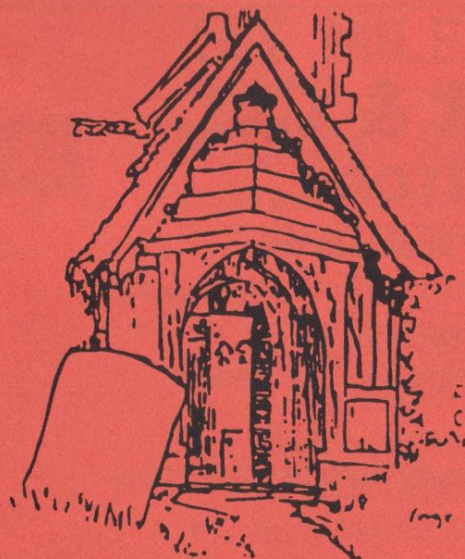
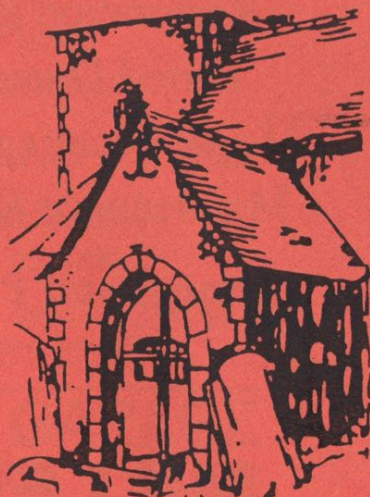


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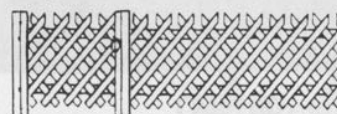
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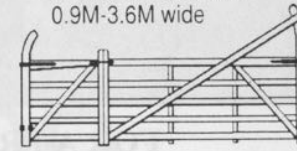
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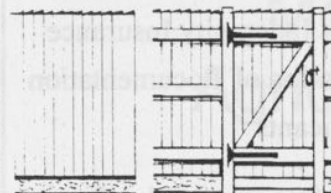
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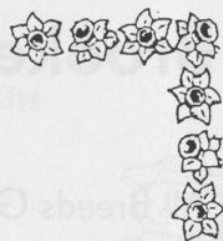
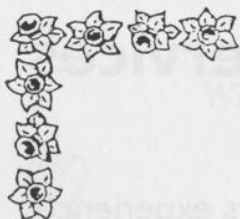


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**LAMBETH 1998**

My Dear Friends

From 18 July to 9 August, 800 Bishops who lead the world wide family of 70 million Anglicans will be gathering for the Lambeth Conference which is being held at the University in Canterbury.

This event, which happens every ten years, will also include 600 spouses together with consultants, translators, ecumenical observers and a great representation of the world's media.

This Conference will indeed be both large and lively. Already controversy has surfaced over the issues surrounding homosexuality. The American Church are adopting a liberal and radical approach whilst the dioceses from the Southern hemisphere a more traditional and Biblical in their response. But the Conference will address many other topical issues.

HELP IS NEEDED - car drivers, stewards, receptionists are some of the requests for help. Both Paul and I are willing to accept offers of help or you can send your offer direct to Canon Reg Humphries, Saltwood Rectory, Hythe, Kent CT21 4QA, Tel 01303 266932. Please note the deadline is 15 February.

Whilst this invitation provides a unique opportunity to help with the arrangements, you are asked to remember the Lambeth Conference when you pray.

In His Service

Richard Bateman

*A NEW YEAR MESSAGE, from the Rural Dean -  
Application Refused.*

The story is told of a Parochial Church Council seeking by advertisement a new priest. The following letter was received by the Churchwarden of the parish.,

"Dear.....

Understanding that your parish is vacant, I should like to apply for the position. I have many qualifications that I think you would appreciate. I have been blessed to preach with power and have some success as a writer. Some say that I am a good organiser. I have been a leader in most places to which the Lord has sent me.

Some folks, however, have some things against me. I am over 50 years of age. I have never preached in one place more than three years at a time. In some places I have left town after my work caused riots and disturbances. I have to admit that I have been in prison three or four times, but not because of any real wrong-doing. My health is not good, although I still get a good deal done. I have had to work at my trade to help pay my way. The churches I have preached in have been small though located in several large cities.

