

Sedlescombe Parish Council ANNUAL REPORT & DIRECTORY



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2010

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH MEETING OF SEDLESCOMBE

TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORS OF SEDLESCOMBE

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH
MEETING OF SEDLESCOMBE TO BE HELD IN SEDLESCOMBE VILLAGE HALL ON
TUESDAY 27 APRIL 2010 AT 7.30PM**

The table displays by local organisations and businesses will be ready from 7pm and will remain after the meeting when you will be welcome to stay for tea or coffee

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks
2. Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting of Sedlescombe held on 29 April 2009 (pages 2-5 of this Report)
3. Report by County Councillor Peter Jones
4. Report by District Councillor Tony Ganly
5. Sedlescombe Parish Council Report (pages 10-14 of this Report)
6. Any other business.

Signed *Valerie Wright* - Chairman of Sedlescombe Parish Council

IMAGES FROM 2009 SEDLESCOMBE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY



PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

I am pleased to report that 2009 was a good year for Sedlescombe and its community. The handing over to the Sports Association on 1 April of the keys to the pavilion was the culmination of a great deal of hard work by many people in the community. The pavilion is a great asset to the Village and young and old have found it a useful venue for parties as well as for the more usual purposes connected with sport.



It was fitting that the new pavilion was the special project submitted in the county part of the Calor Village of the Year Competition. After two rounds of judging, Sedlescombe was declared East Sussex Village of the Year. Subsequently, we went on to win the Southern Regional Championship and, finally, the National Village of the Year Community Prize. What a magnificent achievement to be declared the Best competing Community in All England beating off strong opposition from other villages across the country. The enthusiasm of all those who were invited to meet the judges was a major contribution to our success. Thank you to you all. The names can be seen on page 34.

At last year's Assembly, our Clerk was presented with the Parish Council Quality Status Award for the next four years. Preparations entail a lot of hard work for the Clerk but the Award provides confidence that the Council is working to a high standard. Sedlescombe is the first Rother parish to receive re-accreditation.

We were very sorry that Bill Cameron decided that it was time for him to leave the Council during the year. During his eight years on the Council, Bill has been a dependable and useful member, often helping out in a practical way, for example with the sportsfield car park extension. We are grateful for his time on the Council's Best Value Committee and on the Planning Committee where his background knowledge was always helpful. At a time when it is not always easy to find councillors in other parishes, we were delighted to have seven high quality applications to fill the vacancy caused by Bill's resignation. Local farmer, John Marland, who lives in Brede Lane, was chosen and is currently serving on the Planning Committee.

We are now entering the final year of our four-year term of office so, if you believe that 2011 should be a time for change on the Parish Council, please look out for information regarding the elections and consider standing yourself.

Valerie Wright

March 2010

2009 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

28 April 2009, Sedlescombe Village Hall, 19:30 to 20:30

PRESENT: Councillor V Wright (Chairman of the Parish Council) in the chair, Cllr A Rand (Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council). Parish Councillors R Dellow, P Glew, M Irwin, P Martin, C Wheatley. Mrs P Raymond (Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, Sedlescombe Parish Council) - Minute Taker. County Councillor Peter Jones, District Councillor Tony Ganly. About 85 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks. The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking all the volunteers in the Village for their valuable contribution towards the life of the community. She mentioned the importance of supporting local businesses who pay for the Directory through their payments for advertising. Appeals were made for additional help in mowing the Churchyard and for about five people who would help Cllr Martin tidy up the school garden during the holidays. The Queen's Head has recently re-opened with a new landlady Mel who was present at the meeting. PCSO Demetrius Georghiou was congratulated on his work for the community with special mention being made of his recent successes in finding fly-tippers and getting them to return to collect their goods which they had dumped in the Village.

Cllr Wright reported the completion by Ralph Dellow, Jonathan Vine-Hall and Reg Glew of an easy access mile long footpath where eleven stiles have been replaced with gates. This work, together with other footpath work by Jean and Howard Dellow is much appreciated. The easiest way to tackle the easy-access path is to start at Church Hill Farm opposite the Village Hall.

Regarding the raising of funds for the new pavilion, Cllr Wright said that Pauline Raymond would report later but confirmed that the correct name of the Mrs A Lacy-Tate Trust should be substituted for the incorrect name on the back of the 2009 Annual Report/Directory.

Fourteen tables were set up around the hall by Short Mat Bowls; Sedlescombe & District Garden Society (tomatoes and geraniums for sale); Sedlescombe WI; Pumphouse Designs (with before and after photographs); Pestalozzi International Village and Friends of the Pestalozzi Estate; Sedlescombe C E Primary School (trying to raise money for a minibus); Dominic Fieldus Osteopathy (with a spine); LWA Bodyshop (with a car bonnet); Junior Diabetes; Neighbourhood Watch (with news of the need for more NHW coordinators); Royal British Legion; Bridge Garage (with huge shock absorber);

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Parish Council with photographs of the sportsfield and collecting water.

The Chairman then announced that the Council would be making Citizenship Awards to John Kemp and Bob Harris for their outstanding contribution to the lives of people in Sedlescombe. An engraved gardening trowel and certificate were presented to Bob Harris and a similar award would be made to John Kemp later.

A further presentation of a Certificate was made by David Young, Chairman of the East Sussex Association of Local Councils, this time to the Parish Clerk for obtaining Quality Council re-accreditation.

Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting of Sedlescombe held on 29/04/08. The Minutes had been delivered to every house in the parish. It was moved by Sally Martin and seconded by Sally Brown and **RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the 2008 Annual Parish Assembly are approved.**

2. County Councillor Peter Jones. Papers summarising the main achievements of ESCC for 2008/09 and a 2009/10 Budget Briefing had been left on chairs in the hall. Cllr Jones began by leading a round of applause from the floor for the Parish Council's achievement in obtaining Quality Council re-accreditation.

He reported that it had been a good year for the County Council with the achievement of several objectives that have been worked on for years. The independent council watchdog, the Audit Commission, has awarded the Council a "4-star" rating - the best available for its overall performance in 2008/09. There had been other successes with Ofsted rating ESCC as the best county in England for children's services. Cllr Jones could also report that "bed-blocking" has virtually been eliminated. High priority has been given to tackling the impact of the recession.

Cllr Jones informed the Assembly that he is planning to look at a different approach to meeting the lack of transport in rural areas and will expect towns and parishes to identify where transport is needed. Mini-bus and taxis could be used.

Cllr Jones answered a question from the floor regarding the introduction of speed control measures on the County's roads. The County Council is introducing lower speed limits supported by speed reactive signs. This area will be looked at this year and next.

3. District Councillor Tony Ganly. Cllr Ganly added his congratulations to

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the Parish Council to those of Cllr Jones. Rother has no funds with Icelandic banks. He is pleased that Rother decided to set up an interest equalisation fund, setting apart funds to help if interest rates were ever to drop. This will help offset this year's drop in income because of lower interest rates.

Cllr Ganly reported that he had proposed, and Cabinet had agreed, to extend the over 60s free swimming in Rother to members of the armed forces as a small acknowledgement of the debt owed to them. He is delighted that Rother agreed to make a £35,000 donation to the pavilion fund. He is now the Rural Businesses Champion after leading an initiative to help rural shops and businesses. £1,000,000 has been allocated towards disabled services. The Rother Chief Executive has been delegated to approve the plans for redesigning the A21/Marley Lane junction. This will form a gateway to the Blackfriars development in Battle. Rother recycling services have been declared the best in East Sussex.

