

29th December 1973

TONIGHT  
WHATLINGTON WI

Each member may bring 2 guests to the Christmas Party from 7pm to 10pm. Also don't forget the presents for the Christmas tree.

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SEDLESCOMBE LIBRARY

The Library will be open as usual on January 1st, 2-4pm, in the Village Hall.

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SEDLESCOMBE SENIORS

We hope for a good attendance at our Annual General Meeting on Thursday, January 3rd, 1974, at the White Hart, Cripps Corner. This will be followed, if time permits, by a continuation of the discussions enjoyed at our last meeting.

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SEDLESCOMBE TENNIS CLUB

The Club will be holding a "Wine and Cheese" party on Saturday January 12th at Brookfield.

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SEDLESCOMBE DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

At the Bring and Buy Sale last Thursday £10 was collected which will be sent to give the Children of Fernside, Hastings, a Christmas treat.

The next meeting will be on 10th January with the members of the Disabled Association.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF BOTH CLUBS.

V.J.Clark.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION  
WOMENS SECTION

The next meeting will be held in the School at 7.30 pm on 24th January.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL THE MEMBERS.

V.J.Clark.

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KEEP-FIT

The next session of 12 keep-fit classes commences on January 17th in the Village Hall from 10 to 11.30 am. New members very welcome.

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NOTICES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Sedlescombe

SUNDAY 30th DECEMBER  
CHRISTMAS 1

9.30 am Mattins and  
Parish Communion

11.15 am Sunday School  
(Scout Hut)

FRIDAY 4th JANUARY

8.00 am Holy Communion

NEXT SUNDAY, 6th JANUARY  
EPIPHANY

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

Whatlington

SUNDAY 30th DECEMBER  
CHRISTMAS 1

8.00 am Holy Communion

6.30 pm CAROL SERVICE

NEXT SUNDAY, 6th JANUARY  
EPIPHANY

6.30 pm Evensong and  
Holy Communion

SEDLIESCOMBE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The Service this Sunday at 11 am will be led by Rev Owen Butler,  
Minister of Robertson Street United Reformed Church.

Our Junior Church Choir gave an evening of Carols, etc., to the  
Residents of 'Roselands' on Thursday 20th December. This was  
enjoyed by all including Mr Harvey and Miss Hamlett of the Housing  
Department who we were pleased to have with us. Tea was provided  
afterwards. A very enjoyable evening.

## SEDLESCOMBE SOCIETIES ASSOCIATION

The AGM of the Sedlescombe Fete Association was a well-attended and lively affair. Results of the Association's activities during the past year were reported and provisional plans were made for the future. As a result of the Fete and the Supper the profit of £104 has been given to the Village Hall Fund to supplement its income. Many of the meeting thought the aims and activities of the Association should be changed but after much discussion the meeting decided that changes should not take place, only the name which in future will be "The Sedlescombe Societies Association". All the officers were re-elected and the Chairman asked that all interested persons would be very welcome at all committee meetings, the next being on Wednesday 9th January 1974 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall.

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## SEDLESCOMBE CAROL SERVICE

May I say a word of very grateful thanks to the Choir, to those who augmented it, to Mr Furley and the school children, and to Mr Crouch, for all they did to make our Carol Service, last Sunday, so memorable. I am, indeed, most grateful to you all.

Richard Finch.

I would like to underline all that Mr Finch has said, and offer my personal thanks and the thanks of the Church to you all. I must also include in our thanks Mr Finch himself, and all who read the Lessons. Someone said after the Service - 'the singing was almost professional'.

Dennis Prince.

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## WHATLINGTON PAGEANT

Congratulations to all concerned on the co-operation in the preparations for and the execution of our Christmas Pageant which left me with very little to do at all. Thank you, and thank you too for your generous donations to the Cyrenians. I will be forwarding them £12 from you all.

R.Mander.

## THE NEW YEAR

A happy New Year to you all.

One of the gods the ancient Romans worshipped was called Janus. He was the god who (they thought) looked after all the doors and gateways and entrances, a sort of patron saint of doors; and that was the reason why Janus was regarded as being specially interested in the beginning of the New Year; because New Year's Day is a special sort of gateway leading into the future. So the ancient Romans called the first month of the year Januarius, after the god Janus, and we still have the same name for it, January. In ancient statues, Janus was often represented with two faces, looking in opposite directions - one looking backward into the past, and the other looking forward into the future.

And that's exactly what we all find ourselves doing at the end of the old year and at the beginning of a new one. We look back over the past and take stock, and see how we have been getting on; and we look forward into the future to see whether there are any ways in which we can improve things and make a better job of everything. This is the origin of our New Year's Resolutions.

Only a few days ago we celebrated Christmas, and, if we are honest with ourselves, we realise how difficult it is to keep up the spirit of goodwill to all men - we soon fall back into our old selfish ways. I think this is because we try to keep it in our own strength and in our own ways.

As we move into 1974<sup>82</sup>, and consider our New Year Resolutions, may we make one very definite pledge - to take the Spirit of Christ with us, in all we think or say or do. 1974<sup>82</sup> should then have quite a different meaning, not only for us, but for everyone with whom we come in contact.

So may 1974<sup>82</sup> be a year full of meaning and joy for you all.

Dennis Prince.