I also ought to tell you that I have not got on too well with the religious leaders in towns where I have preached. In fact, some of them have threatened me, taken me to court and even attacked me physically. I am not too good at keeping records and have even been known to forget who I have baptised. However, if you can use me, I shall do my best for you. I hope you will consider this application carefully and prayerfully."

The Churchwarden read this letter to the PCC and asked them if they were interested in the applicant. There was uproar. Those present said that such a person would never be suitable for their church. They were not interested in any unhealthy, contentious, trouble-making, absent-minded ex jail-bird - in fact, they felt insulted that his application had

been presented to them, and he was certainly too old. Then, out of interest, someone asked for his name. The Churchwarden answered, "The Apostle Paul."

As this New Year begins our prayers in the churches of West Bridge Deanery are with those parishes in the Stone Street Group with all their hopes and expectations as they seek under God, a priest to share in collaborative ministry with Richard Bateman and Paul Filmer. May he or she, be a person of faith, wisdom, vision and prayer with a pastoral heart and true love for people.

We all have hopes and expectations for 1998 in our family and working life, for our parishes, deanery and diocese. There are adventurous times ahead. May God be with us, as we support each other in ministry.

Our Lay Chairman, Pauline Round joins me in wishing you a very happy and peaceful New Year.

Clive Barlow - Rural Dean



*Elmsted Church.*

Carol singing in the parish raised £205. We should like to thank all those who helped to raise this marvellous amount, both the singers and those who entertained us. This with the offertories from the Carol Service and the Christmas morning Family Communion amounted to £500 which has been sent to The Demelza House Children's Hospice Appeal.

The February Supper Talk is on Monday 16th February at Whatsole Street Farm at 7.30.p.m. Pauline Round (Deanery Lay Chairman) will be leading the discussion and the subject will be "Forgiveness". These evenings are social and stimulating and all are welcome. Details from 750238 and numbers for catering by Sunday 15th

JDB

# From the Editor

It seems a long time since the Dec /Jan edition of Community News was published and I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year. This is the time of year when subscriptions for the magazine become due and it would assist the Treasurer (and distributors) if these could be paid promptly. The photocopier - which had proved to be troublesome since I took over as editor has finally given up and the Magazine Committee has agreed the purchase of a replacement machine at a cost of £1400 which we hope will give trouble free service for a few more years and avoid any last minute panics at the end of the month. As many of you have already paid your subscriptions, they will remain the same for this year but the committee plans to hold a fund raising event later on in the year to help replenish the reserves

SB.



## Evington Players.

Owing to lack of support, we have been unable as yet to produce a play this season. We do hope to rectify this and are meeting at Evington Hall on Mondays at 7.30 to read plays. If you are interested in any way, either in acting or back stage work or even just play reading, do come along. The Drama Group has been in existence for nearly 50 years and we always have extremely good audiences so it would be a great pity if all this had to end now. Please come along, it is great fun - and you will be more than welcome.

SV

## Evington Hall Committee

The Christmas Bazaar, held at the end of November was again very well attended and raised a record sum of £826 for Hall funds. The Committee would like to thank everyone involved for their help in donating prizes for the tombola, raffle and other items for the various stalls and also for their help in making the afternoon such a success. The amounts raised by the various stalls run by different village organisations are outlined below.

Gift Stall	(Hall Ctee)	52.55
Tombola	" "	186.10
Raffle		193.00
Teas	" "	10.84
Book Stall	(Table Tennis)	51.70
Cake Stall	( W.I.)	194.75
"Sweet Jar"	(Evington Players)	13.50
Bric-à-brac	(Joint P.C.C's)	70.33
Plants (Gardeners)		48.85
Donation.		5.00

The Committee is hoping to refurbish the kitchen when sufficient funds become available and major outlay will be required to finance the resurfacing of the car park.



## The Village Shop

The shop may have to close on Wednesday afternoon, unless a volunteer can be found to serve behind the counter for that session. If anyone can help, please contact the shop.

### Thanks from St. Mary's

It's that time of year again  
When we must congratulate  
Mr. Wye and his flautists  
For another musical date.

With Mr. Scott in attendance,  
Trevor certainly did us proud -  
Vivaldi was brought to life  
In music both soft and loud.

