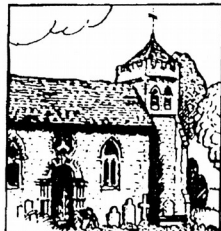


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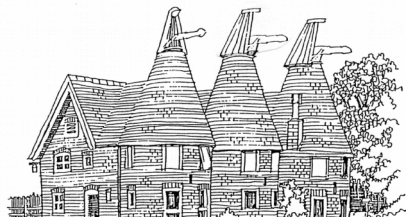
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Year B	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 4th November Fourth Sunday before Advent	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT : Revelation 7.9-17 G : Matthew 5.1-12
Sunday 11th November Third Sunday before Advent. Remembrance Sunday	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong  10.45 am Act of Remembrance	9.30 am Remembrance Family Communion  Followed by an Act of Remembrance at 10.45 am		8.00 am BCP Communion	NT : Hebrews 9.24-28  G : Mark 1.14-20
Sunday 18th November Second Sunday before Advent		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT : Hebrews 19.11-14(15-18) 19-25 G : Mark 13.1-8
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> November Christ the King	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		NT : Revelation 1.4b-8 G : John 18.33-37 OT : Daniel 7.9-10,13-14



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“Carry on Daisy. As we all must...” said Mr Carson, the butler in Downton Abbey to Daisy the Maid after the tragic turn of events in a recent episode, where one of Earl Grantham’s daughters dies in childbirth. True to character, Mr Carson coolly and swiftly exits as stiffly and abruptly as his words of advice! Meanwhile, poor bereaved Daisy is left to whimper, clad only in her nightdress in the half-light of the servant’s quarters. Thank heavens for Mrs Hughes, viewers might well say, as the housekeeper scoops a shivering, bereaved Daisy into her arms holding her tight as they shed a tear together. Her hug says, Daisy you are not alone in this grief, together we’ll walk the difficult road ahead. I am with you.

“Carry on Daisy. As we all must...” in themselves good words of advice for Daisy because life does go on, but Mr Carson forgets that words alone do not always suffice – words on their own can be quite cold – action, in the form of Mrs Hughes’ comforting hug, is needed to enable Daisy to “Carry on...”.

Perhaps this gives us an opportunity to reflect on our own actions or the actions of those around us? Sometimes we say we love people but our actions fail to show this to the full – sometimes we or someone we know might be a bit like Mr Carson – carrying a warm heart in a cool, constrained exterior, which occasionally breaks like the dawn to reveal a soft heart underneath. So how can we be more loving not just in what we say, but in what we do? How can we look beneath another person’s cool exterior to the warmth beneath? How can we be more like Mrs Hughes and bring a soft heart to warm our words, which are cold on their own? Who do we know who needs the warmth of a hug or its equivalent from us? Or do we discover that we are Daisy, can we spot a Carson and Hughes on the horizon?

God tells us Jesus is the Word *made flesh* – not just the Word. In John’s gospel, God promises us not just speech but action – God speaks to us *and* God lives with us because God knows that sometimes words are not enough...

**Grant, O Lord, that what we say with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives. Amen.**

God bless you, Julia

## Your Parish Matters

### Christenings

23.09.12	Bridge	Lois May Holdaway
30.09.12	Bridge	Clay Obadiah Stevens-Greenwood
30.09.12	Bridge	Marley Zachariah Stevens-Greenwood
30.09.12	Bridge	Moss Kimiko Stevens-Greenwood
30.09.12	Bridge	Verdi Pollen Stevens-Greenwood
30.09.12	Bridge	Winter Song Stevens-Greenwood

### Funerals

21.09.12

Gladys Chandler

**Mid Week Communion** takes place on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am at Bridge Church. This is a short service (20 minutes) and I hope this will provide an opportunity for those who drop children off at school to have time for themselves with God in a quiet atmosphere.

**Morning and Evening Prayer.** Morning and evening prayer take place at Bridge Church, from Monday to Thursday at 8.30am and 5pm respectively. All are very welcome to attend.

**Prayers** There is a book for prayer requests on the altar of the Lady Chapel in Bridge Church.

**Church Mice.** The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's, Bridge from 2pm-3pm for preschool children (0-5) and their parents and carers - play, songs, bible story, craft and tea and coffee. The next meeting is on Tuesday 6th November.

All welcome. For further information contact Rev. Julia on 830265.

**New Bible Studies Group.** The meeting will be held at 21 High Street, Bridge on Wednesday 14th November at 7.30pm. All welcome. (Adults from age 17 and up!).

