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Hello, I don't quite know how I came to be involved in producing this publication in conjunction with Andy Morgan. I must have been nodding at a suggestion made during an early meeting of the Saundersfoot Chamber for Tourism that the village should have a newsletter/ what's on guide for residents and visitors alike. However, we were 'sparked' into action following the village/SPARC 2020 forum where a great many participants focused on such a need. As always in any venture, finance has to be found to make such a publication possible, and to this end I ventured into the village filled with great trepidation and started knocking on shop doors. Frankly, the positive response from everyone made my part so enjoyable. During this summer we will produce another two editions which will have greater editorial content. May I thank all our advertisers for their support.

Richard Hassan
Saundersfoot Scene Publishing Team

How do I get myself into these things? Well I can't complain... I volunteered for this one. "We want someone to produce a newsletter" they said. Did everyone else take one pace back or did I take one forward... I'm not really sure. Whatever, I found myself along with Richard "Do you want to be in it?" Hassan as the publishing team for the Scene. "Wont take long" Richard said, "It's only eight pages!" That has to be one of the understatments of 2000. It grew and grew... until at thirty two pages we cried enough! But one thing has to be said, it has been fun. I for one didn't realise just how many shops there were in the Saundersfoot area. But most of all the support we have had from all the businesses in Saundersfoot has been overwhelming. It has made all the late nights worth it. I hope you enjoy our efforts.


Andy Morgan
Saundersfoot Scene Publishing Team



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An introduction from our local councillors...

Dear Resident,

Welcome to this the first "Saundersfoot Scene" leaflet published by the newly formed Saundersfoot Chamber for Tourism. The information it contains means that now everyone can be aware of events in this area.

Saundersfoot is an important seaside resort which twenty or more years ago could look forward to a tourist season from Easter to October. At present time it is a very different story, with a season of six to eight weeks during the school holidays and much effort is needed to attract tourists to this area at other times. This is the aim of the Saundersfoot Chamber for Tourism and I congratulate them on their initiative in setting up this venture and hope they achieve everything they set out to do. May I wish the group every success.

Rosemary Hayes
County Councillor for Saundersfoot

And a word from our chairman...

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our first edition of the 'Saundersfoot Scene'. For the past year we, as a group, have had enormous fun participating in the development of community based events for the benefit of local residents and visitors. This work has been done with the full support of the Millennium Committee.

Little did we realise when we volunteered as a small group to plan, finance and organise the Christmas Market, that we would create the environment to form the Saundersfoot Chamber for Tourism. Our aim is to create the environment to:-
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I wish the newly formed Saundersfoot Chamber For Tourism well in all they are striving to achieve. I hope you will support the Millennium Festival and all the other events organised throughout the year. Saundersfoot experienced a renaissance in 1999 and I know that with everybody's support 2000 will build on that success.

So in conclusion please enjoy the magazine, experience what the village has to offer and continue to support the forthcoming events.

Phil Baker.

Chairman Saundersfoot Community Council

- to foster a spirit of cooperation and communication in all aspects of community life

- to make Saundersfoot a village for all seasons

This past year we have shared success with many creative and fun events - the Barn Dance, Daft Raft Race, Cawl Cooking Championships of the World, Christmas Market and New Years Eve Spectacular. We plan further events in the coming months and will keep you informed through this publication.

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Saundersfoot Forum News

In November 1999, the Community Council in conjunction with *S.P.A.R.C set up a future search exercise, which would involve the residents of Saundersfoot taking part in a forum with local organisations to generate ideas for the community development in the new millennium.

The thought was to update the Saundersfoot 2000 Action Plan produced in 1991 and project the communities desires for the next twenty years. To facilitate these views and ideas a two-day seminar took place on the 11th/12th March this year.

