

Sedlescombe Parish Council









Annual Report & Directory 2014



SEDLSCOMBE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TIMELINE

Date	Events
February 2013	Parish Council agreed to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan covering the whole of the parish of Sedlescombe
March 2013	Leaflet requesting possible development sites sent to every household in parish
July 2013	£7,000 grant obtained from Department of Communities and Local Government for employment of Planning Consultant
July 2013	1200 survey forms delivered to every household in parish
July 2013	Neil Home of rCOH Ltd - Planning Consultant – appointed
June/July 2013	Councillors met with 3 groups of under-18s to discuss housing
September 2013	Weekend Grand Neighbourhood Plan Exhibition in Village Hall attended by nearly 400 people
Summer 2013	Surveys of businesses and Estate Agents
November 2013	Sedlescombe State of the Parish Report published
December 2013	Rother District Council, Environment Agency, Natural England and English Heritage consulted on Scoping Strategic Environmental Assessment
January 2014	Strategic Environmental Assessment published
January 2014	Exhibition Sites Assessed
March – May 2014	Consultation Pre-Submission (i.e. Draft) Neighbourhood Plan published
Date	Forthcoming Events
06/05/14 at 5pm	Closing date for comments on Draft Plan
June 2014	Expected submission of Draft Plan to Rother District Council for assessment and a further period of consultation
Summer/Autumn 2014	Examination of Draft Plan to be arranged by Rother District Council
Date to be confirmed	REFERENDUM OF SEDLSCOMBE RESIDENTS – if 50% of those voting are in favour – the Plan will be “made” and become part of local Planning Law for Sedlecombe parish

The Parish	Request for Sites	State of the Parish	Environmental Assessment	Site Assessments	Draft Plan
					

TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORS OF SEDLESCOMBE

You are invited to attend the Annual Sedlescombe Parish Meeting to be held in Sedlescombe Village Hall on Tuesday 29 April 2014. Doors open at 6.30pm when you will have an opportunity to look at the tables displayed by local businesses and organisations (PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH CLERK ON 01424 870508 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK A DISPLAY TABLE). There will be a free prize draw for those attending and one for Parish Council volunteers.

Agenda for business part of the meeting, starting at 7pm

1. Chairman's opening remarks
2. Approval of Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30/04/13
3. Short Report from the following
 - Sedlescombe School
 - Pestalozzi International Village
 - Any other representative of a Village organisation who has asked to speak
4. Report of Parish Council Chairman
5. Parish Council Financial Report
6. Electors' question and answer session with County Councillor Angharad Davies, District Councillor Tony Ganly, PCSO Demetrius Georghiou and Cllr Jonathan Vine-Hall

Signed J Vine-Hall, Chairman of the Parish Council

At the end of the business part of the meeting, during the serving of light refreshments, those attending are invited to circulate around the hall to meet Parish Councillors, District and County Councillors, our PCSO and local organisations and businesses.



Last year's Annual Assembly

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN INTRODUCTION

2013 proved to be a very busy year for our Parish Council. The three main focuses were the preparation of the neighbourhood plan, working towards resolving our traffic and parking problems and maintenance within the village.

The first steps in the preparation of the neighbourhood plan have involved considerable work by many volunteers in the collection of information prior to the plan being developed. I would like to thank our clerk and all the volunteers who have invested a considerable amount of their time and our residents for completing the very detailed survey and attending the exhibition last September.

Traffic and parking problems have become the blight of most rural villages and parishes. They are far from easy to solve as the highways department, like many government departments, has had significant reductions in funding against a rising tide of car usage. However, our parking and traffic advisory committee has carried out an important survey which has allowed us to open discussions with the highways department. This means we have a strong factual base for making changes which will attempt to alleviate some of the problems we face without turning our beautiful rural village streets into over lined, over signed urban style roads. Funds have been set aside for improvements in 2014.

Maintenance of a wide range of our village assets is always an issue as there are a considerable number of small and large jobs every year that ultimately would cost our residents more through an increase in the precept paid to the Parish Council. Whilst I would not normally identify one councillor I would like to extend a special thanks to Councillor Chapman who has managed a very detailed maintenance programme throughout 2013 doing many jobs himself and harnessing a considerable number of volunteers. Through this work our residents have been saved many thousands pounds.

Looking forward, the most significant event in 2014 will be the referendum to accept the Sedlescombe Neighbourhood Plan. We hope this will happen in summer 2014 but ultimately it is Rother District Council's responsibility to arrange. The adoption of the plan will deliver two major benefits to our community:-

We as a community will have decided where any development of 6 houses or more will be sited for the next 15 years and the maximum number of houses allowed for each development. This is significant at a time when green fields are at threat of large housing developments.

25% of the soon to be introduced Community Infrastructure Levy will come directly to the Parish for improving our infrastructure as opposed to a capped 15% if we did not have a Neighbourhood Plan. This may seem irrelevant to most residents at the moment but will ensure considerably more funding is available to be used and controlled by our community in years to come.

Please make sure you vote at the referendum and vote for the plan.

Jonathan Vine-Hall, March 2014

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH MEETING OF
SEDLSCOMBE ON Tuesday 30/04/13 in Sedlescombe Village Hall, 19:00
to 20:45 (doors opened from 18:30)**

PRESENT: More than 130 people were present including:

Cllr Jonathan Vine-Hall (Chair of Sedlescombe Parish Council) in the chair
Parish Councillors Peter Anson, Roy Chapman, Rod Eldridge, Pauline Glew, Jenny Mitchell, John Parsons and John Reynolds
Pauline J Raymond (Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer)
County Councillor Peter Jones CBE
District Councillor Tony Ganly
PCSO Demetrius Georghiou

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS. After welcoming those present, Cllr Vine-Hall thanked Ian Barnett and Josh Bishop for their entertaining live music as people arrived at the meeting. Ian was representing The Green Cardigan Music Festival to be held on 6-8 September in the field opposite Sedlescombe Vineyard. Brochures of the Festival were available.

Health and safety information was given and Peter Jones, Tony Ganly and Demi were welcomed. All who advertised in the Sedlescombe Directory prepared by Pauline Raymond were thanked. The Chairman also highlighted David Betts' work in raising funds for an easy-to-use defibrillator now located at the Brickwall Hotel for use by anyone in the community, the Spring Fayre to be held on the Village Green on 11/05/13 in aid of the British Heart Foundation and Derek and Monique Wright's Silver Award for B&B Excellence at Kester House, Sedlescombe. Two prize draws were announced and the donors of the prizes - Brickwall Hotel and Queen's Head were thanked for their generosity.

Eleven display tables had been set up around the hall by:

Sedlescombe Green WI	St John the Baptist Parish Church
Sedlescombe CE Primary School	The Spring Fayre
Sedlescombe Bowls Club	Rother Community Friends
Brede High Woods and the Big Dig	Sedlescombe Garden Society
Sedlescombe Community Speedwatch	Royal British Legion
Pestalozzi International Village	

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH MEETING OF SEDLESCOMBE HELD ON 17/04/12. It was proposed by Joy Witcher and RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting of Sedlescombe held on 17/04/12 are approved.

3. REPORTS. Children from Sedlescombe Primary School and young people from the Pestalozzi International Village had been invited to give short presentations to the meeting.

Sedlescombe School was ably represented by Emily Roper, Reece Errey and Tia Ronald who spoke about the their School day and gave information about their work successes, outings, sports, music, drama and other activities that they enjoy taking part in. Two particular successes were the choir being in the finals of the 1066 Choir Competition for Primary Schools to be held at the White Rock on 17/05/13 and the School Team winning the "Vinehall Annual Maths Competition". They thanked villagers for all their help during the year and invited them to use the swimming pool, now with changing room, and to attend School Assemblies on Mondays and Fridays.

Pestalozzi International Village was represented by Claire Gapare, Pradosh Bista, Timothy Mazai and Nkole Chisanga. Two of them come from Zimbabwe, one from Zambia and the other from Nepal. All spoke inspiringly about what a Pestalozzi scholarship means to them. There are currently fifty students at Pestalozzi from seven nations living together and sharing cultures. Next year, students from Bhutan will join them for the first time. The students have become involved as volunteers with the Sedlescombe Friends Group. They invited local residents to attend evening activities and said how much they would like to be part of the Sedlescombe community.

4. PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. Cllr Vine-Hall's report focused on Superfast Broadband, Volunteering and Neighbourhood Planning.

