



The Mayor of Guildford, Dr Robert Blundell, with some of the representatives of the 51 organisations that received £22,500 to fund new Millennium projects and events.

Guildford gears up for a memorable new Millennium

GUILDFORD Borough is gearing up to mark the Millennium year in memorable style.

On Monday, 51 local organisations received a total of £22,500 – with cheques ranging from £50 to £5,000.

The money, presented by the Mayor of Guildford, Dr Robert Blundell, will be used to fund projects and events, both big and small, across the whole area.

The largest cheque, for £5,000, was presented to Guildford Lions to help fund its spectacular Easter Monday Pageant Parade next April.

President John Fellows told the *Surrey Advertiser*: "We are very grateful for the support given to us by the council, which has kept its promise to support our Millennium plan."

Mr Fellows said the historical parade – which celebrates 1,000 years of British history – will begin in Stoke Park and wend its way through the town to Shalford Park.

by Mary Bishop

He added: "Anyone – either an individual or an organisation – interested in making floats or walking in the parade can contact the organiser, Andrew Henwood on 01483 822776."

Villages throughout the borough featured highly in the awards.

The Peaslake Millennium Festival Committee received £750 towards the production of a colour brochure, outlining the village's year-long celebrations, which will be delivered free to every

householder.

Geoffrey Elms, chairman of the Albury Trust, accepted a cheque for £500, to help fund a Son et Lumière in September 2000.

And Ann Masset, vice-chairman of the West Horsley Evening Floral Circle, received £50 for a flower festival in St Mary's Church over the weekend of September 16 and 17, 2000.

Rebecca Philips, from the council's department of leisure services, stressed: "Millennium event

organisers holding events between December 1999 and June 2000 must submit their plans to me no later than Thursday, September 9 if they want to be included in the first Millennium Diary."

Ms Philips can be contacted at the Department of Leisure Services, Guildford Borough Council, Millmead, GU2 5BB (01483 505050).

■ There is a second chance to receive a Millennium award. The council is allocating a further £15,000 to local organisations at the end of the year. Applications must be made by Friday, December 24.