Under the auspices of Wendy Paine (Community Liaison Officer) many new ideas were aired. Since this meeting there have been two further public meetings, with more planned for the future, the most recent of which took place in the Regency Hall on the 9th May, when over eighty people attended. A large number of the youth of Saundersfoot also attended the meeting and served as a reminder to those present that thought must be given to the needs of the younger generation in the village future.



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- Sport/Leisure/Art
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Sixty one people signed up to these groups. Each group will now produce a report for a meeting to be held on the 27th June in the Regency Hall. It is planned after this meeting to produce a draft action plan which will be circulated to all residents for comments and views. Once this document is finalised it should be an accurate representation of the community's needs and aspirations and will act as a blueprint for the future development of the village.

As this project develops we will endeavour to keep you informed, but we do recommend that if you have any thoughts or ideas, then please make every effort to attend the public meetings and share your thoughts with everyone.

*S.P.A.R.C. = South Pembrokeshire Partnership for Action with Rural Communities.

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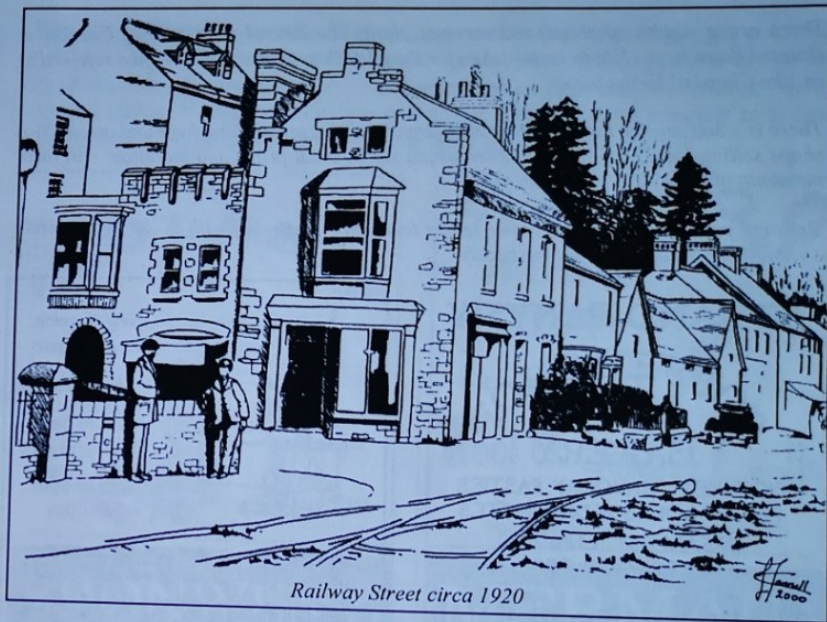
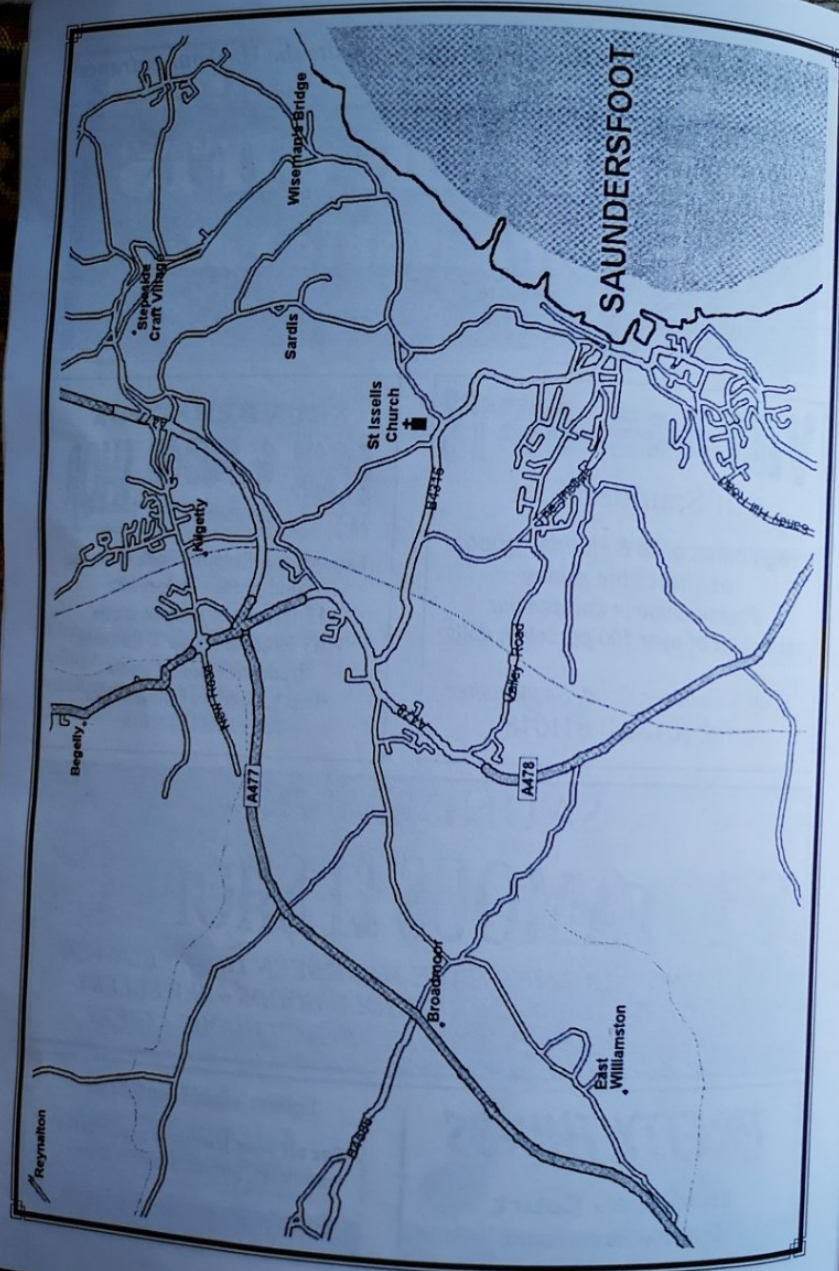
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When walking along The Strand two black lines in the centre of the road, depicting the route of the old railway and

