

# SEDLESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

## 2008 ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL REPORT & DIRECTORY

Annual Assembly papers for 29 April  
2008 also included



2008



## **ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH MEETING OF SEDLESCOMBE**

**TO ALL RESIDENTS OF SEDLESCOMBE**



**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE  
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH  
MEETING OF SEDLESCOMBE TO BE HELD  
IN SEDLESCOMBE VILLAGE HALL ON  
TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2008 AT 7.30 PM**

The table displays by local organisations and businesses will be ready from 7pm and will remain after the meeting when you will be welcome to stay for tea or coffee

### **AGENDA**

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks.
2. Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting of Sedlescombe held on 24 April 2007 (included in this Report).
3. Report by County Councillor Peter Jones.
4. Report by District Councillor Tony Ganly.
5. Sedlescombe Parish Council Report
6. Any other business



**INTRODUCTION.** In the past year, we have all been affected by changes in the provision of services. Last April, the changeover from the old system of waste collection caused many headaches but we are assured that most of the problems have now been ironed out or alternative arrangements made.

In Sedlescombe, the loss of the hourly bus service to and from Hastings has further restricted the movement of residents who do not have their own transport. We have lost the Sunday postal collection and are having to get used to later deliveries of mail to our doors. Residents of Roselands sheltered housing will be aware of alterations affecting them with the moving to a team of support workers and other changes.

On the positive side, our Post Office has, for now, been saved. We are very pleased about this as it and its accompanying shop provides so much more than just supply of goods and services. Jenny and John Mainwood always make sure that a wide selection of goods is available and services such as dry cleaning and photocopying are on hand, but the Village Shop is also where we can be almost certain to meet some of our neighbours for a chat or exchange of information. The shop is also the place to buy tickets for village events as well as pick up the Parish News. The Parish News has been under threat again but, thanks to the public spirited action of a few, it has been able to continue with the work being shared about a bit. We are one of the few local Villages to have a weekly news-sheet so please give it your support and buy a copy if you don't do so already.

The Queen's Head changed hands during the year and we welcome the new landlord Grant and his family. Grant swiftly showed that he wanted to be part of the local community and has already become the Chairman of the Sedlescombe Sports Association. The Parish Council is very appreciative of the voluntary work that has been done by local residents to bring the second-hand portacabin at the Sportsfield up to scratch and ready for use by the local sports teams.

Following the local council elections last May, we welcome Caitlin Wheatley who has become a parish councillor. We also welcome a new District Councillor, Tony Ganly, and look forward to working with him as well as continuing to work with our County Councillor Peter Jones. Please come to the Assembly on 29 April to hear both of them speak and to ask them and me any questions you may have.

V Wright, Chairman, Sedlescombe Parish Council, March 2008

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH MEETING OF  
SEDLSCOMBE HELD ON TUESDAY 24 APRIL 2007 IN SEDLESCOMBE VILLAGE  
HALL, 7.30 TO 8.50 PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs V Wright (Chairman of the Parish Council) - in the Chair  
Cllr A Rand (Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council). Parish Councillors W Cameron, R  
Dellow, N Foord, P Glew, M Irwin, P Martin J Mitchell.  
Mrs P Raymond (Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, Sedlescombe Parish Council) -  
Minute Taker. County Councillor Peter Jones. District Councillor Matthew Wilson. More  
than 90 members of the public

**1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

- **Councils.** The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the public and County Councillor Jones and District Councillor Wilson. Cllr Wilson is not standing for election this year. The two District Councillor candidates, Tony Ganly and Stephen Hardy, were present and were introduced to the meeting. The Chairman acknowledged the valuable work of two parish councillors, Jenny Mitchell and Nick Foord, who would be leaving the Council in May and welcomed their replacements, Caitlin Wheatley and Robert Dudman.
- **Deaths.** She spoke of the death of many Village stalwarts during the past year whose contribution to our community life will be sadly missed.
- **Various subjects** mentioned were: The Welcome Pack (public asked to let the Council know if new people move into the Village so a Pack can be delivered); encouragement to use the businesses advertising in The Directory; the forthcoming combined Pestalozzi/Sedlescombe debate on climate change in the Hall on Saturday 5 May at 7.30pm; the need for additional volunteers to help mow the churchyard (1 to 1.5 hours twice a month) – contact John Roberts of New England Lane.
- **Thanks** were extended to – volunteers who deliver the quarterly Bulletin and Annual Report; the Library Ladies who ensure that there is a good supply of interesting books to borrow; the litter-pickers who keep Sedlescombe looking tidy; Sedlescombe Players who give us a good laugh, youngsters are joining and taking part in productions; John & Jenny Mainwood from the shop who have won the Best South East Region Village Store and Post Office Award; Hard-working parish councillors who have been involved in practical work and arranging the

new Lift Scheme and SID Campaigns; and the tea ladies, Sylvia, Margaret and Rosemary.

- **Pavilion.** The Chairman told the meeting that the Sports Association had recently asked the Parish Council to take over construction of a new pavilion at the Sportsfield funded by way of a loan to be repaid through the Precept. The Sports Association had been trying to obtain funding for ten years without success to date and a Parish Council loan appeared to be the only way of raising the funds to replace the pavilion urgently. Although the subject had not yet been officially discussed at a meeting of the Parish Council, those present were invited to express their support in raising a loan which would mean an increase of about £15 (subject to alteration) for the Band D Sedlescombe Council Tax for many years. John Noonan of the Football Club explained that it was essential to replace the pavilion to accord with new Football Association guidelines. Sports Association fund-raising would continue and donations would be gratefully accepted. After further discussions on the cost, funding and possible incorporation of youth club facilities, there was a show of hands in favour of the Parish Council investigating the idea further.
- **New Police Inspector.** Police Inspector Heather Keating, who had been in post two weeks, introduced herself to the meeting saying that she was very pleased to have moved to rural Rother, a post she had applied for. She would be meeting with parish councillors to progress her priorities of Neighbourhood Policing.

## **2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH MEETING OF SEDLESCOMBE HELD ON 25 APRIL 2006.**

The Minutes were included in the Parish Council's Annual Report, a copy of which had been delivered to each Sedlescombe household. It was moved by Sally Martin, seconded by Sally Brown and RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the 2006 Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting are approved. A financial statement was included on the reverse of agendas on seats in the Hall.

## **3. COUNTY COUNCILLOR PETER JONES.**

Cllr Jones thanked the Parish Council Chairman, Councillors and the Clerk for their work not only over the past year but also during the four-year term which is about to come to an end. He mentioned the Report placed on chairs in the Hall which listed some of the

Parish Council's achievements. He commented that Sedlescombe was one of the best councils in the whole of Sussex. His subjects were:

- The Police (he is Chairman of the Sussex Police Authority) where considerable achievements can be seen with crimes falling across nearly all categories and detection rates rising. He is pleased that the call centre is much improved.
- Government underfunding. Although this is causing problems, good and improving services are being provided. There are currently no bed blockers in the hospitals. There has been a big improvement in our schools resulting in a favourable OFSTED report.
- Roads. New Government guidelines were published last autumn and the County Council has recently made £2.5-£3 million available over the next couple of years to provide engineering traffic calming in parishes. The County will work with the parishes to achieve what local people want. Cllr Jones had to admit that, unfortunately, they do not always get it right as the new traffic calming work in the North Trade Road shows.

**4. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MATTHEW WILSON.** After eight years serving on the Rother District Council, Cllr Wilson is standing down in May although he will still be working with Rother on the implementation of the new Waste Contract. He added his thanks to the Parish Council for their hard work for the community and said it had been a privilege to represent the people of Sedlescombe.

- Waste and Recycling. Cllr Wilson reported that, very recently, 4,000 wheelie bins and 10,000 boxes were destroyed in a fire in Bexhill setting back the new waste/recycling programme. However, he was pleased that Verdant had won the contract at a price below budget.
- Council Tax. Rother still has the lowest Council Tax in East Sussex and has become a very efficient Council.
- Presentation. Cllr Mrs Wright presented the rose "Nostalgia" to Cllr Wilson in appreciation of his work for the community.

**5. SEDLESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT.** The Parish Council Report was included in the booklet delivered to houses. The Chairman spoke about the displays around the Hall by – Sedlescombe WI – on slavery and other resolutions, designed by Josie Cornish from her hospital bed; Chapel Hill Church – Fair Trade; Neighbourhood Watch; Sedlescombe Societies Association who are planning the forthcoming Fete; the School; Garden Society with tomatoes for sale;

Sedlescombe Green WI; Flower Club; Short Mat Bowls (a new and very successful Club which has extended from one afternoon a week to two); Sedlescombe Branch of the British Legion who have been awarded the Jelico Shield for the highest percentage increase in membership in the UK; Sedlescombe Stores with a table of new products just arrived.

