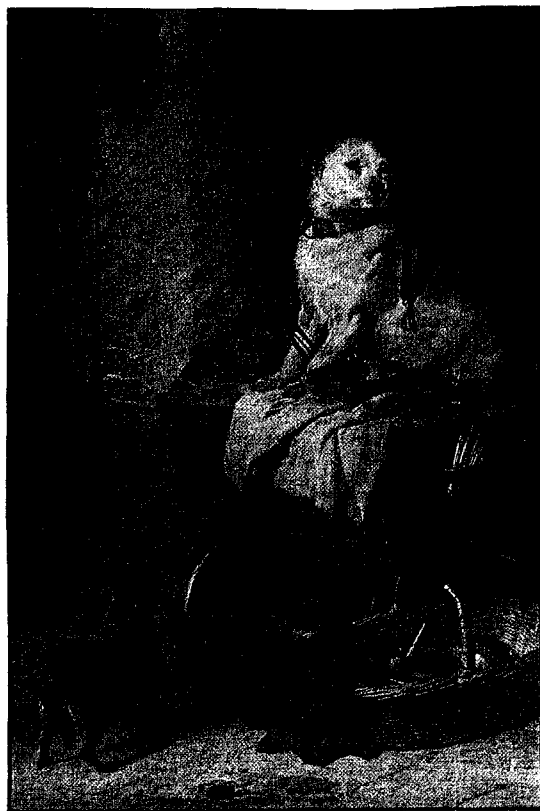


WHY CAN'T WE JUST STOP AND LOOK?

Brownie, our dog, sat looking up at the tree, ears cocked and tail wagging. He was attending to a monkey. No thought disturbed his total concentration, no worries about tomorrow.

Brownie was the nearest thing to pure contemplation that I have ever seen.

You may have experienced this yourself when you were totally absorbed watching a dog or cat at play. Here is a formula for contemplation and quietness of heart as good as any that I know. Be completely in the *present*.



Drop every thought of the future, dismiss every thought of the past, discard every image and distraction, and enter into the present. Peace and contemplation will arise.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We can supply segment light timers at £1.50 each. It is recommended by the police that a light(s) is left on if you are not at home during the dark evenings. If you require help to set the timers, a member of the new committee will be pleased to help. Contact Phone number is in the Sedlescombe directory.

SEDLSCOMBE CHURCH BELLRINGERS

On Wednesday, 21st November we rang a quarter peal as part of the Queen's diamond celebrations. 60 quarters were to be rung during the week by the Sussex County Association in as many different churches as possible.

Sedlescombe was pleased to be able to join in with a quarter rung by local ringers.

A quarter peal is 1260 changes and it took us 41 minutes to complete. The method that we rang was Plain Bob Minor and the ringers taking part were Sue Langer – treble (this was Sue's first quarter in this method), Jane Blanford -2, Hope Gosse – 3, Alan Collings – 4, Paul Franks – 5, and Alan Turner – tenor.

Alan was our conductor for the quarter and Jane Blanford, Tower Captain.

PARISH CHURCH

Please note that the Church will not be open until 10.00am during the winter.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE (RAFFLE)

The winners of the four raffle prizes at our Church Christmas Fayre were: Drene Richardson, Elaine Cameron, Tina Stanton and Trim. The dogs name was *Humphrey* and the lucky winner was Rosa Morell. Thank you all for your support. DJG.

BONUS BALL

Subscriptions of £5.00 are now due for the month of December.

I would like to thank to all who make the participants who make the Bonus Ball a success. The profit from this helps towards the up-keep of our beautiful Church.

Rosemary.

WANTED!

Sedlescombe Church are still looking for a mother with her young baby to take the part of Mary and Jesus in the *Living Nativity Service* which will take place in the Church on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm ... if the father of the baby would be willing to be Joseph as well, that would really be a bonus!

If you can help please 'phone either Helen (772473) or Hillary (870397).

QUIZ SHEETS

Quiz sheets in aid of fundraising for a new Sports Pavilion are on sale at the Post Office at £1.00 each. There are cryptic clues to work out and the

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| The Readings: | Isaiah. | 2 v 1 - 5 |
| | Psalms. | 122 |
| | Romans. | 13 v 11 - 14 |
| | Matthew. | 24 v 36 - 34 |

Services and Meetings this week

St John the Baptist, Sedlescombe.

First Sunday of Advent

10.00 am. Parish Communion.
Junior and Youth Church. (2)

6.00pm. Advent Carol
Service. (2)

6.15 – 7.30pm. Rootz 'n'
Shootz
at Chapel Hill Chapel. (4)

Second Sunday of Advent (9)

10.00am Parish Communion
Junior and Youth Church

St Mary Magdalene, Whatlington

8.30am. Parish Communion. (2)

Next Sunday (9)

8.30am Parish Communion

Chapel Hill Church – United Reformed

Sunday 2nd December. 10.30am. Service of Holy Communion led by
Rev Ray Smith.

Tuesday 4th December. 2.30pm. Home Group at 15 Gorselands
6.15pm. Rootz 'n' Shootz.

Wednesday 5th December. 10.30am. Coffee Morning.

Sunday 9th December. 10.30am Morning Worship led by the
Rev Ray Smith.

winner will be chosen on Saturday,
15th December.

Why not have a go?

CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE (LAST WEEK)

Thank you to all the helpers and
people who attended our Christmas
Fayre. The amount raised
(provisionally), was £852.00.

HUNGER LUNCH

A Hunger Lunch will be held at 2
Forge Cottages, The Green,
Sedlescombe on December 7th, 12
noon to 2 pm.

Come along and enjoy a bowl or two
of home made soup for just £3.00.
There will be a raffle and Bring & Buy
in aid of the Y.M.C.A *Surviving
Christmas* in Hastings.

THURSDAY CLUB

On Thursday, 6th December, David
Harrison will be giving a talk on
Gatwick Airport. Most of us have

spent time there – waiting!! It will be
interesting to discover some of the
airport problems.

BATTLE CHORAL SOCIETY

Battle Choral Society present a
programme of French Music on 8th
December, 7.30pm at the Church of St
John the Evangelist, Pevensey Road,
St Leonrads-on-Sea.

Tickets are £10.00, obtainable from
Raggs Boutique, Battle High Street
(774184) or QOL@SPikes, 39 Norman
Road, Hastings (424364).

They are also obtainable by ringing
424339 or 444421.

The programme includes works by
Bizet and Durufle

Note! Depending on sufficient room,
there is a free coach to the concert
from Battle. For further details ring
774917.

Sedlescombe Girls

By
David Read

Sedlescombe girls are the best in the shire,
Plump as a turkey and tall as a spire!
Good from the front and they're good from the back'
Surely no charms and no graces they lack!

No better maids are to be found in Brede;
Sedlescombe girls all their beauties exceed.
As for in Whatlington, they don't compare,
Sedlescombe girls have a superior air.

Westfield and Hastings and Staplecross too,
Bodiam to Battle, to mention a few.
All have fine girls, but I don't care a jot;
Sedlescombe girls are the best of the lot!

Does anybody know David Read? Does he still live in the village or has he moved?
Is he still alive? A simple, whimsical, and warm-spirited little poem. I found his
book, *Rhymed Reflections of a Settler in Sedlescombe* in a second-hand bookshop.
Congratulations Sedlescombe girls!
(Editor)