural Churches in Community Service | Claydon Old Chapel dedication service | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in those projects which support our local communities. TA: General public | Local press | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 28/06/1999 | Newcastle | | Newcastle Millennium Conference | Newcastle City Council (with support of NMEC/Millennium Commission) have organised this Conference as a follow up to the Edinburgh Hogmanay Conference | Secretary of State CMS will speak, and attend MC projects in NE | | | DCMS Rod Watson 0171 211 6356 |
| 28/06/1999 | Ewell, Surrey | | | Millennium Fair - Glyn House, Ewell | | Raising public awareness about the Millennium Experience within the regions. TA: Regional Public. | Regional Public. | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 28/06/1999 | Dome | | | No cameras allowed into the Dome this whole week ~ central show construction material being installed | | | | NMEC Gabrielle Owtram 0171 808 8226 |

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| 29/06/1999 | St. James's Palace | 18:30 | | Ambassadors Briefing | | | No media | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |
| 29/06/1999 | Edinburgh | 10:00 | Edinburgh Environment Partnership Millennium Awards | Launch of this award scheme | Vanessa Scott (MC) is attending. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in supporting ordinary people doing extraordinary things. TA: General public, environmental groups, local councils. | Regional, local and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 30/06/1999 | Rochester, Kent | | | Millennium Fair - Princes Hall, Corn Exchange | | Raising public awareness of the Millennium Experience within the regions. | Regional Media. | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 30/06/1999 | St. James's Palace | | | Diplomatic briefing at St. James's Palace | | TA: Ambassadors | No media | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |
| 30/06/1999 Tentative | TBC | | | Launch of Big Time with Nick Raynsford | | Details of River Event on New Year's Eve 1999. | | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |
| 30/06/1999 | N/A | | | Festival applications complete | Millennium Commission, Lottery Distributors | | | NMEC Tim Cattle-Jones 0171 808 8365 |
| undated June Tentative | London | | Dome Opening Event | Announcement of guest list for 31 December 1999 Dome opening event. | | Majority of invited attendees will be ordinary people / a strong creative team is in place. TA: National / local media, general public. | Press notice - NMEC Press Office (NMEC will hold a briefing for national media) | NMEC Greg Hayman 0171 808 8325 |

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| undated June Tentative | 110 Buck. Palace Road | | | 12th Media Forum | | | | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8303 |
| undated June Tentative | New Mill. Pier | | | Travel trade trip to New Mill. Pier | | | | NMEC Jacinta Johnston 0171 808 8655 |
| June/July Tentative | tba | | | TV and Outdoor advertising | 2nd Phase tbc | | | NMEC Ruth Wicks 0171 808 8320 |
| 01/07/1999 | Millennium Dome | | Scope and Capability Millennium Awards | Photocall in front of the Millennium Dome. | Lizzy Pearce, Andrew Farrow, Tanya Joseph (MC) is to attend. Sita Indrani (The Bill) and Paul Hendry (Presenter) are attending. | The Millennium Commission is encouraging ordinary people to do extraordinary things by investing lottery money in this award scheme. TA: General public, award winners, community leaders. | Regional, National and specialist press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 01/07/1999 | Jazz Cafe, Camden | 20:00 | Gospel Choir Festival Project | Cheque handing over ceremony and concert. | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in making the year 2000 memorable for cities, towns and communities all over the UK with celebrations involving thousands of people. TA: The general public, media, specialist groups. | Regional and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 02/07/1999 | Edinburgh | 09:00 | Dynamic Earth | Official opening and press briefing | HRH the Queen, Chris Smith, MP, Lord Dalkieth to attend. This is a landmark project - 1 of nearly 30 around the UK. | The Millennium Commission is encouraging environmental sustainability - one of our key themes. This project is one of a range of environmental initiatives around the UK. TA: National, Regional Media, specialist press and General Public | National media, specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 05/07/1999 - 11/07/1999 | London | 10:15 | Millennium Voyager | Launch. Open to the public for 1 week. | Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects | Voyager will take the message round the UK that the MC projects are delivering a valuable legacy. TA: Local, regional and specialist press. General Public and opinion | VIP/Press day 05/07/1999 | Mill. Comm. Kate Hardcastle 0171 880 2009 |
| 05/07/1999 | Kings Lynn | 18:00 | North Sea Haven | Reception for donors | Earl of Leicester to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects that provide opportunities for life long learning. TA: Donors, educational groups, environmental groups. | Regional and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 05/07/1999 | River Thames | | | City Cruises launch (major event, possibly travelling to the Dome) | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |

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| 06/07/1999 | Brighton, East Sussex | | | Millennium Fair - East Wing, Brighton Centre | | Raising public awareness of the Millennium Experience within the regions. | Regional media. | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 09/07/1999 Tentative | Liverpool | | | Lord Falconer and SoS on joint visit to launch Liverpool's Millennium Festival plans. | Lord Falconer to visit the National Wildflower Centre and NMEC regional conference. SoS to visit Raleigh International's Award Scheme, a project supported by the Millennium Commission. | Further details to follow. | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 09/07/1999 Tentative | tbc | | Millennium Experience | Tickets for Greenwich Residents announcement. | | TA: Greenwich Residents. | | |
| 09/07/1999 | Wettenhall, Cheshire | 18:30 | Rural Churches in Community Service | St. David's dedication and confirmation service. | | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in projects such as this one. TA: General public | Local press | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 10/07/1999 | Knottingley | 19:30 | Rural Churches in Community Service - Edward the Confessor | Concert and buffet | Archdeacon of Pontefract | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in this centre. TA: general public | | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 10/07/1999 | Cambridgeshire | 12:00 | Buckden Village Community Centre | Official opening | John Major will officially open this centre. Graham Savage, Kate Burditt, Richard Mountain (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in this community centre. TA: General public | Regional media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 12/07/1999 | London | | Action 2000 - Millennium Bug issues. | NIF Press Conference. | Press conference with industry regulators - speakers to be arranged. | | | Action 2000 Elizabeth Allen 0171 215 2000 |
| 16/07/1999 | Durham | | Turning the Tide | Procession along the sculpture trail. | Ellen Dempster (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects that encourage environmental sustainability to ensure a greener, cleaner future for us all. TA: General public, local council, specialist groups. | Regional and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 16/07/1999 | Birmingham | 20:00 | Age Concern Millennium Awards | Jazz concert at Ladywood Community Centre | | The Millennium Commission is supporting ordinary people in doing extraordinary things by investing lottery money in award schemes. TA: General public | Local media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 19/07/1999 | Washington | | Millennium Centres: Washington | Opening of the centre | Chris Spiceley (MC) to attend. Duke of Edinburgh to officiate | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in centres such as this one. TA: General public, media. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 22/07/1999 | Garston | 14:45 | Millennium Centres: Garston | Royal Visit | Chris Spiceley (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing lottery money in projects such as this centre. TA: General public. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 25/07/1999 | Cardiff | | Millennium Stadium | Opening | | The Millennium Commission is investing Lottery money in those projects which encourage the regeneration of our great cities TA: Specialist groups, MP's, general public, media. | Regional, national and specialist media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 27/07/1999 | Mile End, East London | 12:00 | Mile End Park | Green Bridge Opening | Ray Anderson (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects which will regenerate our great cities. TA: General Public, media, specialist groups. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 27/07/1999 | London | | London Readiness 2000 | Six month conference; follow up to the conference held in December - further details to be confirmed. | | | | GOL Tracy Ivers 0171 217 3079 |

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| 28/07/1999 | Shireshead, Lancashire | 09:15 | Rural Churches in Community Service | St. James' dedication service. | | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in projects such as this one. TA: General public | Local press | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 30/07/1999 | Castle Esple, Comber | | Sustainable Communities Millennium Awards | Training / refresher day for NI judging panel | Dawn Conde (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in ordinary people doing extraordinary things. TA: Award scheme. | | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| undated July 1999 | Co.Fermanagh | | Kesh Boat park | opening | | The MC will be supporting our communities by investing lottery money in the Kesh Boat park TA: Local media and general public. | | Mill. Comm. Press office 0171 880 2007 |
| undated July | 110 Buck. Palace Road | | | 13th Media Forum | | | | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8308 |
| undated July | 110 Buck. Palace Road | | | Annual Report and Accounts published | | | Press conference (tbc) | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8303 |
| Autumn 1999 Tentative | tba | | JLE | JLE trains run Waterloo to Green Park | | | | |
| 01/08/1999 Tentative | tbc | | Millennium Pier | Millennium Pier completed. | | | | |

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| 27/08/1999 | Dome | | | Meridian promenade construction complete | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 31/08/1999 | JLE Line | | | JLE trains run (North Greenwich to Waterloo) | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| August 1999 Tentative | Edinburgh | | Water of Leith | Opening of visitors centre | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects which are encouraging environmental sustainability. TA: General public, specialist groups, media | Regional, national media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| undated August Tentative | 110 Buck. Palace Road | | | 14th Media Forum | | | | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8303 |
| 01/09/1999 | TBA | | | Awards for all announcement | | | | NMEC Tim Cattle-Jones 0171 808 8365 |
| undated Autumn | London | | | NAO report on public sector and the bug. | Publication of 4th NAO report on progress across central government and the wider public sector. | | | NAO Steve Doughty 0171 798 7357 |
| 01/09/1999 | Transit Line | | | Millennium transit link to rail line complete | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 01/09/1999 Tentative | TBA | | | Dome tickets go on sale to public | | | | NMEC Sholto Douglas-Home 0171 808 8263 |

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| 05/09/1999 | Petersborough | | Petersborough Millennium Green Wheel Project | Launch of Phase Two | Chris Spiceley (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in those projects which encourage environmental sustainability. TA: Environmental groups, local council, general | Specialist and regional press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 07/09/1999 | Dome | | | Opinion Former Visit | Lord Rogers, Jennie Page attending | | No media | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |
| 08/09/1999 Tentative | tbc | | | Announcement about the Transaction zone | | | | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |
| 10/09/1999 | Co. Fermanagh | | Kesh Boat Park | Launch | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in those projects which are encouraging regeneration. TA: general public, local | Regional media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 12/09/1999 | Derbyshire | 15:00 | Rural Churches in Community Service: St. Mary the Virgin | Annual Clypping service | The Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire will attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects which support our local communities. TA: General public. | local press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 13/09/1999 | Egerton | 16:00 | Egerton Village Hall | Official opening | Jim Briscoe (MC) is to attend. The Countess of Mountbatten is attending. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects that support our local communities such as this village hall. TA: General public. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 20/09/1999 Tentative | TBC | | | Millennium Show event | | No further details available yet All to be confirmed | | NMEC Gabrielle Owtram 0171 808 8226 |
| 22/09/1999 | tba | | | 100 days to go | | | | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8303 |
| 22/09/1999 | TBA | | | Consumer ticket launch/100 Days To Go media event | | | | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8303 |
| undated September Tentative | London | | | Economic Impact Assessment for Millennium Experience | Greenwich Council, English Partnerships & NMEC have commissioned this report | Good news on jobs/regeneration plans. | | GVC Andrew Parry 0181 305 3403 |
| undated Sept. Tentative | tba | | | 2nd Granada series begins | | | | NMEC Fiona Cline 0171 808 8314 |
| 27/09/1999 | TBC | | | Children's Promise Month begins | | | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 30/09/1999 | Bournemouth | 18:00 | Sustrans: Millennium Cycle Network | Evening fringe event | | The Millennium Commission is supporting projects which encourage environmental | | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| undated Oct. | tba | | | Party Conference receptions | | | | |
| undated Oct. | Eversley Primary School | | | Launch of Eversley Primary School's 'Mini Dome' | | | | |
| 04/10/1999 | TBC | | | Voices of Promise "Books of Songs" - published and ready for sale | | | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |

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| 06/10/1999 | M&S Stores | | | Voices of Promise CD on sale in M&S Stores | | | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 15/10/1999 | Leicestershire | | National Forest millennium Discovery Centre | Laying of Foundation Stone | Chris Smith, MP to lay the stone | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in this educational centre as it will provide opportunities for life long learning. TA: General public, media, specialist groups | Regional, national media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 21/10/1999 | tbc | | | Blackfriars pier completion | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 28/10/1999 | Northants | 18:30 | Rural Churches in Community Service: Halse Mission Building | Re-dedication service. | | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in this community centre. TA: General public | Local media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 29/10/1999 | Dome | | | Footpaths/Cycleways complete | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 30/10/1999 | JLE line | | | JLE trains run (Waterloo-Green Park) | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| Tentative | | | | | | | | |
| 11/11/1999 | Waterloo Pier | | | Waterloo Pier Completion | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 28/11/1999 | London | | | New Year's Eve event: Advent Sunday | | | | NMEC Greg Hayman 0171 808 8235 |

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| 06/12/1999 | Dome | | | Meridian point complete | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 31/12/1999 | TBA | | | DoC | | | | NMEC |
| undated Dec. Tentative | tba | | | Travel Trade previews | | | | |
| undated Dec. Tentative | tba | | | Consumer previews | | | | |
| Late 1999 Tentative | tba | | | South Bank Show on the Central Show | | | | NMEC Ross Cook 0171 808 8308 |
| 01/01/2000 | Dome | | | First performance of the Millennium Show | | | | NMEC Gabrielle Owtram 0171 808 8226 |
| 01/01/2000 | Thames River | | | Full river boat public service | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 03/01/2000 | Dome site | | | Festival "kick off" | | | | |
| 04/01/2000 | Dome | | | Our Town Story - Stirling | | | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| undated jan. Tentative | tba | | | Multi-part BBC documentary series about project begins | BBC | | | NMEC Fiona Cline 0171 808 8314 |
| 15/01/2000 | TBA | | | Voices of Promise Final | | | | NMEC |

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| 15/04/2000 - 16/04/2000 | tbc | | Earthwatch Millennium Awards | Two day conference | Heather Cooper is to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in schemes which promote the use and understanding of science and technology. TA: Specialist groups, general public | National, regional, specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 28/04/2000 | Salford | | The Lowry | Official opening | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects such as this which provide the opportunities for life long learning. TA: General public, opinion formers, specialist | Regional, national, specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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Prime Minister

Do you want to write to JP / Helen C
to keep the pressure up on JLE? *yes*

David
18/6

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cc David North
Alun Evans
Geoffrey Norris

*Let's meet
on this*

THE MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE: PROGRESS NOTE

Construction

The project continues on budget and broadly on time.

Contents of Dome

More progress. The Litmus Group gave unanimous endorsement to John Hackney's proposals for the Body. There is clearly still a great deal of work to be done to deliver the zone on time, but this agreement is a significant breakthrough. I think the Body is now capable of living up to expectations as one of the populist highlights of the Dome. The NMEC Board has also agreed to release additional money from the contingency for the necessary extra expenditure.

Litmus also decided to scrap the existing plans for Local, which were frankly dull and difficult to understand. Although they agreed that Hackney's alternative ideas were on the right lines, they did not accept them outright. There is therefore still a long way to go before this zone is settled. Hackney's involvement has proved invaluable in stimulating fresh thinking within NMEC and in accessing new talent and ideas from the outside. I am now pressing for him to be deployed on spicing up 2 or 3 of the other zones (Global, Living Island and Play).

The 200 days launch last Monday – which featured a computer generated video tour of around the Dome and zone exteriors generated positive coverage.

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I have at last got the latest plan from London Underground. Following the opening of Phase 1, Bechtel's priority has been to complete the line from

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Stratford to Stanmore, and to deal with problem stations after that. Their latest position is:

| Section of line | Latest Target | Published Target |
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| Stratford to Waterloo | Late August | Late summer |
| Waterloo to Green Park | Autumn | Autumn |

The initial Stratford to Waterloo service would exclude London Bridge and Southwark, which would open "in September". The Waterloo to Green Park opening would not include Westminster, which is expected at the end of October.

While the projections suggest that we will have a fully operational revenue service on the entire line and with all stations by November, the endless slippages in the past and the generally incompetent way in which this complex project has been managed does not leave me feeling confident. Helen Liddell has confirmed that there continue to be problems with Marconi's software. I think we need to keep the pressure on. According to the milestones in London Underground's most recent plan, they are target for the dates set out above. I suggest you either write to or see John Prescott and Helen, but not until nearer the recess, giving them one last push before the summer break.

Church

I met the Archbishop of Canterbury today about the Opening Night ceremony. NMEC and the BBC have been discussing how best to give Dr Carey what he wants - i.e. a significant role in the Opening Ceremony and prominence for the Christian message. The proposal is that the Archbishop should "open" the formal ceremonies by saying the Lord's Prayer, either just before or after 11pm. This could be delivered from the Prayer Space and relayed to the Dome audience on screens. As the BBC would then be covering the arrival of midnight on the Continent, they would probably not televise the Archbishop's prayer until between 11.10 and 11.20, when there would be a sequence of messages and pictures from different Christian leaders and groups across the UK. Whatever the time, it would be clear to the TV audience that the Archbishop was opening the Dome ceremony. Back in the Dome, the final hour of music would culminate in the singing of the Millennium Resolution (the multi-faith "prayer"), followed by the chimes of Big Ben.

Although Dr Carey wanted to consider the proposals further, I think that, subject to sorting out the fine detail, we are very close to a deal. NMEC and the BBC will have further discussions with his staff early next week. We agreed the need to close this quickly.

Ticket sales

Tickets go on sale from Lottery outlets on 22 September. The next big test will be how sales go between then and the end of the year. You might like to

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consider buying the first ticket from an outlet on the 22nd. Polling suggests that we will easily exceed our target of 12m visitors, but I think it is very important to create a strong sense of high demand for tickets during the countdown to 1st January. That may be by setting moderately low sales targets and then exceeding them.

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CHARLES FALCONER
18 June 1999



Minister of State
Cabinet Office

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cc:BJ

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Prime Minister

Better news on contents, but worrying on JLE. Do you want to write to Helen L (as you did to John Reed)?

David

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cc David North
Peter Hyman
Alun Evans

THE MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE: PROGRESS NOTE

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More progress on contents. Bob Ayling has agreed that NMEC will now run with John Hackney's ideas for the Body and Local zones. Most importantly, he has agreed that, within reason, money will be made available from the reserve to fund the improvements. Adopting Hackney's plans means going back almost to the drawing board. It is a major step, given the time pressures, but worth it. The existing ideas were not good enough. Michael Grade agrees with this. The Body is the one zone which people have heard of. It is therefore vital that it is outstanding. Hackney's plans need further development, but they look on the right lines.

