TODAY

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION
Coffee Morning and Market TODAY
10.30 - noon in Sedlescombe
Village Hall.

REMINDER - TODAY in the Village Hall 2-4 p.m. MAY SALE in aid of the Petley Wood Appeal Fund.

Youth Cricket coaching will commence Monday next, 19th. May. Any youngster between the ages of 9

and 16 is welcome. Be at the Pavilion at 5.45 p.m. Finish 8pm.

MHATLINGTON FARISH COUNCIL Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 20th. May. All local residents welcome.

SEDLESCOMES SENIORS
At our meeting on Thursday, 22nd.
May, there will be a "Quiz"
under the chairmanship of Mr.

Ken Berwick.

SEDLESCONER SOCIATION Spring Fair - Saturday, 24th. May Please contact George Collins (Sedlescombe 310) or Ken Ferguson (Office tel. Hastings 426162) if you have Jumble, Bric-aBrac, etc. which needs to be collected. We will be pleased to accept any items for the sale, cakes, prizes etc., from 1 p.m. at the Hall on the day of the Fair. Also could helpers be there from 1.30p.m.

onwards. KEN FERGUSON (Sec.)

MINI MARKET

East View Terrace Mothers are holding a Mini Market on Wednesday, 28th. May at 2.30pm in the Scout Hut. Stalls include books, cakes, raffles. good clothing, refreshments etd. Plenty of genes for the children to play including highest acore at darts, How many crisps in the box?etc. So come along and browse around while the children try their luck. All proceeds to Swimming Pool Fund. Don't forget our next Beetle Drive is Monday, 19th. May at 7.45 p.m.in the Scout Hut.

SEDLESCOMEE CRICKET CLUB started their 1980 season Sunday May 10th. with a victory at Home to Five Ashes. The scores were Five Ashes 70 all out, T. Young 6 wkts. for 14 runs. Sedlescombe 71 for 3 wkts. J. Kelly 33 not out, T. Young 20.

LOST between No.1 Park Shaw, the Church, Rectory and return home, last Tuesday 6th. May, a Mothers' Union badge and one gold and enamel earring (screw-on) shaped as a flower bud. Mrs. EMMOTT

This Week's Fraying Point: That the Holy Spirit may guide and strengthen us all the days of our life.

This Week's Reading Points: 2 Kings 2: 1-15. Ephemians 4: 1-8 and 11-13. St. Luke 24: 44-53.

SERVICES FOR THE MEEK

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Sunday, 18th.May ASCHNSION I

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8 a.m. Holy Communion 9.30 a.m. Matins and Parish Communion

11.15 a.m. Family Service - Scout Hut.

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Tuesday, 20th. May 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Friday, 23rd.May 8 a.m. Holy Communion

Next Sunday, 25th. May VHITSUNDAY

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11.15 a.m. Sunday School -

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MOTHERS' UNION. On Vednesday, 21st.May we are invited to Brede Village Hall at 2 p.m. to meet Miss Marjorie Milson, who, until recently, was the M.U.Worker in the Diocese of St.John's, South Africa. She has visited our link branch at St.Andrews Mission, Lusikisiki many times, and is most anxious to meet us and bring us news of our fellow members there. Please note the earlier time, 2 p.m. which means we shall leave Sedlesconbe at 1.40 p.m.

SEDLESCOMBE CHURCH FETE, 7th.JUNE. In addition to the stalls and stallholders listed in Parish News two weeks ago, there will also be a secondhand Book Stall, with Mr. and Mrs.Bob Evenden in charge. If you have any books to spare, including paper backs, and children's books, they will be most grateful. If you would like them collected, please ring Sed. 496.

NUCLEAR MENTING. A meeting attended by about 50 people and arranged by Ars. Linds Harpwood and Mrs. Susan Stephenson of Sedlescombe Green W.I. was held in the Village Hell on the evening of 30th. April. It was addressed by Mr. Geoffrey Dawes, VRVS Instructor and the subject matter was protection and survival in the event of a nuclear incident. Mrs. Joyce Chapman chaired the meeting and after an interval for coffee Mr. Dawes very ably answered many questions put to him. People from four Villages attended and the general feeling at the close of the meeting was that, especially for parents of young children, some basic information

had been clearly given. Informative leaflets were distributed and thanks were extended to Mrs. Stephenson and Mrs. Harpwood for their efforts and to Mr. Dawes for so ably handling an ex-

tremely difficult subject.

SEDI-SCOMBE FORTICULTULAL SOCIETY. Market Day came to the Village Hall on Saturday, when local nurseries displayed a variety of plants, fuchias, shrubs and cactii for the many eager buyers. The V.I. stalls were laden with delicious cakes, etc., and soon sold out, and also Mrs.Rove's delightful Teasel Dolls and attractive Decorated Eggs. A useful selection of Pottery was available. Our friends from the Flower Club deptcted Inn Signs for the lovely display of arrangements on the stage. Teas and a quiet rest were to be found in the kitchen. Many thanks to all our helpers and providers for the Bring & Buy Stall, for making this a successful venture, both financially and socially—in spite of the Big Match. Wisley Outing tommorrow. Please be on the Green by 9.30 a.m. with packed lunch, and hope the sun shines for us.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION. The next meeting is on Thursday, 22nd. Way at 7.30 p.m. at 'Sherrald'. We very much appreciate the kind hospitality of Mrs. Best in inviting us to meet in her lovely home.

SEDLESCOMBE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH. The Rev. Owens of Little Common will take the Sunday Service

PESTALOZZI OPEN DAY. The Pestalozzi International Children's Village in Sedlesconbe is holding its 21st. Anniversary Open Day, Saturday July 5th. from 1-6 p.m. Dame Vera Lynn vill perform the opening ceremony, and there will be many side shows and stalls etc., and dancing performed by the children.

Bring the family for a day of entertainment and fun.

From the Rector -

I suppost one of the reasons why most of us enjoy a good detective story is because there is something rather exciting about being kept in a state of mild suspense. That sort of thing is not always pleasant, for suspense can be a very painful thing. But we all enjoy being kept on tenterhocks, and there is nothing more exciting than a good detective story where one is kept in a state of mespense until the last sentence.

I can't help feeling that for the friends of Jesus, those ten days between Ascension Day and Thitsunday, must have been something like that - days of rather excited suspense, waiting for something to be made clear to them. He had told tham on Ascension Day to 'Go back to Jerusalem and wait there until I send you a very special gift.' He did not say how soon he was going to send it. But though He had often talked about this gift, I don't think they understood very much about it. He had called it the Holy Spirit - the Comforter, the Strengthener - as we should say - and He promised that when the Holy Spirit came, they would be given new povers; they would understand more clearly all the puzzling things He had been telling them; and they would find all the courage and strength needed to go out and face their enemies, and to carry the good news of Christ to the whole world, as he had commanded them to do.

And so after the Ascension they all went back to Jerusalen, and with a great deal of fear and anxiety, waited for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. I can well imagine the excitement and suspense with which they waited day after day for the coming of this unknown Somebody, Who was to change their lives so completely and turn their fear and cowardice into the most astonishing courage.

We too, in this day and age, need more power, a clearer understanding and greater courage and strength as we try to follow the example and teachings of Christ.

With every good wish,

DENNIS PRINCE.