

BACK TO SCHOOL

Do those words fill you with dread? Memories of school days now long gone? Are you reminded of Shakespeare's schoolboy,

'Then the whining schoolboy, with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like snail
Unwillingly to school'?

An adult returning to work after the summer holiday can feel very much the same. Or perhaps as a parent you're just relieved to have got through the summer holidays again and glad that term is starting so that you can have some time to yourself at home. Perhaps you look back with longing on your schooldays, the happiest days of your life and wistfully think how you might have used them better.

Recent scenes on TV have reminded me how privileged we are with our education. Sanjeev Bhaskar's programme on India featured Barefoot Academies, schools for adults who missed out on education when they were children. Then there was a news clip about child miners. Children as young as 10 are working in coal mines in the Central Asian republic of Kyrgyzstan because of extreme poverty. One, Luke, wanted to be a policeman when he grows up so that he can protect children. There is no one to protect him.

Silver surfers remind that we are never too old to learn. The over 50's are the largest group of those now using the Internet. The existence of U3A - University of the Third Age - and other such adult education groups show that there is a continual appetite for knowledge, not only after leaving school and college, but after retirement too. Education is about developing creativity and growing in wisdom, rather than just gaining knowledge.

The School of Life can give us some hard knocks and the more life the more knocks. Hopefully this will only encourage us to seek out God, to understand what life is for and experience his love. The Bible urges us to go on learning: 'Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding' (Proverbs 3:13).

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• Sylvia Cook sends her regards to the Village, which has been very kind and supportive to her during her illness. She will be back home in Post Office Cottage very shortly.

charge for the first session. Contact Colin Clark, 871441 Bob Harris 471415 Don Ebdy 870613.

Sedlescombe Churchyard.

A slight amendment to last week's request regarding the disposal of flowers etc. As Rother have changed their waste collection, ordinary dustbins will not be emptied, therefore to help us keep the Churchyard tidy, dead flowers, grass etc should be taken to the top left hand side of the Churchyard and plastic wrappers, bags, and paper should be taken home. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

The Churchwardens.

Short Mat Bowls

Commencing Tuesday 11th September Short Mat Bowls will be held in the Village Hall every Tuesday and Thursday from 2.15 pm. We are looking to increase the Membership, although we are competitive it is because of the social atmosphere, the club has been so successful, also now we have three mats to play on.

There are as many Lady members as Men, with spare sets of Bowls for you to practice with. All you need to bring is a pair of Flat Soled Shoes. There is no

Information from Sedlescombe Parish Council

Meeting of Sedlescombe Parish Council. The September meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 September in committee room 2 of the village hall (please use side door to avoid disturbing users of the main hall). The Open Forum will start at 7pm and the public is invited to stay just for that or for the whole meeting and even, if you have the stamina, for the Planning Committee meeting afterwards.

Free electric blanket testing. Some of you will remember that the Parish Council arranged electric blanket testing in Sedlescombe 3 years ago. Although we tried to arrange something similar this year, the hall was not available and, therefore, arrangements were made by the Primary Care Trust for Wednesday 12 September 9.30am to 4.30pm in Northiam. In addition, there will be the opportunity to meet representatives of Age Concern, In Touch etc. You are advised to make an appointment with Angela Broomfield on 01424 457139

Sedlescombe Parish Council website. Have you looked at

TRINITY 14	
The Readings:	Deuteronomy 30.15-20
	Psalm 1
	Philemon 1-21
	Luke 14.25-33
Services and Meetings this week	
SEDLESCOMBE St John the Baptist Trinity 14 [9]	WHATLINGTON St Mary Magdalene Trinity 14 [9]
10 am Parish Communion, followed by Junior and Youth Church at 11.30 am Tuesday 6.15 - 7.30pm Rootz 'n' Shootz at Chapel Hill [11]	8.30 am Parish Communion
Trinity 15 [16]	Trinity 15 [16]
10 am Parish Communion, Junior and Youth Church	8.30 am Parish Communion
Chapel Hill Church - United Reformed	
Sunday 9 September 10.30 am Praise and Prayer led by Michael & Judith Welch.	
Tuesday 11 September 2.30 pm Home Group at 15 Gorselands. 6.15 pm Rootz 'n' Shootz	
Wednesday 12 September 10.30 am - 12 noon. Coffee Morning in the Meeting Room.	
Sunday 16 September 10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mr Pat Reigh.	

Is there anyone who could lend an old typewriter (light one) if possible to an elderly lady? Please phone (long ring) 870203.

www.sedlescombe.org.uk lately? It is updated very regularly and will keep you informed of what the Parish Council is up to. The hit for August was the YouTube version of the Arrival of the Portacabin at the Sportsfield starring Anthony Rand, David Mitchell and Pat Martin. You can still see it if you go to the Home Page.

Sedlescombe Parish Council Bulletin. The September edition is due to be published in the middle of the month. If any of the regular volunteers who kindly deliver Bulletins around the Village are unable to help this month, please let Pauline know on 01424 870508.

Free courses. Are you interested in free short courses on Child Protection, Challenging Behaviour and Volunteers in organisations? Details for September and beginning of October have been posted on the Parish Council notice-board outside the shop.

The Friendship Club. Extend

The first session will be held in the Chapel, Chapel Hill, on Wed. the 19th of September commencing at about 11.30 am and finishing at 12.50 pm. A mini bus will pick those who require a lift from where the library bus parks near the doctor's surgery at about 11.20 am and return there when the session is over. Tea and coffee will be provided. There will be no charge for the bus and for the Extend session, however, there will be a small charge eventually.

All those people who expressed an interest at the afternoon tea at The Bistro will receive a note through their door. The committee of the Friendship Club would like to thank the secretary of the

Chapel for allowing us to use the room and to the management of Pestalozzi who are providing the bus and driver.

Sedlescombe Players

An open invitation is extended by the 'Players' to all aspiring directors, producers, script writers, actors, lighting and stage managers, prop makers, wardrobe and make-up artistes, promoters and plain supporters to join us at our Open Social Evening in the Village Hall on Monday 24th September from 7.30pm. Come and have a glass of wine with us and see what we might be able to do together.

The group has been in existence more than 10 years and we are boot self-funding and solvent! Over the years we have put on entertainment for the community with a cross section of drama, variety and pantomime. Our recent influx of young members has added a new and exciting dimension and we now want to build on that to ensure a last and thriving group that the village is proud of.

Fayre on the Green Saturday, 22 September to aid the building of the new village Sports Pavilion. Further details from Ralph Dellow (870223) or Judy Torrance (870344).

MacMillan's World's Largest Coffee Morning Friday 28th September at Asselton House.

Sedlescombe Societies Association receiving applications for funds from groups and organisation in the village to be considered at their AGM on 9th October. Latest date for submission 1st October to Judy Torrance, Asselton House