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Thank you's ...

Surviving Christmas

Thank you to everyone for coming to the Hunger Lunch on Friday 5th December. We will be taking £125, also some donated tins of food to the YMCA Centre in St Leonards, where all the hard work takes place over Christmas to help homeless and lonely people. Thank you again.

Margaret.

The Friends of Sedlescombe Parish Church Trust

would like to thank everyone who supported the event last Friday evening. Mulled wine was expertly prepared by Delia and David Box to accompany homemade mince pies for the interval. It was a truly festive evening with songs performed by Cantabile and Lorelei in the beautiful setting of the church. We are grateful to you all for raising £ 506 towards Trust funds. We wish you a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Sedlescombe Lift Scheme

Thank you to all the people who are "listed" on this very well-used scheme. I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy 2009.

Pauline Glew

The Friendship Club

On Thursday the 11th December, members and guests thoroughly enjoyed a Christmas Dinner and the Queen's Head. Lots of chatter and laughter - "a very lively bunch of people". We thank Grant and his team who did us proud. The tables and decorations were bright and cheerful and the food was excellent.

Pauline Glew

Litter Pickers

Thank you to all the people who do their best to keep the village tidy during the year. Happy Christmas to you all.

Neighbourhood Watch

Thank you to all the NHW co-ordinators who do their best wherever necessary to keep our village safe. Happy Christmas and a crime free New Year.

Over the last few weeks dogs have been stolen. There has been incidents of dog food being placed by gates, probably to induce the often valuable dogs away from the house. Do be careful of your pets, they are at a very real risk.

CHURCH NOTICES

Readings for the 4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8-12,14, 16

Psalm 88

Romans 16. 25-27

Luke 1.26-38

SEDLESCOMBE PARISH CHURCH - St John the Baptist

Sunday 21st	10.00 am Parish Communion; also Sunday School in the Rectory 6.00 pm Festival of Readings and Carols
Wednesday 24th	4.00 pm The Living Crib 11.45 pm Midnight Mass by Candlelight
Thursday 25th	10.00 am Christmas Day Communion
Sunday 28th	10.00 am Parish Communion

CHAPEL HILL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday, December 21st	3.00 pm Christmas Carol Service Come and sing your favourite carols and some new ones. Special music by Michael and Judith Welch. Refreshments after the service. Collection for 'Surviving Christmas'.
Christmas Day	No service. Service at Robertsbridge URC at 10 am.
Sunday, December 28th	No service. Service at Robertsbridge URC at 10.30 am
Sunday, January 4th	10.30 am Holy Communion service led by the Rev Roy Smith

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The Sports Pavilion

I'm sure many of you in the village will have noticed the new white Pavilion that has appeared over the past few months on the Sports field. This as you know is the work of the Parish Council who have pushed ahead with the project this year. However, this time last year it was decided to form a local fundraising group to help towards the cost of the building. This group has been active in staging events and promoting the cause in and around the village area and with your support has raised £12,000 towards the funds

needed. We are not quite ready to hang up our boots yet though as the shortfall left by the lottery rejection is to be settled by a loan and any other money we can raise will help towards alleviating this burden. One of our most successful evenings was the Sports Dinner at the Brickwall Hotel and hope you will mark your brand new 2009 diaries with 20th March to join us once again. May we thank you for your support and wish you all "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

Sedlescombe Football Club

are having a bit of a tough time at the moment with all the wet weather but to raise their spirits and some cash they have a **Christmas raffle running to be drawn tonight, 19th December, in the Queens Head.** If you would like to be the winner of a luxury hamper, or a special dinner for two plus many other prizes in time for the big day then there is still time to take part with tickets available in the village stores.

Raising Funds for the New Pavilion.

The answers to the quiz sheet just gone is on the notice board. Please find below a list of the entrants with the best scores.