**6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** The following subjects were discussed:

- **Request for Double White Lines at the top of Church Hill.** Parish Council requested; still with County Council and Police.
- **New stiles and gates on public footpaths.** Footpath Working Group congratulated.
- **Planning Application for extension of hours of use of the multi games area at the School.** Many objections from people living in Streetlands, Gammons Way and The Green who feared too much disturbance at any time from youngsters playing in the area and increased parking in Streetlands. The Headteacher, Marian Ham, explained that the funders, SportEngland, wanted the area to be used by the community and she would like Sedlescombe Rangers to be allowed to use it on Saturday mornings for three hours, for it to be used for occasional PTA events and for youths to be able to play football at times when a member of staff is on duty at the School. There should be no additional parking in Streetlands as the playground will be available as well as the public car park. The School is already planning to plant trees to screen the area from the gardens of houses in The Green. The Parish Council had supported the application but had asked that it be temporary for one year to check whether neighbours are being unreasonably disturbed by the extended use. At the request of a person living in Streetlands, a show of hands was requested resulting in a majority in favour of the extended hours of use.
- **Grass verge cutting.** Residents of Park Shaw were dissatisfied. Cllr Jones to investigate.
- **Wheelie Bins.** Fear that unsightly wheelie bins will be left in front of properties and on pavements throughout the Village. Concern that the elderly will not be able to manage the bins on steep driveways.
- **Buses.** Request that the once an hour bus is returned so that the elderly can go to Eastbourne and Tunbridge Wells. Cllr Jones explained that running buses is expensive; they are not well used and increased

services would mean a considerable increase in Council Tax. He said, however, that he is hoping to introduce some new and innovative measures to help people with transport, for example funding community buses or local taxis. Derek Marshall, Direct at Pestalozzi International Village, spoke of an idea he has to establish a social enterprise for the benefit of the community involving use of the Village's minibuses (which will have to increase in number with more students expected) during the day by the community.

- **Climate Change Debate.** This is the first time that Sedlescombe and Pestalozzi have combined to put on a debate in the Village hall and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance. The MP plans to attend.
- **Parish News.** Valerie Tegg spoke of the difficult situation with the weekly Parish News following Sylvia Cook's illness. Anyone can submit an item for publication free in the news-sheet as long as it is in the shop by midday on Wednesday and the News, which is printed by Mr and Mrs Mainwood, is on sale in the shop on Fridays priced 20p. More copy is needed if it is to continue and, preferably, someone else to edit it as the Teggs, who have taken on the editorship again, were editors for many years prior to Sylvia taking over. Valerie thanked Margaret and Roy Smith for their occasional help.
- **School Governor.** Whilst on her feet, Valerie Tegg spoke of her support for Marian Ham at the School whom she described as an "exceptional Headteacher" with a very caring attitude towards the community who would not allow anything to take place in the School or its grounds to upset those living nearby. This was endorsed by the meeting.
- **Thanks.** The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking the Clerk, her Vice-Chairman and other councillors. Cllr Rand, in turn, thanked the Chairman for her tremendous enthusiasm in leading the Parish Council.

*One hundred  
people  
attended the  
2007 Annual  
Assembly*





## ANNUAL ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

The Parish Council's accounts are prepared in accordance with the Accounts & Audit Regulations 2003, as amended in 2006. Each year, they are subject to audit. Mrs Valerie Bennett of Whatlington has been appointed by the Council to do the Internal Audit of the 2007-8 Accounts and External Audit will be carried out by Mazars. Every year, local government electors are given an opportunity to examine the Council's accounts and financial records. The 2007-8 accounts and records are expected to be available for inspection from mid-July 2008 by appointment with the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (01424 870508).

**2007-8 Financial Year.** As expected, most of the Council's revenue expenditure this past year has been fairly low-key, consisting of replacement or redecoration of litter bins and liners, weed-killing, mowing, strimming and hedge-cutting etc. as well as updating computer software needed to aid website management. The number of businesses advertising in this booklet has increased this year raising enough to cover the cost of printing.

**Grants** have been awarded by the Council to Sedlescombe Churchyard Fund (£300), to Battle Community Transport (£100), Rural Rother Trust (£50), and E.Sussex Association for the Blind (£25).

Another bank account has been opened with Barclays Bank for depositing funds for the proposed pavilion. This now includes deposits from the Parish Council, the Sports Association, from grants and various local fund-raising events. Up-to-date details will be available at the Annual Assembly. An account with the Bank of Scotland now holds the Clerk's Gratuity Fund. The funds being held in the Village Security Fund have been absorbed into General Funds. The Tennis Courts Fund has been maintained and ends the year with £5,000 towards future expenses. The two major capital projects have been:

- Construction of a pedestrian footway outside the Queen's Head (£3,319)
- Purchase and fitting out of a second-hand portacabin to replace the old and vandalised timber pavilion at the sportsfield (£3,245)

**2008-9 Financial Year.** After three years of holding the precept at £28,270, the Parish Council will this year receive £29,000 from the Sedlescombe Council Tax. This modest rise will help meet increased costs of maintaining Village amenities and will include a budget for additional Councillor and Clerk training.

The main capital expenditure for the Council in 2008-9 is expected to be for work on the new sports pavilion.

## KNOW YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS



**CLLR VALERIE WRIGHT, 01424 870220. Chairwoman of Sedlescombe Parish Council.** Valerie Wright joined the Council in 1995, becoming Chairwoman in 1999. Valerie is ex-officio member of every Council committee and represents the Council at many meetings of outside bodies. In the past year, Valerie has been actively involved with looking for funding for the new sports pavilion. This year, she has

been a founder member of the Friendship Club.



**CLLR ANTHONY RAND, 01424 870722 Vice-Chairman** Anthony Rand joined the Council in 1995 and is currently its Vice-Chairman. He is an ex-officio member of every Council committee and represents the Council on youth matters. He has been involved with several Council projects, most recently with the purchase and fitting out of a portacabin for use by the local sports clubs and with negotiations for a new

pavilion. Outside Council work, Anthony is on the Parochial Church Council and is Chairman of the Friends of the Parish Church, helping to raise funds for the preservation of the building.



**CLLR PAT MARTIN, 01424 870353, Chairman of Planning Committee and Emergency Working Group.** Pat Martin has lived in

Sedlescombe since 1968 and has been on the Parish Council since 1983. As a professional tree surgeon, his expertise is invaluable to the Council and Pat has been the Sedlescombe Tree Warden for many years. During this year, he has been working on various tree projects with the Primary School.

As well as being Chairman of the Planning Committee and of the Emergency Working Group, Pat sits on the Council's Finance Committee.



**CLLR RALPH DELLOW, 01424 870223, Chairman of the Crime & Safety Advisory Committee, the Environment Working Group and the Footpaths Working Group.** Ralph Dellow joined the Council in 2000 since when he has been actively involved with crime and safety issues. As well as being Chairman of a Committee and two Working Groups, Ralph sits on the Finance Committee. This year, he has raised funds for the

proposed new sports pavilion and has done a lot of work on public footpaths. Ralph represents the Council on the Neighbourhood Watch Group. Outside Council work, in the past year, he has been a founder member of the Friendship Club and has been involved with environmental work at the Pestalozzi International Village. He is a Trustee of the Village Hall and a member of the Sedlescombe Societies Association.



**CLLR PAULINE GLEW, 01424 870258, Chairman of Finance**

**Committee.** Pauline Glew first became a parish councillor in 2003. She is the Council's Village Hall Trustee and is involved in raising money for the hall. As well as being Chairman of the Finance Committee, she sits on the Crime & Safety Advisory Committee. Pauline oversees the working of the

Sedlescombe Lift Scheme and has organised two Speed Indicator Device Initiatives in the Village. She is one of the Council's representatives on the Rother Association of Local Councils. Outside Council life, Pauline is a member of Sedlescombe Neighbourhood Watch and works at Batemans at Burwash. During the year, she has helped with the Friendship Club, especially the Extend Exercise Class.



**CLLR BILL CAMERON, 01424 870013.** Bill Cameron has been a parish councillor since 2001. He serves on the Planning Committee where his expertise is invaluable and is a member of the Emergency Team. Outside Parish Council work, Bill is on the Parochial Church Council. He also belongs to the Friends of the Pestalozzi Estate, Friends of the Ashdown Forest and Friends of Bedgebury National Pinetum.



**CLLR MARY IRWIN, 01424 870570.** A retired schoolteacher, Mary Irwin joined the Council in 1990. She is a member of the Finance Committee and of its Crime & Safety Advisory Committee. Outside Council life, Mary is a member of Sedlescombe WI and has, for many years, worked for infant welfare in the Village, as well as being a Village Hall Trustee and Primary School Governor.



**CLLR CAITLIN WHEATLEY, 01424 870162.** Caitlin Wheatley is the newest councillor, joining in May 2007. She is on the Parish Council's Planning Committee and the Crime & Safety Advisory Committee and is one of the Council's representatives on the Rother Association of Local Councils. Outside Council work, Caitlin has two small children and is the

Chairman of Jelly Beans, a parent and toddler group run by Mums. She is Trustee of the Village Hall.



**CLLR JENNY MITCHELL, 01424 870707.** After a short break, Jenny Mitchell was co-opted back on to the Council in November 2007. Outside Council work, Jenny is Treasurer of Sedlescombe Green WI and Secretary of Sedlescombe Sports Association. Jenny's husband David started the Rangers Junior Football Club and Jenny helped him run the

Club for more than a quarter of a century

## SEDLSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARISH 2008 ASSEMBLY



May 2007 marked the start of a new four-year term for councillors with the Council remaining focussed on the Parish Plan's main aim

***"To make Sedlescombe a vibrant place that values its past but looks to the future and where people are proud to live and work and be part of a caring community".***

All that the Parish Council does is covered by the subsidiary aims of making the community informed and participating, healthy and safe, of helping provide Village amenities and services, of supporting business and rural employment and of protecting and enhancing Sedlescombe's built and natural environment. In order to keep residents informed, Parish Council meetings have remained open to the public and now, after adopting the 2007 Councillors' Code of Conduct, Standing Orders have been amended to allow the public to speak at the discretion of the Chairman at any Council Meeting on any agenda item.

