

22nd September 1973

Trinity 14

Price 1p

FETE COMMITTEE Meeting, Tuesday 25th September, 7.30 pm, Village Hall.

WIVES GROUP, Tuesday 25th September, 7.30 pm Village School.

SEDLESCOMBE SENIORS. On Thursday 27th September, 10.15 am at the White Hart, Cripps Corner, our speaker will be Mr Barry Funnell of St Leonards, giving an illustrated talk on "The Foden Era of Steam".

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION), Thursday 27th September, 7.30 pm, Village Hall.

SPT. FOOTPATHS WALK No 4. In spite of very hot weather, 20 people joined the walk on 9th September, which proved very enjoyable. Though part of the path is now quite impassable, Mr Cameron hacked through a forest of nettles to clear the rest. Thanks are also due to Mrs Sitch and Mrs Barter, who helped with the preliminary reconnoitring. The next walk will take place on Sunday 30th September, starting from the Village Pump at 2.30 pm.

1st SEDLESCOMBE SCOUT GROUP. Once again we had a successful Barbecue and Fete which was opened by Bobby Crush. The Dog Show was well supported and the Baby Show which was a new attraction proved very popular. We would like to take the opportunity of thanking all those who gave of their time, money or gifts which are greatly appreciated. Although expenses were higher this year owing to inflation we should net £50 clear profit. Our Group AGM is to be held on 3rd October in the Scout Hut at 8 pm and we invite all who are interested in our activities especially parents of members of the troop to come and join us. The committee are also desperately in need of a secretary and will be very grateful to anyone willing to undertake this task.

SEDLESCOMBE CRICKET CLUB Sandrock CC 112 Sedlescombe 115-1
The Village XI completed their successful season with convincing win at home on Sunday.

The visitors opening first on a wet wicket, struggled to produce 112 runs. Pomeray 30 runs and Muggeridge 37 not out, held their innings together.

In reply, the Village quickly overhauled the total, losing only one wicket in the process. A fine partnership between W Outram 64 not out and R Hook 46 not out, produced the runs.

Matches played: 17; won 11; drawn 2; lost 4; cancelled 3.

Cricket Club AGM - Tuesday 20th November, Village School.

This week's praying point: For an increase in our faith, hope and love
This week's reading point: Ephesians 5, 21 to 6, 4.

NOTICES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Sedlescombe

SUNDAY 23rd September, Trinity 14

9.30 am Mattins and
Parish Communion

11.15 am Sunday School
(Scout Hut)

MONDAY 24th September

7.30 pm Deanery Synod, Battle

FRIDAY 28th September

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.15 am School Harvest Service

SATURDAY 29th September

7.30 pm Harvest Supper

NEXT SUNDAY, 30th September

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

9.30 am Mattins and
Parish Communion
6.30 pm Evensong

Whatlington

SUNDAY 23rd September, Trinity 14

8.00 am Holy Communion

6.30 pm Evensong

NEXT SUNDAY, 30th September

Trinity 15

8.00 am Holy Communion

SEDLSCOMBE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Our HARVEST FESTIVAL Service will be held this Sunday at 11.00 am.
The Service will be led by Mr S T Meadows. A very cordial welcome
is given to all.

MEALS ON WHEELS - Volunteers still urgently required. For further
details contact Miss Russell-Leonard, Springfield Cottage, Brede Lane
(Sed 345).

WHATLINGTON WI

The Meeting held on Thursday 13th September was unusual to say the least: it took the form of an outing to Great Dixter, Northiam. 21 members went and all enjoyed looking over the well-restored Manor House and wandering in the gardens. Tea was taken at Mary Masons and was much appreciated. Our thanks are due to our Secretary Mrs Goodwin for the very great pains taken to make the outing so successful.

The business session was held in the coach before returning home. Our President Mrs Martin read a letter from the magazine 'Woman' which suggested that members might like to write an article about some aspect of village life, but the offer was declined.

Members are asked especially to remember the date Thursday 27th September when the Senlac Group will be holding a Handicraft and Produce Exhibition at Langton Hall, Battle. This will be under the title "My Ideal Home" and will be open to all from 10.30 am to 5 pm. Admission 5p. Will members who are providing exhibits for the Deep Freeze section please take them to the Hall on Wednesday 26th September between 5 pm and 9 pm, marking them with their name. Please come to the Exhibition and support your Institute.

The next Meeting will be on Thursday 11th October and Miss G Clements will speak about small articles for sales and bazaars and the competition will be a soft toy for a sick child.

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SEDLSCOMBE WIVES

I am very pleased to announce that we raised £80 towards the Electric Wheelchair at our dance at Staplecross on Saturday 8th September.

There was a raffle, spot prizes and very nice refreshments which all contributed towards a very enjoyable evening.

I wish to thank all who gave prizes, refreshments and those who worked so hard to make the dance such a great success.

The Wives' meetings recommenced on Tuesday 11th September with a Service in the Church and the election of a committee. I wish to thank the Rector and Mrs Prince for allowing us to use the Rectory.

Our next meeting will be in the school on 25th September at 7.30 pm when Sergeant Miles, the Crime Prevention Officer, will be giving us a talk. Anyone who would like to join the Wives will be very welcome. Programmes are obtainable from Mrs Evenden or myself.

The Harvest Supper will be on Saturday 29th September. Please contact Mrs Evenden if you are able to donate any food.

Brenda Wilson.

HOW THANKFUL?

The season of Thanksgiving for the Harvest is upon us. Tomorrow the United Reformed Church keep theirs; on Friday at 9.15 am, the schoolchildren bring their gifts to Church; next Sunday Sedlescombe gives thanks, and on the following Sunday, Whatlington.

It is only right that we should meet to thank God for all His goodness, and to realise how incredibly lucky we are in spite of rises in the cost of living. We must, however, remember those less fortunate than ourselves. I have in mind the peasants of Iraq, referred to in an article by Edward Hughes, in the Sunday Times of 9th September, headed 'How the Pink Death came to Iraq'. In 1969 and 1970 serious droughts brought two successive crop failures, and there would not be enough grain for the next season's planting. The Government acted quickly and ordered 73,000 tons of 'Mexipack', the expensive, high yield 'miracle' wheat and barley from American firms. This was unloaded in September 1971, and distribution to the villages began immediately. It looked better than their normal grain, but was pink in colour, for it had been sprayed with a mercury compound - a fungicide. Although a skull and crossbones and a warning in Spanish appeared on the sacks, warning against eating it, the illiterate and hungry peasants did eat it and fed it to their animals. "Before the winter was out, thousands of men, women and children who had eaten the bread or meat were dead, and tens of thousands were crippled, blinded or deafened by brain damage, in the most catastrophic epidemic of mass poisoning in recorded history." According to the researches made by Hughes, 6,000 died, and 100,000 were injured in one way or another. What should have been a bumper harvest of grain turned into a bumper harvest of tragedy and suffering.

We do indeed have much for which to be thankful.

Dennis Prince.

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Mr Arthur Oliver of Sedlescombe, and we extend to his relatives and friends our deep sympathy and sense of loss.

The Living Church

Sedlescombe
Members' Fund: £3.60
Cash in Plate: 26.66
Communicants: 51

Whatlington
Membership Fund: £0.50
Cash in Plate: £2.70