

20th October 1973

SEDLESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

FOOTPATHS WALK

Walk number 6 starts from the Village Pump at 2 pm tomorrow, Sunday 21st October and will lead in the direction of the Reservoir. The usual clearing implements will be welcome.

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SEDLESCOMBE SPORTS ASSOCIATION

A Committee Meeting will be held at Colonel File's home, Harriet House, Sedlescombe on Monday evening, 29th October, at 7.30 pm. Will all committee members please do their best to attend.

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MOTHERS UNION

Commissioning Service at Hove on Tuesday 23rd October.  
Battle 1.15 pm.

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WIVES GROUP

Open evening - discussion on the electric wheelchair, in the Village School on Tuesday 23rd October at 7.30 pm. Please see page 3 for the report on the Wives Group fashion show.

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SCOUT GROUP

A coffee evening and jumble sale will be held on Wednesday 24th October at 7.30 pm in the Scout Hut.

SEDLESCOMBE SENIORS

Our meeting on Thursday 25th October at 10.15 am at the White Hart, Cripps Corner will include the completion of Mr Burton's description of his visit to Hong Kong. This will be followed, if time allows, by an informal discussion introduced by the Secretary.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal British Legion, Women's Branch, will be held in the Village Hall at 6.30 pm (please note the time which is usually 7.30), when the Speaker will be Mrs Williams. Later at 8 pm, and also in the Village Hall, there will be a film show to which ALL the Village are invited. The film, called 'Aftermath', shows how the money is spent from the Earl Haig Poppy Appeal. There will be FREE refreshments and a raffle. Do come and join the Legion for a social evening.  
See also page 3.

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HIRE OF THE VILLAGE HALL

Please note that the cost of hiring the Village Hall is 50p an hour.

PLEASE NOTE ALTERATIONS IN TIMES OF SERVICES

NOTICES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Sedlescombe

Whatlington

SUNDAY 21st October, Trinity 18

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8.00 am Holy Communion  
9.30 am Parish Communion

10.00 am Family Service

11.00 am Mattins  
12 noon Holy Communion

6.30 pm Evensong

11.15 am Sunday School  
(Scout Hut)

TUESDAY 23rd October

10.30 am Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 24th October

8.00 am Holy Communion

FRIDAY 26th October

8.00 am Holy Communion

NEXT SUNDAY, 28th October,  
Trinity 19

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9.30 am Mattins and  
Parish Communion

8.00 am Holy Communion

6.30 pm Evensong

SEDLESCOMBE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The Service this Sunday at 11.00 am will be led by  
Rev A Willmott of Hastings.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMEN'S BRANCH

The first meeting of the Autumn and Winter session was held on 27th September, when Mrs Waller, the Chairman, welcomed some visitors as well as regular members. Future arrangements were discussed.

The result of the raffle in aid of the Horticultural Flower Show was £20.20.

On 3rd October a coach party of 33 members from this area visited Preston Hall, Maidstone. They were given a guided tour around the various factory departments where the Disabled-Men's Industries make many items including road signs. Please also see page 1.

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WIVES GROUP

The Wives Group again held a successful Fashion Show on 9th October. Clothes were by "Men Trap". Mrs Wilson, wearing a long black evening dress introduced the models who wore a wide selection of clothes. There was something to suit most ages and occasions ranging from evening skirts with lurex tops, through day dresses, to trousers with jumpers. Congratulations to the Committee for running such an entertaining evening.

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DR BARNARDO'S COFFEE MORNING

Very many thanks to all who helped to make this effort a great success. £22 has been forwarded to the Homes.

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WEATHERS by Thomas Hardy

This is the weather the shepherd shuns,  
And so do I:  
When beeches drip in browns and duns,  
And thresh and ply;  
And hill-hid tides throb, throe on throe,  
And meadow rivulets overflow,  
And drops on gate-bars hang in a row,  
And rooks in families homeward go,  
And so do I.

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THE LIVING CHURCH

Sedlescombe - M/Fund: £3.35<sup>1</sup>  
Cash: £5.90

Whatlington - M/Fund: £1.35  
Cash: £4.40

Communicants: 15

## RETURN TO NORMANDY

We may well complain of inflation, but the French housewife has even more cause for complaint. "C'est formidable, madame", said the proprietress of a kitchen-ware shop to my wife in Cherbourg. "Many people from here take the plane to Jersey to do their shopping. It only takes ten minutes, and they buy their clothes, groceries, everything, at half the price."

All countries have their pet economies and their luxuries. A French family extravagance, in a country where little pastry is baked at home, is to buy for Sunday dinner a large fruit flan. To-day at the pastrycooks, these cost 19 francs, nearly £2! Yet, with all these soaring prices, with meat and butter twice the British price, lots of simple little hotels do a wonderful four-course meal, all in, for just over £1. No 10% service, no extra for VAT, just hard work, good management, and fine country cooking.

For 12 francs, at a country hotel with a river running by, one could have:

Terrine or half a melon  
then

Fresh trout, cooked in butter or cream with vegetables  
Salad or Cheese Board (those scrumptious Normandy  
cheeses)

Dessert

"We go to the farm every day for our cream and butter", said the waitress.

On Sundays, artisans would bring whole families for much more expensive meals. "How do they do it?" one wonders. Well, they work hard, wages are high, and under the erratic but inspired leadership of de Gaulle, whose every thought was of France, a massive industrial growth has created a country richer than Britain.

We found Normandy extraordinarily quiet. Even markets were quiet, and not in ten days did we see one case of bad driving. A countryside very like Britain. Medieval towns, wrecked in the war in 1944, have been completely rebuilt. Lisieux, Caen, St.Lo, are quite unrecognizable to one who, like my wife, went to Normandy as a student, long ago.

We visited several ruined abbeys and monasteries. In one, St Wandrille, near Caudibec, on the Seine, the Gregorian music was so heavenly, it took one into another world.

Normandy is nice. Never once were we overcharged or 'done'. We should love to go again.

Reg Soar.