**Information** for residents is provided mainly through the Parish Council Website ([www.sedlescombe.org.uk](http://www.sedlescombe.org.uk)) but also through the Noticeboard outside the shop, weekly Parish News, Rye & Battle Observer and Quarterly Bulletins delivered to each home. Welcome information Packs are delivered to people moving into the Village.

Each year, the **Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting** of Sedlescombe is the main opportunity for the Council to bring together the community to hear what the Parish, District and County Councils have been doing and for residents to raise matters of concern or interest. Over the last three years, averages of a hundred people have attended and have raised a wide range of topics. Display tables by Village Organisations and businesses, including last year the local shop serving sausages and French bread, give everyone the opportunity to encourage new members or customers.

For the second year running, the Parish Council sent out a **questionnaire** in the autumn this time asking residents to list three concerns about life in Sedlescombe. Only a small number of residents were concerned enough to send back their completed forms but **roads and footways** came out top of the list followed by **anti-social behaviour** and **parking**.

Although the Parish Council has no responsibility for any of these matters, throughout the year it has acted as an intermediary between residents and the authorities who do have appropriate powers but not always the necessary funding. The Council knows that the speed of vehicles is of particular concern to many residents and it was pleased therefore to hear that, following a campaign by local residents, the County Council had offered to provide two permanent **vehicle-activated 30mph signs** in The Street.

Last summer, in response to a request from the Parish Council, a new pedestrian **footway** was installed outside the Queen's Head which should improve the safety of pedestrians walking in that area. Most of the funding was provided by the Parish Council. Local funding is, currently, the only way of obtaining these safety improvements but most are out of the range of the Parish Council.

Inconsiderate **parking** has been a problem throughout the year whether outside the School and Doctors in Brede Lane and Park Shaw or blocking the entrance to Pumphouse Yard in The Green. Nuisance parking on grass verges or the edges of the Village Green has caused a lot of damage to the grass during the winter.

Keeping the community safe from **criminal or anti-social behaviour** is the job of the Police. For its part, the Parish Council has remained involved by keeping in touch with the local Police and the Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and by allowing representatives of agencies such as Orbit Housing Association and the Youth Development Service to attend its Crime and Safety Committee Meetings. It is expected that the Council will work closely in 2008 with the local Police in a new Neighbourhood Policing Initiative.

After a prolonged episode of nuisance being created day and night at the Kickabout Area, which badly disturbed nearby residents, the Parish Council reluctantly agreed that Orbit could take down the youth shelter. Throughout the year, the Youth Development Service has been working with a group of young people and had hoped that, using grant aid obtained by the youngsters, the Scout Hut could be turned into a small community centre and a venue for a supervised youth club. East View householders were individually canvassed about the plans resulting in a majority in favour. Further delays were created by the unfortunate and devastating fire at the Hut in November 2007.

**Vandalism** continues to afflict us and there is no doubt that, with all Council Tax payers contributing towards repairs, these acts are anti-social. In the summer, repairs to the substantial damage caused to the roundabout at the Riverside Playground resulted in additional expense on the Council Tax. The Council is grateful to The Bridge Garage for their repairs on two occasions to the entrance gates to the playground. Despite all, the Council remains convinced that the majority of young people who use the playgrounds do so responsibly and, therefore, continues to make improvements where it can. A new recycled plastic seat and large litter bin have been installed at the Riverside Playground paid for out of the last part of the Sedlescombe Riverside Playground Regeneration Group's Landfill Tax Credit Grant.

Anti-social behaviour does not just involve young people but can be anything that adversely affects the lives of other people. This year the Parish Council has been consulted on Rother District Council's **Dog Control Orders**. The Parish Council has not been convinced that under existing arrangements enforcement is ever likely to take place in the rural areas and has written to the Chief Constable asking that PCSOs are empowered to take action against owners who fail to abide by the Orders. The Removal of Dog Faeces Order will put extra pressure on the small number of dog bins we have in the Village. Dog owners are asked to consider taking dog waste home with them for disposal in their own refuse bins or providing a dog loo in your own garden in order to avoid adding additional plastic bags to landfill?

One of the subjects brought up at the last Assembly was the construction of a replacement **pavilion** at the sportsfield. At that time, the idea of the Parish Council taking out a loan to pay for the building was attractive because of the urgency of finding improved facilities for the Football Club. However, because of the additional long-term cost to the Sedlescombe Council Tax, it was subsequently decided that the Council would continue the work already started by the Sports Association and would try to obtain a substantial grant from the Football Foundation. This has entailed the Parish Council in many hours of work during the year but, eventually, this came to nought as the Football Foundation were only willing to fund a pavilion of a size specified by them. This size would have been too big for current local needs and expensive to run in the future. So once again, time has been wasted and the Council is now working on the plans that were approved in 2006. Sedlescombe is fortunate in having several people who are willing and able to participate in fund-raising and they have formed into

a group to oversee a programme of interesting fund-raising events during the year. The installation of the portacabin at the sportsfield by the Parish Council has meant that, for the time being, the Football Club can continue to play at the field.

The Parish Council has been negotiating with the owner to purchase the land on which the **bus shelter** in The Street stands. In addition, a condition of the planning approval for the Park View development to the rear of Kester House and Tanyard Cottages also requires improvement to the bus stops on both sides of The Street. Hopefully, this will mean that a new bus shelter of a design approved by the Parish Council will be provided by the developer. Unfortunately, the reduction in the local bus service has caused some disruption to the lives of local residents but, unfortunately, it appears that there is no funding to ensure that the hourly service is returned.

Sedlescombe is very fortunate in having several volunteers who have carried out a programme of removal of stiles and replacement with gates on several public **footpaths** around the Village. The sale by Southern Water of most of its land around the Powdermill Reservoir resulted, following a national appeal, in the Woodland Trust buying Brede High Wood and the remainder of the land being brought by the Hurst Estate. Since the purchase, the Hurst Estate has followed the Parish Council's lead and carried out work replacing old broken stiles with kissing gates to allow walkers and their dogs easy access to the footpaths network. New waymarks are being also installed for walkers' guidance. Dog walkers are being asked to keep their dogs on leads whilst walking the public footpaths on the Hurst Estate.

Valuing the past, is not always something associated with the young so the Council was particularly interested to receive an approach from a local young person who wishes to stage an **exhibition** in Sedlescombe of the watercolours of a local 19<sup>th</sup> century artist. Further details will follow in due course.

The **pump** on the Village Green once provided an important water supply in the Village centre. However, for the last fifty years it has been purely ornamental. The Council would like to hear from local people their views on whether they would support refurbishment of the pump. It would be good if grant aid could be obtained but, if not, should the Council Tax be used for this purpose? The cost is expected to be around £5,000. Let the Council know at the Assembly.

The Parish Council has been able to support local organisations this year. As well as working on raising funds for a new pavilion, the Council is hoping to be able to help the newly-formed Sedlescombe **Netball Club** by allowing it to use the **tennis courts** for practising. Again, decisions about the courts' future will need to be made in the next couple of years. If you have any suggestions, please get in touch.

Councillor and Clerk **training** is very important nowadays and a Training Strategy has been adopted by the Parish Council. Courses have been attended and some in-house training provided. Sedlescombe parish councillors have attended two Rother planning seminars in order to play a full part in the Government's new-style planning system.

The Parish Council's Planning Committee has met to consider and comment on every **planning** application in the Parish. The major applications were Pestalozzi's three planning applications, a barn conversion to a dwelling on a farm in Brede Lane, an office building at Marley Lane Business Park and dwellings at Park View, Cartref and RN French in The Street.

The introduction of new **waste collection** arrangements by Rother was not as smooth as was hoped and has involved the Parish Council in forwarding complaints to Rother. As well as problems with domestic collections, Rother's new arrangements for emptying litter bins and street sweeping have been very unsatisfactory. The Parish Council are carrying out regular monitoring and lobbied Rother until the situation improved.

The Council has acknowledged the new **environmental duties** imposed on parish councils this year by adopting a new Biodiversity Strategy for Sedlescombe. Councillors have been in discussion with Churchwardens regarding the introduction of environmentally-friendly maintenance of the churchyard so that the green-winged orchids and glow-worms are conserved. Residents of Gorselands will be reminded of the Council's wish to see the wildflower verges on their Estate preserved including the autumn lady's tresses orchids which grow quite vigorously there. The Tree Officer has been working with the School to plant trees in the grounds and a large number of bulbs have been planted there.

Please bring any comments or questions to the Assembly or write to or e-mail the Clerk.

