

SEDLESCOMBE WITH WHATLINGTON

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1st Sunday after Trinity

10p

TODAY

JUBILEE FAYRE on the sports field from 2 pm onwards. Plenty of fun for everyone - arena events, children's races, stalls and sideshows, bouncy castle, ice cream, hot dogs, tea tent, mixed tombola, fancy dress and scarecrow competitions. Plenty of parking (please observe parking requests!) Admission 50p adults, children free. Please turn out in your numbers and support the event.

BARN DANCE to round off the day, at 8 o'clock in the village hall. Admission £4 each, fish and chips available during the evening (extra). Bring your own alcoholic drink if you wish but plenty of soft drinks on sale. Again, we need you! Profits, if any, from both events will go to the Sports Association.

WHATLINGTON PARISH CHURCH coffee morning 10 to 12 noon 1 June in their village hall. Cakes, plants, books, bottle tombola and items made from the Whatlington Yew. Please support us.

THURSDAY CLUB

At our next meeting on 6 June Walter Williamson will be continuing his History of Entertainment, with emphasis on the magical names of Gershwin, Porter and Berlin (The Treasurer would be pleased to receive any outstanding subscriptions - £15 for the year).

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Jubilee Evensong on Sunday 2 June, followed by cheese and wine. Our Churchwarden, Malcolm Tegg, will be

featured on Songs of Praise on 2 June. He will also be attending St Paul's Cathedral the following Tuesday for a Jubilee service.

EAST SUSSEX DISABILITY ASSOCIATION (ESDA)

The annual Alexandra Rose Day collection will be taking place from today on behalf of the Sedlescombe & Westfield Branch of ESDA. On 13 June at 2 pm Mr & Mrs M Keeling are having an open garden at Jacobs Farm, Reservoir Lane (previously Powdermill Lane), Sedlescombe, to support ESDA. Tea will be served during the afternoon. There is no entrance fee but any donations to ESDA will be welcome.

SEDLESCOMBE LIBRARY will be closed next Tuesday 4 June because of the Bank Holiday.

BONUS BALL Subscriptions of £5 now due for June. *Rosemary*

SEDLESCOMBE CHURCH BELLRINGERS

Rung on Sunday 26 May, a quarter peal of 1260 changes of doubles in honour of the Jubilee Celebration. Treble - John Roberts, 2 - Jane Blanford, 3 - Don Renny, 4 - Jo Faircloth, 5 - Allen Turner (Conductor), Tenor - Ray Spurrell
Thank you all. *EF*

BATTLE PARTNERSHIP HEALTHCHECKS RESULTS

Battle Partnership has drafted a Strategic Plan to guide its future activities. This follows a postal survey and public meetings. The objectives are divided between the Economy, the Environment, Social and Community,

Transport and Accessibility. You are invited to comment on the document which can be seen at Battle Library, on Rother's website - www.rother.gov.uk - or by contacting Pauline Raymond on 01424 870508. Please note this is separate from the Parish Council's recent survey, details of which will be available in due course. *Pauline Raymond*

SEDLESCOMBE SCHOOL

The "Music Evening" last Saturday (25 May) was a great success. The children were fantastic and "Opera South East" chorus brilliant. The Grand Finale of "Rule Britannia", sung by everyone with children waving Union Jacks, blowing horns etc, was great fun. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event and a very special thank you to the parents who organised the supper and cleared up afterwards. We raised around £450 for the Sedlescombe ICT Suite, bringing our total to almost £34,000. (To build the room, we need about £55,000 and another £45,000 - £50,000 for the computers, internet connections, software, cabling etc). Well done everyone.

The Cross Country event last Friday was cancelled due to poor weather. This was very disappointing for the children.

India Links: This week has been particularly exciting for our school. Selvy, the Indian teacher from our link school in Auroville, Tamil Nadu, Southern India, has come to England and spent the week working in our school.

Another teacher from the same school, Priya, also joined us for two and a half days (as she is on holiday in London). The children and staff have learnt so much about life in India, it has been very enriching. Selvy arrived in England last weekend, her very first visit here. Mrs Richardson, our Deputy Headteacher, has been the leader of this global project and she deserves all the credit for this wonderful opportunity our children have received. Mrs Richardson went to Auroville in January to work with Selvy and Priya in the school. This whole project has been funded by a grant from Central Bureau, and Mrs Richardson organised everything. A great experience for

our children and for Selvy and Priya. Minibus training: Don't forget to book your place on the Theory Training sessions if you wish to obtain your ESCC driving permit and drive our school minibus in the future. Dates are - **Monday 10 June** and **Wednesday 12 June**, 3.45 - 5.45 pm. Attendance at both sessions is compulsory. Cost is £10 per person. A driving assessment in the minibus is the final part of this training. I have booked an assessor to come on **Friday 5 July** to take each person out for an hour (or 2 hours for a motorway permit). Cost of the driving assessment is £20-25 per person. A donation towards petrol is appreciated. Tel: 01424 870585 to book your place.

Please keep a watchful eye on our school throughout half-term. No permission has been given to anyone to use the school grounds (except to our swimming pool caretaker and a parent or two to do some gardening). Should you see any intruders, please phone the police immediately. Many thanks for your help. *Marian Ham*

HALL FLOOR

A reminder that the hall floor is being repaired between 17 and 28 June and that the main hall will be closed for that period. In view of this and half-term and jubilee celebrations there will be no Sport & Recreation Club activities at all during the month of June.

PARISH NEWS 8 JUNE will be completed and copied on **Wednesday 5 June**. Please ensure that all contributions are at the post office by copy date 12 noon **Tuesday 4 June**. Anything received after that deadline will not be able to be included in the News. The next three editions will be prepared by the Teggs. Please communicate your copy via the post office bag. *(Ed)*.