4. Sedlescombe Parish Council Report. The Chairman's Report had been circulated to every home in the parish. The Clerk/Financial Officer updated the meeting on the current situation with the pavilion rebuild reporting that the build had been finished on time and within budget. Those making donations or raising funds for the project were thanked and details were given of the Public Works Loan Board loan obtained to make up the deficit. A questioner from the floor asked for details of who will be running the field and pavilion in the future and how income will be generated in order to maintain the facility. This was answered by Cllr Rand (Pavilion Project Manager) and John Noonan (Secretary of the Sports Association). John explained that club rents had been increased and income was already coming in from new sources. He was confident that enough would be raised either from hirings or by fund-raising to cover expenses. Time would, of course, need to elapse before the true cost of running the new pavilion will be known.

The Clerk asked for help to find photos or memories of the Sedlescombe Horse Show that ran in the Village in the 1950s and 1960s. A couple of Horse Show silver cups were on display and those attending were asked what they would like to be done with them. The Clerk also is looking for photos and memories of collecting water in Sedlescombe either from the Village Pump on the Green or from other pumps and wells. The Council would like to know what people think should be done with the old pump beneath the shelter on the Green. The Council has made an initial application for a Heritage Lottery Grant for its refurbishment.

2009 Annual Assembly Minutes & Advice re Cattle in Fields with Footpaths

5. Any Other Business. The Council was asked to write to the Highways Agency again expressing the concerns of local residents about the new layout at the junction of the A21 and B2244. The Chairman suggested that all who are worried about the danger of the junction should write to the Highways Agency themselves also.

Anthony Rand's work as Pavilion Project Manager was acknowledged from the floor.

The Chairman closed the meeting with thanks to Mary Irwin and Jean Dann who were supplying the refreshments, the caretaker of the hall for his help in setting up the meeting, the Clerk, the Councillors and the Village itself where those living here are willing to support the Assembly in such good numbers. She reminded the meeting about the May Fayre on Saturday on the Green and in the pub garden and that there is currently a vacancy on the Council caused by the resignation of Bill Cameron. The closing date for applications to be with the Clerk is 5pm on Thursday 30 April.

Finally Cllr Rand, Vice-Chairman of the Council, thanked the Chairman for all her work. The meeting closed at 20:30 followed by refreshments and further time to visit the table displays around the hall.

ADVICE FROM THE RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION ON WHAT TO DO IF THERE ARE CATTLE IN THE FIELD YOU ARE WALKING THROUGH

- Be prepared for cattle to react, and, where possible, walk carefully and quietly around them - do not split up a clustered group.
- If you have a dog with you, keep it under close control, but do not hang on to it should a bull or cow start acting aggressively.
- Cattle will usually stop before reaching you. If they do not, just carry on quietly, and do not run. Should a bull or cow come up very closely, turn round to face it. If necessary take a couple of steps towards it, waving your arms and shouting firmly.
- Do not put yourself at risk. If you feel threatened, find another way round, returning to the original path as soon as possible.
- Close gates behind you when walking through fields containing livestock.
- If you are attacked or suffer a frightening incident, report this to the landowner and the highway authority, and also the HSE and police if it is of a serious nature.
- Keep the Ramblers informed of any problems that you experience.

KNOW YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

CLLR VALERIE WRIGHT, 01424 870220, Council Chairman. Valerie Wright



joined the Council in 1995, becoming Chairman in 1999. Valerie is ex-officio member of every Council committee and represents the Council at many meetings of outside bodies. In the past year, Valerie has been actively involved with looking for funding for the new sports pavilion and continuous funding for the Friendship Club.

CLLR ANTHONY RAND, 01424 870722, Council Vice-Chairman. Anthony



Rand joined the Council in 1995 and is currently its Vice-Chairman. He is an ex-officio member of every Council committee. Outside Council work, Anthony is on the Parochial Church Council and is Chairman of the Friends of the Parish Church, helping to raise funds for the preservation of the building and the Churchyard.

CLLR PAT MARTIN, 01424 870353, Chairman of Planning Committee. Pat



Martin joined the Council in 1983 and is Sedlescombe's long-standing Tree Warden. This year, he and his wife have continued to encourage the Primary School children to look after Horse Chestnut Trees. He has also been coppicing his own woodland to improve the habitat for butterflies. As well as being on Planning, Pat sits on the Council's Finance Committee.

CLLR RALPH DELLOW, 01424 870223, Chairman of Crime & Safety



Advisory Committee. Ralph joined the Council in 2000. This year, he has continued to be involved with public footpath work. Ralph is currently helping to raise funds for the Pumphouse refurbishment. He represents the Council on the Neighbourhood Watch Group. He is a founder member of the Friendship Club and a member of the Sedlescombe Societies Association and is the Age Concern "Home from Hospital" representative.

CLLR PAULINE GLEW, 01424 870258, Chairman of Finance Committee.



Pauline joined the Council in 2003. She is the Council's Village Hall Trustee and, as well as Finance, sits on the Crime & Safety Advisory Committee. Pauline oversees the working of the Sedlescombe Lift Scheme and is one of the Council's two representatives on the Rother Association of Local Councils. Outside Council life, Pauline is a member of Sedlescombe Neighbourhood Watch and works at Batemans at Burwash. During the year, she has helped with the Friendship Club, especially the Extend Exercise Class and outings.

KNOW YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

CLLR JENNY MITCHELL, 01424 870707, Chairman Heritage Committee.



After a short break, Jenny Mitchell was co-opted back on to the Council in November 2007 and, as well as the Heritage Committee, sits on the Council's Planning and Finance Committees. Outside Council work, Jenny is Treasurer of Sedlescombe Green WI and Booking Clerk for the Village Hall.

CLLR MARY IRWIN, 01424 870570. A retired schoolteacher, Mary Irwin joined



the Council in 1990. She is a member of the Finance Committee and of its Crime & Safety Advisory Committee. She is one of the Council's two representatives on the Rother Association of Local Councils. Outside Council life, Mary is a member of Sedlescombe WI and has, for many years, worked for infant welfare in the Village, as well as being a Village Hall Trustee and Primary School Governor.

CLLR CAITLIN WHEATLEY, 01424 870162. Caitlin Wheatley joined the Council



in May 2007 and sits on the Parish Council's Planning and the Crime & Safety Advisory Committees. Caitlin is a busy mother of two small children.

CLLR JOHN MARLAND, 01424 870473. A local farmer, John joined the Council



in 2009. He is a member of the Planning Committee. John has lived and farmed in Sedlescombe since 1988. He lives with his wife Sue and their three daughters. John is a member of the Country, Land and Business Association (CLA), the National Farmers Union (NFU) and the Institute of Agricultural Management.

KNOW YOUR PARISH CLERK

PAULINE RAYMOND, 01424 870508. Pauline Raymond, has been the only



employee of the Parish Council since 1975. Her role of Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer covers all aspects of Council work. She is interested in Sedlescombe's history and has a wide collection of photographs dating back to 1900. As an addition, this year, another of Pauline's challenges has been co-ordinating the Parish Council's successful entries to the Village of the Year Competition.

PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

2009-10 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS and 2010-11 BUDGET SUMMARY

INCOME. The first quarter of the 2009/10 financial year saw the receipt of final bits of grant income for the Sports Pavilion. During the year, unexpected income of £1300 came from Sedlescombe winning three parts of the Village of the Year Competition and a further sum of money is expected to be received in respect of the Quality Council status.

On the down side, interest on funds has reduced significantly because of the economic situation.

The Parish Council has decided it can hold the precept for 2010-11 at the same level as 2009-10. There will, however, be a very small increase in the Parish Council Tax because of adjustments made by the District Council.

