

Hanney News

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Many youngsters from

St James School recently won awards for various sporting achievements at the Vale Academy Awards Ceremony. Congrats to them all, and our snap is of cool Kurtis Candler receiving his trophy from another cool dude whose name I know not. Kurtis won his trophy for a game called 'boccia'. I'd never heard of it...apparently, it's related to bowls and petanque, that game often played in French market squares by folk who wear berets and shrug their shoulders as they turn their palms to the sky. "Aah, c'est la vie" they can be heard to murmur. "Bon chance Kurtis mon ami, future Champion du Monde!" said President Macron.



A338 Pedestrian Crossing update...still no real progress to report I'm afraid. At a recent East Hanney Parish Council meeting I learnt that they await a response from Oxford County Council on a couple of points, not least the availability of funds. Our County Council representative Mrs. Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor was asked at the meeting to try and use her influence. This story's got legs!

HanneyFest returns as 'Mini Hanney Fest'.

More details next month, so for now just keep the date free ... **Sat 8th Sept at the Black Horse in East Hanney.** That's also the date the incredible Inflatables visit the RBL (see below) but the organisers of both events will work together to ensure that all you music fans will be able to catch both groovy gigs.

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Hanney Royal British Legion Brookside, East Hanney, OX12 0JH Sat September 8th from 8pm





Tickets £5 - available now from the bar.

Editorial

First up a shout out to Martha - she's Milly's younger sister and is also a fan of Hanney News. What excellent taste in fine literature these young ladies have! I've included a piece this month about the Hanney Parochial Charity, and an article from 'Citizens Advice', telling us what they can do to help as we trudge wearily along life's rocky road.

We could always pause a while and rest our weary bones on the brand spanking shiny new benches that are soon to be installed around the two trees in East Hanney - pic on page 4 and the Parish Council's pearls on page 6.

A slightly strange plea regarding the watering cans of the churchyard can be found on page 5.

There's a new chef at the Plough in West Hanney...and I'm keen to sample his culinary skills! Check out their ad on page 9.

Last month I asked why Ronaldo doesn't have tattoos. It's cos he's a regular blood donor and you can't donate for a while after a tattoo. It's 4 months here in the UK I think, but I'm not familiar with the rules elsewhere. Anyway, good on ya Cristiano, but please hurry up and buy Grandad those socks!

You'll find alcohol-related stories from 1877(!) on page 11, and Ed Vaizey brings us good news on page 12. He quotes figures about the condition of our roads that I don't happen to agree with. But, hey, what do I know?....I only drive on them constantly in my endless search for truth and justice!

By the way, Ed's contact details are on page 3 if you want to receive his 'Parish News' - that's how he describes it - in full every month. I never have room to include the whole thing, and many folk have told me they do not want me to

anyway, with a lot less saying that they do!

The recent splendid St James School Summer Fete saw a magnificent sum raised...snaps and details on page 12. You may recall that here at Hanney News we recently set up the 'News Fund' through which we make donations from our profits to various causes. Feel free to contact us if you need financial help for something that benefits the community. Our latest donation was to purchase book tokens for the 16 kids who are leaving St James and starting new schools in September. We of course wish them every happiness and success. September will be busy...

Mini HanneyFest and the annual Michaelmas Fayre - I think it's celebrating its sixth birthday this year? - both happening...don't miss either. Film night is also back after its summer

break - I'm sure they'll have lined up an interesting selection of films for our delight and edification!

There's also an opportunity in Sept to raise funds for St James Church, with the annual 'Ride and Stride' on the 8th...page 15 for details. NR· Scooters not allowed! That's it for



this month friends...have safe and happy holidays and see you in September!

Notices...what's happening this month.

Thurs 2nd - Summer Holiday Fun - see page 15

Sat 18th - Hanney Flood Group Working Party - contact Clive Manvell 01235 868216

Sat 18th - Hanney Royal British Legion - Live music with 'Rockers Reunited' **Fri 24th, 2.30 to 4.00 pm at Wantage Fire Station,** Ormond Road, Wantage. OX12 9BX. Obstacle Course set up to challenge Mobility Scooter & Electric Wheelchair users. Test your driving skills and discover some useful information from the Safety Team and Truemobility. Bookings: Sue 07769 875628.

And further ahead....

Sat Sept 8th - Ride and Stride, see page 15

Sat Sept 8th - Mini HanneyFest.

