

How well do you know Sedlescombe?

These questions will test your knowledge of Sedlescombe. All the answers can be found around in the area between The Brickwall Hotel and the River Bridge

1. Is there a crown here?	<i>Queen's Head.</i> 15 th century timber-framed building refaced with red brick on the ground floor and tile-hung above. Early 20 th century photographs show it weatherboarded and covered with wisteria. In the early 20 th century, it was a very popular place to visit for people living in Hastings including the Hastings Cycling Club.
2. The old baker is on the move.	<i>Gregory Walk.</i> Gregory Walk was built by Dennis Thomas (builders) of Sedlescombe in the mid 1980s on the site of a bakery which was built and run by the Gregory family in the 20 th century. Wallace Gregory was a very successful baker winning gold medals for his "Sanitary Bakery". There were also Temperance Tea Gardens on the site.
3. Could be of interest to horologists.	<i>Clockhouse.</i> The Clockhouse was built in 1880 by James Byner as a shop that sold almost everything including hardware and furniture and even a ready-to-wear dress. It was built onto what was Sedlescombe's first post office. The clock was added to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897.
4. A home for soldiers?	<i>Barrack Cottage.</i> A timber-framed building with jettied upper storey built in the middle of the 15 th century and thought to have been connected with the Powdermills opposite. Only part of the original building survives. The late Patience Strong, poetess, lived here in the 1980s.
5. High houses?	<i>Homestall.</i> The name "Homestall" is mentioned in the 1543 "Summary of Boundaries" and in the Parish Register in 1732. It was the farmhouse for several hop growers in the 19 th century and the land was run as a chicken farm in the 20 th century.

<p>6. A river-crossing for cars with old goods for sale.</p>	<p><i>Bridge Garage Antiques.</i> Although the Garage no longer sells petrol, several car-related businesses are run from the property. The showroom is now used to sell a wide range of antiques.</p>
<p>7. A non-conformist type of building.</p>	<p><i>Old Chapel.</i> The Chapel was built in the early part of the 19th century by Henry Freeland when he was living at Homestall. The Chapel closed in the 1920s and has been used as a cinema and an engineering workshop before conversion into a dwelling.</p> <p>Alternative answer: The Presbytery</p>
<p>8. A solid structure but accommodating nonetheless.</p>	<p><i>Brickwall Hotel.</i> The original Brickwall House was probably built at the end of the 16th century. Disaster struck on 2 October 1951 when a fire broke out in the middle of the night and almost destroyed this lovely old building. Mains water was not laid on and the firemen had to roll their hoses down to the river to obtain enough water to extinguish the flames. Brickwall was skilfully rebuilt in the old Tudor style by F Thomas & Sons and opened in time for the following Easter.</p>
<p>9. New top belies its name.</p>	<p><i>Old Thatch</i> The original building on this site is thought to have been built around 1420. In 1924, it was let as two cottages for 3/- and 2/6d a week. In February 2003, the house suffered a disastrous fire but has been rebuilt with a new thatched roof and still remains the only thatched house in Sedlescombe.</p>
<p>10. A hardwood makes a home.</p>	<p><i>Chestnut Tree Cottage.</i> A restored 17th century or earlier timber-framed building. A small headstone with a baby's head is inserted in the wall.</p>
<p>11. 19th century Sedlescombe builder with animal connections we hear is mentioned in stone.</p>	<p><i>John Catt</i> is mentioned on the stone on the river bridge</p>
<p>12. This house sounds as though it would provide the ingredients of a snack</p>	<p><i>Loaf Cottage</i></p>
<p>13. She could supply the ingredients for a nice cuppa or even snuff close to The Green.</p>	<p><i>Susannah Web.</i> She ran a shop at Bulmer House and traded in the 19th century as a "Licenced dealer in Tea, Coffee, Tobacco, Snuff and Stamps". Her name and this descriptions can still be seen over the doorway of Bulmer House, The Green.</p>

14. Sedlescombe butcher's abode.	<i>Holmes House.</i> Mr Holmes was the Village Butcher and had his shop and slaughterhouse on the east side of The Green. This property was named Holmes House when it was put on the market after he had died. It was for many years run as a successful restaurant.
15. The river's name seems a misnomer. Why?	<i>Brede means broad.</i> The Saxon name "Brede" means broad and the river is very narrow now but once a quarter of a mile wide
16. In memory of three sisters but not now in use.	<i>The Pump on The Green</i>
17. Once called "The Workbox". What is the name that links it to question No.16?	<i>Harriet.</i> The Workbox is now called Harriet House and one of the 3 sisters in whose memory the pump was installed was called Harriet
18. Was old-fashioned form of transport selling liquor.	<i>Coach and Horses Public House</i> now "Pollards"
19. A nice rest on the Green to remember a knight and a soldier. What are their names?	<i>Sir John Keeling and Major Haddon.</i> They both have memorial seats on the Green.
20. People went to this modest house looking for cures.	<i>The Cottage.</i> The Doctor's Surgery was in The Cottage up until 1986.
21. Name's changed, but was this the place to collect a tenth of your wealth?	<i>Tithe Barn</i> now <i>Kester House</i>
22. It made 1980 a tidy year in Sedlescombe.	<i>Sedlescombe was winner of Best Kept Village in All Sussex</i>
23. This house was once called after a small coin with bird. What's its name now?	<i>Bulmer House.</i> This property was called Farthing Cottage for a few years prior to 1985
24. First owner was born near Maidstone and named his home after the place?	<i>Linton.</i> Linton Allchin built the 19 th century house Linton House onto the front of the end of a row of cottages. He was born in Linton near Maidstone.
25. Small stream found on farm.	<i>Brookfield.</i>
26. Look up for a supermarket link.	<i>Sainsbury House</i> at Pestalozzi International Village can be seen from the Village Green if you look up towards the Pestalozzi International Village
27. Childish autumn battle of nuts.	<i>Conkers</i> – horse chestnut trees on the Village Green and at The Cottage have provided conkers for games for years
28. Soil heavyweight.	<i>Claytons</i>

29. French town preceded by container.	<i>Sackville (House and Cottage)</i>
30. Name the artisan hidden by an open door.	<i>Richard Lennard</i> fireback can be seen at The Bridge Garage when the garage doors are shut
31. Brickwall, Old Thatch and Pollards – what one word links these three buildings?	<i>Fire</i>
32. A past newsagent has floor-covering connections.	<i>Wilton</i>
33. Another old newsagent tells us that Father's OK.	<i>Dadswell</i>
34. Posh cordwainer following the meat and long bow connections	<i>Archer the snob.</i> Living in the property now "Sedlescombe Stores" in 19C and 20C and operating as a shoemaker. The meat connection is Thomas Archer's descendants - Archers the Westfield butchers.
35. A local business that would be pleased to provide the main material for No.34 above.	<i>Tannery</i>
36. At first, a 1066 link for this poet in our midst?	<i>Norman Beyfus</i>
37. 10 th letter, which could be a bird, twice + food provider = two people who have spent years making people happy.	<i>J and J Cook.</i> Jackie and John Cook were landlords at the Queen's Head for more than a quarter of a century.
38. Can the old Doctor (and, incidentally, the Chair) be wrong? No! Sounds OK to me.	<i>Wright.</i> Dr James Roberts Wright was the Sedlescombe Doctor from 1948 to 1980. The Chair is Valerie Wright, Chairman of the Parish Council.
39. Washing place belonging to superior hotel less its head.	<i>Iltonsbath</i>
40. A fork and a lot of hard work are useful here.	<i>Allotments</i>