The Studio Players then took over,  
 Their skills a delight to see -  
 Concluding a great performance  
 With The Flight of the Bumble Bee.

So it's thanks to you all for the music  
And to those, who at the start  
Made wine or produced the supper  
Much enjoyed by all who took part.

Well done Trevor and Students -  
(A seat for the Churchyard your aim)  
So the £413 profit  
Will surely provide the same.



*Hastingleigh Village Fête, June 27th, 1998*

A Village Activities Committee has been formed whose members include Trevor Wye (chairman), Jean Bowes, Roz Bacon, Robin Helmer, Di Mose, and Dot Wye. After their inaugural meeting they wish to announce that there will be a Hastingleigh Village Fête on June 27th 1998. It will include lunches, teas with music, stalls, games, sideshows, and produce. In addition, special emphasis will be placed on the provision of various children's entertainment. The Fête will be held in the garden of Tamley Cottage.

Profit from the Fête will be used to tidy up the Village Pond area and provide a new seat. The Committee also aims, in the following years, to work towards the renewal of a long standing tradition in the village, the Carnival.

Offers of help or ideas please to the Chairman on 750 493.



*Lambeth Conference 1998*

Diocesan Hospitality 1st & 2nd August.

Offers of hospitality are needed for the above weekend for visiting Bishops to enjoy a relaxed weekend in a rural parish. If you are able to help, forms and information are available from me. There will be 800 Bishops and 600 spouses!!

The conference is at the University of Kent at Canterbury from 18th July to the 9th August. Car drivers are needed on the 18th July to meet trains and also helpers and stewards at the University. Further details from:- June Browning - 750238.



From the Registers.

Baptisms - St. James, Elmsted.

23rd November - William Bennison

23rd November - Paige Neudeck.

Holy Matrimony - St. James Elmsted.

6th December.

Simon David William Leather and Clare Theresa Burton.

### *Footpath Walk*

On New Year's Day over 30 adults, children and dogs assembled at Cold Blow Farm for the annual "Mince Pie Walk." The rains held off for the duration of the walk along the North Downs Way to the Devil's Kneading Trough. At the top of Wye Hill the majority of the party, led by Tim Bowes, agreed to a slightly longer walk towards the Crown, cutting off towards Coombe Manor and returning via Zig Zag and Staple Lees. The remainder, led by Mike Bowes, opted for the shorter route back to Cold Blow where we were all welcomed by Jean with mulled wine and mince pies. I am sure everyone will join me in thanking Jean and Mike for their hospitality and for organising the walk, making a very enjoyable start to 1998.

Why not maintain that resolve to keep fit and come along to the next walk on Sunday 8th Feb. starting from Elmsted Church at 2.00p.m.

SB

### *Flower & Cleaning Rota*

<u>Elmsted</u>		<u>Hastingleigh</u>
Feb 7th	Mrs Cameron Mrs Elphick	Dr. & Mrs Lawson
14th-21st	Mrs Healey Mrs Denny	Mrs Helmer Mrs Harris
Feb 28th	Mrs Nicholson	Mrs Bracher
March 7th	Mrs Hulme	Mrs Young



### *Hastingleigh with Elmsted W.I.*

Mrs Nancollas thanked all those who had made cakes for the Cake Stall at the Hall Bazaar. £193. was raised. The W.I. also sold some woollies (made by Mrs. Nancollas and Mrs. J. Argar's sister) for funds.

Mrs. Nancollas and Mrs. Mose took some of the knitting to the Craft Fair at the Cricket Ground, Canterbury where it sold very well. It was suggested that an effort be made to get a good supply for next year. If anyone would like to knit, jumpers are needed for one to four year olds in dark or bright colours, also if anyone has any spare wool it would be gratefully received.

The East Kent Federation has asked W.I.'s to nominate members who would be interested in being co-opted on to one of the various sub-committees. Nominees would be welcome to observe meetings at Beer Cart Lane next year.

The next Group Meeting is at Thanington on 30th March 1998 when Mrs. Doreen Perry will speak on the history of The Theatre Royal, Margate.

Prizes were presented for most points gained in the monthly competition. Freda Nancollas was 1st. and Barbara George 2nd.

Jean Bowes again won the cup for the Flower of the Month competition.

The evening ended with a meal at the Five Bells, East Brabourne, to celebrate the start of the Christmas festivities.

