

28th April, 1973.

Easter .I.

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TODAY.

Sedlescombe Horticultural Socy's
SPRING SHOW.

in the Village Hall at 2.30. pm.

See you there!

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"BLUEBELL BUFFET"

Sussex Church Campaign.

An evening at Ashburnham Place.

Battle and Bexhill Deanery invite
you to a "Bluebell Buffet" on Wed.
May 2nd, 1973 at 6.45. pm.

Tickets 50p.

Please contact Mrs. Evenden. Sed 496.

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Sedlescombe Junior Football Team.

The Organisers wish to thank all
those who came and gave their support
in many ways to help raise
money for equipment. The sum of £13
was made and although it was hoped
to raise a larger amount (many people
are still away) the boys should soon
be turning out in their own colours.
Donations are very welcome and should
be sent to Mrs. Evenden.

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N.S.P.C.C. COFFEE MORNING

£14.56 was raised at Mrs. Williams's
house, Nortons Farm last week.

Thank you Mrs. Williams and her
friends for organising this effort
and for those of Sedlescombe who
came to help.

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Copies of "THE SIGN" of the May
issue, will be found on the table
in Church or at the P.O.

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M.U. - May 8th Meeting - Cancelled.
Festival Service - May 17th - Battle.

STOP PRESS.

The Revd. Denis and Mrs. Prince.

A united meeting of the
Sedlescombe and Whatlington
P.C.Cs and Church Workers who
could attend, gave a very warm
welcome on 25/4, to our new
Rector and Mrs. Prince. Everyone
left the Meeting confident that
we shall all go forward spirit-
ually and village-wise. The
date of the induction is still
to be settled BUT it should be
before Sedlescombe Patronal
Festival on June 24th.

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Sedlescombe W.I.

OPEN INVITATION

from members of the Women's
Institute, to Sedlescombe folk
to be their guests in the Vill-
age Hall on Wed. May 2nd.

2.30. pm. - 4.0. pm.

see page 3.

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Miss J.F. Mackenzie, would like
her many friends to know that
she is now settled at Battle
and her address is: 5 Senlac
Court, Caldbec Hill, Battle.
Battle 3243.

Miss Mackenzie is very much
missed and we wish her all
happiness in her new home.

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This week's praying-point: For whom are we responsible? How can we help, without any sense of censoriousness?

This week's reading-point: The story of the Upper Room from John 20, and the charge given to the disciples: "As the father has sent me, even so send I you".
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NOTICES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK.

Whatlington.

Sedlescombe

Saturday, 28th April

2.30.p.m. - in the Village Hall

Sed.Horticultural Socy

SPRING SHOW.

Sunday, 29th April, Easter I.

10.0.am. Mattins & Parish Communion.

6.30.p.m. Evensong.

Wednesday, May 2nd.

6.45.p.m. Ashburnham Place.

"Bluebell Buffet"

Next Sunday, May 6th. Easter 2.

10.0.am. Mattins & Parish Communion.
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Sunday 6th May.

The Ven.G.Mayfield, Archdeacon of Hastings will be visiting Sedlescombe to preach and celebrate at this Service. It has been some time since we have seen the Archdeacon at Sedlescombe, and the Churchwardens hope that he will be given a warm selcome.

As Canon Soar will be away, it is regretted that the 10.0.am. Service will be the only Service on this the first Sunday in the month.
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Sedlescombe United Reformed Church.

The Service this Sunday will be at 11.am. as usual.
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The flowers in Sedlescombe Church this Easter were very beautiful, and all the flower-arrangers are to be congratulated and thanked for the time they spent in making thses lovely arrangements. Thanks are also due to those who donated such a bounty of flowers, not forgetting the children who gathered posies of primroses, and arranged them round the pillars.
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A Letter from Our County Councillor.

I would like to express my gratitude for your congratulations on my election to the County Council, and to the people of both villages for their support. The kindness and friendliness I have received has touched me very deeply. I will do my best to deserve your confidence and I hope people who have a problem that I might be able to help with, will get in touch with me without hesitation.

