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Community News

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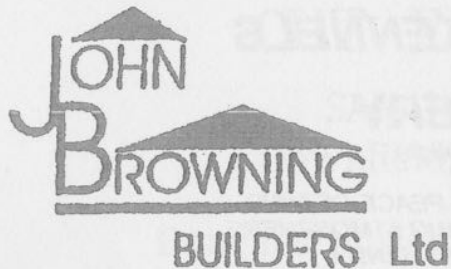
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WHIST DRIVE

Friday 9th October, 7pm

Everyone welcome

£2 (inc light refreshments)



Come and join us for a three-course supper

There will be a raffle to raise money for the

Pilgrim's Hospice

Friday, 23rd October 2015

7.00 for 7.30 pm

In the Evington Hall

Only £7.50 per person
(Coffee and Tea will be provided - Please bring your
own alcohol)

Please let us know if you can come
by Friday, 16th October

by contacting:

	Mrs Jill Argar on	01233 750311
or	Mrs Jean Bowes on	01233 811875
or	Mrs Yvonne Helmer on	01233 750236



CHRISTMAS VILLAGE TRIP TO LONDON

ECP are arranging another trip to London on **Saturday 5th December**.

We would travel by coach from Evington Hall, departing at 8.00 am, arriving at The Embankment at approximately 10.00 am. We would depart the Embankment at 5.30 pm and return to Evington Hall at approximately 8.00 pm, giving you around 7.5 hours to spend in the big city as you see fit. Before leaving London, the coach driver will take us on a tour to see the Christmas Lights.

The cost would be £10 per adult, children 16 and under travel free.

If you are interested in coming on this trip then please could you let Annika Kirton know **by the end of October**, stating the number of adults and children,

(Tel: 01233 7500080, Email: annika.kirton@yahoo.com).

EVINGTON HALL COMMITTEE

We are currently looking for a caretaker/cleaner for the village hall. The role of caretaker would only be suitable for a local resident who would be the main key holder and duties would include taking bookings, supervising hiring out of equipment and checking supplies. The current rate of pay is £24 per month (negotiable).

The cleaning position would be approximately 2 hours a week relating to the amount of use of the hall. The rate of pay for cleaning is £2 per hour. This could be the same person as the caretaker. More detailed job descriptions for both roles are available in the village hall and on the village notice board.

If you are interested in either of these roles please contact Robin Helmer (750236), Sheila Burrage (750375) or Sue Lawson (750288).

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OPEN MORNING/AFTERNOON FOR YEAR R 2016

We will be holding an open morning on Thursday
12th November at 10.45am and an open afternoon
on

Wednesday 18th November at 2pm.

Please notify the office if you would like to
come and visit us!

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Looking for something fun to
do in Half term?

On **Wednesday 28th October**, Evington Community Project is delivering a day of pottery painting workshops with the team from Kippy's – paint your own pottery studio.

There will be a range of pottery items to paint, from bowls and mugs to trinket boxes, animals and even Christmas decorations.

The morning Workshop will run from **10.30am to 12pm** and there will be an afternoon workshop from **2.30 to 4.00pm** in **Evington Village Hall**.

Prices will be significantly reduced from the shop prices as they will be subsidised by

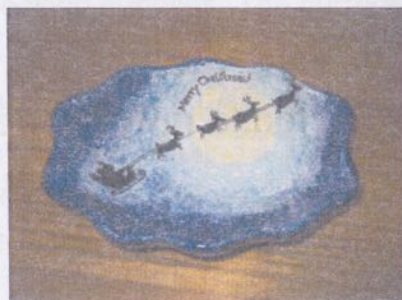
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This is an ideal opportunity to make a personalised birthday or Christmas gift.

Places are limited so **please book** as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

To book, please contact **Tracey Block** on **01233 750415** or **Robin Helmer** on **01233 750236**

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Please make a note in your diaries of the
following events organised by ECP:

28th October 2015 - Ceramic Workshops

14th November 2015 - Film Night

5th December 2015 - Coach Trip to London

**12th December 2015 - Seasonal thanks and additional
100 Club Prize Draw**

13th December 2015 - Children's Christmas Party

Evington Community Project



CLUB

The winning numbers for the September Draw are:

1st Prize: No: 97

2nd Prize: No: 70

3rd Prize: No: 41

Many thanks to all of the 100 Club Members for your support.

