

“Take 2” is there in front of us - all the time

To say that we are wiser in hindsight could be one of those ‘statements of the exceedingly obvious’ however, it is frequently a dumb recognition. All too often we lack the basic humility to be able to openly admit how differently we would do things if identical circumstances were repeated. Perhaps the best way of all to reflect on our shortfall of wisdom is to literally go and look in the mirror then in our own preferred way, say “you were a bit of a twit, weren’t you?”.

Going a stage further though, it is quite amazing that most of us are unwilling to learn from the experience of other people even though we mock when they have fallen in the mud while gazing at the stars. Is it that we are somehow different and that we just do not need to learn from others’ misfortunes? Surely that cannot be the case, but somehow ... we think that in identical circumstances we really would be different. After all, we believe that we would have more control over the situation, that there would not be the same pressure and stress, that our timing would be that much more clever, that we would be more careful, less stupid and above all – our luck would run better. What was it that they said about pride?

One of my old Beaks at school always reminded us that the biggest lesson in life was learning how to learn and that we never would stop learning. Included in that agenda (and significantly, gained by experience) is the knowledge of one’s self, moreover when gained second-hand that experience really proves to be a bargain.

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SEDLSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Special offer for this weekend only -- FOOD WASTE DIGESTERS

Green Cones and Green Johannas will be available for collection at substantially reduced prices between 10.00am and 2.00pm at:-

- **Summerfields Leisure Centre, Bohemia Road, Hastings on Saturday 11th August**
- **Council Car Park, Market Road, Battle on Sunday 12th August**

Green Cones reduced from £69.55 to £9.95 and Green Johannas from £98.99 to £14.95. If you would like one delivered to your home, there will be an additional £5 charge. See www.greencone.com or phone 0800 013 1304 for further details.

WOODLAND TRUST - Brede High Woods

At the recent meeting held in the Village Hall, there was an excellent attendance supporting the bid being made by the Trust for the purchase of the High Woods area which is so vital to our local environment. Your continued support is warmly invited and even a pledge of £5 will be gratefully received. Pledge forms can be obtained in the shop or by direct contact with me at 12 Park Shaw. *Ted Cornford*

This coming Sunday (12th) you will be welcome to join us on a walk through the woods starting at 10.00am. The route will take us past the site of Austford Farm, Austford House, a sunken lane, ancient field boundaries, Holman Wood Field and a view of the reservoir. The walk will be about 3 miles taking roughly 2 hours and it may be muddy in places - Patrick Roper, a local ecologist will accompany us. The start will be at Little Tysoe, Churchland Lane and tea/coffee will be available afterwards. The walk will not take place if the weather is bad – for any other queries call us on 870223. *Ralph and Jean*

The Readings:	Genesis :	15: 1 - 6
	Psalm	33 vv 12 - 22
	Hebrews	11: 1 - 3, 8 - 16
	St Luke	12: 32 - 40

Services and Meetings this week

St John the Baptist, Sedlescombe

Trinity 10 [12]

10.00 am Parish Communion [for
United Benefice of Sedlescombe
with Whatlington]

Revd John Lawrence
(and Junior & Youth Church)

Please note that the Church is
open from 8am every day until
early evening for everyone to
visit or to spend a little peaceful
time away from the rush of daily
life, in prayer or just in quiet
contemplation;

Trinity 11 [19]

10.00am Parish Communion
Junior and Youth Church

St Mary Magdalene, Whatlington

Trinity 10 [12]

10.30am Family Service

Trinity 11 [19]

8.30am Parish Communion

Chapel Hill Church - United Reformed

Sunday 12th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Members of the Church

Wednesday 15th Coffee Morning 10.30am - 12 noon in the Meeting Room

Sunday 19th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Revd Roy Cole

Bonus Ball Subscriptions of £4 are now due for August - please accept my apologies for lateness in letting you know. Envelopes can be left in the Post Office for me to collect. There is one spare number available now - if you are interested please 'phone me on 870533. *Rosemary*

News from Sedlescombe C.E. Primary School

We gave you an account of all our end of term activities in last week's *Parish News* and there are one or two domestic matters to draw your attention to also.

There will be comings and goings at the School during the holiday with a big clean going on as well as some small building works and a number of staff calling in to do some work. It would be appreciated however, if people could keep an eye on the School building and grounds and to call the Police if there are any concerns.

I do hope that the revised Planning Application for the use of our Sports Area was appreciated by those who were concerned and that you will realise the area is not going to cause you any problems. So that the matter can be reviewed in a year's time I shall be keeping a record of all 'out of school' use of the Sports Area.

Thank you most sincerely for your support, kindness and help to our school throughout the past year - I always appreciate the way in which villagers themselves are interested in the village school. See you in September!

Marian Ham - Head Teacher

Parish News - the immediate crisis as to whether the *PN* could carry on is over and its continued publication looks assured for the foreseeable future. Trying to find an individual person willing to 'take it on' yielded nothing at all but a small Editorial Team has emerged whereby one of the 5 (or possibly 6) who have stepped forward to help will take the task on for a month at a time. This surely will be a healthy move and there are certain to be differing styles of presentation and emphasis from each Team Member whilst basically sticking to the task of getting out a weekly news-sheet for all of the community. The question has been raised as to whether the *PN* is too 'church' inclined, to which the answer is that it has always been open to all groups and societies in the village to contribute. The term "Parish" does, of course refer to the church but not exclusively. The word also refers to the secular life of the community e.g. the Parish Council which is the immediate secular local authority answerable to everyone - the Council has no church affiliation at all, thus the title *Parish News* is totally inclusive - perhaps our presentation might change to reflect this - watch this space! Copy for inclusion in the *PN* should be handed in at the Post Office by 12 noon each Wednesday to enable publication for the week-end and availability on a Friday morning.