EXPENDITURE. Expenditure during the year has covered the usual mowing, litter collection, weedkilling, general maintenance and administration. There is sufficient left in the Pavilion Fund to provide improved fencing in the front of the pavilion.

The refurbishment of the pump and pumphouse will be undertaken in the 2010-11 year if funding can be obtained. The Council's new Heritage Committee has been working on plans and has obtained quotes for improved iron fencing around the pump once it is refurbished. The Council was very interested to learn that Sedlescombe's pump is "unique", according to the person who maintains the national list of village pumps. The Council would like to try to get it pumping water again, at least for demonstration purposes.

The Council has agreed to spend the Village of the Year Competition prizemoney on the following: Refreshments at the opening of the new sports pavilion; Information packs for Energy Conservation; Communication with youths to encourage them to be involved in local authority work; Circus workshop for May Fayre to raise money for refurbishment of the village pump; Towards business sign on A21 to encourage drivers to come into the village; and towards refurbishment/rebuild of bus shelter in centre of village

A new village sign is expected to be produced using the Quality Council money to the same design as the existing but cast in solid rigid polyurethane with sections in relief. The design was first painted on a wooden board for the Village by Miss Cummings fifty years ago and has been repainted many times since by talented local people. The new materials should provide a more durable sign.

P Raymond, Responsible Financial Officer, March 2010

Parish Council Accounts

Final 2009-10 figures will be available after the end of the financial year on 31 March 2010 and at the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 3 YEARS	Final	Estimated	Budget
2008-9, 2009-10 AND 2010-11	2008-9	2009-10	2010-11
BROUGHT FORWARD	77472	36392	43410
BROUGHT FORWARD LOAN	-52475	-52475	-49858
INCOME			
Precept	29000	31500	31500
Other income	126407	14268	6687
Total income and balances	180404	29685	31739
EXPENDITURE			
Administration, Salary, Nat. Insurance	19259	20725	20835
Amenities, Repairs, General Mtce	4934	6863	9520
Other expenditure	3650	2000	3500
Loan interest repayments for pavilion	0	2026	1899
Expenditure on pavilion project	168644	4519	0
Total expenditure	196487	36133	35754
BALANCES AT YEAR END	-16083	-6448	-4015
Represented by			
General funds	9818	13387	12098
Sportsfield Fund	-2401	0	0
Clerk's Gratuity Fund	28975	30023	31000
Loan Account	-52475	-49858	-47113
	-16083	-6448	-4015
Council Tax Base	660.14	661.59	660.99
Band D Council Tax	£43.93	£47.61	£47.66

2010 ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



Sedlescombe Parish Council is pleased to present its 2009/10 Annual Report. The following items (arranged in alphabetical order) have been chosen to give an indication of Council's wide-ranging involvement during a busy year.

COMPETITION. Firstly, of course, the Parish Council was thrilled that its entry to the Calor Gas Village of the Year Competition was so successful. Winning a category of the national competition was a great reward for all the hard work of the Council and the wider community. There was very good coverage in Sussex Life and press reports in the Battle Observer and The Courier.

CONSERVATION. The Council acknowledges with thanks Sedlescombe Societies Association's grants from the annual fete proceeds towards Red Barn Field Nature Park's maintenance. The Council also thanks Jonathan Vine-Hall for arranging cutting of the grass and Colin Boyd who has provided a lot of help throughout the year including monitoring the Nature Park, single-handedly raking up cut grass from the whole field and maintaining the pond. Mr Boyd's surveys of Red Barn Field during the spring and summer of 2009 have revealed that the Field has a good number of species: 33 birds, 70 plants, 5 dragonflies, 6 bees, 19 butterflies, 5 grasshoppers and bush-crickets, 12 other insects, 6 mammals, 1 reptile and 2 amphibians were found. Mr Boyd also arranged for the Hastings Conservation Volunteers to remove the bracken from the site and the Volunteers have agreed to repeat their work this year. This Park is open to the public every day.

The unusually winter heavy rain prompted an Emergency Council Meeting at the beginning of February to discuss groundwater problems in the Red Barn Field area. With the Council's agreement, a drainage pipe has been inserted across the Field which is designed to alleviate some of the problems.

Parish councillors and other residents have been involved with both Woodland Trust Brede High Woods and Rother Woods Butterfly Conservation Projects.

CRIME. The Parish Council acknowledges the outstanding commitment of PCSO Demetrius Georghiou (Demi) to his work in Sedlescombe and thanks him for his dedication and enthusiasm, particularly in dealing with anti-social behaviour incidents in Sedlescombe. His recent commendation by Sussex Police for his part in the arrest of five criminals was well-deserved. Demi's work is always being extended but one new power in 2009 that the Parish Council has been pressing for is the handing out of fixed penalty notices on behalf of Rother District Council for dog fouling and littering.

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In recognition of Crimestoppers' very useful work in combatting crime through its acceptance of anonymous information from the public, the Parish Council made a donation to its funds in 2009.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. It appears to the Parish Council that Rother District Council's draft Economic Strategy is focused on urban businesses and that more should be done to help our rural businesses. Suggestions made by the Parish Council during the consultation period were as follows:

- Rother could work proactively to get villages adequate business signage on main roads to encourage visitors to take advantage of village hotels, shops, garages etc. This follows the Parish Council's attempts, helped by Greg Barker MP, to find a way of providing signs on the A21 advertising Sedlescombe's businesses. The Highways Agency's current quote of £20,000 for this provision is prohibitive.
- Rother should support public assets and leisure facilities belonging to parish councils as well as those belonging to Rother District Council.
- Rother should ensure that the amenities of local people are safeguarded when festivals and events are promoted.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS. The Parish Council has continued to assist East Sussex County Council with looking after our public rights of way by reporting problems and carrying out maintenance, as well as stile replacement. There are a large number of footbridges which require regular attention. Unfortunately, volunteers are not allowed to do this work and, therefore, there is often a considerable delay in getting bridges sorted out by the small number of workmen employed by the County Council for the whole county. However, when the work is done, it is always to a high standard. Sedlescombe has had several new bridges this year.

Parishes have had the initial results of the East Sussex County Council survey of all public rights of way in the county and Sedlescombe's paths are mainly good with a few exceptions which will, in due course, receive attention. The Parish Council welcomes information from walkers about problems encountered on the paths. Please contact the Clerk.

The Parish Council continues to receive complaints about the growing habit of leaving bags of dog excrement on paths, hedges or stiles. As the three dog bins provided by the Council do not have the capacity to hold all bags collected in the Village, dog walkers are requested to take them home for disposal. The person who empties some of our litter bins has requested that these bins are not used for this purpose either. The other reminder for walkers who use the

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footpath through the Sportsfield is that legally you must keep your dog on a lead at all times.

HIGHWAYS. The Parish Council wrote several times to the Highways Agency in 2009 regarding objections to the road marking alterations at the junction of the A21 and the B2244, which many consider dangerous. Initially, the Highways Agency refused to meet the Parish Council to discuss the matter. Eventually their officers agreed to include the subject in a meeting when the Parish Council arranged for our MP to be present. We were told that the new line markings had followed a safety audit after a fatal crash at the junction. This had found that the old markings no longer met current Highway Agency standards. Another safety audit at the junction is expected in May 2010 and further remedial work will be undertaken if required. In the longer-term, the Highways Agency would like to build a roundabout at this junction incorporating access to the Blackbrooks Garden Centre where accidents have occurred as well. We may know whether this project could get the necessary funding towards the end of the year. Even if funding is available, this is only the start of a long process involving detailed consultation with the public and other bodies.