The Chairman gave the background to the Parish Council's decision to do a Neighbourhood Plan to avoid large developments and to be in control of what happens and where. It was stressed that although the Neighbourhood Plan Project Group facilitates the process, the end result will be what the community says it wants. Everyone was asked to support the forthcoming exhibitions and survey and, in the end, the referendum for the plan. Sedlescombe is currently looking for acceptable sites for 17 houses in groups of 6 or more. This number may increase. The exhibition of possible sites will be held over the weekend of 14 and 15 September. The Neighbourhood Plan process is likely to take a year. Volunteers to help encourage others to participate are needed as is anyone with professional knowledge or experience who can help the group to understand

detailed policies. People were also urged to enrol on the e-mail distribution list and to register for broadband through the www.goesussex.co.uk website. All had been given a slip to complete which also contained the lucky number for the draw. The volunteer raffle was won by Jenny Mitchell.

5. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT. Pauline Raymond gave a report on some of the Parish Council's expenditure during 2012-13. She reported satisfactory completion of the audit of the accounts. Information was also provided on planned expenditure for the 2013-14 financial year including completion of the Multi-use Games Area at the tennis courts.

6. ELECTORS' QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION. A panel consisting of County Councillor Peter Jones CBE, District Councillor Tony Ganly, PCSO Demi and Parish Councillor Jonathan Vine-Hall answered a wide range of questions from the floor. The subjects covered were: Potholes, gritting, yellow lines, housing, grass cutting at Red Barn Field picnic area, litter, dog fouling, Superfast Broadband availability in Sedlescombe, size of vehicles through the Village, speed of vehicles through the Village and along country lanes such as Stream Lane, Sedlescombe Community Speedwatch, Parking & Traffic presentation, speed cameras or speed reactive signs, Operation Crackdown, Parking in Brede Lane, Spilstead Airstrip remodelling, fly-tipping.

The second draw, for those attending the meeting, was won by Mr Wallis.

Peter Jones, attending his final event as a county councillor after sixteen years, was thanked by the Chairman and presented with bottles of wine. In turn Peter congratulated the Parish Council, its Chairmen and its Clerk for being such a successful organisation over so many years.

Finally, the Chairman thanked the councillors and the Clerk and invited those present to stay for refreshments and to talk to those with display tables and also to parish councillors who have particular responsibilities on the Council. He thanked Sylvia Beaney, Rosemary Farley and Margaret Hudson for preparing the refreshments. After a very successful meeting, the hall was clear once again by 21:45.

To be signed by the Chairman at the 2014 Annual Parish Meeting



JONATHAN VINE-HALL 07973 129505 **CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.** Joined the Parish Council in August 2010, has been its Chairman since May 2012. Jonathan is an ex-officio member of every committee and is actively involved in a number of activities including monitoring and maintaining our footpath network and general maintenance. He is Chairman of Sedlescombe Neighbourhood Plan Committee. Jonathan has lived in Sedlescombe since 2003 and farms Hurst Estate between Brede Lane and Cripps Corner. He competes in Western Riding. He is also a trustee for Raystede Centre for Animal Welfare and has 4 rescue dogs and 2 rescue horses.



PAULINE GLEW 01424 870258 **VICE-CHAIRMAN.** Chairman of Finance Committee and ex-officio member of each Council Committee. Pauline joined the Council in 2003. She is the Council's Village Hall Trustee, oversees the working of the Sedlescombe Lift Scheme and is one of the Council's two representatives on the Rother Association of Local Councils. She also represents the Council one and is Treasurer of Sedlescombe Neighbourhood Watch, is a member of the Rother Transport Action Group and is on the Sedlescombe Friendship Club Committee.



ROY CHAPMAN 01424 870520 Member of Planning and Finance Committees and of the Parking & Traffic and Emergency Advisory Committees. Elected in May 2011. Roy has lived in and been associated with Sedlescombe and its surrounding areas for more than 40 years and ran his own building business here. He is a member of Battle & Villages Lions Club and is on the Committee of Sedlescombe & District Garden Society. His interests include photography, the arts and conservation.



SIMON LAWRENCE 07813 899591 Member of Finance Committee, Sedlescombe NHP and Chairman of Sedlescombe Public Playing Field & Recreation Ground Trust. Simon is Sales Manager at Discount Heating Supplies and Sussex Bathrooms and Tiles. Moved from Westfield with family in 2011, after 20 years, 3 of which were as a member of Westfield Parish Council. His wife is a Teaching Assistant at Sedlescombe School, where his two sons attended and daughter is in her final few months.



ROD ELDRIDGE 01424 870983 Member of the Finance and Planning Committees of the Parish Council and Chairman of the Parking & Traffic Advisory Committee. Also member of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee. Co-opted onto the Parish Council in January 2012, Rod is a Chartered Building Engineer. He is retired having previously worked in local government for over 40 years specialising in Town Planning/Building Regulations legislation. Rod is a committee member of Sedlescombe Garden Society with responsibility for organising trips for the group. He has a large garden as well as an allotment. He is President of Battle and Villages Lions Club and a local magistrate.



PETER ANSON 01424 870862 Member of Planning and Finance Committees and Council's representative on the Sedlescombe Sports Association Committee. Co-opted in 2012, Peter is a Chartered Surveyor who recently retired after almost 50 years in the property business specialising in property investment, development and planning. He has lived in Sedlescombe for 15 years and is Chairman of the Restholme Trust and a Managing Trustee of The Revd. George Barnsley Trust. Peter enjoys gardening, fishing, cricket watching and entertaining grandchildren, the latter for limited periods!



LINDSAY FRASER 07814 331907 Lindsay was co-opted to Sedlescombe Parish Council in August 2013 after spending several months as a co-opted member of the Sedlescombe Neighbourhood Project Plan Advisory Committee. She was an active street champion and designed the displays for the Neighbourhood Plan Exhibition in September. She also worked with others on the Business Survey.



JOHN PARSONS 01580 831996 Member of Planning, Neighbourhood Plan, Parking & Traffic and Emergency committees. John moved to Swailes Green in the most northerly part of the parish in 2006 and was co-opted to the Council in July 2012. He is one of the Council's two representatives on the Rother Association of Local Councils and is the Co-ordinator of the Sedlescombe Community Speedwatch Scheme. John is the current Chairman of the Sedlescombe & District Garden Society and represents them on the Village Hall Committee. He also enjoys quizzes, music, genealogy and cooking.



JOHN REYNOLDS 01424 870956 John joined the Parish Council in May 2011 and became Chairman of the Planning Committee since 08/05/12. He is also on the Neighbourhood Plan and Emergency Committees. When John first came to Sedlescombe in 2004, he built himself and family a new house in Hurst Lane. He has been involved in work for the Great Ormond Street Hospital via his involvement with the Masonic lodges and supports several other charities. He is passionate about the countryside and its well-being and likes walking, fishing and gardening.



PARISH CLERK/FINANCIAL OFFICER – PAULINE RAYMOND 01424 870508 Pauline is the Council's only employee and has worked for it since 1975, being only its 5th Clerk since 1894. Pauline is interested in Sedlescombe's history, has a wide collection of photographs of the Village dating back to before 1900 and maintains the Council's Archive Collection. She always welcomes more to add to the collection. Pauline's other interests include wildlife watching and photography around the world and her four small grandchildren.

2013-14 SEDLSCOMBE ANNUAL REPORT

Sedlescombe Parish Council is pleased to submit its 2013-14 Annual Report and Financial Statement.

INFORMATION GATHERING FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

2013-14 has been a year of gathering information and the process has enabled all the Council to learn much more about Sedlescombe and the people who live here.

Two major consultation events took place in connection with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Firstly, a 1200-person parish-wide resident survey took place in July 2013 mainly based on proposed housing development. This was followed by personal follow ups across the parish giving the opportunity for face-to-face discussions with local people. More than 600 completed surveys from across the parish were received.

A couple of months later, the Parish Council held a weekend-long Exhibition of possible housing sites and 400 people came to that event. Again there was the opportunity to talk to local people about plans for future housing development in Sedlescombe. Special thanks to Andrew Gerken of Pumphouse Designs and Rother District Council for helping with printing the large sheets for the displays. Also to Rother, Pestalozzi and the Garden Society who loaned display boards.

Workshops for young people from Claverham Community College and Pestalozzi International Village focusing on housing were held in the summer. Sixty Sedlescombe businesses were identified and consulted as well as several Estate Agents. Also consulted were people owning land that could be suitable for development.

Several major reports have been produced this year by the Parish Council in preparation for production of the Sedlescombe Neighbourhood Plan including The State of the Parish Report, A Sites Assessment Report and The Strategic Environmental Assessment. The reports provide a huge amount of background information and are available on the Parish Council's website. At the last count, there were more than 53,000 words and over 200 pages.

LOCAL BUSINESSES

60 businesses of varying sizes were identified working within the parish and 39 (66.1%) completed the Council questionnaire. These businesses employ more than 300 people. The businesses cover a wide range of subjects, for example:

- Agriculture
- Art
- Business Premises Rental
- Building Services
- Education
- Equestrian
- Health
- Hotel/Public House
- Manufacturing
- Retail
- Services
- Tourism
- Transport

Of those replying, 41% say they intend to expand their business and half of these will need larger premises, hopefully in Sedlescombe.