**Church Weddings.** *If you, or anyone you know would like to explore the possibility of getting married in church in Bridge, Bekesbourne, Patixbourne, Nackington or Lower Hardres please phone the Vicarage to make an enquiry: 01227 830250. Further information is also available at [www.yourchurchwedding.org](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org)*

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## **Dates for your Diary**

*November*

<i>06/11</i>	<i>14.00</i>	<i>Church Mice at Bridge Church</i>
	<i>15.00</i>	<i>Holy Communion at Bridge Haven</i>
	<i>20.00</i>	<i>After 8's at 7 Windmill Close</i>
<i>01/11</i>	<i>19.30</i>	<i>Health &amp; Healing at 7 Windmill Close</i>
<i>12/11</i>	<i>19.30</i>	<i>Caring &amp; Sharing</i>
<i>13/11</i>	<i>14.30</i>	<i>Holy Communion at Mansfield Court</i>
<i>14/11</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall</i>
<i>14/11</i>	<i>14.00</i>	<i>Social Afternoon at John Baker White</i>
	<i>Memorial</i>	
		<i>Hall, Lower Hardres</i>
	<i>19.30</i>	<i>Bible Studies Group, 21 High St., Bridge</i>
<i>20/11</i>	<i>15.00</i>	<i>Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge</i>
	<i>20.00</i>	<i>After 8's at 7 Windmill Close</i>
<i>21/11</i>	<i>15.00</i>	<i>Hymns at Bridge Haven</i>
<i>26/11</i>	<i>19.30</i>	<i>Caring &amp; Sharing</i>
<i>27/11</i>	<i>14.30</i>	<i>Holy Communion at Highfield</i>

The Vicar try's to have his 'Day Off' on a **Friday** each week. Yes we know he's invisible six days and incomprehensible on the seventh but on a Friday please leave a message on the Vicarage answer phone which will be responded to as soon as possible. The Curate, Rev Julia will also have her day off on Friday each week.

## **Fish Scheme (Neighbourly Help) News Tel no 07935 966 080**

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There is always a need for knitting wool. If you have any to spare please bring it to the Pop-In or telephone Rosie Green on 830204. Thank you.

## **Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride**

Sincere thanks to all those who involved themselves in the above on 8th September. It turned out on the day that only 3 of us were able to take part, so our deepest thanks go to cyclist CHRIS BARNETT and walker KATHY PIERCE, because the combined total of £362 for the village is a truly brilliant result, with all 3 of us being so generously sponsored.

Our thanks also to those who kindly welcomed other participants to our church. Half of the money will go to 'Friends of Kent Churches' and the other half to Patrixbourne & Bridge Church Funds.

Many, many thanks, Derek Prior.

A big thank you to all the people who manned St Mary's Patrixbourne on Ride and Stride Day and to all those who sponsored Pauline and Chris. Final total is not yet in but we are over £100.

Pauline Pritchard.

I would like to thank ROGER NICHOLLS and HUGH PEARSON for doing the cycle ride for St. Peters Bekesbourne, raising money to be shared between St Peters and 'Friends of Kent Churches'. My thanks also to Val, Jonathan and Ian for welcoming and signing in the riders from their churches and serving refreshments. Last but by no means least a big thank you to all the sponsors for their invaluable support.

Jill Gillanders

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It's been a difficult month for some of our members with illness and mishaps galore! But, hopefully they will all be on the mend soon. We are sorry that we have lost Alf Gardner from Aylesham who passed away recently. Our thoughts are with his family. Our recent Coffee Morning has raised just over £250 in aid of the Poppy Appeal. Thanks to all who donated cakes and raffle prizes and those who helped on the day. Our Remembrance Service - which takes place on Sunday, 11th November - will be at Wickhambreaux Church this year. We assemble by the war memorial at 10.45am. Our branch AGM will be on Tues, 13th November at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne and we look forward to seeing as many members as possible at that meeting. Annual branch subscriptions (£15) are now due. The following monthly meeting will be on Tues, 11th December at 8pm also at the Recreation Club.

## **Bekesbourne Choir Vestry Project**

Building work is now progressing on the installation of a composting toilet and storage cupboards in the former choir vestry at the back of Bekesbourne Church. We expect it to be completed sometime in November, provided we don't encounter any more set-backs!

