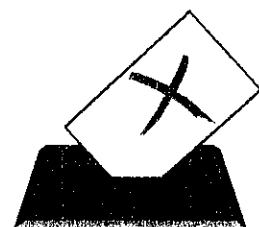


To Vote or not to Vote

The election of District Councillors takes place this week and the Village Hall will be our Polling Station on Thursday, May 3rd.

There is no greater symbol of democracy than the ballot box. By casting our vote we can celebrate the fact that we live in a country with free and fair elections. Democracy is about the people's participation and if we don't value this and use it, we may lose it.



The contest this time is between the Liberal Democrats (Stephen Hardy) and the Conservatives (Tony Ganly).

There's not a lot to choose between them. Both promise to do the best they can for us on local issues such as waste disposal and recycling, saving rural post offices, traffic calming and road safety, keeping Council Tax low, speaking up for their constituency and supporting the Parish Council.

We may deeply distrust politicians of whatever colour, we may want to shout "A pox on both their houses!", but we need people to govern us and we need to choose the best, whether we vote by party or by the candidate's own capabilities and personality or by issues/values.

As one candidate's wife put it, "Why don't you stop shouting at the television and go and do something instead!" Most of us are not in a position to stand for election as a councillor but we can do a "little something", which is to vote.

So the answer to the question 'to vote or not to vote?' is definitely "to vote".

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SEDLESCOMBE AND DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY		
PLANT MARKET		
WIDE RANGE OF PLANTS ORNAMENTAL AND EDIBLE	10.30 am - 12.30 pm SATURDAY 12 MAY SEDLESCOMBE VILLAGE HALL SPONSORED BY BLACKBROOKS GARDEN CENTRE ADMISSION 30p	BEDDING PERENNIAL VEGETABLE AND SALAD PLANTS

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• • • • • Fourth Sunday of Easter • • • • •

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• • • • • Friday 27th April NCT Pamper Party • • • • •

7.15 - 9.15 pm at the Village Hall. Tickets £2. Enquiries 01435 883309

• • • • • The Royal British Legion • • • • •

The Sedlescombe Branch are proud to announce that they have been awarded the "Jellicoe Shield" for having the highest percentage increase of membership over the last three years in the United Kingdom.

The Chairman and Secretary will attend the Legion conference on the 27th May at Bournemouth to receive the Shield and Certificate. E. Burgess Chairman.

P.S. If you would like to add your name to our membership, ring me on 870219

Congratulations RBL -Ed.

• • • • • Thursday Club • • • • •

Since the Village Hall is in use for Local Elections on 3rd May David and Anthea Post have very generously agreed that we can hold our regular meeting in their house - DORMERS - opposite Blackbrooks Garden Centre. There is a limited layby in front of the house so mutual car lifts would be helpful. Our speaker will be Ken Brooks and the subject 'Pompeii, AD 79'.

• • • • • Entrance to Village Hall Car Park • • • • •

Have you seen the bright new gates at the entrance to the Village Hall car park? Why are they necessary? The Management Committee decided that, to protect the interests of the village as a whole and to ensure that only users of the Village Hall have access, it is unfortunately nec-

essary to erect a height barrier. As far as the Committee can determine, the barrier's height of 2.1 metres will allow the vast majority of users free passage. The intention is of course, to deter unwelcome larger vehicles. The height barrier will be locked into position next Monday, the 30th April, and it is hoped that business will be carried on exactly as normal. The padlock will be of a standard issue that the emergency services can deal with should it ever become necessary to access the car park in a hurry. If anyone encounters a problem, please get in touch with a member of the Village Hall Management Committee.

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My thanks to all those stalwart volunteers who turned out to man the Speed Indicator Device two weeks back. It was the second time that Sedlescombe attempted to influence drivers as they came through our village. These initiatives are not possible without your support. Pauline Glew.

• • • • • Lost at the Parish Assembly • • • • •

on Tuesday 24th April - a small silver brooch of an elephant with a knot in its trunk. If found please ring 870367. June Roberts.