The top three issues in Sedlescombe identified by businesses are traffic in Brede Lane/The Street, the speed of vehicles through the Village and parking outside the Village Shop.

In December, several members of the Parish Council enjoyed a fascinating tour of the CKL Developments' premises within our parish in Marley Lane. The tour gave an insight into CKL's exciting work restoring classic jaguar racing cars right on our doorstep.

LAUNCH OF NEW FACEBOOK JOBS NETWORK PAGE

As a direct result of the Neighbourhood Planning process and the business survey, it was realised that there is a need for some way of local businesses letting Sedlescombe people know about jobs they have available. Just before Christmas 2013, a free community page was set up on Facebook to connect businesses, organisations or individuals who are offering employment and local people seeking work. The platform is open to individuals as well as businesses and organisations. Perhaps you are seeking IT assistance or a decorator, gardener or domestic help or looking for a job in the Parish. Go to

‘Sedlescombe Jobs Network’ on Facebook and ‘Like Us’ to connect and post positions. If you are not on Facebook, you can still participate by e-mailing sedlescombejobs@hotmail.com or by calling Michelle Brister on 01424 870589 for further information. Michelle is another of our active Sedlescombe volunteers and we thank her for her involvement.

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

The Parish Council is aware that, like in many other rural areas, residents’ greatest concerns are based around the speed and volume of traffic through the Village and along our rural country lanes. A large number of residents are particularly concerned about traffic pressures in Brede Lane and in and around The Green and this has been an important factor when considering possible housing development sites in preparation for the Neighbourhood Plan.

In June, 30 volunteers led by parish councillors took part in a very successful 5-day traffic count. They stood in the Pumphouse and recorded the number of vehicles passing in both directions, over a 12-hour period on most days. They noted speeding vehicles, HGVs, vehicles passing up and down the slip road and cars parked there.

The Council is grateful to those residents who have completed Speed Indicator Device (SID) training at Battle Police Station and hope that we can make plenty of use of them in the future to help educate drivers to SLOW DOWN THROUGH SEDLSCOMBE.

In December 2013, parish councillors met with Brian Banks, a County Council Road Safety Officer, to discuss the Parish Council’s “Top Ten” list of suggestions for improving Sedlescombe’s traffic situation. Brian provided some interesting facts such as the need for existing speeds to be no more than 24mph for the County Council to agree to reduce the speed limit to 20mph and the importance of introducing changes to the design of the road to give drivers visual cues that they should slow down. Parish Councillors would like to use the SID more often to educate drivers but have found it difficult to arrange to borrow it from the Police because of other users. The Council is, therefore, considering purchasing one so that it can be used regularly in Sedlescombe.

A suggestion that often is made is that The Green slip road should be made one-way. Parish Councillor Eldridge carried out a survey and found that views were split about 50:50 on whether this would be workable or helpful and the Parish Council, therefore, decided to leave it as it is. Some other road-related ideas are still being discussed and will be announced in due course.

MISCELLANEOUS VOLUNTARY JOBS

Throughout the Village, councillors and local residents have been helping out with jobs which keep everywhere clean and tidy as well as safe. The list is endless but here are a variety of the jobs that have been completed during the year:

- Lifting, cleaning and relaying of a large amount of safety tiles beneath the Eagle's Nest at the Riverside Playground.
- Lifting ropes at the Riverside Playground on equipment and concreting between posts.
- Replacing swing seat, cutting hedge, repair of fences, painting equipment and applying preservative to seats at Riverside Playground.
- Sweeping MUGA several times and removing broken tree branch from playground.
- Weekly inspection of play areas.
- Removing graffiti from play equipment.
- Installing new noticeboard at MUGA.
- Hedge-cutting and clearance of large hedge at East View Kickabout Area.
- Edging and sweeping the Kickabout Area.
- Replacing broken tiles and repairing lead flashing that someone had tried to remove from Pumphouse roof.
- Installing and resetting litter bins.
- Washing exterior of dog waste bins and pressure washing seats.
- Regular litter collection and sweeping of Pumphouse.
- Regular cleaning of bus shelter.
- Removal of small vandalised trees.
- Cutting and baling of Red Barn Field (thanks to David Blowey).
- Clearing around fruiting hedge in Red Barn Field Nature Park.
- Public footpath clearance.
- Adding self-closing hinges to MUGA gate.
- Replanting flower tubs on village green several times by Garden Society and Stream Lane ladies.

LAUNCH OF NEW WEBSITE – www.sedlescombe.org.uk

Another, rather different, voluntary task was the time-consuming rebuilding the Parish Council's dynamic website by Pauline and Colin Raymond. The aim was to update the website's layout to make it responsive to mobile devices such as tablets, phablets, phones and laptops. It now has a bright, clear and

uncluttered Home Page which quickly gives access to nearly, at last count, 2,000 documents relating to Sedlescombe. The website contains 7,000 files.

The Parish Council's agendas, reports, notices and minutes are always available as are details of local amenities. We also advertise our local businesses and detail how anyone can volunteer in Sedlescombe. Our site gives easy access to a wealth of planning information at Rother District Council and you can keep up to date about the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan.

If you are interested in Sedlescombe's history, you can get immediate access to information dating back to pre-Roman times. We are always interested in adding more articles or information if you would like to see them put into the public domain. Please let Pauline Raymond have any suitable information. Use the QR code on the back page to access the website.

VILLAGE GREEN

The special status of land that is legally designated as a village green was highlighted in 2013. This started with the Sedlescombe Branch of the Royal British Legion's request for permission to install a permanent flagpole on our Village Green. At first the Parish Council went along with the idea and even obtained planning permission. However, after legal advice from experts, and further delving into the intricacies of village green law dating back to the 19th century, particularly the Commons Act 1876, the Council reached the conclusion that a permanent flagpole on the Village Green would not be legally acceptable.

Later in the year, a suggestion that a pond should be built on the Green for the geese also had to be turned down because of the laws which only allow village green development that contributes towards the better use of the land for public sports and pastimes.

FASTER BROADBAND

During the year, East Sussex County Council appointed BT as a partner to help them roll out faster broadband over the next three years. The £34m project is being funded by East Sussex County Council, the Government through Broadband Delivery UK and BT.

Sedlescombe Parish Council has noted with regret that, despite the huge amount of effort put in to get people to show their support for installation of

Superfast Broadband here, the Sedlescombe Exchange is not in the first tranche of exchanges that will be converted to high speed broadband starting in November 2014. The current timetable shows that work on the Sedlescombe Exchange is due to commence sometime in 2015 and that, as with all the upgrades, it is expected to take between 6 and 9 months for the work to be completed. Of course, once the high-speed fibre broadband is available in this area, you will not be upgraded automatically. You will need to contact your internet service provider to discuss upgrading your package at that time. You may, of course, if you are satisfied with your current service, continue with your current speeds.

DEVOLUTION OF SERVICES FROM ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Rother's Director of Resources attended the July Parish Council Meeting to discuss possible devolution of the car park and public toilets from Rother to the Parish Council in order to help Rother with their budget cutting. If the Parish Council were to take on the care and control of the toilets particularly, a considerable financial cost would have to be added to Sedlescombe's Council Tax bill. This would be despite the fact that most users of the public toilets live outside the parish. There would be no compensatory reduction in the District Council Tax. The toilets are, however, housed in a small brick building which might, with some imagination, be suitable for conversion into a PCSO office whilst keeping one toilet available for public use. Watch this space...

SEDLSCOMBE SPORTSFIELD

The Parish Council has been made aware of several instances at the Sports field where a Sports Association officer has had to ask users to keep to the footpath, to keep dogs on leads or not to ride bikes on the field. This has sometimes led to an exchange of words on the issues. As owner of the field, the Parish Council is taking this opportunity to remind users that the Sports field, has been leased to the Sports Association and it is that body that makes the rules for the field. The Sports Association has decided that cycling should not be allowed. Public access is only allowed on the public footpath which runs roughly parallel to the River and under a Dog Control Order, dogs must be kept on leads on the footpath only with the penalty of a fine. The parking area next to the pavilion is really for disabled drivers and is not available for public

use. The Parish Council and the Sports Association have installed a gate across this area to keep parking for approved users.

OPENING OF THE MULTI-USE GAMES AREA (MUGA)

After what seemed an age, in September the MUGA was ready for re-opening by Cllr Vine-Hall following complete refurbishment. At the ceremony, after the ribbon was cut, the rest of the morning was filled with complimentary tennis sessions led by LTA Level 3 coach Nick Montague 07824 799 632 or 01424 848572 (montaguenick@hotmail.co.uk). It was good to see members of Sedlescombe Football Club joining in. For most of the time, the MUGA will remain, open for free use by the public so please make the most of it for any ball games, such as tennis, netball or football. Please remember to wear soft soled shoes and do not allow children to take in bikes, scooters, skates, skateboards or similar equipment that will damage the surface. See the notice board on the MUGA fence for details of when the area has been booked and is not, therefore, available for free use. The Council has decided not to allow dogs into the area.