Sat Sept 8th - Hanney R.B.L. Live music with the fab, groovy 'Inflatables' see front page for details.

Sat 22nd Sept - Michaelmas Fayre - see page 5

Sun 14th Oct, 11am - Hanney 5 Mile Road Race. Open to all. Details nearer the time, but start training now if you wanna win. Course record is 24 mins...ooh err! 20th - 27th Oct: Wantage Literary Festival.www.wantageliterary festival.co.uk **Sun 11th Nov. Remembrance Sunday** and commemoration of 100 years of the 'Armistice'. Bell ringers needed. See Feb issue, page 5.

This from Jean SutherlandIt is nearly September and what will happen then? Yes, you've guessed it, the start of the next season of Hanney Film Night in the Owen Wright Cinema in HWMH. So get your diaries, calendars or phones and mark the first Friday in every month until May 2019 with a red star to make sure you don't miss any of them. Check your Hanney News each month for details, it will be a great start in September!!!

East Hanney Parish Council

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Contact details for our political chums.

Ed Vaizey MP -'You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or <u>dicksonce@parliament.uk</u>.

Ed's website is www.vaizey.com

Matt Barber, Vale of White Horse. District Councillor for the Hanneys.

Email: councillor@matthewbarber.co.uk.

www.matthewbarber.co.uk



I'm reliably informed that these are wild orchids and are on the recreation ground. Pretty eh? Thanks to Mr Hampton for the snap. Big ups to all involved with the annual Hannev Youth Football Tournament, not least the players. Here's what main man Paul Aram posted on Facebook... "A great day of youth football vesterday, Hanney were finalists in three of the finals and winner of one. We saw over 1,500 spectators and players. One official said this was the best tournament he had been to this year. Proud to be Hanney - football how it should be!" Well done to everyone!



By the time you read this, ROSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) will have inspected the playground equipment on the recreation ground. From then on, nominated East Hanney Parish Councillors will make

monthly inspections.

Still on village 'furniture', it is likely that the benches around the trees in East Hanney have been removed, soon to be replaced by new ones. See East Hanney Parish Council's article this month...page 6.

A reminder - you can now use your credit card at the Community shop, including the 'tap and go' feature.



The Hanney Parochial Charity

welcomes applications for grants from young people embarking on, or already taking further education courses or apprenticeships.

The grant must be used to help towards the costs of books or equipment needed to assist with your studies.

To apply, you must be under the age of 25 on 1st Oct 2018, and live in East Hanney, West Hanney or Lyford.

Please contact John Gunn via email: jdgunn@btinternet.com for application details.

The Hanney Parochial Charity is registered with the Charity Commission, number 205792

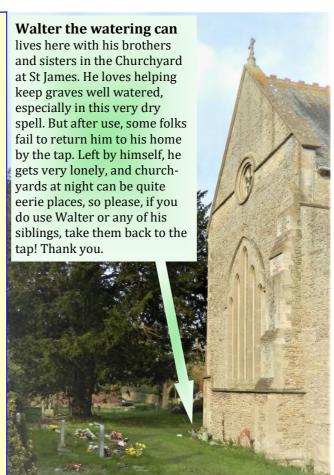
ACCOMMODATION IN LYFORD OX12 0EF.

The Oliver Ashcombe Almshouses Charitable Trust has 1 ground floor, small, unfurnished unit to let. Rural village location, communal garden and shared exterior parking. Please note there is NO public transport service in Lyford. No 7 comprises a bedroom, kitchen/sitting area and bath/WC.

The Terms of the Charity state that tenants are to be "from the local area, elderly and of good character."

References required.

For info: please contact John Gunn 01235 868329 or Caroline Milne 01235 867495.



Saturday 22 September is the Hanney "Beside the Seaside Day" - come and join in all the fun with as usual lots to see and do!

Competition Forms are in the Shop and St James Church don't delay getting yours. And take time out now to sort out
all those books and DVD's you don't want, the White
Elephants (NOT Jumble please) and good quality clothing especially children's - clear out their rooms, get rid of it and
come along a buy some stunning items the next size up!
And remember The Feast will be The Beach Party with a
stunning menu and live music by



'SwampRoot' in The Black Horse - tickets available from mid-August. <u>www.hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk</u>.