In response to the concerns I expressed last week about the Play zone, you asked whether you should write to NMEC or ask to see a presentation. I have pressed NMEC to look again at the zone. The Company believes that the zones is fun and accessible enough, but Bob has agreed that, once the work on Body and Local is done, Hackney should look at ways of "dressing up" Play. He has also agreed that he should be asked to consider improvements to other key zones, Global and National Identity. I therefore do not think you need to become involved at this stage.

200 Days to go

There is a major launch on Monday to mark "200 Days to go". The focus will be on contents. The aim is knock down one of the surviving myths about the

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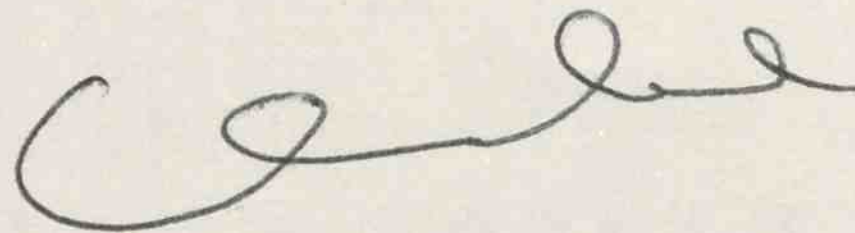
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From Clare Pillman

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THE MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS: A PROGRESS NOTE

Millennium Commission

At their meeting on Wednesday, the Millennium Commission agreed that they would fund a revised Phase 2 of the Earth Centre subject to support from key partners (ERDF through the Government Office for Yorkshire and Humberside and Doncaster Council) and management changes at the project. This is now being negotiated.

Millennium Experience

Content/construction/operation

2 John Hackney's proposals for the "in-body" experience are currently being costed. The exterior works are progressing well. The recruitment announcement yesterday has already resulted in a good response to Manpower offices.

Sponsorship and budget

3 Nothing new to report.

Legacy

4 NMEC's and EP's Boards will imminently make recommendations for the long short-list of bidders. Their recommendations will be put to you and to the DPM for approval. Separately, we hope to be able to put up a submission on the appointment of the independent Advisory Panel very shortly.

Transport to the Dome

5 Glenda Jackson's Millennium Access Coordinating Group met this week. Unfortunately I was unable to attend, but there was no discussion of kiss and ride or anything else of major import. I understand from Sarah Straight and contacts in London Transport and London Underground that they are by no means certain that car access to the JLE station will be banned. There are meetings on kiss and ride with LT and Greenwich next week (when NMEC's consultants are also due to report).

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ational Programme

6 Nothing new to report.

Millennium Festival

7 Anecdotal evidence suggests that the response to the first round of Millennium Festival Awards for All (first announcements in September) has been very encouraging.

First Weekend

Dome Opening Celebration

8 NMEC are likely to announce the method of selection for the "ordinary people" element of the Opening Celebration guest list towards the end of next week. Lord Falconer is meeting the Archbishop of Canterbury next Friday to discuss the opening event.

London River Event

9 Nick Raynsford's London River Event Advisory Group met on Monday. The London New Year's Eve team are now working towards announcements at the end of June and July.

Millennium Church Services and Multi-faith event

10 Clare2 had a useful meeting of the Multi-Faith Event Core Planning Group on Monday and understands that the IFN will shortly be responding to the Secretary of State's letter. Separately, she had a meeting with the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's to discuss the Service. Progress has been good on both and we will report in more detail shortly.

Other FWE events/issues

11 The First Weekend Co-ordinating Group met on Thursday. Arrangements are now being firmed-up for conferences in Newcastle in June and Belfast in September. The regular FWE Bulletin is also proving a success. We had a meeting with the Bug Team to discuss Millennium Operating Regimes (MORs).

International

12 The French Mission 2000 were in London last weekend. They visited the Dome and the Maritime Museum, and met with some of their UK colleagues on Saturday for dinner. This was a useful occasion for sharing of ideas and experiences. Unfortunately the French were not quite ready to announce their day in the Dome (Jospin is still considering which city to choose).

13 We also met the Japanese Expo 2005 team this week. This was an interesting meeting - they clearly regard the Dome as a much more of a model than Hanover and are experiencing some strangely familiar problems with their national press.

14 Pilgrimage 2000 is gathering momentum in Scotland, and the Lambeth Group will consider its UK-wide role at their meeting next Tuesday.

Parliamentary business

The Select Committee

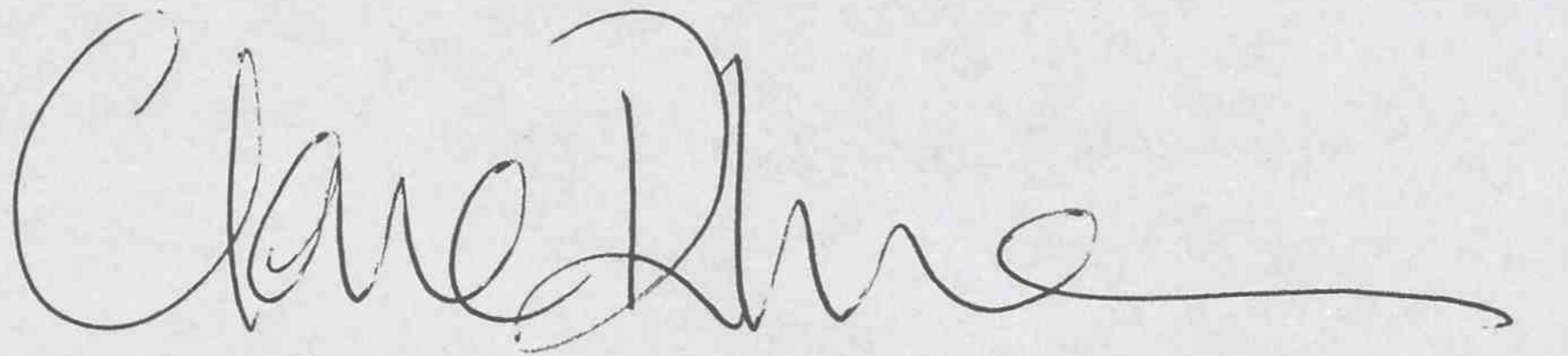
15 We understand that the Committee is considering taking evidence on Transport

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the Dome prior to the recess but that we will not be required to provide evidence - written or oral - until the autumn. This would be nice!

P.Qs, debates and Parliamentary strategy

16 We have two outstanding written questions. Lord Falconer is holding the first of a series of regional briefings for M.Ps next week.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Clare Pillman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Clare Pillman
Head of Unit

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Minister of State
Cabinet Office

PRIME MINISTER

cc David North
Peter Hyman
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THE MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE: PROGRESS NOTE

Construction

The project remains on budget and broadly on time.

Contents of Dome

More progress on contents. Bob Ayling has agreed that NMEC will now run with John Hackney's ideas for the Body and Local zones. Most importantly, he has agreed that, within reason, money will be made available from the reserve to fund the improvements. Adopting Hackney's plans means going back almost to the drawing board. It is a major step, given the time pressures, but worth it. The existing ideas were not good enough. Michael Grade agrees with this. The Body is the one zone which people have heard of. It is therefore vital that it is outstanding. Hackney's plans need further development, but they look on the right lines.

In response to the concerns I expressed last week about the Play zone, you asked whether you should write to NMEC or ask to see a presentation. I have pressed NMEC to look again at the zone. The Company believes that the zones is fun and accessible enough, but Bob has agreed that, once the work on Body and Local is done, Hackney should look at ways of "dressing up" Play. He has also agreed that he should be asked to consider improvements to other key zones, Global and National Identity. I therefore do not think you need to become involved at this stage.

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| From | Rodney Watson | | Clare Pillman | Peter Hyman (No 10) |
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MILLENNIUM PRESENTATIONAL ROUNDUP

(Copy recipients please note: NMEC circulates lines on all running stories with its daily press summaries. If you do not receive these summaries and would like more information on any particular line, please contact NMEC press office. Lines on Commission business are also circulated as necessary and are available from its press office.)

This Week's Media

Main stories:

Nicholas Hellen ran a piece claiming that zone content in the Dome was being impoverished at the planning and execution stages by a shortage of cash. The Sunday Business carried claims that much of NMEC's sponsorship achievement was "in kind" and didn't stack up as real money.

A further public opinion poll of dubious methodology was published on Monday, claiming that significant numbers of people still think the Dome is a waste of money and that public money is being used to finance it.

The announcement of NMEC's recruitment drive to hire 2,000 employees to work in the Dome next year received good media attention, starting with a good piece on Thursday's Today Programme and running strongly on regional TV and radio in London throughout the day. The Standard and most of the national dailies picked up the story.

Other items:

The Independent had a speculative piece about the content of the Dome's central show on Monday, claiming that the show's story line was inspired by the works of William Blake.

The Mirror had a rather chaotic and certainly inaccurate account of possible elements of Dome zone content on Thursday.

This Week's Events

Voyager reached Bristol next week and held its press day Tuesday.

The Commission offered a briefing to the regional lobby, majoring on the Award scheme on Wednesday, With Chris Smith present. About ten lobby journalists attended. The briefing boosted the scheme's profile while marking 200 Days to Go. Some 20 regionally tailored press notices were issued.

Lord Falconer met a News of the World journalist on Thursday for a brief interview to provide quotes for a feature being prepared on the Dome for this week's paper.

We met on Thursday for a further discussion of media facilitation for and marketing of the River Event on New Year's Eve.

Jennie Page played host to the Prince of Wales's Business and the Environment Trust at a meeting in the Dome Preview Centre on Thursday. Senior businessmen received presentations from NMEC, the Environment Agency, the Rogers Partnership and Thames Water.

Next Week's Media

The News of the World is running a Dome feature on Sunday.

Following the launch of television advertisements this week, the Sunday papers will carry copies of the new Millennium Bug leaflet from the Government.

The Millennium Commission is continuing to work with the Earth Centre to contain bad publicity about the project's difficulties. We expect an announcement about the project's future next week.

Next Week's Events

NMEC marks 200 days to go on Monday at the Dome Preview Centre with a major announcement on content. Lord Falconer will attend and speak. He is already making an early morning visit to the Dome to appear live on GMTV and speak to Talk Radio. A short interview and walkabout with the BBC documentary crew has been arranged.

Chris Smith is giving an interview to Adam Nicholson, who is writing the authorised account of the Dome's creation, on Monday.

Lord Falconer will brief a meeting of Scottish MPS on Tuesday on Millennium subjects. We are providing briefing.

The Princess Royal will be present @Bristol next Wednesday to mark the latest stage in the project's development.

Voyager visits Truro next week with a press day on Thursday.



Future Opportunities

Among the short term opportunities being worked on at present:

* a visit to Liverpool by Chris Smith and Lord Falconer on 9 July has now been agreed and an itinerary for the day is being worked up;

* a further Channel 4 News film on the Millennium, to feature Chris Smith;

* a visit to Scotland by Lord Falconer is now likely to take place on or about 30 July;

* visits for Janet Anderson and Alan Howarth to coincide with future stops by the Millennium Voyager and to visit other Millennium projects. We have provided a list of Millennium visits which might be worked into the Minister's schedule of regional visits to promote the Tourism Strategy.

RODNEY WATSON

Millennium Unit Communications

FORWARD LOOK, THE UK MILLENNIUM - FROM 11 JUNE 1999

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| 11/06/1999 | Newry | | Sustainable Communities Millennium Awards | Official launch of Round Three Awards | Dawn Conde (MC) is to attend. | The Millennium Commission is supporting ordinary people in doing extraordinary things by investing lottery money in this award scheme. TA: General public, award winners, local media and community leaders. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 12/06/1999 | UK | | National Bike week | | | | | Mill. Comm. Press office 0171 880 2007 |
| 12/06/1999 | Aith, Scotland | | 21st Century Halls for Scotland | Dinner + dance to mark the reopening of Aith Village Hall | | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in village halls such as this one. TA: General public, local media. | Local media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 12/06/1999 | See list to the right | | Regional launches of Adopt A Beach Campaign | Saltonvile, Devon Durstun, Dorset Margate, Kent The Wash, Norfolk Saltsbourne-by-sea, Middlesex | | Clean up your beach | Regional media | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |

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| 12/06/1999 | Ladybank, Fife | 14:00 | Kingdom of Fife Millennium Cycle Ways | Howe of Fife West Cycle Route, guided bike ride | | The Millennium Commission is supporting schemes which encourage environmental sustainability, by investing lottery money in projects such as this one. | Local, regional press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 12/06/1999 | Over, Cambridge | 14:00 | Over Community Centre | Opening ceremony and day of family activities including the release of 1250 balloons - 1 for each Over family. | Kate Burditt (MC) is to speak at this event. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in our local communities and supporting projects such as this community centre. TA: General public, local council, local media. | Local and regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 13/06/1999 | National | | Millennium Bug information leaflet. | Spring Public Information Programme leaflet inserts appear. | | To raise public awareness about the action required to tackle the Millennium Bug. TA: General public. | Inserts to appear in all Sunday Nationals. | Cabinet Office Mike Ricketts 270-6085 |
| 13/06/1999 | Basingstoke, Hants. | 12:00 | Cliddesden Village Hall | Opening ceremony | Chris Spiceley (MC) will be speaking at this event. | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery funds in village halls and community centres such as this one. TA: General public | Local media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 14/06/1999 | Dome Preview Centre | 11:00 | | 200 days to go | Dome Central Show preview material. Lord Falconer to attend. A virtual reality show will allow people to look around inside the Dome. | The Dome will be a lively and fun place to visit. Dome content construction is on time. TA: British Public. | Major media event/video clips etc of what will be in the Dome. | NMEC Gabrielle Owtram 0171 808 8226 |
| 14/06/1999 | Winchester, Hampshire | | | Millennium Fair - Winchester Guildhall | | To raise public awareness of the Millennium Experience within the regions. | Regional Media | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 15/06/1999 | Dome Preview Centre | | | Evening dinner for sponsors - 200 Days Celebration | | | | NMEC Kevin Johnson 0171 808 8200 |
| 15/06/1999 | Dome | | | Picture call at Dome for Chelsea Pensioners | | Purely for info only | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 16/06/1999 | Bristol | 12:00 | @t Bristol | Opening of Explore @t Bristol, followed by lunch with Mr. Nicholas Hood CBE. | The Princess Royal is attending. Lord Glentoran will attend is speaking. Mike O'Connor and David Baird (MC) will be attending. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in innovative schemes which promote developments in science and technologies, such as the @t Bristol project. TA: Media, general public, local council | Regional and national, specialist press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 16/06/1999 Tentative | Central London Primary School | 13:15 | NMEC national programme of events. | BT Future Talk Launch | | Campaign to improve communication, one of life's core skills, at school and in the community. TA: British Public | National Press | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |

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| 16/06/1999 Tentative | London | | Millennium Bug | President of the Councils 6th Quarterly statement of progress in Government Departments | | | | Cabinet Office Sarah Charman 270-6193 |
| 17/06/1999 - 23/06/1999 | Truro | 10:15 | Millennium Voyager | Launch. Open to the public for 1 week. | Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects | Voyager will take the message around the UK that the Millennium Commission projects are delivering a valuable legacy TA: Local, regional and specialist press. General Public and opinion formers. | VIP/Press day 17/06/1999 | Mill. Comm. Kate Hardcastle 0171 880 2009 |
| 17/06/1999 | Cowes, Isle of Wight | | | Millennium Fair - Northwood House | | Raise public awareness of the Millennium Experience within the regions. TA: Regional Public. | Regional Media. | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 17/06/1999 - 20/06/1999 Tentative | tba | | Sustrans Millennium Cycle Routes | Quartely round up | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects such as this which encourage environmental sustainability. TA: General public, specialist groups. | Specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 18/06/1999 | tbc | | | Opinion former lunch hosted by Jennie Page | | TA: Opinion formers | No media | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |
| 18/06/1999 | Dome | | | No cameras allowed into the Dome on this day ~ central show structure being installed | | | | NMEC Gabrielle Owtram 0171 808 8226 |

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| 19/06/1999 | Cracoe, Yorkshire | 12:00 | Cracoe and District Community Village Hall | Opening | Fred Truman attending. | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in this community centre. TA: General public. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 20/06/1999 | Isle of Harris | 18:00 | Rural Churches in Community Service: Christ Church | Dedication Service | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects that support our local communities. TA: General public | Local media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 20/06/1999 | Devilla Forest, Kincardine, Scotland | 14:00 | Kingdom of Fife Millennium Cycle Ways | Father's Day guided bike ride | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects such as this which encourage environmental sustainability. TA: General public. | Local press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 21/06/1999 | Dundee | 10:00 | Dundee Science Centre | Sod cutting ceremony for the press to mark the start on site. | Sir Jack Shaw, Chair of the Scottish Science Trust is to speak at this event. | The Millennium Commission is supporting innovative schemes which promote the use of and understanding of science and technology, by investing lottery money in projects such as this. TA: General public, media, specialist groups, investors. | Local, regional, national and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 21/06/1999 | Magherafelt, Ulster | | Sustainable Communities Millennium Awards | Fellowship awards presentation | Andrew Farrow (MC) is to attend. | The Millennium Commission is supporting ordinary people in doing extraordinary thing by investing lottery money in this award scheme. TA: General public, award winners, community leaders. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 22/06/1999 | QEII Centre, London | 12:00 | Millennium Greens (Countryside commission) | Parliamentary Group Meeting | Chris Smith, MP, to speak. Angela Salt, Doug Weston, Mike O'Connor and Ellen Dempster (MC) to attend. 350 expected, including 70 MP's. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery in projects such as this, which support our communities. TA: Regional media, MP's, environmental and | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 22/06/1999 | Dome Preview Centre | | | Launch of the 3rd Education Pack Early afternoon event Blunkett to launch | | | | NMEC Libby Fordham 0171 808 8638 |
| 24/06/1999 | Dome | | | News Quest Editors meeting at the Dome | | | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 24/06/1999 | Bude, Cornwall | 19:30 | Rural Churches in Community Service | St. Andrew's evensong and dedication service. | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery in our local communities by supporting this project. TA: General public. | Local press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 25/06/1999 Tentative | Yorkshire | | Dales Environment | Summer ball | tbc | TA: tbc | | Mill. Comm. Press Office 0181 880 2007 |