Ann Moore, Hancox, Whatlington. Sed.209.

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Sedlescombe W.I.

There were 42 members, and several guests at the April Meeting, when Mrs.D.Barber acted as Secretary, in the absence of Mrs.P.Harden.

The President gave details of the display proposed for the Open Meeting, on Wednesday, May 2nd. and urged members to invite non-members to come with them, to see examples of the many activities that take place under the W.I. 'umbrella'.

Miss B.Dunbar gave an account of the Yearly Council Meeting, held at Bexhill in March, and reported on the resolutions from the East Sussex Fedn. The 'flower of the month' chosen was Miss Dunbar's narcissi 'Eddy Canzoni'.

A group outing has been arranged for September 18th, a days outing to Chichester. The Rother group bursary for a course at Denman College was to be balloted from Sedlescombe this year, all members eligible. The raffle was won by Mrs.Dora Smith, a handsome Easter Egg.

The primroses gathered for St.Helens Hospital, ward for the elderly, bed-bound, were the best ever; they were taken over by Mrs.K.Garrett.

It was Mr.Walter Murray's fourth visit, and his talk on 'Birds of the Sea-Cliffs and Islands', with Mrs.Murray, as before the projectionist, was much appreciated; only years of dedicated study, and hours of patient watching combine to produce this intimate picture in prose and photography that brings such delight to his audience. Mrs.Cunningham gave the vote of thanks.

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Sedlescombe Tennis Club.

The 1973 Summer Club evenings are beginning on April 26th and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting about 6.30.pm. Everyone who likes playing tennis will be most welcome to join us then.

Six professional instruction evenings (Mr.Girodot) for Juniors have again been arranged; They will be on the following dates:-June 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and July 6th. 6.30.pm. - 8.30.pm.

All young people wishing to learn good tennis may enter, and balls will be provided. To help with the costs a small fee of 25p. for the course of six lessons is charged.

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ALFIE.

"What is Easter?" asks Nancy Banks-Smith, TV critic of the Guardian. "According to the BBC, it is 'another chance to see the Morecambe and Wise Christmas show.' That'll give the theologians something to think about."

Well, anyway, I thought, in a country where to-day only a smallish minority are really church people, it would be presumptuous for Christians to expect Easter programmes to be all Bach's St. Matthew Passion, or discussions about the empty tomb.

Nevertheless, on Easter evening, a little wearily, I switched on BBC 2, and heard a better sermon than most. It was Michael Caine doing a superb job in the film Alfie. Some of you will have seen it, but if not, it's the story of a play-boy, out for fun in life, but definitely no responsibility.

Among Alfie's conquests is an uncomplicated girl Gilda, deeply in love with him. They live together at week-ends, and she has a son by Alfie, to whom they are both devoted. Still the boy will accept no responsibility, and won't marry Gilda, who works part-time in the local brewery to keep the home going; until finally, wanting security for herself and the child, she marries a bus conductor, whom she respects but doesn't love. Alfie has to seek his fun elsewhere, has a liaison with a hard-working country girl, who slaves for him until he turns her out. He also gets involved with a rich but amorous Ruby. Finally he seduces the wife of a friend of his, who is away in hospital, and this shameless affair ends in a back-street abortion, which proves Alfie's awakening. Happening to see the perfectly formed foetus, he is quite horrified, and brought at last to his senses.

Alfie spots Gilda going into church with her bus conductor to have her new baby christened. Then he finds that Ruby is now living with a very young guitar player; and he is left bewildered and utterly alone.

That was my viewing for Easter Sunday evening; sordid stuff yes; but I bet that plea for a new approach to life and love could have done more good to many young so-and-sos than all those sermons we take a long time to prepare, and which they will never hear.

Reg Soar.

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The Living Church.

Sedlescombe
Communicants:
Membership Fund: £1.40
Cash in plate: £27.68.

Whatlington
Communicants: 38
Membership Fund: 60p.
Cash in plate: £21.27.

*Churchyard Fund.

The Hon Treasurer acknowledges with thanks donations from
Mrs. Halse, Mrs. Barber, and Mrs. Knight.

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