

LOOK UP AND WONDER ...

There was an infill item in the *Today* programme on Radio 4 recently about shooting stars and although I may have previously been aware of the fact, my complete amazement was renewed on hearing that in substance, the shooting star itself is no bigger than a grain of wheat or a spec of dust. Nonetheless, it is true and although unable to prove it personally, the word of the contributor alone was enough for me and I was completely sure he knew what he was talking about. Don't forget also that the Psalmist told us long ago that *'He [God] telleth the number of the stars and calleth them all by their names'* ... in a similar way I am unable to prove it personally but am content to accept the word of both God and the Psalmist.

The Bible does not specifically address the question of planets or the solar system in the way we refer to them but rather talks about creation which has been brought into existence by God's almighty hand - yes, the same hand that feeds and waters the good seed on the land.

Whether we venture further into space or discover other civilisations it must I feel be only at the behest of God himself and how far he actually wants us to venture. Would that all the mega-billions being spent by increasing numbers of Earth's nations on those sort of quests were directed to the ills of the civilisation immediately around us - there are still thousands of years left to venture into unknown frontiers.

Look up at the sky in these next few days to see if you can spot a shooting star, or look up at the sky any clear night and see if you can even count the stars ... why don't we all have a go?

If nothing else, we might get some of life's little squabbles into perspective.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

WORLD COMBINED PONY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007

Sarah-Jane Cook has been selected to represent Great Britain at the forthcoming Championships to be held in Denmark and the Team will be travelling out on July 12th to prepare for the competitions which take place between July 18th and 22nd. Sarah-Jane is most grateful for all the support she has received in many ways during the last few months, all of which has ensured that a Team is able to go to the Championships and represent the country. There are still a few squares left on the "Win a Carriage and Horse Ride" competition in the Post Office if you would still like to show your support. Meantime, it's "Good Luck" to Sarah-Jane and the Team and we look forward to a full report in due course.

COMING UP NEXT WEEK ...

tomorrow (Sunday 17th) ... Gill White and her 2 daughters will be running the "Race for Life" in Alexandra Park in aid of Cancer Research UK. You can still sponsor them and the form is at the Surgery - thank you.

Monday 18th ... **Sedlescombe Players'** Annual General Meeting takes place in Committee Room 2 of the Village Hall at 7.30pm; the post of Chair is vacant and must be filled and all members are asked to do their best to be present.

Tuesday 19th ... **Rootz 'n' Shootz** members will meet at Bridge Garage at 6.30pm prior to games in the Playpark; if it is wet, then we shall meet at Chapel Hill Church and re-arrange another day for games.

Wednesday 20th ... **Sedlescombe W.I. (Afternoon)** will be holding their Garden Meeting at No 7 Streetlands by kind permission of Mrs Clark and starting at 2.00pm. Please park your cars in the Village Car Park and don't forget to bring your garden chairs. There will be a 'Bring & Buy' and the competition will be "Flower of the Month" - we look forward to seeing you.

The Readings: 2 Samuel: 11, 26 to 12, 10 and 13 - 15
Psalm 32
 Galatians 2: 15 - 21
 St Luke 7, 36 to 8, 3

Services and Meetings this week

St John the Baptist, Sedlescombe

Trinity 2 [17]

10.00 am Parish Communion with Junior & Youth Church

Tuesday [19]

6.30 pm Rootz 'n' Shootz
 [see page 1 of Parish News]

Flower Festival [22, 23 and 24]

Friday and Saturday 10.00am
 Sunday 12 noon - each day until 5.00pm

Trinity 2 [24]

[Patronal Festival]

10.00am Parish Communion with Junior and Youth Church
 6.00pm Festival Evensong

St Mary Magdalene, Whatlington

Trinity 2 [17]

8.30am Parish Communion

Trinity 2 [24]

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Chapel Hill Church – United Reformed

Sunday 17th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Mike and Judith Welch

Tuesday 19th 2.30pm Home Group at No 15 Gorselands

Wednesday 20th Coffee Morning 10.30 – 12noon in the Meeting Room

Sunday 24th 3.00pm Church Anniversary - Worship led by Mr David Walters - President Sussex East District U.R.C.

SEDLSCOMBE PARISH CHURCH

Don't forget to make a date to visit our *Glorious June* Flower Festival taking place in the Church from Friday 22nd until Sunday 24th June. Unashamedly, it is a fund-raising event for the Church - in turn this enables us to take other charities into our thinking at intervals during the year. There will be organ recitals given by Ian Gibbins our new Organist and Director of Music on each of the days and a bell-ringing demonstration during Saturday afternoon.

In addition, the usual variety of stalls will be in the churchyard as well and we are appealing for plants and cuttings, gifts of cakes and preserves for sale as well as for use in refreshments to be provided and of course, prizes for the tombola! If you are able to assist, please 'phone 870808, 870688 or 870533 – thank you.

Margaret

CHAPEL HILL CHURCH

extends a warm welcome to you all on Sunday 24th June for our *Church Anniversary* recalling the Stone Laying of the Church in 1879. The Preacher at our Special Service at 3.00pm will be Mr David Walters who is President of Sussex East District of the U.R.C. The Service takes place in our newly decorated Church and you together with your friends are invited to attend for the Worship which will be followed by refreshments. There will be ample car parking in the field opposite the Church.

LOOKING AHEAD ...

Sedlescombe Theatre Club – just a reminder to all those who are joining the “*Jimmy's Farm*” outing on Wednesday 27th that the coach leaves the village at 8.30a.m.

There is one spare ticket for ‘*Sound of Music*’ Wednesday 25th July; Please contact Shirley on 870517.

Sedlescombe Friendship Club -

The first *Bingo* game will be at Roselands on Wednesday 27th June at 2.00pm when the callers will be Maureen Baker and Reg Glew - all are welcome.

Whatlington Village Fete takes

place in the (Whatlington) Village Hall on Saturday 30th June starting at 1.30pm. plants, bric-a-brac, cakes, raffle and refreshments in the hall and games of skill, bouncy castle, pony and trap and tractor rides in the field opposite. Free parking – come and enjoy yourselves!

Royal British Legion the local

R.B.L. branch reminds Veterans living in and around Sedlescombe that we will celebrate “Veterans’ Day” on Saturday 30th June. If you would like to take part, please make early contact with me in order to anticipate the numbers we should prepare for – tel 870219.

E Burgess - Chairman