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| 25/06/1999 - 27/06/1999 | Strangford, Northern Ireland | | The Strangford Stone | A weekend of activities with the stone being pulled into place on Saturday 26th June at 2:00pm, followed by a concert. | Lord Glentoran will be attending. The Sec. of State for Northern Ireland has been invited. | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in projects such as The Strangford Stone which serve to unite people. TA: General public, community leaders, media. | Regional and national media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 25/06/1999 | Newcastle | 11:00 | International Centre for Life | Topping out visitor attraction centre | Dr. Jack Cunningham, MP, to attend. Ellen Dempster and Doug Weston (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in innovative projects which increase our understanding of science and technology. TA: General public, media, Specialist groups | Regional, national and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 26/06/1999 - 02/07/1999 | Portsmouth | 10:15 | Millennium Voyager | Launch Open to the Public for 1 week. | Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects | Voyager will take the message round the UK that the Millennium Commission projects are delivering a valuable legacy TA: Local, regional and specialist press. General Public and opinion formers. | VIP/Press day 28/07/1999 | Mill. Comm. Kate Hardcastle 0171 880 2009 |

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| 27/06/1999 | Suffolk | 15:00 | Rural Churches in Community Service | Claydon Old Chapel dedication service | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in those projects which support our local communities. TA: General public | Local press | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 28/06/1999 | Newcastle | | Newcastle Millennium Conference | Newcastle City Council (with support of NMEC/Millennium Commission) have organised this Conference as a follow up to the Edinburgh Hogmanay Conference | Secretary of State CMS will speak, and attend MC projects in NE | | | DCMS Rod Watson 0171 211 6356 |
| 28/06/1999 | Ewell, Surrey | | | Millennium Fair - Glyn House, Ewell | | Raising public awareness about the Millennium Experience within the regions. TA: Regional Public. | Regional Public. | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 28/06/1999 | Dome | | | No cameras allowed into the Dome this whole week ~ central show construction material being installed | | | | NMEC Gabrielle Owtram 0171 808 8226 |
| 29/06/1999 | St. James's Palace | 18:30 | | Ambassadors Briefing | | | No media | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |
| 30/06/1999 | Rochester, Kent | | | Millennium Fair - Princes Hall, Corn Exchange | | Raising public awareness of the Millennium Experience within the regions. | Regional Media. | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 30/06/1999 | St. James's Palace | | | Diplomatic briefing at St. James's Palace | | | No media | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |

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| 30/06/1999 Tentative | TBC | | | Launch of Big Time with Nick Raynsford | | Details of River Event on New Year's Eve 1999. | | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |
| 30/06/1999 | N/A | | | Festival applications complete | Millennium Commission, Lottery Distributors | | | NMEC Tim Cattle-Jones 0171 808 8365 |
| undated June Tentative | London | | Dome Opening Event | Announcement of guest list for 31 December 1999 Dome opening event. | | Majority of invited attendees will be ordinary people / a strong creative team is in place. TA: National / local media, general public. | Press notice - NMEC Press Office (NMEC will hold a briefing for national media) | NMEC Greg Hayman 0171 808 8325 |
| undated June Tentative | 110 Buck. Palace Road | | | 12th Media Forum | | | | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8303 |
| undated June Tentative | New Mill. Pier | | | Travel trade trip to New Mill. Pier | | | | NMEC Jacinta Johnston 0171 808 8655 |
| June/July Tentative | tba | | | TV and Outdoor advertising | 2nd Phase tbc | | | NMEC Ruth Wicks 0171 808 8320 |
| 01/07/1999 | Millennium Dome | | Scope and Capability Millennium Awards | Photocall in front of the Millennium Dome. | Lizzy Pearce, Andrew Farrow, Tanya Joseph (MC) is to attend. | The Millennium Commission is encouraging ordinary people to do extraordinary things by investing lottery money in this award scheme. TA: General public, award winners, community leaders. | Regional, National and specialist press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 02/07/1999 | Edinburgh | 09:00 | Dynamic Earth | Official opening and press briefing | HRH the Queen, Chris Smith, MP, Lord Dalkieth to attend. This is a landmark project - 1 of nearly 30 around the UK. | The Millennium Commission is encouraging environmental sustainability - one of our key themes. This project is one of a range of environmental initiatives around the UK. TA: National, Regional Media, specialist press and General Public | National media, specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 05/07/1999 - 11/07/1999 | London | 10:15 | Millennium Voyager | Launch. Open to the public for 1 week. | Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects | Voyager will take the message round the UK that the MC projects are delivering a valuable legacy. TA: Local, regional and specialist press. General Public and opinion | VIP/Press day 05/07/1999 | Mill. Comm. Kate Hardcastle 0171 880 2009 |
| 05/07/1999 | Kings Lynn | 18:00 | North Sea Haven | Reception for donors | Earl of Leicester to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects that provide opportunities for life long learning. TA: Donors, educational groups, environmental groups. | Regional and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 05/07/1999 | River Thames | | | City Cruises launch (major event, possibly travelling to the Dome) | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |

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| 06/07/1999 | Brighton, East Sussex | | | Millennium Fair - East Wing, Brighton Centre | | Raising public awareness of the Millennium Experience within the regions. | Regional media. | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 09/07/1999 Tentative | NW Regional Offices | | | Lord Falconer visit to the NMEC North West Regional Offices | | No details have been confirmed at the moment | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 09/07/1999 Tentative | tbc | | Millennium Experience | Tickets for Greenwich Residents announcement. | | TA: Greenwich Residents. | | |
| 09/07/1999 | Wettenhall, Cheshire | 18:30 | Rural Churches in Community Service | St. David's dedication and confirmation service. | | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in projects such as this one. TA: General public | Local press | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 10/07/1999 | Knottingley | 19:30 | Rural Churches in Community Service - Edward the Confessor | Concert and buffet | Archdeacon of Pontefract | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in this centre. TA: general public | | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 10/07/1999 | Cambridgeshire | 12:00 | Buckden Village Community Centre | Official opening | John Major will officially open this centre. Graham Savage, Kate Burditt, Richard Mountain (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in this community centre. TA: General public | Regional media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 12/07/1999 | London | | Action 2000 - Millennium Bug issues. | NIF Press Conference. | Press conference with industry regulators - speakers to be arranged. | | | Action 2000 Elizabeth Allen 0171 215 2000 |
| 16/07/1999 | Durham | | Turning the Tide | Procession along the sculpture trail. | Ellen Dempster (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects that encourage environmental sustainability to ensure a greener, cleaner future for us all. TA: General public, local council, specialist groups. | Regional and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 16/07/1999 | Birmingham | 20:00 | Age Concern Millennium Awards | Jazz concert at Ladywood Community Centre | | The Millennium Commission is supporting ordinary people in doing extraordinary things by investing lottery money in award schemes. TA: General public | Local media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 19/07/1999 | Washington | | Millennium Centres: Washington | Opening of the centre | Chris Spiceley (MC) to attend. Duke of Edinburgh to officiate | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in centres such as this one. TA: General public, media. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 20/07/1999 | Mile End, East London | 11:00 | Mile End Park | Green Bridge Opening | Ray Anderson (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects which will regenerate our great cities. TA: General Public, media, specialist groups. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 22/07/1999 | Garston | 14:45 | Millennium Centres: Garston | Royal Visit | Chris Spiceley (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing lottery money in projects such as this centre. TA: General public. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 27/07/1999 | London | | London Readiness 2000 | Six month conference; follow up to the conference held in Deceember - further details to be confirmed. | | | | GOL Tracy Ivers 0171 217 3079 |
| 28/07/1999 | Shireshead, Lancashire | 09:15 | Rural Churches in Community Service | St. James' dedication service. | | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in projects such as this one. TA: General public | Local press | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 30/07/1999 | Castle Esple, Comber | | Sustainable Communities Millennium Awards | Training / refresher day for NI judging panel | Dawn Conde (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in ordinary people doing extraordinary things. TA: Award scheme. | | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| undated July 1999 | Co.Fermanagh | | Kesh Boat park | opening | | The MC will be supporting our communities by investing lottery money in the Kesh Boat park TA: Local media and general public. | | Mill. Comm. Press office 0171 880 2007 |
| undated July | 110 Buck. Palace Road | | | 13th Media Forum | | | | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8308 |
| undated July | 110 Buck. Palace Road | | | Annual Report and Accounts published | | | Press conference (tbc) | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8303 |
| Autumn 1999 Tentative | tba | | JLE | JLE trains run Waterloo to Green Park | | | | |
| 01/08/1999 Tentative | tbc | | Millennium Pier | Millennium Pier completed. | | | | |
| 27/08/1999 | Dome | | | Meridian promenade construction complete | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 31/08/1999 | JLE Line | | | JLE trains run (North Greenwich to Waterloo) | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| August 1999 Tentative | Edinburgh | | Water of Leith | Opening of visitors centre | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects which are encouraging environmental sustainability. TA: General public, specialist groups, media | Regional, national media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| undated August Tentative | 110 Buck. Palace Road | | | 14th Media Forum | | | | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8303 |
| 01/09/1999 | TBA | | | Awards for all announcement | | | | NMEC Tim Cantle-Jones 0171 808 8365 |
| undated Autumn | London | | | NAO report on public sector and the bug. | Publication of 4th NAO report on progress across central government and the wider public sector. | | | NAO Steve Doughty 0171 798 7357 |
| 01/09/1999 | Transit Line | | | Millennium transit link to rail line complete | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 01/09/1999 Tentative | TBA | | | Dome tickets go on sale to public | | | | NMEC Sholto Douglas-Home 0171 808 8263 |
| 05/09/1999 | Petersborough | | Petersborough Millennium Green Wheel Project | Launch of Phase Two | Chris Spiceley (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in those projects which encourage environmental sustainability. TA: Environmental groups, local council, general | Specialist and regional press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 07/09/1999 | Dome | | | Opinion Former Visit | Lord Rogers, Jennie Page attending | | No media | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |
| 08/09/1999 Tentative | tbc | | | Announcement about the Transaction zone | | | | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |

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| 12/09/1999 | Derbyshire | 15:00 | Rural Churches in Community Service: St. Mary the Virgin | Annual Clypping service | The Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire will attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects which support our llocal communities. TA: General public. | local press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 13/09/1999 | Egerton | 16:00 | Egerton Village Hall | Official opening | Jim Briscoe (MC) is to attend. The Countess of Mountbatten is attending. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects that support our local communities such as this village hall. TA: General public. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 20/09/1999 Tentative | TBC | | | Millennium Show event | | No further details available yet All to be confirmed | | NMEC Gabrielle Owtram 0171 808 8226 |
| 22/09/1999 | tba | | | 100 days to go | | | | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8303 |
| 22/09/1999 | TBA | | | Consumer ticket launch/100 Days To Go media event | | | | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8303 |
| undated September Tentative | London | | | Economic Impact Assessment for Millennium Experience | Greenwich Council, English Partnerships & NMEC have commissioned this report | Good news on jobs/regeneration plans. | | GVC Andrew Parry 0181 305 3403 |
| undated Sept. Tentative | tba | | | 2nd Granada series begins | | | | NMEC Fiona Cline 0171 808 8314 |
| 27/09/1999 | TBC | | | Children's Promise Month begins | | | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |

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| undated Oct. | tba | | | Party Conference receptions | | | | |
| 04/10/1999 | TBC | | | Voices of Promise "Books of Songs" - published and ready for sale | | | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 06/10/1999 | M&S Stores | | | Voices of Promise CD on sale in M&S Stores | | | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 15/10/1999 | Leicestershire | | National Forest millennium Discovery Centre | Laying of Foundation Stone | Chris Smith, MP to lay the stone | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in this educational centre as it will provide opportunities for life long learning. TA: General public, media, specialist groups | Regional, national media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 21/10/1999 | tbc | | | Blackfriars pier completion | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 28/10/1999 | Northants | 18:30 | Rural Churches in Community Service: Halse Mission Building | Re-dedication service. | | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in this community centre. TA: General public | Local media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 29/10/1999 | Dome | | | Footpaths/Cycleways complete | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 30/10/1999 Tentative | JLE line | | | JLE trains run (Waterloo-Green Park) | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |

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| 11/11/1999 | Waterloo Pier | | | Waterloo Pier Completion | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 28/11/1999 | London | | | New Year's Eve event: Advent Sunday | | | | NMEC Greg Hayman 0171 808 8235 |
| 06/12/1999 | Dome | | | Meridian point complete | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 31/12/1999 | TBA | | | DoC | | | | NMEC |
| undated Dec. Tentative | tba | | | Travel Trade previews | | | | |
| undated Dec. Tentative | tba | | | Consumer previews | | | | |
| Late 1999 Tentative | tba | | | South Bank Show on the Central Show | | | | NMEC Ross Cook 0171 808 8308 |
| 01/01/2000 | Dome | | | First performance of the Millennium Show | | | | NMEC Gabrielle Owtram 0171 808 8226 |
| 01/01/2000 | Thames River | | | Full river boat public service | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 03/01/2000 | Dome site | | | Festival "kick off" | | | | |
| 04/01/2000 | Dome | | | Our Town Story - Stirling | | | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |

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| undated jan. Tentative | tba | | | Multi-part BBC documentary series about project begins | BBC | | | NMEC Fiona Cline 0171 808 8314 |
| 15/01/2000 | TBA | | | Voices of Promise Final | | | | NMEC |
| 15/04/2000 - 16/04/2000 | tbc | | Earthwatch Millennium Awards | Two day conference | Heather Cooper is to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in schemes which promote the use and understanding of science and technology. TA: Specialist groups, general public | National, regional, specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 28/04/2000 | Salford | | The Lowry | Official opening | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects such as this which provide the opportunities for life long learning. TA: General public, opinion formers, specialist | Regional, national, specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |



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10 June 1999

Dear Jennie

NMECG BRIEFING MEETING: 8 JUNE

You met Lord Falconer on Tuesday, along with Robin Young, Clare Pillman and David North.

Legacy

Lord Falconer said that he was unclear about the reasons for the Deputy Prime Minister asking Sir Alan Cockshaw to stand aside from decisions on the sale of the Dome. It was difficult to see how potential conflicts of interest could arise given that both NMEC and English Partnerships were Government owned. It was also noted that Sir Alan had been on the boards both of NMEC and English Partnerships for several months already without any suggestion of conflict of interest problems. He agreed to speak to the DPM about the potential conflicts of interest and to press for Sir Alan's continued involvement in the sale process (action: Lord Falconer).

You added that the sale was made particularly complicated by the fact that the buyer would have to negotiate with NMEC about the Dome and with English Partnerships about the land. It might be necessary to transfer all the assets to a specially created third company, to simplify the sale process.

Body and Local

Lord Falconer said that John Hackney had briefed him on his proposals for the Body and Local zones. He had been impressed by the proposals. You said that a great deal of work remained to be done before the proposals could be implemented, not least to provide proper costings. There were still significant questions marks about the deliverability of the proposals. The ideas for Local

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were still at a very early stage and needed a lot more work. Time was running out for making such extensive changes. At Michael Grade's suggestion, a further Litmus Group meeting was being convened to consider the new ideas. The changes would require substantial additional draw-down from the contingency. The Hackney team had already run up £500,000 in fees. There was also the problem of maintaining the morale and interest of the existing in-house contents team, whose re-engagement would be essential if the Hackney ideas proved undeliverable. Overall, you were very concerned about the risks and burdens this additional work placed on NMEC's ability to complete the Dome on time and within budget.

Lord Falconer said that he understood that there were considerable risks and complications involved in making such extensive changes at this stage in the project. The Company of an excellent track record of meeting such challenges. Bob Ayling, Michael Grade, Sam Chisholm and Matthew Freud had all expressed reservations to him about the existing plans. It was therefore important that the Hackney proposals were given proper consideration and developed and implemented if at all possible.

Play, Living Island and Global

Lord Falconer said that he remained concerned about the Play Zone. There seemed to be an over-emphasis on explaining the nature of play, and not enough easily accessible and fun games for visitors. You said that the presentation Lord Falconer had received recently zone had not conveyed the right impression. The Litmus Group had endorsed the proposals and Michael Jolly was confident that the zone would have mass appeal.

Lord Falconer suggested that John Hackney should be asked to come up with ideas for making the Play, Living Island and Global zones more populist. You said that the Litmus Group accepted the need for last minute improvements to the zones, but there was not time to go back to the drawing board. Lord Falconer agreed. You said that one of John Hackney's attractions was his range of contacts in the creative and media industry. You hoped to make good use of these to bring in extra resources and ideas for final stage of "dressing up" the zones.

You agreed to send Lord Falconer a list of the main "wow" factors (**action: NMEC**).

Sport

You said that David Trench had been to Canada to look at a structure for the education tours reception area which would include a facility for indoor sport. All the zones were currently being reassessed to see whether they contained enough sports content. This audit would take another week to complete (**action: NMEC**).

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Parking arrangements

Lord Falconer said that, following the recent meeting with DETR Ministers, it would be helpful to answer the questions about parking as quickly as possible. You said that the London Borough of Greenwich was content with the Company's plans for 4000 car parking spaces. You agreed to ensure that this agreement was provided in writing and forwarded to DETR (action: NMEC).

Lord Falconer said that Glenda Jackson's letter of 8 March to him had suggested that London Underground would not be allowing Kiss and Drop at the North Greenwich underground station. You agreed that it was important to clarify London Underground's position before any final decisions were taken about NMEC's Kiss and Drop proposals (action: NMEC).

I am copying this letter to Robin Young, Clare Pillman and David North.

Yours sincerely

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MARK LANGDALE
Private Secretary

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DOC - PUBLIC TICKET INITIATIVE

1. Background

NMEC must ensure that in excess of 50% of the Guest List can be classified as members of the general public. Tickets within the general public category will be split between the winners of competitions run via national and local media (see later for detail) Millennium Commission Capital Projects and Award Winners, local communities (Greenwich and neighbouring boroughs), Contractors and Suppliers and Youth representatives.

The responsibility for tickets to be made available to the general public via the media falls to the NMEC Promotions department, with all strategies and initiatives approved by the appropriate interested parties.