East Hanney Parish Council

Following a recent spate of burglaries and thefts in the village, the Parish Council considered the matter at its July meeting, hearing from the Faringdon Neighbourhood Policing Team. PCSO Pack attended the meeting, telling the Council that... "The Vale and in particular both East and West Hanney remain an exceptionally safe place to live and work. The crime rate is extremely low and residential burglaries are extremely rare so it is understandable that two in one day would cause concern.

The Faringdon Neighbourhood team regularly provide crime prevention advice. When burglaries occur we will attend and provide extra advice whilst we conduct house to house and CCTV enquiries.

It was as a result of these enquires that significant CCTV was discovered and we have received a fantastic response from the community that will hopefully lead to arrests shortly. Please be reassured that your neighbourhood team are conducting extensive enquiries to assist the officers on the investigation teams at Wantage and Abingdon.

Residents can help prevent burglaries

Residents can help prevent burglaries by ensuring their premises are secure; in particular not leaving unattended windows and doors open in warm weather. We would recommend signing up to Thames Valley Alert to receive crime prevention advice and also alerts about the latest crimes in your area. Thames Valley Alert also has the ability to register your CCTV network with us so we can easily identify lines of enquiry and potential CCTV in the area. In addition to this we also have Twitter (@TvpSouthandVale) and most recently TVP South And Vale Facebook group which has received a fantastic response."

On a more pleasant note, the Council is pleased to say that the new benches for 'Five-ways' have been finished and will be installed soon, no doubt with a small ceremony. The old benches are to be removed, the sound parts renovated and reinstalled at another location. The Council will be discussing this at its August meeting.

If being a Parish Councillor is something you have thought you might like to try, then it will be of interest to you to know that the next elections are in about a year – in May 2019. At this election, East Hanney Parish Council will be expanding to 8 members. If you are interested in the village and its community, and would like to be instrumental in helping to shape its future, please consider standing. If you would like to know more, please contact the Clerk by email or telephone.

Parish Councillor contact details are on page 3.

Parish Council meetings are open to the public and are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 8pm.

The agenda will be available to view on the notice board outside the Community Shop, on the Council's website and on Facebook a week in advance.

The next meetings are: 1st Aug and 5th Sept.

West Hanney Parish Council

A big thank you to Alan Cottrell for organising the cutting, baling and removal of grass from the Community Meadow for us. Much appreciated. During hot and dry weather please can we ask smokers to ensure that no cigarette ends are discarded in the Woodland or Meadow, A fire would be absolutely devastating as we have seen recently on the Midland Moors. The 'Community Speed Watch' was rolled out by many police forces across the country several years ago to help educate people about speeding on the roads. Trained volunteers operate at the roadside in areas with 20, 30, and 40mph limits, monitoring speeds with the aid of a portable speed indicating device. They record and report the speed and identifying details of vehicles travelling above the specified speed thresholds. The police then write to the registered vehicle owner advising them of the recorded speed and reminding them of why it is a community concern. Offenders are warned that they could face further action if they are caught again in the future.

Although small teams of dedicated villagers are still operating the Speedwatch camera in both East and West Hanney, extra volunteers are desperately needed otherwise there is a strong possibility that the operation will have to cease. Just an hour perhaps once a month is all that is needed to make a difference. To help in West Hanney please ring Gerald Chaffey on 868627. For East Hanney your contact is Dickon Green on 868427.

Your help in deterring motorists from speeding through our villages would be very much appreciated.

Your Parish Council is currently looking into the possibility of purchasing and installing a speed monitoring device. The unit we are considering will be portable, enabling it to be moved to different locations around the village.

We are still receiving complaints from residents about hedges impeding pedestrians on the footpaths, especially in Church Street. Please be considerate to your fellow residents and keep growth trimmed well back.

Next Meeting Tues 7th August - St. James Bell Tower - All Welcome

Chris Surman (Chairman) - 868749
Edward Wilkinson - 867316
Kay Sayers - 868146
Trevor Brettell - 868459
Graham Garner - 868684
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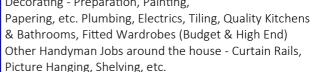
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'Hanney Parochial Charity'

Many of you will be aware of the Hanney Parochial Charity (HPC), an amalgamation of several small charities, the earliest one being set up in 1606, and known then as the 'Ashcombe Charity'. It was named after Richard Ashcombe who bequeathed £40 to the Churchwardens of St James for 'the use of the poor'. Since then several other small charities have joined the group. Now in existence for 412 years – I find that pretty amazing - I'm proud to be the current Chairman.

