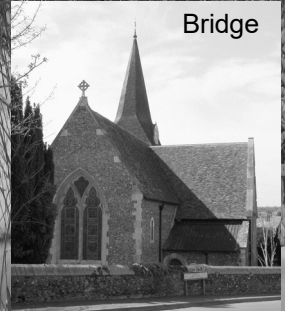


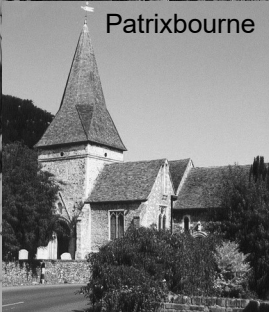
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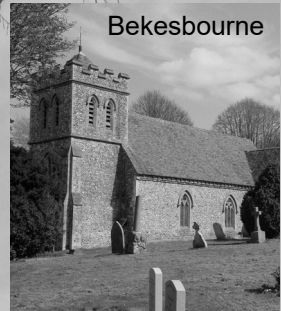
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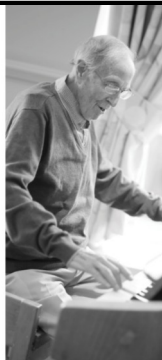
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Dec 2017 	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
3rd Dec 1 Cor. 1.3-9 Mark 13. 24-end	9.30am Advent Carol Service Lay led	11.00am Family Communion RH	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist JB	10.00am Songs of Praise Lay led
10th Dec 2 Pet. 3.8-15a Mark 1.1-8	9.30am Sung Eucharist RH	4.00pm Carol Service MC	9.30am Family Communion JT	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion JT
17th Dec 1 Thess. 5.16-24 John 1.6-8, 19-28	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	3.00pm Crib Service MC	11.00am Choral Eucharist GB 6.00pm Carol Service Lay led	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Sung Eucharist RO
22nd Dec	<i>All welcome at Patribourne</i>			7.00pm Carol Service Lay led	<i>All welcome at Patribourne</i>
24th Dec Rom. 16.25-end Luke 1.26-38	10.00pm Christmas Eucharist RO	9.30am Communion by extension MC	3.00pm Christingle MC 5.00pm Christingle BL 11.30pm Christmas Eucharist TCW	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	11.30pm Christmas Eucharist CE
25th Dec Heb. 1.1-4 John 1.1-14	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service MC	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Sung Eucharist DL	11.00am Carol Service Lay led
31st Dec Isa. 61.10-62.3 Luke 2.15-21	<i>All welcome at Lower Hardres</i>	9.30am Benefice Service RH	<i>All welcome at Lower Hardres</i>		

There is Holy Communion **every Tuesday at 9.30am** to 10.00am at Bridge Church, followed by coffee. All welcome.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR Jan 2018	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
7th Jan Epiphany Isa. 60.1-6 Matt. 2.1-12	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	11.00am Family Communion RH	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist CB	10.00am Songs of Praise Lay led
14th Jan 1 Sam. 3.1-10 [11-20] John 1.43-end	9.30am Sung Eucharist RH	4.00pm Evensong MC	9:30am Family Communion DL	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	
21st Jan Rev. 19.6-10 John 2.1-11	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service MC	11.00am Choral Eucharist CB	8.00am BCP Holy Communion DL	9.30am Sung Eucharist RH
28th Jan Deut. 18.15-20 Mark 1.21-28	9.30am Sung Eucharist RO	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	11.00am Community Worship BL	9.30am Matins MC	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>
4th Feb Mal. 3.1-5 Luke 2.22-40	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	11.00am Family Communion RH	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist CP	10.00am Songs of Praise Lay led

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MC Margaret Clarke

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RO Rev Richard Owen

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Dates for the diary – December 2017

Tuesday 5th

9:30am - Holy
Communion, St Peter Bridge
3:00pm – Holy
Communion, Bridge Haven
7:30pm – After
8's, Mansfield Court

Thursday 7th – 7:30pm - Carols and Readings with School
choir and Salvation

Army

Band

Friday 8th – 2:30-3:00pm – School Prayer Meeting, St Peter Bridge

Tuesday 12th

9:30am - Holy
Communion, St Peter Bridge
2:30pm – Carol
Service, Mansfield Court

Wednesday 13th

9:30am – Bridge
School Nativity – all welcome
10:00am - FISH pop-in
coffee, Bridge Village Hall
2:00pm -
Social Afternoon, Lower Hardres