Eileen Parrett.

## Services in February

### *St. Mary the Virgin, Hastingsleigh*

- 8th Feb. 11am Holy Communion (ASB) Rev.R.Bateman  
(9th before Easter)
- 15th Feb. 11am Holy Communion (ASB) Rev. John Hewes  
(8th before Easter)
- 22nd Feb. 9.30 Holy Communion (BCP) Rev. Arthur Soar  
(7th before Easter)

### *St. James The Great, Elmsted*

- 1st Feb. 9.30am Family Service Rev. Paul Filmer  
(4th after Epiphany)
- 8th Feb. 9.30am Holy Communion Rev. Arthur Soar  
(9th before Easter)
- 15th Feb. 9.30am Holy Communion Rev. John Hewes  
(8th before Easter)
- 22nd Feb. 5pm Sung Evensong Rev. R. Bateman  
(7th before Easter)
- 1st Mar. 9.30am Family Service  
(1st in Lent)
- Wednesdays 4th and 18th February - mid-week Communion 8.15am at Upper Maxted St. Farm.
- Wednesdays 11th & 25th February - Prayer Group at 4.30 followed by Evensong at 5pm at Maxted St. Farm.
- Sunday 15th February - Sunday Seekers Ev. Hall 9.30am
- All are welcome to pray at the Hulme's Kiboko Cottage, Dundas Park Farm each Thursday at 3.00pm

### **PANCAKE PARTY**

Tuesday - February 26th 1998 6.30 p.m.

In Evington Hall  
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### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### February

- |             |                                |                            |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2nd Mon.    | Evington Players - Playreading | Ev.Hall 7.30pm             |
| 5th Thurs.  | Art Group.                     | Ev.Hall 9.30am             |
|             | W.I. Meeting                   | Ev. Hall 7.30pm            |
| 6th Fri.    | Quiz Night                     | Bowl Inn 8.00pm            |
| 8th Sun.,   | Footpath Walk -                | Elmsted Church.2.00pm      |
| 9th Mon.    | Wye Cycle Collection           | Ev. Hall 8.30 - 10.00am    |
|             | P.C.C. Meeting                 | Whatsole St. Farm - 7.30pm |
|             | Evington Players - Playreading | Ev. Hall 7.30pm            |
| 12th Thurs. | Art Group                      | Ev. Hall 9.30am            |
| 13th Fri.   | Whist Drive                    | Ev.Hall 7.30pm             |
| 15th Sun.   | Sunday Seekers                 | Ev.Hall 9.30am             |
| 16th Mon.   | Evington Players - Playreading | Ev. Hall 7.30pm            |
|             | Supper Talk Whatsole St. Farm  | 7.30pm                     |
| 17th Tues.  | Evington Gardeners             | Ev. Hall 7.30pm            |
| 19th Thurs. | Art Group                      | Ev. Hall 9.30am            |
| 21st Sat.   | Country & Western Evening      | Ev. Hall 7.30pm            |
| 23rd Mon    | Evington Players - Playreading | Ev. Hall 7.30pm            |
| 24th Tues.  | Pancake Party                  | Ev. Hall 6.30pm            |
| 25th Wed    | Chiropody Clinic               | Ev. Hall                   |
| 26th Thurs. | Art Group                      | Ev. Hall 9.30am            |



# Christian Youth in Stone Street

## CYSS-FM Launch

The group marked its launch on 20th September with a visit to Detling Showground for a Christian concert 'Countdown 2000'. Paul Farrelly said "The evening consisted of music from the likes of Rev Gen and Devotion plus talks on people's experience with Jesus. Overall I enjoyed it, despite the cold weather, and I hope to go on many more outings with the new youth group". Jo Carter said "Its nice to meet each week in a friendly atmosphere to talk about issues relevant to daily life from Christian and other points of view".

## CYSS-AM

At CYSS-AM the main subject is games - the pool table is always occupied! Although when you do get a turn you really enjoy it, (even though I never win!) I often play a card game called 'slam' there, and I think Amy Filmer must be champion at it. The boys love to play darts, but a girl, you can be sure will give them a run for their money! Table tennis is also popular, and we've had lots of tournaments. The music booms away all throughout. There is also the 'God Slot' which is about the obvious and is always fun. The tuck shop also exists!!!  
(by Harriet Filmer)

## Alternative Halloween Party

The two groups joined together for an evening of fun at Springfield Farm. The wide game was followed by a bar-b-q and hot chocolate, and we finished with a conker tournament won by Joe Clarke. Clari Hunt said "All in all it was a very enjoyable evening which gave everyone a chance to get to know each other and to meet people who came along but haven't attended the weekly meetings".