LEAVING THE PARISH COUNCIL



In August, Jenny Mitchell from East View Terrace left the Parish Council after 13 years. To thank her for all the work she has done for the Council over that time, she was presented with a vase by the Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council. Subsequently, Lindsay Fraser from Blacklands was co-opted to fill her place.

SEDLSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT

In 2013-14, a total of £16,500 was received by the Council in grant aid. £9,500 of it was put towards completion of the work to turn two hard tennis courts into a multi-use games area. Despite the appallingly wet winter weather, tennis coach Nick Montague was able to run tennis coaching sessions and, no doubt, even more people will want to take advantage of this as the weather improves. The total cost of the refurbishment was about £28,000 plus VAT, mostly met from grants. The Council obtained a £9,000 loan to meet the funding shortfall and repayments commenced in April 2013. We now have two

outstanding loans, i.e. for the pavilion and the MUGA, with annual loan repayments set for the next few years at £5,638.

The other part of the grant income was obtained in order that a Planning Consultant could be appointed to assist with the technicalities of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan will stretch over two years and some funding has been included in the 2014-15 Budget as well. Details of the final costs of the whole exercise will be available at the 2015 Assembly.

2013-14 expenditure included the materials for some major repairs at the playground which were done by volunteers. The Council is grateful for this and other help which has contributed towards keeping the precept at a low level.

Apart from the loan repayments and Plan expenses already mentioned, a proportion of the 2014-15 budgeted expenditure will be spent as usual on day-to-day maintenance of the Village and administration. Provision has also been made for some projects for the coming year. The first is a traffic calming scheme in partnership with East Sussex County Council which should help alleviate the congestion outside the Village Shop caused by parking. The Council would appeal to people who park in The Green to make sure that they do not stop where other people will be inconvenienced. Also, it would be helpful if those who are going to park near the shop for more than half an hour, would use the public car park in Brede Lane instead. This would help keep spaces available for people using the shop or post office, including those who are disabled. This will support our vital local business. Also included in the traffic calming project is finance for the proposed purchase of a second hand speed camera in connection with the Community Speedwatch Scheme which is being well supported by local volunteers.

Two other projects are in their early stages. Funding is included towards changing the public toilets in the car park to provide a single toilet and conversion of the remainder of the brick-built building into a Police Community Support Office, The other is allocation of money towards provision of a small parking area next to the MUGA and playground.

See next page for financial statement.




Pauline J Raymond
Clerk/Financial Officer
Sedlescombe Parish Council

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THREE YEARS 2012-13, DRAFT 2013-14 & BUDGET 2014-15

	Final 2012-13	*Draft 2013-14	Budget 2014-15
	£	£	£
BROUGHT FORWARD	47707.25	57977	54366
INCOME			
Precept	33500.00	41000	42295
Other Income	19373.02	19763	2836
Total Income for Year	52873.02	60763	45131
EXPENDITURE			
Staff Costs	14635.32	14763	14912
Loan Repayments	-4643.24	5638	5638
Total Other Costs	23324.59	43973	30762
Total Expenditure for Year	42603.15	64374	51312
BALANCES AT YEAR END	£57977.12	£54366	£48185
Represented by			
General Funds	15337.12	23026	14945
Neighbourhood Plan Fund	0.00	0	0
MUGA Fund	7300.00	0	1900
Access Fund	4000.00	0	0
Clerk's Gratuity Fund	31340.00	31340	31340
Balances in Funds	£57977.12	£54366	£48185
Council Tax Base	676.36	606.37	625.48
Band D Council Tax imposed by Parish Council	49.53	67.62	67.62**
ASSETS based on historic values	£291,524	£291,524	£291,524
BORROWINGS – amount outstanding			
Pavilion at 3.86% fixed interest rate	£41,298	£38,219	£35,021
MUGA at 1.91% fixed interest rate	£9,000	£8,175	£7,334
Total Borrowings	£50,298	£46,394	£42,355

* The draft 2013-14 figures above were calculated at the end of the third quarter of the financial year. Figures at the end of the financial year up to 31/03/14 will be available at the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting on 29/04/14.



**There will be no increase in the parish element of Sedlescombe's Council Tax in 2014-15.

ARCHITECTURAL	BED & BREAKFAST
 <p>PumpHouse DESIGNS Architectural Consultants</p> <p>Plans and Local Authority Applications for ~Extensions ~ Alterations~ ~Loft Conversions ~ Garage Conversions~ ~Barn Conversions ~ New Build~</p> <p>Contact us for your FREE no obligation consultation and quotation</p> <p>01424 871120 www.pumphousedesigns.co.uk Pump House Yard, The Green, Sedlescombe</p>	 <p>Kester House Bed & Breakfast 01424 870035 www.kesterhouse.co.uk</p> <p><i>The Beautiful South</i> AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE 2013 - 2014 GOLD</p> <p>Join us for Afternoon Tea Sundays from 3:00 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. Booking Recommended</p> <p>The Street, Sedlescombe Luxurious Old World Charm</p>
BUILDER	CAR REPAIRS/GARAGE SERVICES
<p>DD CONSTRUCTION</p> <p>Excellent feedback on Checkatrade.com Bricklaying, any type of new build, extensions, driveways, full refurbishment</p> <p>DPC injections, wall tie replacements (20-year guarantee) ALL WORK GUARANTEED T:01424 899717 M: 07531 950059 E: benn959@aol.com</p>	<p>TIVOLI AUTO SERVICES</p> <p>100 Battle Road, St Leonards-on-Sea TN37 7AG T: 01424 442277 E: info@tivialautoservices.co.uk www.tivialautoservices.co.uk</p> <p>Motor car repairs: MOT: Servicing: Sales: Air Con Specialist: Free Loan Car: Free Collection & Delivery: On-site Bodyshop & Professional Valet Service Estimates and Insurance Work undertaken</p>
CHIROPODY	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
<p>HCPC Registered</p> <p>HOME VISITING SERVICE</p>  <p>Andrea Birtwistle DPodM MChs T: 01424 870012 M: 07931 974486</p>	<p>Sedlescombe Parish Council acknowledges with thanks the contributions made by local businesses towards the printing of this booklet.</p> <p>Applications for advertising space in the 2015 booklet should be sent to the Parish Council by the end of January 2015.</p>

CLEANING	CONSTRUCTION/BUILDERS
<p>CONQUEST CLEANING SERVICES LTD T: 01424 871444 (Mr Mike Langley)</p> <p>Quality cleaning of carpets, upholstery, rugs and curtains using the very latest equipment for the best possible results. Rapid drying times and FREE emergency stain removal for all our customers</p> <p><i>Members of the National Carpet Cleaners Association and ESCC Trading Standards approved</i></p> <p>www.conquestcleaning.co.uk</p>	  <p>PARKER & SON <small>BUILDING & SURVEYING</small></p> <p>BUILDING THE FUTURE RESTORING THE PAST</p> <p><i>From Design To Completion We Deal With Everything From Planning & Architectural Drawings To Completing Your Project</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Builds • Extensions • Conversions • Landscaping • Conservatories • All General Building Works      <p>01424870284 07803258527</p> <p>www.parkerandsonconstruction.co.uk</p>
DECKING/FENCING	DOUBLE GLAZING
 <p>John Grice <small>PROPERTY & GARDEN IMPROVEMENTS</small></p> <p>Conservatories Fascia • Soffits • Fencing Decking & Handyman Services</p> <p>TELEPHONE SEDLESCOMBE 01424 870137 • 07717 573185</p>	 <p>Sedlescombe Windows Ltd</p> <p>Installer of quality UPVC Windows Doors • Porches • Conservatories Fascia • Soffit</p> <p>20 Years Experience • 10 Year Guarantee</p> <p>TELEPHONE SEDLESCOMBE WINDOWS 01424 870137 • 07717 573185</p> <p>john.grice888@btinternet.com</p>
DRAINAGE	ELECTRICIAN
<p>ECOFLO GARDEN IRRIGATION LTD</p> <p>SPECIALISE IN</p> <p>Recycling solutions to Septic Tank, Treatment Plant Soakaway issues. Reducing escalating cesspit costs.</p> <p>Septic Tank Maintenance Surface Water Issues</p> <p>T: 01424 871081 or M: 07840 172432 www.ecoflo-irrigation.co.uk Stream Farm, Stream Lane, Sedlescombe</p>	<p>PARHAM PROJECTS</p> <p>2 Coach House Cottages, Hurst Lane, Sedlescombe TN33 0PE T: 01424 870893. M: 07814 820894</p> <p>Fuse-Board changes, Lighting, Power, both internal and external, security lighting, earthing upgrading etc.</p> <p>Also – testing existing wiring and surveys on proposed house purchases</p> <p>E: mikeparham1@hotmail.com (NICEIC Pt “P” accredited. City & Guilds qualified)</p>

