

TONIGHT

WIVES GROUP DANCE

Come along and enjoy yourselves in the Village Hall at 8 pm. Music will be by the "Ramblers" and there will be a bar.

Tickets at 60p each are available from Mrs Wilson, Sedlescombe 422.

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WHATLINGTON CHILDREN'S PARTY COMMITTEE

The next meeting to discuss final arrangements for the Children's Christmas Party on 5th January, will take place on Tuesday 4th December at 7.45 pm.

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SEDLSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council Meeting is to be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 4th December at 7.45 pm. The subjects to be discussed are: Footpaths and Sedlescombe Sports Association.

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SEDLSCOMBE FETE ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Wednesday 5th December at 7.45 pm.

SCOUTS

A 'Nearly-New' Sale and Coffee Evening will be held in the Scout Hut on Wednesday 5th December at 7 pm.

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SEDLSCOMBE SENIORS

On Thursday 6th December, 10.15 am, at the White Hart, Cripps Corner, our speaker will be Mr D I Dubois on the subject of "Old City Churches".

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WIVES GROUP

Mrs Evenden or Mrs Wilson will be pleased to receive any groceries - tins of anything, to be included in a Christmas hamper for the St Lawrence Home.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION)

Because of heat restrictions in the Village Hall, no meeting was held in November.

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SEDLSCOMBE JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Results: Rye Boys 6, Sedlescombe 4. There will not be a match this week because of Sussex Trials.

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KEY FOUND IN CLOCKHOUSE STORES - Will owner please claim from Mr Miller.

This week's praying point: For a fresh realisation of what the First Christmas meant to God and man.

This week's reading point: Romans 13: 11-14

NOTICES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

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SUNDAY 2nd December, Advent 1

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

6.30 pm Evensong and
Holy Communion

11.15 am Sunday School
(Scout Hut)

FRIDAY 7th December

8.00 am Holy Communion

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9.30 am Mattins and
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8.00 am Holy Communion

6.30 pm Evensong

SEDLSCOMBE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The Service this Sunday at 11.00 am will be led by Mr S T Meadows. Holy Communion will be observed at the close of the Service.

On Sunday 16th December we will be holding our "Carols by Candlelight" Service; this will commence at 3 pm. A very warm welcome is given to all who can come and join with us in remembering our Lord's birth. Our Junior Church will be taking part.

SEDLSCOMBE '71

In spite of heating restrictions, 41 members and 3 visitors attended the November meeting. Mrs Garrett, President, introduced the Committee for 1974, with Mrs Phillips as the new Secretary and Mrs Best, Treasurer, who outlined the Budget for the coming year.

Miss Vinall, who was visiting Sedlescombe for the second time, talked about Chopin, with incidents from his life, breaking off from time to time to play us excerpts from this composer's repertoire of music for the piano. The speaker was warmly thanked by Mrs Knight.

Mrs Downey and Mrs Hobbs spoke of their proposed programmes for the Produce Group and the Handicraft Section, respectively.

Arrangements for the evening buffet supper on 12th December were made and each member was asked to bring a guest and food enough for two.

The November 'Flower of the Month' was Mrs Lucey's mauve clematis with Mrs Scrivener second with a spray of Prunus Autumnalis. Mrs Whitfield received the prize for the most points gained in the competition during 1973. The raffle was won by Mrs Gale. The discussion group met at Mrs Duncanson's on 23rd November. Details of the next meeting, which will be a morning one on 12th January, will be announced later.

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WHEATLINGTON '71

We are pleased to say that Mrs Colegate had an operation last week and is progressing very satisfactorily. She is going to convalesce at Bexhill either Tuesday or Thursday of this week and we all wish her a speedy recovery. The Institute will be sending flowers to her home on her return.

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From C P Furley, Headmaster, Sed. 585 or 469

SEDLSCOMBE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Can you help us?

Our annual Christmas Market will be held at the School on Saturday 8th December. The Market will be opened by Father Christmas at 2 pm.

If you would be able to provide an item or two for the Market, they would be most gratefully received. The School will be open on Friday evening and Saturday morning, or I will be pleased to arrange collection.

The Stalls will be varied viz: Gifts, Christmas Gifts, Cakes and Buns, White Elephant (Treasure Trove), Grocery and Produce, Books and Magazines, Toys and Games, Good Clothing, Tombola, Bottle Stall, Sweets, Raffle, Refreshments, Creche.

From the Rector -

No doubt, even now in most homes, preparations are going on apace for Christmas - the puddings and cakes have been made; a great deal of thought has gone into planning the festivities, the presents and the Christmas cards. We all know how Christmas has become commercialised over the past years and many of us regret this. It comes as something of a shock though to realise that this 'commercialisation' is due in no uncertain way, to the ways in which we ourselves want to celebrate Christmas - we want the fun, the food and the drink - well fair enough!

But the Church leaves us in no doubt that there is a very different kind of preparation for Christmas. In the Advent season - roughly the four weeks before Christmas, she bids us prepare spiritually for the greatest act in history - the Incarnation - God becoming man in the Person of the Christ Child. We are to think of God's great humility; of God's great love for mankind; of the way in which God set in being the great process whereby man is reconciled to God, and man to man.

If we do what the Church suggests, we shall indeed be putting 'Christ back into Christmas', where He really belongs, and all our more mundane preparations will fall into their rightful place - subordinate to the Child of Bethlehem, and Christ-mass will have achieved its true meaning.

Dennis Prince.

Sedlescombe and Hatlington It is with very great regret that we have to record the deaths of Mr Arthur Sydney Vernon Acott and Mrs Ruth Budd. We extend to their relatives and friends our deep sympathy and very real sense of loss. May they rest in God's peace.