HASTINGLEIGH WITH ELMSTED W.I.

Hastingleigh with Elmsted W.I. met on Thursday the 3rd of September at the Evington Hall.

Twelve members attended our meeting.

Our speaker this month was Sarah Grazebrook, whose talk was entitled 'My Brilliant Career, my life as a struggling actress'. Her acting career started when she was four years old, as a cow in a school production, and in her entertaining talk she told us about other parts she had taken after studying drama at Guildford. She was in rep for forty weeks, to enable her to get her Equity card. Once she had got it, she got a job as a waitress at the BBC's TV Centre. She put notes under producer's doors and finally got a television role. It was an entertaining talk that we all enjoyed.

We spoke about the meal we will be doing in the Hall on Friday the 23rd of October. We will be having a raffle, which will be in aid of the Hospice. More details will follow, and we hope we will see many of you there.

Mrs Bowes won the flower of the month competition.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 1st of October at 7.30 p.m. Our speaker will be Eileen Jennings, who will be talking to us about 'Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro'. Any new members would be made most welcome.

Fiona Steward

EVINGTON GARDENERS

THE ARTS AND CRAFTS MOVEMENT AND ITS GARDENS

Stephen Harmer

Tuesday 20 October 7.30 pm

Evington Hall

Other talks this Season

17 November. Old Ashford – Richard Filmer

2016

19 January Journey through South America

Dr. Appleyard

16 February Yew Trees – Martin Newcombe

15 March The Greenhouse Story – Roland Stevens

Everyone welcome.

Further details from Jane Pearce at flautodolce@btinternet.com

SOUTH HILL GARDEN, 9th AUGUST

Many thanks to Sir Charles Jessel, all who helped with and provided the teas and you who supported this event. Just over £700 was raised for St. Mary's.

The weather was perfect for admiring the range of hydrangeas in the Arboretum and visitors found Sir Charles guidance fascinating and informative.

RB

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE PARISH UPON THE HILLS – October

5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th	10-11am: Tots and Tales at Elmsted (see below)
Sunday 4 th Proper 22	9.30am Cluster Service: Cluster Harvest at Hastingleigh 6pm Evensong BCP at Petham
Sunday 11 th Proper 23	8am Holy Communion BCP at Waltham 10am Bodsham Family Service in Bodsham School Hall 11am Communion Service at Petham
Sunday 18 th Proper 24	9.30am Holy Communion at Waltham 11am Holy Communion at Hastingleigh 11am Family Service in Petham 6.00pm Evensong at Elmsted
Sunday 25 th Proper 25	9.30am Holy Communion at Elmsted 11am Holy Communion at Petham 11am Holy Communion BCP at Hastingleigh 4pm Messy Church at Evington Hall, Hastingleigh
Saturday 31 st	10-3pm Day of Prayer at Waltham
Sunday 1 st No- vember	9.30am Family Service at Petham 6pm Evensong BCP at Petham

Tots and Tales: a free new group for 0-4 year-olds and their grown-ups. All welcome: do come along! We have stories, craft, singing and fun! Plus tea, coffee, juice and biscuits. **Every Monday, 10-11am at Elmsted Church.**

Messy Church: We've changed the name of Sunday Teatime to 'Messy Church'. We will still have fun, craft, stories and eat a light supper together. ALL AGES are welcome in the village hall (Evington Hall), Hastingleigh, at 4pm-6pm on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Bodsham Family Service: a less-formal family service for everyone. Do come and try it! The second Sunday of each month.

Day of Prayer at Waltham: Have you ever been in a labyrinth? Drop in to the Day of Prayer at Waltham and find out what it is and how you can experience it!

OCTOBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 1st	W.I. Meeting (Page 18)	7.30pm
Tues 6th	Evington Hall Main Committee Meeting	7.45pm
Wed 7th	Coffee Morning	10.30am
	Singing	7.00pm
Fri 9th	Whist drive (Page 12)	7.00pm
Sun 11th	Footpath Walk (Page 26)	2.00pm
Tues 13th	Hastingleigh Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm
Tues 14th	Singing	7.00pm
Tues 20th	Gardeners Society (Page 19)	7.30pm
Wed 21st	Singing	7.00pm
Fri 23rd	W.I. Supper (Page 13)	7.00pm
Wed 28th	ECP Craft Day (Page 16)	10.30am

Note: All events in Evington Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Parent & Toddler Group meet every Tuesday - 9.30am

Mobile Library every Wednesday 10.55am - 11.20am

Art Group meet on Thursdays 9.30am - 12.30pm

CHURCH FLOWER & CLEANING ROTA

	St. Mary's Hastingleigh	St. James' Elmsted
Oct 3rd	Mrs Hewes, Mrs Healy	Mrs Green
Oct 10th	Mrs Perez, Mrs French	Mrs Calcutt
Oct 17th	Mrs Bowes	Mrs Wood
Oct 24th	Mrs Helmer	Ms Flitney
Oct 31st	Mrs Pell, Mrs Homer	Mrs Healy
Nov 7th	Mrs Boxall, Mrs Boxall	Mrs Denny

The Lorry Way Down (update to End August 2015).

We eventually picked up our visa's from the Ghanaian Embassy in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, and were glad to get our passports back so we could get back to travelling and living in Colonel K (our trusty DAF truck). As mentioned last month, we have decided to by-pass the troubled region of Nigeria, and Cameroon (the more people we speak to that know this region, the more we feel we have made the right choice here), and have booked a space on a Freight Vessel that sails from Sheerness in Kent, and travels down the west coast of Africa, stopping at various ports, inc Tema in Ghana (where we will be loading the truck), and then stops at Walvis Bay, Namibia, where we will have the truck unloaded. So after leaving Ouagadougou we headed south towards the border with Ghana, on what we thought was going to be a fairly boring stretch of tarmac road. How wrong you can be sometimes, the road traverses a National Park area, and is mostly very dense and green bush (we are in the wet season after all). On the way through here we saw two separate herds of Elephants, the first herd in a small river bed right next to the road. These elephants obviously have little or no contact with humans, as this is definitely not a tourist destination, and they were very aggressive and agitated with us stopped and taking photo's, eventually we had to make a speedy exit as one young bull elephant charged at the truck. Then 20km further on we were treated to another herd crossing the road and disappearing into the bush. It seems we were very lucky to see elephants on this road, a real treat.

At the border, we were mobbed by 'helpers' and money dealers, this was the first time this has happened since Mauritania, and was quite a shock to the system, we had to get quite firm with them in the end, saying we didn't need their services (we were used to African border crossings by then), but most followed us through no-mans land anyway. On the Ghanaian side, the officials obviously spoke English (their official first language), and after a quick temperature check (for Ebola), we followed the officials into the offices where we quickly had our passport details taken and photo's entered into their computer system, we were then told we had to wait for the top man to stamp the passports. When he appeared, he asked "how long will you be staying in Ghana?", as we had paid for a 90 day visa, we told him "90 days", with this he said "this is not possible and we could only stay 60 days". Despite arguing with him, he would not budge on this and we just hoped that the ship would in fact stop in Tema, otherwise it would mean applying for an extension to the visa in Accra. Once through customs, we were on our way into Ghana, and to the northern city of Tamale, where we spent the night in a hotel carpark. Next day we drove to Mole National Park, and ended up camped on the top of an escarpment overlooking a couple of waterholes. Within an hour of arriving, a herd of elephants were bathing in the waters below us, an amazing place, and we definitely had the best spot (even though this was next to the

hotel). Whilst at Mole we had an armed ranger take us on a walking safari, again seeing lots of Elephants, and various Antelope and birds, it was obvious also that the water holes here were full of crocodiles (not apparent from where the truck was parked). Mole is a great place for limited game viewing (there are very few large cats here), and is very cheap compared to Southern African game reserves, or national parks. The baboons here were a real pain, and one afternoon while we were sitting outside on our camp chairs, one adult and her youngster dropped in through the roof hatch and stole our dried Spaghetti and Bolognese sauce, and were not giving them back, getting quite aggressive as i chased them out of the truck, they are big animals and require respect.