Thursday 14th

9:30am –
Bridge School Nativity – all welcome

Monday 18th – 1:30pm – Annual Afternoon of Entertainment for
senior citizens,

Bridge

School

Tuesday 19th

9:30am - Holy
Communion, St Peter Bridge
3:00pm – Carol
Service, Saxon Lodge

Wednesday 20th - 2:00pm - Carols at Bridge Haven

Dates for the diary – January 2018

Tuesday 2nd

9:30am - Holy
Communion, St Peter Bridge
3:00pm – Holy
Communion, Bridge Haven

News from Bridge & Patrixbourne Church of England Primary School

Since the beginning of the academic year in September, it has been a very busy and successful time for our school. Our children exhibited at Art in Bridge and have opened up the school to parents and the community to view their learning. Our Year 6 children have performed both Romeo & Juliet and A Midsummer Night's Dream, a part of the Royal Shakespeare Schools' Festival, at the Gulbenkian Theatre, and as part of the Canterbury Festival, our orchestra performed in the Spiegel Tent.

It was fantastic to see so many people in the village community and beyond, attending our fireworks display and this helped us to raise much needed funds for the school, so that we can continue with the development of art and music, especially in this time of significant budget cuts. We have also contributed some of these funds to the Royal British Legion and to the Oncology Department at Kent & Canterbury Hospital.

In terms of our achievement, we have recently received a letter from Patrick Leeson, Corporate Director of Children, Young People and Education, at KCC, recognising the achievements in our school of the children. To view the letter, please visit our school website at www.bridge.kent.sch.uk.

Our great learning and ethos was also recognised in October, where we underwent a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) inspection, in which we were graded Outstanding across all aspects.

As I mentioned in the summer term, I will be leaving Bridge & Patrixbourne Church of England Primary School on 20th December 2017, having been at the school for over 12 years. The school and the village community will always hold a dear place in my heart.

In this time of change for our school, we have also appointed a new Chair of Governors, Matthew Jones, who will continue to help guide the Governing Body, along with the Senior Leadership Team, to strategically lead our school. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Dr Jeremy Hayter, our previous Chair of Governors, for all his help, devotion and hard work, during his term as Chair.

Once again, I would like to say that it has been an absolute pleasure to have worked in our school and serve the local community and I would like to thank you for all your support and kindness; I will miss you all.

Renuka Chinnadurai Headteacher

As Ren mentioned in the summer, I will be taking over as Acting Headteacher through until September 2018, and during this time our school will be looking for someone to take on the permanent position of Headteacher. I look forward to working closely with the village community, continuing to build strong links with you and the church and to meeting you around the village.

Matt Harper Deputy Headteacher

Christmas Workshop

On Saturday, December 2nd, there will be a Christmas Workshop at John Baker White Hall, at 9.30am to noon. There will be lots of activities for Children, and refreshments for all. If your child is under school age, please stay during the workshop. For a place, please ring Julie on 788316, or Margaret on 765598. Please book early. A small contribution of £1.00 per child for materials would be appreciated. For a place, please ring Julie on 788316 or Margaret on 765598. Do come along, it'll be fun!

Lower Hardres Carol Service on Sunday 10th December at 4.00. Followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Lower Hardres Crib Service – on 17th December at 3pm we have our Crib Service. It is a special service of celebration, when the children will assemble our CRIB, in preparation for Christmas. It would be lovely if the Children could dress in Nativity Character. Our charity this year will be the Canterbury Food Bank. Please bring along your gifts Festive Food to our Christmas Crib Service, and make Christmas 2017 special for others.

Christmas Day Service, Lower Hardres at 9.30am. A short, friendly service, and a chance to meet friends and Worship on Christmas Day.

On Sunday 7th January 2018 at 11am, which is our Family Communion, we will celebrate Epiphany, when the Wise Men came to worship our Lord.

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR — Margaret

Bridge and Patixbourne C. E. Primary School

The staff and children of the school invite you to an
Evening of Carols and Readings with
the School Choir and The Salvation Army Band
on Thursday 7th December in the school hall at 7.30pm
No tickets, please donate on the door.

On 18th December at 1.30pm the school will be hosting their
Annual Afternoon of Entertainment for all local
Senior Citizens in the school hall.

The afternoon starts with each year group taking turns
singing and finishes off with refreshments served by Year 6 pupils.

If you would like to join in please let the school know in
advance by ringing 830276.

Fish News December 2017 and January 2018

The December Coffee Pop-In on Wednesday 13th will again have carols with the kind accompaniment of Stuart Field and Jean Barber. A representative from Hi Kent will also be there in Bridge village hall.