As is always the case when undertaking work on old buildings, we have come up against what the architect describes as 'challenges'. Extensive damp and some rot was found under the floor boards, which has involved new floor timbers and damp-proof courses, which we had not anticipated. However, it does mean that the project will have identified and cured some long-standing problems at this end of the church. As a preventative measure for the future, ventilation pipes have been inserted below the newly-laid floors and will be capped with grilles externally in shallow trenches, which have been dug outside the tower. It is planned to extend these trenches ourselves in due course, digging the soil away from the tower walls to below floor level, to further combat the damp.

While the contractor is on site, he will also carry out maintenance to the church roof, identified in the architect's last five-yearly inspection of St Peter's.

A service of thanksgiving for the project will take place in the spring.

Jane Millyard

## **Bridge History Society**

Our next event will be a talk entitled 'A Stroll Along the Nailbourne Valley', to be given in Bridge Village Hall on **Wednesday 14 November at 7.30 pm** (not on Thursday 15 November as advertised). This talk will illustrate both the wildlife and the history of the Nailbourne and how it affects the villages of Barham, Kingston, Bishopsbourne, Bridge, Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne. As members of these village communities you will all be aware of the eccentricities of this river which occasionally floods, sometimes flows actively and sometimes not at all! Our speaker will be Peter Ewart who has entertained us several times in the past and his talks are always interesting and enjoyable. All are welcome.

*Meriel*

*Connor*

## **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

To escape the winter blues, the Society have invited a favourite East Kent speaker, **Don Wilks**, back again on **Tuesday 6 November** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. This time Don's subject is "**Cyprus in Spring**" and for those of you who have not heard Don speak before, you are in for a treat - Don's photography is superb. There will be a small charge to include refreshments and it goes without saying that non-members will be most welcome.

## **Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute**

The November meeting to be held on **Tuesday 20 November** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall is the Annual Meeting of the Institute which includes reports on the past year as well as the election of President and Officers for 2013. There is therefore no guest speaker on this occasion.

The WI will also have a stall at the **Farmers' Market** on **Saturday 24th** when they will be selling cards and a variety of craft items. Do come along and chat to us there and find out more about our activities throughout the year.



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**Bridge Village Fireworks**

**Saturday 10th November**

**Gates open 5.30pm for a 6pm start**

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

# Cyprus in Spring



An Illustrated talk by  
Don Wilks

Tuesday 6 November

7.30 pm

Bridge Village Hall

All welcome

Small admission charge to include refreshments

## **Scout Christmas Post**

**The Nailbourne Scouts will be providing a Christmas Post delivery in Bridge as they do each year.**

**The boxes will be placed in local shops and pubs on 1 December 2012 and deliveries will be made on 15 December and 20 December 2012. All proceeds from the post are used to support the activities of the local Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.**

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**The Nailbourne Scout Executive Committee**

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## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012

10.00-12.30pm

John Baker-White Memorial Hall



*You are warmly invited to*  
**Come and Sing Carols**  
*at St Peter's, Bridge*  
*on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>*

and, more particularly, to join us in the **Bridge Choir**, which will be specially augmented as usual for the occasion of the Carol Service!

As in previous years, the choir will be supporting the congregational singing, and also adding another dimension to the familiar Christmas Readings with a varied, but not unfamiliar selection of short carols of their own. The present intention is to perform *What Adam's Disobedience Cost* (Jeremiah Clarke), *Comfort Ye, my People* (Nössler, arr. Miles), *Make We Joy Now in this Fest* (William Walton), *He Smiles Within His Cradle* (Trad. arr. Martin Shaw), *O Leave Your Sheep* (French Trad. arr. Keyte & Parrott) and *The Little Drummer Boy* (arr. Miles).

We are looking for all voices (SATB) from all age groups, and hope to welcome back many old friends as well as gain a few new enthusiasts. Some experience and/or ability to read music is necessary for the harmony parts, but not vital for the top line.

We will again keep rehearsals to a minimum, but for that reason it is crucial that most people can make *both* the main rehearsals as well as the Sunday! The rehearsals will almost certainly be held in Bridge Church as follows:

Wednesday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	7–8.30 p.m.
Thursday, December 13 <sup>th</sup>	7–8.30 p.m.
Sunday, December 16 <sup>th</sup>	3.45–5.30 p.m.

Music will be available in advance and for private study!

If you are able to join us, please let me know as soon as possible on Canterbury 787994 or [mjm@kings-school.co.uk](mailto:mjm@kings-school.co.uk). I can then assess balance and the viability of the programme!