ELETRICIAN	FENCING
<p>ALTEC ELECTRICAL SERVICES, Sedlescombe</p> <p>Electrician for domestic/ residential work compliant to BS7671 and Part P of the Building regulations.</p> <p>Work includes Re-wires, New builds, Extensions, Additional Sockets/lighting, Storage Heating, Fuse board replacement. Existing Installation testing and inspecting. <i>Electrical Safety Certificates and PAT testing.</i></p> <p>T: Alan 01424 870012, M: 07941 869398</p>	<p>D&B FENCING</p>  <p>All types of fencing, gates, decking and pergolas supplied and installed Free estimates Friendly advice</p> <p>T: 01580 831800, 01424 870484 Sedlescombe Sawmills, Cripps Corner E: fencingbydandb@hotmail.co.uk</p>
FOOT HEALTH CARE	GLASS ART
<p><i>British Association of Foot Health Professionals</i></p> <p>GENTLE FOOT CARE</p> <p>Home visits – discounts for pensioners</p> <p>Martin Garner MCFHP MAFHP Registered Practitioner</p> <p>T: 01424 871195. M 07962 143078</p>	 <p>Unique bespoke glass art designed and created in our studio in Sedlescombe.</p> <p>Superb well-equipped facilities LEARN THE ART OF STAINED GLASS AND FUSING GLASS – COURSES – WORKSHOPS</p> <p>T: 01424 870469. M: 07973 817888 E: info@venusglassart.co.uk W: www.venusglassart.co.uk</p>
GOLF RESORT	SEDLSCOMBE GOLF CLUB RESTAURANT
<p>GOLF COMPLEX</p> <p>18 Hole Parkland Course - Par 3 Course Floodlit driving range 20 Bedroom Accommodation Bar & Restaurant Conference Facilities</p> <p>Sedlescombe Golf Club, Kent Street, Sedlescombe TN33 0SG</p> <p>T: 01424 871700, F: 01424 871712 E: golf@golfschool.co.uk www.sedlescombegolfclub.co.uk www.golfschool.co.uk</p>	<p>GREEN'S RESTAURANT</p>  <p>Open to all 7 days a week Breakfast 07:30 to 11:00 Lunch 11:00 to 15:00 Dinner 18:30 to 21:00</p> <p>Special dietary requirements catered for LOCAL PRODUCE USED CALL 01424 871707 for further details</p> <p>GOLF LODGE – 20 rooms available Prices include breakfast and round of golf</p>

<p>GROUNDS MAINTENANCE</p>	<p>HOTEL & RESTAURANT</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ATKINS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Tree Surgery - Coppicing - Lawn Treatment - Grasscutting - Deadhedging - Hedgecutting - Hedgelaying - Land Management - Surveying - Pesticide Spraying - Post & Rail Fencing </p> <p> Fully insured Free estimates T: 01424 870802. M: 07977 395263 </p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BRICKWALL HOTEL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Green, Sedlescombe</p> <p> Hotel and restaurant, parties catered for Heated outdoor swimming pool open May-September 45 car parking spaces </p> <p> T: 01424 870253 F: 01424 870785 E: info@brickwallhotel.com W: www.brickwallhotel.com </p> 
<p>MECHANIC WORKSHOP - BRIDGE GARAGE</p>	<p>MEETING ROOMS/TRAINING FACILITIES</p>
<p>BRIDGE GARAGE WORKSHOP</p> <p>The Street, Sedlescombe T: 01424 870202</p> <p>General repairs, Tyres and Servicing</p>  <p>MOTs and range of car care products</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>pesta</i>  <i>lozzi</i></p> <hr style="border: 1px solid red; width: 50%; margin: auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"> Inspiring young people to make a difference in the world Meeting Rooms and Training Facilities Up to 50 delegates Indoor and outdoor spaces Catering available Call Dani to arrange a viewing 01424 870444 www.pestalozzi.org.uk </p>
<p>PLUMBING & HEATING</p>	<p>SHOP & POST OFFICE</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">RICHARD JORDAN LIMITED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plumbing and Heating</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"> Millstones Cottage, The Street, Sedlescombe T: 01424 871165 </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Over 40 years' experience</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Specialist in Bathrooms - complete service All plumbing work </p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SEDLSCOMBE VILLAGE STORES LTD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John & Jenny Mainwood, 01424 870250</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.sedlescombestores.co.uk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Award winning Village Shop</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Groceries, in store bakery, newsagent, off-licence, confectionery, tobacco, cash machine, photocopier, fax & laminating services. Agents for dry-cleaning & laundry, shoe repairs and film processing. </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Sub Post Office offering banking facilities, Motor Vehicle Licensing, Euros on demand, other currencies and Travellers Cheques to order and all usual Post Office Services </p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">SEDLESCOMBE HIRE CAR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Licensed private hire taxi Long and short journeys</p> <p>Established over 20 years</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Contact: H Hannam</p> <p>T: 01424 870397 or M: 07770 478516</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
YOGA CLASSES & PRIVATE TUITION	DISCLAIMER
<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Hatha Yoga, Yin & Restorative classes or private tuition. Courses, workshops, drop-in & book-in classes available. A life enhancing practice for young and old alike - if you can breathe, you can do Yoga!</p> <p>Please contact Andrea Hanagarth to find out more or to book a taster session.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>T: 01424 870 942 M: 07949 607 865 E: info@theyogaschool.co.uk www.theyogaschool.co.uk</p> </div>	<p>DISCLAIMER</p> <p>Please note that the inclusion of traders in this Directory neither implies nor confirms that any trader is an approved supplier or contractor to Sedlescombe Parish Council. The Parish Council does not vouch for the financial stability of any company or for its health and safety procedures.</p> <p>All information is provided in good faith to assist consumers in exercising their own best judgment. No guarantee is given or implied as to the accuracy of the information provided.</p>

SEDLESCOMBE WEBSITE

Check the website regularly to keep updated on the work of Sedlescombe Parish Council

www.sedlescombe.org.uk.

If you press the “Website Changes” page,
you will be able to access all the latest information.

Businesses can advertise on the Business Page of the website for £4 p.a. –
contact Pauline Raymond on 01424 870508 or at sedlescombe@freezone.co.uk



BADMINTON in Village Hall. **CONTACT:** Shirley Davies 01424 870475

BOWLS - SHORT MAT - established June 2006

WHEN - Meets each Tuesday and Thursday. **TIME:** 2.15-4.30pm

WHERE: Sedlescombe Village Hall (3 bowling mats)

CONTACTS: Mr K Smith 01424 883473, Mr C Clark, Secretary 01424 871441, Mr C Boyd, Treasurer 01424 870076. Contact any officer for further details
Joining fee £5 + Annual fee £6 + £1.60 per session

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, SEDLESCOMBE BRANCH - established 1930

WHEN: Meetings on 3rd Wednesday of every month except August

TIME: 10:30 except for 16th April and 17th September when meetings will be at 19:30.

WHERE: The Queen's Head Pub in the Village

CONTACT: President: Mr E Burgess 01424 870219

Chairman: Mr Anthony Morton-King 01424 870218

Secretary: Mr John Page 01424 870455

Treasurer: Mrs Eve Bradbury 01424 870401

The Legion is active in looking after the welfare of ex-service men, women and their dependents in the area. Membership is open to all, particularly younger volunteers, who wish to support this noble and important cause. The annual subscription is £16:50 which includes £2:50 to Branch funds. If you would like to become a member or help with the Poppy Appeal, please contact the Secretary.

CHAPEL HILL CHURCH (United Reformed)

WHERE: Chapel Hill, Sedlescombe

WHEN: Services on Sundays at 10:30

CONTACT: Doreen Meredith 01424 870634

CHAPEL HILL CHURCH HIRE

CONTACT: Doreen Meredith 01424 870634. 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.

PARISH CHURCH - ST JOHN THE BAPTIST - Parish Eucharist Sundays at 10:30. Andrew Corbett-Nolan 07912 113730 (Churchwarden). **PRIEST IN CHARGE:** Father Kevin Mephram 01424 870471 (please note new phone number).

SEDLESCOMBE CHURCH BELLRINGERS – Parish Church, every Wednesday, 7:30pm. **CONTACT:** Jane Blanford, Carpenters Barn Farm, Kent Street, Sedlescombe. 01424 751298.

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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 13th century Parish Church and 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.