Also arriving at Mole the same day were a couple of Dutch girls that were back packing around Ghana for a few weeks, mainly using public transport (not great in West Africa). We got chatting to Anounk and Naomi, and offered them a lift in the back of Colonel K (we only have two seats in the front, and have never had anyone travel in the back before) down to Kamashi, or if they couldn't stand the harsh ride, they could get out at the bus station at the first town we went though. They ended up staying with us for 10 days and 1,000km!

After an overnight stop at a gold mining town, and hitting the coast road we headed for a place called Cape Three Points in the west of the country, and a 'resort' called Ezile Bay where we could camp in the truck and the girls could stay in a beach hut. The last 25km were on a very badly rutted and muddy dirt track, and took us over an hour to cover through some very dense and lush forests. Whilst at Ezile Bay (3 nights), we employed a guide that took us up a hill side behind the camp and guided us up into the rain forest, it was an amazing experience and the dampness and humidity up in the forest was intense. All the time we were at Ezile Bay, the rain fell on and off and the night before we left it rained really hard, I was not looking forward to driving back up that track, so we prepared the truck by lowering the tyre pressures for extra traction, and set off. The Track was a real muddy mess, and at one point a vehicle had slid across the track and completely blocked it for a time. Then we heard a knock on the shutter separating the cab from the rear, when Jac opened the back, poor Naomi was really suffering, both her hands were in spasm and locked solid, she couldn't feel her feet and she was very pale. Nurse Jac decided that she was severely dehydrated, and we got her to drink some re-hydrating fluids, and lots of water, and suggested that they swap places and Naomi rides up front in the cab. After about 40 mins she seemed better and off we set again, and after one more quick stop for her take a rest from the rough track, we got to the tarmac, and headed east to Ko-Sa near Elmina. The town of Elmina is known for its Portuguese and Dutch slavery forts, and a visit to the large Dutch fort is a very sobering experience. There are also dozens of these forts dotted along the coast of West Africa, and its a

harsh reminder to a very dark part of our history. After four nights at the excellent Ko-Sa, we headed to Big Milly's Back Yard, a back packers stop over, and very different to anything we have stayed at on our travels so far, it was loud, brash, and full of locals drinking and smoking (various stuff I think). This was the place that we said goodbye to our "Dutch Kids", as they had to catch a flight back to Holland, and it seemed weird not to have them with us after almost two weeks, they are great girls and we hope that they stay in touch with us.

The day we were leaving Big Milly's, we got an email from the shipping clearers stating that the dates have changed, and were likely to change again, so we headed back to Ko-Sa, as we knew we could send and receive emails there and were only a days drive from Tema.

As I write this we are now in a hotel in Tema (a monumentally bad hotel, but seemingly better than most here), having dropped off the truck a few days ago at the port and are waiting to pick up our Carnet de Passage once Customs have inspected it. The ship is due into port here on the 26th August, and we have flights booked for 27th August to Walvis Bay, Namibia, via Jo'burg, SA. This shipping lark is an extremely stressful experience, and involves lots of different people in different countries, and if it all works out as planned I'll be amazed!

Wish us luck, eh.

You can view our full blog at www.lorrywaydown.com Our best wishes go out to everyone back home in Hastingsleigh and Elmsted.

