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**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
PESTALOZZI'S PLANS FOR THE
FUTURE?**

All charities have been feeling the pinch this year and Pestalozzi International Trust is no exception. The Chief Executive, Paul Evans, has said that he has agreed to investigate all fund-raising possibilities and that this could bring change to the uses made of the land surrounding the buildings

This Parish Council is aware that people are concerned about how this is likely to affect their lives and has, therefore, made arrangements for Paul Evans to attend a public meeting in Sedlescombe Village Hall on **FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER, 7-9pm.**

**PLEASE COME ALONG
WITH QUESTIONS
RELATING TO PESTALOZZI
AND ITS LAND.**

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EAST SUSSEX VILLAGE OF THE YEAR

The Parish Council is very proud to announce that Sedlescombe has been awarded the 2009 East Sussex Village of the Year Award sponsored by Color Gas. Cllrs Valerie Wright, Jenny Mitchell and Pauline Glew and Clerk Pauline Raymond were present at Ardingly at the Awards Ceremony in July when the surprise announcement was made.

The competition was divided into sections about Community Life, Business, Sustainability and Communications. We also had to have a special project which, of course, for Sedlescombe had to be the new sports pavilion.

The judges' overall assessment comment was "Sedlescombe is an outstanding village which welcomes people genuinely and clearly tackles issues within the village in a pro-active and dedicated manner which only benefits the community. The natural beauty of the village is constantly monitored. The judges were made to feel welcome and encouraged to ask probing questions. Sedlescombe is a well established, attractive and organised village and will only get better as time progresses."

The Council believes that Sedlescombe deserves this award because of all the contributions that are made by residents of all ages to help bring about an inclusive and friendly welcoming village. This was amply demonstrated to the judges by a very nice group of people from the village in the hall back at the start of "Celebrate Spring in Sedlescombe" week in April. We had so much to show the judges in two hours that it was a problem fitting it all in.

Now it's on to the next round. We're up against the winners of this year's county competitions from Dorset, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Oxfordshire, Surrey and West Sussex. Quite a challenge, but we will, as ever, be doing our best.



The presentation of the certificate, £800 and a metal plaque at Ardingly

*Left to right
Cllr Pauline Glew
Sara Stonor
Pauline Raymond
Cllr Valerie Wright
Cllr Jenny Mitchell*

HAVE YOUR SAY ON COUNCIL EXPENDITURE

SEDLSCOMBE'S YOUNG PEOPLE

Do you know any young people aged between 16 and 25 who you could persuade to come along to the November Parish Council Meeting to hear what is said and to give their own views afterwards? The date is Tuesday 19 November and the meeting starts at 7pm in Committee Room 2 of the Village Hall. They will be made very welcome.

The Parish Council has several ideas of ways to involve young people in Village life and members would like to discuss these ideas with young people from all parts of the Village.

ANNUAL INSPECTION

Every year in late summer, the Chair of the Finance Committee and the Clerk/Financial Officer make their annual inspection of the Village. This is the start of the annual budget process leading to January when the Council will agree the amount that needs to be raised from local residents to cover forthcoming expenses. This is known as "setting the precept". Expenses will include paying for some, but not all, mowing, litter collection, weedkilling, maintenance of the Village Green, Red Barn Field, East View Kickabout Area, the Riverside tennis courts and playground, the bus shelter, traffic calming, street lighting, etc.

Again, if you have any comments you would like to make regarding current or future expenses, please make contact with the Council.

TENNIS COURTS

For two years, the Council, as trustee of the Playing Field Trust, has allowed the general public to use the courts free of charge. At the same time, the newly-formed Sedlescombe Netball Clubs, both junior and senior, have practised at the courts twice a week during the summer months. They have also held the occasional tournament. The Clubs' financial contributions help to meet the costs of maintaining the area.

It is expected that, within the next five years, the surface of the courts will need renewing and the Council and Trust are hoping that funds can be obtained to turn the courts into a Multi-Use Games Area suitable for a variety of sporting activities. Please let the Council have your comments on this matter, especially if you have any experience of using or living near to this type of facility.

PUMPHOUSE AND PUMP ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

The Parish Council has a new committee which has been tasked with considering what should be done to maintain the Pump and Pumphouse on Sedlescombe's Village Green. The Council believes that these are very important features worthy of preserving.

The Council would very much like to have the views of local people on what should be done to safeguard this Grade II Listed Building through the 21st century. All correspondence on the subject will help to support any future application for grant aid.

FINDING A HOME FOR THE YOUTH CLUB

After long discussions on plans to use the redundant portacabins at the sportsfield for a youth club, the Council and Sports Association have reluctantly withdrawn the offer they made to the Youth Group. Unfortunately, it was just not possible to find an easy way of dealing with any anti-social behaviour in the proposed lease. Other problems were the darkness of the area and the proximity to the river.

The next best site seems to be the East View Kickabout Area and this is currently being investigated by the Council (owner) and the Sedlescombe Youth Group etc. The Council has been asked to keep a small part of Red Barn Field as another possible site, if the Kickabout Area site fails to be suitable.

PARKING PROBLEMS

Demi, our Police Community Support Officer, has been asked to monitor various areas of the Village where parking can be a problem. Please consider where you park and how your parked vehicle could inconvenience someone else.

GRASS VERGES

East Sussex County Council is responsible for cutting grass verges in the Village which they do 5 times during the season. Grass cutting is a subject on which people have various opinions. However, the Council has asked that verges containing attractive wildflowers such as ox-eye daisies (eg in Brede Lane) and Lady's Smock (eg Tollgate Road) are cut less often.

JOHN KEMP

The Council is sorry to report the death of John Kemp who was given a Citizenship Award by the Council in April. He will be missed by all.

COME ALONG TO SPEAK AT THE FOLLOWING FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS RE FUTURE EXPENDITURE: Tuesdays 20 October & 15 December starting at 7pm in Committee Room 2 of Sedlescombe Village Hall. See agendas online www.sedlescombe.org.uk