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SEDLESCOMBE CRICKET CLUB – established 1768

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

WHERE: Sedlescombe Sportsfield for home games

CONTACT: J Carthew, 3 Little Park Farm Cottages, Battle TN33 0LX, 01424 774589. The Club plays its main matches on Sunday afternoons during the season and maintains the tradition of amateur sport by engaging in friendly matches (rather than league matches). It welcomes new players. Potential recruits phone Aaron Maynard 01424 430526.

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SEDLESCOMBE DANCE CLUB - established 1949



WHEN: Most Fridays throughout the year. **TIME:** 7.30pm to 10:15pm
WHERE: Northiam Village Hall. **CONTACT:** Mr Paul Capps, 16 Lower Waites Lane, Fairlight TN35 4DB. 01424 812107. **SUBSCRIPTION:** £3. 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.

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SEDLESCOMBE & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

WHEN: Every 2nd Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm. **WHERE:** Sedlescombe Village Hall. **CONTACT:** Sheila Benson, Chairman. Tel: 01797 223927.



E: benson.ferryhouse@btinternet.com. Our annual programme consists of

several demonstrations of flower arranging, practice meetings, workshops and social events. Visitors are warmly welcomed.

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SEDLESCOMBE RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Based at Oaklands Park, Sedlescombe, the club provides football for all age groups and currently has sixteen teams from Under 6s (mini-kickers) to seniors, making us one of the largest clubs in the area.



The senior teams play in the East Sussex Football League and the junior teams play in the Rother, Crowborough or Sussex Sunday Leagues depending on age and ability. Training is provided throughout the year on grass, G3, astro or indoors at several local venues. All our Junior Team Managers, Coaches and volunteer helpers are FA Enhanced CRB checked. Coaches have a minimum of the F.A. Level 1 Coaching Certificate, and each team has at least one certified emergency first aider.

CONTACT: Nick Gardner (Chairman) 07809 562448 or Rod Cornelius (Secretary) 07870 741222 for details or visit our website www.sedlescomberangersfc.co.uk.

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SEDLESCOMBE FRIENDSHIP CLUB – established 2007. The club was founded with the aim to advance the welfare of the older people and, in particular, to endeavour to counteract loneliness and isolation. A number of events will be planned each year including visits to interesting places often with lunch. Our programme also includes computer lessons which take place on a Monday. The dates and times of these and other events will be published in the Sedlescombe News and elsewhere that is appropriate. **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE** are Valerie Wright, Ron Sunderland, Bob Harris, Pauline Glew and Ralph Dellow.

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SEDLESCOMBE & DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY

MEET: Sedlescombe Village Hall

SECRETARY: Sue Parsons, "The Candles", Swailes Green, Cripps Corner TN32 5QU, 01580 831996

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Dave Brabants 01424 871436. See notice board on Sedlescombe Stores for dates and times of events.

www.sedlescombegardensociety.org.uk/. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Garden Society which this year celebrates its 70th

Anniversary. Although there will not be a Village Summer Fete on the Sports field, the Garden Society will be having a Summer Show on the Village Green (by kind permission of the Parish Council) on **SATURDAY 26TH JULY 2014**.

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LIONS CLUB - BATTLE AND VILLAGES. Lions Clubs are an international network of men and women who work together to answer the needs that challenge



communities across the world - the largest voluntary service organisation in the world. Battle and Villages Lions Club serves the area of Battle, Ashburnham, Catsfield, Etchingam, Hurst Green, Robertsbridge and Sedlescombe. The running costs of Battle & Villages Lions Club, like those of all other Lions Clubs, are met by subscriptions paid by

the members, so all monies raised from the public are used for charitable purposes.

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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.
 - Local e-mail system in operation.
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Inspiring young people to make a difference in the world

PESTALOZZI INTERNATIONAL VILLAGE TRUST

Our mission is to make a real and lasting difference by applying the Pestalozzi principles of educating the Head, Heart and Hands. We are a UK-based charity with more than 50 years' experience of offering life-changing opportunities to young people from disadvantaged communities around the world. We award scholarships to exceptional 16-19 year olds who are academically gifted but have limited educational prospects in their home countries. These young

people have all demonstrated their enthusiasm for helping to make a difference in their communities.

Pestalozzi students live for two years in a multi-cultural, multi-faith community in East Sussex, UK, where they welcome difference and embrace diversity. They study at Sussex Coast College Hastings and undertake a broad range of extra-curricular activities, gaining a holistic education focused on the Pestalozzi principles of Head, Heart and Hands. Our scholarships give these young people an opportunity they would not otherwise receive – the chance to develop their potential, pursue their dreams and go on to make a real and lasting difference in the world.

Pestalozzi is located in the beautiful countryside of the High Weald AONB. We host cultural events and hire out our meeting rooms, summer accommodation and outdoor spaces to groups, schools and businesses to help support our student scholarships.

For more information about Pestalozzi, including our latest news, forthcoming events and facilities hire, please visit www.pestalozzi.org.uk, email office@pestalozzi.org.uk or call 01424 870444.

SEDLSCOMBE PLAYERS



CONTACT: Tara Buchanan (Chairman) 01424 870694.

www.sedlescombeplayers.co.uk

Subscription : £5 p.a.

The Players are a very friendly group with an enthusiastic membership of all ages. We rehearse on Monday nights in the village hall and aim to put on two productions a year, which vary from farce and straight plays to musicals and pantomime. If you are interested in joining us - either onstage or backstage - we would be delighted to hear from you.

PRIMARY SCHOOL - Sedlescombe C E Primary School

WHERE: Gammons Way, Sedlescombe, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 0RQ

CONTACT: Headteacher: Mrs Marian Ham 01424 870585

E: head@sedlescombecep.e-sussex.sch.uk. W: www.sedlescombecep.e-sussex.sch.uk. (Click on the picture of the train to take you to our Learning Platform where you can learn all about our school.)

There are 212 children on roll, aged 4-11 years. The school has seven classes and is built in a beautiful, peaceful location within the Village. We have strong

links with our local Parish Church, Sedlescombe Pre-school and Village Community. All staff firmly believe in, and work hard to achieve, the vision: *Every child matters ~ Together we enjoy learning ~ Together we achieve ~ Together we succeed.* We believe in the whole development of every child. We have high standards and are particularly noted for our music, sport and art achievements, and for our forward thinking developments in creative learning. We belong to a very active Schools Alliance consisting of 5 local village primary schools (this is called the ABC Alliance = Active Battle Cluster) and work closely together on a wide range of educational developments. Our standards in reading are particularly high. We are very proud of the academic achievement of our children in reading, writing and maths as our end of year test results for 2013 which are well above East Sussex expectations, and also the National expectations for all primary schools. Our phonics national assessment for 6 year olds and our Reception children's data is also well above East Sussex and National expectations. You can read more about the academic results of our children on our school website.



We welcome parent/carer helpers and helpers from the local community. Our school assemblies on Mondays (9.15am) and Fridays (9.15am) are open to families and the village community, please feel welcome to join us. We are an active, exciting, hard-working school with bright, stimulating learning environments, and a warm, caring Christian ethos.

We offer a wide range of after-school clubs, which allow our children to develop a broad range of talents and enrich their school experience. These clubs include choir, netball, football, ICT, Zumba dancing, swimming, film club, recorder, guitar, violin, keyboard, flute, tennis, baton twirling, performing arts, gardening and others depending on the time of year. We offer a daily breakfast club, opening at 8.00am, and a daily child care after-school club (called our 'Twilight Club') until 5.30pm.

Please enjoy viewing our School Learning Platform accessed from our website. This will keep you up-to-date with all school news, the school calendar, class news, school prospectus, and school celebrations, plus lots more useful information. Visits to our School are always welcomed, please telephone the school to make an appointment. 01424 870585. www.sedlescombecep.e-sussex.sch.uk.

ICT SUITE. The School has a high quality ICT suite for use by children of the School and the local community. Courses can be arranged for adults of the Village. Please contact the School for further information.

SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL. The School has an outdoor, heated swimming pool, with new changing areas for children and adults, built in 2013 and funded by our PTA. It is open from Easter to end of August, for school children and the local community. We timetable sessions for pre-school children, and the village community. For further information, and to express an interest in using our pool, please contact Mrs Ham at the School.



We are keen for this resource to be enjoyed by the whole village community. (Before the opening of the 2014 season we are planning to improve the facilities by installing a toilet in the swimming pool area.)

SCHOOL MINIBUS. We have a 15 seater minibus for use by our school, local schools, and for the village community. For further information on using our school minibus, please contact our Mrs Hernaman, in our school office, on 01424 870585.

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ROTHER SENIORS' FORUM - established 2006. Rother Seniors invites local people who are 50+ years to have their say about public services. The Forum speaks out on issues such as Transport, Life-long Learning & Leisure, Health & Care, Housing & Pensions, and Crime & Safety. We work with Local and County Council Service Providers so that members keep abreast of, and help shape, developments that affect them. **CONTACT:** Ron Sunderland 01424 870801.

