

13th October 1973

**YOUTH CLUB**

The Annual General Meeting of the Youth Club is to be held in the Village Hall at 7.45 pm on Tuesday 16th October. There will be a number of vacancies this year on the Youth Club Management Committee and any adults who can help in this respect will be especially welcome.

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**SCOUT GROUP**

**Bingo** - Tuesday 16th October at 7.30 pm in the Scout Hut. Your caller will be Mr Bridge. Refreshments will be available. Please come and bring your friends. Admission 10p.

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Coffee evening and jumble sale - Wednesday 24th October at 7.30 pm.

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The AGM of the Sedlescombe Scout Group took place on 3rd October in the Scout Hut where the Committee were re-elected and the Treasurer's Report was passed unanimously. We were delighted to welcome Mr and Mrs Irwin, both keen workers in the Scout Movement, who have come to live among us.

Mrs Holmes, Ringlett's Barn, Whatlington has kindly offered to be the Hon Secretary.

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**BRITISH LEGION**

25th October, 8 pm, Village Hall. Film - "Aftermath". Details next week.

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**WHIST DRIVE**

There will be a whist drive in Whatlington Village Hall on Tuesday 16th October at 7.30 pm in aid of cancer relief. Please come and give your support and spend an enjoyable evening.

**SCHOOL P.T.A. MEETING**

The Parent-Teacher Association are pleased to welcome Mr P Court, Headmaster of Claverham Community College, Battle, as their guest speaker at an open meeting in the School at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 17th October. Mr Court will talk about his School, its plans for the future (Comprehensive from September 1975), and the wider role of the Community College in its planned provisions for activities of all ages of residents in the Battle Area. All are welcome.

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**EAST SUSSEX DISABLED ASSOCIATION**

Sedlescombe and District Branch The AGM will be held in Staplecross Village Hall on 18th October at 2.30 pm. Teas, raffle and bring and buy.

This week's praying point: Peace, reconciliation, mutual understanding.

This week's reading point: Paul's letter to Philemon - a model of tact, persuading a Christian master to take back his runaway servant not as a rogue but a brother.

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NOTICES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

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Sedlescombe	Whatlington
<u>SUNDAY 14th October, Trinity 17</u>	<u>SUNDAY 14th October, Trinity 17</u>
9.30 am Mattins and Parish Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion
11.15 am Sunday School (Scout Hut)	6.30 pm Evensong
PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY SERVICES THIS WEEK	
<u>NEXT SUNDAY, 21st October, Trinity 18</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY, 21st October, Trinity 18</u>
8.00 am Holy Communion	
9.30 am Parish Communion	
11.00 am Mattins	
12 noon Holy Communion	
	6.30 pm Evensong

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SEDLESCOMBE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The Service this Sunday at 11.00 am will be led by Mr S T Meadows.

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CONGRATULATIONS to all who decorated Whatlington Church on Sunday. A tiny country church like this, in all its harvest panoply, is a dream, and an augmented choir, with a contingent from Sedlescombe, added to the sense of occasion. The evening collection was for Christien Aid.

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UNCOLLECTED ITEMS

Mrs. Carn, Sandven, Gorselands (Sed 434) has several vases which were left at the Summer and Autumn Shows. She also has a tray which was left at the Summer Show. Will the owners please collect.

SINGERS READ ON.....

At this time of year my thoughts, naturally enough, turn towards Christmas, and the joyous festal music associated with it. In years gone by we have been able to celebrate this and other festivals in a truly wonderful choral fashion, but this past year has seen a steady decline in our numbers, and despite loyal support from a few people, I fear that soon we will be unable to maintain our former standard of music. (As an aside, three-quarters of our adult members live well outside the Village and have many commitments elsewhere.)

Because of this serious (in my view) situation I am making yet another appeal for more choir members, most especially adults. Choir practices are on Thursday evenings at 6.15 pm, but if any people want to volunteer but find they are unable to make a weekday evening, I am more than prepared to hold practices at the weekend, possibly Sunday mornings after the service, if enough support is forthcoming.

So come on all you singing people, the more the merrier. The longer this lack of support continues, the more likely we are to lose the people who are with us already.

Richard Finch.

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WHATLINGTON WI

The Senlac Group, of which we are part, held a Handicraft and Produce Exhibition, under the title "My Ideal Home", at the Langton Hall, Battle on **Thursday 27th** September. It was very well attended, and we would like to thank all our members who helped by supplying food for the Deep Freeze and other exhibits. The marks awarded for our **entry in** the TV Programme section were not as high as we would have liked, but it was agreed that the work put into the staging of the exhibit was very worthwhile. The Chairman said that there was a possibility of the TV feature going to Ardingly next year, so we hope to profit by this time's exercise.

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AUTUMN SHOW

Sedlescombe Horticultural Society again staged a successful show with nearly 300 entries. Although the number was slightly down on last year the standard was high. Mr G W Solomon regained the cups in the flower and vegetable sections and also the RHS Bronze medals for the best exhibits in these sections. Mr E A Robins was awarded the National Chrysanthemum Society's Certificate of Merit. Miss L Madell regained the Floral Art Cup; Mrs E Smallman the Domestic cup; Jane Shann the children's cup and the Guy cup for gaining the most points in all the shows during the year. The Society thanks Mr Furley for the use of the School; by having more room the exhibits were displayed to a greater advantage.

## A SINGLE FAMILY?

While we shall continue at all times to pray for peace, any peacemaker in the Middle East faces a tough assignment. After the first world war, Britain promised Jewish leaders the chance of a national home in Palestine. We had also promised Arabs the independence of their lands; and, unable to fulfil all our undertakings, limited Jewish immigration into their "national home". The ghastly treatment of Jews by the Nazis brought immense world sympathy for Jews and their fate as a people, and our limitation policy was much under attack. A book like Leon Uris' "Exodus" is an example. In the wake of world desire to help the Jews, their leaders seized the opportunity, when our Palestine mandate ended in 1948, to establish the nation of Israel, despite bitter Arab opposition. Jewish technical ability and determination has built up a highly-developed modern community, but their very existence there is hated and resented by their neighbours.

With Arab control of so much of the coveted oil which modern industry needs, the Holy Land becomes the danger spot of the world. In a situation which calls for great tact and understanding, there is no easy solution. Jewish efficiency can make the desert blossom like the rose, but the Arabs too have their qualities and traditions. Their mathematics and chemistry were a thousand years in advance of the west, and their faith in the ultimate triumph of good can carry them through many a dark day. But the only true victory is for both sides to lay down not merely weapons, but attitudes which prolong this confrontation, so costly in life and human resources.

As Arnold Toynbee has written: "We are still strangers to one another in our local ways of life, inherited from times before the recent 'annihilation of distance'. This is a terribly dangerous situation. The two world wars and the present worldwide anxiety, frustration, tension and violence tell the tale. Mankind is going to destroy itself unless it succeeds in growing together into something like a single family."

This is not just a matter for the nations at present in conflict. It is our own problem, and the future of our whole world and that of our children is at stake.

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### The Living Church

Sedlescombe

Membership Fund: £4.55<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Cash in Plate: £4.24

Whatlington

Membership Fund: £2.10

Cash in Plate: £8.89

Communicants: 18