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SEDLESCOMBE SCHOOL F.T.A.

Our thanks to all who supported our Jumble Sale which raised £97.2. for the Swimming Pool Fund. Mrs.

Barton is holding Beetle Drives once a fortnight to raise money for the Swimming Pool Fund. The Beetle Drives will be held in the Scout Hut, starting at 7.45 p.m. and the next one is Monday, 10th.March. Further details may be obtained from Mrs.Barton, 36, East View Terrace.

SEDLESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 11th.March at 7.30 p.m. in the school. Open Forum 7.15 p.m.

WHATTLINGTON - WHIST DRIVE

A Whist Drive in aid of Cancer Research will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 11th.March, 7.30pm

SEDLESCOMBE & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

A reminder for members and friends to our monthly meeting in the cosy room above the Queen's Head on Wednesday, 12th.March at 7.30 p.m. Mrs.R.Leary a NAFAS Area demonstrator from Crowborough will demonstrate 'Lines and Curves'. The usual Sales Table and Raffle will be there as will a cup of coffee during the interlude. We look forward to seeing you.

SEDLESCOMBE SENIORS

At our meeting on Thursday, 13th. March, our speaker will be Mr.B. Funnell who will talk about "Wind-mills and Water mills".

SEDLESCOMBE 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 7.15pm to approve the accounts.

A.S.COLLINS, Secretary

SEDLESCOMBE & WHATTLINGTON  
BRANCH CONSERVATIVE ASSN.

The Annual meeting of the Branch will be held in Sedlescombe Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th.March. The Speaker will be Mr.John Ball, Association Treasurer. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend this meeting. Coffee will be served at the conclusion of business.

SEDLESCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

Advance Notice - The Village Hall Management Committee will be holding a Jumble Sale on Sat.29th. March at 2.15 p.m. in the Village Hall. Teas and Raffle will be provided. Please support this as the proceeds are essential for the general maintenance and upkeep of the Hall.

This Week's Praying Point: That God will send into our hearts the Spirit of Christ.

This Week's Reading Points: Isaiah 45:18-25. Colossians 1: 24-29. St.Luke 9: 18-27

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SERVICES and NOTICES

SEDLEScombe

Sunday, 9th.March  
LENT III

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

Wednesday, 12th.March

10.30 a. m. Holy Communion

Friday, 14th.March

8 a.m. Holy Communion

Next Sunday, 16th.March

LENT IV - MOTHERING SUNDAY

8 a.m. Holy Communion

9.30 a.m. Matins and Parish  
Communion

11 a.m. MOTHERING SERVICE in  
Church.

WHATLINGTON

Sunday, 9th.March  
LENT III

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

Tuesday, 11th.March

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Next Sunday, 16th.March

LENT IV - MOTHERING SUNDAY

3 p.m. MOTHERING SERVICE  
No Evensong

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SEDLEScombe UNITED REFORMED CHURCH. The Rev.R.Cwens of Cooden will conduct the Sunday morning service.

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SEDLEScombe. It is with much regret that we have to record the death of MRS.MABEL CLAYTON, formerly of Sedlescombe, and we offer her relatives and friends our deep sympathy.

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SEDLEScombe CHURCHYARD FUND. The Hon.Treasurer acknowledges with thanks donations from Mrs.Acott and Mrs.Bramm. The Mower Fund is still, due to inflation, £50. short of its target to buy a reasonable mower for use in the Churchyard. If you can help, please contact the Rector or Churchwardens.

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SEDLEScombe W.I. Handicraft meeting, Mrs.Whitfield's bungalow, Monday, March 10th. 2 p.m. Monthly report next week.

SEDLEScombe GREEN W.I. Barn Dance 29th.March. Tickets £1, Mrs. Fisher. report next week.

SEDLESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL - FOOTPATH WALKS. The last walk was a record in almost every sense of the word. The weather was the worst of any of the walks so far. A record number of people came - 9. A record number telephoned. A record number expressed interest in how it went or whether it went at all. Sunday lunches were brought forward, others gulped. A late arrival hurried to catch up. Other later arrivals tried to find the walk, failed and went their own way and those who came experienced a record amount of mud and water. We were, nevertheless, very sorry to have felt it necessary to discourage rather than encourage people from coming but having been round the course the previous week we knew well what was in store even without the extra rain. For approximately 11.1% of the party it was his first walk with us. In summary, it could almost be said that the Armchair Traveller won hands down, or should we say feet up? The next walk is planned for 30th.March.

PESTALOZZI OPEN DAY, 5th.July . The Council would like to draw your attention to the Pestalozzi Open Day to be held this year on Saturday 5th.July. The Pestalozzi Village would be very pleased to receive any kind of help that any organisation or individual can give and the Council sees this as an opportunity to demonstrate that the Pestalozzi Village is a part of the Sedlescombe Village community. The organisation for the day is under the control of Air Commodore Gaiger Broad who would be very pleased to hear from you.

MOTHERS' UNION. The next meeting is on Tuesday, 11th.March at 2.30 p.m at 16, Park Shaw by kind invitation of Mrs.Hall. Mother Gwendoline, Reverend Mother Superior of St.Mary's, Baldslow, will be speaking to us on 'Prayer', an ideal subject for mid-Lent.

HELP THE AGED. The annual appeal is on Tuesday, 25th.March, when the Committee Room at Sedlescombe Village Hall will be open from 10-12 noon, and 2-6 p.m. to receive your gifts of clothing, blankets and money. Unfortunately, the need is as great as ever with refugees and needy old people in every continent - but your gifts will bring comfort and hope.

WHATTLINGTON ELECTORAL ROLL. All that was said last week about Sedlescombe, applies just as much to Whatlington, apart from two things - the Roll will be revised from tomorrow, 9th.March until 23rd.March, and the Electoral Roll Officer is Mrs.I. Martin, Bonnie Place, Whatlington Road.

## From the Rector -- DETACHMENT

Books on the spiritual life tell of the need for "detachment from creatures". This is not to suggest that we enter an isolation cell in a zoo. It is to require that we sit lightly to all created things. We may enjoy this world's useful and beautiful objects, provided we do not covet them. If we have them we shall value them. If we lose them, we shall not fret at foregoing them. We are detached from created things, not because they are bad, but because we would be attached to God.

To be detached from people and things is not to be cold-hearted. One of his feminine relations once said to Lord Balfour: "I don't think you would miss us, if we all of us were to die tomorrow." After a pause, Lord Balfour replied: "Yes, I think I should miss you, if you all were to die the same day." If the philosopher meant this, he would have displayed meagre affection or limited vitality, but not detachment.

Mankind cannot be wholly devoted to God and his kingdom while they are attached to created things at the same time. So be detached from possessions and luxuries, obviously. Also be detached from virtuous habits, pious practices, from "my work for God", from "my reputation in his service," from "my spiritual consolations".

God is the end, all else are instrumentalities. Nothing less than God is worthy of worship. "Whether a bird be tied to a stake by a rope or by a thread, - so long as it is tied, it cannot fly," says St. John of the Cross.

Learn detachment by voluntary mortification and self-denial. This is Lent.

Learn it also by resignation and by accepting humiliations. This is a safer and surer way, to welcome what God sends in deprivation and disappointment. Bear without repining the ruin of your earthly hopes. However beautiful the things you crave, be resigned if God withholds them. However fervent is your desire to serve God in your own way, be resigned if He rejects your offer, and ask you to serve Him in His way. That is to be detached. It is the first step to consecration.

The chapter DETACHMENT from LIFE IN GRACE by M.W.Dewey.

With every good wish,

Dennis Prince.