The new road layout at the junction of Marley Lane and the A21 has been provided not only because of regular accidents with cars running into the back of each other, but also because the junction improvement is required in connection with planning approvals which could create jobs on three industrial sites in Marley Lane.

Over many years, residents have pleaded for a reduced speed limit in Hawkhurst Road on the B2244 and, at last, we have been informed that the County Council has approved a reduction on this road to 50mph.

The use of the new access from Pumphouse Yard to Gammons Way, so close to the Primary School, has caused a great deal of concern for teachers and parents which is shared by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council has continued to report potholes and other road problems in the Village to the County Council after the appalling winter weather.

MONEY SAVING TIPS. It is three years since the Parish Council published its first "Waste Not" leaflet for Sedlescombe residents to encourage them to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Waste.

This year, Sedlescombe Parish Council would like to encourage reduction of energy use which will, in turn, help reduce everyone's bills and combat fuel

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poverty. From the end of April 2010, the Parish Council will be giving out energy saving packs when Welcome Packs are delivered to new residents. These new packs will contain information about grants to make properties more energy efficient, tips for reducing food waste and information aimed at encouraging water saving, which will also save energy. 75 packs will be available at the Assembly and, afterwards, supplies will be available on application to the Clerk. There will also be a new webpage on the Parish Council website dedicated to Energy Saving containing up-to-date information. Another innovative project being considered is a Helpline manned by local volunteers who will be able to guide residents through the maze of information that is available. Experts will be attending the Assembly and also a special public meeting on 18 May in the Brickwall Hotel at 3pm when anyone with an interest in finding out more is welcome to attend.

PARKING. The increase in the number of vehicles parked in Sedlescombe Village has been very marked this year. Unfortunately, often the parking causes annoyance or obstruction for other road users or is simply very unsightly. Demi does what he can and, hopefully, people will try to be more considerate of others and will leave their cars at home if possible. Places where the Council has been alerted of particular problems are in The Street, near the junction of Short Hill and Balcombe Green and between Kester House and Riverbridge Cottages; in The Green, opposite Pumphouse Yard; in Streetlands where residents sometimes cannot use their drives because of parents' parking, and in Brede Lane, particularly at school and surgery times. The Brede Lane building work hasn't helped either. The Council welcomes the Headteacher's efforts to restart the Walking Bus so that some parents will park in the village hall car park and allow their children to walk from there.

PESTALOZZI. The biggest public attendance at a Parish Council meeting this year was when Foxes Den's application for an ongoing Music and Dancing Premises Licence at Pestalozzi was being considered by the Council's Planning Committee. This application went to a Rother Council Hearing but was refused.

The Parish Council realised the importance of telling the public what was being planned at Pestalozzi and so arranged a public meeting in November 2009 at which Paul Evans, Chief Executive at Pestalozzi, and Debbie Martin, Marketing Manager, explained that Pestalozzi's difficult financial situation has meant that it will be necessary to use the whole Estate to raise funds in 2010. An event is planned for each month of the year. One of these events - the Black Horse Festival - is planned for the Spring Bank Holiday weekend and a Premises Licence from Rother District Council has been applied for.

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PLANNING. The consideration by the Parish Council Planning Committee of an application for a sand school at Hurst House encouraged several local people to come along to meetings to voice their support or objections. After some alterations were made, this application was eventually passed by Rother.

Further interest, with a fresh application, is being shown at the Park View site at the rear of The Street. The Parish Council objected to the size, height and dark colour of the proposed four properties and was not satisfied that sufficient parking and turning space had been allowed on the site for all the cars that would have to share the narrow entrance with existing users.

On the outskirts of the parish, a development of holiday let units at Poppinghole Farm, was supported by the Parish Council.

A new application to build three starter homes in The Street has been submitted.

PUMP AND PUMPHOUSE. The Parish Council has decided to take this Pumphouse project forward in 2010 to try to refurbish this Grade II Listed Building including pumping water for demonstration purposes. Further details on the back cover.

YOUTH. This time last year, there appeared a good chance that the redundant large portacabin at the Sportsfield would be turned into a thriving youth club. However, when it came to discussing the details of the legal agreement and concerns about its position so close to the River Brede, it was decided that an alternative site must be found. The Parish Council then offered the Youth Development Service the opportunity to lease the whole kickabout area on which to erect a small wooden purpose-built youth centre building. The Sportsfield portacabin will be sold as soon as possible.

Pestalozzi's offer of a temporary meeting place for the youth club at the Trogen Centre on their Estate has been very helpful. Pestalozzi plans to include new outdoor activities and courses for young people and it is hoped that Sedlescombe youngsters will take full advantage of them.

Another partnership arrangement between Pestalozzi and Sedlescombe Stores will provide a mobile tuck shop for young people staying on the Pestalozzi Estate.

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ORGANISATIONS, SOCIETIES AND MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

BADMINTON in Village Hall
CONTACT: Shirley Davies 01424 870475



BOWLS - SHORT MAT - established June 2006
WHEN: Meets each Tuesday and Thursday. **TIME:** 2.15-4.30pm
WHERE: Sedlescombe Village Hall (3 bowling mats).

CONTACTS: Mr P Bates, Chairman 01580 753153, Mr C Clark, Secretary 01424 871441, Mr C Boyd, Treasurer 01424 870076. Contact any officer for further details. Membership 37. Joining fee £5 + £1.50 each session.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, SEDLESCOMBE BRANCH - established 17 November 1930

WHEN: Meeting 3rd Wed. each month except August. **TIME:** 10:30-12:00 noon
WHERE: Queen's Head Public House or The Sedlescombe Village Hall, as notified monthly in the Sedlescombe News.
CONTACT: Chairman, Mr R Pilbeam 01424 870167

The Legion looks after the welfare of ex-service personnel and dependants. Membership is open to all who wish to support the R.B.L. Annual subscription is £12.50 which includes £1.50 for branch funds. If you would like to become a Poppy Appeal collector, your help would be very much appreciated.

CHAPEL HILL CHURCH (United Reformed)

WHERE: Chapel Hill, Sedlescombe
WHEN: Services on Sundays at 10:30. Coffee Mornings fortnightly on Wednesdays 10:30-12:00
CONTACT: Roy Smith, 15 Gorselands, Sedlescombe 01424 870431
E-MAIL: rsmith@bbmax.co.uk
MINISTER: Vacancy

CHAPEL HILL CHURCH HIRE

CONTACT: Roy Smith 01424 870431, rsmith@bbmax.co.uk. The well-heated, comfortable, multifunction chapel, seating 45, and the smaller meeting room, are available for use by other village groups, under certain conditions. Includes toilet and basic kitchen, also overhead projector and fixed screen. Please contact the Secretary above for details.

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CHILD WELFARE CLINIC - established 1954

WHEN: 2nd Thursday in month **TIME:** 13:30-15:30
WHERE: Sedlescombe Village Hall Committee Room 2 (side entrance)
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: No appointment needed
CONTACT: Mrs M Irwin, "The Anchorage, Hawkhurst Road, Sedlescombe 01424 870570.
The Clinic provides a venue for mothers and babies to seek advice and help from a qualified Health Visitor, to meet other mothers and to record the child's progress (two-year-old tests are carried out by the Health Visitor and recorded).

