

RISING STAR

It's quite remarkable that people will still believe in horoscopes these days. They actually hold as true the fact that physical mass floating around the universe can have a bearing on their lives. And so they are interested in where Saturn is before buying a house, or whether Mars is in the ascendancy before going on holiday. Of course, Pluto has to be just right before they will buy dog food.

As if this were not comical enough, devotees of the stars sometimes actually consult their charts and then make huge decisions which will affect them for life. There's many a Leo who only made it up the aisle because his wife was a Virgo.

So doesn't it seem strange that some of these same people find such a stumbling block with Christianity? They will go to great lengths to find out how the ether was swirling at the very hour they were born, but have difficulty in accepting the fact that something much more personal than planets can change their lives.

If you are concerned, as everyone naturally is, with daily problems of romance, money, career, family etc., wouldn't it make more sense if there were some purpose and plan behind it all, rather than being at the mercy of stars which rise and fall?



Wouldn't it be wonderful if the Being that made us all actually came down to earth to show us how to get things right? And even if he died the death in popular opinion, wouldn't it be great if he were able to rise above this and still offer us the chance of making sense of life?

It would. And he did. Today.

SCRIPTURE

Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed.
(John 20: 8)



"Good to have you back, son," the old man said.
"Nice to be back."
"You've had a rough time." The eyes clouded with guilt.
"Hope you don't think I let you down." The younger shook his head - "You warned me, dad. But it wasn't the nails. It was the kiss."
(Roger Woddis)



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SEDLSCOMBE WITH WHATLINGTON

EASTER DAY



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SUPPORTING THOSE IN DESPERATE NEED

For the past 5 weeks we have been holding our hunger lunches in the Rectory, the money to be sent to Christian Aid who are involved in bringing relief to people all over the world. If you haven't already supported this event and are moved by the plight of the people of Kosovo we will be keeping the fund open for the next two weeks. Donations can be left at the Post Office or at the Rectory.

Eileen Croker

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

CLOSING DATE FOR

NOMINATIONS This coming week sees the closing date for nominations - all completed Parish Council nomination papers must be received by the Returning Officer, Town Hall, Bexhill, not later than **NOON on Thursday 8 April**. A statement of persons nominated will be made by noon on **Monday 12 April**. The Clerk still has a couple of nomination papers available and, if you are interested in standing, please contact her for further details on 870508.

REMINDER - FREE MILLENNIUM MUGS

Applications can still be made to Mrs Raymond at Woodland Cottage, Chapel Hill, Sedlescombe for a free Sedlescombe Millennium china mug. These are available only to children who live in Sedlescombe parish and will be under 11 on 1 January 2000. If the application form has been mislaid, please write to the above address giving the child's name, address and date of birth.

DAFFODIL GROUP The South East England Daffodil Group holds its Annual Show at the Weald of Kent Grammar School for Girls, Tudeley Lane, Tonbridge, on **Sunday 11 April** at 1.30 pm. The display of daffodils in all their forms is well worth seeing.

MRS LUCEY has written "Many many thanks for all the flowers, cards, phone calls and visits to the Laurels. They are all most welcome and much appreciated".

BONUS BALL Subscriptions of £4 are now due for April. Last week's winner number 2 Mrs E Cameron.

The Theme: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!
The Readings:
Acts 10:34-43 How Jesus lived, died and rose again
Colossians 3:1-4 As Christians, we share Christ's risen life
John 20:1-18 The tomb is empty - Jesus is no longer dead

Services and Meetings this week
EASTER DAY April 4th, 1999

SEDLESCOMBE	WHATLINGTON
Easter Day [4]	Easter Day [4]
At the Eucharists today we renew our Baptism Promises	
8.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion with hymns
10.00am Parish Communion Junior and Youth Church	
Easter Monday [5] 7.30pm Holy Communion	
Easter Wednesday [7] 10.00am Holy Communion	
Easter Saturday [10] 9.00am Holy Communion	Easter Thursday [8] 8.00am Holy Communion
Second Sunday of Easter [11] 10.00am Parish Communion Junior and Youth Church	Second Sunday of Easter [11] 8.00am Holy Communion followed by Whatlington PCC

The Chapel Hill Church {United Reformed}
Easter Day worship and Junior Church 10.30 am, followed by Holy Communion, with Pastor Geoff Powell.
7pm Prayer & Praise in the church
Weekly meeting: Prayer in the Manse 7.30 pm Tuesday

THANK YOU for all the cards, telephone calls and enquiries and also the taxi service provided by Ken Stubberfield enabling Joan to visit me in Benenden Hospital. A special thank you to Kay Maberley who called on Saturday to give me her "Flower Arrangement" for which she had just been awarded a "First". What a wonderful gesture. I am happy to report that I am now making a good recovery. *E Burgess*

SEDLESCOMBE & DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY held their Spring Show on Saturday 27 March. It was very well supported by both exhibitors and visitors. The judges commented on the high standard of the entries.

The prize winners are as follows:
Hills Trophy for most points in the cut flowers and foliage classes - Mike Meyhew. Crowhurst Cup for best exhibit in the cut flowers and foliage classes - Mike Meyhew. Banks Trophy for most points in the pot plant classes - Elissa Stuart. Society Shield for best exhibit in the pot plant classes - John Kemp. Aris Cup for most points in the vegetable classes - Josie Cornish. Society Shield for best exhibit in the vegetable classes - Joan Winchester. Challenge Cup for most points in the flower arranging classes - Joan Rowe. Society Shield for best exhibit in the flower arranging classes - Joan Rowe. Spoon for most points in the domestic classes - Sarah Elliott. Society Shield for best exhibit in the domestic classes - Sarah Elliott. Challenge Cup for the children's section - Harry Blackford. Society Shield for best exhibit in the children's section - Huw Llewellyn-Jones. Daffodil Society

Certificate for the best exhibit in the members' only classes - Josie Cornish. The Summer Show is on **31 July 1999** and forms parts of the Sedlescombe summer event. Show schedules are now available from Sedlescombe Post Office. Those of you who did not collect your geranium and fuchsia plugs at the Spring Show should contact John Tunstall on 01424 870630. We look forward to seeing you at the summer show.

SEDLESCOMBE RANGERS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB The Under 15's fought a hard battle at Little Common in the League Cup semi-final last Saturday. With only 10 players due to illness they tired in the second half and finished the game losing 6-2. M Crowhurst & D Oliver were on target for Rangers. Under 12's also lost 0-4 in their league cup semi-final at Tackleway. D Smith & M Smith shared Man of the Match. In the league, Under 11's won 8-0 at Hastings Guards. Goals from J Townsley 3, M Fenner 2, B Weekes 2, C Miller. S Richardson was MoM. Under 10's lost 0-7 at home to Hastings Town 2000. MoM was S Archer. Under 9's drew 2-2 at Little Common with B Richardson & T Fenner scoring. Beth Richardson was Lady of the Match! Under 8's, also against Little Common, won 2-0. Goals from M Booth & A Morgan. MoM T Butler-Manuel.

REMINDERS Fashion Show in aid of the Hospice on **20 April**. Tickets now on sale at the Post Office, £2.50 each. Table Sale on **24 April** in the village hall, 2-4 pm. Tables £5 (contact 870628 for table or if you have donations to church or hospice stalls)