reminding one of the villages industrial heritage.

It is in The Strand that you will find the village cashpoint, situated at the HSBC bank.

There are several access points to the front beach along this street. It is not recommended to take your car down this road during the height of the summer season as it is a No Through Road and there is no parking facilities.

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There is a self service launderette, plus a dry cleaning agency along here and at least two shops selling local crafts and another which stocks local prints and paintings. An ideal memento of your visit to Saundersfoot.

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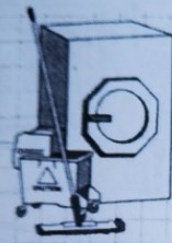


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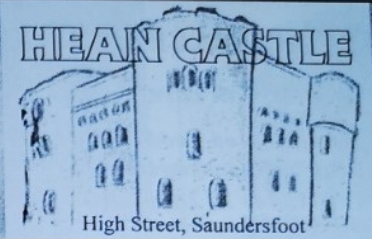
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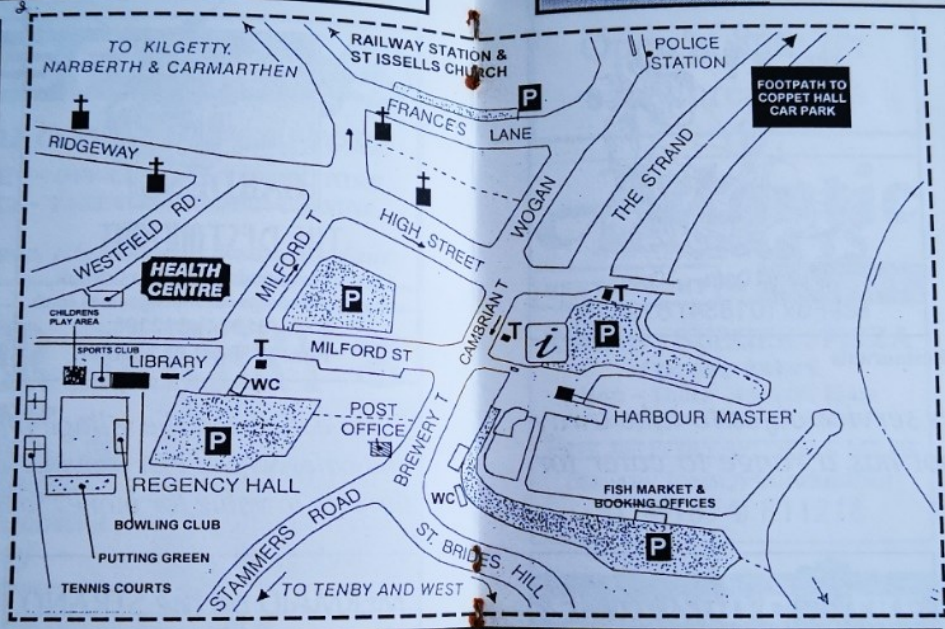
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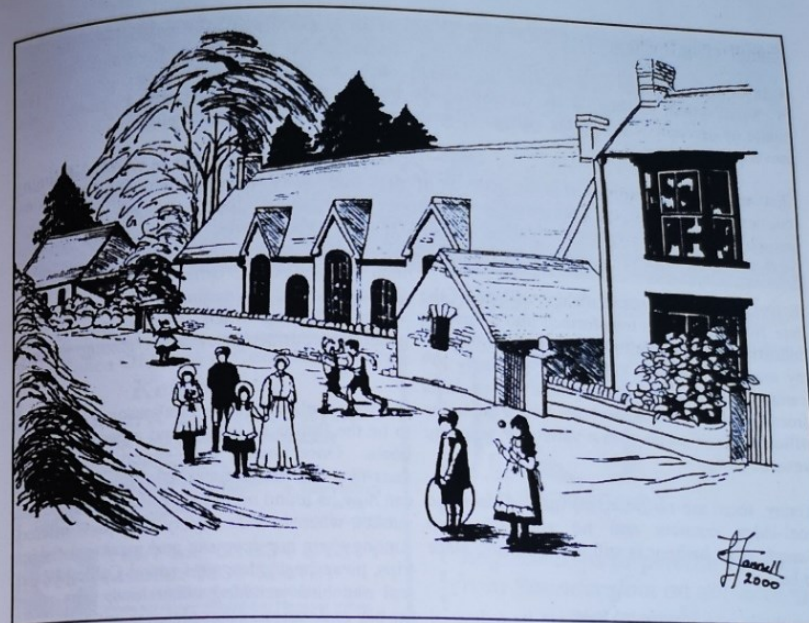
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Saundersfoot Harbour

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That sentiment was expressed in the first year of the new Millennium, but the same comment could have been made at any time during the 170 years since the harbour was first built, in 1829.

It was then that the small fishing village of the late 18th century was transformed into a thriving industrial port, exporting high-grade anthracite by sea from the local collieries. The early 19th century also saw the development of rail links from those mines to the harbour, where the trains offloaded their cargo onto a variety of seagoing vessels.

Today, there are no traits, no railway lines, no coal-laden coasters and no anthracite, but Saundersfoot harbour is still an interesting place to be...

