

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

When it is a case of the Royal Accession, it is usually said 'The King is dead, long live the King, for us though, it is a question of 'the Rector has resigned his Office and it will be some time before a successor is appointed.'

To Dennis and Marjorie as they are about to embark on their retirement, we say a heartfelt thank you for their ministry and companionship during their fifteen years here, and wish them good health in a fulfilling retirement. We now enter the 'in between' period. For the time being the responsibility for the running of the Parish rests with the Churchwardens, and the Clergy officiating at the services will be obtained from retired Clergy living in the area and other locums who are available to us. In all matters the Churchwardens will do their best, but we are not semi-professional clerics, rather we are ordinary people working to support our young families. It is most unlikely that things will be just as they were with Dennis, nobody can be the same as somebody else or do things exactly to pattern. The visiting Clergy may well have their own particular points of emphasis, to which we must do our best to respond.

All enquiries for the Church should in the first instance be addressed to either of the Churchwardens (see note elsewhere); if there is a particular matter which can only be dealt with by a Priest, or any pressing emergency, we shall do our best to see that the need is met.

So these months ahead do not represent a threat because a long-serving Incumbent has laid down his Office, it is more like an opportunity to meet a challenge for now and the future in which everybody can play a part. H.F.T.

FROM WHATLINGTON

To Dennis and Marjorie we say "Farewell and thank you", our very best wishes go with you. We shall miss you, and maybe sometimes (on a good day!) you will miss us. Perhaps you will even spare a thought for the muddles we shall undoubtedly get into, and include a little prayer with your laughter. We shall need both.

Now we have to face the interregnum - we shall do our best to keep things running smoothly, but shall need the help and interest of everyone. The coming weeks and months will see a variety of clergymen, and we look forward to the day when a new Rector joins us. Meanwhile if you have any queries, problems or suggestions, contact the Churchwardens, Gordon Labbett, Battle 2781, or Betty Potty, Battle 2689.

SEDLSCOMBE with WHATLINGTON

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TODAY

SEDLSCOMBE PLAYGROUF

is holding a Coffee Morning and Autumn Bazaar on Saturday, 5th. November, 10 a.m. - 12 noon in the Village Hall. Admission 30p. to include refreshments. Do come and join us!

SEDLSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

FOOTPATH WALK. The next walk is planned for tomorrow, Sunday, 6th. November, leaving the Village Green at 2.30 p.m. It will be through the Great Wood and will be about 4 miles long. All welcome. Details of this walk and five others are included in the new improved "Walks around Sedlescombe" leaflet on sale in the Post Office, price 50p.

The next meeting of the Council will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 8th. November starting with the Open Forum at 7.15 p.m.

REFINDER TO SECRETARIES. If you wish to be included in the list asking for volunteers for your organisation, please return the form to the Clerk at Woodland Cottage, Chapel Hill, Sedlescombe by Monday, 7th. November

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting is to be held at Glebe House on 8th. November at 2.30 p.m. Transport arranged from Roselands. Miss Hervey is

giving a talk with slides on the work of the Pestalozzi Village. Visitors welcome. V.H.

SEDLSCOMBE & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB

Prepare for Christmas! Members are reminded that at our practice meeting on Wednesday, 9th. November, they can make various items including Poinsettias, a Christmas Stocking, or do a Christmas Arrangement incorporation a piece of wood. Most of the necessary materials will be available on the Sales Table, but please bring Sellotape, Glue and Scissors. Look forward to seeing you in a creative mood!

SEDLSCOMBE SENIORS

On Thursday, 10th. November, Mr. John Cyster (a former High Sheriff of East Sussex) is going to talk to us about "Shrievalty". Please note, to that the Treasurer would appreciate it if payment for the Buffet Lunch (24th. Nov.) could be made at the next meeting - £5.50p. per head.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

WHIST DRIVE in aid of the Earl Haig Fund will be held in Sedlescombe Village Hall on Thursday, 10th. November at

THIS WEEK'S PRAYING POINT: That we may faithfully obey God.
THIS WEEK'S READING POINTS: Genesis 12: 1-9. Romans 4: 13-end.
St. John 8: 51-end.

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SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SEDLEScombe

Sunday, 6th. November
3rd. before Advent
8 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Matins and Parish
Communion

NO WEDNESDAY COMMUNION

during the interregnum

Next Sunday, 13th. November
2nd. before Advent
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9.30 a.m. Matins and Parish
Communion
10.45 a.m. Remembrance Service
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SEDLEScombe UNITED REFORMED CHURCH. Morning Service and
Junior Church 11 a.m. The Service will be taken by the Revd.
R. Bushby and will be followed by Holy Communion.
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MIATLINGTON

Sunday, 6th. November
3rd. before ADVENT
3 p.m. Baptism
6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

Next Sunday, 13th. November
2nd. before Advent
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8 a.m. Holy Communion and
REMEMBRANCE

7.30 p.m. Raffle, Refreshments. Please support the POPPY
APPEAL.

SEDLEScombe GARDEN SOCIETY. Notice of A.G.M. on 16th. November,
7.30 p.m. in the Villare Hall, when the future of the Society
will be discussed. A critical stage has come in the history of
the Society, and it is vital that all members attend and keep
it thriving. The AUTUMN MARKET was not very well patronised,
but there were some good bargains on the B. & B. Stall. The
local nurseries put on a good display of their plants, shrubs,
bulbs, etc., and our funds were helped by about £30.

P.C.

N.S.P.C.C. HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTION, October 1988. The response
to the Appeal was splendid - £342. was collected in Sedlescombe,
£30. higher than last year. The Committee is very grateful for
your generosity and the tireless efforts of the Collectors.
Many thanks to you all for helping the Society to respond to the
needs of the children.

M.M.P.

HASSOCKS. - they arrived last week from the Latex Cushion Co.
and were in use on Sunday. The cost per hassock is as expected -
£12., and I shall be glad to receive your payment as soon as
possible, cheques made out to me - M.M. Prince - but cash if
more convenient. Please let me have the money by the end of next
week. i.e. by 11th. November.

M.M.P.

SEDLEScombe SPORTS ASSN. "400 Club" - Results of draw held on
24th. October. No. 268, Mrs. M. Watson; 40, Nicola Groenen; 302,
Mr. R. Binfield; 293, Mr. M. Bell.

SEDLEScombe GREEN W.I. Our Annual Meeting on Wednesday last
was a very lively event. Mrs. Jean Goldsmith was unanimously
elected as President for a third term of office, together with
a very healthy number of Committee members. After the business
meeting we had a display of all the W.I. books available on
subjects as varied as Patchwork, Fish Cookery, Basket making,
etc. Our programme was read out for 1989, and we look forward
to a very interesting year ahead.

SEDLEScombe CHURCH CONTACTS. For the time being whilst we have
no resident Rector, all matters and enquiries should firstly
be made of the Churchwardens who will deal with as many matters
as they are able to, or refer to the Clergy who will be
assisting, as necessary. The Churchwardens are:- Mrs. Debbie
Abbott, 57 East View Terrace (Te. 734) and Mr. Malcolm Tegg,
The Old Gun House (Tel. 345)