

GOLD WRAPPING PAPER

The story goes that some time ago a mother punished her 5-year old daughter for wasting a roll of expensive gold wrapping paper. Money was tight and she became even more upset when the child used the gold paper to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree. Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift box to her mother on Christmas morning and said, "This is for you, Mummy"

The mother was embarrassed by her earlier over-reaction, but her anger flared again when she opened the box and found it was empty. She spoke to her daughter in a harsh manner - "Don't you know, young lady, when you give someone a present there is supposed to be something inside the package?"

The girl had tears in her eyes and said "Oh, Mummy, it is not empty! I blew kisses into it until it was full". The mother was crushed, fell on her knees and put her arms around her little girl begging her forgiveness for her thoughtless anger.

An accident took the life of the child only a short time later, and it is told that the mother kept that gold box by her bed for the rest of her life. Whenever she was discouraged or faced difficult problems she would open the box and take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

In a very real sense, each of us as human being have been given a Golden Box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family, friends, and GOD. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.

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20p

TODAY (Saturday 2nd)

SEDLSCOMBE FAYRE the day is here and preparations are complete (fingers crossed!) with an order placed for good weather, but crossing your fingers as well as an extra little prayer that it is not too windy or raining will be very helpful! The Entrance Parade begins at 1.45pm headed by *1066 Pipes and Drums* together with our *Flower Princess* who is Sapphire McKenzie-O'Neill attended by Emily Carden and Francesca Legg riding in a Vintage Alvis kindly loaned by Clive Waters. They will be followed by our *Chair of the Parish Council*, the *Royal British Legion* and other local groups. At 2.00pm the Opening Ceremony will be performed by *Barbara Flynn* from the film "Miss Potter". There will be a wonderful assortment of side stalls, games, crafts, charity stalls, face-painting, bouncy castle, ball pool and go-karts ... a barbecue and tea-tent run by the W.I. and Arena Displays in fact, something for everyone and the money raised from the afternoon will be used to help organisations around the village. Come and join the fun - see you there!

EAST SUSSEX DISABILITY ASSOCIATION the annual door to door collection week for ESDA (formerly the Alexandra Rose Collection) also starts today. The money raised is spent on our local group which is self-financing – we look forward to your continued support and generosity. *Delia Box*

SEDLSCOMBE SCHOOL

Don't forget there is still time to add your name and promise to *Charlie's Sponsored Travel* taking place tomorrow (Sunday 3rd) in Alexandra Park. We would also like to remind parents/carers for the new Reception Children that there is a *Preparation Meeting for the new School Year* in the School on Tuesday 12th June at 6.45pm. *MH*

ROOTZ 'n' SHOOTZ will meet at the Parish Church this Tuesday (5th) for 'Churchyard Detectives' 6.30 – 7.30; lots of fun and there are 2 vacancies now for children in School Years 2 – 6; *Helen*

The Readings:	Proverbs:	8:	22 – 31
	<i>Psalm</i>		8
	Romans	5:	1 – 5
	St John	16	12 - 15

Services and Meetings this week

**St John the Baptist,
Sedlescombe**

Trinity Sunday [3]

10.00 am Parish Communion
with Junior and Youth Church

Tuesday [5]

6.30 pm Rootz 'n' Shootz

Trinity 1 [10]

10.00am Parish Communion
[for United Benefice of
Sedlescombe with Whatlington]
with Junior & Youth Church

St Mary Magdalene, Whatlington

Trinity Sunday [3]

8.30am Parish Communion

Trinity 1 [10]

10.30am Family Service

Chapel Hill Church – United Reformed

Sunday 3rd 10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by
Cynthia Teal

Tuesday 5th 2.30pm Special Meeting at 15 Gorselands [see report
on page 3 of the Parish News]

Wednesday 6th Coffee Morning 10.30 – 12noon in the Meeting Room

Sunday 10th 10.30am Worship led by Revd Roy Smith

CHAPEL HILL CHURCH -

extends an invitation for you to meet our Indian guests on Tuesday 5th June at 2.30pm – 2 ladies from the Church of South India on an exchange visit in the Southern Province of the U.R.C. Put your own questions to them over a cup of (Indian!) tea and hear what they think about England. Do join us at No 15 Gorselands – for further information please 'phone Margaret Smith on 870431.

THURSDAY CLUB - Holiday ideas? Christopher O'Brien is going to tell us how to travel "From Battle to Beijing – by train". Committee Room 2 in the Village Hall next Thursday (7th) from 10.00 until 12 noon.

SEDLESCOMBE PARISH CHURCH - our next *Mini-Market* will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday (7th) starting at 10.00am - do join us for a coffee and perhaps even a bargain!

Because Half-term will not quite have ended, the next *New Beginnings* service has been postponed to Sunday 10th June from 11.30am until 12 noon, but back to the first Sunday of the month for July.

Bonus Ball subscriptions (£5) for June are now due - please see Rosemary

SEDLESCOMBE FRIENDSHIP CLUB - filling in forms can sometimes be a burden especially when one becomes older and particularly after a bereavement when so much has to be done at very sad times. If you need help to complete forms for Attendance

Allowance, Carer's Allowance, other forms or to write letters, please 'phone one of our volunteers ... Pauline Glew (870258), Jean Dellow (870223) or Ted Cornford (870169) when help will be given in complete confidence.

RACE FOR LIFE - Gill White with her daughters Cathryn and Emily will be running the "Race for Life" in Alexandra Park on Sunday 17th June in aid of Cancer Research UK. A sponsor form is at the Surgery and donations will be gratefully received for this most worthy cause - cancer is something that touches all of our lives in one way or another.

SEDLESCOMBE PLAYERS will hold their Annual General Meeting in Committee Room 2 of the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 18th June when it is hoped all members will do their best to attend. Amongst other things it will be necessary to elect a new Chairman. *SW*

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - the local branch will celebrate "Veterans' Day" on Saturday 30th June. Please note the date – more details to follow. *EB*

CONCERN HAS BEEN SHOWN for a part of village life here that is often taken for granted - our 3 geese. We have not lost one but she has been incubating some eggs; however, one of the others has needed treatment from the Vet., so Bruce and Maggie have had to pay a bill of £140. If you too enjoy the geese here, a donation to help with that bill will be most gratefully received.