SEDLESCOMBE CRICKET CLUB – established 1768

WHEN: Sundays **TIME:** 2.30pm
WHERE: Sedlescombe Sportsfield for home games
CONTACT: J Carthew, 3 Little Park Farm Cottis, Battle TN33 0LX, 01424 774589



The Club plays its main matches on Sunday afternoons during the season and maintains the traditions of amateur sport by engaging in friendly matches (rather than league matches). It does however play in the local indoor league during the winter months. It welcomes new players. Potential recruits phone Aaron Maynard 01424 430526.

DANCE - OLD TIME DANCE CLUB established 1949.

WHEN: Every Friday, October to May. **TIME:** 7.30pm to 10:15pm.
WHERE: Northiam Village Hall.
CONTACT: Miss P Webb, Bankhurst, Sedlescombe 01424 870448.
SUBSCRIPTION: £1 (90 members). Emphasis is given to ensuring members enjoy the social atmosphere of Old Time & Modern Sequence dancing to familiar tunes. New members, from the experienced to the novice, are given a warm welcome and established members are always happy to help newcomers to settle in.



DISABLED - EAST SUSSEX DISABILITY ASSOCIATION (ESDA)

Sedlescombe & Westfield Branch established 1970
WHEN: 2nd Thursday in the month – monthly lunch outings to pubs and restaurants and also an annual coffee morning in April. No subscription (25 members). £7.00 towards a two course lunch. Collection by specially adapted coach.

East Sussex Disability Association is a registered charity which provides a wide range of services to disabled people in the area including help with benefit claims, employment and holidays. There is a permanent display of disability equipment and an occupational therapist at our head office in Eastbourne www.esda.org.uk. If

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you are interested in joining our group or helping, please contact Delia Box, Woodstock, Churchland Lane, Sedlescombe 01424 870945, drbox@tiscali.co.uk.

DOGS. In accordance with dog control orders, issued by Rother District Council, please do not take a dog into either of the two fenced-off children's play areas at the Riverside and East View Terrace or into Red Barn Field Nature Park.

There are also "clean it up" orders affecting The Village Green, Sedlescombe Sportsfield, The Riverside Playing Field, The East View Kickabout Area, Brede Lane Car Park and all roads, pavements, grass verges and some public footpaths.



The penalty for contravening an order is a fixed penalty fine of £75 which can now be imposed by PCSOs. Certain people with disabilities are exempt from the above requirements.

The Parish Council has issued a leaflet showing how the Orders affect dog walkers.

Dog bins. Sedlescombe has three dog bins provided and maintained by the Parish Council. These are situated at the entrance to the Sportsfield next to the bridge, in the Brede Lane Car Park and in the Riverside Playing Field.

FIREWORKS. PLEASE REMEMBER:

- It is an offence to let off fireworks in a public place or alter them without a licence from HSE.
- Subject to exceptions, no fireworks to be set off between 23:00 and 07:00.
- Exceptions – On New Year's Eve, Chinese New Year and Diwali, displays can continue until 01:00. On 5 November, fireworks can be let off until midnight.
- Retailers selling fireworks all year round must apply for a licence.
- It is an offence for anyone under 18 to possess adult fireworks in public.



FISHING - THE HASTINGS FLYFISHERS CLUB LIMITED

CONTACT: Mrs M Stacey - Secretary
Tel: 01424 439633
email: mary.stacey@tiscali.co.uk
www.hastingsflyfishers.co.uk



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SEDESLESCOMBE RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB (JUNIOR AND SENIOR)

Based at Oaklands Park.

Senior Club - Two senior teams within the East Sussex League. Training facilities pre and during season. Players and supporters new and old most welcome.

CONTACT: Paul White 01424 442277 (daytime); 07734 943473 (evenings and weekends).

Junior Club - established 1980. Training on Saturday mornings (winter training at Claremont School on all-weather surface). Matches on Sundays. Football for boys and girls from 5 years of age upwards.

CONTACT: Fred Ham 07802 621047 for details. www.sedlescomberangersjfc.co.uk

FOOTPATHS & BRIDLEWAYS. East Sussex County Council is the authority responsible for maintenance of public rights of way. However, a lot of practical work has been carried out in Sedlescombe by volunteers keen to improve public access to the countryside including replacing a number of stiles with hand gates.

A colourful leaflet describing several walks around the Village is published by Sedlescombe Parish Council and available in Sedlescombe Stores, price £1.

SEDESLESCOMBE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The club was founded in 2007 with the aims to advance the welfare of the older people and, in particular, to endeavour to counteract loneliness and isolation. A number of events will be planned each year including Extend chair based exercises, Healthy Walking and a Lunch Club. The dates and times of these and other events will be published in the Sedlescombe News and elsewhere that is appropriate.

Members of the committee include Mrs Valerie Wright (chairman), Mr Ron Sunderland (vice-chairman), Mr Ted Cornford (treasurer) Mrs Pauline Glew (co-ordinator) and Mr Ralph Dellow (secretary) all of which will be happy to help with any enquiries that you may have.

FUNDING-RAISING FOR ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE - SEDESLESCOMBE HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUP

CONTACT: Mrs S Beaney, 11 East View Terrace, Sedlescombe TN33 0PY 01424 870688

The Hospice Support Group has been supporting St Michael's Hospice from its groundroots to the present day. Over the years, the Group has raised well over £1,000 annually. There are 3-4 events each year and the Group is always grateful for any help. This group of six volunteers, with the help of the Village, will go on supporting the Hospice in the future.

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SEDEScombe & DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY

WHERE: Sedlescombe Village Hall for meetings

SECRETARY: Sue Parsons, "The Candles", Swailes Green, Cripps Corner TN32 5QU

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Bob Harris, 4 Streetlands, Sedlescombe 01424 871415

See noticeboard on shop frontage for dates and times of events.

Speakers, outings, shows, plant market etc. Anyone with an interest in plants is welcome to join. Discounts on purchases for gardening items available to members.



LIBRARIES

Sedlescombe Village Library – established 1953

WHEN: Tuesdays. **TIME:** 13:30-14:30

WHERE: Village Hall, Committee Room 2, side entrance

CONTACT: Mrs S Bonney, Highfield Cottage, Church Hill, Sedlescombe 01424 870517

A number of books are exchanged approximately each month at Battle Library to keep stocks updated. Open to all. Talking books and large print books are also available.

Mobile Library stops at Sedlescombe

WHEN: Alternate Thursdays. **TIME:** 10:55-11:35

WHERE: Park Shaw, Sedlescombe

CONTACT: 01424 420501

Books for adults and children, DVDs and videos, talking books and reference materials.

Battle Library

WHEN: Tuesday to Saturday, closed Sunday and Monday

WHERE: 7 Market Square, Battle TN33 0XA (opposite Fire Station)

CONTACT: 0345 60 80 196

library.battle@eastsussex.gov.uk

Books for loan and reference, DVDs and talking books for hire, local history material, free internet and computer access, Rhymetime, display facilities, photocopier, disabled access.

LIFT SCHEME

CONTACT: Parish Councillor Pauline Glew, 01424 870258

The Parish Council started this informal scheme to help Sedlescombe residents who were finding it difficult to attend hospital/surgery appointments because of lack of transport. A list of names of drivers who are willing to provide lifts is published (see Parish Council notice board outside shop) and those wanting lifts simply make a telephone call to any one on the list and pay the driver.

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LOCAL AUTHORITIES

East Sussex County Council, County Hall, Lewes BN7 1AL.

