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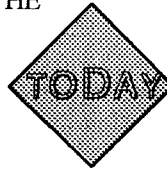
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SEDLESCOMBE AND DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY

INVITES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO VISIT THE



SUMMER SHOW



at the NEW VILLAGE HALL
SEDLESCOMBE

2.00 PM SATURDAY 27TH JULY 2002

FLOWERS - POT PLANTS - VEGETABLES - FLORAL ART

RAFFLE - REFRESHMENTS

ADMISSION 30P CHILDREN FREE

SEDLESCOMBE & DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY - SUMMER SHOW 2002

This year's Show will be very special as it will be our first Summer Show in the new hall. We hope you will come and enjoy the displays. The Show takes place today and although it is too late to enter classes in the main schedule there are several classes that can be entered on the day of the Show including the Sedlescombe Jubilee Garden Competition. Entry is open to non-members as well as Society members, however, you should remember the staging of all entries is between 8 am and 10.30 am on the day. The Show will be open from 2 pm with an entry charge of 30p per adult, children free.

THURSDAY CLUB

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 1 August** at 10 am in Committee Room 2 of the hall. Geoff Pexton will be talking about "The Gramophone - How It All Began"

PARISH CHURCH MINI MARKET

Start of a pilot scheme to run a WI-type market every Thursday morning from 10 to 12 noon in the hall, on **Thursday 1 August**. You can take along anything you would like to sell at 10 am and return at noon to collect it back if not sold or the money. The Church will keep 10% of all sales as part of their fund-raising initiative. If the market proves a success it will become a regular feature of our village week. The organisers hope you will give every support to the venture.

SEDLESCOMBE THEATRE CLUB

There are still some places left on the following two trips: "We will Rock You" at the Dominion Theatre, London, on **Wednesday 21 August** and "Chicago" at the Congress Theatre in Eastbourne on **Tuesday 10 September**. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like tickets for either of these shows. Non members are welcome, or if you fancy an evening trip to London or Eastbourne for the coach ride please let me know on 870 517.

Shirley

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

HOLIDAY CLUB - we will be holding a holiday club this year from 12 - 16 August at the Chapel Hill Church. Please note the dates - further news will be given later. Lots of lovely activities planned and we hope to see you all there.

ADVANCE NOTICE - CHRISTMAS BAZAAR The Parish Church will be holding a Christmas Bazaar on **23 November 2002**. We are giving you plenty of warning in the hope you will get cracking on making lots of items for the bazaar - crafts, cakes, gifts, goodies etc. Please spend some of your time planning how you can help in supporting us - we need your skills and artistic gifts.

GLADYS & JOHN GALSTER would like to thank everyone who supported their RNLI coffee morning and are delighted to say the Lifeboats benefited by £205.89. *(This is a fantastic sum - congratulations Gladys and John. Ed)*

VILLAGE HALL SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB

Keep Fit will be back soon but meantime Tai Chi, badminton, table tennis are back in full swing - Tuesday evenings. The Club still needs someone to mastermind the short mat bowling - there must be someone out there who can look after this popular recreation.

A reminder, too, there will be another tea dance on 13 August, 2.30 - 5 in the hall.

SEDLESCOMBE SOCIETIES' ASSOCIATION

met during the week and decided to try and continue with our annual fair. We have set a date of **7 June 2003** for our fun day. Please put it in your 2003 diary when you get it and keep the day free. The organisers are going to need a lot more physical help with the fair and nearer the time we will be appealing for some strong men.

From Fr Stephen Huggins

My dear friends,

I am very pleased to write to you about my appointment as your parish priest. On Advent Sunday I am to be licensed as Curate-in-Charge of Sedlescombe and Whatlington parish churches, with the Rural Dean, Fr Edward Bryant, as Priest-in-Charge. Of course, I am not new to the parishes, having spent a happy time with you and Fr Colin while on my placement as part of my ordination training. I was delighted that some of you were able to be with me on the occasion of both my priesting and first mass. I have also been very pleased and grateful to have received so many expressions of good wishes on the news of my appointment.

You may be aware that I am in non-stipendiary ministry. This means in addition to my parish ministry that I shall continue to teach at Helenswood School, Hastings. I hope you will appreciate that I place great value on my ministry in school. There is much scope for priestly ministry in a large comprehensive school in an Education Action Zone in a town like Hastings, with its many and pressing spiritual needs. Non-stipendiary ministry does not mean *part-time* ministry but it does mean, in this instance, that I shall only be available to the parishes for part of the time. I would, therefore ask for your understanding as I look to balance commitments between my family, my work and the two parishes. This will obviously mean that some adjustments have to be made in the life of the parishes as we seek to do God's will in these new and different circumstances. Identifying and agreeing these matters will be a priority in our planning for the future. I would ask for your prayerful support for Fr Edward and me, together with the members of both PCCs, in this matter. It is clear that there will be many new opportunities for us all as the People of God to serve Him and help build His Kingdom on earth.

You may know that this is also a new and exciting time for my wife, Toni, and me for another reason. We are preparing to celebrate with God His gift of life to us in the birth of our first baby which is due, God willing, towards the end of August. Again, I would ask you to pray for us.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those of you in both parishes for whom the interregnum has meant giving much extra work and responsibility. I am very much looking forward to beginning my priestly ministry with you most appropriately at the start of the Church's new year. Please be assured of my love and prayers for you all and let us pray for God's blessing on our parishes.

Your friend and (future) parish priest,

Fr Stephen