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SEDLEScombe PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Council is to be held on Tuesday, 8th. January in the school. At 7.15 p.m. a presentation will be made from members of the Council to Mr. Michael Drury following his resignation from the Council. The Open Forum will follow, with the Council Meeting at 7.45 p.m.

At the last Council Meeting Mr. David Woodman was elected Chairman, Mr. David Thomas Vice Chairman.

SEDLEScombe & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

The first A.G.M. will be on Jan. 9th. at 7.30 p.m. at the Queen's Head. As the business side of the meeting will occupy only a very short time, we have booked a set of 100 slides of Flowers in Woburn Abbey and Flowers through Time. We look forward to seeing you and your friends.

SEDLEScombe DOG TRAINING CLASSES

Dog training classes will begin on Tuesday, 15th. January in the Village Hall. There will be two sessions, 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. and 8.30 - 9.30 p.m. The course of 11 lessons will cost £5.50. If you wish to join, there are still a few vacancies, please ring Sedlescombe 310 for enrolment.

A.S. COLLINS, Secretary

SEDLEScombe VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

FURTHER CHANGE OF DATE. Owing

to prior commitments the meeting has now been postponed to take place on Friday, 25th. January at 7.30pm

SEDLEScombe SPORTS ASSOC.

Tickets for our 5th. Annual dinner dance are now on sale at Millers Stores or from Mrs. Mitchell, 16 East View Terrace, price £5.25 each. It is to be held at the De la Warr Pavillion on Sat. 9th. February, 7.30 p.m.

for 8 p.m. There will be a coach leaving from the Green, further details later. By popular request, Maurice Endersby and his group will be playing for you from 9 p.m. until midnight. Thanks to the generosity of prize donors and purchasers of tickets, our profit on the Christmas raffle almost doubled that of last year.

SEDLEScombe V.I.

At the Christmas Party on December 19th. Mrs. Downey presided and welcomed all present, particularly our visitors. After the business had been conducted in record time, Westfield Institute presented a one act play "Nasty Things Murders", enjoyed by every-

This Week's Praying Point: That we may come to know and worship the  
Incarnate Son of God.

This Week's Reading Points: Isaiah 49: 1-6. Ephesians 3: 1-12.  
St. Matthew 2: 1-12.

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SERVICES and NOTICES

SEDLESCOMBE

Sunday, 6th. January  
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8 a.m. Holy Communion  
9.30 a.m. Matins and Parish  
Communion  
11.15 a.m. Sunday School -  
Scout Hut

Friday, 11th. January

8 a.m. Holy Communion

Next Sunday, 13th. January  
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9.30 a.m. Matins and Parish  
Communion  
11.15 a.m. Sunday School -  
Scout Hut.

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WHATLINGTON

Sunday, 6th. January  
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6.30 p.m. Evensong and  
Holy Communion.

Tuesday, 8th. January

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

Next Sunday, 13th. January  
EPIPHANY I

8 a.m. Holy Communion  
11 a. m. Family Service  
6.30 p.m. Evensong

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SEDLESCOMBE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH. The Sunday service will be  
taken by the Rev. Dudley Noel and Holy Communion will be celebrated  
afterwards. May I wish our members and friends an happy and  
peaceful 1980.

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one, especially the 'sting in the tail' ! The raffle having been drawn, all helped themselves to the splendid "buffet " tea prepared by the Committee. A lovely afternoon as a fore-taste to Christmas.

WHATLINGTON. Miss Burnett would like to thank everyone who sent gifts and good wishes to her in hospital. She hopes to be home in about a week.

WHATLINGTON CAROL SERVICE. The collection amounted to £31.40, which is being divided between The Church of England's Children's Society, and Help the Aged. I.M.M.

MOTHERS' UNION. The first meeting of 1980 is on Tuesday, 8th. January at 2.30 p.m. in the Rectory, when Mrs. Atherton is coming to tell us about, and show slides of, her recent visit to China via the Trans Siberian Railway - a fascinating subject under any circumstances, but, related in Mrs. Atherton's inimitable fashion, a treat to look forward to. A truly happy and blessed 1980 to you and your families.

m.m.p.

SEDLSCOMBE SOCIETIES' ASSOCIATION. There will be a meeting in the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m. on Tuesday, 8th. January. All representatives of member societies are asked to come as we will be planning the summer fete.

J.K.FERGUSON, Secretary

LIFE'S LIKE THAT. "I was examining an old lady of 85 who had arthritis in her knees.

'What caused it?' she asked me.

'A dissipated youth, I suppose,' I teased her.

'That's funny,' she said grimly, 'I don't remember him.' "

Dr.M.J.H. Reader's Digest.

From the Rector -

EPIPHANY

Tomorrow is the feast of Epiphany.

The Greek word 'epiphaneia' means showing, and in the Gospel we have the story of the infant Christ being shown to the Wise Men. But there is a much deeper meaning in the readings for Epiphany. Perhaps the word 'unfolding' conveys the meaning better than 'showing', for our thoughts are directed to the unfolding of God's plan in the Incarnation - the Birth of Christ.

Notice, for example, the 'unfolding' in the case of the Wise Men. For them, it was a star providing a trail to be followed; they acted in faith and were rewarded by seeing the child Jesus. They recognised Him for what He was, and fell down and worshipped Him.

God's gift and our duty are made clear. Bunyan has expressed it for all of us in FIDGRIM'S PROGRESS. The Christian pilgrim asks Evangelist the way. "Then said Evangelist, pointing with his finger over a very wide field, 'Do you see yonder wicket-gate?' The man said 'No'. Then said the other, 'Do you see yonder shining light?' He said, 'I think I do.' Then said Evangelist, 'Keep that light in your eye, and go directly thereto, so shalt thou see the Gate; at which when thou knockest, it shall be told thee what thou shalt do.' "

St. Paul in the Epistle to the Ephesians is concerned with the same theme. 'God's purpose is simply this, that the Gentiles are to be equal partners with the Jews, in God's promise given by Christ through the Gospel.' Now in the latter part of the twentieth century, God is still unfolding His purpose. It is surely His will that the divisions of the world should be ended, whether between white and coloured, East and West, rich and poor, strong and weak, or 'haves' and 'have-nots'. In Christ these disunities can be swept away, and when He is 'Unfolded' they often are. Please God that we, in our thinking and living can do just this.

With every good wish,

Dennis Prince.