## West Wood

Members of CYSS-FM paid a fact finding visit to the West Wood protest camps in October. The next Sunday meeting was used to debate the issue; the safest way to diffuse an emotive subject.

CYSS-AM (school yr 7-10) meets Tues 6.30-8.30pm  
in Bossingham Village Hall.

CYSS-FM (school year 10+) meets Sun 8-10pm  
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## Dave Pollard, Community Inspector, North Weald.

It has always been my intention in these pages to reassure and inform residents of the actual reality of crime within the Area.

As a police force we are continually striving to reduce crime in the Weald area but I am constantly reminded of instances where a little thought could have prevented the crime.

People need not be forever vigilant because the incidents of crime are small but basic security should be automatic.

Burglaries are a major worry to most people yet almost 100 burglaries occurred last year where the criminal didn't even 'break in'! The door or a window was open. Thefts from cars also provide easy pickings. Why do people leave handbags, wallets etc. in clear view of everybody passing their car. Why make it this easy?

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On a positive note, though a quarter of all house burglaries fail because the resident did take simple precautions. The criminal was left to look for easier pickings elsewhere. I would ask all residents to look at what steps you could take to secure and protect your property. It needn't cost a lot, maybe just locking your doors, but you could stop yourself from becoming a victim. If you are unsure of what you can do, then contact your local Neighbourhood Watch or PC Terry Wright on 01233-619111. There are a number of leaflets with good simple advice readily available. The Weald police together with your help have reduced crime by nearly 2000 during the last year., That is 2000 fewer victims!

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The Society has been going for nearly 50 years. It offers a varied programme of popular and less familiar works in four concerts per year at Canterbury Cathedral.

Canterbury Choral has always presented the finale of the Canterbury Festival and in recent years has also sung regularly in France: Verdi's Requiem in Boulogne, The Messiah Part 1 in Rouen and both Britten's War Requiem and Mahler's 8th Symphony in Lille with the Orchestre National de Lille. The 1997 Mahler was also sung to a packed Royal Albert Hall in London. Their C.D. recording of The Ultimate Last Night of the Proms last year made the Classic FM Top 40!

Richard Cooke has been conductor since 1984. He was a chorister at St. Paul's Cathedral and then a King's College, Cambridge, under Sir David

Willcocks. He was conductor of the London Philharmonic Choir between 1982 and 1991, and has worked with many of the world's finest conductors and orchestras, as well as conducting his own concerts.

There are plenty of ways to get involved with Canterbury Choral Society.

1. As a member of the audience. Details from Canterbury Bookings (tel: 01227 455600).

2. As a Friend. This includes notification of all concerts, priority booking and a number of social functions (last year there was a barn dance, a musical Wine and Wisdom and a cocktail party), as well as a mention in the programme. Details from Margaret Wallace (tel: 01227 373687).

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4. As a Member. Singers are from all ages and backgrounds. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings. If you are interested, please contact the Membership Secretary, Jane Norrington on 0181 878 9207 (ans.).

Concerts in 1998 (all in Canterbury Cathedral) are:

Saturday, January 10 7.30pm - Bach's Christmas Oratorio Parts 1,2 and 3.

Saturday, March 21, 7.30pm - Beethoven's Coriolanus Overture, Mozart's Ave Verum, Schubert's Unfinished Symphony and the Mozart Requiem.

Saturday, June 20, 7.30pm - Finzi's For St. Cecilia, Rodrigo's Concierto d'Aranjuez, Ireland's Greater Love Hath No Man, Debussy's Clair de Lune, Faure's Cantique de Jean Racine and Holst's The Hymn of Jesus.

### *HYMN WRITER OF THE MONTH*

The hymn writer remembered this month needs very little introduction. John Henry Newman. b London, m 21 Feb.1801. d 1890.