1. Objectives

To ensure that:

- The allocation of 'public' tickets is as inclusive as possible – demographically, geographically and culturally
- It is perceived to be a fair and open process
- The allocation of tickets reflects that the DOC is a family occasion
- The selection criteria for 'public' tickets is completely defensible
- The Dome is positioned as the world's biggest and most exciting millennium celebration

2. Promotional Strategy

- Exploit the combined power of regional and national print and broadcast media to achieve the required inclusivity and high profile
- Invite the participation of a broad selection of media to use a range of promotional techniques provided that pre-set NMEC criteria are met

- Offer all winners an option (when winner is notified) to visit the Dome on 1st January 2000 instead of DOC if necessary

3. Selection of Media

The most effective means of providing as inclusive a reach as possible has been discussed at great length both within NMEC and selected prospective media partners.

The results of such debate are set out below:

3.1 Major Newspapers

Allocate a number of DOC tickets to each major publisher plus selected regional titles to ensure geographical, demographic and cultural inclusivity. The number of DOC tickets available for print media will be split on a pro rata basis, amongst all the titles listed below, the amount of tickets being roughly commensurate with the circulation figure of the paper (see Section 5 below for details).

There are insufficient tickets to enthuse and excite the editorial and marketing departments of every daily and Sunday title so the publisher would be invited to propose the route which will meet our inclusive criteria.

The suggested publishers, their leading weekday titles and circulations are as follows:

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| News International | The Times | 0.7m |
| | The Sun* | 3.7m |
| Associated Newspapers | Daily Mail | 2.3m |
| United News & Media | The Express | 1.1m |
| | Daily Star | 0.6m |
| Mirror Group Newspapers | The Mirror | 2.3m |
| | Daily Record | 0.74m |
| Telegraph Newspapers | Daily Telegraph | 1.0m |
| Independent Newspapers | Independent | 0.2m |
| Guardian Media Group | The Guardian | 0.4m |
| Pearson Group | Financial Times | 0.4m |
| Northcliffe Newspapers | Aberdeen Press & Journal | 0.1m |
| Trinity | Belfast Telegraph | 0.14m |
| | | <hr/> 13.68m |

* There is also a Scottish edition of The Sun which may also be considered)

3.2 Regional newspapers

The following 14 titles have been selected according to circulation and geographical coverage:

| <u>Region</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Publisher</u> | <u>Circulation</u> |
|---------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Scotland | (covered above under Major Newspapers) | | |
| North East | Evening Chronicle | Trinity | 119k |
| North West | Liverpool Echo | Trinity | 166k |
| | Manchester Evening News | Guardian Media Gp | 184k |
| Wales | South Wales Echo | Trinity | 80k |
| South West | Bristol Evening Post | BEP & Press | 88k |
| | Plymouth Evening Herald | Northcliffe | 55k |
| West Midlands | Birmingham Evening Mail | Mirror Gp News | 198k |
| | W Midlands Express & Star | Midland News Assoc | 206k |
| East Midlands | Leicester Mercury | Northcliffe | 117k |
| Yorkshire | Hull Daily Mail | Northcliffe | 92k |
| | Yorkshire Evening Post | RIM | 102k |
| East Anglia | Eastern Daily Press | E Counties News Gp | 80k |
| London and SE | Evening Standard | Associated | 453k |
| South | Portsmouth Evening News | Portsmouth & Sunderland News | 75k |

Northern Ireland (covered above under Major Newspapers)

TOTAL CIRCULATION

2 million

NB. It should be noted that regional papers enjoy an average 2.5 readers per copy (higher than national titles) thus achieving a total estimated reach of 5 million.

3.3 TV and Radio

It is felt that the coverage by the newspapers listed above will provide sufficient inclusive coverage without involving broadcast media in the public ticket initiatives. Promotional activity of this type is also far less broadly used on TV than in print media. **The only option that might be considered is via Sky, in their capacity as an NMEC sponsor.**

However independent local radio stations could be used to plug any gaps that may become apparent in the unlikely event that a regional newspaper declines the opportunity.

TV and radio, particularly regional newsdesks, will be included in press releases related to the results of the initiatives. It is anticipated that they will follow up stories on 'winners' in their locality, particularly via route 4.1 below.

4. Promotional Techniques

The promotional technique of entry will differ between media, partly to suit the media type but also to offer an element of exclusivity to the media concerned. The latter point is particularly important to the national newspapers who operate within the most competitive arena.

Broadly the two promotional techniques to be used will be:

4.1 A nomination and voting process – more favoured by the regional newspapers and possibly local radio.

Readers/listeners would be asked to nominate someone who they feel has made a real difference to their locality; nominees might include those who have given their time and effort in the form of voluntary work eg. environment, hospital, youth group, special needs, etc. or possibly a long-standing postman or milkman in an isolated community.

It is proposed that these initial nominations would be judged qualitatively and quantitatively by an independent panel, who would draw up a shortlist for a final round of voting by readers/listeners.

Prior to publishing the shortlist, each of the nominees will be contacted confidentially by the paper to check their acceptance of an invitation should they be win a place.

Sponsor-linked enhancement: Kodak could be approached to offer every DOC tickets winner a disposable camera, the processing of which may be carried out by Boots or the newspaper concerned. Photos from the guests' cameras would be used the following day to illustrate the public eye view of the most important party of the millennium!

4.2 A variety of promotional options based on competition and 'bingo' techniques will be outlined to the publishers. They may choose one of the proposed concepts or they may submit an alternative proposal – either route, NMEC will approve the final format prior to publishing.

Initial Promotional Concepts

The techniques, and more specifically the creative treatment, will vary according to the reader profile of the newspaper but broadly they can be split into broadsheet and tabloid ideas:

Broadsheet Ideas

- (i) 'Surf the Millennium Dawn' (*this particular idea has been proposed to The Times in conjunction with a longer-term promotion*)

Focussing on the theme of 'time' and highlighting the fact that the new millennium truly begins in Greenwich, hence the location of the Dome. A gamecard promotion, possibly distributed by e-mail, with the aim of matching a different Time Zone in the paper each day, highlighting key cities and millennial celebrations worldwide. Daily and weekly prizes available, ie DOC tickets and DOC London Break packages respectively.

- (ii) Crossword-based competition with clues being revealed each day over a two-week period – crossword provided on a loose insert at the outset of the promotion. All clues relate to the Dome and New Year's Eve. An anagram running through the week also provided – a few letters are given each day. The re-arranged anagram will give a sentence related to the Dome eg. the first wonder of the new millennium, imagine what we can do tomorrow, etc.
- (iii) Quiz focussing on daily articles about Dome zones although the name of the zone is not given. Readers are invited to submit the zone's name and sponsor by phone each day. Daily and weekly prizes available.
- (iv) On this day in Daily article about someone or something that has made a notable difference to our lives in the current millennium, each linked to one of the zones in the Dome eg. Stephenson's Rocket which would link to the Journey zone. Daily prize to guess the zone link and its sponsor. Also the initial letters of the person or invention, having been collected over each week of the 2-week period of the promotion, can be re-arranged to spell a word or phrase related to the Dome. Daily and weekly prizes thus available.

Tabloid Ideas

- (i) Countdown Scratchcard – each day the name of 3 zones published with a summary about each one. Reader scratches off the 3 names on the appropriate day's grid on a gamecard which has been issued with the newspaper. If the 3 zones revealed by scratching off the panels match those in the paper that day, the holder of the gamecard is a winner of a DOC London Break package. All used scratchcards to be sent in at the end of the promotion to be entered into a draw to win DOC tickets.
- (ii) Dome Zone of the Day – scratchcard distributed with the newspaper at the beginning of the promotion features 14 plans of the Dome, one per day of the week for a fortnight. Each day the paper publishes a very visual article about a zone – reader invited to scratch off the panel where he/she thinks the Zone of the Day is located on the Dome plan – clues given in the article. If the zone revealed matches that featured in the paper, the reader wins – prizes as per Countdown scratchcard above.

- (iii) Play Dome Bingo – article each day on each zone, with a symbol of that zone. Symbols to be matched to those on bingo-style card distributed by newspaper. When a reader completes a one of the themes eg. Where We Live, What We Do, etc. it's a winner. Daily and weekly prizes as per Countdown scratchcard above.
- (iv) Dome Trivia – linked to one of the retail sponsors eg. M&S/Express, Boots/Mail, Mirror/Tesco. Each day newspaper features 'nuggets' of content from the relevant sponsor's zone. Gamecard distributed via the newspaper outlines a series of multiple-choice questions, one per day of the promotion. Reader invited to scratch off one answer per day. At the end of a week, fully correct Dome Trivia cards can be taken into an outlet of the relevant sponsor to win one of two prizes: instant money-off coupon valid at the store group and enter into draw to win DOC prizes.

NB. Quantities of gamecards eligible to win DOC-related prizes in each case would obviously need to be carefully controlled (according to the allocations as estimated in Section 5 below) to avoid over-redemption.

Guidelines will be set by NMEC for all media participants, to include:

- Entry open to all, although parent's or guardian's permission will be required for those under 18 years
- For the nomination and voting route, the criteria for nomination and judging will be based on those who are making or have made a difference to who we are, where we live or what we do, thus reflecting the core brand values of the Millennium Experience. To facilitate and to ensure a fair process, an initial round of nominations followed by a final round of voting is proposed.
- All entrants or nominees must be made aware that all DOC guests will be subject to accreditation procedure, thus places 'won' cannot be guaranteed.
- All copy and scripts to be approved in advance by NMEC and should entice all readers, listeners and viewers to visit the Dome in 2000
- On-line entry to be made available wherever possible.

5. Allocation of DOC tickets by newspaper

A total of 750 DOC ticket packages will be made available on a pro rata basis amongst the participating media.

A DOC ticket package comprises:

EITHER Winner + partner + their children (no maximum number)

OR Winner + partner + their child + 1 adult

OR Winner + partner + 2 adults

The allocations below are calculated assuming each package comprises the minimum 4 people; this will obviously increase if winners have more than 2 children.

Major Newspapers

For simplicity of message to the consumer and to provide a fair allocation commensurate with the reach of the newspapers listed in Section 3.1 above, it is proposed that the titles are divided into 3 groups according to their circulation figures:

| Group | Circulation | % of total circulation | No of titles | Ticket allocation* | |
|-------|----------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| A | 1m and above | 76% | 5 | 375 --> | 75 per title |
| B | 500k – 1m | 15% | 3 | 75 --> | 25 per title |
| C | Less than 500k | 9% | 5 | 50 --> | 10 per title |

Sub-total 500

Regional Newspapers

All titles with the exception of Evening Standard which enjoys more than double of every other title's circulation (from the list in Section 3.2 above) will be allocated 15 ticket packages. The Evening Standard will be allocated 20 ticket packages.

| No of titles | Ticket allocation |
|--------------|---------------------|
| 13 | 95 --> 15 per title |
| 14 | 0 --> 20 per title |

Sub-total 215

TOTAL 715

NB. Reserve of 45 ticket packages to be held back in case larger than units of 4 are eligible for tickets, extra promotional routes are required, website promotions, etc.

6. The Prize Structure

It is proposed that the prizes are staggered as follows:

First prize DOC tickets (as above) + hotel accommodation + transport to/from
The Dome (*This to be funded by NMEC and possibly media promoters.
A budget of c. £100,000 is set aside*)

Suggested allocation of first prizes by category of paper (as outlined above):
Nationals: Group A – 5 per title; Group B – 4 per title; Group C – 3 per
title

Regionals: Evening Standard x 5; all others x 3 per title

Second prize DOC tickets (as above)

The quantity of each level of prize will be decided once the allocation by media is agreed.

For second prize winners advice will be given by NMEC with the DOC tickets regarding transport and accommodation but it will be the responsibility of the winner to organise and fund these elements.

In this regard NMEC is currently seeking the co-operation of its appropriate travel trade partners.

7. Announcement of Winners

- All media will be encouraged to announce winners simultaneously.
- At the same time all winners to be mailed offering congratulations, detailing their prize and advising next steps regarding the nomination/accreditation procedure
- Winners will be requested to notify their choice of DOC ticket package and to provide any necessary details of the potential guests
- If for any reason the nomination/accreditation procedure eliminates a guest, an equivalent number of tickets to the Dome will be issued to be used during 2000. The winner will be assured of confidentiality in this regard.

8. Proposed Timing Outline

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| By end May | All media channels as above invited to participate and travel trade partners to have been approached |
| By 14 June | All replies/proposals to be received from media and travel trade partners |
| 28 June – 9 July | All promotions to be published/broadcast |
| 16 July | Closing date for all entries/votes |
| By end July | Announce all winners |

During April the most likely media participants were met on a confidential 1:1 basis to assess their buy-in to the approaches as outlined above.

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From the Private Secretary

Mark Langdale, Cabinet Office

MILLENNIUM UPDATE

The Prime Minister was grateful for your Minister's minute of 4 June.

On the contents of the Dome, the Prime Minister noted Lord Falconer's concerns about the development of the Play Zone. He has asked whether there would be merit in him seeing the presentation, or in telling those responsible that the Play Zone must contain a significant element of fun.

I should be grateful for Lord Falconer's views.

I am copying this to Anji Hunter, Peter Hyman and Alun Evans.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David North'.

DAVID NORTH

7 June 1999

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Minister of State
Cabinet Office

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PRIME MINISTER

cc David North
Peter Hyman
Alun Evans

THE MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE: PROGRESS NOTE

Construction

Construction of the contents remains on target overall.

Contents of Dome

Mixed news on contents. I had a disappointing presentation on the Play Zone on Wednesday. It contains some good games (e.g. "armchair goalie" and a bicycle that creates a light show when ridden round the inside of a globe), but suffers from the usual NMEC problem of over-worthiness. There are futuristic items, like a piano which "plays" light, which whilst technologically impressive, do not appear very accessible or, more importantly, what people would expect. Of all the zones, it seems to me that this one should be about fun and excitement. Visitors will expect entertaining games, and parents will expect to be able to leave children, especially teenagers, to themselves in the zone. At the moment, the zone falls short of that.

More encouragingly, I had a read-out from John Hackney. He has concentrated on the Body and Local zones, both of which needed livening up. On Body, he has come up with some excellent ideas for transforming the zone from a rather dull school lesson to a much more interactive, emotional and exciting exploration of the body. The highlights include a ten foot high, beating heart which changes pulse, and hopefully those of the visitors, as imaginary scenes are played out; an area where you are under the skin of the human body; an electron microscope which projects live images of lice on the human skin; a game which involves jumping on plasma screens in order to arrest the spread of a human virus; and interactive human "bodies" which teach you about how the body works.

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On Local, he has virtually gone back to the drawing board. He has taken the tricky theme of "community" and tried – successfully I think – to bring it alive by a much more interactive zone. One room has 40 to 50 visitors riding exercise bikes to try to create enough power to lift a volunteer up a cylinder. There is a Disney-esque type film about the way birds fly together to travel further. Hackney is also proposing to involve a community-based TV company (Youth Community TV), which gives disadvantaged young people the chance to work in television. The zone will have a TV studio, run by young people from YCTV and Greenwich, who will take TV pictures of visitors to the Dome and superimpose them onto other images shown around the zone (e.g. take a crowd of visitors and superimpose them as if at the front row of Live Aid).

Although I have only given a flavour of his ideas, they looked to me much more like what we have been after, in terms of popular, fun contents. Hackney believes that he can deliver both these zones on time. He has Michael Grade and Matthew Freud's backing. He would be willing to take on Global, Living Island and also Play, but only if he has the necessary additional support within NMEC. Given the apparent break-through he has made on Body and Local, I think we must get him engaged on the other three as soon as possible. I will be taking this up with Jennie Page, Michael and Matthew next week.

Sponsorship

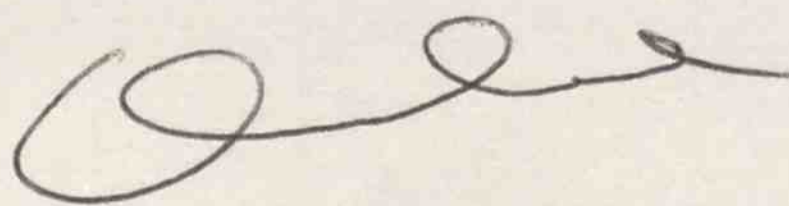
I held a press conference on Wednesday with Bob Ayling, Peter Levene and Michael Heseltine to announce surpassing the £150m sponsorship target, and securing funding for the Faith and Money zones. The coverage was positive, helped by your letter of congratulations to Bob Ayling.

JLE

No new developments to report.

Church

The sponsorship announcement prompted the Archbishop of Canterbury to issue a statement welcoming the funding of the Faith Zone and hinting that he was now more likely to attend the Opening Night ceremony at the Dome. As you know, the sticking point has been his wish to say prayers during the final moments before midnight, for transmission both within the Dome and on the BBC.



CHARLES FALCONER

4 June 1999

DEPARTMENT FOR CULTURE, MEDIA AND SPORT



BACK TO THE DOME

Government Response
to the Third Report from the
Culture, Media and Sport Committee
Session 1998–99

*Presented to Parliament by the
Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport
by Command of Her Majesty
June 1999*

BACK TO THE DOME

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE THIRD REPORT FROM THE CULTURE, MEDIA AND SPORT COMMITTEE, SESSION 1998-99

1. The Government welcomes the Committee's report and its continued constructive interest in the Millennium Experience at Greenwich. The Government has given careful consideration to the report's conclusions and recommendations. Where the Committee has made specific recommendations, the Government's response is outlined below. The response has been prepared by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) but includes contributions, as appropriate, from the Millennium Commission, the New Millennium Experience Company (NMEC), the Department for the Environment, Transport and the Regions (DETR) and the Government Office for London.

Recommendation (i)

We continue to believe that it is crucially important that the Jubilee Line is open from end to end before 2000. The Dome can be viewed as a journey into the future and we do not believe that a Heath Robinson journey across London represents an appropriate start to the day.

2. The Government agrees that the Jubilee Line Extension is crucially important to the success of the Dome. Phase 1 of the line, from Stratford to North Greenwich, opened on 14 May. We are continuing to monitor the project and its phased opening strategy closely and there are frequent Ministerial meetings with London Transport and Bechtel. The Government remains confident that the line will be open in time for the Millennium celebrations.

Recommendation (ii)

We are extremely concerned about London Transport's seemingly casual attitude to contingency planning given the repeated delays to the opening of the Jubilee Line Extension. It is essential that Ministers keep the closest watch on developments.

3. It would be irresponsible not to have contingency arrangements in place to manage problems on any of the main transport links to the Dome throughout the Millennium Year. Glenda Jackson therefore asked London Underground, through her Millennium Access Co-ordination Group, to lead the production of contingency plans in June 1998, since which time regular progress reports have been made to the group.

