

5th. April, 1980

SEDLEScombe & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

The next meeting on Wednesday, 9th. April at 7.30 p.m. at the Queen's Head is a practice evening. This is a good opportunity to learn something new, but even if you do not wish to participate just come anyway. **IMPORTANT.** The tickets at 55p. each for admission to Parham House on May 12th. will be available on 9th. April before they are offered to other neighbouring organisations.

SEDLEScombe SENIORS

The Annual Luncheon will again be held at the Beauport Park Hotel on Thursday, 10th. April

WHATLINGTON VILLAGE FUND

Annual General Meeting, Tuesday 15th. April, 8 p.m. in the Village Hall.

SEDLEScombe W.I.

At the meeting on March 19th. Mrs. Downey presiding, we were able to forget the unpleasant weather and, guided by Mr. Bayliss-Smith, spend an hour in a Woodland Nature Reserve. He showed us the most beautiful slides of favourite garden and woodland birds, from the tiny wren to the proud buzzard, making nests, feeding young, even "spying" on the cuckoo cruelly taking over a nest. Before the talk Mrs. Robertson gave an amusing report on the week's Home Economics course which she took at Denman College.

MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 8th. April at 2.30pm when by kind permission of the authorities, we are meeting in the Common Room at Roselands. Our speaker will be Miss Elsie Eason who, for many years, worked at St. Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, and continues her interest there as a part-time voluntary helper. St. Christopher's will be the subject of her talk; this will be an OPEN meeting, and everyone very welcome.

SEDLEScombe GREEN W.I.

At our March Meeting, Mr. Ellwood talking about Gardening illustrated with technical slides and many beautiful ones of flowers at their best, inspired us all to better gardening. He answered members questions and we hope that this will help towards the Competition later in the year for the 'Best Kept Village'. Competition - A Vase of Flowers, Joint winners, the President Mrs. J. Chapman and the Treasurer Mrs. S. Carn. Raffle prize, a decorated chopping board

This Week's Praying Point: That we may share in the Risen Life of Christ.

This Week's Reading Points: Isaiah 12: 1-6. 1 Corinthians 5: 7b-8. St. Matthew 28: 1-10.

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SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SEDLESCOMBE

WHATLINGTON

EASTER DAY, 19th. April

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8 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.30 a.m. Family Communion  
(NO Sunday School)  
12 noon Holy Communion

8 a.m. Holy Communion  
  
6.30 p.m. Evensong

Friday, 24th. April

8 a.m. Holy Communion

Next Sunday, 26th. April

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

8 a.m. Holy Communion

~~11 a.m. Family Service~~

6.30 p.m. Evensong

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SUNDAY SCHOOL. There will be NO Sunday School on Easter Day. We hope many children, with their parents will join us at the Family Communion at 10.30 a.m.

EASTER OFFERINGS. The Churchwardens of Sedlescombe and Whatlington wish it to be known that Easter Offerings as such no longer exist. The Offerings on Easter Day will be given to the Rector as a contribution towards his expenses of office, and everyone is asked to be as generous as possible.

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EASTER DAY is one of the days on which all who are confirmed are required to make an act of Communion.

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won by L.Harpwood. Members were reminded of the Rother Group meeting to be held in the Village Hall on 24th.April. Members and friends all enjoyed the Barn Dance held on Saturday, 29th. March in the Village Hall.

M.WILSON, Hon.Sec.

SEDLEScombe PARISH COUNCIL - Bus Service. I am sorry to have to report that the efforts to persuade the County Council/Bus Company to provide buses to and from Battle when they will be used by the greatest number of people, have proved unsuccessful. Below is reproduced a copy of a recent letter I have received from the County Council: "Thank you for your recent telephone enquiry concerning the withdrawal of the morning bus from Sedlescombe to Battle. The comments were considered by the County Highways & Transportation Committee meeting when they met on 11th.March 1980. I regret that it is not possible at this time to reinstate this service for the few passengers who currently make use of the facility. Although Maidstone & District provide a number of special services to Claverham School the vehicles allocated are required immediately afterwards elsewhere in the area. Additionally those other operators who convey school pupils from Sedlescombe to Claverham have no additional room on their vehicles for other members of the travelling public. Later this year other bus services in the Sedlescombe area will be reviewed and it may be possible then to revise these or consider post buses, community buses or a social car scheme which might be more closely tailored to the public transport requirements of the area." Please note that County Councillor Payne, who is a member of the County Highways and Transportation Committee, will attend the Parish Assembly on 15th.April and may be able to answer questions on this subject.

P.RAYMOND, Parish Clerk.

TODAY - EASTER DECORATIONS. Gifts of Flowers will be gratefully received at both Churches before 10 a.m. please.

EASTER GARDEN.- Sedlescombe. We shall be most grateful for gifts of a little flowers with which to decorate the Easter Garden.

SEDLEScombe CHURCHYARD. The grass cutting season is once again with us, and it is our intention as in previous years, to ask for volunteers to meet at the Churchyard on Monday evenings commencing on Monday, 14th.April. If you can spare an hour or so during the coming months, we shall be very grateful.

E.F.

From the Rector -

"The Risen Lord is plainly living on earth, and His presence in the Church is the most convincing of all the consequences of his Resurrection. There is nothing in any religion to compare with the continued personal influence of the historic Jesus, reigning in the hearts of His disciples. Through sacrament and prayer, in circumstance of adversity or experience of felicity, His glorified life is encountered. It is recognised by those who have the "seeing eye".

He needs to be recognised. As it was of old, so is it now. The cynical, the hostile, the cold-hearted, will not see Him. He did not appear to Pilate or Caiaphas. Even to those who love Him, there is always something surprising in the way He comes. It is in unlikely places, at unexpected times - as a gardener at the tomb; a chance wayfarer on a country walk; a fisherman by the lake; or as a sudden guest in the Upper Room.

Often it is only afterwards, in His absence, that He is recognised. "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked with us in the way."

One day, we shall see Him, whom we now receive under a veil, face to face. Then we shall know the part which Christ has played at many a moment when we supposed ourselves bereft. We shall not then say, "Who are you?" but, "It was you, all along."

If we love Him, we shall see Him. It is love that gives the power of recognition. It was Mary Magdalene who loved much, who rose early, while it was yet dark - she was the first to see the Risen Lord. She saw two angels. But angels were nothing to Mary; she turned her back on them. Nothing would satisfy her but the Lord Jesus himself. So Jesus she saw. "Mary."  
"Rabboni."

The promise is true for all time. "He that loveth me shall be loved of My father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

The Chapter THE SEEING EYE from Life in Grace by M.B.Dewey.

With every good wish,

DENNIS PRINCE

MAY YOU AND ALL WHOM YOU LOVE ENJOY A TRULY HAPPY AND BLESSED  
EASTER