

SEDLESCOMBE WITH WHATLINGTON

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10p

TODAY

SEDLESCOMBE PLAYERS concert in the hall, 7.30 pm. An evening of singing, dancing and drama to start off the season.

WHATLINGTON CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Festival will be celebrated with a Harvest Evensong at 6 pm in the church, followed by supper in Whatlington Village Hall.

The Parish Church and the United Reformed Church will be celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving on 29 September.

VILLAGE HALL SPORT & RECREATION CLUB

Tea Dance in the village hall on Tuesday 17 September, 2.30 - 5 pm, £2.50 per person to include tea and biscuits. Cake available at an additional cost. Please feel welcome to come even if you do not wish to dance.

Keep Fit The session has started again, Wednesdays 2.15 - 3.15. Why not give it a try. Rosemary will be happy to speak with anyone who has any questions. (Telephone numbers for enquiries are in the Sedlescombe Directory and on the notice board in the hall).

SEDLESCOMBE WI

The next meeting is on Wednesday 18 September. The speaker is Mrs Joan Rowe, her subject "The Joy of Flowers". Competition - Dried Flower Picture. Ladies, a warm welcome awaits you.

BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING WEEK

Age Concern are co-operating with the Blood Pressure Association and the week 16-22 September has been designated blood pressure testing week. You can have yours checked for free in St Mary's Church Hall, Battle, on Thursday 19 September between 11am and 12 noon.

NEWS FROM SEDLESCOMBE

SCHOOL

The new school year has started and the children and staff have returned to school refreshed and full of enthusiasm. Our new Reception children begin school on 11 and 12 September, later than the rest of the children to give time for Miss Taylor (class teacher) and Mrs James (teaching Assistant) to visit all the children in their own homes. These home visits are very valuable and a great way for each child to spend some special and individual time with their teachers, prior to their first day in school.

The school grounds are looking tidy, thanks to a working party of friends, governors, staff and parents. So many

brambles and weeds grew during the holiday! A special thank you for all the help I received - many people are so kind.

Don't forget - if you would like to help the children by giving up an hour or two of your time each week, we'd be delighted to welcome you. The support of parents/carers, grandparents and our local community can make a big difference to the motivation and success of our children. Please call in, or give me a ring, to discuss this further (870585).

Our netball and football season starts this month. Our school teams have new kits, thanks to the generosity of two people in our local community. I will let you know dates of home matches so that you can come along and support our children and see their new kits! Thank you.

Marian Ham

SEDLESCOMBE HOSPICE GROUP

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make Hope and Dorothy's "Dover to Durness" evening a great success last week. A sum of £180 has been given to the Hospice as a result. Next event - Quiz Evening, 9 November. Details to follow.

SEDLESCOMBE & DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY

THE AUTUMN SHOW 2002

This year's Autumn Show will take place on Saturday 21 September 2002 and entry is open to Society Members only - staging is from 1 pm and exhibitors do not have to put in entry forms beforehand - they can enter all classes on the day. However, viewing of the exhibits is open to anyone and the Show will be open from 2 pm with an entry charge of 30p

per adult, children free.

As well as all the usual classes there will be a special apple-tasting competition. Members are asked to bring along apples from their gardens to be judged by popular vote for taste, not for looks. People can't vote if they can't have a slice so you should probably bring at least half a dozen. You will be asked to fill in a label with your name, the name of the apple if possible and also whether you consider that they have been organically grown. There will be a special prize of 2 tickets for the Brogdale Horticultural Trust's Apple Festival Weekend at Faversham on 12 October.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

It was full house at the URC lunch recently when MP Greg Barker came to receive more pledges for Trade Justice. 32 people enjoyed a full roast lunch cooked by Brenda, and a variety of desserts. Mr Barker spoke briefly as he had another engagement following, about trade being one of the answers to poverty reduction. He had received more letters and postcards on the issue of trade justice than any other matter and the Lobby of Parliament on 19 June was the biggest he had seen in his time as an MP. He brought to our notice the matter of the Commonwealth Development Corporation and the government's proposed privatisation, resulting in it not doing the job for which it was intended. We hope Mr Barker will return to tell us about his forthcoming visit to several African countries. Information about the Trade Justice Campaign is available from Margaret Smith on 870431, not as printed previously.

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