4. London Underground has specifically established a dedicated team to take forward the mobilisation of the contingency plans and monthly progress reports are being given to Glenda Jackson's group throughout this phase of the work.

Recommendation (iii)

We recommend that Glenda Jackson explore these issues relating to bus services and the public transport network further with the interested parties under the auspices of the Millennium Access Group. Whilst we accept that the Group's primary focus must be transport access to the Dome during the course of the year 2000, this is an opportune time to consider how many of these additional bus services can be secured as a legacy for South East London.

5. Following discussions at Glenda Jackson's Millennium Access Co-ordination Group, London Transport Buses have looked again at the evidence submitted to the Committee by the London Borough of Greenwich on these issues.

6. London Transport Buses has explored the provision of additional new routes, "special" feeder services and limited stop services as proposed by Greenwich. London Transport Buses has, however, concluded that adapting the existing network, by extending and diverting existing services, provided better value for money in serving local communities, taking account of the needs of existing bus passengers. Where demand is not sufficient to warrant direct bus links, London Transport Buses has sought to enhance the synergy of the bus networks by providing improved interchange opportunities between bus routes and between modes.

7. London Transport fully supports the integration of public transport modes. In addition to the existing national railway services, the new Jubilee Line and the enhanced network of bus services, the DLR extension will open in the near future. Taken together, the transport facilities and the developments on the Greenwich peninsula will have a major impact on travel patterns in the Borough. London Transport Buses believes that the base bus network is in place and that experience will allow its continued development in the coming years. The five existing services being re-routed to serve the Dome and North Greenwich Interchange are already scheduled to continue beyond 2000.

8. London Transport is committed to working with Greenwich to ensure that the bus network continues to meet the needs of passengers and that overall usage of public transport is maximised. As part of this commitment, London Transport Buses will continue to discuss with the Borough a number of detailed points concerning the bus service changes.

Recommendation (iv)

We believe that NMEC should seek to establish good relations with Councils and work collaboratively with them to minimise the impact of the extra traffic caused by park and ride schemes, particularly at peak times. In view of this recommendation, we suggest that NMEC reconsider the idea of a park and sail site at Woolwich as this proposal enjoys strong support from Greenwich Council and other organisations representing the local community.

9. NMEC aims to maintain good working relations with local councils in whose areas the Millennium Experience is likely to have a direct physical impact, particularly those where the company has identified proposed park and ride sites. Keeping the impact of any additional traffic generated by park and ride sites to a minimum has been an important consideration in the evaluation of the suitability of park and ride sites and traffic impact assessments have formed part of the planning applications to the relevant local councils. NMEC has made four presentations to the Association of London Government and has had a number of meetings with representatives of individual councils as well as the relevant planning authorities. In addition, Lord Falconer has met the leaders of LB Newham and LB Tower Hamlets.

10. In respect of a park and sail facility at Woolwich, NMEC invited tenders in Autumn 1997 for such services along with the central London and Greenwich Shuttle Services. There were no bids for the park and sail service. Separately from this tendering process, the company was undertaking a review of its park and ride strategy and concluded that while Woolwich should remain on the short-list of car parks, the Millennium Experience at the Dome could meet its park and ride objectives more cost effectively with a shuttle bus service, rather than park and sail. A bus service can also be more flexible in dealing with peaks and troughs. It also concluded, as has LB Greenwich subsequently, that any boat service from Woolwich would have to be in addition to a shuttle bus service. In response to the Committee's request, NMEC has reviewed feasibility and cost of a park and sail service at Woolwich. The outcome is to confirm the view that, in respect of the year of operation, providing a pier at NMEC's expense in addition to funding a shuttle bus service cannot be justified, particularly given that the likely effect would be to reduce the numbers travelling on each of the buses rather than reduce the number of shuttle buses. However, if LB Greenwich is successful in its efforts to secure funding for a pier and procuring a boat service, NMEC is content for users of the car park to choose to travel to the Dome on a boat and will accommodate the vessels at the new pier serving the Dome. NMEC and LB Greenwich discussions about how this might best be organised are ongoing.

Recommendation (v)

We believe that NMEC should consider carefully siting car parks in places which are easily accessible from the M25 since many Dome visitors will not want to drive into London at all.

11. The NMEC agree with the Committee and can confirm that accessibility from the M25 and other motorways has been an important consideration in the evaluation of park and ride sites. Each of the sites selected by NMEC has met this criterion. NMEC also agrees that many Dome visitors will not want to drive into London and this underpins the company's revised park and ride policy which aims to ensure that cars coming to park and ride car parks do not travel further into London than is desirable or necessary.

Recommendation (vi)

NMEC's park and ride plan needs urgent clarification. There is a clear risk that Dome visitors will bring their cars into London without a pre-booked car parking space.

12. NMEC understands the Committee's concerns. However, the company is planning to have under its control sufficient park and ride capacity to meet anticipated demand for pre-booked car parking spaces. The number of available spaces is being planned on the basis of maximum capacity at the Dome on days when there are two sessions and on the basis of single occupancy of car park spaces during each day. NMEC will advise all visitors who want to use their cars for the first part of their journeys to pre-book a space in the car park most appropriate to their journey. NMEC's marketing strategy in support of the sale of Dome tickets to the public in September 1999 aims to provide clear and strong messages about travel to the Dome especially the need to pre-book NMEC controlled car parking spaces where the intention is to use a car for the first leg of the journey.

Recommendation (vii)

We disagree strongly with the Company's plan to provide a short-term parking area on the site which could encourage "kiss and drop" by private cars and recommend that this decision be rescinded.

13. In the light of the Committee's concerns and those of the Minister for Transport in London, the issues surrounding kiss and drop are being looked at in more detail. The results of this work will be included in a detailed update of the transport strategy currently being finalised under the Deputy Prime Minister; this will be submitted in due course.

Recommendation (viii)

We expect the Government to include its analysis of the demand for the river passenger service after the year 2000 in its reply to this Report. We also wish the Government to indicate its view about the way the service should be financed, particularly if the Dome does not continue principally as a visitor attraction.

14. The Government has always made clear that it attaches great importance to the provision of legacy river services. Two relatively recent studies suggest that demand will be strong:

- (a) Firstly, London First, using consultants Steer Davies Gleave, KPMG and others, advised on a case for a "hopper" service in central London in January 1996¹. Assuming a loop service with a £10 adult daily fare, it was estimated that the service would attract 825,000 passengers per year.
- (b) More recently the Government Office for London instigated the Cross River Partnership to commission Halcrow Fox to undertake market research surveys of visitors to London to evaluate the attitudes and key sensitivities to different aspects of river transport². A number of assumptions were tested in terms of the fare levels, frequencies and quality of river services. The research indicated that a service running on a single loop in central London could attract 0.8 million passengers per annum, rising to 1.2 million by 2001. The indications were that a service which facilitated a greater number of river crossings could prove even more popular, with a projected usage of 1.8 million rising to 2.8 million in 2001³.

¹"The Business Case for a Passenger Transport Service on the River Thames" prepared by London First for the Government Office for London.

²"Development of River Passenger Service for Central London" prepared for the South Bank Employers Group and the Cross River Partnership, Halcrow Fox, October 1997.

³These forecasts assume that all visitors are aware of the proposed service and that it is within the Travelcard system (there is no fare premium for the proposed service relative to ordinary bus or underground services).

15. These studies informed the bid to the Millennium Commission for new piers and fed into the Thames 2000 initiative which in 1997 invited tenders from private sector operators to run a number of river passenger services. It was a condition of the selection of White Horse Fast Ferries and City Cruises as preferred bidders for these services that they were committed to the provision of legacy services (that is, services after the year 2000) in the long term. Both operators have demonstrated their commitment to the provision of legacy services by the investment of substantial sums in new boats.

16. All operators were invited to bid for these services on the assumption that there would be no Government finance available. Nor at that stage was there any assumption that the Dome would continue in existence beyond the year 2000. In this context, any continuation of the Dome as a major visitor attraction in 2001 or beyond would be a new factor. It should also be borne in mind that responsibility for managing river services after July 2000 will fall to the new Mayor for London in the context of the transfer of London Transport to Transport for London and the Mayor's duty to have regard to the desirability of promoting and encouraging use of the River, in particular for transport purposes⁴.

Recommendation (ix)

We are disappointed that NMEC did not lend its capacity for bold and creative decision-making to the cable car proposal. We suggest that the cable car is given serious consideration if the future use of the Dome is one which would make such a project viable.

17. The Government and NMEC share the Committee's disappointment that the cable-car proposal did not come to fruition. NMEC, in particular, after working for many months with the promoters of the cable car was especially disappointed when the promoters failed to secure the necessary private finance. While it supported the project, NMEC was not in a position to fund or underwrite the cable car. The passenger assumptions quoted in the Committee's Report (paragraph 28) are not directly comparable to NMEC's estimates of modal choice and include passengers from sources that had not been secured. NMEC's 2% figure related to those using the cable car with the tube/DLR. The potential ridership from those using park and ride car parks was included in NMEC's park and ride estimates.

18. As far as the future use of the Dome is concerned, it would be for any future owner to decide whether a cable car might enhance their proposed use of the site and to consider the business case within their other plans.

Recommendation (x)

We would like both the Government and the Company to provide us by the end of June with a detailed update on the transport strategy. We wish to see the Company's plans for park and ride and for kiss and drop, since these are the two aspects of the strategy for which they bear chief responsibility.

19. A detailed update on the transport strategy, covering NMEC's park and ride arrangements and kiss and drop will be submitted in due course.

Recommendation (xi)

We believe that NMEC's failure to hold an open meeting, as we recommended in our last Report on the Dome, is detrimental to community relations. We urge the Government and the Company to act upon our earlier recommendation. It is imperative that local people are given a voice on transport matters as they will be affected by these on a daily basis.

20. NMEC understands the Committee's concerns to ensure that the local Greenwich community are as fully informed as possible. The company has looked again at this issue following the Government's response to recommendation (xix) of the Committee's Report "Not only the Dome: Millennium Celebrations in the United Kingdom" session 1997/98. As stated in that response, (and in the Company's written Memorandum to the Committee's second inquiry), a number of mechanisms are in place through which the local community is informed of developments both at the Millennium Experience site and on

⁴Greater London Authority Bill (as amended in Standing Committee A), Clause 33(5)(e).

other Greenwich Peninsula sites where development is progressing rapidly. These include attendance at the Greenwich Millennium Trust Forum, the facility for local people to raise issues and concerns at the Millennium Experience Visitor Centre, local publicity, meetings with local councillors and officers, the company's publications (freely available from the Visitor Centre), the Millennium Experience website and the *Greenwich Peninsula News*, jointly produced, quarterly, with English Partnerships, which is distributed free to 22,000 homes throughout Greenwich and most of Charlton. Telephone enquiry numbers for construction works queries and for employment and business opportunities for local people are printed in the *Greenwich Peninsula News*. The LB Greenwich and, more widely, the Association of London Government are also particularly encouraged to voice particular local views or concerns about transport matters through its membership of the Millennium Access Co-ordination Group.

21. The company does not consider that a public meeting would add significantly or materially to the effectiveness of the mechanisms already in place, and has not been approached by the local community for such a meeting.

Recommendation (xii)

In our first Report on the Dome, we described the sponsorship target as "enormously ambitious" and we would therefore like to extend our congratulations to NMEC for raising such a large amount of money through sponsorship.

22. NMEC is grateful for the Committee's generous comments about the company's achievements in raising sponsorship. The Government shares the Committee's admiration for the company's success in this area.

Recommendation (xiii)

With only nine months to go until the opening of the Dome, it is imperative that NMEC secures signed contracts from the various companies that have promised money to them. This is becoming an increasingly urgent issue as the Company is now spending money on the construction and development of the internal exhibition zones. Opportunities to change the design, without incurring major expenditure, will also be diminishing.

23. NMEC agrees the importance of completing signed contracts from sponsors and is giving priority to this task. The company has announced £144m of sponsorship value from a large number of named companies who, where contracts are not already signed, are committed at Board level. All of them have, through the media announcements made to date, confirmed to the country their support for the centrepiece of the UK's millennium celebrations. In the circumstances it is unlikely that such sponsors would withdraw their support. The time taken from the announcements to completion of contractual documentation varies and reflects the normal commercial process of negotiating best deals - on both sides. NMEC aims to ensure that those processes are completed in a manner which minimises any adverse impact on the design, construction and fit-out of the Dome's exhibit zones.

Recommendation (xiv)

We support strongly NMEC's decision to balance its need to raise sponsorship income against visitors' need to choose from a range of fairly priced goods during their visit to the Dome. However, we remain to be convinced that Official Supplier arrangements will not restrict consumer choice unduly.

24. NMEC understands the Committee's concerns and has sought to ensure that through the approach adopted for Official Supplier arrangements neither visitors' choice nor the value for money they obtain is unduly restricted. The company has announced four Official Supplier sponsorships to date (covering ice-cream, confectionary, tea and camera film products) and is likely to announce one or two more in due course. Given the range of catering outlets which will be available in the Dome, and other millennium-related retail outlets, the company does not believe that five or six products subject to Official Supplier arrangements will unduly restrict consumer choice.

Recommendation (xv)

In our view, the stringent approach that has been taken to value-in-kind is correct. We believe that the Shareholder and the Millennium Commission have a continuing and important role to play in scrutinising NMEC's financial procedures.

25. NMEC is grateful for the Committee's endorsement of its approach to value-in-kind. Detailed monitoring of NMEC's financial procedures is the responsibility of the Millennium Commission, as provider of £449m Lottery grant; under the terms of the company's Financial Memorandum, the Shareholder also has an active and ongoing role in ensuring that NMEC operates within the appropriate rules. NMEC has stringent financial procedures, including ones which ensure that the budgetary impact of sponsorship income and value in kind is accurately forecast. NMEC's procedures and forecasts in this respect are validated by the Millennium Commission and the Commission's monitoring and scrutiny will continue.

Recommendation (xvi)

Given the contradictory evidence from Ms Page and Glenda Jackson, the Committee questions whether the travel trade has yet been given sufficient information to maximise the tourist potentialities of this attraction.

26. NMEC continues to believe that the timing of the announcement of ticket pricing structures (18 March 1999), following detailed discussion with the Shareholder and the Millennium Commission in the weeks leading up to the announcement in particular, has not adversely affected the enthusiasm of the travel trade for the Millennium Experience project. The British Tourist Authority and English Tourist Board estimate that in excess of 26 million leisure visitors will come to London in the year 2000. Of these 50% will be from the domestic market and 50% from overseas. Over 11 million will have visited London previously. The company fully recognises the importance of the travel trade as a key route to reach these visitors many of whom will book their trip through a travel agent, tour operator, coach, boat or other transport or accommodation provider.

27. The company has put considerable effort into encouraging and developing the travel trade's support for the Millennium Experience over the last twelve months. The Millennium Experience was promoted at twenty one travel industry shows, fairs and events in 1998, and is being promoted at twenty four such events in 1999. In addition, detailed discussions and negotiations are continuing with individual members of the industry. As a result the Dome features prominently in many of the industry's brochures for the year 2000, most of which are recently issued or about to be launched – this includes all the top short-break providers, major hotel groups and consortia, coach wholesale brochures, individual coach operators. In addition UK ground handlers and domestic and overseas operators are also beginning to brochure the Dome and undertake direct mail and other marketing activity. The Dome is currently featured with half, full and double page spreads in print runs totaling some 15.2 million copies.

28. Advance bookings through the travel industry are already starting to be taken, and there is no evidence that the timing of the announcement of ticket pricing structures impacted adversely on the quantum of such bookings at this early stage in the travel trade's 2000 programme. The company is confident that sales through the travel industry, at home and abroad, will be successful and will assist the achievement of the forecast income target from this source. The company is also mindful of the Committee's concerns, expressed in its previous Report⁵, that tickets should remain readily available to the public for direct purchase at face value.

Recommendation (xvii)

We welcome the National Express package. However, we regret strongly the fact that, despite allowing the Company the opportunity to provide us with confidential memoranda which were then discussed in a private evidence session, we were given so little information about

⁵CMS Committee Sixth Report "Not Only the Dome: The Millennium Celebrations in the United Kingdom", HC 818-I (1997-98).

ticket prices and travel packages. This work was clearly not carried out between the evidence session on 25 February 1999 and the issue of press releases on 18 March 1999. We believe that, by withholding from the Committee information which the Company clearly had available when NMEC provided evidence in private (the commercial confidentiality of which we had vouchsafed), NMEC has treated the Committee, and consequently the taxpayer, with great discourtesy. In future, we expect to be provided with the information we require at the time we required it to allow us to scrutinise the Company's activities effectively on behalf of Parliament and the public.

29. NMEC regrets that the Committee considers its handling of the information on ticket pricing structure was discourteous. The company has sought to provide the Committee with as much information as possible on all aspects of the Millennium Experience project in a timely manner, and the company is grateful that the Committee has, where appropriate, afforded it the opportunity to submit confidential material and to give evidence in private session. As regards the announcement on ticket pricing, the company accepts that the Committee did not receive information about the Education Tours Scheme (under which one million free tickets will be available to schools) until 8.30am on 17 March following its announcement by the Prime Minister, to Parliament, at about 3.30pm on that day. This was an oversight and the company apologises to the Committee, as it did when the Chief Executive wrote to the Committee on 19 March explaining the circumstances surrounding the announcement. The company's announcement of the full ticket pricing structure was sent to the Committee in the morning of 18 March prior to the public announcement at 2.00pm on that day.

30. The company fully accepts the Committee's concern that details of the developing ticket pricing structure should have been revealed to the Committee at a much earlier stage. However, the outline structure drawn up by the company was subject, during January, February and up to mid-March, to detailed discussion with the Shareholder and the Millennium Commission. Given the ongoing nature of the discussions during that period, the company suggests that it would have been difficult and potentially misleading to have provided the Committee with the details at any one particular point.

31. In future the company will seek to continue to provide the Committee with details of the project both as and when the Committee requires it, and where there is no such request, where the company considers that the Committee might find it helpful to be informed of key developments.

