

REMEMBERING WAR

As we recall those men and women who gave their lives fighting during the wars of this century, we can ponder over the words of a soldier-poet in the Great War who wrote this poem in his diary while on active service. His words are a reminder that war is not glorious, but a dark mystery which seems to form part of never ending cycle when the shame of our savagery periodically is unleashed. In it we recognise the pain of all those who have given their lives in conflict:

*At dawn the ridge emerges massed and dun,
In wild purple of the glow'ring sun,
Smouldering through spouts of drifting smoke that shroud
The menacing scarred slope; and, one by one,
Tanks creep and topple forward to the wire.
The barrage roars and lifts. Then clumsily bowed
With bombs and guns and shovels and battle gear,
Men jostle and climb to meet the bristling fire.
Lines of grey, muttering faces, masked with fear,
They leave the trenches, going over the top,
While time ticks blank and busy on their wrists,
And hope, with furtive eyes and grappling fists,
Flounders in the mud. O Jesus, make it stop!*



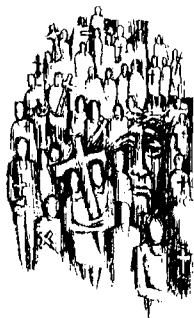
(Wilfred Owen)

ALL SOULS {transferred from November 2nd}

When somebody dies, no matter what the circumstances, we feel sad. Even if the death has been long expected or has been a merciful release it still confronts us. We can never shrug it off lightly. That's because we are human and we feel the sorrow of parting, even if only for a brief time, from the ones we love.

So it's natural to grieve. In fact, it's necessary. But Christians do not grieve hopelessly in the face of death. Our faith tells us that death is not annihilation. Death is not the end but the beginning of a new and fuller life promised to those who trust in Christ's promises. Our baptism is our promise of resurrection.

So on All Souls day we do three things. We remember and call to mind those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. We give thanks for their lives and the witness to God's goodness that such lives entailed. And then we pray for them that all they hoped for in this life may now be granted to them in death: pardon for sin, a place of light, happiness and peace, and the joy of seeing God face to face.



SEDLSCOMBE PLAYERS Music and monologues this week, folks, so please come along with your words and/or music. (Village Hall, 7.30 pm).

SEDLSCOMBE W.I. Come and have some fun with us at our meeting on **Wednesday 17 November**. The talk is on Christmas Crackers and the competition is a Christmas item. Teas: Mrs Robertson, Mrs Saunders and Mrs Selves. Visitors welcome.

WALK & TALK IN SEDLSCOMBE STREET The next three sections are planned as follows:

Weds 17 Nov - meet at the Red Oak at the bottom of the Green at 2.15 pm.

Weds 24 Nov — meet at the Pumphouse on the Green at 2.15 pm

Weds 1 Dec - meet at the Village Hall at 2.15 pm. The last walk will include a look at the site for the new hall in Red Barn field. *Pauline Raymond (870508)*

SEDLSCOMBE GREEN

W.I. Committee meeting will be at 21 East View Terrace on **Weds 17 Nov**, 7.30 pm.

SEDLSCOMBE & DISTRICT GARDEN SOCIETY

Members are reminded that the Society's AGM is on **Weds 17 Nov** at 7.30 pm in the village hall. The official meeting will be followed by a slide show of past events, a raffle and refreshments. Plants, especially pot plants, are needed

for the plant stall. We encourage all members to attend the meeting as we are in need of more committee members and particularly a Treasurer. Please support us and consider giving some of your time to joining our team in order that we may continue the activities of the Society for the enjoyment of members.

H Harper, Secretary (01424 870179)

BATTLE WIVES are holding a Christmas Bazaar on **Friday 19 November** at The Almonry, Battle, 10 -12 noon, in aid of St Michael's Hospice and Macmillan Nurses.

SEDLSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

FOOTPATH WALK Oh dear! Who was it who sat down in one of the muddiest sections of the Great Wood? Everyone else seemed to enjoy the walk. There were 18 people and 4 dogs. The next footpath walk will be on **Sunday 5 December**, leaving the village green at 2.30 pm and will be the Oaklands Park Walk *Pauline Raymond (Clerk, SPC)*

ANOTHER DOG BIN At the request of the Sports Association, the Parish Council has put in another dog waste bin. This time it is at the Sportsfield car park. Please help keep the sports pitches and the Pestalozzi road clear by using the bin appropriately. There are two other bins - near the tennis courts and in Brede Lane car park.