T: 0345 60 80 190. W: www.eastsussex.gov.uk

County Councillor Peter Jones,

T: 01797 226243. E: Cllr.Peter.Jones@eastsussex.gov.uk

Rother District Council, The Town Hall, Bexhill on Sea TN39 3JX

T: 01424 787000. W: www.rother.gov.uk

District Councillor Tony Ganly

T: 01580 830704. E: Cllr.Tony.Ganly@rother.gov.uk

NATURE PARK

Red Barn Field Nature Park

The Parish Council is the freeholder of a small nature park at the rear of Sedlescombe Village Hall. It is maintained for the benefit of wildlife and to provide easy access to the hall from the Balcombe Green end of the Village.

CONTACT: Mrs P Raymond, Clerk to Sedlescombe Parish Council 01424 870508.

SEDEScombe NETBALL CLUB – established 2007

CONTACTS: Sue 07710 110 767, Sarah 07941 553 517 for further details

Come and join us for netball training and match play in a friendly, fun atmosphere! All abilities, all ages 16+ and juniors from 11+.

NEWS

Sedlescombe News is a weekly news-sheet produced by a small team of volunteers and is available, price 20p, from Sedlescombe Stores on Fridays. Leave items for inclusion in the Stores by 12 noon on Wednesdays. Entries are FREE. **The existing editorial volunteer team is always on the lookout for additional helpers. Contact 870258, 870431 or 870836 if you are interested in joining the rota system.**

Noticeboard. Items for posting on the Parish Council board outside the shop may be left in Sedlescombe Stores or, alternatively, delivered to the Clerk.

Village Voice column of Rye and Battle Observer. Sedlescombe news can be seen in the weekly column. If you have an event coming up in the local area or would like to have a small piece outlining your club or organisation's aims, activities, membership etc., then contact Judy Torrance in writing at Asselton House, Sedlescombe or by e-mail to judy@asselton.co.uk.

Parish Council website, www.sedlescombe.org.uk is full of information about the Council and its work in Sedlescombe. This is also the place to look for links to other useful sites. Why not make it your "Home Page" so that you visit often to keep up-to-date? Contact Pauline Raymond on sedlescombe@freezone.co.uk.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

CONTACTS: Jean Dellow (Chief Co-ordinator) 01424 870223, Pauline Glew (Treasurer) 01424 870258, Sally Martin (Secretary) 01424 870353, Reg Glew (Member) 01424 870258, Ralph Dellow (Member) 01424 870223.

Sedlescombe Neighbourhood Watch:

- Offers home security advice and will fit security equipment if needed. This offer is free of charge but is subject to availability of funds.
- Loans an engraving appliance free of charge.
- Will pay the installation charge and first month's rent for Lifeline for Sedlescombe residents.
- Local e-mail system in operation.

PARISH CHURCH - ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

WHERE: St John the Baptist Church, Church Hill, Sedlescombe

WHEN: Sundays at 10am - Parish Eucharist and Junior & Youth Church in the Rectory. 1st Sunday in the month is Guest Sunday.

CONTACT: Priest-in-Charge - The Rev Canon Alan Sharpe 01424 870233
Churchwarden - Peggy Evenden 01424 774722

Baptism and Confirmation Classes - contact Priest-in-Charge

SEDESLESCOMBE CHURCH BELLRINGERS

WHERE: Parish Church **WHEN:** Every Wednesday. **TIME:** 7.30pm

CONTACT: Jane Blanford, Carpenters Barn Farm, Kent Street, Sedlescombe 01424 751298

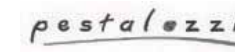
FRIENDS OF SEDLESCOMBE PARISH CHURCH HERITAGE TRUST

CONTACT: Mrs S J Brown 01580 830813 to become a friend.

This charitable trust was established by the late Beryl Lucey for the purpose of assisting in maintenance and restoration of our beautiful 12th century Parish Church and its Churchyard. It provides a means for anyone in the community to contribute to ensuring the long-term survival of this historic building. Several fund-raising events are organised throughout the year.

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PESTALOZZI INTERNATIONAL VILLAGE TRUST



OUR MISSION. To make a real and lasting difference by apply Pestalozzi principles: Head, Heart and Hands-on.

THE MESSAGE. Our unique 2 year scholarship programme in the UK enables our 16-19 year old students to develop their potential, intellectually and morally, apply their abilities using the Pestalozzi principles of educating the head, heart and hands-on.

Our personal selection process carefully identifies motivated young people who have demonstrated the desire to help their home communities. From economically disadvantaged backgrounds around the world, they have exceptional ability but limited educational opportunity.

At Pestalozzi they come together to live as a multicultural, multi-faith family. Learning within the UK's culture and heritage, they actively contribute to the local community, sharing and promoting international understanding.

Our scholarship programme empowers the students to make informed decisions and take confident steps towards their future aspirations.

Our success is constantly emphasised by the achievement of our alumni and the communities they help.

Building on this success is dependent on continuing financial donations and partnership support.

PESTALOZZI COUNTRY PARK ESTATE. Schools, Groups, Weddings, Families and Individuals can all be catered for at Pestalozzi Country Park Estate, with over 200 bed spaces and an on site canteen seating 120 people. Facilities include kitchens, lounges, laundrette, nature walks, tennis courts, football pitch, classrooms, IT suite, Conference Room, wireless broadband and various courses and workshops (bookable through Pestalozzi Outreach). Pestalozzi Country Park Estate running to help support Pestalozzi International Village Trust.

PESTALOZZI OUTREACH EDUCATION. The Pestalozzi Outreach Education programme aims to increase awareness and understanding of global citizenship, so that all of us understand our own responsibilities towards each other, and towards a peaceful, fair and sustainable future. We are the Development Education Centre for East Sussex (excluding Brighton & Hove) and, through our activities, we aim to develop young people's potential and skills. Pestalozzi Outreach runs various courses, workshops and outdoor activities during the year for adults and children.

For more information on any of the above, please log on to www.pestalozzi.org.uk, e-mail office@pestalozzi.org.uk or call 01424 870444.

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SEDLSCOMBE PLAYERS

WHEN : Monday nights **TIME** : 19:30-22:00
WHERE : Sedlescombe Village Hall
CONTACT: Tara Buchanan (Chairman) 01424 870694
Subscription : £5 p.a.

The Players are a very friendly group who have recently taken on a new lease of life! We have an enthusiastic mixture of new and long-standing members of all ages and our aim is to put on 2 productions a year - a play in June/July and a pantomime or musical in January. If you are interested in joining us - either onstage, backstage or as part of the much-needed support team, we would be delighted to hear from you.

PLAYGROUNDS

Riverside. Managed by Sedlescombe Parish Council on behalf of the Sedlescombe Public Playing Field & Recreation Ground Trust. The playground next to Bridge Garage Antiques (behind the tennis courts) is suitable for children of 12 and under. There is a good range of modern play equipment.

East View Terrace Kickabout Area. The Parish Council is the freeholder of a small hard-surfaced area at East View Terrace. There are two storm shooter football goals and two basketball hoops.

CONTACT: Mrs P Raymond, Clerk to Sedlescombe Parish Council 01424 870508.

East View Terrace. Provided and managed by Orbit Housing Association, a new piece of play equipment was installed in 2008.

POLICE

Phoning the Police:
999 in an emergency or when you think a crime could be in progress.

0845 60 70 999 to report new non-emergency crimes etc.

Crimestoppers:
You can give information about any type of crime totally anonymously by calling Crimestoppers (always open) on 0800 555111

Victim Support:
Open Monday to Friday 0800 to 2000 0845 3899528

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POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER (PCSO)

Our Police Community Support Officer covers the areas of Sedlescombe, Ewhurst Green, Staplecross and Cripps Corner. PCSOs assist Neighbourhood Policing Constables by providing a visible, accessible, familiar and reassuring presence within the local community. They have also been given a number of powers which allow them to deal with low level crime and other quality of life issues.