Recommendation (xviii)

The provision of information about public transport access to the Dome is a poor substitute for provision of actual tickets. We are concerned that people buying tickets through the Lottery system may not plan their journey until the last minute and may then resort to travelling by car without a pre-booked parking space. NMEC have claimed that limitations in Camelot's software are viewed as insurmountable at this late stage, and that, accordingly, the problem is not one that can be rectified. We have not, however, had any verification from Camelot of this claim and we shall therefore be seeking evidence from Camelot in our next inquiry to see whether this claim can be substantiated or otherwise. We urge NMEC to acknowledge this weakness in their sales strategy and to do everything it can to redress its potentially deleterious impact on the transport strategy through its marketing and promotional material.

32. NMEC considers it important to clarify the position regarding travel tickets and Dome entry tickets in the context of Lottery outlets. The company had never planned to sell travel tickets through Lottery outlets. The National Lottery's computer hardware and software is designed to sell – rapidly – Lottery tickets in response to play slips which are marked by Lottery customers and then scanned into a terminal. This system has been amended to sell Dome admission tickets underpinned by the same principles of simplicity and speed. Requiring the Lottery systems and the staff at some 25,000 Lottery terminals, none of whom are trained in the sale of travel documents, to deal with coach, bus, rail and boat tickets from around the UK is not a workable option.

33. The software modifications to the Lottery systems required to sell Dome admission tickets through the Lottery network commenced in mid-1998 and was completed in April 1999. The software is currently under test. In September 1998, London Transport suggested that they would be prepared to accept a ticket printed from a National Lottery terminal for travel to the Dome. The ticket would, however, have been printed on standard National Lottery ticket stock and therefore without the magnetic strip required by London Transport. London Transport's suggestion also came at a time when the redesign of Camelot's software was too advanced to consider amendments to its fundamental design. It was therefore not possible to accommodate the London Transport suggestion and still meet the contract 'go-live' date in September 1999. Any redesign of Camelot's software is a very significant undertaking. The system handles 30,000 users and sells 9 million tickets a day at peak times. Any changes to design have to be made in a way that will not interfere with the sale of Lottery tickets in any circumstances. Apart from Camelot's own procedures, all changes are subject to review and approval by the National Lottery Commission who may require them to be independently tested.

34. Against that background, and noting that NMEC never planned on the basis of travel tickets being issued through Lottery terminals, the Government does not accept that the absence of such a facility represents any weakness in the transport strategy for the Millennium Experience. The Government, however, welcomes NMEC's assurance that a wallet containing public transport information and emphasising the 'no-car' message will accompany tickets purchased through Lottery terminals.

Recommendation (xix)

We are pleased that the Company recognises the importance of maintaining a high level of visitors throughout the year 2000. We look forward to receiving more information about the Company's plans for the management of visitor peaks and troughs in due course.

35. NMEC welcomes the Committee's acknowledgement of its approach to visitor levels through the year. The company will be pleased to provide the Committee with more information on management of visitor peaks and troughs in due course.

Recommendation (xx)

We will require monthly updates on the Company's marketing strategy and financial plans, in commercial confidence if necessary.

36. The Government agrees that NMEC's marketing strategy is crucial to the success of the Millennium Experience particularly in terms of achieving the forecast 12 million visitors. As the company confirmed in its evidence to the Committee, the project's commercial, communications and marketing budget is limited compared to the scale of the activity being undertaken. However, the unique nature of the Millennium Experience at the Dome, which had achieved over 90% "product" recognition across the country prior to NMEC spending any money on advertising, requires something other than a conventional approach to product marketing. Additionally, many of the project sponsors are committing (and some are already spending) considerable sums, additional to their sponsorship, on marketing their involvement in the project. The company aims to ensure that wherever possible there is collaboration between it and the sponsors' wider marketing activities to maximise the impact for the Millennium Experience project.

37. The company does not envisage amending its marketing strategy, or its marketing budget on a monthly basis. It is concerned, therefore, that the monthly updates sought by the Committee would not provide material input to the Committee's considerations. However, the company will submit a Marketing progress report to the Committee at the end of June and is grateful for the Committee's confirmation that, where appropriate, the information can be presented, and will be treated as, commercially confidential.

Recommendation (xxi)

We believe that the Company is right to emphasise its policy of inclusivity. If the Experience is to be judged a success, it must appeal to all sections of society.

38. NMEC is grateful for the Committee's recognition of its efforts to ensure that the exhibits and activities within the Dome will appeal to people of all ages and interests. Integral to the company's inclusivity aims, are the aims to ensure that as many people as possible who wish to visit the Dome are able to do so, and that as many people as possible have the opportunity to participate in the Millennium Experience's National Programme of activities and events. Inclusivity is reflected in the Company's marketing strategy.

Recommendation (xxii)

We have the greatest admiration for the Company's achievement in erecting the external structure to time and to budget. We hope that they enjoy comparable success over the next nine months in delivering the Experience itself; this will clearly be a complex operation and one which has little margin for error.

39. The Committee's admiration for the company's achievement is a welcome recognition of the commitment of NMEC's staff, contractors and suppliers to ensure the successful delivery of the Millennium Experience. As the Committee recognises, the company has set itself testing targets over the coming months in terms of installing the Dome's content. The project continues to be on time and on budget and NMEC is committed to ensuring that that is the case on 31 December 1999.

Recommendation (xxiii)

We believe that viewing the Dome has the potential to become a tourist attraction in its own right, just as many people go to see the Eiffel Tower without paying to climb it. Greenwich Council shares our view. We are not convinced that NMEC appreciates fully the Dome's potential to attract sight-seers who do not intend to visit the Experience itself. If such non-ticket holders are to be dealt with efficiently and safely, we believe the Company must adopt a more realistic and pragmatic approach to their needs.

40. NMEC notes the Committee's concerns about sight-seers. The company fully appreciates the need to ensure, through its marketing strategy, that people are effectively and regularly informed about access to the Dome being by ticket only and about the absence of car-parking facilities. The company also fully appreciates the need to continue to work closely with LB Greenwich and other relevant organisations, such as the police and London Transport, to assist and contribute to their strategies for managing safely and effectively those people who arrive without tickets and who do not want to gain access to the Dome site for which the company is responsible.

Recommendation (xxiv)

We believe that NMEC should take much greater account of the impact of people who wish to see the exterior of the Dome for themselves without purchasing an admission ticket. Obviously the Company's primary concern lies with creating a high quality experience for ticket holders. However, the Dome has been built with a large sum of public money. We believe that the Dome may well become an architectural icon of world significance. In our view, people have a right to – and may well be determined to – see this structure for themselves whether or not they are either able or inclined to pay for entry to the Experience itself.

41. As the Committee recognises, NMEC's primary aim and concern lies with the remit it has from the Government and the Millennium Commission to deliver a successful Millennium Experience (incorporating the Dome and the associated National Programme) as the centrepiece of the UK's Millennium celebrations. In the process of delivering that remit, the company has built a structure – the Dome – which, as the Committee states, may become an architectural icon of world significance. Indeed, international interest at governmental and professional level (including designers and architects) is already significant and growing.

42. As stated in the Government's response to recommendation (xxiii), NMEC will continue to work with others who have particular responsibilities relevant to the management and safety of the general public outside the Dome site during the year of the Millennium Experience's operation. In the longer term, the outcome of the Government competition to find a viable, sustainable long-term use for the Dome will influence public accessibility issues. In the meantime, members of the public can already get fabulous views of the Dome from a large number of places across London, including from historic Greenwich and the Docklands Light Railway.

Recommendation (xxv)

We believe that Greenwich Council's cultural plan for the year 2000 will provide an interesting and stimulating adjunct to the New Millennium Experience. We commend Greenwich Council for developing a programme of events which will provide its own residents as well as visitors with the opportunity to celebrate during the year 2000.

43. The Government agrees that Greenwich Council's cultural plan for 2000 will provide a valuable contribution to the Millennium celebrations and joins the Committee in commending the Council for its work.

Recommendation (xxvi)

We believe that this approach to the Opening Celebrations, an approach which respects the diversity of religious belief across the population and which promotes inclusivity, is the right one to adopt. We commend the Government and NMEC for recognising the need to approach this issue with due sensitivity.

44. The Government welcomes the Committee's support for the inclusive approach being adopted in the Dome's Opening Celebration and in the many other First Weekend festivities. The Christian significance of the year will be reflected throughout the First Weekend – as through the rest of the year. But it is also important that the celebrations should be inclusive and should be accessible to people of all faiths and none. We are confident that, in planning the Opening Celebration, NMEC will get the balance right between reflecting the Christian significance of the occasion and ensuring that all who attend are able to feel part of the festivities.

Recommendation (xxvii)

We recommend that the Company lend its support to Greenwich Council and to those who will be organising events in the local area on New Year's Eve. It is essential that local residents, who will undoubtedly be inconvenienced at times by the Experience, do not feel excluded from what we expect will be one of the most memorable New Year's Eve celebrations of all time. We believe that it is essential that decent and sage provision is made for the crowds that are likely to gather near the Dome and that NMEC should demonstrate generosity in recognising and catering for these people's needs.

45. NMEC takes its responsibilities to Greenwich Council and the residents very seriously and is supporting a wide range of Millennium events in Greenwich through the Cultural Plan which the company is co-funding with the Council. Various groups and organisations in Greenwich are developing plans for a number of New Year's Eve events in different locations around the Borough and the company is in ongoing discussions with the Council and others in the area, including the police, regarding the co-ordination of all events on New Year's Eve.

46. The Opening Celebrations at the Dome on New Year's Eve will be by invitation only and the company will make clear, through publicity, that there will be no access to the general public. The company will, however, in its ongoing discussions with Greenwich and others continue to address the particular issue raised by the Committee and to identify arrangements which address, in particular, issues of safety.

Recommendation (xxviii)

We would like the Government to provide us with further information about the expressions of interest it has received to date, in confidence, if necessary. The information that we have at our disposal has led us to suspect that the competition may have been launched either because of dissatisfaction with the proposals that have been received to date or because of a realisation that the approach to establishing the Dome's future has not been productive thus far.

47. The expressions of interest which the then Shareholder of the New Millennium Experience Company, Peter Mandelson MP, received in response to his December 1997 statement showed the level of interest and breadth of possibilities that the market could see for the Dome's future use. However, they were not firm bids, merely informal expressions of interest. As the Government advised the Committee during its "Not Only the Dome" Inquiry⁶, this meant that there was a need to formalise the process in order to identify the best and sustainable future use for the Dome. The current competition is the outcome of this formalisation.

48. Initial expressions of interest were received from 66 parties, all of whom were sent a copy of the Preliminary Information Memorandum (PIM) and asked to supply further information regarding their credentials/capabilities. While the majority of organisations have yet to disclose the nature of their proposal, those that have done so have proposed a broad range of uses, covering commercial, sporting and other leisure uses. Of the total, approximately 3/4 were UK based (though often with international partners) with the rest coming from many parts of the world, including the USA, Europe, the Far East, Africa and South America. This was an encouraging response demonstrating widespread and serious national and international interest in the Dome. The closing date for formal registration for the competition was 12 May. By that date, 22 consortia or individual organisations had registered their wish to participate, involving a total of 91 organisations.

49. As is normal in this sort of competition, the names of interested parties are being regarded as confidential at this stage. Disclosure could deter some parties from pursuing their interest, and would certainly damage the credibility of the competition in their eyes. Information on the identity of interested parties will be provided separately to the Select Committee on a confidential basis. All parties understand that the identities and proposals of those reaching a later stage will need to be made public.

Recommendation (xxix)

The nature of submissions will depend to a considerable extent upon the quality of the pre-qualifications document and briefings produced by the Government for interested parties in April 1999. We have not yet seen these documents but would like to do so as soon as they are available. We believe that the Government should have taken a more dynamic approach and should take vigorous steps to encourage the type of development which would complement the existing regeneration projects on the Greenwich peninsula and in the Thames Gateway.

50. The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) issued copies of the PIM and pre-qualification questionnaire to the Committee on 6 April. These documents were sent later that day to all those organisations who expressed an interest in the future use of the Millennium Dome and associated land. The Committee will receive copies of subsequent documentation relating to the competition as it becomes available.

51. An essential aim of the competition is to ensure a sustainable alternative use for the Dome which reflects its cultural significance and contributes fully to the regeneration of the Greenwich Peninsula as a whole and the Thames Gateway region. The Government is determined to do all it can to achieve this.

⁶DCMS Memorandum to the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, published in HC (1997-98) 818-II, pp 3-4.

Recommendation (xxx)

We are concerned that the competition's schedule does not allow very much time for the detailed planning and preparation that will inevitably be required prior to any work being started. A considerable delay between the closure of the New Millennium Experience and the re-opening of the Dome appears possible. We regret that successive Governments did not consider the Dome's future from the very start of the project and we hope that this shortcoming does not jeopardise the regeneration of the Greenwich Peninsula and the wider Thames Gateway area.

52. When the Millennium Exhibition was first considered, it was planned as a one-year event with the Dome structure being dismantled at the end of 2000. The present Government decided in June 1997 to proceed with the project on the basis that it would be a truly national event and that it would provide a lasting legacy.

53. The Government believes that the current timetable for Competition creates the right balance to ensure that any down time on the Millennium Experience site is kept to a minimum. It should allow the successful bidder sufficient time to finalise their plans and to obtain the required planning consent before gaining access to the Dome for any reconstruction or refurbishment work that might be required.

Recommendation (xxxii)

We believe that a satisfactory system of public consultation is essential in order to maximise local support for the Dome. We urge the Government to make specific proposals for public consultation in its reply to this Report so that such consultation forms an integral part of the Competition and is not arranged as an afterthought.

54. The Government agrees that it is important for the views of the general public to form part of the information available to Ministers when selecting the winning bid. As the Committee rightly says, it is important that this should be an integral part of the Competition. As an initial step, English Partnerships, who are managing the competition on behalf of the Government, are undertaking local consultation with key groups within the Greenwich and Thames Gateway areas in order to ensure that local opinion is taken into account at an early stage. The Government is currently considering how best to widen the debate in later stages of the competition to ensure that local and national public opinion can inform the decision-making process.

Recommendation (xxxiii)

We urge the Government, when judging the competition, to think carefully about whether the new transport services will be supported by the proposed new use of the Dome; their survival will play an important role in sustaining regeneration in the immediate area and in the wider Thames Gateway. We recommend that the Government asks bidders to include an analysis of the modes of transport they expect to be used to obtain access to the Dome should their bids succeed.

55. The Government shares the Committee's aspirations for the role that new transport services will play in the future use of the Dome. Its aim is to make the peninsula development a good example of how car dependency can be reduced. The PIM already makes the point that "developments for the Site must be largely predicated on the use of public transport with car parking on the Site kept to a minimum" and emphasises the pedestrian linkages to the Site. Bidders will be asked to demonstrate clearly in their final bids how their proposals meet the Government's policies on public transport.

Recommendation (xxxiiii)

Whilst we accept that the legacy from the 1851 Great Exhibition is a difficult act to follow, we are in sympathy with Mr Smith's sentiments. Obviously, it is impossible to estimate how much money will be raised by the sale at this stage, but we believe the proceeds should be used to create fitting projects to complement the Dome as lasting monuments to the United Kingdom as it enters into the next millennium.

56. The proceeds from the sale of the Dome and the associated land will be split between NMEC (who own the Dome structure) and English Partnerships (who own the land). The Committee will be aware that NMEC is required to repay any operating or residual surplus, up to a maximum of £449m, to the Millennium Commission as repayment of the Commission's grant to the company. The Commission will consider how to use any repayment once the quantum and timing of potential receipts is better understood. The proceeds accruing to English Partnerships will be used to secure the further regeneration of land in accordance with the Government's priorities.

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THE MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS: A PROGRESS NOTE

Millennium Commission

Discussions are ongoing with regard to the Earth Centre. We suspect the situation may become public in the near future. You already have the line to take; further briefing will be provided as required.

Millennium Experience

Content/construction/operation

2 Lord Falconer will be receiving a submission from Rod Watson setting out a way forward on the proposal for an economic impact assessment

Sponsorship and budget

3 NMEC announced their £157m sponsorship yesterday.

Legacy

4 Lord Falconer written to Bob Ayling regarding the conduct of the competition; the DPM has written similarly to Sir Alan Cockshaw. We are separately pursuing with DETR the other issues which came out of your meeting with the DPM last week.

Transport to the Dome

5 Nothing new to report.

National Programme

6 Lord Falconer met representatives from McDonald's yesterday to talk about Our Town's Story; Frances Duffy and I were able to follow up on a number of the points made during the meeting and look forward to further constructive contact with the company. Lord Falconer is due to see Manpower this afternoon.

Millennium Festival

7 Nothing new to report.

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First Weekend

Dome Opening Celebration

8 NMEC are likely to announce the "ordinary people" element of the Opening Celebration guest list towards the end of next week. Lord Falconer has written to the Archbishop of Canterbury suggesting a meeting to finalise details for his involvement in the Opening Celebration.

London River Event

9 The next meeting of Nick Raynsford's London River Event Advisory Group is on Monday.

Millennium Church Services and Multi-faith event

10 We are awaiting a response from the Inter-faith Network to the Secretary of State's letter. We have meetings with the IFN on Monday and with St Paul's on Wednesday.

Other FWE events/issues

11 The official level First Weekend Co-ordinating Group meets on Thursday.

International

12 The French Mission 2000 is visiting London this weekend and will include a visit to the Dome in their itinerary. NMEC is continuing to receive proposals from countries wishing to participate in the Dome 'World Stage' next year. Currently 12 countries have firmly signed up; a further 16 will probably submit proposals and another 11 may possibly wish to participate.

Parliamentary business

The Select Committee

13 The response to the Select Committee's report was published today as a Command Paper (copy attached).

P.Qs, debates and Parliamentary strategy

14 We have two outstanding written questions.

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THE MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE: PROGRESS NOTE

Construction

Construction of the contents remains on target overall.

Contents of Dome

Mixed news on contents. I had a disappointing presentation on the Play Zone on Wednesday. It contains some good games (e.g. "armchair goalie" and a bicycle that creates a light show when ridden round the inside of a globe), but suffers from the usual NMEC problem of over-worthiness. There are futuristic items, like a piano which "plays" light, which whilst technologically impressive, do not appear very accessible or, more importantly, what people would expect. Of all the zones, it seems to me that this one should be about fun and excitement. Visitors will expect entertaining games, and parents will expect to be able to leave children, especially teenagers, to themselves in the zone. At the moment, the zone falls short of that.

