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**FROM Fr STEPHEN**

I am pleased to invite you all to our special service for the Opening and Blessing of the new Parish Room. This service is on Sunday (11<sup>th</sup> February) and will be taken by The Venerable Philip Jones, Archdeacon of Lewes and Hastings - you are all very welcome.

**HOPE FOR DIABETIC CHILDREN** - don't forget that on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 'Dormers', Tollgate Road (opposite Blackbrooks Garden Centre) Luanne Martin of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation will be coming to speak about the work of JDRF and answer questions, commencing at 11.00am. JDRF is an international charity dedicated to finding a cure for diabetes which starts in childhood, and is funding new and exciting research for finding ways of preventing serious complications that can develop. Coffee and biscuits will be provided - cars can be parked in the lay-by near to the 'phone box. It would be helpful if you would phone Anthea or David Post on 870590 if you intend coming along. Do please come!

**LENT STUDY GROUP** - Time to Register now! The Ecumenical Study Group meetings commence on February 28<sup>th</sup> and as previously mentioned, each participant should have a copy of the study material which is the York Courses book "Can we build a better world? - learning from William Wilberforce". This coincides with the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Abolition of Slavery. The book costs £2.25 and if you intend taking part, please contact Margaret Smith (Chapel Hill Church Secretary) on 870431 this week-end..

**A PERSONAL MESSAGE** - from Gladys Galster and family who would like to express their thanks to everyone for their kindness and support following the death of John on January 23<sup>rd</sup> - *thank you*.

**SYD GAMBRILL** - we have heard with sadness of the death on February 1<sup>st</sup> of Syd Gambrill who was Landlord of the Coach and Horses for many years. Our thoughts are with Eileen, John and family at this time. The funeral will take place at Hastings Crematorium on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm.

**SEDLSCOMBE R.B.L. Branch** - the visit by the branch to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea planned for March 14<sup>th</sup> has regrettably had to be cancelled as they are fully booked for visits until mid-July.

*E Burgess, Chairman*

**ADVANCE NOTICE** -

**Sedlescombe Societies Association.**

The June Fayre will be taking place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and good news ... there will be another walking procession at the start of the Fayre with the theme "A Celebration of Village Life". It is hoped that all the village organisations and group charities will take part. The intention is for the procession to be simple but colourful. Contact will be made shortly with all groups listed in the 2006 Sedlescombe Directory giving more detailed information. Please give the event your full support.

**DON'T FORGET** - the Hospice Support Group Coffee Morning to be held at Asselton House on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Put the date in your diary - more details to follow.

**PARISH CHURCH Electoral Roll** - anyone who wishes their name to be included on the new Electoral Roll should contact Fr Stephen at The Rectory - telephone 870233

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

**(NHW)** the 26 Carbon Monoxide Alarms ordered have now been delivered. We have 4 left for sale at £17 each and if you would like one, please contact any member of the NHW Committee.

**PARISH NEWS** - this weekly news-sheet aims to keep the people of Sedlescombe in touch with people and events within the community. It is produced for the people by the people and while some regard it as a vital line of communication others perhaps don't feel the need to buy a copy or even don't know it exists. The *Parish News* is available for all groups within the community and is impartial to all political views and particular aspirations. It is absolutely certain that there are more groups and societies within the village than are using us as a means to let everyone know they are there, what they are there for, when they meet and whether they want others to join in. News from other groups in addition to the regular contributors will be most welcome. Any copy for the next edition should be handed in at the Post Office by mid-day on a Wednesday. Publication date is Saturday of each week but copies are generally available from the Friday.

Margaret Smith has asked us to point out that thanks to her (in addition to Roy) for producing the previous 3 editions of the *Parish News* were wrongly addressed as it was entirely his effort. Some thanks are due to Margaret however in ensuring at least a few column inches of Village Voice appeared in the Battle Observer in those weeks.