*March 2008*



## SEDLSCOMBE 2008 BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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<p style="text-align: center;">Sedlescombe Parish Council acknowledges the contributions from the local businesses listed on the following pages. Their payments for advertising have paid for production of this booklet.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please say that you saw their adverts in the Sedlescombe Directory when replying to them.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">****</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>FORGE HOUSE</b></p> <p><b>Bed &amp; Breakfast</b></p> <p>The Green, Sedlescombe</p> <p>TN33 0QA</p> <p><b>Contact: Mrs Jean Russell-Parnell</b></p> <p>Tel/Fax: 01424 870054</p> <p>M: 07779 988716</p> <p>Member Tourism South East</p> </div> </div>
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<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>BRICKWALL HOTEL</b></p> <p>The Green Sedlescombe</p> <p>T: 01424 870253</p> <p>F: 01424 870785</p> <p>E: <a href="mailto:info@brickwallhotel.com">info@brickwallhotel.com</a></p> <p>W: <a href="http://www.brickwallhotel.com">www.brickwallhotel.com</a></p> <p><i>Hotel and restaurant, parties catered for.</i></p> <p><i>Heated outdoor swimming pool open May-September. 45 car parking spaces</i></p> </div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>CRAZY LANE TOURIST</b></p> <p><b>CARAVAN PARK</b></p> <p>Whydown Farm, Crazy Lane,</p> <p>Sedlescombe</p> <p>T: 01424 870147 F: 01424 870147</p> <p>E: <a href="mailto:info@crazylane.co.uk">info@crazylane.co.uk</a></p> <p>W: <a href="http://www.crazylane.co.uk">www.crazylane.co.uk</a></p> <p><i>Holiday caravan and camping park (36 pitches for touring caravans and tents). Situated close to the path linking with the 1066 Walk.</i></p> </div> </div>
ACCOUNTANCY & BOOK-KEEPING	ARCHITECTURAL
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CCM</b></p> <p>Suite 2, Langton House, 81 High Street, BATTLE TN33 0AQ</p> <p>T: Karen Hall - 01424 775586</p> <p>F: 01424 773214</p> <p>E: <a href="mailto:karenhall@ccm95.co.uk">karenhall@ccm95.co.uk</a></p> <p><i>Book-keeping and accountancy services for all types of small to medium-sized businesses</i></p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="font-size: small;"> <p><b>PumpHouse</b> Pump House Yard DESIGNS The Green Architectural Consultants Sedlescombe East Sussex TN33 0QA</p> <p>T: 01424 871120 F: 01424 870198</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:info@pumphousedesigns.co.uk">info@pumphousedesigns.co.uk</a> Web: <a href="http://www.pumphousedesigns.co.uk">www.pumphousedesigns.co.uk</a></p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">FREE QUOTATION &amp; INITIAL ADVICE</p> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;"> <p>◆ NEW BUILD ◆ EXTENSIONS ◆</p> <p>◆ LOFT CONVERSIONS ◆ ALTERATIONS ◆</p> <p>◆ PLANNING APPLICATIONS ◆</p> <p>◆ LISTED BUILDING APPLICATIONS ◆</p> <p>◆ BUILDING REGULATIONS APPLICATIONS ◆</p> </div> </div>

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AUDIO	BEAUTY THERAPIST
<p><b>Audio Engineer &amp; Sound Systems</b> available for most audio systems or operations</p> <p>Portable PA systems with operator for fetes and similar Public Events</p> <p>Call: 07850 690054 e-mail: <a href="mailto:dave@brabants.co.uk">dave@brabants.co.uk</a></p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>LITTLE ORCHARD</b> — BEAUTY STUDIO —</p> <p>07919 886783</p> <p><a href="http://www.emmamonk.co.uk">www.emmamonk.co.uk</a></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Emma Monk</p> <p>31 Gorselands, Sedlescombe</p> <p><i>Offering a wide range of professional treatments incl. Dermologica Facials – Glycolic Peels – Non-Surgical Face Lift – Manicures/Pedicures – Waxing – Hot Stone Massage – Electrolysis – Indian Head Massage &amp; Reflexology</i></p> </div> </div>
BUILDING/DECORATING	BUILDING WORKS
<p><b>CHAPMAN BUILDERS LTD.</b> Ashdown Cottage, Cottage Lane, Sedlescombe</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">T: 01424 870520 Established 1971</p> <p><b>General builder and decorator</b></p>	<p><b>MARKAR LTD.</b> Powdermills, The Street, Sedlescombe TN33 0QB</p> <p>T: 07785 101820 – Evenings &amp; Weekends 01424 870273 F: 01424 773214</p> <p><i>Property Maintenance, Alterations, Extensions &amp; New Building NHBC REGISTERED Design &amp; Planning Service Available</i></p>
CAR REPAIRS	CAR REPAIRS
<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BRIDGE GARAGE WORKSHOP</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Street, Sedlescombe T: 01424 870202</p> <p>General repairs, Tyres and Servicing MOTs and range of car care products</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LWA BODYSHOP</b></p> <p>rear of Bridge Garage, The Street, Sedlescombe TN33 0QB</p> <p>T: 01424 870488 M: 07967 838591</p> <p>E: <a href="mailto:david@lwabodyshop.eclipse.co.uk">david@lwabodyshop.eclipse.co.uk</a></p> <p>Dents, scratches to full restorations and insurance claims</p>

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CAR REPAIRS	CLEANING
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p><b>TIVOLI AUTO SERVICES</b>                      100 Battle Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN37 7AG                      T: 01424 442277</p> <p>Motor car repairs: MOT: Servicing: Sales:                      Air Con Specialist. Free Loan Car: Free                      Collection &amp; Delivery; On-site Bodyshop                      Estimates and Insurance Work                      undertaken</p> </div> </div>	<p><b>CONQUEST CLEANING SERVICES LTD</b>                      14 Orchard Way, Sedlescombe TN33 ORD                      T: 01424 871444 (Mr Mike Langley)</p> <p><i>Quality cleaning of carpets, upholstery, rugs                      and curtains using the very latest equipment                      for the best possible results. Rapid drying                      times and <u>FREE</u> emergency stain removal for                      all our customers.</i></p> <p><b>Members of the National Carpet Cleaners                      Association and ESCC Trading Standards                      approved</b></p>
DOCTORS	
<p><b>DR S STERN &amp; PARTNERS</b></p> <p><b>The Surgery, Brede Lane, Sedlescombe TN33 0PW (also at Westfield)</b>                      T: 01424 870225; F: 01424 870912 <a href="http://www.drsternandptnrs.co.uk">www.drsternandptnrs.co.uk</a></p> <p>Opening hours for Sedlescombe Surgery                      Monday to Friday 08:30-13:00                      Monday &amp; Friday 16:30-19:00                      Wednesday 13:30-17:00</p> <p>Practice leaflet available from surgery. New patients should collect a registration                      form and arrange a new patient appointment (ID required)                      PLEASE COLLECT REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS AFTER 10:00</p>	
DENTISTRY	DRAINAGE
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p><b>Beckley Dental Practice</b>  <small>dentistry for smile &amp; health</small></p> <p>Please call to book and visit our friendly,                      family run, relaxed, state of the art practice.                      All prices are very competitive. Facial                      rejuvenation treatments also available.</p> <p><b>Dr Joanne Mason BDS (LOND) MFDS RCS                      (ENG), Main Street, Beckley TN31 6RS</b>                      E: <a href="mailto:beckleydental@yahoo.co.uk">beckleydental@yahoo.co.uk</a>                      W: <a href="http://www.beckleydental.co.uk">www.beckleydental.co.uk</a>                      T: 01797 260404</p> </div> </div>	<p><b>ECOFLO GARDEN IRRIGATION LTD</b>                      Stream Farm ~ Stream Lane~                      Sedlescombe                      T: 01424 871081 M: 07840 172432</p> <p><i>Recycling solution to Septic Tank                      soakaway issues and                      escalating cesspit costs</i></p> <p><i>All work Environment Agency                      and E.S.C.C. approved</i></p>

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ELECTRICAL	FARMING
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALTEC ELECTRICAL SERVICES</b></p> <p>NAPIT approved Electrician. Work includes:                      Re-wires, new builds, extensions. Extra sockets and Lighting, Storage heating.                      Fuse board replacement. Installation testing/inspection and P.A.T. testing.                      Work compliant to BS7671 and Part P of the Building regulations. Free estimates and warranty backed. <b>Alan Birtwistle, Meadow Lane, Sedlescombe</b> T: 01424 870012 M: 07941 869398 E: <a href="mailto:altec@birty.co.uk">altec@birty.co.uk</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PITCHER &amp; COLE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church Hill Farm, Church Hill,                      Sedlescombe                      TN33 0QP</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: right;">T: 01424 870738</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LOCALLY-REARED LAMB FOR SALE</b></p>
FENCING	FITNESS
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>D&amp;B FENCING</b></p> <p>All types of fencing, gates, decking and pergolas supplied and installed</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Free estimates</b>  <b>Friendly advice</b>  <b>01580 831800</b>  <b>01424 870484</b></p> <p>Sedlescombe Sawmills, Cripps Corner</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Affordable one to one or group fitness and nutrition advice. Free consultation, fully-equipped fitness studio or home visits on request. Highly qualified and insured.  <b>Scott Mason BSc (hons) CSCS NLC</b>                      T: 01797 260404 or 07952 609025                      E: <a href="mailto:slim_fitness@yahoo.co.uk">slim_fitness@yahoo.co.uk</a>                      W: <a href="http://slimfitnesspt.co.uk">slimfitnesspt.co.uk</a></p> <p style="font-size: small;">Beckley Dental Practice, Main St Beckley TN31 6RS</p>
FOOT HEALTH	GARDENS
<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOOT HEALTH PRACTITIONER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nail trimming, Corn removal                      Callus reduction, Ingrown toenails                      Reflexology. Clinic or Home Visits</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Philippa Woolley</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">DipCFHP, MPSPract FHP, MIGHT                      48 Baldslow Down, Westfield TN37 7NJ                      T: 01424 753316 M: 07743 663434</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BLACKBROOKS GARDEN CENTRE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A21, Sedlescombe                      T: 01424 870710                      F: 01424 870995</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Wide range of  <b>Garden-related products ~</b>  <b>Building products ~ Pet Centre ~ Cafe ~</b>  <b>Play Area</b>                      Open 7 days a week</p>





