



Sedlescombe Parish Council Bulletin- Autumn 2018



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Chairman's Introduction

I am pleased to report that the Parish Council is moving ahead on its two main priorities for the coming year: Traffic through the Village and small lanes and the children's Riverside Playground.

The Traffic Advisory Group, which is made up of both Parish Councillors and residents, have been working hard to understand what possible solutions are available to address the increasing traffic and speed problems through the Village and small lanes. With this Bulletin is a survey prepared by the group to ensure every resident has the opportunity to contribute their views.

We were saddened by the loss of one of our geese which was hit by a *Hanson* lorry in October. The Parish Council has written to *Hanson* about this, as well as *Morrison's* and *Independent Logistics* to ask them to divert their lorries away from Sedlescombe. *Hanson* have apologised, asked their drivers to take a different route where possible and ensure they stick to the speed limits.

A second group of Councillors and residents have been working on developing plans to renew and upgrade the children's Riverside Playground which is showing its age. Once again as the concept plans are developed the Parish Council will seek the opinion of the community through a survey in the new year.

I would ask everyone to please get involved.

Cllr. Jonathan Vine-Hall, Chairman, Sedlescombe Parish Council

Hello from your new Councillor

'Hello. I am David Caney, the most recent member to join Sedlescombe Parish Council. My wife and I moved to Sedlescombe from Etchingham a little over two years ago and I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Parish Council and the wider community of Sedlescombe to help maintain and, where possible, improve our lovely village and the quality of life it offers.'

Hello from your new Clerk

'Hello. My name is Jackie Scarff and I am your new Clerk. I live in Ninfield with my hubby and three children aged from 10 to 18. The oldest has just gone off to Uni. I have 7 years' experience as Clerk and RFO for another Parish and look forward to meeting you all and working for your village.'

Please feel free to contact me
Email: clerk@sedlescombe.org.co.uk
Tel: 07531 065 469

ON THE BUSES ...

Great News! **The Sunday Stagecoach 349 bus service** between Hastings and Cranbrook, connecting there with the Arriva 5 to Maidstone, is set to continue through the winter of 2018 and the summer of 2019 with 5 return services a day. You can now have visits to Sedlescombe Vineyard, Bodiam Castle, Sandhurst church, Hawkhurst Victorian walled nursery, Cranbrook and the riversider town of Maidstone one way and the other into Hastings seaside and the medieval Old Town all on a **Sunday!**

For further information **please get in touch** with Cllr. Pauline Glew ☎ 870 258

Advertising in the Annual Parish Directory 2019

Each year, Sedlescombe Parish Council publishes an Annual Report and Directory in the run-up to the Annual Parish Assembly.

In the directory you will find so much useful information. There are details for lots of local businesses together with contact details for Village Organisations, Societies, Charities etc.

Please contact the Clerk for further information about advertising in the 2019 Directory
clerk@sedlescombe.org.co.uk

The Parish Council is grateful to local businesses whose purchase of advertising space has helped pay for the printing of the Annual Report for several years.

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 Surgeon professions + also helpers to set up things.

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

Dark Night Cycle Safety

Did you know? If you are on the roads when it's dark your bicycle is legally required to have both lights and reflectors fitted. Your front light must be white and have 110-degree visibility. Your rear light must be red. And both can flash.

You must also have red rear reflectors and BS6102/2 amber reflectors on the front and rear of each pedal.



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

The law about how organisations hold and process personal information changed back in May this year.

If you haven't given us permission to contact you but would like to receive our updates please let us know

'Opt-in' via the electronic form on the front page of our website at 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 who will send you a Consent Form for completion and return to the Parish Council.

Riverside Playground

The Parish Council are making plans and investigating grant funding to refurbish the Riverside Playground to make it a play area where children can have fun learning to socialise with challenging physical activities in a safe environment. We are currently researching and obtaining quotes with the aim of presenting these plans for consultation in 2019. We will consult with the Playgroup and Sedlescombe School but if you are a user of the playground and would like to be involved please contact the Parish Clerk.

Sedlescombe Traffic Advisory Group



**Sedlescombe is a village, not a bypass.
The village has a traffic problem. It's serious. It's growing.
... And it's time to do something about it.**

Over the past ten years, the population of our village has grown from about 1,400 to around 1,600 today... About 15% growth over ten years.

Over the same period, the number of vehicles using the village has grown from about 1,500 a day to approximately 6,000 a day (2016 Survey)... That's 400% Growth!

Anecdotal evidence suggests that traffic growth has continued unabated since the 2016 survey was conducted and most of this growth seems to be 'through-traffic' which contributes nothing to the social or economic life of the village.

Sedlescombe Parish Council has committed to tackle the damaging levels of traffic using the village roads and created the Sedlescombe Traffic Advisory Group (S.T.A.G) tasked to analyse and make recommendations to the Parish Council to try to resolve the problem of traffic through the village.

It is intended to address both the volume and speed of traffic in the village through the implementation of traffic calming measures and improved signage, but these will take time and require the involvement of local and regional government agencies.

In the meantime, we will be engaging with the whole community to introduce a series of initiatives to tackle the issue in the short to medium term.

Over the course of the coming weeks the Parish Council through STAG members will be approaching stakeholders, individuals and organisations throughout the community, both in person and through a village-wide survey, inviting your comments, proposals and participation. From this we expect to identify where your greatest concerns lie and what can be done to address them in the immediate and longer term.

We would encourage everyone in the community to take part in the survey and to become involved wherever possible to help Sedlescombe tackle traffic.

We all have a role to play in making our village safer, quieter and cleaner.

Can we ask that you complete the survey included with this bulletin and return it to the yellow box in the village store, or the boxes provided at the Queens Head pub and Clock House hairdressers.

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