

12th. April, 1980

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The monthly meeting of the Branch will be held at the Coach & Horses on Wednesday, 16th. April at 7.30 p.m.

WHATLINGTON VILLAGE FUND A.G.M.

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

SEDLEScombe HOPTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A reminder that our Spring Show will be held on April 19th. Village Hall. Secretary would like all entries and cups etc. to be in by Thursday, 17th. April please, to either Mrs. J. Rowe, 17, Park Shaw or Mrs. J. Williams, 30, Park Shaw. If you do not wish to participate in this the first Show of the season, we hope that you will pay us a visit and support the Bring & Buy Stall. Plants, cuttings, etc. would be most welcome. Refreshments will be available, and a raffle. We look forward to filling the Hall with your spring time exhibits. Classes for everyone.

P. CAIN.

BE WARNED

There are big cities and there are little villages, one has come to expect hooliganism -

vandalism, call it what you like, in the big city, but one does not expect that kind of behaviour in a beautiful, peaceful village such as Sedlescombe. Never-the-less it has happened. A fortnight ago some person went berserk with an aerosole paint spray, defacing a number of cars, house windows and other private property.

The police when informed were sympathetic, prompt and efficient in "pursuing their enquiries". If you see anything at all suspicious, have no hesitation in informing the police, don't wait until tomorrow to tell your neighbour. Help us to keep our village as we would like it - peaceful and beautiful.

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SPRING INVASION

The Vikings, who used to come in their longships now, it seems, come on their bicycles. Soon they will be making their annual appearance on our Sussex roads, blonde and

This Week's Praying Point: That we may have newness of life
through the merits of Jesus Christ.

This Week's Reading Points: Exodus 16: 4-15. 1 Corinthians 15:
53-58. St. John 6: 32-40.

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SERVICES AND NOTICES

SEDLESCOMBE

Sunday, 13th. April
EASTER I

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

Tuesday, 15th. April

7.30 p.m. PARISH ASSEMBLY -
Village Hall

Friday, 18th. April

8 a.m. Holy Communion

Next Sunday, 20th. April
EASTER II

8 a.m. Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Matins and Parish
Communion
11.15 a.m. Family Service -
Scout Hut.

WHATLINGTON

Sunday, 13th. April
EASTER I

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

Thursday, 17th. April

7.30 p.m. ANNUAL PAROCHIAL
MEETING, Village Hall

Next Sunday, 20th. April
EASTER II

6.30 p.m. Evensong

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SEDLESCOMBE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

The Service on Sunday morning will be taken by the Rev. Essex of
Winchelsea.

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splendidly sun-tanned, suggesting Nordic origins if not Scandinavian in fact. Observing their expensive bicycles and well-filled pannier bags one wonders if they have them stolen - an ironic reversal of the traditional roles of plunderers and plundered. Maybe we should warn them. 'Vikings beware! This is a land of thieves and robbers!.'

A.W.B.

SEDLSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting of Sedlescombe will be held on Tuesday, 15th. April in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. This is your opportunity to hear of the work of the local authorities and to put questions to the Parish Council, District Councillor Mrs. Moore, and County Councillor H. Payne.

SEDLSCOMBE 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.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

"On his way to a funeral in a hired car, my father leaned forward and tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question. The man jumped and my father apologised for startling him. 'That's all right, sir,' the driver replied. 'It's just that I usually drive the hearse.' "

Miss R. Carter in Reader's Digest.

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May I offer my thanks to all of you - those who came and made the Easter Services so meaningful - those who gave so generously towards the cost of lilies and other flowers - those who gave ~~of~~ their time and energy and skill in the actual decoration of our two Churches, and the Easter Gardens ~~and~~ ~~those who contributed to my expenses of office through the collection.~~ Thank you all very much indeed.

D.P.

From the Rector - NEWNESS OF LIFE

The splendour and gladness of Easter is reflected in the gift of new life. "New" is a recurring word in the New Testament, as one might expect. Indeed, the Gospel is news, good news. The Athenians were right in wishing to hear of the Resurrection as "some new thing". They did not perceive how gloriously new it was. They looked upon St. Paul's story, as others have done since, as an ending, rather than a beginning, "of all that Jesus began to do".

To start a-fresh, to turn over a new leaf, to begin again, what a seductive thought! But this is the very promise of the glorified Christ. The New Testament fully describes the new look of the redeemed man. To start with, he is in Christ, and therefore a new creature: all things are become new. He has a new name, he sings a new song. He lives under a new heaven, and walks on a new earth. He has a new commandment - charity - obedience to which reveals the new Jerusalem.

New shoes pinch, and new clothes, for all their prestige, are not popular - for men at least. A new car has to be run in, and ⁱⁿ a newly spring-cleaned study nothing can be found. The new life requires faith. It is through the grave and fate of death we pass to our joyful resurrection. But we have the "new testament in my blood," that fount of grace, which makes the casting off of old clouts of sin a possibility.

For the weary and the aged, there is healing balm in the promise, "Behold I make all things new". "The old man feels old age rather by the strength of his spirit than by the weakness of his body." Or, as St. Paul says "the inner man is renewed day by day".

The perpetual newness of Easter evokes a gay confidence and gracious assurance. No doubt the future will bring new trials. Readers of Monsignor Knox's Essays in Satire will remember the story of "The New Sin," and Danon Dives suggestion that a new sin is welcome because it will make possible a new innocence. No, sin is always stale, except in anticipation; it is grace that is always new.

Rejoice, then, with new faith, new hope, new love, new joy.

The Chapter NEWNESS OF LIFE from Life in Grace by B.M. Dewey.

With every good wish, .

DENNIS PRINCE.