• • • • • Sedlescombe Fayre • • • • •

2nd June 2007 - this annual village event is fast approaching and preparations are well under way to make this year a bumper day out. Just a taster of what is in store - there will be all the traditional side stalls and games of chance alongside craft.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
The Readings: Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30	
Services and Meetings this week	
SEDLESCOMBE St John the Baptist Sunday [22]	WHATLINGTON St Mary Magdalene Sunday [22]
10 am Parish Communion, Junior and Youth Church	8.30 am Parish Communion
Next Sunday [29]	Next Sunday [29]
10 am Parish Communion, Junior and Youth Church	8.30 am Parish Communion
Chapel Hill Church - United Reformed	
Sunday 29 April 10.30 am Morning Worship led by Rev Roy Cole	
Wednesday 2 May Coffee Morning 10.30 am - 12 noon in the Meeting Room	
Sunday 6 May 10.30 am Morning worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Roy Smith	
A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Pam Brock will be held on Tuesday 1 May at 12.30 at Chapel Hill Church followed by a short service at Hastings Crematorium at 1.45 pm. For those not wishing to go to the crematorium there will be a cup of tea at the church. Please drop off passengers outside the church and proceed up the hill to park in the field on the right at the top of Chapel Hill.	
Family flowers only please. Donations in memory of Pam may be sent to Hinkley Funeral Service, 50 Mount Pleasant Road, Hastings, for 'Myeloma UK' or St Michael's Hospice.	

village group, charity stalls plus face painting, bouncy castle, ball pool and go karts for the children. Sedlescombe Rangers will also be holding a football tournament with their youngest players. The Flower Princess will be in attendance. Arena displays will include Hastings Twirlers, Belly Dancing and Falconry. All money raised from the day is used to help organisations around the village so please mark your diaries for a great day out.

The Nitty Gritty We would welcome any additional donations of plants, cakes, bric-a-brac, tombola prizes – please help us to provide a super stocked day! Also a few stall spaces are still available, so if you are a village group, business, charity or craft person who would like to join in the fun please contact Sedlescombe Societies Association on 870344 or 870533 for further details.

Roselands Residents' Association
Table Sale on Saturday 19th May. Tombola stall - Tea & Cake. Tables £5; Entrance 40p. Set up at 10 am. Sale open 12 noon. Please phone 871160 to book a table (limited).

News from Sedlescombe School
The PTA are holding a Family Quiz Night at the school on Friday, 4th May at 7 pm, which includes a fish 'n' chip supper. Tickets available from the school (870585). We welcome friends and families from our local community. We have a 'May Ball' on Friday 18th May at the Brickwall Hotel; black tie; £30 per person. Please come along and join us – we'd love to see you. Tickets and menus available from the school. We congratulate Scott Nightingale, year 5 child, for winning the special Hastings Music Festival prize – the "Bonner" prize – for being the most promising young musician. Scott plays the keyboard to a very high standard – well done, Scott!

Last Friday we held our second 'School Sleepover'! 54 children, myself and eight adults stayed the night in school. Parents paid for their child and some obtained sponsorship too. We had a brilliant time – sports activities, games, video, midnight feast, breakfast! The children and adults had enormous fun! We raised £540 – a fantastic result! Money is for lots of new library books, some cushions and a rug.

It will concern you!
An interesting all involving debate is taking place on Saturday, May 5th in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The Village, in combination with the students of Pestalozzi, are presenting the arguments concerning climate change from Africa, Asia, Europe and America. This will be followed by an open debate within the Hall and a closing summary. Please keep this date free!

Sedlescombe and District Garden Society holds its ANNUAL PLANT MARKET in the Sedlescombe Village Hall on Saturday, 12 May from 10.30 am - 12.30 pm. The event, sponsored by Blackbrooks Garden Centre, provides an opportunity to purchase a wide range of garden and house plants grown by Society members and amateur and commercial nurseries. MEMBERS are asked to support the Society's Stall by donating plants surplus to their own requirements, including bedding, vegetable and salad plants for planting out, herbaceous perennials, shrubs, house plants, aquatics etc. Garden tools, books and other garden accessories are also requested. It will be helpful to the organizers if plants can be brought to the Hall between 9 – 10 am on the day of the Market. Please contact David Smith on 01424 433360 if transport is required.