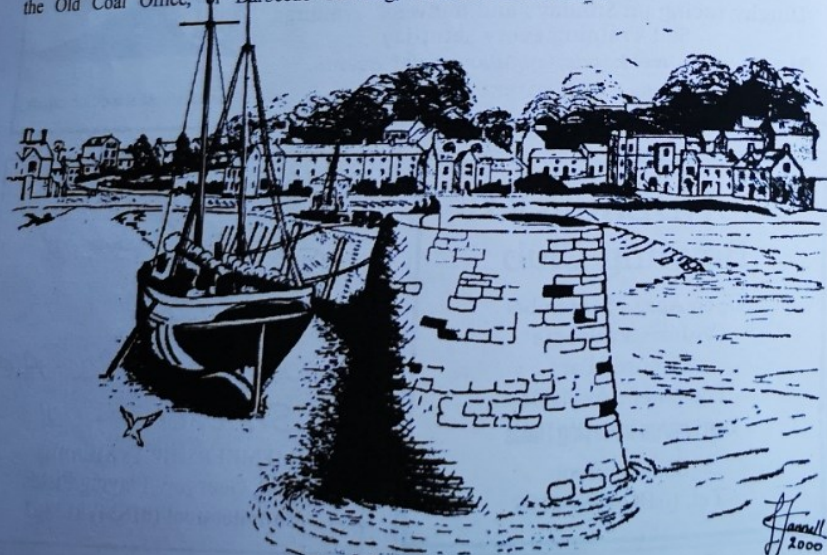
For those who want to investigate its industrial heritage, there is a well-established 'Miner's Walk', which follows the route of the old steam trains from the former mines to the harbour and the Old Coal Office, or Barbecue building,

which is now a tourist information centre. But for those who simply want to sit and watch the world go by there is no better place, as the harbour provides a lively and colourful focal point for locals and visitors alike.

With a thriving sailing club, a well-used dinghy park and easily accessible launching facilities, the Saundersfoot boating scene is always buzzing, whether local boat owners are involved in cleaning, painting, launching, sailing or racing their cherished craft. Other waterborne activities include skiing, swimming and powerboating, while a thriving whelk fishing industry also generates considerable interest among passers-by.

But the jewel in the harbour's seasonal crown has to be the flotilla of fishing and pleasure tripping boats. Once housed in a variety of colourful vans near the harbour wall, the booking offices can now be found on the walkway below the fish market, where a wide variety of trips is offered. Among them are deep sea and mackerel fishing trips, powerboat rides, trips round Caldey Island, seal and bird watching excursions, trips round the bay and various other pleasure cruises.

All of which reinforces the visitors original comment that there's 'never a dull moment' on Saundersfoot harbour!



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LEISURE ACTIVITIES IN SAUNDERSFOOT

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Adjacent to the Bowling Club is the booking office for the tennis courts and putting green. Equipment for both the tennis courts and putting green is available for hire. Opening hours are 9am to 8pm weather permitting.

Close by is a well equipped childrens play area which will keep any energetic youngster happy for many an hour. Seating is available for weary parents while the children play.

Saundersfoot's beaches offer safe bathing for all ages. While if you wish to explore the numerous rock pools reached via the back beach behind the harbour you will find they offer a host of opportunities to study many aquatic creatures.

Saundersfoot Sailing Club, to be found on the harbour offers sail training on Saturdays with dinghy racing on Sundays and midweek evenings, tides permitting.

You can also take advantage of a variety of waterborne activities from the harbour, including cruises and fishing trips.

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June 24th ~ *Solid Soul Foundation* ~ Sensational 4 piece band ~ Hits include Mustang Sally, You Can Leave Your Hat On and many many more

July 8th ~ *Chatoosh* ~ Hits from the 70's & 80's played with energy and enthusiasm. Tamla/Motown 70's funk through to current chart hits. Talented 5 piece band.