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GARDENS	GARDENS
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LANDSCAPE GARDENING BY "GARDENCRAFT"</b></p> <p>"Highbury", 32 Park Shaw, Sedlescombe T: 01424 870421</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Established 1963 <i>Specialists</i> <i>in all types of garden</i> <i>landscaping</i></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CUTTING EDGES MOWER SERVICES</b></p> <p>Unit 4, Bowlings Corner, Marley Lane, Sedlescombe T: 01424 871170 F: 01424 871180 E: <a href="mailto:cemowers@tiscali.co.uk">cemowers@tiscali.co.uk</a> <i>We sell a complete range of garden</i> <i>machinery (all prices) including all types of</i> <i>lawn mowers, chainsaws, hedgecutters,</i> <i>trimmers etc.</i> <i>We service and repair any garden equipment</i> <i>both domestic and professional.</i></p>
GOLF/MEETINGS	HERBALIST
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SEDLSCOMBE GOLF COURSE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Conference facilities Meeting rooms</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OPEN TO ALL 01424 871700</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.sedlescombegolfclub.co.uk">www.sedlescombegolfclub.co.uk</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JACKIE SAULL-HUNT BSc MCPP MEDICAL HERBALIST</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">T: 01424 871679 M: 07765 710337</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Clinic in High Street, Battle. Can help</i> <i>with digestive problems, menopausal</i> <i>symptoms, skin disorders, stress,</i> <i>depression etc.</i></p>
MASSAGE	OAK
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MASSAGE THERAPY</b></p> <p>Treatment Room at The Yoga School 825 The Ridge, St Leonards-on-Sea TN37 7PX</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Andrea Hanagarth (ITEC)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">T: 01424 870 942 M: 07949 607 865 E: <a href="mailto:ahanagarth@aol.com">ahanagarth@aol.com</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FLEETMARK LTD. (Sedlescombe)</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">M: 07768 846800 F: 01424 870722</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECLAIMED MATERIALS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Oak Beams - Old and New Planks, Boards etc.</p>


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PLANNING	PLUMBING
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLANNING CONSULTANT - CCM</b>                      Suite 2, Langton House, 81 High Street,                      Battle TN33 0AQ  <b>Peter Scott BA(TP) MRTPI</b>                      Chartered Town Planner                      T: 01424 775586, F: 01424 773214                      E: <a href="mailto:peterscott@ccm95.co.uk">peterscott@ccm95.co.uk</a>  <i>All aspects of professional planning advice                      including: Planning Applications &amp; Appeals,                      Enforcement &amp; Dispute Resolution, Expert                      Witness</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>G.S.C. PLUMBING &amp; HEATING                      ENGINEERS LTD.</b>                      T: 01424 870957                      M: 07855 485189                      CORGI REG.NO.203445 OFTEC Registered  <i>Boiler exchanges, central heating                      installations, power flushing of central                      heating, landlord certificates, gas                      appliance servicing. All plumbing work                      undertaken</i></p> 
QUANTITY SURVEYOR	REFLEXOLOGY
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>QUANTITY SURVEYOR - CCM</b>                      Suite 2, Langton House, 81 High Street,                      Battle TN33 0AQ  <b>Martin R Hall ICIQB</b>                      T: 01424 775586, F: 01424 773214                      E: <a href="mailto:martinhall@ccm95.co.uk">martinhall@ccm95.co.uk</a>  <i>Professional and technical construction                      support services including: Quantity Surveying                      &amp; Estimating, Project Advice &amp; Management                      and Dispute Resolution of all types of                      Building Projects.</i></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Julie Deane</b>  <b>Member of The British Reflexology                      Association</b>  <b>T: 01424 870013</b>                      Clinic in Sedlescombe                      Appointments daytime and evenings                      Local home visits available</p>
SHOPS	SHOP
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BRIDGE GARAGE ANTIQUES &amp;                      COLLECTABLES SHOWROOM</b>                      01424 871424                      Open 7 days from 10am  <b>13 'shops' under 1 roof</b>  <b>ALL THINGS 'ANCIENT &amp; MODERN'</b>                      Art, books, glass, china &amp; household,                      jewellery, pine &amp; other quality furniture,                      records, cd's, dvd's and MUCH, MUCH MORE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SHOP &amp; POST OFFICE</b>                      John &amp; Jenny Mainwood                      Sedlescombe Village Stores Ltd.  <b>COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE – BEST VILLAGE                      SHOP/POST OFFICE – SE REGION 2006</b>                      T: 01424 870250  <i>Groceries, in store bakery, newsagent, off-                      licence, confectionery, tobacco, cash                      machine, DVD hire, photocopier, fax &amp;                      laminating services. Agents for dry-cleaning &amp;                      laundry, shoe repairs and film processing.</i></p>

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SIGNWRITER	SKIP HIRE
<p>Mrs J Chapman, Ashdown Cottage, Cottage Lane, Sedlescombe T: 01424 870520 <i>House names signs etc.</i></p> <p>..... AUTHOR OF: <b>"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"</b> <i>A pictorial history of the Village &amp;</i> <b>"HOP-SCOTCH &amp; SPINNING TOPS"</b> <i>The history of the old Primary School</i></p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HAV-A-SKIP LTD.</b></p> <p>Skip hire throughout Battle &amp; Rother area For a fast, efficient and friendly service</p> <p><b>CONTACT:</b> 01424 756677 <a href="http://www.hav-a-skip.co.uk">www.hav-a-skip.co.uk</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WE DON'T TALK RUBBISH - WE TALK RECYCLING!</b></p>
time to talk speech and language therapy 	TAXI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned how much your child is talking?</li> <li>Do you or others find it difficult to understand them?</li> <li>Are you worried that they don't seem to understand?</li> <li>Is your child struggling to interact with others?</li> </ul> <p>Then it's <b>time to talk...</b> Tel: 01424 871158 Web: <a href="http://www.time-to-talk.co.uk">www.time-to-talk.co.uk</a> Mob: 07842 886937 Email: <a href="mailto:rachaelbrown@time-to-talk.co.uk">rachaelbrown@time-to-talk.co.uk</a></p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONQUEROR'S TAXIS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fully licensed and insured</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reliable local firm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Local, long distance, airports</p> <p style="text-align: center;">T: 01424 87 1066</p>
TAXI	TAXI
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SEDLSCOMBE HIRE CAR</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Licensed private hire taxi</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Long and short journeys</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Established 20 years</p> <p>Contact: H.Hannam 01424 870397 or Mobile 07770 478516</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>01424 777776</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Local ~ Long Distance ~ Airports</b> <b>Cruise Ports ~ Stations ~ Euro-Star</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Friendly, courteous and reliable service, for Battle and surrounding area</i></p>

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TILES	VINEYARD
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>ALDRSHAW TRULY HANDMADE TILES</b></p> <p>Pokehold Wood, Kent Street, Sedlescombe TN33 0SD</p> <p>T: 01424 756777 F: 01424 756888</p> <p>E: <a href="mailto:tiles@aldershaw.co.uk">tiles@aldershaw.co.uk</a></p> <p>W: <a href="http://www.aldershaw.co.uk">www.aldershaw.co.uk</a></p> <p><i>Handmade roof tiles including Kent and Sussex "peg" tiles. Handmade terracotta floor tiles and mathematical tiles</i></p> </div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>SEDLSCOMBE ORGANIC VINEYARD</b></p> <p>Cripps Corner, Staplecross FREEPHONE 0800 980 2884</p> <p>F: 01580 830122</p> <p>E: <a href="mailto:enquiries@EnglishOrganicWine.co.uk">enquiries@EnglishOrganicWine.co.uk</a></p> <p>W: <a href="http://www.EnglishOrganicWine.co.uk">www.EnglishOrganicWine.co.uk</a></p> <p><i>Vineyard, winery, shop selling award-winning wine, fruit juices etc. Nature Trail and wine tasting. Bluebell walk in Spring.</i></p> <p><b>OPEN DAILY FROM EASTER</b></p> </div> </div>
WATERPROOF TORCHES	YOGA
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Waterproof Box Company</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>PELI™</b> <small>You break it, we replace it...forever</small></p> <p><b>AUTHORISED ONLINE DISTRIBUTOR</b></p> </div> <p>For all boxes and torches from Peli Products. Proprietor: Dave Brabants Call 07850 690054</p> <p><a href="http://www.waterproofbox.co.uk">www.waterproofbox.co.uk</a> email: <a href="mailto:sales@dbslondon.co.uk">sales@dbslondon.co.uk</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE YOGA SCHOOL</b></p> <p>825 The Ridge, St Leonards-on-Sea TN37 7PX <b>Andrea Hanagarth</b></p> <p>T: 01424 870 972, M: 07949 607 865</p> <p>E: <a href="mailto:ahanagarth@aol.com">ahanagarth@aol.com</a></p> <p><i>Yoga for all ages &amp; levels of fitness Andrea is a registered Yoga Teacher and offers classes &amp; private tuition throughout the week in a fully-equipped studio. Please phone or e-mail for more information and timetable</i></p>
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## ORGANISATIONS, SOCIETIES AND MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

### *Babies, Children & Young People*

#### **BABIES – Child Welfare Clinic- established 1954**



**WHEN:** 2<sup>ND</sup> Thursday in month **TIME:** 13:30-15:30

**WHERE:** Sedlescombe Village Hall Committee Room 2 (side entrance)

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** No appointment needed

**CONTACT:** Mrs M Irwin, "The Anchorage, Hawkhurst Road, Sedlescombe 01424 870570. *The Clinic provides a venue for mothers and babies to seek advice and help from a qualified Health Visitor, to meet other mothers and to record the child's progress (two-year-old tests are carried out by the Health Visitor and recorded).*

