

TODAYSEDLEScombe HORTICULTURAL SOCIETYSPRING SHOW - Saturday, 19th. April

Sedlescombe Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
Bring & Buy Stall, Refreshments,
Raffle. Entries to be staged by
8.30 a.m. to 10.45. Judging 11 a.m.

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SEDLEScombe SOCIETIES ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Association
will be on Tuesday, 22nd. April
at 7.45 p.m. in the Meeting Room
at the Queen's Head. All represen-
tatives of member societies are
welcome to attend. Coffee and
biscuits will be served.

J.K.FERGUSON, Hon. Sec.

SEDLEScombe STOOLBALL CLUB

We have now commenced practise on
Tuesday and Thursday evenings at
6.30 p.m., weather permitting.
Anyone interested in playing will
be most welcome.

SEDLEScombe GREEN W.I.

The April meeting of Sedlescombe
Green W.I. will be held in the
Village Hall on Wednesday, 23rd.
at 7.30 p.m. New members very
welcome. Miss.M.Grimwade will
talk about 'A sense of Humour' and
the competition is for a Fruit Fool.
Mrs.Partridge, Mrs.Raymond and Mrs.
Smith will be seeing to the re-
freshments. URGENT NOTE - any
member who cannot attend this month's
meeting, would they please make
sure they bring sausage rolls and/

or cakes to the Village Hall
by 6.30 p.m. on Thursday,
24th. April for the Rother
Group Meeting - we are re-
sponsible for the catering.

SEDLEScombe SENIORS

At our meeting on Thursday,
24th. April our speaker will
be Air Commodore Gaiger
Broad who will talk about
events in Iran and Afghan-
istan.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

(Women's Section) will hold
their monthly meeting on
Thursday, 24th. April at
7.30 p.m. at 'Sherrald'
by kind invitation of Mrs.
Best.

EASTER BONNET GALA

I would like to take the
opportunity of thanking
everybody who helped or
supported the Easter
Bonnet Gala on April 2nd.
I think you will agree it
was a very enjoyable
afternoon. The winners
of the Easter Bonnet com-
petition were as follows:

1-6 years,	Luke Knowles
7-11 "	Dean Selmes
11-17 "	IsoBel Ferguson
17-90 "	Mrs. Lesley Chapman.

We managed to
raise the sum of £67
which will go to the

This Week's Praying Point: That we may understand more fully, the meaning of Heaven.

This Week's Reading Points: Ezekiel 34: 7-15. 1. St.Peter 5: 1-11. St.John 10: 7-18.

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SERVICES AND NOTICES

SEDLSCOMBE

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

Wednesday, 23rd.April

7.30 p.m. P.C.C. Rectory

Friday, 25th.April
ST.MARK E

8 a.m. Holy Communion

Next Sunday, 27th.April
EASTER III

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

WHATLINGTON

Sunday, 20th.April
EASTER II

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Next Sunday, 27th.April
EASTER III

8 a.m. Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Evensong

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SEDLSCOMBE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH. On Sunday, April 20th. the Rev. R.Gurney will take the morning service.

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Swimming Pool Fund. As the Gala and Market were so successful we hope to make it an annual event. Once again thank you to everybody for making such a great effort. Don't forget our next Beetle Drive is on Monday 21st. April at 7.45 p.m. in the Scout Hut. We would like more support from people in the Village. Mothers of East View Terrace are holding a Rummage Sale on Saturday 26th. April 2 p.m. in the Scout Hut. Come along and give us your support.

SEDLESCOMBE SCOUTS. The Scout Group are holding a May Fayre on the Village Green on Saturday May 3rd. at 2.30 p.m. with stalls, games, Punch & Judy, Maypole Dancing, Sedlescombe girls 6 - 12 years are invited to enter the May Queen contest. We hope the sun will shine for us, but if it is wet we will be in the Scout Hut.

SEDLESCOMBE SCHOOL P.T.A. We would like to thank Mrs. Barton and her helpers for their recent contributions to the Swimming Pool Fund. The Beetle Drives raised £25.29p. and the Easter Market raised £67.53p. A.S. COLLINS.

DOG TRAINING CLASSES. A further session of Dog Training Classes will start on Tuesday, 22nd. April, starting at 7.30pm. The fees are £6.50p. per term of 11 lessons. Please contact Mrs. Collins, Sedlescombe 310, if you would like to join the class.

SEDLESCOMBE VILLAGE HALL. On behalf of the Management Committee I should like to thank that happy band of workers who cleared 95% of the pile of earth behind the Village Hall last Saturday morning. To Bill Beaney, David Fisher, Pauline and Colin Raymond, with Richard and Mark, Ken Stubberfield and Paula Fisher who supplied coffee. This communal spirit is very much appreciated, and thank you. LESLIE BARTER, Chairman.

AMATEUR DRAMATICS. Twenty years ago Sedlescombe had a flourishing Amateur Dramatic Society, which produced one full-length play every winter and a set of 3 one-act plays in the spring. These were well attended and much enjoyed by both actors and spectators. One incident is still remembered with delight - when the dentures of a popular elderly villager fell out at a dramatic moment in the play! Both cast and audience were convulsed with laughter, but the owner of the wayward choppers carried on in his part with the greatest aplomb, and won a special round of applause at the curtain. Now that we have so many new and doubtless, talented residents, I wonder if anyone would be interested in reviving the A.D.S.? After it can be much more fun than the ubiquitous Box! N.L.S.

From the Rector -

The Reverend John G. Williams of 'Children's Hour Prayers' fame, once told the story of a priest who had been born blind and had never seen anything in his life. To him, colour meant nothing. Even the shape of something - a vase or a table or a person's face - was merely something that he could feel with his fingers. He didn't know the loveliness of a chestnut tree in full blossom, or lilac or crocuses or daffodils. An autumn sunset or moonlight over the sea or thunder-clouds in the hills were merely things he had heard other people talking about. He only knew pitch darkness all the time. Think of it: He'd never seen the smile on somebody's face. All the rich riot of colour and pattern and shape which make up such a large part of our ordinary lives, was not only completely unknown to him, but he hadn't any means of imagining what it could possibly be like.

In a sermon, this priest said: "Here I am walking around all day in a world of beauty and colour which I know must be there, because you tell me so; but I can only accept it on faith. I can't see it. I can't prove it. I can only believe in it. And if I were suddenly to receive my sight, I should find myself in a new and wonderful world which, at the moment is beyond my wildest imagination. For me that would be as strange and surprising as it would be for you if you were suddenly to wake up and find yourself in Heaven."

That was how a blind man talked about the familiar things which we so often take for granted. And I am particularly struck by what he said about Heaven. It's a perfect illustration. I think we are all rather like that blind man - "moving about in worlds not realised", as Wordsworth put it. All the time I am living in two worlds; the world I can see, and another world I can't see - the world where God is, the spiritual world. Here and now I am in touch with Heaven if I can only believe in it, because Christ told me about it, and He knew. And one day, when my life here is finished, I believe something will happen which will be like me receiving my spiritual sight. I shall see for myself what at the moment I can only take on faith.

With every good wish,

DENNIS PRINCE