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ISSUE I

TODAY

SEDLEScombe ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
WOMENS' SECTION

Jumble Sale, February 27rd. 2 p.m.
in the Village Hall. Raffles and
Refreshments.

SEDLEScombe PARISH COUNCIL
FOOTPATH WALKER V ARCHBISHOP TRAVELLER

We very much enjoy the articles from ANB which appear from time to time in the Parish News and last week's was no exception. As we very largely agree with his sentiments, we hope that he will not mind us following it with an advertisement. In the article Everest, the Antarctic and deserts were mentioned to name but a few. There was, however, one notable omission, although a similarly epic adventure, and that is SFC's next guided footpath walk. Most certainly the route of the next walk has not yet been seen on television and is unlikely to be screened in the near future. The walk is planned to start at the Bridge over the River Brede at the lower end of the Village at 2.15 p.m. this Sunday, 24th. Feb. It will be hard. It will be gruelling. It will be muddy (wellingtons essential - waders optional). But it will be 'rewarding'. At the end of the $5\frac{5}{8}$ miles you will definitely feel you have achieved something, even if only a blister or wet feet. If you dare to join us, a few sustaining nibbles are recommended.

BEEBLE DRIVE

Come to the Scout Hut Monday evening, February 25th. for an enjoyable evening. A Beetle Drive in aid of the School Swimming Pool Funds. Raffles, Refreshments.

SEDLEScombe SOCIETIES ASSOC.

The next meeting of the above Association will be held on Tuesday, 26th. Feb. at 7.45 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Queen's Head (NOT AT THE VILLAGE HALL) Will all representatives please make every effort to attend.

WHATLINGTON V.I. WHIST DRIVE will be held in the Village Hall. 7.30 p.m. Tuesday, 26th. February. Everyone welcome.

SEDLEScombe GREEN V.I. The February meeting will be on 27th. at 7.30 p.m. when Mr. Wells will talk to us about Banking. Mrs. Farley, Miss Heap and Mrs. Miller will be responsible for the teas - and dig deep into your Treasure Trove as the competition is 'An Old Coin'. New members will be very welcome.

This week's Praying Point: That we may see ourselves as we really are.

This week's Reading Points: Genesis 4: 1-10. Hebrews 4: 12-16.
St.Luke 4: 1-13.

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SERVICES and NOTICES

SEDLEScombe

Sunday, 24th. February
LENT I

9.30 a.m. Matins and Parish
Communion

11.15 a.m. Sunday School -
Scout Hut

Wednesday, 27th. February

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Friday, 29th. February

8 a.m. Holy Communion

Next Sunday, 2nd. March

LENT II

8 a.m. Holy Communion

9.30 a.m. Matins and Parish
Communion

11.15 a.m. Sunday School -
Scout Hut.

WHATLINGTON

Sunday, 24th. February
LENT I

8 a.m. Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Thursday, 28th. February

7.30 p.m. P.C.C. Village
Hall

Next Sunday, 2nd. March.

LENT II

6.30 p.m. Evensong and
Holy Communion.

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SEDLEScombe UNITED REFORMED CHURCH. The Sunday morning Service
will be taken by the Rev. Dudley S. Noel.
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SEDLSCOMBE SENIORS. At our meeting on Thursday, 28th. February, Mr.H.Wyatt will talk about Painting Pictures for Pleasure.

SEDLSCOMBE SCHOOL. The P.T.A. will be holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday, March 1st. at 2.30 p.m. in the School. If you have any items you would like to donate to the sale ^{or} if you are prepared to make a cake for the cake stall, please contact the School, Sed. 585.

ROBERT RAIKES. 1980 is the bicentenary of the founding of the Sunday School movement by Robert Raikes in Gloucester. Using the Bible as a reading book, his idea was to teach poor children to read, and Sunday being the only day when even small children were not working, that was the day on which lessons were given. No doubt a certain amount of religious education was included; at any rate, whatever the reason, it was said that the language, morals and discipline of the children improved. We have been asked by Miss June Fox, the Diocesan Religious Education organiser, to try to gather information from old papers, scrap-books, parish magazines, minutes of parish meetings, but particularly from Sunday School teachers and scholars of the past. So if YOU have any recollection of YOUR Sunday School in Sedlescombe or Whatlington, please let me know, and together we may be able to compile an interesting record, not just for the Diocese, but for the parish. M.M.Prince (Sed 233)

PROJECT 'ACCESS FOR THE DISABLED'. An Access Group which has been formed for the West Rother area is composed of people with special interest in, and knowledge of, the difficulties encountered by the disabled in getting about in built up and rural areas. The Group provides a forum for discussion and stimulates awareness of problems relating to all categories of disabled. It maintains a 'watching brief' on all local developments and it is also carrying out surveys on places to which the public have access in West Rother. In this it is helped by Claverham Boys and Battle Abbey Girls as well as Scouts and Guides. Those places found accessible to the disabled will be included in a County-wide Guide. The Group meets on the second Thursday of each month at St.Mary's Church Hall, Batt at 8 p.m. Anyone who is interest in furthering the aims of the Group is invited to get in touch with Mr. Denny, Sedlescombe 287. The next meeting is on Thursday 13th. March.

From the Rector -

GETTING RIGHT WITH GOD

I am writing on Ash Wednesday. It took its name from the custom of sprinkling ashes on the heads of priests and people on this day as a mark of their repentance. Though the ashes have gone in many places, repentance and forgiveness remain.

The COLLECT, to be used every day in Lent, offers prayers to God, Who loves the sinner and is ready to forgive him when he is 'penitent' - that is, truly sorry for his sins. The repentance which wins God's forgiveness has three stages -

Contrition means 'I'm sorry',
Confession means 'I'll tell',
Compensation means 'I'll try
to make amends as well'.

The first stage is reached when we ask God to 'create and make in us new and contrite hearts'. In our Lord's teaching, repentance involves making a break with the past, and 'Turning right round'. Then follows confession - 'worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness' - which must come before any seeking of forgiveness; after which we are 'to serve and please God in newness of life'. We do well to note that 'remission' and 'forgiveness' are two words for the same thing: sin is both a DEBT to be remitted and an OFFENCE to be forgiven.

So as we go through Lent, may we have the wisdom to say 'I'm sorry', the courage to say 'I'll tell' and the grace to 'try to make amends as well'.

With every good wish,

Dennis Prince