#### **TODDLERS - Jellybeans**



**WHEN:** Every Tuesday **TIME:** 10:00-12:00

**WHERE:** Sedlescombe Village Hall

**CONTACT:** Caitlin Wheatley 01424 870162

*A friendly and welcoming Parent/Carer & Toddler Group run by Mums. We have lots of Toys.*

#### **PRE-SCHOOL**

**WHEN:** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays **TIME:** 09:15-15:00



**WHERE:** Sedlescombe Village Hall

**CONTACT:** Jackie Sault-Hunt 01424 871679 or 07765 710337

*Childcare for 2-5-year-olds. Come and visit our friendly team and see the children work and play.*

#### **PRIMARY SCHOOL – Sedlescombe C E Primary School**



**WHERE:** Gammons Way, Sedlescombe, Battle, East Sussex.

**CONTACT:** Headteacher: Mrs Marian Ham 01424 870585

Email: [office@sedlescombecep.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@sedlescombecep.e-sussex.sch.uk)

Website: [www.sedlescombecep.e-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.sedlescombecep.e-sussex.sch.uk)

There are 174 children on roll, aged 4-11 years. The school has six classes and is built in a beautiful, peaceful location within the Village. All staff firmly believe, and work hard to achieve the vision: **Every child matters ~ Together we enjoy learning ~ Together we achieve ~ Together we succeed.** *We have high standards and are particularly noted for our music, sport and art achievements, and for our forward thinking developments in 'Brain based learning' and 'Makaton' sign language. We believe in the whole development of every child. We welcome parent/carers helpers and helpers from the local community. We are an active, exciting, hard-working school with bright, stimulating learning environments, and with a warm, caring ethos. Visits to our school are always welcomed.*

## **SCHOOL ICT SUITE**

**CONTACT:** Mrs M Ham, Headteacher 01424 870585

[head@sedlescombecep.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:head@sedlescombecep.e-sussex.sch.uk)

*The Village School has a high quality ICT Suite for use by children of the school and the local community. Courses are run in the evenings for adults of the Village.*

## **PESTALOZZI INTERNATIONAL VILLAGE, SEDLESCOMBE**

The logo for Pestalozzi International Village, Sedlescombe. It features the word "pestalozzi" in a lowercase, cursive-style font. The letter "o" is replaced by a solid black circle. A thin, curved line underlines the text.

Pestalozzi scholarships change the lives of exceptionally bright but extremely poor young people from Africa and Asia.

Aged 16-19, the students live at the campus in Sedlescombe for two years and take the International Baccalaureate Diploma. Too poor to afford further education, these remarkable youngsters would otherwise be destined to continue the cycles of extreme poverty endured by their parents and the generations before them. Living and working side by side, they learn international understanding, breaking down the barriers that lead to conflict.

Pestalozzi is a local charity offering a long term solution to poverty and inequality through education. For more information on how you can support the Trust contact 01424 870444 or visit [www.pestalozzi.org.uk](http://www.pestalozzi.org.uk). Registered Charity Number 1098422.

### ***Pestalozzi International Development Education Centre***

**PIDEC** is part of a network of development education centres recognised by the Development Education Association; it acts as an educational link between the Pestalozzi International Village Trust and the wider community, catering to local schools, companies and special needs and community groups, reaching more than 7,000 people/year. PIDEDEC aims to promote development and environmental education and international understanding. It has a Resources Centre, a walled garden and access to the estate and can offer a range of courses and activities.

**CONTACT:** 01424 870444, [pidec@pestalozzi.org.uk](mailto:pidec@pestalozzi.org.uk)

**1066 Rotaract Club.** Rotaract is part of the Rotary organisation for people aged 17-25; the Club operates under the aegis of the Rotary Club of Battle. New members are very welcome. Regular meetings are held at the Pestalozzi International Village on Saturday mornings (usually 11:30am but subject to change) from September to June.

**CONTACT:** **Rotaract President 01424 871192** (evenings & weekends only) or the Student Programme Co-ordinator on 01424 870444 (office hours).

## Churches

### **SEDLESCOMBE CHURCH BELLRINGERS**

**WHERE:** Parish Church **WHEN:** Every Wednesday. **TIME:** 7.30pm

**CONTACT:** Jane Blanford, Carpenters Barn Farm, Kent Street, Sedlescombe O1424 751298

### **PARISH CHURCH (awaiting Priest-in-Charge)**

**WHERE:** St John the Baptist Parish Church, Church Hill, Sedlescombe

**WHEN:** SUNDAYS AT 10:00 – PARISH COMMUNION, JUNIOR & YOUTH CHURCH

**CONTACT:**

Churchwardens – Peggy Evenden 01424 774722 or David Green 01424 870562

NEW BEGINNINGS SHORT WORSHIP SERVICE monthly in School, dates as advertised

ROOTZ 'N' SHOOTZ CHRISTIAN CLUB FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEARS 2-6, as advertised

**CONTACT:** Helen Ormrod 01424 772473

### **CHAPEL HILL CHURCH (United Reformed)**

**WHERE:** Chapel Hill, Sedlescombe

**WHEN:** Services on Sundays at 10:30. Coffee Mornings on Wednesdays 10:30-12:00.

**CONTACT:** Roy Smith, 15 Gorselands, Sedlescombe 01424 870431

E-mail: [roysmith19@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:roysmith19@tiscali.co.uk)

**MINISTER:** Rev.Roy Cole 01424 850961

## Fund Raising

### **FRIENDS OF SEDLESCOMBE PARISH CHURCH HERITAGE TRUST**

**CONTACT:** Mrs S J Brown 01580 830813 to become a friend.

*This charitable trust was established by the late Beryl Lucey for the purpose of assisting in maintenance and restoration of our beautiful 12<sup>th</sup> century Parish Church and its Churchyard. It provides a means for anyone in the community to contribute to ensuring the long-term survival of this historic building. Several fund-raising events are organised throughout the year.*

### **FRIENDS OF PESTALOZZI ESTATE**

**CONTACT:** Pestalozzi International Village Trust 01424 870444.

See notice board for dates and times of events. Subscription £5 individuals, £10 families.

Committee chaired by Dr Patrick Roper. *The Pestalozzi Estate consists of about 70*

*hectares of predominantly woodland and pasture in the High Weald. The land is managed for the benefit of conservation, informal recreation and landscape value and local people are invited to participate in furthering these objectives.*

### **SEDLESCOMBE PAVILION FUND**

The Sedlescombe Pavilion Fund is a group formed to work together organising and co-ordinating fundraising events around the village and local area. They also work towards raising awareness for the need for a new sports pavilion in Sedlescombe.

*They are working alongside the Parish Council towards raising funds through grants, sponsorship and a series of events which will take place over this year and beyond. Progress and coming events are updated in the Sedlescombe Observer Village Voice column. If you would like to show your support through sponsorship, donations, spreading the word or maybe even hosting an event, please contact Judy Torrance 01424 870344, Ralph Dellow 01424 870223 or Grant Burberry 01424 870228.*

### **ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE – SEDLESCOMBE HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUP**

**CONTACT:** Mrs S Beaney, 11 East View Terrace, Sedlescombe TN33 0PY 01424 870688  
*The Hospice Support Group has been supporting St Michael's Hospice from its groundroofs to the present day. Over the years, the Group has raised well over £1,000 annually. There are 3-4 events each year and the Group is always grateful for any help. This group of six volunteers, with the help of the Village, will go on supporting the Hospice in the future.*

### **SEDLESCOMBE SOCIETIES' ASSOCIATION**

**CONTACT:** Chairman -Mrs R Farley, 01424 870533  
*Arranges annual fete to raise funds for local Village organisations.*

## **Information**

**ALLOTMENTS.** Sedlescombe's allotments are privately-owned by Mr P Thomas, 01424 870494. The entrance to the allotments can be found between Bulmer House and Barrack Cottage at the southern end of the Village Green.

### **ROTHER CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

**WHEN:** Mon 9am-12noon & 2pm-4pm; Tue 10am to 4pm; Wed 10am-12noon & 2pm-4pm, Thurs 10am to 4pm, Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm.

**WHERE:** Bank Chambers, Buckhurst Road, Bexhill-on-Sea  
Outreach at Langton Hall, High Street, Battle on Mondays 10am to 12 noon.

**CONTACT:** 01424 215055 & 734549 [www.rotherdistrictcab.org.uk](http://www.rotherdistrictcab.org.uk)  
*Offers free advice and information on matters like debt, housing and legal proceedings. Volunteers to train as advisers always needed.*

## **CRIME PREVENTION**

### **Community Contact Scheme (formerly Neighbourhood Watch by e-mail)**

Operated by Sussex Police, Safer Rother Partnership and the Community. Members receive e-mail bulletins re:

- Sussex Police on crime, crime prevention, “good news” in the fight against local crime, traffic accident appeals etc.
- The Sussex Police Authority with news, meetings and surveys.
- East Sussex Trading Standards regarding scams, rogue traders, etc.
- Community Safety messages from the Safer Rother Partnership, Rother District Council, East Sussex County Council and East Sussex Fire and Rescue Services.

To join please send an e-mail to [cc.registration@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:cc.registration@sussex.pnn.police.uk) and also advise of your postcode and contact phone number. All messages are sent out as blind copy so members’ e-mail addresses remain confidential and addresses are securely held on the Police computer.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

**CONTACTS:** Jean Dellow (Chief Co-ordinator) 01424 870223, Pauline Glew (Treasurer) 01424 870258, Sally Martin (Secretary) 01424 870353, Reg Glew (Member) 01424 870258, Ralph Dellow (Member) 01424 870223.