Audrey Joy 40; Rosemary Addy 39.5; Jackie Saull-Hunt 38.5; Jenny Mitchell 38; Nola McSweeney 38; Nigel & Lorraine Ford 37.

There were a number of queries with regard to spelling but with names (proper nouns) it depends upon the text book being used. However, the marking has been very generous. **There are new quiz sheets on sale now.** Thank you for your support.

Thursday Club.

Instead of our usual talk, the January slot will be filled with a lunch at the Brickwall Hotel, 12.30 for 1.00 pm on the 8th January.

Elsie Sellings wishes all her friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas and New Year as she is unable to send cards now.

News from Sedlescombe School

What a busy few weeks we've had! We were visited by two OFSTED Inspectors on 26/27th November and by a Diocesan Inspector on 5th December - quite unexpectedly! I'm glad to say that the Inspectors' judgements are in line with our own self-evaluations and we are a school with "satisfactory, good and outstanding features"! We feel proud of much of our work and the recognition of our strengths. We have three key issues to work on to make our school even better, which we had identified ourselves!

We break up on Friday and invite you to call into the school between 10.00 and 11.15 am for coffee and a mince pie on Friday morning. We'd love to see you.

As 2008 draws to a close, I'd like to thank you sincerely for your help, support, prayers and loyalty to our school. We were praised by the Inspectors for many things, including our ethos, Christian values, community links, pupil care and welfare and relationships — so many important values to support life-skills with our children. Yet we owe you gratitude for your support and interest in our school. For example, many of you joined us at our recent Christmas Fayre, which raised around £2300 profit for our children — FANTASTIC teamwork.

The young children in our school are the adults of the future — we must support them fully and help them to grow in respect, care, manners and kindness to others. Therefore, all the positive links we have with

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Revised bin collection over the holiday.

The revised refuse collection over the Christmas and New Year holidays means that the collections on Monday 29th and Monday 5th will be done on Tuesday 30th and Tuesday 6th. Green garden waste collections are suspended from 15th December to 9th January and will restart on 12th January. From Monday 12th January collections will be as normal.

you are of huge benefit. Thank you.

We return to school on Monday, 5th January, when we welcome our new Deputy Head, Miss Emma Kesper. I am certain she will be a great asset to our school community and get to know you all as the year progresses.

The staff, governors and myself wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year. Keep in touch with school news by visiting our website regularly:

www.sedlescombecep.e-sussex.sch.uk

Note to contributors

Will contributors to Sedlescombe News please give their name and a telephone number when they submit material. We may need to contact you. You may request your name to be withheld from publication; we do not publish phone numbers unless specifically requested to do so.

Apologies to the person who sent in an article about Noah. There is just no space to publish it this week. We will hold it over for another issue. -Ed.

Don't forget the baby!

A family was going home for Christmas. It was a journey they had been anticipating for some time. Indeed, they had talked about little else at dinner for weeks. Everything was now in the car in readiness. As they were getting ready to back out of the drive, they were doing a verbal inventory to be sure they had everything. They had stopped the newspaper and milk delivery. They had arranged for a neighbour to feed their dog, to take in the mail, and to check the heating periodically. They had packed their clothes, their gifts for other family members. They had a marked map. The thermostat had been turned back low enough to keep the pipes from freezing. They had packed their lunch for the trip. They had their traveller's cheques and hotel reservations. Everything was in order. Just as the husband eased the car out of the driveway, his wife let out an agonized wail. She said, "Oh, Jim, we forgot the baby!" It can happen. We left one of ours asleep on a church pew one Sunday night. Christmas is a busy time. A time of cards and cooking and candy ...a time of gifts and parties. Don't forget the baby...that's what it's all about.



Alton McEachern.



To All our Readers —

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND PEACE AND GOOD HEALTH IN THE NEW YEAR!

Thank you for buying and reading Sedlescombe News this year - continue to read it in 2009 to keep abreast of life in Sedlescombe. This is the last issue for 2008. The next issue will be on January 2nd.