With thanks & best wishes

Martin Miles

## **Bridge Tennis Club**

A very successful Open Day was held on Saturday 6th October at Bridge Tennis Club to encourage more children and adults to take up the sport. This friendly village Club, which has three floodlit hard courts and a club-house, is keen to encourage more people to join, and during the afternoon children and adults enjoyed trying the game under the expert guidance of Club Coach Stewart Bristow. Members were on hand at the club house offering refreshments and to explain the weekly coaching programme and the different club evenings that run throughout the year. The afternoon was rounded off with a mini-tournament for the children. For more information about joining please contact the membership secretary Martyn Hewett: 01227 831321 or visit [www.bridgetennis.com](http://www.bridgetennis.com)

## **Art in Bridge**

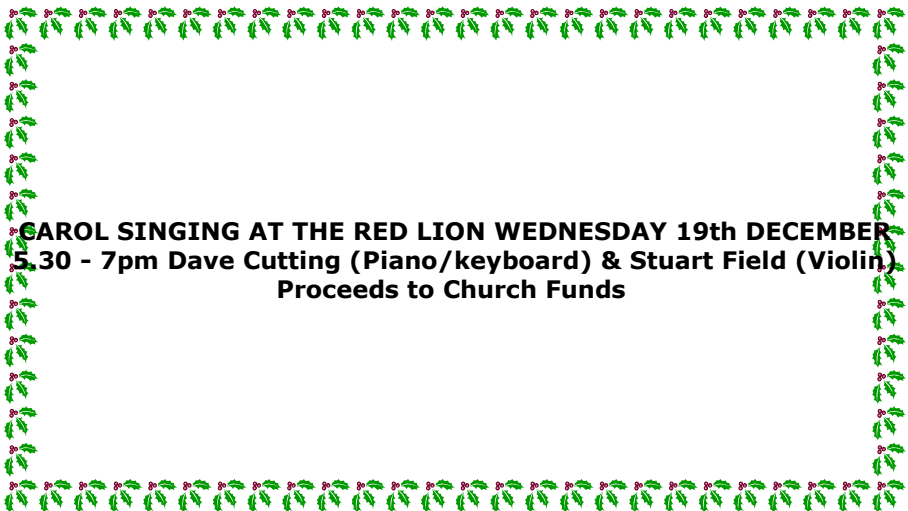
Annual Open Exhibition October 2012

This was another very successful exhibition in the twelve years that the exhibition has been held. There were over 200 exhibits covering paintings, photographs, sculptures and craftwork from people of all ages living or working in or within a five mile radius of Bridge. Bridge School contributed two colourful hanging Jubilee Crowns. The exhibition favourite was a painting by Barry Kirk, entitled "Country Garden in May".

Refreshments were available and visitors were encouraged to sit and talk. On Saturday evening piano music was played by Michael Chandler which added to the enjoyment of the event.

Thanks are due to the exhibitors and the many helpers who contributed to making the weekend such a success.

Sue Hodges



**CAROL SINGING AT THE RED LION WEDNESDAY 19th DECEMBER  
5.30 - 7pm Dave Cutting (Piano/keyboard) & Stuart Field (Violin)  
Proceeds to Church Funds**

## Bourne Vets News

We hope you all enjoyed the summer despite the miserable weather. Now that the nights are drawing in and autumn is here we are unfortunately approaching that time of year again when pets are exposed to the unpredictable loud bangs and flashes of fireworks which they can find very stressful.

To help your pets cope with this stress it is best to start preparing them as early as possible. There are a number of options you can use to try and minimise their



desensitisation which has successfully helped many pets. This is done using a CD which simulates the random and unpredictable noises of fireworks. It should be played for several weeks before the firework season, gradually increasing the volume and length of time it is played so your pet will become used to the noises and ignore them. At the same time as playing the CD, your pets respond well to being distracted with a favourite toy or a chew.

When you are expecting fireworks it is important to ensure your dog has a routine before the fireworks start and is fed early as tired and well-fed dogs are far less anxious. It is important to ensure your pets are inside and will feel safer if confined to one small darkened room. If you are going out then leaving a radio on can provide comfort for them. If you are staying in don't pat and stroke your pet as this teaches them they get rewards for being scared and it's best to not let them know you are concerned.

If your pet's phobia is unmanageable they may benefit from some stress relieving treatment. At Bourne Veterinary Practice we can offer you plug-in diffusers or collars which release pheromones to help your pet cope with stress or in very bad cases we can provide sedatives. If you are concerned for your pet's welfare over the firework season then please call us on **01227 832322** to discuss all the options.