*Sedlescombe Neighbourhood Watch:*

- *Offers home security advice and will fit security equipment if needed. This offer is free of charge but is subject to availability of funds.*
- *Loans an engraving appliance free of charge.*
- *Will pay the installation charge and first month’s rent for Lifeline for Sedlescombe residents.*

## **POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER (PCSO)**

**CONTACT:** PCSO for Sedlescombe, Whatlington and Mountfield

*All new non-emergency calls should be reported on 0845 60 70 999*

*Sedlescombe’s Neighbourhood Specialist Sergeant is Sarah Porter. Comments or suggestions regarding the team should be e-mailed to*

*[sarah.porter@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sarah.porter@sussex.pnn.police.uk).*

**\*\*\*In the event of an emergency dial 999\*\*\***

## **SEDLSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL EMERGENCY PLAN**

**CONTACTS:**

- Bill Cameron 01424 870013 – south end of Village (to also liaise with Pestalozzi)
- Pat Martin 01424 870353, Jonathan Vine-Hall 07800 831629, John Reynolds 01424 870956 – north end of Village
- Jenny Mitchell 01424 870707, Sylvia Beaney 01424 870688 – east end of Village (both village hall keyholders)
- Anthony Rand 01424 870722 – west end of Village

## **FIREWORKS**

PLEASE REMEMBER:



- It is an offence to let off fireworks in a public place or alter them without a licence from HSE.
- Subject to exceptions, no fireworks to be set off between 23:00 and 07:00.
- Exceptions – On New Year's Eve, Chinese New Year and Diwali, displays can continue until 01:00. On 5 November, fireworks can be let off until midnight.
- Retailers selling fireworks all year round must apply for a licence.
- It is an offence for anyone under 18 to possess adult fireworks in public.

## **HIRE OF HALLS**

### **Chapel Hill Church**

**CONTACT:** Roy Smith 01424 870431 [roysmith19@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:roysmith19@tiscali.co.uk) *The well-heated, comfortable, multifunction chapel, seating 45, and the smaller meeting room, are available for use by other village groups, under certain conditions. Includes toilet and basic kitchen, also overhead projector and fixed screen. Please contact the Secretary above for details.*

### **Sedlescombe Village Hall**

**CONTACT for further information and bookings:** Mrs Jacqui Post 01424 870350, [post688@btinternet.com](mailto:post688@btinternet.com). Secretary: Reg Glew 01424 870258  
*Established originally in 1920 and completely rebuilt in 2001, this superb facility is available for hire. The hall has a fully-equipped stage and two committee rooms. Excellent kitchen facilities and car parking are also available.*

## **LIBRARIES**

### **Sedlescombe Village Library – established 1953**



**WHEN:** Tuesdays. **TIME:** 13:30-15:30

**WHERE:** Village Hall, Committee Room 2, side entrance

**CONTACT:** Mrs S Bonney, Highfield Cottage, Church Hill, Sedlescombe 01424 870517

*A number of books are exchanged approximately each month at Battle Library to keep stocks updated. Open to all. Talking books and large print books are also available.*

### **Mobile Library**

**WHEN:** Alternate Thursdays. **TIME:** 10:55-11:35

**WHERE:** Park Shaw, Sedlescombe

**CONTACT:** 01424 420501

*Books for adults and children, DVDs and videos, talking books and reference materials.*

## **Battle Library**

**WHEN:** Tuesday to Saturday, closed Sunday and Monday

**WHERE:** 7 Market Square, Battle TN33 0XA (Opposite Fire Station)

**CONTACT:** 01424 772250 [library.battle@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:library.battle@eastsussex.gov.uk)

*Books for loan and reference, DVDs and talking books for hire, local history material, free internet and computer access, Rhymetime, display facilities, photocopier, disabled access*

## **LIFT SCHEME**



**CONTACT:** Parish Councillor Pauline Glew, 01424 870258

*The Parish Council started this informal scheme to help Sedlescombe residents who are finding it difficult to attend hospital/surgery appointments because of lack of transport. A list of names of drivers who are willing to provide lifts is published (see Parish Council notice board outside shop) and those wanting lifts simply make a telephone call to any one on the list and pay the driver (amount subject to change).*

## **NEWS**

**Parish News** is a news-sheet produced by a small team of volunteers and is available weekly, price 20p, from Sedlescombe Stores. Leave items for inclusion in Parish News in the Stores by 12 noon on Wednesdays.

**Notice board.** Items for posting on the Parish Council board outside the shop should be left in Sedlescombe Stores or, alternatively, delivered to the Clerk.



**Village Voice column of Rye and Battle Observer.** Sedlescombe news can be seen in the weekly column where contact details can be found.

**Parish Council website.** [www.sedlescombe.org.uk](http://www.sedlescombe.org.uk) is the address of the Council's website. This site is full of information about the Council and its work in Sedlescombe. This is also the place to look for links to other useful sites. Why not make it your "Home Page" so that you visit often to keep up-to-date.

## **RECYCLING**

### **ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL RECYCLING SERVICES**

**CONTACT:** Mr Fergus Cameron, Services Directorate, 14 Beeching Road, Bexhill-on-Sea 01424 787580, [recycling@rother.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@rother.gov.uk). Website - [www.rother.gov.uk/environment](http://www.rother.gov.uk/environment).

**DOORSTEP COLLECTIONS.** Sedlescombe residents are being asked to sort their rubbish into different boxes and leave them outside their properties on collection days, so that the maximum amount can be recycled. Plastic bottles type 1, 2 and 3 (tops removed), steel and aluminium cans and empty aerosols go in the black box. Newspapers, magazines and other white fibre paper go in the green box. Leaves, grass, cuttings and small branches go in the green wheelie bin, if you have one. Anything else goes in the black wheelie bin.

**BRING CENTRE AT BREDE LANE CAR PARK, SEDLESCOMBE** is one of 38 recycling points in Rother. You can recycle paper, glass, books, textiles, cans, plastic (01, 02, 03 on base). White telephone directories.

**MOUNTFIELD WASTE RECYCLING SITE** managed on behalf of East Sussex County Council. Household rubbish brought to the site by the householder is accepted free of charge. Cardboard can be recycled at this site.

### **TRADING STANDARDS – BUY WITH CONFIDENCE APPROVED TRADER LIST**



The Buy with Confidence scheme puts consumers in touch with approved traders who have agreed to provide high standards of customer service, including dealing promptly with any complaints. Only if businesses pass stringent checks can they display the Buy with Confidence Logo. The list of approved traders runs from builders to wine merchants and from chauffeurs to upholsterers. See [www.eastsussex.gov.uk](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk) for details.

### **TRANSPORT**

**BATTLE AREA COMMUNITY TRANSPORT** run regular bus services from the Sedlescombe area to Battle on Tuesdays and Fridays, and to Battle and Hastings (Sainsburys) on Wednesdays. Sixteen seaters can also be hired by any local organisation for trips at competitive prices; on these wheelchairs can be accommodated. Timetables and quotes can be obtained from the office on Tel: 01424 772001

## ***Recreation***

### **ARCHERY – HASTINGS & ST LEONARDS BOWMEN established 1955**



**WHEN:** Most Tuesdays and Thursdays from spring to autumn (weather permitting). **TIME:** 6.30pm to 9pm

**WHERE:** Sedlescombe Sportsfield

**CONTACT:** Chris Chedzoy (Club Secretary), The Limes, Off Butchers Lane, Three Oaks - 01424 814445.

Indoor shooting, generally once a week in winter. The venue varies from year to year.

*The Club moved to Sedlescombe Sportsfield in 1986 where we enjoy virtually unrestricted use of part of the ground. We participate in Target Archery to a very competitive standard. We can provide coaching to new members during the summer months using Club-provided equipment. If anyone is interested in having a go, we can arrange a trial session. We are a small club but shoot to a very good County standard.*



## **BADMINTON in Village Hall**



**CONTACT:** Shirley Davies 01424 870475

## **SEDLESCOMBE CRICKET CLUB – established 1768**



**WHEN:** Sundays **TIME:** 2.30pm

**WHERE:** Sedlescombe Sportsfield for home games

**CONTACT:** Geoff Hillier, 3 Maudlin Court, De Cham Road, St Leonards-on-Sea – 01424 422107

*The Club plays its main matches on Sunday afternoons during the season and maintains the traditions of amateur sport by engaging in friendly matches (rather than league matches). It does however play in the local indoor league during the winter months. It welcomes new players. Potential recruits phone Aaron Maynard 01424 430526.*

## **SEDLESCOMBE NETBALL CLUB – established 2007**



**CONTACTS:** Sue 07710 110 767, Sarah 07941 553 517 for further details

*Come and join us for netball training and match play in a friendly, fun atmosphere! All abilities, all ages 16+.*

## **SEDLESCOMBE RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB – established 1980**

Training on Saturday mornings (winter training at Claremont School on all-weather surface). Matches on Sundays. Football for boys and girls from 5 years of age upwards.

**CONTACT:** Fred Ham 07802 621047 for details.

## **SUPPORT FOOTBALL IN SEDLESCOMBE – SEDLESCOMBE FC (SENIOR)**

Based at Oaklands Park. Two teams within the East Sussex League. Full training facilities pre and during season. Players and supporters new and old most welcome.