HYMN:117. Praise to the holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

John Henry Newman is perhaps best remembered with John Keble, Richard Froude and Edward Pusey as one of the leaders of the Catholic Revival within the Anglican Church, known as the Oxford Movement. For Newman, though, this was but the beginning of his journey which led from his beloved Oxford into the Roman Catholic fold and to the eventual founding of the Birmingham Oratory. He became a Cardinal in 1879.

Newman was one of the great preachers of his day. However, within a busy life his literary endeavours produced two novels as well as poetry, which he commenced writing from an early age. One hundred and nine of his sacred verses appeared in 'Lyra Apostolica', an anthology published in 1836. He also produced a number of translations of ancient Latin hymns, and thirty four of these were eventually brought together in 1853 entitled 'Verses on Religious Subjects'. One of the Latin translations appeared in 1861, the first Full Music edition of Hymns Ancient and Modern - 'Come Holy Ghost, Who ever One' - but dropped in the current edition. Others have been used in Catholic hymnals.

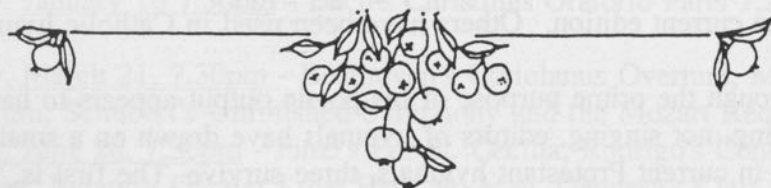
Although the prime purpose of his poetic output appears to have been for reading, not singing, editors of hymnals have drawn on a small number and, in current Protestant hymnals, three survive. The first is, 'Lead kindly light, amid the encircling gloom', (No.215) an early outpouring written in June 1833 aboard ship for England - a Mediterranean tour with Froude who was suffering from tuberculosis. During the latter part of the tour, and having left the main party, Newman also had a bout of serious illness. It was then that he came to a fresh realisation of his calling and the task that awaited him in England. 'Lead kindly light' was

written out of that experience. The verses we sing formed the opening stanzas set to a tune by John Dykes. The hymn was popularly received. The second hymn is 'Firmly I believe and truly' (No.118) which, after an earlier publication, appeared in 'Verses on Various Occasions' in 1865. This volume also included the poem 'The Dream of Gerontius' from which the third hymn 'Praise to the holiest' (117) is taken. The poem describes the journey of the disembodied soul of Gerontius as he makes his way towards paradise. At one point he hears an angelic choir singing, 'Praise to the holiest in the height'. Within three years of the publication of the poem the hymn appeared in the 1868 appendix to Hymns A. & M. set to the rousing tune by John Dykes, and still sung to this day. Elgar set much of the poem to music in 1900 as an oratorio for chorus, soloists and orchestra.

The hymn is associated closely with Lent and Holy Week. But its sentiments go beyond the seasonal since it describes God's love and God's plan for humanity seen in the earthly ministry of Jesus. As the hymn says, in Jesus was 'God's presence and his very self, and essence all-divine'. This pivotal truth is celebrated whenever and wherever Christians meet for worship

R.P.

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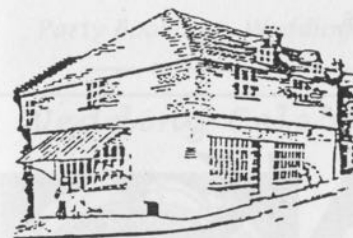
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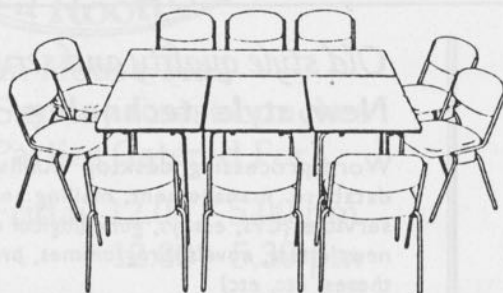
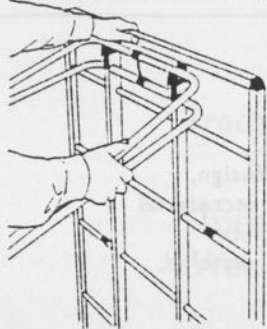
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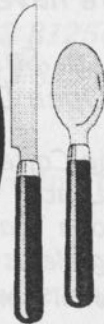
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