The January Pop-In is on Wednesday 10th and the Winter Warmer Lunch will be on 31st. The Fish phone number is 07935 966 080

Ride and Stride Bridge

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Ride and Stride, the Recorders and Ian and Amy Osterloh who raised £184. A further £95 was raised by the Recorders giving a total of £279. This meant that St. Peter's received £139.50 towards Church funds. David Edmonds.

St. Peter's Bridge Flower Arrangers

There will be a flower meeting on Friday 8th December at The Archways, Conyngham Lane, Bridge to discuss Christmas decorations for St. Peter's church Bridge and the rota for next year. All welcome to come for a cuppa and homemade cake to see what we flower arrangers do and join us in 2018 if you wish. Viv Brasier. tel: 01227 830891.

Bridge & District History Society

The first meeting of the new year will be held on Thursday 18th January 2018 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Anthea Bryant will give a talk on Hidden Castles and Gardens of the South East.

Members £4.00, non-members £5.00 to include refreshments.

Further details from David Gilmour, Tel: 832450.

Recreation Ground

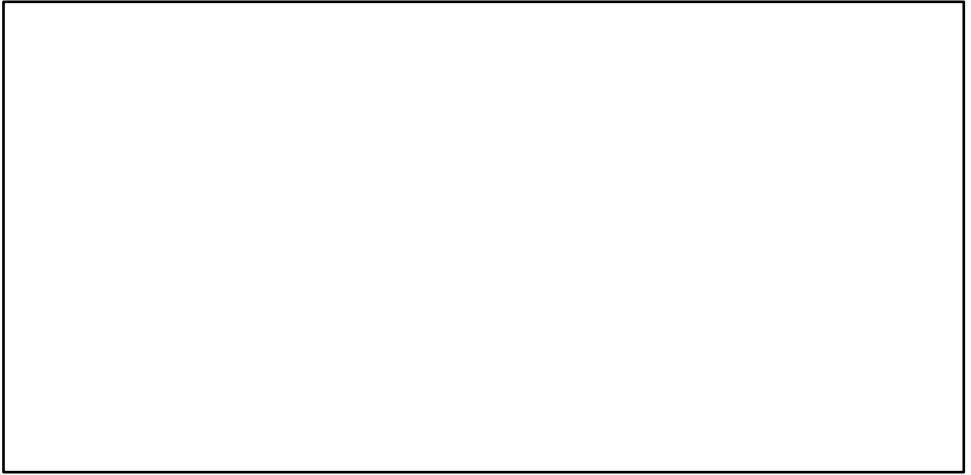
October and November have been busy months on the recreation ground. Some of the children of Bridge and Patixbourne C. E. Primary School spent an afternoon planting bulbs on the banks of the Nailbourne. Adult volunteers have cleared fallen leaves in the wild flower area and along the path to the school. Thank you for all your hard work in making the recreation ground a pleasant place to visit and enjoy.

Sue Hodges

Thank you

May I thank the kind people who sent me cards and gifts and visited me with good wishes for my recovery from having the second hip replaced. It has been a success and I am making slow progress. So glad I do not have four legs, two is enough!

