

TODAY

SEDLESKOMBE SCHOOL - P.T.A.

Today we are holding our Jumble Sale in the School. It opens at 2.30 p.m. with many bargains for sale.

SEDLESKOMBE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At our next meeting, March 5th. 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Mr. May will be speaking on many aspects of roses, soft and hard fruit growing. An opportunity for all new to gardening to raise any queries on these subjects. PEAT has not arrived yet, so save your petrol. Our new season got off to a good start when 50 members and friends came and learned the history and art of Cider Apples and Cider making by Mr.C.Hunt, a very fascinating talk. There were 11 excellent entries for the Banks Trophy - remember yours for the March meeting. There will be raffle, tea, question time, etc. Summer Show Handicraft Section - Soft toy, hand knitted garment, crochet, embroidery, collage 15" square, and other crafter, 15" space allowed. Children's Class under 16, Soft Toy. Schedules have been distributed, so be thinking about entering for the Spring Show. Booking now for Wisley May 18th. New members always welcome
P.CAIN.

SEDLESKOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

REMINDER. Sedlescombe P.C. is inviting tenders for various painting etc. mostly at the children's playgrounds and repair of steps and

path around the pumphouse. Full details are given on the noticeboard by the Post Office and tenders should reach Mrs.Raymond at Woodland Cottage, Chapel Hill by 8th.March.

SEDLESKOMBE VILLAGE HALL
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGM

The above meeting will take place on Thursday, 13th. March at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. All members of the Village are welcome. There will be a prior committee meeting at 7.15 pm to approve the accounts.

GEORGE COLLINS, Sec.

WHATLINGTON

The Whist Drive arranged for Tuesday, 11th.March will now be in aid of Cancer Research and not the Table Tennis Club.

SEDLESKOMBE PARISH COUNCIL.

Reduction of bus service to Battle. If you use the Sedlescombe/Battle No. 484 bus, please note that the Bus Company is proposing to reduce the number of buses each way from six to two a day in April. The proposed times are - leaving Sedlescombe 11.54 and 13.54; leaving Battle 11.27 and 13.27. from which it will be seen that if you travel to Battle on the

This Week's Praying Point: That through prayer and God's grace we may overcome the evil in us.

This Week's Reading Points: Isaiah 35: 1-10. 1 St. John 3: 1-8. St. Matthew 12: 22-32.

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SERVICES and NOTICES

SEDLESCOMBE

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.

Wednesday, 5th. March

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Friday, 7th. March

8 a.m. Holy Communion

Next Sunday, 9th. March
LENT III

9.30 a.m. Matins and Parish
Communion
11.15 a.m. Sunday School -
Scout Hut.

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6.30 p.m. Evensong and
Holy Communion

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LENT III

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

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SEDLESCOMBE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH. On Sunday March 2nd. Mr. R. Matheson from St. Leonards will be celebrating Holy Communion following the morning service.

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is on Friday, 7th. March at 7.30 p.m. at the United Reformed Church, Chapel Hill. The address will be given by Mrs. Whitter of Heathfield. The theme is 'Responsible Freedom', and the basic draft of the Service was prepared by Christian Women in Thailand. It is particularly appropriate that this year's service comes from the far East, at this time of unrest. Everyone is welcome to join us, and women of all denominations throughout the world, on this day of Prayer and Praise.

13.54, you will not be able to get^{back} to Sedlescombe by bus the same day. Your comments are requested urgently. If the need for a bus at another time can be established, the County Council/Bus Company are willing to try to supply it. Please consider whether these buses would meet your requirements, if not, say so NOW, either to me or the County Council BUSLINE on Lewes 77666, or to the Bus Company at Silver Hill, Hastings 433711. This is urgent as the County Council plan to meet early in March to consider alternative suggestions. P.RAYMOND, Sed. 508.
Footpath Walk and Pestalozzi Open Day next week.

1st.SEDLESKOMBE BROWNIES. Congratulations to Sedlescombe Brownies, who, on Friday, 15th.Feb. won the Song section at East Sussex Song and Dance Festival held at Battle. On March 22nd. they go to Lewes for the County Finals. Well done Brownies.

SEDLESKOMBE OLD TIME & MODERN SEQUENCE DANCE CLUB would like to record that they hold dances each week from October to May. The Club meets at the Village Hall on Friday evenings from 7.45 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. and is always pleased to welcome new members. Even if you have never danced before why not give it a try? Hon.Sec. Miss P.Webb, Sed.448.

AN INTERESTING MUSICAL OCCASION. Battle Choral Society's performance of the Mozart Requiem on March 22nd. in Battle Parish Church marks an interesting anniversary. Fifty years ago, when Mr.Sheehan-Dare (whose daughter was Headmistress of Battle Abbey School) was conductor, the Society sang this work in Battle Church with a choir and orchestra of considerable size, all drawn from the area round Battle and Hastings. The actual performance was conducted by Basil Cameron, who at the time directed the Hastings Municipal Orchestra. What was special interesting about this performance was that it was broadcast on the "London Regional" programme of those early days of radio, and it was daimed at the time to be the first broadcast of this great work in Britain. The coming performance, which is at 7.30 p.m. on the date given, will be conducted by Mr.James Wiles, the present organist of Ninfield Church, and Battle Choral Society's new Director of Music.

SEDLESKOMBE SCOUT GROUP. Advance notice, a date for your diary. The Scout Group will be holding a May Fair on the Village Green on the afternoon of Saturday, May 3rd.

PETLEY WOOD APPEAL - Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy, Thursday 6th.March, Postboys, Sedlescombe, 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon.

From the Rector - :

Every October, all householders receive a form from the Returning Officer, which, by law, has to be completed, and returned. This becomes the basis of the Register of Electors - those who are entitled to vote at the elections of Rural District Councillors, County Councillors, and for Members of Parliament - these are purely secular elections.

The Electoral Roll is something essentially 'Church', and goes back to the early 1920's. Until then, the Parson and his Churchwardens had been a law unto themselves very largely; the new regulation enabled Church people to take a much more lively part in the every day affairs of the Church.

'The Electoral Roll' is our Church's register of those qualified to attend and vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where the elections take place for the Parochial Church Council, and the Parish's representatives on the Deanery Synod. The Roll has to be revised every year.

Who is qualified? Under the Church Representation Rules, any lay person if he/she is baptised; is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England; is of seventeen years of age or upwards; is resident in the parish, or has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the previous six months.

By enrolling you become a voting member of the Church of England and so help to ensure that all the synodical councils of the Church - the Parochial Church Council, the Deanery Synod, the Diocesan Synod, and the General Synod - are fully representative of its members. Synodical government gives an opportunity for partnership between Bishops, Clergy, and Lay people in the life of the Church. As the Bishop wrote: "The Electoral Rolls provide the numbers which are one of the factors in working out the allocation of the clergy to the Diocese; they are a necessary piece of information for the guidance of the Pastoral Committee in considering schemes of Pastoral Reorganisation; they are of particular significance at a time when we have no detailed or up to date census statistics of population. "

The Roll's renewal in Sedlescombe starts tomorrow, and finishes on March 16th. The Electoral Roll Officer is Mr. David Fisher, Pine View', Sedlescombe.

With every good wish,

Dennis Prince.