

26TH. April, 1980

PROTECT AND SURVIVE

What to do in the event of a nuclear incident. On Wednesday, 30th. April at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall a Public Meeting has been arranged by Sedlescombe Green W.I. This is in response to some requests and Mr. Geoffrey Dawes, WRVS Instructor, will be the lecturer and will be pleased to answer any questions from the audience. This is a free public meeting: all are welcome.

SEDLESCOMBE SCHOOL P.T.A. SWIMMING

POOL FUND. In view of the substantial amount of support we have received from the Village in general, we have decided to hold a public meeting to discuss all aspects of the Swimming Pool project. The meeting will be held in School on Thursday, 8th. May at 8 p.m. All Village residents who are INTERESTED are welcome to attend.

AN APPEAL

For the May Market on May 10th. The Sedlescombe Horticultural Socy. would appreciate if if anyone interested in flower arranging would put a non-competitive exhibit up depicting a 'pub sign'. These displays add very greatly to the overall interest of this annual event. For any assistance and information please contact Hastings 751220.

SEDLESCOMBE SCOUT GROUP

are holding their A.G.M. in the

Scout Hut on Thursday, 15th. May at 7.30 p.m. We invite all parents and friends to come and see a film on Scouting. Refreshments will be served. Advance notice of a Dog Show on the Sports field on Sunday, June 8th. at 2.30 p.m. More details later. And don't forget our May Fayre on the Village Green on Saturday 3rd. May Any contributions to the cake stall, plant stall or tombola will be very welcome.

SEDLESCOMBE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. Spring Show report.

A warm and friendly atmosphere was created by the record attendance at our Spring Show on Saturday. Although the entries were lower than last year, the colours and fragrance from the beautiful flowers and shrubs was truly a great tribute to this wonderful Spring of 1980. The weather for once was perfect, and almost an official drought, incredible after such a wet winter. The children must surely take pride of place; their diverse talents in decorating cakes, painting and

This Week's Praying Point: That we may shun all those things that are contrary to our Christian profession.

This Week's Reading Points: 1 Kings 17: 17-24. Colossians 3: 1-11. St. John 11: 17-27.

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SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SEDLISCOMBE

WHATLINGTON

Sunday, 27th. April
EASTER III

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9.30 a.m. Matins and Parish
Communion

8 a.m. Holy Communion

11.15 a.m. Sunday School -
Scout Hut

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Friday, 2nd. May

5 a.m. Holy Communion

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SEDLISCOMBE. We wish Richard James Warner and Janet Margaret Yates every happiness on the occasion of their marriage today.
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HELP THE AGED APPEAL. We have just heard that the result of the Hastings and Bexhill Appeal earlier this year was 410 sacks of good used clothing, of which we collecter 15. The collecting tin contained £30.24. Out grateful thanks again to all who contributed in any way.
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SEDLISCOMBE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH. Mr. B. Peters from Ashburnham will take the Service on Sunday.
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prose are a credit to them, and their appreciation of 'our Village' was shown in the poems, and I'm sure they were not responsible for the recent vandalism. The youngest, only 4 years, painted a delightful tree, and was greatly admired. Pity they couldn't have remained hung for a longer time! 14 beautiful arrangements were admired, and Tiny Stitchery produced 9 exhibits, a H.C. went to Mr. Collins of Hastings. How about more of you men taking up Floral Art? A good variety of plants etc. found a ready market with the eager buyers. Those who felt the need refreshed themselves with tea and cakes, and thanks to our two friends for helping in the Tea Bar. Principal prize-winners Cup for most points in Sects. A. B. & D. Mrs. Whitfield

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| " | " | " | " | " | " | C | Mrs. Rowe |
| Spoon | " | " | " | " | " | E | Mrs. Whitfield |
| Bronze Medals | Best Exhibit | | | | | | Mrs. Scrivener |
| | | | | | | B | Mr. Watson |
| Children's Cup | | | | | | | Dean Selmes. |

Found in the Hall - 1 basket, pair sunglasses, 1 conifer tree in pot. Contact P. Cain. Thanks to all concerned, especially the Show Secretary Mrs Rowe, for making this a successful show. We look forward to seeing you at the May Market May 10th.

P. CAIN.

SEDLEScombe VILLAGE BARN DANCE. The Tickets for the 'BARN DANCE' AT ROCKS FARM ON 7th June are selling well. The total demand for tickets from non Sedlescombe residents will not be met until after 24th. May, by which time Sedlescombe residents who wish to come along should have their tickets. Tickets from "The Lampost" or the Queen's Head at £1.75. each, including chicken and chip supper.

WHATLINGTON W.I. WHIST DRIVE, Tuesday 29th. April, 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

SEDLEScombe SOCIETIES ASSOCIATION. The Association is holding a Spring Fair in the Village Hall on Saturday, 24th. May, at 2.30 p.m. Full details will be given next week, and there will be a Committee Meeting of the Society to make final arrangements for the Fair, on Tuesday, 13th. May at 7.45 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Queen's Head. Contact George Collins, Offley, Sed. 310, or Ken Ferguson, 41, East View Terrace, Hastings 426162 (office) if you have any queries or ideas or jumble to be collected.

SEDLEScombe W.I. report next week.

From the Rector -

Charles Lamb, in his Essays of Elia, describes amusingly a New Year's Party, not the ordinary sort of party to which people go, but a New Year's Party to which the days of the year themselves went. The Old Year was dead and the New Year had come of age.

As with most parties, moments of anxiety occurred. To begin with some of the invitations nearly went astray. Among such were those sent to Shrove Tuesday and Easter Day. They were 'movables, who had recently changed their quarters'. Lent and his Family came in mourning; Pay Day, as usual, came late; and Doomsday sent word that he might be expected.

But only one real shadow fell upon the proceedings. Carried away by good spirits, Christmas Day made Ash Wednesday drunk, and even sing a carol. This made Good Friday, says Lamb, look extremely grave, and 'Sunday held her fan before her face that she might not beeseen to smile'.

Why should Sunday be said to hold her fan before her face? Because Lamb lived within the shadow of the Puritan age, and the Puritans, in turning away from the Church, tried to find some authority for Sunday observance other than the authority of the Church. They turned to the Bible, forgetting that that also originated with the Church, and in the Old Testament they found the Fourth Commandment, 'Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day', and with it a lot of restrictive regulations regarding Sabbath day observance. Many of these they transferred in thought and practice to Sunday. Consequently in Puritan times Sunday became more and more a day of gravity and restraint.

Nowadays Sunday does not hold her fan before her face. Indeed, she seems to have thrown her fan away. Nowadays she smiles openly and broadly, and well it is that she should. Much of her present day gaiety depends on second-rate things - taking the car out, going to the cinema, having a round of golf or a game of cricket. These are all good things, but compared with the original cause of Sunday's happiness they are second-rate.

The original cause of Sunday's happiness was that on this day Jesus rose from the dead, and his disciples once again had the privilege and pleasure of being in His presence. Yes, the real happiness of Sunday began in the presence of Jesus and is to be found there still.

Dennis Prince.