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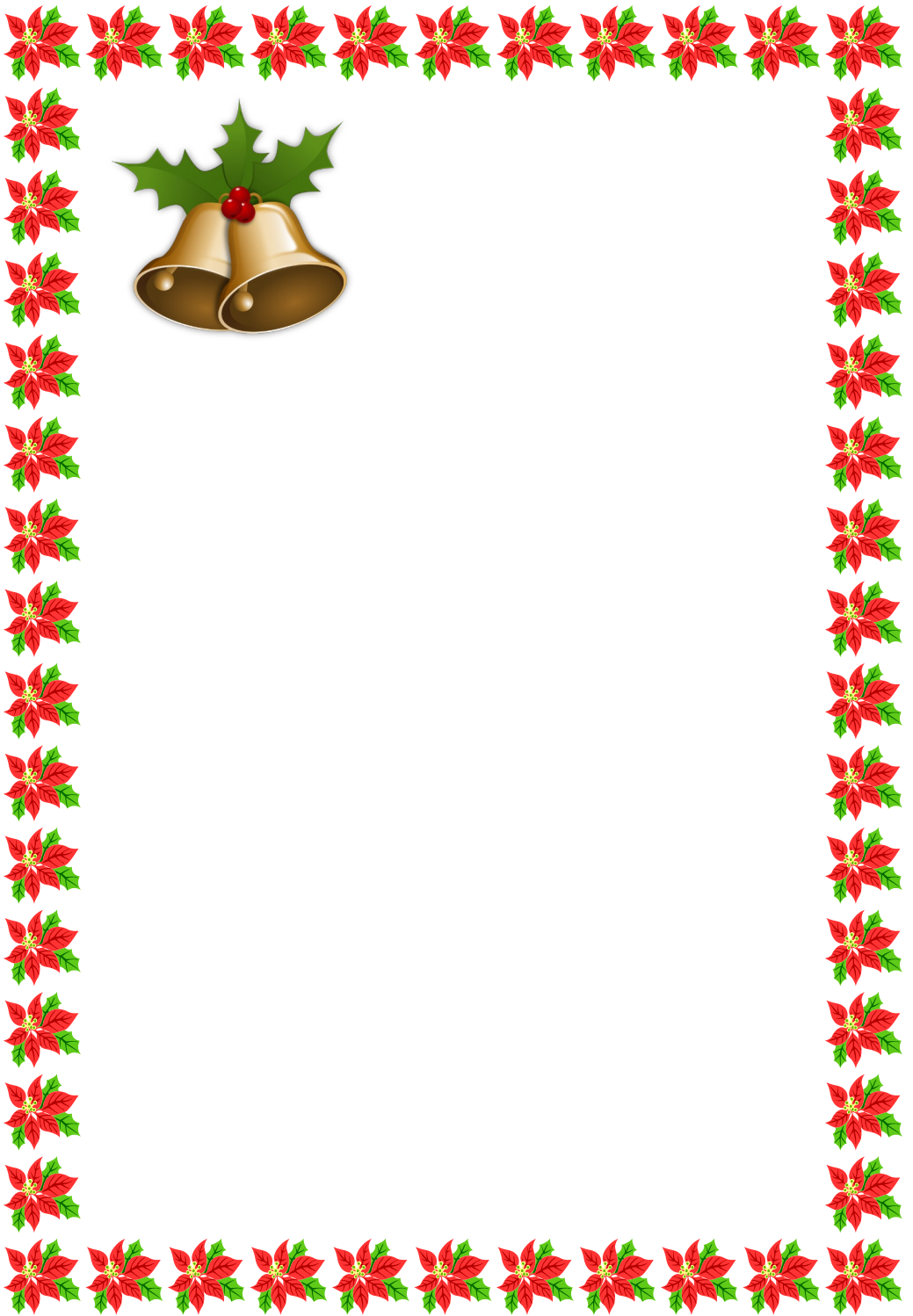
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If you would like to make a gift to Christian Aid this Christmas, the UK government's UKaid scheme will match every pound you give to the Appeal up to the 5 February 2018, meaning that even more people living in poverty can have their lives transformed.

You can donate direct to www.christianaid.org.uk or if you prefer, place your gift in an envelope and pass it to me and I will make sure it goes to the Christmas Appeal.

Many thanks Jean Barber (01227 831956)

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

We will be holding our annual **Social Evening** on **Tuesday 5 December** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. On arrival, you will be welcomed with mulled wine and nibbles to get you in the mood for what, I promise, will be a "not to be taken too seriously" garden related **quiz**, done in tables, followed by a light festive finger buffet and, of course, a raffle. And there you have all the ingredients to start off your Christmas celebrations. We will be charging £5 per person for what promises to be a fun, sociable and uncomplicated evening.

Moving into the New Year, we have our **AGM** in Bridge Village Hall on **Tuesday 23 January** at our usual start time of 7.30 pm. This is the time when subscriptions are due for renewal (£6 for single and £10 for joint/family membership) and when the schedules for the Spring and Summer Shows will be available. As always, we are also on the look-out for new committee members. The committee generally only meets three times a year which is not too onerous and it would be greatly appreciated if you would consider joining us. Please speak to any of the committee members or make yourself known at the AGM itself.

After the business is completed, as a departure from our normal evening, there will be a session for members to share their **gardening tips, hints and humorous anecdotes**.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Light Hearted Quiz Evening



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followed by



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Our December meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, namely **Tuesday 12 December** (7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall) when we will be celebrating the coming festive season with a **Members' Social Evening** with In-House Entertainment to be rounded off with a shared buffet supper.

The competition for the month is for an interesting white coloured item.

We then start our 2018 programme on **Tuesday 16 January** (usual time and place) with guest speaker and local resident **Peter Giles** who will be giving advice in a practical talk entitled "**Your Voice and How to Make the Most of It**". Please remember that the annual subscription (£41) is payable then and preferably by cheque. The competition for January is for an interesting item beginning with the letter "A".

It goes without saying that we are always delighted to welcome guests and visitors to all our meetings.

(The WI has its own noticeboard outside the village hall with details of all our events and contacts.)