More encouragingly, I had a read-out from John Hackney. He has concentrated on the Body and Local zones, both of which needed livening up. On Body, he has come up with some excellent ideas for transforming the zone from a rather dull school lesson to a much more interactive, emotional and exciting exploration of the body. The highlights include a ten foot high, beating heart which changes pulse, and hopefully those of the visitors, as imaginary scenes are played out; an area where you are under the skin of the human body; an electron microscope which projects live images of lice on the human skin; a game which involves jumping on plasma screens in order to arrest the spread of a human virus; and interactive human "bodies" which teach you about how the body works.

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On Local, he has virtually gone back to the drawing board. He has taken the tricky theme of "community" and tried – successfully I think – to bring it alive by a much more interactive zone. One room has 40 to 50 visitors riding exercise bikes to try to create enough power to lift a volunteer up a cylinder. There is a Disney-esque type film about the way birds fly together to travel further. Hackney is also proposing to involve a community-based TV company (Youth Community TV), which gives disadvantaged young people the chance to work in television. The zone will have a TV studio, run by young people from YCTV and Greenwich, who will take TV pictures of visitors to the Dome and superimpose them onto other images shown around the zone (e.g. take a crowd of visitors and superimpose them as if at the front row of Live Aid).

Although I have only given a flavour of his ideas, they looked to me much more like what we have been after, in terms of popular, fun contents. Hackney believes that he can deliver both these zones on time. He has Michael Grade and Matthew Freud's backing. He would be willing to take on Global, Living Island and also Play, but only if he has the necessary additional support within NMEC. Given the apparent break-through he has made on Body and Local, I think we must get him engaged on the other three as soon as possible. I will be taking this up with Jennie Page, Michael and Matthew next week.

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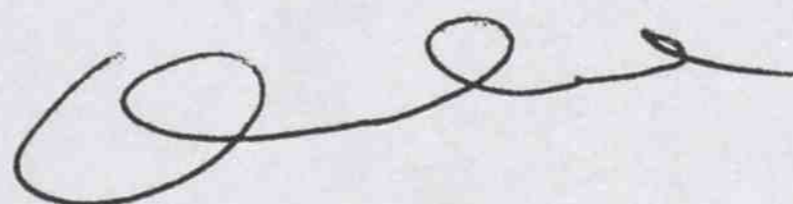
I held a press conference on Wednesday with Bob Ayling, Peter Levene and Michael Heseltine to announce surpassing the £150m sponsorship target, and securing funding for the Faith and Money zones. The coverage was positive, helped by your letter of congratulations to Bob Ayling.

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No new developments to report.

Church

The sponsorship announcement prompted the Archbishop of Canterbury to issue a statement welcoming the funding of the Faith Zone and hinting that he was now more likely to attend the Opening Night ceremony at the Dome. As you know, the sticking point has been his wish to say prayers during the final moments before midnight, for transmission both within the Dome and on the BBC.



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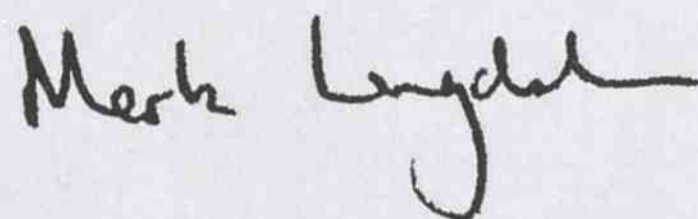
1. 1. Kosovo: Obviously signs that the end may be in sight. Gives rise to the question of domestic re-entry. Assuming that the end of the Kosovo story is the capitulation of Milosovic, then re-entry to domestic affairs will be on basis of a very strong political position. We should ensure between now and end of July (assuming the Kosovo end-game does not require too much of your time) that there is focus on domestic delivery issues, both to make up for your apparent absence on foreign affairs, but also to capitalise on political credit coming from the successful end to the war. (See Peter Hyman's note).
2. Europe: European election campaign has come alive to some extent on basis of decline of the Euro and issue about whether Tories in fact want to leave EU. No sense however of any real interest in the election at all. Significance of election may be further slow reduction in public support for the Euro. People think the drop in value of the Euro indicates it is a weak currency susceptible to political deals (such as suspension of the stability pact in respect of Italy). We are in danger of losing Euro battle without having engaged. We need to develop some strategy to take us from here to the election both in relation to pressing the European reform agenda and building up support for the Euro.
3. Asylum: Jack S. in principle willing to go down route of fast-tracking families and committing himself to time targets within which families with children under 12 will be dealt with. Requires plan and expenditure on IND to make those targets credible. The main outstanding issue appears to be getting

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the Treasury to agree to the expenditure.

4. Regulatory burdens: Steve Byers made speech yesterday (Thursday) in which he set out his stall on the basis there is a presumption against regulation. He also indicated he would consult on removing the audit requirement from its present limit of £350k to a possible limit of £4.2m. Got good coverage in the papers.

5. Vision speeches by you and other ministers: the Annual Report could be a good opportunity to make your vision speech. See Peter H's note for a proposal in relation to a series of vision speeches by other ministers. PH's note also describes the four main messages between now and Conference. We should discuss at the PU away-day a more detailed programme between now and the end of July.



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MILLENNIUM PRESENTATIONAL ROUNDUP

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This Week's Media

Main stories:

The weekend papers were very quiet.

Tuesday's Telegraph had a prominent story claiming that there is a row over who will supply fireworks for the New Year's Eve events in London. The Standard picked this up but NMEC briefed other callers into dropping it.

Thursday's press event to announce the achievement of NMEC's sponsorship target was very well attended, with a range of national newspapers and regional broadcast media present. Jennie Page and Lord Levene gave interviews afterwards. Lord Falconer talked to SKY, London Tonight, News Direct, Newsroom Southeast and the PM Programme. Stewart Payne ran the story in a very positive full page story in the late editions of the Standard and most national papers picked it up to give excellent coverage on Friday (with the exception of the Telegraph, which worried that other Millennium projects were suffering due to the Dome's success in attracting sponsorship.)

Other stories:

The Dome was used as a backdrop for the announcement of the running tallies in the Eurovision Song Contest, broadcast live to 20 countries last Saturday. Terry Wogan referred to the Dome during his

commentary.

Ford's television advertisement for its new transit features a shot of the Dome.

The Times had news of the Chief Rabbi's call for Christian prayers to be offered in the Dome on Opening Night. This was not picked up elsewhere.

The Mirror showed us a photograph of the Dome being struck by lightning during last week's heavy storms.

This Week's Events

Lord Falconer went to Brighton last Friday in support of NMEC's National Programme, and Brighton's plans to celebrate the Millennium. Local media turned out along the way.

NMEC worked hard to talk Nicholas Hellen out of running a potentially damaging story on zone content last week.

The Commission is working closely with the Earth Centre to contain news of the Centre's difficulties. The negative attention received by the National Centre for Popular Music in Sheffield in recent days has started to draw out unfortunate comparisons.

Lord Falconer was filmed being interviewed by Robert Thirkell of the BBC documentary crew on Wednesday. He later received a presentation about progress on the Play Zone, also filmed.

The Government Response to the most recent CMS Select Committee report is published today.

Next Week's Media

Nicholas Hellen of the Sunday Times is working on a story claiming that the quality of the zones in the Dome will suffer because of tight budgets. NMEC is working to talk him into dropping this story.

Next Week's Events

Domewatch: French, Italian, Portuguese and Korean television crews filming on site; SKY is filming new continuity links featuring the Dome; Smart TV (BBC children's programme) filming children at the Dome making articles for the Local Zone; the Prince of Wales Business and Environment Forum visiting the Dome for a presentation on sustainability (no media); likely announcement of Talk Radio as Millennium Experience official radio station; Greenwich Council likely to decide on planning permission for the Greenwich Pavilion at the Dome; NMEC presentation to London Chambers of Commerce; leading trade unionists attend NMEC recruitment launch on Thursday; regional launches for the "Adopt a Beach" campaign start next Saturday.

We hope that the announcement about the guest list for Opening Night at the Dome can be announced next week.

The Commission is offering a briefing to the regional lobby, majoring on the Award scheme, next Wednesday. Chris Smith will participate. This aims to boost the scheme's profile while marking 200 Days to Go. This is being co-ordinated by the Commission in liaison with DCMS press office.

Voyager reaches Bristol next week: press day Tuesday.

There are small scale announcements and events associated with various Commission projects next week: see Forward Look.

The national advertising and leafleting campaign on Millennium Bug preparedness starts a new and higher profile phase next week.

NMEC is working on its plans to mark 200 days to go but is not in a position yet to say what form of event will take place.

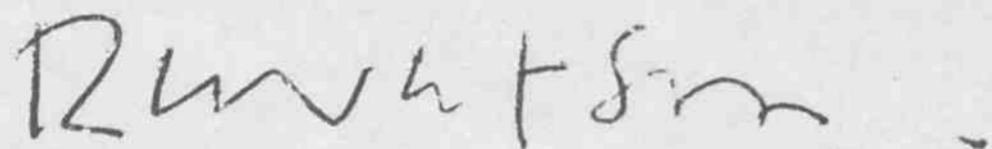
We are meeting next Thursday for a further discussion of media facilitation for and marketing of the River Event on New Year's Eve.

Lord Falconer will probably make some Millennium visits in the course of a visit to Leeds next Friday, meeting the Council to talk about their planned Millennium celebrations and touring the Magna Project (a big Millennium Commission-funded project) at Rotherham.

Future Opportunities

Among the short term opportunities being worked on at present:

- * a further Channel 4 News film on the Millennium, to feature Chris Smith;
- * a visit to Scotland by Lord Falconer is now likely to take place after the European elections in June;
- * a visit to Liverpool by Lord Falconer (and, possibly, Chris Smith) in early July is under consideration;
- * visits for Janet Anderson and Alan Howarth to coincide with future stops by the Millennium Voyager and to visit other Millennium projects. We have been asked by colleagues in DCMS tourism division to consider Millennium visits which could fit in with Janet Anderson's regional visits to promote the Tourism Strategy.



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| 4/06/1999 | London | | CMS Select Committee | Government Response to CMS Select Committee report 'Back to the Dome' published. | | | Press Release | DCMS Rod Watson 0171 211 6356 |
| 4/06/1999 | Whisby | 12:00 | Whisby Natural World | Celebration of the signing of the visitors book | Kate Burditt and Bill Alexander (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in education by supporting this project. TA: General public and media. | Regional press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 4/06/1999 | Orkney, Scotland | 20:00 | South Walls and Brims community Centre | Opening of centre. | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects which benefit our local communities. TA: General public. | Local media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 5/06/1999 6/06/1999 | County Down | | Sustainable Communities Millennium Awards | Promotion at Green Living Fair. | | The Millennium Commission is supporting ordinary people doing extraordinary things by investing lottery money in this Millennium Award scheme. TA: General public, environmental groups. | Regional media, specialist press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 05/06/1999 | Manchester | | Changing Places: Victoria Millennium Park | Small community celebration | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in the regeneration of our great cities. TA: General public, local council. | Local media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 05/06/1999 | Scottish Highlands | 10:30 | 21st Century Halls for Scotland | Opening of Burnside/Balmullo Hall | | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in village halls and community centres such as this one. TA: Local community and press. | Local press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 05/06/1999 | Nationwide TBC | | | Living Island/World Ocean Day launch | A Marine Conservation Society Event to coincide with World Ocean Day. 'Unusual' litter picked up from beaches is to be used in an exhibit within the Living Island Zone inside the Dome. | Promoting cleaner beaches and other environmental issues. TA: British Public, local media. | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 07/06/1999 | Dome | | Sky logos | Sky filming new idents (corporate logo links between tv programmes) at Dome | For info. | | | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8303 |

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| 07/06/1999 | near Glasgow | 13:00 | Millennium Link, Forth, Clyde & Union Canals | Royal visit | HRH Prince of Wales is to visit the site. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in schemes which encourage urban regeneration, to restore our great cities. TA: General public, media, local councils | Local and regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 08/06/1999 | Dome | | | Smart TV (BBC children's programme) filming children at Dome making articles for the Local Zone | For info. | | | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8303 |
| 08/06/1999 | London | | Launch of Spring Campaign for Millennium Bug information. | Public Information Programme Campaign. President of the Council to launch. Mr Tipping attending separate visit. (tbc) | | | | Cabinet Office Mike Ricketts 270 6085 |

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| 08/06/1999 15/06/1999 | Bristol | 10:15 | Millennium Voyager | Launch. Open to the public for 1 week. | Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects. | Voyager will take the message around the UK that the MC projects are delivering a valuable legacy. TA: Local, regional and specialist press. General Public and Opinion Formers. | VIP/Press day 08/06/1999 | Mill. Comm. Kate Hardcastle 0171 880 2009 |
| 09/06/1999 | Regional/DCMS offices | | Millennium Awards | Millennium Awards briefing for 200 days | This will include a photo opportunity with the Chairman at DCMS, and a regional lobby briefing. Press releases will be distributed with regional information. | The Millennium Commission is supporting ordinary people in doing extraordinary things by investing lottery money in a variety of Millennium Awards. TA: General public, opinion formers, media. | Regional and national media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 09/06/1999 | Dome Preview Centre | | | Visit by Prince of Wales's Business & the Environment Programme | Hoisted by J Page | | No media | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |

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| 9/06/1999 | Kidlington, Oxfordshire | | | Millennium Fair - Exeter Hall | | Raising public awareness of the Millennium Experience within the regions. | Regional Media | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 9/06/1999 | Pembrey harbour | 12:15 | Millennium Coastal Park | The opening of the Pembrey Link | David Baird (MC) will speak at this event. Denzil Davies, MP, to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects which encourage environmental sustainability. | Regional and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 9/06/1999 | London | | Millennium Experience broadcast coverage | Possible announcement of Talk Radio as Millennium Experience official radio station | | TA: General public/Londoners | NMEC Press Office - press release | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8303 |
| undated tentative | London | | Dome Opening Event | Announcement of guest list for 31 December 1999 Dome opening event. | | Majority of invited attendees will be ordinary people / a strong creative team is in place. TA: National / local media, general public. | Press notice - NMEC Press Office (NMEC will hold a briefing for national media) | NMEC Greg Hayman 0171 808 8325 |
| 0/06/1999 | Reading, Berkshire | | | Millennium Fair - Reading Town Hall | | Raising public awareness of the Millennium Experience within the regions. | Regional Media | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |

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| 10/06/1999 | London (Manpower Branch) | | Millennium Experience. | Announcement of 2000 jobs at the Dome - recruitment starts today. | In association with T&G, TUC and GMB unions and Manpower (John Monks, John Edmonds and Bill Morris to attend) Manpower to provide 1st tier of recruitment. | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 10/06/1999 | The Science Park, Wolverton | 18:00 | Black Country Urban Forest | Publication launch, Towards 2000 | Steve Boxall (MC) is to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in improving and sustaining our environment by supporting this project. TA: Investors, media, general public. | Regional and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 10/06/1999 | London | 11:30 | Jack Ashley Millennium Awards for Young Deaf Children. | Awards launch. | Dawn Conde and Erica Roberts (MC) to attend. Lord Dalkeith and Lord Ashley are to speak at this event. | The Millennium Commission is supporting ordinary people in doing extraordinary things. TA: general public, specialist groups, opinion formers. | Regional, national, disability and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 10/06/1999 | Greater Belfast | 10:00 | Sustrans Millennium Cycle Route | Route Opening. | | The Millennium Commission is supporting environmental sustainability by investing lottery money in projects such as this cycle route. TA: General public, specialist groups | Regional and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 10/06/1999 | Belfast City Hall | 17:45 | Sustrans Millennium Cycle Route | Reception to outline the plans for the National Cycle network in NI | John Grimshaw, MBE, will be speaking at this event. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects such as this which encourage environmental sustainability. TA: General public, specialist groups. | Regional, national and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 11/06/1999 | Leeds/Rotherham | | Lord Falconer regional visit, Yorkshire | pm - visit by Lord Falconer to Leeds City Council for a presentation on their Millennium plans; then visit to the Magna project, Rotherham (MC project, £18.6m grant, to convert Templeborough Steel Mill into a visitor attraction) | | | No media | DCMS Rod Watson 0171 211 6356 |

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| 11/06/1999 | Newry | | Sustainable Communities Millennium Awards | Official launch of Round Three Awards | Dawn Conde (MC) is to attend. | The Millennium Commission is supporting ordinary people in doing extraordinary things by investing lottery money in this award scheme. TA: General public, award winners, local media and community leaders. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 12/06/1999 | UK | | National Bike week | | | | | Mill. Comm. Press office 0171 880 2007 |
| 12/06/1999 | Aith, Scotland | | 21st Century Halls for Scotland | Dinner + dance to mark the reopening of Aith Village Hall | | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in village halls such as this one. TA: General public, local media. | Local media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 12/06/1999 | See list to the right | | Regional launches of Adopt A Beach Campaign | Saltonvile, Devon Durstun, Dorset Margate, Kent The Wash, Norfolk Saltsbourne-by-sea, Middlesex | | Clean up your beach | Regional media | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |

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| 2/06/1999 | Ladybank, Fife | 14:00 | Kingdom of Fife Millennium Cycle Ways | Howe of Fife West Cycle Route, guided bike ride | | The Millennium Commission is supporting schemes which encourage environmental sustainability, by investing lottery money in projects such as this one. | Local, regional press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 2/06/1999 | Over, Cambridge | 14:00 | Over Community Centre | Opening ceremony and day of family activities | Kate Burditt (MC) is to speak at this event. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in our local communities and supporting projects such as this community centre. TA: General public, local council, local media. | Local and regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 3/06/1999 | National | | Millennium Bug information leaflet. | Spring Public Information Programme leaflet inserts appear. | | To raise public awareness about the action required to tackle the Millennium Bug. TA: General public. | | Cabinet Office Mike Ricketts 270-6085 |
| 3/06/1999 | Basingstoke, hants. | 12:00 | Cliddesden Village Hall | Opening ceremony | | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery funds in village halls and community centres such as this one. TA: General public | Local media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 14/06/1999 | Dome Preview Centre | | | 200 days to go | Dome Central Show preview material. Lord Falconer to attend. A virtual reality show will allow people to look around inside the Dome. | The Dome will be a lively and fun place to visit. Dome content construction is on time. TA: British Public. | Major media event/video clips etc of what will be in the Dome. | NMEC Gabrielle Owtram 0171 808 8226 |
| 14/06/1999 | Winchester, Hampshire | | | Millennium Fair - Winchester Guildhall | | To raise public awareness of the Millennium Experience within the regions. | Regional Media | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 15/06/1999 | Dome Preview Centre | | | Evening dinner for sponsors - 200 Days Celebration | | | | NMEC Kevin Johnson 0171 808 8200 |
| 15/06/1999 | Dome | | | Picture call at Dome for Chelsea Pensioners | | Purely for info only | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 16/06/1999 | Bristol | 12:00 | @t Bristol | Opening of Explore @t Bristol, followed by lunch with Mr. Nicholas Hood CBE. | The Princess Royal is attending. Lord Glentoran will attend. Mike O'Connor and David Baird (MC) will be attending. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in innovative schemes which promote developments in science and technologies, such as the @t Bristol project. TA: Media, general public, local council | Regional and national, specialist press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 16/06/1999 Tentative | Central London Primary School | 13:15 | NMEC national programme of events. | BT Future Talk Launch | | Campaign to improve communication, one of life's core skills, at school and in the community. TA: British Public | National Press | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |