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SEDLSCOMBE 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. The pavilion is available for hire for birthdays and other events.

CONTACT: Secretary: Derek Wright 01424 870035 for further information and bookings. Vice-Chairman: Ashley Davey 01424 870615.



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SPRING FAYRE

The Spring Fayre committee works together to organise a fayre which in 2014 is being planned for Saturday 17th May on the Village Green and gardens of the Queen's Head. The aims are to try to maintain the traditions of village fayres and raise money for various deserving charities. Members of the committee are: Bob Harris, Barry Bradbury, David Tildesley, Andy Limpkin, David Torrance and Ralph Dellow.

THURSDAY CLUB

WHEN: 1st Thursday in every month except August. **TIME:** 10:00 to 12:00

WHERE: Committee Room, Sedlescombe Village Hall

CONTACTS: David and Anthea Post 01424 871675. Eve Bradbury 01424 870401. Speakers on a variety of interesting topics. Meetings are open to all - refreshments available.

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VILLAGE HALL HIRE

Established originally in 1920 and completely rebuilt on a new site in 2001, this superb facility is available for hire. The hall has a fully-equipped stage and two committee rooms. Excellent kitchen facilities, car parking and Wi-Fi are also available. Please see noticeboard on wall of shop or the Parish Council website for up-to-date booking details.

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SEDLSCOMBE WINE CLUB



A members' club that meet socially in the Village every month for talks on wines at members' homes, tutored tastings in the Village Hall and trips to wineries. For membership details please

CONTACT: Secretary: Derek Wright 01424 870035.

Chairman: John Brownsdon 01424 870036.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - SEDLESCOMBE GREEN (EVENING) established 1975

WHEN: 4th Wednesday in month. **TIME:** 7.30pm

WHERE: Sedlescombe Village Hall

CONTACT: Andrea Hogwood, 15 East View Terrace, Sedlescombe 01424 871625

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

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SEDLSCOMBE YOUTH GROUP

WHEN: Wednesdays. **TIME** 17:15-19:45



WHERE: Sports pavilion, Sedlescombe Sportsfield

CONTACT: Matt Davey on 07891 524500

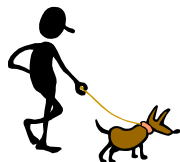
An opportunity to meet new friends, take part in new activities, learn new skills and achieve awards. For Year 7 & above.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

ALLOTMENTS. Private allotments at rear of Bulmer Lodge, The Green.

CONTACT: Reg Glew, 01424 870258

DOGS. In accordance with "**No Dogs**" control orders issued by Rother District Council, dogs are not allowed in the play areas at the Riverside, both play areas at East View Terrace or in Red Barn Field Nature Park.



There are also "Clean it up" orders affecting The Village Green, Sedlescombe Sportsfield, The Riverside Playing Field, Brede Lane Car Park and all roads, pavements, grass verges and some public footpaths.

In Sedlescombe Sportsfield, there is a "**Dogs on Leads**" Control Order. The Sportsfield is NOT a public field and dog walkers **MUST KEEP TO THE PUBLIC FOOTPATH** which roughly follows the river and **MUST KEEP THEIR DOGS ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES**. The penalty for not complying with any orders is a fixed penalty fine which can be imposed by Police Community Support Officers. Certain people with disabilities are exempt.

FIREWORKS. Retailers selling fireworks all year round must apply for a licence. It is an offence:

- To let off fireworks in a public place or alter them without a licence from HSE.
- For anyone under 18 to possess adult fireworks in public.
- To let off any fireworks between 23:00 and 07:00 apart from on New Year's Eve, Chinese New Year, Diwali when displays can continue until 01:00. On 5 November, fireworks can be let off until midnight.



FOOTPATHS & BRIDLEWAYS. East Sussex County Council is the authority responsible for maintenance of public rights of way. However, a lot of practical work has been carried out in Sedlescombe by volunteers keen to improve public access to the countryside, including replacing a number of stiles with hand gates.

A map of public rights of way covering the whole county can now be seen on the [East Sussex County Council webpage](#).

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

LIBRARIES

Sedlescombe Village Library - established 1953

WHEN: Tuesdays **TIME:** 13:30 to 14:30

WHERE: Village Hall Committee Room 2, side entrance. **CONTACT:** Mrs S Bonney, Highfield Cottage, Church Hill, Sedlescombe 01424 870517. A small village library run by volunteers.



Battle Library, 7 Market Square, Battle TN33 0XB (opposite the Fire Station) 0345 60 80 196

WHEN: Tuesday (09:30-18:30), Wednesday (09:30-17:00), Thursday (10:00-17:00), Friday (09:30-18:30), Saturday (09:30-17:00)

WHAT'S AVAILABLE: Free books for loan and reference, audiobooks for hire, DVDs for hire, local history material, free internet and computer access, free energy-saving monitors, Rhymetime every Tuesday 10:30 to 11:00, photocopier, bus passes for older and disabled people, bus travel discounts for young people, Connexions 360, carers discount card.

Mobile Library stops as Sedlescombe (Mobile Library 2 based at Bexhill)

WHEN: Alternate Thursdays **TIME:** 10:50-11:25

WHERE: Park Shaw, Sedlescombe

CONTACT: 0345 60 80 196. Books for adults and children, DVDs, audiobooks, reference materials and energy monitors. There is a wheelchair lift. They also deliver some services for people with disabilities.

Ebooks are electronic versions of printed books, available in either Adobe pdf or Adobe epub format. You can read them on your computer or a portable device such as Sony Reader, Kobo eReader or compatible mobile phone such as Android, Blackberry, or iPhone (but not Kindle).

Reference books. The Library Service subscribes to lots of information websites, including newspapers, reference books and family history sites such as Ancestry and Find My Past - which you can use free of charge.

LIFT SCHEME

CONTACT: Parish Councillor Pauline Glew, 01424 870258

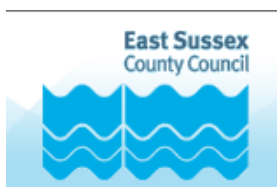
The Parish Council runs an informal scheme to help Sedlescombe residents who find it difficult to attend hospital/surgery appointments because of lack of transport. A list of names of drivers who are willing to provide lifts is published (see Parish Council noticeboard outside shop). Those wanting lifts simply make a telephone call to anyone on the list and pay the driver.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Contact Cllr Glew or The Parish Clerk (01424 870508) if you would like to become a Lift Scheme driver.

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LOCAL AUTHORITIES



East Sussex County Council, County Hall, Lewes BN7 1UE
0345 60 80 190. 08:00 to 17:00.

County Councillor Angharad Davies 01580 831969 or 07831 600445. cllr.angharad.davies@eastsussex.gov.uk
www.eastsussex.gov.uk



Rother District Council, Town Hall, Bexhill on Sea TN39 3JX
01424 787000 (emergency number 01424 787868)

www.rother.gov.uk.

District Councillor Tony Ganly 01580 830704

cllr.tony.ganly@rother.gov.uk. Cllr Ganly is a member of the Cabinet and is on the District Council's Planning Committee

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NEWS

Sedlescombe News is a weekly news-sheet produced by a small team of volunteers and is available, price 20p, from Sedlescombe Stores on Fridays. Leave items for inclusion in the Stores by 12 noon on Wednesdays. Entries are FREE. The existing editorial volunteer team is always on the lookout for additional helpers. Contact 870258 if you are interested in joining the team.

Noticeboard. Items for posting on the Parish Council board outside the shop may be left in Sedlescombe Stores or, alternatively, delivered to the Clerk, Woodland Cottage, Chapel Hill.

Village Voice column in Battle Observer. The Village has its own village voice column published in the Battle Observer on sale locally every Friday. It provides information on Sedlescombe, local events, groups and organisations. There is no charge for this promotion. If you have an event coming up in the local area or would like to have a small piece outlining your club or organisation aims, activities, membership etc., then please drop your information into Asselton House, send via e-mail to judy@asselton.co.uk or call 870344.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

NHS SERVICES



You should use the NHS 111 service if you urgently need medical help or advice but it's not a life-threatening situation.

For example:

- you need medical help fast but it's not a 999 emergency
 - you think you need to go to A&E or need another NHS urgent care service
 - you don't know who to call or you don't have a GP to call
 - you need health information or reassurance about what to do next
- For less urgent health needs, contact your GP in the usual way. For more urgent health needs, call 999.

POLICE NON-EMERGENCY SERVICE

Telephone 101 or e-mail contact.centre@sussex.pnn.police.uk to report a non-emergency crime or incident.

