

..... AND TO FINISH WITH A CHUCKLE

A cat died and went to heaven. St. Peter met him at the gates and said "You've been a good cat all these years, anything you desire is yours. All you have to do is ask."

The cat said, "Well, I have lived all my life with a poor family on a farm and have had to sleep on hard, wood floors".

St. Peter said, "Say no more!" Instantly, a fluffy pillow appeared.

A few days later, six mice were killed in a tragic accident and they also went to heaven. St. Peter also met them at the gate and made the same offer as he made to the cat. The mice replied, "All our lives we've had to run. We've been chased by cats, dogs and even women with brooms. If we could only have a pair of roller skates, we wouldn't have to run any more."

St. Peter replied, "Say no more!" Instantly, each mouse was fitted with a beautiful pair of roller skates.

About a week later, St. Peter decided to check and see how the cat was doing. The cat was sound asleep on his new pillow. St. Peter gently woke him up and asked "How are you doing? Are you happy here?"

The cat yawned, stretched and replied, "Oh, I've never been happier in my life. I'm so comfortable on my pillow and those meals on wheels you've been sending over are the best!"

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• **Second Sunday of Advent**
• **20p.** •

CONGRATULATIONS

..... to Delia and David Box on the birth of their first grandchild, OSCAR DAVID THOMAS born to Lisa and Toby Box on 28th September.

ALSO TO

..... Rosemary Farley on the birth of her fourth grandchild, LUCIA KATHLEEN CARMELA born to Helen and Alfonso Assorgi on 19th November.

SEDLESCOMBE PLAYERS

READ THROUGH—our next production will be the farce "Out of Order" by Ray Cooney. If you think you might like to be involved in any capacity, acting or backstage, please come along on **Monday 10th December at 7.30 p.m.** to the Village Hall for a read through of the play.

AUDITIONS—will be **Monday 14th January at 7.30 p.m.** in the Village Hall and the show will be on **26th—28th June 2008**. If you are interested but cannot make these dates, please call our secretary, Emily Govorovski on 01424 714393.

PARISH CHURCH

On Sunday the 6th January 2008 we will be holding a Christingle Service in the church at 4.00 p.m. Everyone will be most welcome.

SEDLESCOMBE THEATRE CLUB

A reminder to all members. Would all members who haven't yet renewed their membership but wish to do so, please let me know by the end of next week so that I can complete my membership list and get new address labels printed, etc.
Shirley

SEDLESCOMBE VILLAGE LIBRARY

Please note that the library will be closed on Tuesday December 25th and Tuesday January 1st (*why! ED.*) and re-open on Tuesday January 8th. New members are always welcome. We have a large selection of books ranging from novels, both crime and easy reading, to large print and non-fiction, biographies, etc.

Wishing all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Look forward to seeing you again in 2008.

Shirley, Shirley & Catriona

The Readings:	
Isaiah	11. 1—10
Psalms	72. 1—7. 18-19
Romans	15. 4-13
Matthew	3. 1-12
Services and Meetings this week	
St John the Baptist Sedlescombe <u>Second Sunday of Advent</u> 10.00 a.m. Parish Communion (9) Junior and Youth Church Rootz 'n' Shootz at Chapel Hill (11) 6.15—7.30 p.m. <u>Third Sunday of Advent</u> 10.00 a.m. Parish Communion (16) Junior and Youth Church	St Mary Magdalene Whatlington 8.30 a.m. Parish Communion
Chapel Hill Church – United Reformed	
Sunday, December 9th	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship led by the Rev. Roy Cole
Tuesday, December 11th	6.15 p.m. Rootz 'n' Shootz
Wednesday, December 12th	10.30 a.m. Coffee morning
Sunday, December 16th	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship led by Mrs Cynthia Teal.
Advance Notice: Sunday, December 23rd	3 p.m. Carol Service. A special service for everyone to enjoy and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

EXTEND

Our next get-together will be mid-January. The actual date will be published shortly. Hope to see you at the Christmas Luncheon at the Bistro on 20th December. Thanks go to Pestalozzi who have kindly supplied, free of charge, transportation to the venue.

Pauline Glew

EDITORS' NOTE

It has come to the notice of the editorial team that towards the end of last week, an anonymous letter was sent to Grant Burberry, the landlord of the Queen's Head, in very uncomplimentary terms about the general tenor of the house and expressing dissatisfaction with the food served. The letter purported to be from six Sedlescombe residents who failed to add their names to their comments.

On behalf of many other local residents and patrons of the Queen's Head a strong rebuttal has been received for inclusion in this week's Parish News to which many names were added. Unfortunately, on receiving independent advice, we are unable to publish the text of a response as the original letter was addressed personally to Grant Burberry.

Editors