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| 16/06/1999 Tentative | London | | Millennium Bug | President of the Councils 6th Quarterly statement of progress in Government Departments | | | | Cabinet Office Sarah Charman 270-6193 |
| 17/06/1999 23/06/1999 | Truro | 10:15 | Millennium Voyager | Launch. Open to the public for 1 week. | Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects | Voyager will take the message around the UK that the Millennium Commission projects are delivering a valuable legacy TA: Local, regional and specialist press. General Public and opinion formers. | VIP/Press day 17/06/1999 | Mill. Comm. Kate Hardcastle 0171 880 2009 |
| 17/06/1999 | Cowes, Isle of Wight | | | Millennium Fair - Northwood House | | Raise public awareness of the Millennium Experience within the regions. TA: Regional Public. | Regional Media. | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 17/06/1999 20/06/1999 Tentative | tba | | Sustrans Millennium Cycle Routes | Quarterly round up | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects such as this which encourage environmental sustainability. TA: General public, specialist groups. | Specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 18/06/1999 | tbc | | | Opinion former lunch hosted by Jennie Page | | TA: Opinion formers | No media | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |
| 18/06/1999 | Dome | | | No cameras allowed into the Dome on this day ~ central show structure being installed | | | | NMEC Gabrielle Owtram 0171 808 8226 |

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| 19/06/1999 | Cracoe, Yorkshire | 12:00 | Cracoe and District Community Village Hall | Opening | Fred Truman attending. | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in this community centre. TA: General public. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 20/06/1999 | Isle of Harris | 18:00 | Rural Churches in Community Service: Christ Church | Dedication Service | Lisa Shackley (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects that support our local communities. TA: General public | Local media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 20/06/1999 | Devilla Forest, Kincardine, Scotland | 14:00 | Kingdom of Fife Millennium Cycle Ways | Father's Day guided bike ride | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects such as this which encourage environmental sustainability. TA: General public. | Local press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 21/06/1999 | Dundee | 10:00 | Dundee Science Centre | Sod cutting ceremony for the press to mark the start on site. | Sir Jack Shaw, Chair of the Scottish Science Trust is to speak at this event. | The Millennium Commission is supporting innovative schemes which promote the use of and understanding of science and technology, by investing lottery money in projects such as this. TA: General public, media, specialist groups, investors. | Local, regional, national and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 21/06/1999 | Magherafelt, Ulster | | Sustainable Communities Millennium Awards | Fellowship awards presentation | Andrew Farrow (MC) is to attend. | The Millennium Commission is supporting ordinary people in doing extraordinary thing by investing lottery money in this award scheme. TA: General public, award winners, community leaders. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 22/06/1999 Tentative | London | | Millennium Greens (Countryside commission) | Parliamentary event | Chris Smith, MP to attend | | | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 22/06/1999 | Dome Preview Centre | | | Launch of the 3rd Education Pack Early afternoon event Blunkett to launch | | | | NMEC Libby Fordham 0171 808 8638 |
| 24/06/1999 | Dome | | | News Quest Editors meeting at the Dome | | | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 25/06/1999 Tentative | Yorkshire | | Dales Environment | Summer ball | tbc | TA: tbc | | Mill. Comm. Press Office 0181 880 2007 |
| 25/06/1999 - 27/06/1999 | Strangford, Northern Ireland | | The Strangford Stone | A weekend of activities with the stone being pulled into place on Saturday 26th June at 2:00pm, followed by a concert. | Lord Glentoran will be attending. The Sec. of State for Northern Ireland has been invited. | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in projects such as The Strangford Stone which serve to unite people. TA: General public, community leaders, media. | Regional and national media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 5/06/1999 | Newcastle | 11:00 | International Centre for Life | Topping out visitor attraction centre | Dr. Jack Cunningham, MP, to attend. Ellen Dempster (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in innovative projects which increase our understanding of science and technology. TA: General public, media, Specialist groups | Regional, national and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 6/06/1999 2/07/1999 | Portsmouth | 10:15 | Millennium Voyager | Launch Open to the Public for 1 week. | Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects | Voyager will take the message round the UK that the Millennium Commission projects are delivering a valuable legacy TA: Local, regional and specialist press. General Public and opinion formers. | VIP/Press day 28/07/1999 | Mill. Comm. Kate Hardcastle 0171 880 2009 |
| 7/06/1999 | Sussex | | | Gatwick Sussex Youth Games | | Purely for info only | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 8/06/1999 | Newcastle | | Newcastle Millennium Conference | Newcastle City Council (with support of NMEC/Millennium Commission) have organised this Conference as a follow up to the Edinburgh Hogmanay Conference | Secretary of State CMS will speak, and attend MC projects in NE | | | DCMS Rod Watson 0171 211 6356 |
| 8/06/1999 | Ewell, Surrey | | | Millennium Fair - Glyn House, Ewell | | Raising public awareness about the Millennium Experience within the regions. TA: Regional Public. | Regional Public. | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |

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| 28/06/1999 | Dome | | | No cameras allowed into the Dome this whole week ~ central show construction material being installed | | | | NMEC Gabrielle Owtram 0171 808 8226 |
| 29/06/1999 | St. James's Palace | 18:30 | | Ambassadors Briefing | | | No media | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |
| 30/06/1999 | Rochester, Kent | | | Millennium Fair - Princes Hall, Corn Exchange | | Raising public awareness of the Millennium Experience within the regions. | Regional Media. | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 30/06/1999 | St. James's Palace | | | Diplomatic briefing at St. James's Palace | | TA: Ambassadors | No media | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |
| 30/06/1999 Tentative | TBC | | | Launch of Big Time with Nick Raynsford | | | | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |
| 30/06/1999 | N/A | | | Festival applications complete | Millennium Commission, Lottery Distributors | | | NMEC Tim Cattle-Jones 0171 808 8365 |
| undated June Tentative | 110 Buck. Palace Road | | | 12th Media Forum | | | | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8303 |
| undated June Tentative | London | | | Economic Impact Assessment for Millennium Experience | Greenwich Council, English Partnerships & NMEC have commissioned this report | Good news on jobs/regeneration plans. | | GVC Andrew Parry 0181 305 3403 |
| undated June Tentative | New Mill. Pier | | | Travel trade trip to New Mill. Pier | | | | NMEC Jacinta Johnston 0171 808 8655 |

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| June/July tentative | tba | | | TV and Outdoor advertising | 2nd Phase tbc | | | NMEC Ruth Wicks 0171 808 8320 |
| 01/07/1999 | Millennium Dome | | Scope and Capability Millennium Awards | Photocall in front of the Millennium Dome. | Lizzy Pearce, Andrew Farrow, Tanya Joseph (MC) is to attend. | The Millennium Commission is encouraging ordinary people to do extraordinary things by investing lottery money in this award scheme. TA: General public, award winners, community leaders. | Regional, National and specialist press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 02/07/1999 | Edinburgh | | Dynamic Earth | Official opening and press briefing | HRH the Queen, Chris Smith, MP, Lord Dalkieth to attend. This is a landmark project - 1 of nearly 30 around the UK. | The Millennium Commission is encouraging environmental sustainability - one of our key themes. This project is one of a range of environmental initiatives around the UK. TA: National, Regional Media, specialist press and General Public | National media, specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 05/07/1999 11/07/1999 | London | 10:15 | Millennium Voyager | Launch. Open to the public for 1 week. | Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects | Voyager will take the message round the UK that the MC projects are delivering a valuable legacy. TA: Local, regional and specialist press. General Public and opinion formers. | VIP/Press day 05/07/1999 | Mill. Comm. Kate Hardcastle 0171 880 2009 |

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| 05/07/1999 | Kings Lynn | 18:00 | North Sea Haven | Reception for donors | Earl of Leicester to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects that provide opportunities for life long learning. TA: Donors, educational groups, environmental groups. | Regional and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 05/07/1999 | River Thames | | | City Cruises launch (major event, possibly travelling to the Dome) | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 06/07/1999 | Brighton, East Sussex | | | Millennium Fair - East Wing, Brighton Centre | | Raising public awareness of the Millennium Experience within the regions. | Regional media. | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 09/07/1999 Tentative | NW Regional Offices | | | Lord Falconer visit to the NMEC North West Regional Offices | | No details have been confirmed at the moment | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 09/07/1999 Tentative | tbc | | Millennium Experience | Tickets for Greenwich Residents announcement. | | TA: Greenwich Residents. | | |
| 10/07/1999 | Knottingley | 19:30 | Rural Churches in Community Service - Edward the Confessor | Concert and buffet | Archdeacon of Pontefract | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in this centre. TA: general public | | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 10/07/1999 | Cambridgeshire | 12:00 | Buckden Village Community Centre | Official opening | John Major will officially open this centre. Graham Savage, Kate Burditt, Richard Mountain (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in this community centre. TA: General public | Regional media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 12/07/1999 | London | | Action 2000 - Millennium Bug issues. | NIF Press Conference. | Press conference with industry regulators - speakers to be arranged. | | | Action 2000 Elizabeth Allen 0171 215 2000 |
| 16/07/1999 | Durham | | Turning the Tide | Procession along the sculpture trail. | Ellen Dempster (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects that encourage environmental sustainability to ensure a greener, cleaner future for us all. TA: General public, local council, specialist groups. | Regional and specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 16/07/1999 | Birmingham | 20:00 | Age Concern Millennium Awards | Jazz concert at Ladywood Community Centre | | The Millennium Commission is supporting ordinary people in doing extraordinary things by investing lottery money in award schemes. TA: General public | Local media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 19/07/1999 | Washington | | Millennium Centres: Washington | Opening of the centre | Chris Spiceley (MC) to attend. Duke of Edinburgh to officiate | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in centres such as this one. TA: General public, media. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 20/07/1999 | Mile End, East London | 11:00 | Mile End Park | Green Bridge Opening | Ray Anderson (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects which will regenerate our great cities. TA: General Public, media, specialist groups. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 22/07/1999 | Garston | 14:45 | Millennium Centres: Garston | Royal Visit | Chris Spiceley (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing lottery money in projects such as this centre. TA: General public. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 27/07/1999 | London | | London Readiness 2000 | Six month conference; follow up to the conference held in December - further details to be confirmed. | | | | GOL Tracy Ivers 0171 217 3079 |
| 30/07/1999 | Castle Esple, Comber | | Sustainable Communities Millennium Awards | Training / refresher day for NI judging panel | Dawn Conde (MC) to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in ordinary people doing extraordinary things. TA: Award scheme. | | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| undated August Tentative | 110 Buck. Palace Road | | | 14th Media Forum | | | | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8303 |
| 01/09/1999 | TBA | | | Awards for all announcement | | | | NMEC Tim Cantle-Jones 0171 808 8365 |
| undated Autumn | London | | | NAO report on public sector and the bug. | Publication of 4th NAO report on progress across central government and the wider public sector. | | | NAO Steve Doughty 0171 798 7357 |
| 01/09/1999 | Transit Line | | | Millennium transit link to rail line complete | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 01/09/1999 Tentative | TBA | | | Dome tickets go on sale to public | | | | NMEC Sholto Douglas-Home 0171 808 8263 |
| 07/09/1999 | Dome | | | Opinion Former Visit | Lord Rogers, Jennie Page attending | | No media | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |
| 08/09/1999 Tentative | tbc | | | Announcement about the Transaction zone | | | | NMEC Deborah Oliver 0171 808 8244 |
| 12/09/1999 | Derbyshire | 15:00 | Rural Churches in Community Service: St. Mary the Virgin | Annual Clypping service | The Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire will attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects which support our local communities. TA: General public. | local press. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |

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| 13/09/1999 | Egerton | 16:00 | Egerton Village Hall | Official opening | Jim Briscoe (MC) is to attend. The Countess of Mountbatten is attending. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects that support our local communities such as this village hall. TA: General public. | Regional media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 20/09/1999 Tentative | TBC | | | Millennium Show event | | No further details available yet All to be confirmed | | NMEC Gabrielle Owtram 0171 808 8226 |
| 22/09/1999 | tba | | | 100 days to go | | | | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8303 |
| 22/09/1999 | TBA | | | Consumer ticket launch/100 Days To Go media event | | | | NMEC Gez Sagar 0171 808 8303 |
| undated Sept. Tentative | tba | | | 2nd Granada series begins | | | | NMEC Fiona Cline 0171 808 8314 |
| 27/09/1999 | TBC | | | Children's Promise Month begins | | | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| undated Oct. | tba | | | Party Conference receptions | | | | |
| 04/10/1999 | TBC | | | Voices of Promise "Books of Songs" - published and ready for sale | | | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| 06/10/1999 | M&S Stores | | | Voices of Promise CD on sale in M&S Stores | | | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |

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| 5/10/1999 | Leicestershire | | National Forest millennium Discovery Centre | Laying of Foundation Stone | Chris Smith, MP to lay the stone | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in this educational centre as it will provide opportunities for life long learning. TA: General public, media, specialist groups | Regional, national media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 11/10/1999 | tbc | | | Blackfriars pier completion | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 18/10/1999 | Northants | 18:30 | Rural Churches in Community Service: Halse Mission Building | Re-dedication service. | | The Millennium Commission is supporting our local communities by investing lottery money in this community centre. TA: General public | Local media | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 19/10/1999 | Dome | | | Footpaths/Cycleways complete | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 30/10/1999 | JLE line | | | JLE trains run (Waterloo-Green Park) | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| Tentative | | | | | | | | |
| 1/11/1999 | Waterloo Pier | | | Waterloo Pier Completion | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 18/11/1999 | London | | | New Year's Eve event: Advent Sunday | | | | NMEC Greg Hayman 0171 808 8235 |
| 16/12/1999 | Dome | | | Meridian point complete | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |

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| 31/12/1999 | TBA | | | DoC | | | | NMEC |
| undated Dec. | tba | | | Travel Trade previews | | | | |
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| undated Dec. | tba | | | Consumer previews | | | | |
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| Late 1999 | tba | | | South Bank Show on the Central Show | | | | NMEC Ross Cook 0171 808 8308 |
| Tentative | | | | | | | | |
| 01/01/2000 | Dome | | | First performance of the Millennium Show | | | | NMEC Gabrielle Owtram 0171 808 8226 |
| 01/01/2000 | Thames River | | | Full river boat public service | | | | NMEC Adam Liversage 0171 808 8293 |
| 03/01/2000 | Dome site | | | Festival "kick off" | | | | |
| 04/01/2000 | Dome | | | Our Town Story - Stirling | | | | NMEC Terence Gibbons 0171 808 8223 |
| undated jan. | tba | | | Multi-part BBC documentary series about project begins | BBC | | | NMEC Fiona Cline 0171 808 8314 |
| Tentative | | | | | | | | |
| 15/01/2000 | TBA | | | Voices of Promise Final | | | | NMEC |

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| 15/04/2000 16/04/2000 | tbc | | Earthwatch Millennium Awards | Two day conference | Heather Cooper is to attend. | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in schemes which promote the use and understanding of science and technology. TA: Specialist groups, general public | National, regional, specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |
| 28/04/2000 | Salford | | The Lowry | Official opening | | The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in projects such as this which provide the opportunities for life long learning. TA: General public, opinion formers, specialist | Regional, national, specialist media. | Mill. Comm. Morag Wood 0171 880 2002 |



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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 June 1999

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Dear Bob,

Today's announcement that the business community has met, and surpassed, the target for £150m in sponsorship for the Millennium Experience is a major landmark on the road to the UK's Millennium celebrations.

When we took the decision to go ahead with the Dome and the Millennium Experience, we made it clear that no taxpayers' money could be used and that business would be asked to give its support.

There were those at the time who thought it could not be done and that a sponsorship target of more than twice anything previously attempted in the UK would never be achieved.

I am delighted that our faith in UK businesses, and in the Millennium Experience itself, has been proved to be so well-founded.

The cynics were wrong, and I have every confidence that they will be shown to have been wrong on the other objectives we have set for the Millennium celebrations.

It will be a once-in-a-lifetime celebration. It will involve and inspire the whole country, and the Millennium Experience will be the envy of the world. The benefits will be felt for decades to come, and just as our predecessors looked back with pride on

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the Great Exhibition of 1851, the country will be proud of the Millennium Experience long into the future.

The involvement and support of your business sponsors will be remembered just as warmly for their contribution towards making the Millennium Experience possible with no call on the taxpayer.

There will also be enormous appreciation for the contribution of the donors supporting the Faith zone. The Laing Family Trust, the Hinduja Foundation and several trusts and foundations with Christian interests have lent their support because they believe that the spiritual and religious significance of the Millennium should be marked in the Dome.

This will be a celebration for the New Millennium that genuinely symbolises the new spirit of partnership in the UK. Business has played its part with community and religious groups, alongside the best of our architects, designers and artists. All have come together to make possible a celebration that will involve millions of people in every corner of the UK.

There is still a great deal of work to do, and many immovable deadlines to be met, but please pass my congratulations to members of your Board and the staff at the New Millennium Experience Company on the successful achievement of this important milestone.

Yours sincerely
Tony

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From the Private Secretary

2 June 1999

Dear Caroline,

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Thank you for your letter of 17 May and your earlier letter of 30 April. I apologise for the delay in replying. It is not particularly clear what the Germans have in mind, but the Prime Minister will not be in Cologne until 1100 on 18 June (the summit itself does not begin until 1500 that day). Will other G7 Heads receive their questions then? If not, what alternative arrangements are they making? We should aim to do something similar.

Yours ever,

Philip

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