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SAUNDERSFOOT MILLENNIUM FESTIVAL

June 10th to June 24th

DATE	EVENTS	PARTICIPATORS
Sat 10 th June	Opening of the 2 week festival with a parade through the Village representing - in floats and fancy dress - the decades of the 1900's - with Bands from 1.30pm CHILDRENS BIG PARTY in the Regency Hall and area TREAACLE BUN RACES @ 5pm Dancing on the Harbour at night with the Frantic Five from 8.30pm	MOTHERS UNION - 1 Float ST ISSELLS W.I. - 1 Float ALL ORGANISATIONS FRIENDS OF SAUNDERSFOOT SCHOOL ST ISSELLS W.I. Chamber for Tourism
Sun 11 th June	Special Church Services at St Issells at 10am WALKING TREASURE HUNT at 11.30am MILLENNIUM REGATTA @ 1.30pm United Church Service on the Harbour @ 2.30pm	Rev. M Butler TENBY & SAUNDERSFOOT LIONS SAILING CLUB Rev. M Butler
Mon 12 th June	THE HISTORY OF SAUNDERSFOOT from 11am to 8pm in the Church School Room and the Church Entrance Cambrian Hotel: Coffee Morning 10am to 12 noon Presenting the fashions of the Millennium at the Coppet Hall Hotel @ 7.30pm Sequence Dancing at the Regency Hall at 7.30pm	HISTORICAL SOCIETY SAUNDERSFOOT CARING ASSOCIATION SOROPTOMIST INTERNATIONAL Mr. WESTON
Tues 13 th June	R.N.L.I. DAY with a visit by the Tenby Lifeboat MAMMOTH COFFEE MORNING in the Regency Hall from 10am to 12 noon THE HISTORY OF SAUNDERSFOOT from 11am to 8pm in the Church School Room and the Church Entrance Welsh Tea from 3pm to 5pm at the Regency Hall - Sun Lounge CONCERT by Tenby Male Voice Choir at regency Hall from 7.30pm	R.N.L.I. COMMITTEE BOWLING CLUB HISTORICAL SOCIETY MOTHERS UNION BARNARDOS
Wed 14 th June	N.S.P.C.C. Millennium Coffee Morning at Hean Castle 10am to 12 noon THE HISTORY OF SAUNDERSFOOT from 11am to 8pm in the Church School Room and the Church Entrance EVENING SAILING RACE - 6.30pm GRAND CONCERT in Regency Hall from 7.30pm - proceeds to Cancer Research "100 Years of Entertainment"	N.S.P.C.C. COMMITTEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SAILING CLUB Organised by David Johns with Samantha Skyrme, Eva Rich, Templeton Ladies Choir, Claddach Irish Dancers, Jane Palmer plus others

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DATE	EVENTS	PARTICIPATORS
Thurs 15 th June	W.I. MARKET at Captains Table - 9.45am SAUNDERSFOOT FLORAL ART FLOWER FESTIVAL THE HISTORY OF SAUNDERFOOT from 11am to 8pm in the Church School Room and the Church entrance TEA DANCE - 2.30pm PINT OF BEER RACE through the Saundersfoot Pubs at 7pm CRAZY DOG SHOW at the Regency Hall at 7.30pm	W.I. METHODIST CHURCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY Mr & Mrs Teague LVA (Peter Caine) GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND
Fri 16 th June	SAUNDERSFOOT FLORAL ART FLOWER FESTIVAL OPEN HOUSE with exhibition "Celebrating 2000 Living Lord Living Church" - 10am to 12 noon THE HISTORY OF SAUNDERFOOT from 11am to 8pm in the Church School Room and the Church entrance A DAY FOR THE "NOT SO YOUNG" - Strawberry & Cream teas, Bingo and entertainment in the Regency Hall - 6.30pm	METHODIST CHURCH HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY STEPASIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL & ROTARY CLUB
Sat 17 th June	WELSH CAKES STALL - 10.30am SAUNDERSFOOT FLORAL ART FLOWER FESTIVAL OPEN HOUSE with exhibition "Celebrating 2000 Living Lord Living Church" - 10am to 12 noon POWERBOAT RACE - "GRAND PRIX OF WALES" - 3pm onwards FACE PAINTING ON THE HARBOUR from 2pm TEDDY BEARS PICNIC, Punch & Judy on School Fields from 2.30pm CARIBBEAN NIGHT - in the Village with STEEL BAND on the Harbour from 8.30pm	MACMILLAN NURSES METHODIST CHURCH HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH CLASS A & B TRAVEL FUND FOR SICK CHILDREN ST ISSELLS CHURCH LVA, PHRA, Pubs, Restaurants, Hotels & Chamber for Tourism
Sun 18 th June	MILLENNIUM MAJOR SANDCASTLE COMPETITION on Saundersfoot Beach at 11am FAMILY WORSHIP - 11am WALKING TREASURE HUNT at 11.30am CAKE STALLS on the Harbour at 1.30pm MILLENNIUM DUCK RACES at 1.30pm REGATTA - 6.30pm HYMN SINGING 7pm on the Harbour	ROTARY CLUB HEBRON CHURCH TENBY & SAUNDERSFOOT LIONS SAUNDERSFOOT INNER WHEEL ROTARY CLUB SAILING CLUB Rev. M Butler