**CONTACT:** Paul White 01424 442277 (daytime); 07734 943473 (evenings and weekends).

## **SHORT MAT BOWLS - Established June 2006**

**WHEN:** Meets each Tuesday and Thursday. **TIME:** 2.30-4.30pm

**WHERE:** Sedlescombe Village Hall (3 bowling mats).

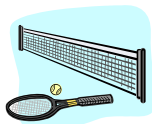
**CONTACTS:** Mr R Harris, Chairman 01424 871415, Mr C Clark, Secretary 01424 871441, Mr C Boyd, Treasurer 01424 870076. Contact any officer for further details. Membership 28. Annual fee £5 +£2 each session.

## **SPORTS ASSOCIATION**

An umbrella organisation that promotes sport and manages provision of facilities for sport at Sedlescombe sportsfield. The membership comes from clubs that use the sportsfield.

**CONTACT:** Jenny Mitchell (Secretary), 16 East View Terrace, Sedlescombe 01424 870707 for further information and field bookings.

## **TENNIS**



Sedlescombe Parish Council manages two hard tennis courts at the Riverside Playing Field (next to Bridge Garage). They are available free of charge. NB If you need to arrive by car, please park in the road or in the public car park in Brede Lane.

## **CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS**

**Riverside.** If you have a child who is 12 and under, there is a good playground with modern equipment situated in The Street, Sedlescombe next to Bridge Garage Antiques. You can find it behind the tennis courts. The ground is managed by the Sedlescombe Playing Field and Recreation Ground Trust.

**East View Terrace Kickabout Area.** The Parish Council is the freeholder of a small hard-surfaced area at East View Terrace. There are two storm shooter football goals and two basketball hoops.

## **FOOTPATHS & FOOTPATH LEAFLETS**

East Sussex County Council is the authority responsible for maintenance of public rights of way although a lot of practical work is carried out in Sedlescombe by volunteers keen to improve public access to the countryside. The Parish Council has published a colourful leaflet describing several walks around the Village. Copies can be obtained in Sedlescombe Stores, price £1.



## **Social Clubs**

### **SEDLSCOMBE & DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY**

**WHERE:** Sedlescombe Village Hall for meetings

**SECRETARY:** Helen Hill, 88 Hastings Road, Battle TN33 0TQ 01424 775068

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:** Bob Harris, 4 Streetlands, Sedlescombe 01424 871415

See noticeboard on shop frontage for dates and times of events.

*Speakers, outings, shows, plant market etc. Anyone with an interest in plants is welcome to join. Discounts on purchases for gardening items available to members.*

### **LUNCH CLUB** – established 2001

**WHEN:** Last Tuesday of each month. **TIME:** 12 noon.

**WHERE:** Queen's Head Public House 01424 870228

**CONTACT:** Ron Sunderland 01424 870801

£7.95 for two-course meal and a hot drink.

*The Lunch Club gives people the opportunity to have a meal in pleasant company in friendly surroundings. Anyone over 60 may join and transport can be arranged. There is always room so please ring if you would like to join or know of anyone who may be interested.*

### **OLD TIME DANCE CLUB** – established 1949

**WHEN:** Every Friday, October to May. **TIME:** 7.30pm to 10.15pm

**WHERE:** Northiam Village Hall

**CONTACT:** Miss P Webb, Bankhurst, Sedlescombe 01424 870448

Subscription £1 (90 members)

*Emphasis is given to ensuring members enjoy the social atmosphere of Old Time & Modern Sequence dancing to familiar tunes. New members, from the experienced to the novice, are given a warm welcome and established members are always happy to help newcomers to settle in.*

### **SEDLSCOMBE PLAYERS**

**WHEN:** Mondays when rehearsing. **TIME:** 7.30pm to 9.30pm

**WHERE:** Sedlescombe Village Hall

**CONTACT:** Tara Buchanan (Chairman) 01424 870694

Subscription £5 p.a.

*The Players are a friendly group of people who meet to read plays and rehearse for performances. We put on two performances each year. After expenses have been met, donations have been made to the Village Hall Fund for improvements and equipment and to St Michael's Hospice. We now have a lively group of youngsters and would be delighted to welcome new members of all ages. You don't have to act. We need help in all sorts of ways and everyone has their own individual talent.*

### **THURSDAY CLUB**

**WHEN:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in month. **TIME:** 10am to 12 noon

**WHERE:** Sedlescombe Village Hall

**CONTACT:** Mr G Pexton 01424 870483

*Open to men and women, speakers on general topics.*

### **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE – SEDLESCOMBE (AFTERNOON)**

**WHEN:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in month. **TIME:** 2pm

**WHERE:** Sedlescombe Village Hall

**CONTACT:** Mrs J Cornish, Wendymill House, Chapel Hill, Sedlescombe TN33 0QX 01424 870319

*At our meetings, we have a very wide range of speakers for all interests, and have craft, cookery and gardening classes throughout the year. We participate in County and Group events and cater for light lunches and teas for parties visiting the Village.*

### **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE – SEDLESCOMBE GREEN (EVENING)** established 1975

**WHEN:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in month. **TIME:** 7.30pm

**WHERE:** Sedlescombe Village Hall

**CONTACT:** Mrs S Beaney, 11 East View Terrace, Sedlescombe 01424 870688

*We are a friendly group meeting monthly with a speaker or some other activity. We join in craft classes and County Events and take part in Group activities and meetings. In addition, we supply tea to visiting Groups.*

## **Welfare**

### **EAST SUSSEX DISABILITY ASSOCIATION (ESDA) – Sedlescombe & Westfield Branch** established 1970

**WHEN:** 2<sup>ND</sup> Thursday in the month – monthly lunch outings to pubs and restaurants and also an annual coffee morning in April. No subscription (25 members) £3.50 towards lunch. Collection by specially adapted coach.

*East Sussex Disability Association is a registered charity which provides a wide range of services to disabled people in the area including help with benefit claims, employment and holidays. There is a permanent display of disability equipment and an occupational therapist at our head office in Eastbourne [www.esda.org.uk](http://www.esda.org.uk). If you are interested in joining our group or helping, please contact **Delia Box, Woodstock, Churchland Lane, Sedlescombe 01424 870945, [drbox@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:drbox@tiscali.co.uk).***

### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, SEDLESCOMBE BRANCH** - established 17-11-1930

**WHEN:** Meetings 3rd Wednesday each month. **TIME:** 10:30-12:00

**WHERE:** Queen's Head Public House

**CONTACT:** Chairman, Mr N Wright 01424 225101

*The Legion looks after the welfare of ex-service personnel and dependants. Membership is open to all who wish to support the R.B.L. Annual subscription is £12.50 which includes £1.50 for branch funds. If you would like to become a Poppy Appeal collector, your help would be very much appreciated.*

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## Did you know that SEDLESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL?.....

- ✓ Was the first Parish Council out of 32 in the Rother District to achieve Quality Status in July 2004. Re-accreditation is due in 2008.
- ✓ Has nine members who are elected every four years (next election is due in May 2011) and employs one member of staff, the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, for 20 hours/week.
- ✓ Holds between 40 and 50 Council or Committee meetings a year, all of which are open to the public. Agendas are posted on the noticeboard outside Sedlescombe Stores and on the [www.sedlescombe.org.uk](http://www.sedlescombe.org.uk) website.
- ✓ Publishes and delivers a "Bulletin" in July, September and January as well as the Annual Report and Directory in April.
- ✓ Built and maintains the Parish Council website. New site March 2008.
- ✓ Receives, via the local Council Tax, about 85p/week from a Band D Council Taxpayer to meet the cost of the services it provides.
- ✓ Is the sole trustee and manager of the Sedlescombe Playing Field Trust (tennis courts/playground area at the Riverside).
- ✓ Owns and maintains the East View Kickabout Area.
- ✓ Owns and maintains the Red Barn Field Nature Park.
- ✓ Is the registered owner of the Village Green and is responsible for its maintenance.
- ✓ Owns the freehold of the sportsfield and has leased the land to the Sedlescombe Sports Association for 30 years from 2005.
- ✓ Cuts the grass at the Brede Lane Car Park on behalf of Rother District Council.
- ✓ Owns and maintains litter bins and seats.
- ✓ Employs a contractor to collect litter in the playgrounds.
- ✓ Serves hedge-cutting letters, maintains road guide posts and carries out rights of way maintenance for East Sussex County Council.
- ✓ Has published "Footpath Walks Around Sedlescombe", "A Walk through History in Sedlescombe", A Parish Plan, A Parish Map, "A Century of Village Life in Sedlescombe", A Local History DVD, A "Waste Not" leaflet, a Sedlescombe Emergency Plan, a Wildlife Gardening leaflet.

## SEDLESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

2008 dates – Meetings usually held in one of the Village Hall Committee Rooms

Tuesday 29 April	Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting	19:30 in Hall (tables on view from 19:00)
Tuesday 6 May	Crime & Safety Committee	10:00
Tuesday 13 May	Annual Meeting	19:00
Tuesday 1 July	Crime & Safety Committee	10:00
Tuesday 1 July	Finance Committee	19:30
Tuesday 8 July	Parish Council Meeting	19:00
Tuesday 2 September	Crime & Safety Committee	10:00
Tuesday 9 September	Parish Council Meeting	19:00
Tuesday 21 October	Finance Committee	19:30
Tuesday 4 November	Crime & Safety Committee	10:00
Tuesday 11 November	Parish Council Meeting	19:00
Tuesday 9 December	Finance Committee	19:30

Dates and times of meetings are subject to change. In addition to the above-mentioned meetings, other Parish Council Committees and Working Groups will meet regularly as required.

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