

SEDLESCOMBE WITH WHATLINGTON

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The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10p

SEDLESCOMBE PLAYERS

Final dress rehearsal for 14 September concert on **Monday 9 September**, 7.30 pm in the main hall.

SEDLESCOMBE CHURCHES

A new weekly club for children aged 8-11 years begins on **Tuesday 10 September** in the Scout Hut. The club is called "Rootz 'n' Shootz" and is run by the Sedlescombe churches as a continuation of their popular Holiday Club. The club will open from 6-7.30 pm each Tuesday. Children over 11 years may apply to be helpers but must accept that activities are aimed at the younger age group. There will be games, art and craft, drama, cooking, singing, dance and other activities (not all each week!). The evening will end with a short time of worship. Drinks and biscuits will be provided and the club is FREE. Do come along and join in.

SEDLESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

After a short summer break, the Parish Council meets again on **Tuesday 10 September** in committee room 2 of the hall, starting with Open Forum at 7 pm. All welcome.

PARISH PLAN We are still on target to complete the first Sedlescombe Parish Plan by the end of December. At the time of writing (Tuesday 3 September) a quarter of the pink consultation

papers sent to village organisation secretaries and businesses have been returned. If you received one, please look it out, complete it and return in the FREEPOST envelope provided by 10 September. There is no need to wait for a meeting of your organisation, we are looking for replies from a cross-section of the public. As well as the pink paper, you are invited to send any comments on the draft summary action plan to Sedlescombe Parish Council by the same date.

Pauline Raymond (Clerk)

SEDLESCOMBE THEATRE CLUB

The coach leaves the Green at 6.15 pm next **Tuesday 10 September** for "Chicago" at the Congress Theatre, Eastbourne. Any queries, please ring Shirley on 870 517.

SEDLESCOMBE VILLAGE HALLSPORTS & RECREATION CLUB

Keep Fit resumes **11 September** in the hall between 2.15 and 3.15 pm.

SEDLESCOMBE & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 11 September** in the village hall at 7.15 pm when Mrs A Luckett will be demonstrating "Trends and Traditions". Members' competition "The Sky's the Limit". Members are reminded that they

are invited to bring a friend as a guest at this month's meeting.

CHILD WELFARE CLINIC

Next meeting **Thursday 12 September** in the village hall 1.30 - 3.30 pm. The Clinic will be held on the second **Thursday** of every month.

On **Thursday 19 September** Parents and Toddlers group will begin and hopefully continue every week, meeting in Sedlescombe Village Hall 1 o'clock to 3 o'clock. For more information ring 870570.

SEDLESCOMBE PLAYERS concert will be held on **Saturday 14 September**, 7.30 pm in the hall. Tickets are £5.50 and available from the Post Office. The ticket price includes a savoury supper and wine.

SEDLESCOMBE PARISH CHURCH

Visually Challenged? For some time now there has been a need for large print hymn books to be available to people with failing eyesight and through a generous donation recently received we shall be able to purchase an initial quantity; the Churchwardens are most grateful to the donor and we hope to have the books ready for use in the next 2 or 3 weeks.

Captain of the Bell Tower - after more than 50 years as Tower Captain, Eric Fellows has decided that it is time to stand down. The Churchwardens have received a letter of resignation from Eric and would like to take the opportunity to express their thanks not just from themselves and the church but also from the wider community for all the hard work he has put in over what really is an era, going back to around 1948. Eric knows each bell like an old friend and the Tower has always received much praise in

Quinquennial Reports of the Diocesan Architect - we have been fortunate to be on the receiving end of such care and dedication. In good times and bad, Sedlescombe's bells have communicated a message around the whole parish and they will continue to do so under the new Tower Captain, Jane Blanford, who will have been well-tutored by Eric. To say 'thank you' may seem insufficient but it is real and sincere.

Harvest Festival - the annual services of Thanksgiving will be held on **Sunday 29 September** with a special Evensong at 6 pm in addition to the normal services of the day - further details to follow in the Parish News.

TOWER CAPTAIN

In addition to the Churchwardens' comments above, John Roberts writes:

"Church Bells - The Rural Dean, the Revd Edward Bryant, and his wife, attended a gathering on Thursday 29 August on the occasion of the retirement of Eric Fellows as Tower Captain. Eric has rung in the Church for over fifty four years and most of those years as Tower Captain. He has been a devoted servant of the Church and the Bellringers wish him well in his retirement.

NEXT WEEK

Tea Dance, 17 September, 2.30 pm in the village hall

VHMC committee meeting 19 September, 7.30 pm in committee room 2 of the hall.