Vince and Jacqui Martin

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A Service of Remembrance on All Saints Day

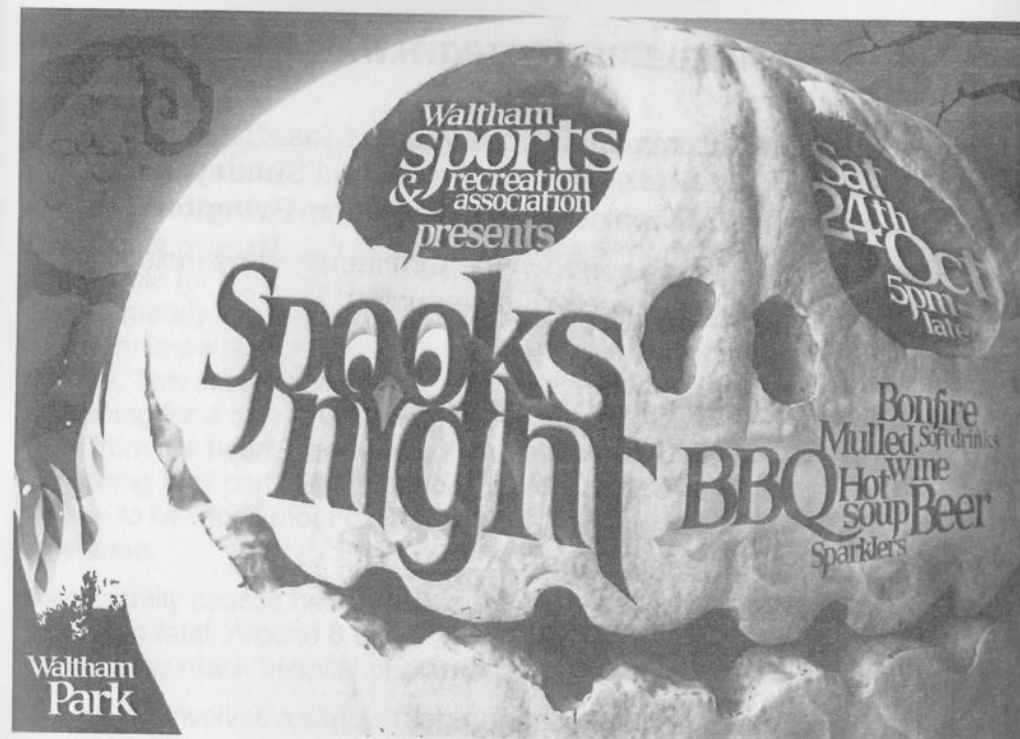
Sunday 1 November at 4 pm in Wye Church

We invite you to a time of remembrance, thanksgiving and hope for those we love who have died.

If you would like us to remember a loved one by name, do let us know beforehand or as you come into the church.

If there is a particular hymn you would like, let us know .

Please join us for this short service and tea afterwards to which all are welcome.



DO YOU ENJOY A GAME OF SCRABBLE ?

If so, do come to Waltham Village Hall

on

Wednesday 14th October

10.00 - 12noon

where we hope to enjoy a couple of games within the time margin.

Purely for fun and enjoyment, and certainly not too serious, you would be most welcome.

Further mornings will be arranged if sufficient interest shown.

HASTINGLEIGH FOOTPATH WALKS

At last we enjoyed the summer, so it's now time to look forward to the monthly walks. They all take place on the **second Sunday in the month**, beginning at **2.00 pm** normally starting from **Evington Hall**.

Details will be posted each month in the Community News including any change in the start point.

The following have kindly agreed to lead the walks

2015

- 13th September - Jean Bowes
- 11th October - Stan & Sheila Burrage
- 8th November - Derek & Janet Harris
- 13th December - Jack & Christine Luck

2016

- 1st January - Mince Pie Walk!
- 14th February - Hilary Pittock
- 13th March - Robin & Yvonne Helmer
- 10th April - Helen Ransley
- 8th May - Val Kerry

If you have not been before, they usually last about two hours and provide a really convivial way to spend a Sunday afternoon, and help to keep you fit!

Please come and join us

Derek Harris

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WYE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Of particular interest to men of 65 years or older

Prevention of health problems is an admirable objective but not always achievable for a variety of reasons. Facilities and man power may be limiting and ultimately it is almost always a question of available money. But there is one very important preventative service that is offered by the NHS free of charge. This is screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) which is screening for a dangerous swelling of the aorta, the main blood vessel that runs from the heart, down through the abdomen to the rest of the body. This screening is of particular important to older men. The swelling of the aorta is known to be much more common in men aged over 65 although it does occur in women.