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**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm St George's Church, Deal**

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*Betteshanger Social Club; Elvington Youth Club;*  
*Peppers Health Food Shop, High Street, Deal*  
or telephone 01233 732684

***This concert has been funded by The Coalfields Regeneration Trust***

**Centenary Coal Heritage Exhibition Fri 16<sup>th</sup> – Sun 18<sup>th</sup> November**

**Aylesham Welfare Leisure Centre** *free admission 01304 372926*

**East Kent Railway, Shepherdswell 'Forty Shillings Day on The Miners' Line' Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

*tickets £2.00 Shepherdswell to Eythorne [www.eastkentrailway.co.uk](http://www.eastkentrailway.co.uk)*

**Art Exhibition 'Inspired by Coal' The Landmark Centre, Deal 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November**

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**T.O.P.S (The Occasional Performance Society) Quiz Night Saturday  
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**The Occasional Performance Society (T.O.P.S)}**

**It was wonderful to put a 'sold out' notice across the poster for our first event - a Murder Mystery Evening, when, as far as we could tell, people had a really good time. It encouraged us to go ahead with our plans for a show at Christmas. With the money made that evening (and subscriptions!) we have been able to buy the materials to build our own stage (Mark Fisher) and acquire curtains. We are borrowing basic lighting locally from a good friend and raising money for sound equipment. We are getting there! However we still have need of more people to swell the sound! and if you are interested in sound and lighting we would love you to help us put together and operate our own system. So please get in touch if you would like to join us, with either Pam or Phil on 01227 832006.**

**Start your Christmas with us on Friday or Saturday, the 7/8th December at 7.30 at The Village Hall, Bekesbourne. Mulled wine (or a soft drink) and a mince pie are included with your ticket -£7.00, half price for children. Come and join in the singing and laugh at the sketches. See you  
# there!**



**Brackets for pavilion guttering-** Cllr Wilmshurst showed councillors a prototype bracket, which could be installed under the pavilion guttering to protect it from further damage caused by vandals kicking footballs against the guttering. The cost of installing the brackets would be between £200 and £300. Councillors agreed to go ahead with this plan.

**Fence by Pavilion-** The chain link fence by the pavilion was being damaged by children climbing or jumping over it. Plants designed to deter this had been damaged or removed. It was agreed to ask a local contractor for an estimate for a higher, more robust fence,

**New swings.** It was agreed to purchase two replacement swings for the larger swing bank at a cost of approximately £100 each

**Recreation Ground Working Party** Cllr Hodges reminded councillors about the working party on the recreation ground on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Volunteers should meet at the pavilion at 9.00am.

**Neighbourhood Plan** – Mr Joe Connor reported that Stella Meesters, a representative of Planning Aid and Sarah Platts, a volunteer planner from Dover District Council, had addressed a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> October. Little further progress could be made with the Neighbourhood Plan until the City Council had produced its Core Strategy document. Efforts continued to arrange a meeting with Adrian Verrall at the Canterbury City Council.

**Bus shelter seat** – Mr Mark Esdale reported that a local carpenter had assessed the bus shelter near the pharmacy and would submit a quotation to install a seat. The approximate cost would be £200.

**'Walkers are Welcome' scheme** - Cllr Atkinson announced that there would be a 'Walkers are Welcome' event in Bridge on Sunday 21st October. There would be two circular walks round the village, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, with lunch in Bridge. Further information would be put on the village website.

**Jubilee Tree** -Cllr Atkinson was arranging for a quotation for a commemorative plaque to be put by the Jubilee tree on the recreation ground and would report back.

**Lille Christmas Market trip** - Cllr Ward reminded councillors of the trip to the Christmas Market in Lille which the Twinning Association was organising on 1<sup>st</sup> December

**Christmas trees** – Councillors agreed that the village would put up Christmas trees in the High Street again this year. Mark Esdale had volunteered to organise this again. The trees would go up on Saturday December 1st and be taken down on Saturday 5th. January. All volunteers would be very welcome to help.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 8th. November at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting at 7.15pm.

All Bridge residents are welcome to attend these meetings.

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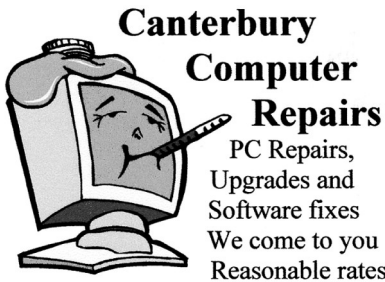


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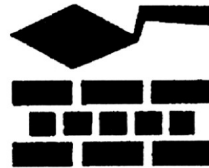
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