

29th September 1973

Trinity 15

TO-DAY - HARVEST FESTIVAL DECORATIONS
 Gifts of fruit, flowers and vegetables
 will be gratefully received by 10 am
 to-day at the Church.

TONIGHT - HARVEST SUPPER
 7.30 pm, Village Hall, Admission 25p.

SEDLESCOMBE HARVEST THANKSGIVING
 Sunday 30th September
 Please note Evensong at 6.15 pm.

SEDLESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL
 FOOTPATHS WALK
 Starting from the Village Pump at
 2.30 pm tomorrow, Sunday 30th.

SEDLESCOMBE TENNIS CLUB
 The mens singles final will be played
 on Sunday 30th September at 3 pm,
 weather permitting. Last year it
 resulted in a match of Wimbledon
 standard, so this should be well worth
 watching. Many Clubs like ours with
 good hard courts are now playing more
 in the winter season, and if there is
 sufficient interest we are hoping to
 arrange one Club afternoon each week
 during this Autumn and Spring.

PTA WHIST DRIVE
 The next Whist Drive will be held in
 the Village Hall on Thursday 4th
 October at 7.30pm. In addition to
 the normal prizes a "Snowball" of £5
 starts this month. Everyone is
 reminded that there will be a regular
 Drive the first Thursday of each month.
 Do come and join us.

1st SEDLESCOMBE SCOUT GROUP
 The Group AGM is to be held on
 Wednesday 3rd October at 8 pm
 in the Scout Hut and we hope
 all who are interested in the
 Scout Movement will come to
 find out what we are trying to
 achieve.

We would like to thank
 Dr Johnson for his work as
 Secretary which he has given
 up due to ill-health. We
 appeal to anyone who is
 willing to act as Secretary to
 'phone Mr Bage (Bexhill 212887)
 or to come to our AGM.

SEDLESCOMBE AUTUMN SHOW
 The Horticultural Society's
 Autumn Show will be held in
 the Village School on Saturday
 6th October at 2.30 pm.
 Schedules can be obtained from
 Mrs Carn, Sandven, Gorselands
 or Mr Groves, 4 Riverbridge
 Cottages.

LADIES - We would like you to
 support the domestic and
 flower arrangement classes,
 also the children to enter
 their special classes to make
 this show an outstanding
 success.

SEDLESCOMBE WIVES
 Fashion Show in the Village
 Hall with clothes by "Man Trap"
 on 9th October.

This week's praying point: All whose loyalty is to the things of this world and not to God.

This week's reading point: St Matthew 6: 24-34.

NOTICES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Sedlescombe

TONIGHT - Saturday 29th, 7.30 pm
HARVEST SUPPER

SUNDAY 30th September,
HARVEST THANKSGIVING

9.30 am Mattins and
Parish Communion

6.15 pm Evensong
11.15 am Sunday School
(Scout Hut)

FRIDAY 5th October

8.00 am Holy Communion

NEXT SUNDAY, 7th October,
Trinity 16

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion
11.00 am Mattins
12 noon Holy Communion

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SUNDAY 30th September, Trinity 15

8.00 am Holy Communion

NEXT SUNDAY, 7th October,
HARVEST THANKSGIVING

6.30 pm Evensong

SEDLESCOMBE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The Service this Sunday will be led by Rev A Willmott of Hastings. Last Sunday was our Harvest Festival Service in which our Junior Church took part. The old familiar hymns were sung with joy and thanksgiving to God for his wonderful promise that 'while the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest shall not cease'. Thanks to all who helped to decorate the Church so beautifully and also for the gifts of fruit and flowers etc.

THANKS

Mrs Oliver and David would like to thank all those who attended the Service at Sedlescombe Church last Friday, and also friends and neighbours who did so much to help during Mr Oliver's illness.

SEDLESCOMBE WI

The subject of our September meeting was "Production of a Daily Newspaper".