0845 60 70 999 Extension 26447 to leave messages for our PCSO but not reports of new incidents please which should be left with the operator

PRE-SCHOOL

WHEN: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays **TIME:** 09:15-15:00
WHERE: Sedlescombe Village Hall
CONTACT: Jackie Saull-Hunt 01424 871679 or 07765 710337

Childcare for 2-5-year-olds. Come and visit our friendly team and see the children work and play.

PRIMARY SCHOOL - Sedlescombe C E Primary School

WHERE: Gammons Way, Sedlescombe, Battle, East Sussex.
CONTACT: Headteacher: Mrs Marian Ham 01424 870585
E: office@sedlescombecep.e-sussex.sch.uk
W: www.sedlescombecep.e-sussex.sch.uk

There are 204 children on roll, aged 4-11 years. The school has seven classes and is built in a beautiful, peaceful location within the Village. All staff firmly believe, and work hard to achieve, the vision: **Every child matters ~ Together we enjoy learning ~ Together we achieve ~ Together we succeed.** We have high standards and are particularly noted for our music, sport and art achievements, and for our forward thinking developments in 'Brain based learning', 'Makaton' sign language and creativity. We believe in the whole development of every child.

We welcome parent/carer helpers and helpers from the local community. We are an active, exciting, hard-working school with bright, stimulating learning environments, and with a warm, caring Christian ethos. We offer a wide range of after-school clubs, which allow our children to develop a broad range of talents. These clubs include choir, netball, football, ICT, sewing, Globetrotters, dance, Christian club, homework club, tennis, gardening and others depending on the time of year.

In our latest Ofsted we received judgements ranging from satisfactory to good and outstanding - including, for example, outstanding for our personal care and welfare of the children, plus our spiritual and caring ethos, with good for our children's behaviour. We are also very proud of our 2009 SATS results which were excellent.

Visits to our school are always welcomed.

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ICT SUITE. The School has a high quality ICT suite for use by children of the School and the local community. Courses are run in the evenings for adults of the Village. Please contact the School for further information.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT serving Sedlescombe
SERVICE 349 Hastings to Hawkhurst, 2 hourly daytime
B67 Community Bus, 1 return journey Sedlescombe Green - Battle, Tuesdays and Fridays.

RECYCLING
Rother District Council is responsible for this area's recycling services. The **CONTACT** is Mr Fergus Cameron, 14 Beeching Road, Bexhill-on-Sea 01424 787580. W: www.rother.gov.uk/environment.

Sedlescombe residents now have the benefit of doorstep collection of some recyclables. Plastic bottles type 1, 2 and 3 (tops removed), steel and aluminium cans and empty aerosols go in the black box. Newspapers, magazines, Yellow Pages and white fibre paper go in the green box. Also small amounts of shredded paper. Leaves, grass, cuttings and small branches go in the green wheelie bin. Anything else goes in the black wheelie bin.

MOUNTFIELD WASTE RECYCLING SITE managed on behalf of East Sussex County Council. Household rubbish brought to the site by the householder is accepted free of charge. Cardboard can be recycled at this site.

RECYCLING BRING CENTRE AT BREDE LANE CAR PARK, SEDLESCOMBE is one of 38 recycling points in Rother. You can recycle paper, glass, books, textiles, cans, plastic (01, 02, 03 on base). White telephone directories and Yellow Pages.

ROTHER SENIORS' FORUM established 2006. Rother Seniors invites local people who are 50+ years to have their say about public services. The Forum speaks out on issues such as Transport, Life-long Learning & Leisure, Health & Care, Housing & Pensions, Crime & Safety. We work with local and Council Service Providers so that members keep abreast of, and help shape, developments that affect them.
CONTACT: Ron Sunderland 01424 870801

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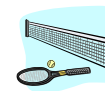
SEDLESCOMBE SOCIETIES' ASSOCIATION
CONTACT: Chairman - Mrs R Farley 01424 870533

The Association is run by an elected committee who organise the annual summer village fayre. The aim of the day is to provide an enjoyable day for all villagers. All local groups are welcome to participate in the event. The AGM takes place in October when any surplus funds raised are awarded to local village organisations.

SEDLESCOMBE SPORTS ASSOCIATION
An umbrella organisation that promotes sport and manages provision of facilities for sport at Sedlescombe sportsfield. The membership comes from clubs that use the sportsfield.

CONTACT: John Noonan (Secretary) at NoonJo8@aol.com (07957 324518) for further information and field bookings. Chairman: Ashley Davey 01424 870615

TENNIS



Sedlescombe Parish Council manages two hard tennis courts at the Riverside Playing Field (next to Bridge Garage). They are available free of charge for public use. If you want to use the courts for club or commercial purposes, please contact the Clerk. Please note that, from time to time, the courts will be unavailable because of other uses. NB If you need to arrive by car, please park in the road or in the public car park in Brede Lane

CONTACT: Mrs P Raymond (Parish Clerk), 01424 870508

THURSDAY CLUB

WHEN: 1st Thursday in month. **TIME:** 10am to 12 noon
WHERE: Sedlescombe Village Hall
CONTACT: Mrs P Pexton 01424 870483
Open to men and women, speakers on general topics.

TODDLERS - JELLYBEANS

WHEN: Every Tuesday **TIME:** 10:00-12:00 **WHERE:** Sedlescombe Village Hall
CONTACT: Jackie Saull-Hunt 01424 871679 or 07765 710337

A friendly and welcoming Parent/Carer & Toddler Group run by mums. We have lots of Toys.

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TRADING STANDARDS – BUY WITH CONFIDENCE APPROVED TRADER LIST . The Buy with Confidence scheme puts consumers in touch with approved traders who have agreed to provide high standards of customer service, including dealing promptly with any complaints. Only if businesses pass stringent checks can they display the Buy with Confidence Logo. The list of approved traders runs from builders to wine merchants and from chauffeurs to upholsterers. See www.eastsussex.gov.uk for details.

HIRE OF SEDLESCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

CONTACT for further information and bookings: Mrs Jenny Mitchell, 01424 870707.
E-mail: jennydavidmitchell@hotmail.co.uk

Secretary: Reg Glew, 01424 870258

Established originally in 1920 and completely rebuilt in 2001, this superb facility is available for hire. The hall has a fully-equipped stage and two committee rooms. Excellent kitchen facilities and car parking are also available.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - SEDLESCOMBE (AFTERNOON)

WHEN: 3rd Wednesday in month. **TIME:** 2pm

WHERE: Sedlescombe Village Hall

CONTACT: Mrs J Cornish, Wendymill House, Chapel Hill, Sedlescombe TN33 0QX
01424 870319

At our meetings, we have a very wide range of speakers for all interests, and have craft, cookery and gardening classes throughout the year. We participate in County and Group events and cater for light lunches and teas for parties visiting the Village

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - SEDLESCOMBE GREEN (EVENING) established 1975

WHEN: 4th Wednesday in month. **TIME:** 7.30pm

WHERE: Sedlescombe Village Hall

CONTACT: Mrs S Beaney, 11 East View Terrace, Sedlescombe 01424 870688

We are a friendly group meeting monthly with a speaker or some other activity. We join in craft classes and County Events and take part in Group activities and meetings. In addition, we supply tea to visiting Groups.