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Condensed minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council
Thursday 9 November 2017

Villager David Latham will contact Cllr Fawke with dates and times for defibrillator training-the new defibrillator is now located on the wall of the Londis shop.

Police cars will be patrolling lorries parked on the Highland Court access road to the A2.Villagers can suggest roads which should be added to the secondary roads list for maintenance during cold weather by contacting Kent County Council Highways department.

Villager and school PTA chair, Rob Moon, thanked the council for permission to use the Recreation Ground for the recent fireworks event, which was judged by all councillors to have been a great success. Cllr Hodges recorded her thanks to the children of the school for planting bulbs.

Neighbourhood Plan: Following a discussion about the nature of the Cantley proposals, whether their current offer represented the best offer obtainable and protocols governing the composition of the Neighbourhood Plan, Council agreed by 6 votes to 2 (those voting against were Cllrs Dhillon and Ferguson) to endorse the recently published Cantley proposals in a forthcoming leaflet and to include a statement from the council in the same leaflet to be distributed to all households over the period 18/19 November. This leaflet will remind villagers of the vote to be held on November 25 in Bridge Village Hall.

Joint meeting with other invited local parish councils held on 19 October 2017 to discuss HICO (Highland Court) development plans. The Chair reported back on the meeting. Another joint meeting of the parish councils will take place on November 23 at 7.30 in Bridge Village Hall. Cllr Fawke has joined the Barham Downs Action Group.

The parish council **budget for 2018-2019** will be set on 14 December. A note of the parish precept request has been asked for by Canterbury City Council with a final deadline of 31 December 2017.

Cllr Dhillon provided feedback on 3 separate **speedwatch sessions** on 16 and 26 October and 2 November. More volunteers are needed. 2 vehicles had been recorded at speeds of over 60 mph. **The next meeting will be on Thursday, 14 December 2017 at 7.00 p.m.**

Bridge and Patricbourne Year 2 pupils

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at 9.30am**

All villagers welcome.

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Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

With the Poppy Appeal having been a busy time once again, we would like to thank all those who have been helping the Branch with its collections.

Our recent Beef Pudding Supper Night raised £160 for the Poppy Appeal - thanks to Kevin at the Hay Wain and those who joined us to make it a really nice evening.

At time of sending this report we had not held our AGM so details of elected officers for the coming year could not be included. However, there will also be a list of these in our notice board outside Littlebourne War Memorial Hall.

Once again - if anyone is thinking of becoming a member of the Branch they will be very much welcomed. Contact either the President on 01304 812292 or the Secretary on 01227 472023 for more details.

Our Christmas Meeting will be on Tuesday, 12th December 2017 and the first of the New Year will be on Tuesday, 9th January 2018, both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne (entrance to the right behind the Hall).

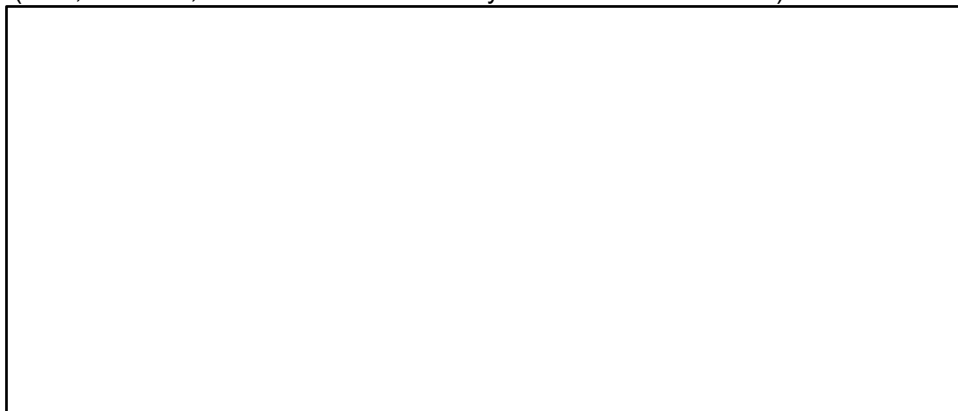
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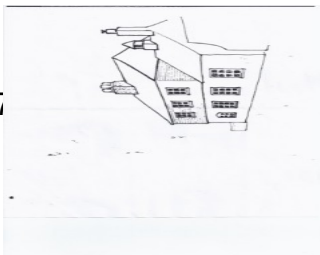
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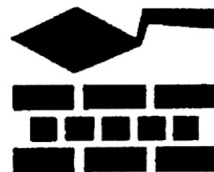


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