POLICE EMERGENCY SERVICE

Telephone 999 if

- A crime is being committed now
- The offender is still there or nearby
- People are injured or in danger

CONTACT OUR POLICY COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER (PCSO)

Police Community Support Officer - Demetrius (Demi)

Georghiou, mobile 07788 565 576. E:

demetrius.georghiou@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Demi is usually present at the beginning of Sedlescombe Parish full Council meetings.



POLICE STATIONS

Battle Police Station, North Trade Road, Battle TN33 0EX, open Monday to Friday 10:00 to 14:00.

The nearest major Police Station is at **Bohemia Road, Hastings** and is open from 09:00 to 20:00 Monday to Saturday (closed bank holidays).

CRIMESTOPPERS is an independent charity working to fight crime. Call Crimestoppers anonymously to report any type of crime. 0800 555 111.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

VICTIM SUPPORT is a national charity giving free and confidential help to victims of crime, witnesses, their family, friends and anyone else affected across England and Wales. Victim Support is not a government agency or part of the police. Call 0845 30 30 900. Volunteers outnumber staff in Victim Support by nearly four to one. They always need new volunteers in every community.

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POTHOLES. East Sussex County Council inspects every road at least once a year and in 2013 repaired 64,237 potholes. On average there are 20 teams each day fixing potholes in East Sussex and about 252 potholes are found each day. It takes about 30 minutes to repair each pothole. You can report potholes using the online reporting system or by phoning 0345 60 80 193 or at <http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/contactus/reportaproblem/default.htm>. You will need to tell them 1) Where the pothole is; 2) How big it is (e.g. golf ball, tennis ball or football sized); your contact details.

Repairs are prioritised according to the size and location of the pothole.

A & B roads

More than 100mm deep and more than 300mm wide – two hours

40mm to 100mm deep and more than 300mm wide – five days

Less than 40mm deep – one month

C and unclassified roads

More than 100mm deep and more than 300mm wide – five days

40mm to 100mm deep and more than 300mm wide – six months

Less than 40mm deep – 12 months

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POWER CUTS. Report power cuts and damaged lines on free helplines. In the South East call 0800 783 8866 or 01243 50 8866 for mobile users. You can also see www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk and follow the UK Power Networks on twitter for updates.

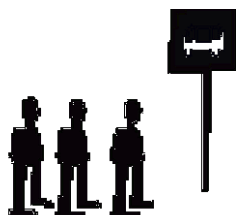
UK Power Networks have issued some advice on how customers can prepare for a power cut:

- **Keep the UK Power Networks freephone number 0800 783 8866 handy.**
- **See the website for useful videos giving advice during a power cut.**
- **Keep spare radio and torch batteries. Tune in to local radio stations.**

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- Keep a corded phone which you can plug in, as cordless phones won't work in the event of a power cut.
- Dress warmly in several layers of clothing, stay in one room or even get into bed.
- Take care if using candles, tea-lights and other naked flames.
- Keep fridges and freezers closed, covered with a blanket.
- Look out for elderly neighbours and assist them if you can.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT serving Sedlescombe. Contact 0345 60 80 194



SERVICE 349 (Stagecoach in Hastings 08702 433711) - Hastings to Hawkhurst via Sedlescombe-Staplecross. Monday to Saturdays, 2-hourly daytime. Some summer Sunday bus services.

BATTLE AREA COMMUNITY TRANSPORT (BACT). Bus passes can be used on all services after 09:30. CONTACT Lyn on 01424 772001 (Mon-Fri 9-12) or e-mail bactoffice@tiscali.co.uk. Website www.bact-online.co.uk.



VOLUNTEER DRIVERS ALWAYS NEEDED – YOU DO NOT NEED A PVC LICENCE BUT YOU MUST HAVE A CATEGORY D1 OR B LICENCE

EMERGENCY ACTION TO SAVE A LIFE IN SEDLESCOMBE VILLAGE

Thanks to David Betts' fundraising, Sedlescombe now has a free to use **DEFIBRILLATOR**. It is kept in the disabled toilet of the Brickwall Hotel (open to midnight). The prompt use of a defibrillator substantially improves survival following cardiac arrests. Anyone can use it – just plug in and follow the instructions. Make sure you call for an ambulance.

FINDING RURAL PROPERTIES IN AN EMERGENCY. Make sure your property has a name sign clearly displayed at the entrance. If you call emergency services during the hours of darkness, stand outside with a torch.

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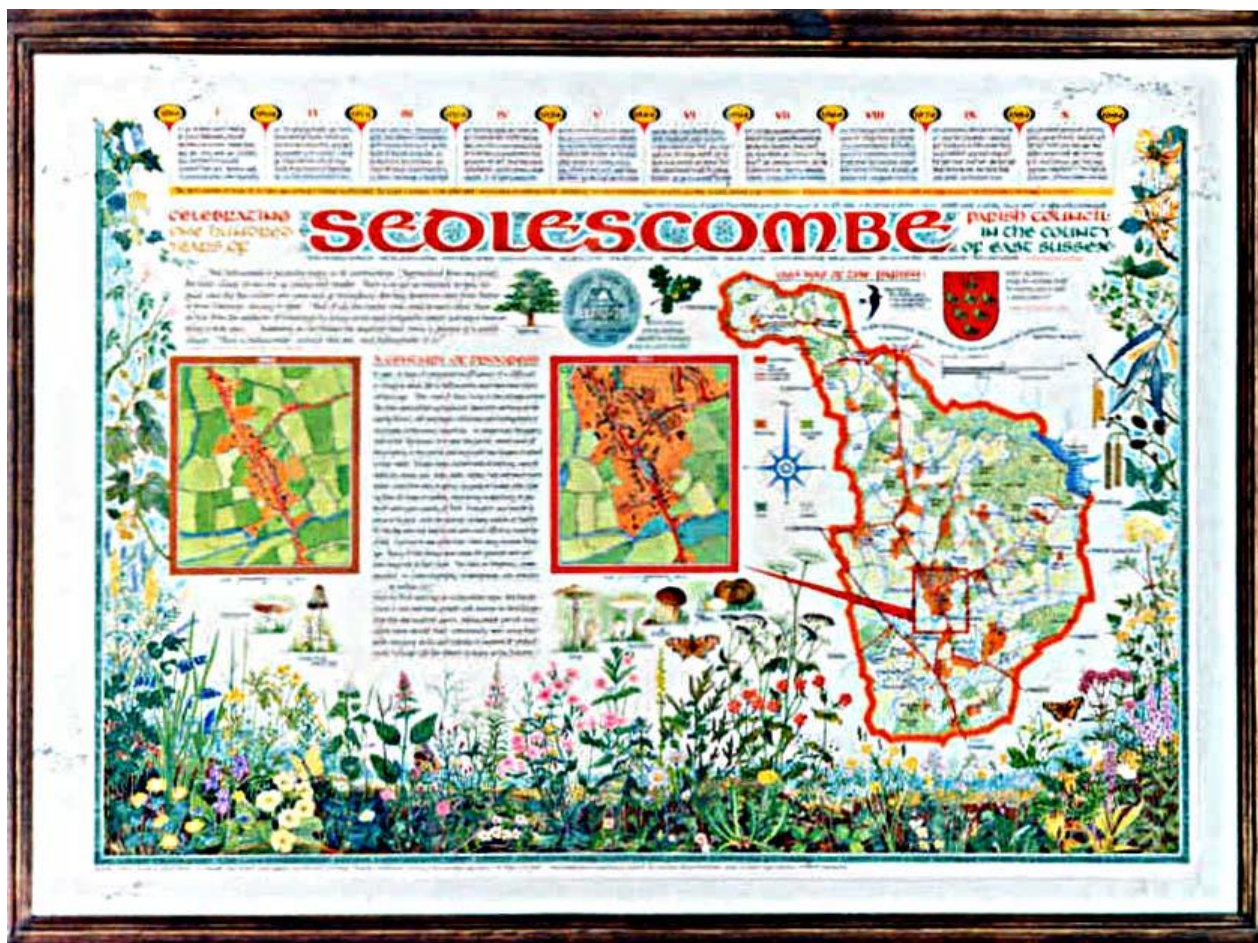
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Business or Community advertising for the 2015 printed Directory should be sent to the Parish Council by the end of January 2015.

Standard Business Listing on the www.sedlescombe.org.uk website can be purchased at any time for £4 including VAT (expires on 31 March each year).

The Council reserves the right to refuse an advertisement request.

SEDLSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL WAS FORMED IN 1894 AND CELEBRATES THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FIRST MEETING IN DECEMBER 2014



This poster was commissioned by the Parish Council in 1994 to celebrate its Centenary. It is appropriate today as work to identify future housing development sites in the parish continues through the Sedlescombe Neighbourhood Plan. Have a closer look at the copy that is hung in Committee Room 2 of the village hall and see how Sedlescombe expanded from the early days of the Council to its development position in 1994. Since then, of course,

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several additional estates of houses have been built.