Mrs Garrett introduced Mr Power Berry who gave a condensed history of the Evening Argus which is printed in Brighton. Mr Ian Rumley-Dawson then gave a vivid picture of the whole complicated process by the use of slides accompanied by his taped running commentary. Mrs Scrivener thanked both men for a most interesting afternoon.

The President thanked the small band of helpers who took charge of Teas at Pestalozzi Open Day, taking over £60.

Mrs Hobbs reminded members of the afternoon Dressmaking Classes starting on Monday 24th September.

Names were taken for the first Discussion Group meeting which is to be held at Miss J Mackenzie's in Battle on Friday next at 3 pm and transport was arranged. Names were also taken for the Rother Group afternoon meeting at Staplecross on 11th October where a debate has been arranged.

The 'flower of the month' competition was won by Mrs Hall with Mrs Whitfield second.

A Hallowe'en Supper Party, to include entertainment, has been arranged for 31st October, admission 60p. Husbands and friends are invited.

There were 33 members and 3 visitors present.

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SEDLESCOMBE SPORTS ASSOCIATION

At a meeting held at the Village School on 11th September, and attended by representatives of all Village Sports Clubs, it was decided to set up a Sports Association.

The main aims of the Association are: generally to foster sport in the Village; the improvement of facilities for those who play or watch; the encouragement of any sport in temporary difficulties; to represent Village sport as a whole when this is needed.

The Officers of the new Association are:

Chairman	Colonel F D Pile
Vice Chairmen	Mr W Hook and Mrs J Mitchell
Hon Secretary	Mr G Collins
Asst Hon Secretary	Mr N Hodges
Hon Treasurer	Mr M R Wake

The Committee currently consists, in addition, of Mr A E Hodson (Parish Council Chairman), Mrs M Hastings (Stoolball), Mr P Furley (Cricket), Mr A T Fear (Tennis) and Mr R K Evendon (Football).

Any suggestions for furthering the aims of this Association would be most gratefully received by the Chairman or any member of the Committee.

ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN - BUT?

The tragic and fatal accident that occurred in the Village on Friday of last week, is still very much in our minds, and our sympathy and prayers must be concerned with those directly involved in it and their relatives and friends; we must also remember those who witnessed it, the police and ambulance men, and those who saw the result of it, especially the children and young people, for such an accident does have a lasting effect on individuals.

I have heard many comments on the accident, all differing in some way, as to whom was to blame and to how it was caused. Are we right to pass judgment when we do not know all the facts? I think not!

There are, however, some things we can all learn from it and do because of it. We can take much greater care in the way we drive, in the way we park, in the way we cross the road and in the way we behave. If we react in these ways, we are on the way to ensuring that such tragedies do not occur again in Sedlescombe or anywhere else.

Remember, none of us is infallible, and 'there, but for the grace of God, go I'.

Dennis Prince.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mrs Molly Southurst of Sedlescombe, and we extend to her relatives and friends our sympathy and sense of loss.

MRS ELLEN ROBERTS

As is well known, the funeral of Mrs Roberts took place on 17th September. It seems appropriate that some account of her long residence in Sedlescombe, and before, should be given.

She started her early professional life, nursing at the London Hospital, where she obtained the highest honours. She was sent to the Buchanan Hospital, St Leonards, where she reorganised it to its present high standard. As a result of this, she was asked to stay on as Matron. She married Alderman Arthur Thorpe, who was a great benefactor to Hastings, in the early 1930s, and they came to live in Highfield. After his death during the war, from injuries sustained in a bombing incident, she continued to live at Highfield, and later married Mr Alfred Roberts. She took a great interest in all Village activities, most especially in the reorganisation of the Restholme Trust Fund for the sick and aged of Sedlescombe, and gave much generous help. She was also a Manager of the Village School for many years.

Sadly, of recent years, her health steadily declined, and she was forced to retire from many of these activities. Nevertheless, her work for Sedlescombe will remain as her memorial.

J.A.