AAA usually causes no symptoms but if it bursts it is extremely dangerous and often fatal. Around 8 out of 10 people with a ruptured AAA either die before they reach hospital or do not survive surgery.

Screening involves a simple ultrasound scan of the stomach which usually takes 10-15 minutes. If a small aneurysm is detected it can be monitored at regular intervals to check that the enlargement is not reaching the dangerous stage. If a larger aneurysm is found an appointment with a vascular surgeon will follow very quickly. The surgeon will advise on the benefits of treatment which will minimise the risk of bursting occurring.

The NHS AAA Screening programme was set up in England in 2009 and has been offered throughout the UK since 2013.

Men over 65 who would like to apply for AAA should phone 01277 868775 or E-mail kent.aaascreening@nhs.net, which is the vascular clinic at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

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FROM WYE BENEFICE - Thank you Wye

I wanted to use this space to express my gratitude to so many Wye residents. When, eight years ago, Francis and I ran our first 'Heal for Life' healing week for adult survivors of child abuse – we had help from a number of friends in Wye and the surrounding area. It was a good week but we realized afterwards that the venue was not right and we needed more support if we were to continue. So we decided to give more time to working with Heal for Life in Australia and, for the time being, not try to run weeks in England. It was only when Ravi arrived in Wye that, with his enthusiastic support, we felt we would give it another go. From that moment everything started falling into place, others came forward to support us as helpers on the week and as trustees and we also found the right place to run the weeks. As we embarked on our first week in May 2013 we had other people coming forward to cook meals for the week, others donated soft toys, and others offered prayer, all are much appreciated and needed by us and our guests.

All of us are volunteers but we need to pay for the venue, for food for the week, for additional transport, and for our general costs and overheads so we have set a cost of £400 for each guest for the week. Unfortunately many of our guests are not able to work, due to the ongoing effects of the trauma in their childhood, and therefore are unable to afford the £400. As we want to make sure that all who need our help can come, we have set up a bursary fund to pay the costs of any guest who needs help. We ask every guest to pay what they can afford and then we try to find the rest. In this respect Wye has been incredibly generous, the PCC has given us grants, there was a Safari Supper whose organisers donated their proceeds to the fund and then lots of individuals who have contributed to the fund with the result that to date we have been able to say 'yes' to all those who have applied to come.

So thank you to all of you who help – as you read this we will have completed our eighth week here in the UK and now more than 75 guests have joined us for one of our weeks.

We have every intention of continuing the healing weeks in 2016 and beyond and we will continue to seek your help in any way that you can. Guests who receive help from the bursary fund are invited to write a letter to our sponsors and I want to end with one of these letters.

Dear Sponsor

You will never know the difference being on the Heal for Life Healing Week has made to me, because you will never know me. So your generosity in providing sponsorship is all the more amazing. Thank you!

I have struggled with the effects of my childhood abuse for a very, very long time. I've received more love, care, and understanding this week than I

experienced through the whole of my childhood and early adulthood. It has made a great difference to me – more than I can ever say.

The team leading the course are caring and professional, and they create a very safe environment for us to explore our issues and heal.

I am so pleased to have received the tools to continue my healing journey as I leave and go back to my normal life.

Please don't think that what happens at Heal for Life doesn't make a difference. It does!

With gratitude, + blessings for your generosity

A

Lucy Huntington

FROM GODINTON HOUSE & GARDENS

The garden has certainly enjoyed the rain over the last week or so, the colours in the Walled Garden are fabulous. Just a reminder the stables will remain open until the end of September so you can meander around the garden, then enjoy a cup of tea and piece of cake.

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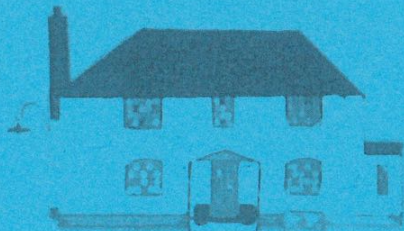
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