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The following people met the Village of the Year judges:

Jenny Mitchell - Village Hall, Sedlescombe Green WI, volunteer at School,

leader of tapestry workers, chairman of committee refurbishing pump & pumphouse

Bob Harris - Garden Society, Bowls Club, Pavilion Fundraising, Heavy Gang Organiser, Neighbourhood Watch, Citizenship Award

(late) **Gina Bird** - School Young Gardeners' Club Organiser

Diane Streeter and **Jean Russell-Parnell** - Allotments

Pauline Glew - Lift Scheme Co-ordinator, Bus Champion, Extend Exercise for the elderly, Friendship Club, Health Walks

Joan Rowe, Kaye Maberley, Rosemary Addy, Janice Hebert - service users

Marian Ham - Headteacher

Debbie Martin & Sara Welch - Pestalozzi International Village

Reg Glew - fund-raising bird, bat and bee boxes, Lift Scheme driver, Sedlescombe News editor, quiz sheets and quiz evenings co-ordinator, volunteer carpenter for temporary sportsfield portacabin

Paul Barraclough - Sedlescombe Youth Projects

Tony Ganly - Village Businesses Champion

John Noonan - Sports Association, junior football and pavilion

Ashley Davey - Junior Football

Anthony Rand - New Pavilion Project Manager, Environmental Stewardship owner, campaigner for A21 local business sign

Pat Martin - Tree Warden, tree projects, butterfly conservation

Demetrius Georghiou - our Police Community Support Officer works closely with Parish Council, looks after vulnerable etc., deals with fly-tipping

Ralph Dellow - electric blanket testing, sustainability policy, security and smoke alarm installations, easy access footpaths, Small Change project, recycling, Home from Hospital volunteer, victims of crime visitor

Tara Buchanan - drama

Irma Cook - Sedlescombe Organic Vineyard

Jenny and John Mainwood - Sedlescombe Stores with all its help for the Village, competition winner






Pauline Raymond - Sedlescombe Directory, Sedlescombe website, Red Barn Field Nature Park, American Signal Crayfish and the River Brede, Parish Council quarterly Bulletin, Welcome Packs

Valerie Wright - Housing, Roselands, Village Library, pre-school use of room in hall

Dr Patrick Roper - Ecologist, Walk leader and adviser for the Pestalozzi Estate, avid environmental blogger, writer and contributor to newspapers and magazines including the Garden Society "Trug", Square Metre of Sedlescombe Study similar to a Darwin study in 1856, been on TV several times, 2008 Woodland Trust Volunteer of the Year for work at Brede High Woods

Mary Irwin, Jean Dann and Jenny Mitchell - tea and excellent cakes

A large number of Sedlescombe businesses sent their best wishes and 4 young people designed and made posters illustrating the sections of the competition.

ACCOMMODATION	ACCOMMODATION
<p>BRICKWALL HOTEL The Green Sedlescombe</p> <p>T: 01424 870253 F: 01424 870785 E: info@brickwallhotel.com W: www.brickwallhotel.com</p>  <p>Hotel and restaurant, parties catered for. Heated outdoor swimming pool open May-September. 45 car parking spaces.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">* * * *</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FORGE HOUSE Bed & Breakfast</p> <p>The Green, Sedlescombe, TN33 0QA</p> <p>Contact: Mrs Jean Russell-Parnell T/F: 01424 870054 M: 07779 988716</p>  <p>Member Tourism South East</p>
ACCOMMODATION	ARCHITECTURAL
<p>CRAZY LANE TOURIST CARAVAN PARK, Whydown Farm, Crazy Lane, Sedlescombe</p>   <p>T: 01424 870147 F: 01424 870147 E: info@crazylane.co.uk W: www.crazylane.co.uk</p> <p>Holiday caravan and camping park (36 pitches for touring caravans and tents). Situated close to the path linking with the 1066 Walk.</p>	<p>PumpHouse Pump House Yard DESIGNS The Green Architectural Consultants Sedlescombe East Sussex TN33 0QA</p> <p>T: 01424 871120 F: 01424 870198 Email: info@pumphousedesigns.co.uk Web: www.pumphousedesigns.co.uk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FREE QUOTATION & INITIAL ADVICE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ NEW BUILD ◆ EXTENSIONS ◆ ◆ LOFT CONVERSIONS ◆ ALTERATIONS ◆ ◆ PLANNING APPLICATIONS ◆ ◆ LISTED BUILDING APPLICATIONS ◆ ◆ BUILDING REGULATIONS APPLICATIONS ◆
BUILDER & DECORATOR	CAR REPAIRS
<p>CHAPMAN BUILDERS LTD.</p> <p>Ashdown Cottage, Cottage Lane, Sedlescombe</p>  <p>T: 01424 870520 Established 1971</p> <p>General builder, decorator, carpenter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO JOB TOO LARGE OR TOO SMALL</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LWA BODYSHOP LIMITED</p> <p>Accident repair with Paintless dent removal Vehicle Restoration & Insurance Approved</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bridge Garage The Street Sedlescombe TN33 0QB T: 01424 870488 M: 07967 838591</p> <p style="text-align: center;">david@lwabodyshop.eclipse.co.uk</p>




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DOCTORS	
<p>DR S STERN & PARTNERS</p> <p>The Surgery, Brede Lane, Sedlescombe TN33 0PW T: 01424 870225; F: 01424 870912 www.drsternandptnrs.co.uk (also at Westfield 01424 751609)</p> <p>Opening hours for Sedlescombe Surgery Monday to Friday 08:30-13:00 Monday & Friday 16:30-19:00 Wednesday 13:30-17:00</p> <p>Practice leaflet available from surgery. New patients should collect a registration form and arrange a new patient appointment (ID required)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PLEASE COLLECT REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS AFTER 10:00</p>	

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PARISH COUNCILS

What are parish councils? They are the first tier of local government (district and county councils are the other two tiers in this area). Sedlescombe Parish Council is one of around 10,000 community, parish and town councils in England and Wales. Parish councils deliver a vast range of services at community level and have a powerful voice to represent local people. They are principally funded from the Council Tax.

Parish councillors. Here, nine Councillors are generally elected by the public every four years to represent the whole parish. In Sedlescombe the parish stretches from Whydown Hill in the south, Poppinghole Lane in the north, Marley Lane in the west and Powdermill Lane in the east. The next parish council elections will be held in 2011. From time to time, casual vacancies occur and these are filled in by the existing Council after allowing time for a poll to be requested.

Councillors have three main components to their work:

1. **Decision making** - Through meetings councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.
2. **Monitoring** - Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.
3. **Getting involved locally** - As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available.

How much time does it take up? Quite often, councillors say that their duties occupy them for about three hours a week. Obviously, there are some councillors who spend more time than this, and some less, but in the main, being a parish councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community, and helping to make it a better place to live and work.

Am I qualified? Probably yes - most people are. However, there are a few rules which have to be adhered to.

Further information can be found on the www.sedlescombe.org.uk website or by phoning the Clerk on 01424 870508.

SEDLESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL 2010 PROJECT

REFURBISHMENT OF THE VILLAGE PUMP AND THE PUMPHOUSE

110 years ago, the people of Sedlescombe living around the Green were desperate for a public water supply. A generous local benefactor arranged for a well to be dug on the Green as well as the installation of a pump and construction of a shelter. Until 1958, when mains water came to the Village, this water supply was a vital part of Sedlescombe Village life.



The pumphouse and pump are now protected with Listed Building Status and it is the Parish Council's responsibility to look after this part of our heritage.

On the afternoon of Saturday 1 May 2010, there will be a May Fayre on Sedlescombe Village Green and in the Queen's Head garden in aid of the refurbishment. There will be a Circus Workshop, Stationary Engines, Maypole Dancing, Games, Stalls and Refreshments. Please come.

