

SEDLESCOMBE WITH WHATLINGTON

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19th Sunday after Trinity

10p

TODAY

SEDLESCOMBE YOUTH FORUM AND ROOTZ AND SHOOTZ CLUB

Coffee morning in the hall, 10am to 12 noon. Cake stall, bottle raffle, conventional raffle. Please come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds to go to these youth ventures. (Don't forget that the Rootz and Shootz Club is every Tuesday in the Scout Hut from 6 pm to 7.30pm, for 8-11 year olds).

ALSO TODAY

Family Bingo in the Scout Hut, eyes down 7.30 pm. Refreshments and raffle. All young children to be accompanied by an adult.

SEDLESCOMBE PLAYERS

Meeting, **Monday 7 October**, in the main hall for a walk through of the new panto. All cast needed please.

SEDLESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Anyone is welcome to raise matters at the Open Forum that is held at 7 pm prior to the Parish Council Meeting. The next opportunity will be on **Tuesday 8 October**. See the Agenda on the noticeboard next to the Post Office.

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR AWARD

I have been asked several times how Sedlescombe achieved the nomination of the judges to represent East Sussex in the regional competition. This is our first attempt at entering this competition which has been running for the past six years. Although we have been

successful in the past in Best Kept Village competitions, this is very different and does not depend on how we look. In the first round, a written entry was submitted detailing our successes this year in five different categories - community life, business life, young people, older people and the environment. Having achieved a short listing, judges visited us for two hours meeting various people who contribute to our community life and walking round the village. We were subsequently chosen from the other short listed East Sussex entries. This is where we are now and have just submitted a further written entry in much greater detail and expect a different team of judges to visit us on 16 October for a 2-hour presentation. The other competitors in our South and South East England group are Kent, West Sussex, Wiltshire, Dorset and Hampshire so we will have our work cut out to beat all of them to reach the last six villages in England and Wales who will compete for the title "Village of the Year". Therefore, there is still a long way to go but well done to everyone who put so much effort into our community life.

Pauline Raymond

SEDLESCOMBE & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Members are reminded of our AGM on **Wednesday 9 October** at 7.15pm in the village hall. Do please attend.

ESDA

The Annual General Meeting of the East Sussex Disability Association Sedlescombe and Westfield branch will be held in Sedlescombe village hall on **Thursday 10 October** at 2.30 pm. All members and anyone interested in joining the Association are very welcome to attend. There will be a raffle, Bring-and-Buy stall and afternoon tea to follow.

SEDLESCOMBE BELLRINGERS

On Sunday, prior to the Harvest Festival Evensong, six local ringers rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles. Alan was our conductor and the other five ringers were Hope, Don, Jo, Ray and Janie. This quarter we would like to dedicate to Eric Fellows, our former Tower Captain, who either taught us to ring or fine tuned our ringing! We all wish him well in the future and look forward to seeing him in the Tower again.

Jane Blanford

BONUS BALL

Subscriptions of £4 now due for October.

Rosemary

FRIENDS OF THE PARISH CHURCH

The Friends are having a jumble sale on **26 October** in the hall, starting at 2pm. If you have any jumble, please ring Anthony on 870 723 regarding collection. Your jumble will be greatly appreciated but please donate items in good condition.

VILLAGE HALL SPORT & RECREATION CLUB

Activities continue every Tuesday evening, with Keep Fit on **Wednesdays** at 2.15 for an hour. Next Tea Dance is on **Thursday 17 October**.

SEDLESCOMBE SOCIETIES ' ASSOCIATION

As mentioned last week, the SSA will be having its AGM on 22 October in committee room 2 of the hall. The SSA promised that proceeds from the June event would go to the Sports Association and at the meeting a cheque for around £1400 will be handed to their Chairman towards the new pavilion.

The 2003 Fayre will be on Saturday 7 June and many helpers are being looked for. Why not come along to the AGM and see what contribution you could make.

NEWS FROM SEDLESCOMBE SCHOOL

We had a lovely Harvest Festival last week - the display of foods was wonderful. The children sang and read very enthusiastically.

Our school football team has a tournament on Saturday (5 October) at Sandown School in Hastings, in the morning. Spectators and supporters are welcome. The boys will be wearing their new kits in which they look incredibly smart.

Our school netball club is doing very well, with lots of new members. Matches will be organised soon and then the girls will be able to show off their superb new kits too.

Don't forget about our "Working Party" on Saturday 12 October (10am to 1 pm) to do several jobs around the school. If you are willing to help, please give me a ring (870 585). All help will be greatly appreciated.

Senior Citizens' Lunch

On Thursday 17 October we invite our local senior citizens to lunch in our school hall, with the children. Cost is £2 per person, with an optional raffle of 50p. Please telephone the school to book your place. We hope many of you will come along and enjoy a tasty school dinner. (They are delicious!).

Bookweek

Starting on Friday 4 October, children's books will be on sale 3.30 - 4 pm every day in our hall for one week. This is a great way to purchase Christmas/Birthday presents. Please feel welcome to come to school and have a browse. We hope you may be interested in buying one or two excellent books.

Marian Ham

CONNIE BLADES

It is with sadness we record the death of Connie Blades, known to many people in the village. Her funeral will be on **Monday 14 October** at 2.15 pm in the Parish Church, followed by cremation at 3.15.