

From the NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE

There have recently been a number of burglaries, shed break-ins and attempted break-ins around the village. When you are going away, remember to set light timers and if possible arrange with a neighbour to open and close your curtains daily. If you do have security concerns, members of the NHW Committee will be pleased to try and assist so please do not hesitate to ask. Contact telephone numbers are – 870223, 870258 and 870353.

SEDLESCOMBE W.I. - our next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st February at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. The Speaker will be Mr Hoad whose subject is "Land of the Midnight Sun". The Competition is "Your Warmest Gloves" and tea ladies for the day are Mrs Bullen and Mrs Clarke. A warm welcome awaits you ladies! *Gladys Galster*

LENT LUNCHESES will commence on Friday 23rd February continuing each Friday throughout Lent from 12 noon until 2.00pm to be held at No 2 Forge Cottages by kind permission of Margaret. Do come along and join us for a bowl of soup with rolls and use the opportunity to help others less fortunate than ourselves.

EASTER LILIES you may now order your Easter Lilies in memory of departed loved ones – the cost this year will be £2 per lily. They will be used for the decoration of the church on Easter Sunday and a roll of names will be placed in the Sanctuary. You may leave money and a note of names at No 2 Forge Cottages or at The Rectory. If you need any further details please 'phone Sylvia on 870688.

HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUP – don't forget the Coffee Morning to be held at Asselton House by kind permission of Judy on March 2nd in aid of St Michael's Hospice 10.00am – 12 noon. Bring & Buy, Raffle etc; for further details please 'phone 870688.

IN MEMORIAM - sadly there are 2 deaths in the village that we have to report this week;

Bertha Cornford passed away peacefully last Sunday at the age of 87 and we send our sincere condolences to Ted and other members of the family at this time of loss. The funeral will take place on Tuesday 27th February at 11.30am in the Parish Church to be followed by Cremation. Family flowers only by request, but donations are invited in Bertha's memory for the Celia Howard Animal Trust. Ted will welcome friends to join him for refreshments and hospitality at the Brickwall Hotel from 1.00pm.

Ruby Selmes - it is with great sadness that Julian and family announce the sudden but peaceful passing of Ruby on February 7th. The funeral will be held on Monday 26th February at 11.00am at Hastings Crematorium. All enquiries to D C Mercer & Son - [01424] 421805

J.D.R.F. (JUVENILE DIABETIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION)

Thank you to everyone who braved the poor weather to attend the meeting at 'Dormers' last Monday (12th) when Luanne Martin of JDRF talked to us about the Charity and its research work and funding. Hope was particularly outlined for helping children control their illness with the artificial pancreas and possible cures to come from continuing stem cell research. Further information about JDRF and its work can be obtained from Anthea or David Post on 870550.

PARISH CHURCH Electoral Roll - just a reminder for anyone who wishes their name to be included on the new Church Electoral Roll - please contact Fr Stephen at The Rectory - telephone 870233

From Fr Stephen

Many thanks to all those who came last Sunday to the Service of Blessing for the new Parish Room. It was a wonderful, happy Sedlescombe occasion.

Did you leave a child's denim hat at the Church Christmas Sale? If you thought you had lost it for ever, your worries are over! At present it is safe in the hands of our Treasurer (Patricia Tudor) who will be pleased to hand it back to the owner on hearing from her (or him) - please 'phone 870093.

SEDLESCOMBE POST OFFICE and SHOP

- unfortunately the National Award for Best Village Shop and Post Office did not come to Sedlescombe, instead going as far north in England as one can go – Northumberland. However, it is a great achievement for John and Jenny to have won the South East of England award. Next Saturday (24th) there will be a Rally outside the Post Office organised by the Countryside Alliance to support the cause of all rural Post Offices under threat of closure. It will be attended and addressed by our local MP, Greg Barker; more details next week.