The Theme: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.
The Readings:
Wisdom 3:1-9 The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God
1 Peter 1:3-9 A living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ
John 5:19-25 Those who hear will live.

Services and Meetings this week

2 before Advent Remembrance Sunday All Souls November 14th, 1999

SEDLESCOMBE	WHATLINGTON
2 before Advent All Souls [14]	2 before Advent All Souls [14]
Remembrance Sunday	Remembrance Sunday
9.30am Parish Communion Junior and Youth Church	8.00am Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance
10.45am Service of Remembrance	
Monday [15]	
7.30pm Holy Communion - <i>Rectory</i>	
Tuesday S.Margaret of Scotland [16]	
10.00am Holy Communion - <i>Roselands</i>	
Wednesday S.Hugh of Lincoln [17]	Wednesday [17]
10.00am Holy Communion - <i>Rectory</i>	7.30pm Deanry Synod - <i>S.Stephen</i> <i>Bexhill</i>
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Saturday S.Edmund of E.Anglia [20]	Thursday S.Hilda of Whitby [18]
9.00am Holy Communion - <i>Rectory</i>	8.00am Holy Communion
Christ the King [21]	Christ the King [21]
8.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion Junior and Youth Church	

The Chapel Hill Church {United Reformed}

Remembrance Sunday - morning worship & junior church 10.30 am. Leader, Dave West, Speaker, Bert Peters. 7 pm - an hour of singing favourite hymns at Roselands, open at all.

3pm Tuesday, Men's Group meet in the church. 10.30 am Wednesday, coffee morning in the church. 7 pm Thursday, Alpha Supper and video/discussion in the church. 1 pm Friday Art & Craft with Sheila & Isabel in the church.

FRIENDS OF THE PARISH CHURCH

Many thanks to all those who donated, helped or bought things at the jumble sale. We raised £285. Thank you.

Anthony

NEWS FROM SCHOOL

The Ofsted inspection has taken place and although the draft report has not yet been sent to me, I can tell you that the results are wonderful. I am so proud of the staff and children - the inspectors were very impressed with our school. They were full of praise for all aspects of our school - the education, the atmosphere, pupil behaviour, relationships, ethos, daily collective worship, parent and community links - and so much more. Within a few weeks the report will be finalised and we will share it with you. Thank you, John, for the wonderful sandwiches on Friday, at such short notice!

The school choir are singing at the Phoenix Arts Centre on **Friday 26 Nov** at a "Children in Need" concert (7.30 pm) Tickets are £3 per adult, £2 per child - available from school. Everyone is welcome to join this occasion.

Marian Ham

CRIMES REPORTED FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

PC Mick Kempster has asked me specifically to record these, as follows:

- Criminal damage to a wall of private dwelling in Brede Lane, between 30 Sept and 1 Oct
- Common assault, East View Terrace, on 4 Oct
- Criminal damage to tennis club shed, between 10 and 13 Oct.
- Attempted theft from domestic garage in

Hurst Lane, between 12 and 14 Oct
Common assault, East View Terrace, 1 October

Common assault, EVT, 10 October
Attempted burglary of garden shed between 20 and 21 Oct (alarm activated)
Theft between 26 and 28 Oct of two caravans from caravan park
Theft between 14 and 26 Oct from East View Terrace. Jewellery and cash stolen.

Note new phone number for Mick - 0845 60 70 999 ext 65280. If he is unavailable leave a message with the controller. Request an e-mail message for Kemps_M. Always ring 999 in an emergency.

GILLIAN AND KIRSTY LLOYD would like to thank all their friends in Sedlescombe and around for the kind letters and cards they received after the death of Leslie Barter. It was lovely to see so many friends at the funeral service. I apologise to those of you to whom I didn't get to talk but thank you so much for coming and giving your support to both of us. MY parents were very lucky to find such a lovely village in which to end their days.

Gillian Lloyd

BONUS BALL Winner last week, number 2, Elaine Cameron.

FRIENDS OF PARISH CHURCH give notice their AGM is on **Weds 24 Nov** at Asselton House at 7 pm. You are all very welcome.