

Seat sets benchmark for Millennium



UNITED WE SIT: Thomas Lee with his mum Rebecca Watson, seated next to Coun Shucksmith, and George Moston, with fellow villagers and Phil Davies, (right front).

RESIDENTS from two of the Louth area's most ancient villages gathered to inaugurate a Millennium seat.

Alvingham's newest resident Thomas Lee, aged 11 months, joined the oldest resident George Moston (82), from North Cockerington.

The seat was built by Alvingham engineer Phil Davies, who is a member of the village's Millennium committee.

He is also compiling a history of the village to mark the new millennium.

Chairman of the village parish council Philip Shucksmith, welcomed guests and said it was the first collaboration between the two villages, to strengthen the bond of the shared school and church.

The church began in the first millennium with St Gilbert. He told visitors of the history of the two villages and how this was symbolised in the engravings on the paving slabs beneath the new seat, in the churchyard of St Adelwold's.

He said the seat is a place where people could contemplate and imagine in a place of tranquility.

"This is a tribute to the genius of a craftsman of perfection," said Coun Shucksmith in tribute to Mr Davies.