DATE	EVENTS	PARTICIPATORS
Mon 19 th June	OPEN HOUSE with exhibition "Celebrating 2000 Living Lord Living Church" - 10am to 12 noon	HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH
	PRIMARY SCHOOL ORCHESTRA with past students at Regency Hall at 7pm	PRIMARY SCHOOL
Tues 20 th June	CAKE STALL on Harbour from 10am to 12 noon	SAUNDERSFOOT W.I.
	Footlights GRAND VARIETY REVUE SHOW in Regency Hall from 7.30pm	FOOTLIGHTS - Music, dancing, drama & comedy with full supporting company
Wed 21 st June	WELSH CAKES STALL - 10.30am	MACMILLAN NURSES
	A VICTORIAN EVENING at 7.30pm	CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL
Thurs 22 nd June	LINE DANCING at Regency Hall from 7.30pm	LADIES LVA
	W. I. MARKET AT Captains Table at 9.45am	W.I.
	TEA DANCE - 2.30pm	Mr & Mrs Teague
Fri 23 rd June	OLD TYME MUSIC HALL in Regency Hall at 8pm	CANCER RESEARCH
	MAMMOTH MILLENNIUM QUIZ in Regency Hall from 7pm to 10pm	ROTARY CLUB
Sat 24 th June	JUNIOR REGATTA - 10.30am	SAILING CLUB
	PRAM PUSH at 12 noon	LVA
	CAMP FIRE ON BEACH & SING SONG at 6pm	GUIDES, BROWNIES, RAINBOW
	GRAND DANCE & CABARET at the Regency Hall at 7.30pm	BOWLING CLUB (Ladies Section)

☺☺☺ **OTHER EVENTS IN 2000** ☺☺☺

Tuesday May 23 rd	Saundersfoot School Choir and Griffin Choir - Joint concert in Regency Hall - Part of BBC programmes
Sunday May 25 th to Friday June 2 nd	Coppet Hall Open Dinghy Event
June 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd & June 6 th , 7 th & 8 th	Guys & Dolls - Saundersfoot Footlights
June 10 th - 24 th	Painting exhibitions & galleries
July 15 th & 16 th	Cruiser Regatta
July 16 th to 29 th	Millennium Open Bowling Tournament - Bowling Club
Sunday 16 th July	Summer Fun Night - Saundersfoot CP School Grounds
July 18 th to 22 nd	Saundersfoot Carnival
Wednesday July 26 th	Saundersfoot In Bloom Flower Festival - St Issells Church
August 10 th to 15 th	Flower Festival - St Issells Church
August 22 nd	Round Caldey Race
August 26 th	Dinghy Regatta
September 23 rd	Vintage Motorcycle Rally - Saundersfoot Harbour
October 28 th	Family Halloween Disco - Regency Hall plus Trick Or Treat Trail St Nicholas Christmas Market
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Sunday 31 st December	

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