



# Sedlescombe Parish Council Bulletin – Summer 2018



## Chairman's Introduction

With the Neighbourhood Plan now formally part of the Rother Local Plan and with the expectations of considerable funding coming to Sedlescombe, the Parish Council is in the process of setting up a new traffic advisory group chaired by Cllr. Andy Waters. This group will address how we as a community via the Parish Council address the increased volume of traffic through the village, the speed of traffic and the number of large vehicles. Sadly, every time the A21 is closed more motorists discover the route through Sedlescombe as a short cut. Please see the article in this bulletin regarding the new group.

More flower tubs have been placed at the south end of the green to stop cars parking on the green which has been the subject of continual repair particularly during the winter months.

New fencing is planned for the East View Terrace kickabout area which will be completed over the coming months. We are pleased to note that Rother District Council has announced that they have more than 3 years supply of new housing as at April so as a village with our Neighbourhood Plan in place we will be protected against any speculative development. Robertsbridge is also now protected as they had a successful referendum for their Neighbourhood Plan at the end of May.

As I write this we have three new goslings on the green which is nothing less than a charming sight and so much of a part of our beautiful village.

Cllr. Jonathan Vine-Hall – Chairman of Sedlescombe Parish Council

## Traffic Advisory Group

Following the Annual Parish Assembly, it was clear that many residents were concerned about the increasing traffic problems in the Village. The Parish Council has decided to reform the Traffic Advisory Group and are **looking for volunteers to join the Group**. We are looking to gather information from residents that are experiencing problems, and to discuss possible solutions. If you feel that you can help, **please contact** Cllr. Andy Waters on ☎ 870693 or ✉ [Andre.22@btinternet.com](mailto:Andre.22@btinternet.com)

## Sedlescombe SpeedWatch

**The Sedlescombe SpeedWatch Group is operating successfully again, but more volunteers are needed. Training is easy - theory is carried out on line, and the practical part of using the Radar gun is carried out by the roadside. The more volunteers we have, the more sessions we can hold. Past members are more than welcome to re-join. If you are interested, please contact Cllr. Andy Waters on ☎ 870693 or ✉ [Andre.22@btinternet.com](mailto:Andre.22@btinternet.com)**

## Spar Lorries travelling through the Village

Parish Council recently wrote to SPAR (UK) Ltd regarding their delivery lorries travelling through the Village causing vibration to houses in The Street with a particular worry to the older properties.

AF Blakemore & Son Ltd (SPAR's logistics provider) have responded with an apology for the inconvenience caused. Lorries have been using the B2244 partially because of the number of road closures on the A21 in recent months, meaning the vehicles that 'night trunk' in to AF Blakemore's Hastings depot from their other sites, have routed/diverted via Hawkhurst and then through Sedlescombe to pick up the A21 again.

Some of the north bound vehicles also use the village as their preferred and quickest route to delivery points

In Cranbrook and Staplehurst, and because there is no weight or size restrictions on this stretch of road Blakemore's find it difficult to enforce any instruction not to use this road, however they will ask the drivers to take alternative routes when delivering to these sites, and they will also speak with their delivery routing team and remind them to plan the routes using only A roads where ever possible.

With the A21 closures, they will keep the other depots updated as to when the closures are and ask them to send the driver from the M25 to Hastings via the A22.

In conclusion AF Blakemore assured Parish Council that they will try and improve the current situation for the residents of Sedlescombe, and should the PC have any further issues to contact them directly.

The **Sedlescombe Lift Scheme** helps to get Sedlescombe Village people to hospital, doctors, dentist, and eye appointments for a small charge to cover fuel. You can get a list of drivers from the doctor's surgery or ring.  
Pauline Glew on ☎ 870 258

### Emergency Plan for Sedlescombe

The Emergency Plan is designed to be a simple tool to enable the community to commence a response to an emergency within their Parish pending support from a network of agencies which will inevitably be responding. The Parish Council is updating their Emergency Plan for Sedlescombe and is looking for qualified Volunteers that could be of service if any emergency were to occur. People from the Medical, Building, Transport and Tree Surgeons profession + also helpers to set up things.

For further information **please contact**  
Cllr. Roy Chapman ☎ 870 520

### Neighbourhood Watch and Lifeline

There is money still available for installing and paying the first month's rental for Lifeline. After installation and the first month's rental the client will then have to pay the monthly rental charge.

Lifeline can be in pendant or wrist form and is a safety measure - especially for someone living on their own.

For more information please ring  
Jean Dellow ☎ 870 223 or  
Pauline Glew ☎ 870 258

### Sedlescombe News

Could you give up a little time to become an Editor for the Sedlescombe News? This is not the 'Times' or 'Telegraph', but a little knowledge of computing is quite essential. The more Editors ... the less we are on duty!!!

For more information please ring  
Reg and Pauline Glew ☎ 870 258

### Parish Council Website

[www.sedlescombe.org.uk](http://www.sedlescombe.org.uk)

We are pleased to announce that our new website is now up and running ... 😊  
It can be reached via the same address (as above) so do please take a look around and let us know what you think.

### An appeal to 'Wood Craftsman' of Sedlescombe

Our 'Interpretation Board' at Red Barn Field which provides valuable information on the flora and fauna of this beautiful meadow is sadly at the end of its day!

To remain in keeping with the natural environment of Red Barn Field, we are looking to replace these boards with 2 bespoke rustic wooden ones. Ideally, we would like them to be 'homemade' and for this we are appealing to any local keen woodworkers who would be in a position to

make them for us ... **Could this be you?**

All materials will be paid for by Parish Council.

For further information please contact

Cllr. Pauline Glew ☎ 870 258 or The Clerk ☎ 0753 106 5469



### Don't miss out on hearing important news about the Village

The law about how organisations hold, and process personal information changed on the 25th May 2018 and I'm sure you were inundated with emails and letters recently from organisations asking for your consent to keep your personal details on their mailing lists! Parish Council sadly had to go down that same route. We would just like to thank all those that did confirm that they still wished to receive information from the Parish Council about what's going on in the village or about specific issues which may affect you for your property.

We would also like to reassure those who could not face completing yet another form or replying to another email, that it's still not too late to '**Opt-in**'. You can either complete the electronic form on the front page of our website (easiest option) at [www.sedlescombe.org.uk](http://www.sedlescombe.org.uk) - under '**Keep up to date with all the latest news by joining our mailing list**' or by contacting The Clerk by email at [clerk@sedlescombe.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sedlescombe.org.uk) who will send you a Consent Form for completion and returning to the Parish Council.

### Farewells from the Parish Council

We say farewell and thank you to **Mrs Carol Hodgson** who has resigned from her role as The Clerk to the Parish Council and also to **Cllr. Gareth Matthews** who has resigned from office, due to personal commitments. We hope that a new Clerk will be in post soon. Should there be no request for an Election before 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018 for the vacancy on the Parish Council, we will advertise the 'Casual Vacancy and 'co-opt' a Councillor.