

ANTIQUES FAIR - another one of these popular events will take place in the Village Hall on Sunday 11th March from 9.30am until 4.00pm - see you there!

COFFEE MORNING - make a date in your diary for Saturday 17th March (10.00am - 12 noon) at 'Tamar' to support our Team for the World Pony Driving Championships in Denmark in July when we hope that our own Sarah-Jane Cook will be competing. The Team desperately needs to raise money!

FRIENDS OF SEDLESCOMBE CHURCH HERITAGE TRUST - are pleased to report that £1033.73 was raised from the Swing Night held at the end of January - a huge 'thank you' to everyone who supported the event.

SEDLESCOMBE FAYRE - booking forms are now available for Saturday 2nd June; if you are a village group, business, charity or crafts person who would like to have a space at this event, please contact Sedlescombe Societies Association on 870344 for further details. All monies raised on the day are used to help organisations around the village.

SEDLESCOMBE SPORTS ASSOCIATION - the Association was delighted to receive within the last few days a generous donation from a local Charitable Trust. The Fund to build a much needed new Pavilion on the Sports Field is gradually growing - but there is still a long way to go. Approaches are

being made to known funding sources but if anybody is aware of other local Trusts that may be able to help, do let us know. Various fund-raising events are being planned for the coming months, including a Casino Evening, Car Treasure Hunt and the ever popular Jumble Sale! Watch out for the dates to be announced soon and support these events.

SEDLESCOMBE & DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY - Plants are now beginning to wake up - if anybody has clumps of perennials to be split up, the Society will be in need of some for the annual Plant Market. If you need help or cannot 'heel in' please call me on 870243 and arrangements will be made for you to receive some help. The Plant Market is the Society's only fund-raising event that helps pay for its Shows, Judges and Speakers. *John Kemp*

EASTER LILIES - please don't leave it too long before you order your Lilies @ £2 each for decoration of the Parish Church at Easter and which you can donate in memory of a departed loved one - further details please 'phone Sylvia on 870688

Reminder the Funeral Service for Bertha Cornford takes place at the Parish Church next Tuesday (27th) at 11.30am to be followed by Cremation. Ted will welcome friends to join him at the Brickwall Hotel from 1.00pm.

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LOVE YOUR POST OFFICE

The Countryside Alliance in partnership with other interested organisations has designated this week 'National Post Office Week', the aim being to highlight the Government's current consultation on the future of the Post Office Network and to encourage people to take part and fight for their own local service. Rallies are being arranged throughout the U.K. and the Rally for the South-East of England is to be held here on Sedlescombe Green today (Saturday 24th) between 10.00am and 11.00am. The local Member of Parliament (Greg Barker) will address the gathering and it is hoped this event will attract media attention. The threat to the rural P.O. has never been greater - please do try to come along and swell numbers so that you help to give a clear signal to the Government that local services must be maintained.

SEDLESCOMBE GREEN W.I. - our February meeting will be next Wednesday 28th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The Speaker will be Mrs KF Eaton talking on "Pearly Kings and Queens". The Competition is Flower of the Month and/or Pearl Buttons. All visitors will be very welcome - for further details please 'phone 870808.

ECUMENICAL LENT GROUP - will meet on Wednesday 28th at 7.00pm and the following 4 Wednesdays at No 15 Gorselands, not in the Chapel as previously advertised. If you would like to join in, please 'phone Margaret Smith on 870431.

THURSDAY CLUB - Mr D Williams is back again to talk about 'The Roman Empire' when we meet on Thursday 1st March in Committee Room 2 of the Village Hall. This is the last meeting of our financial year, so subscriptions will be due at the April meeting.

LENT LUNCHES will continue on Friday 2nd March from 12 noon until 2.00pm at No 2 Forge Cottages; it will be an opportunity to help others less fortunate than ourselves and enjoy yourselves with soup and a roll.

HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUP - don't forget the Coffee Morning to be held at Asselton House next Friday 2nd from 10.00am - 12 noon in aid of St Michael's Hospice and in memory of Marion, Pat, Noreen and Pam all of whom are very much missed in the village. Bring & Buy, Raffle etc; further details please 'phone 870688.