Along with my fellow Trustees we try to carry out the wishes of Richard Ashcombe and the many others since who have recognised the need to help alleviate poverty.

Today we have the welfare state, so real poverty is rare, but it does still exist... think foodbanks, cock-ups with Universal Credit that leave folk without funds for far longer than they should be, and many other financial and debt-related problems.

In cases such as these - and many others - the HPC can and will help, but we have two problems.

The first is that given the size of our community, it is impossible for the Charity's Trustees to know everyone. Many years ago, they would have done and hence would have been able to target donations to the genuinely needy. Today that is no longer possible. We rely on folk letting us know of cases of genuine need. Only then can we act. The other problem is that some people are reluctant to accept our help, even though they clearly deserve it. I see this as a very British characteristic, and though I understand it to a point, it does make our work harder.

On page 4 you may have seen our notice informing those undertaking further education or an apprenticeship how they can apply to us for a grant to help with their costs. No, it won't pay off your student loan, but every little helps as they say.

We can also help with costs of transport for hospital and doctors appointments. We do this with the Wantage Independent Advice Centre, who provide volunteer drivers at a much cheaper rate than a taxi would cost. We then settle their bill directly.

Of course, we cannot anticipate every type of need that may arise within our community, so our approach - with the full agreement of the Charity Commission - is flexible and broad.

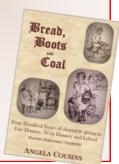
If you know of anyone who you think we may be able to help for whatever reason, please ask them to contact me direct, or let me know, so we may approach them. I can assure you that everything we do is in strictest confidence.

Please contact me by email or phone... my details on the back cover...and thank you.

Sometime back in the 18th century a wise chap called Samuel Johnson said. "A decent provision for the poor is the true test of civilization" - Samuel Johnson - 1709 - 1784.

I think his words still ring true today

If you are interested in the history of our Charity, then pop to the Community Shop and purchase Angela Cousin's excellent book 'Bread Boots and Coal' which gives the whole story.



Introducing Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice

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Everyone has heard of Citizens Advice but not many people know how we work or what we achieve. Most people think we are part of a large national organisation and we get funding from central government. We aren't and we don't.

In fact, we are an independent body that provides the Citizens Advice Service locally. The national charity sets the advice standard. For funding we rely entirely on local councils and donations.

We recruit and train local volunteers to provide free, expert advice and information to everyone in the community. Our support helps people to overcome their problems and improve their lives. We put the emphasis on helping people to help themselves. giving them more control over their own local/oxfordshire-south-vale affairs and sometimes also, in the

process, helping to improve their health.

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More from the Hanney Parish magazines of the 1870's...this one from June 1877...

"The Hanney Foresters Benefit Club held their annual feast at the "Crown" on Thursday in Whitsun week. Headed by the Wantage Band the members walked in procession to the Parish Church where prayers were read, and a sermon preached. After, the procession, headed by the band, went round calling at farm houses where they were liberally (in some cases, we fear, too liberally) supplied with beer. There were 98 members, the balance in favour of the club amounted to £332 6s 7 1/2d." In today's money, that's £25,922...a not insignificant sum. The Crown is now a private house in East Hanney on the main road, the A338. Perhaps rather appropriately, here's another article from the same mag that extols the virtues of temperance for those who wish to 'improve themselves'.

"The Temperance Room is now open for the use of members every evening after 6 o'clock, except Sundays. It is supplied with periodicals, newspapers, and provided with desks for those who wish to improve themselves in writing etc. The subscription is one penny per month during the summer, but more during the winter to cover the expense of firing and light."



A grand total of £2,971.73p was raised at St James School Fete...

Sunglasses, ducks - and wine! - were much in evidence at last month's **St James School Summer Fete**...a splendid day all round with a truly amazing amount of money being raised for the school. Massive congrats to those involved for all their hard work.

I don't normally publish our MP Ed Vaizey's 'pearls'. He sends me them every month, but from his latest is this snippet...

'Oxfordshire County Council have announced plans to spend on extra £120m on road repairs and maintenance over the next decade, including an extra £10m this year to tackle the winter backlog of potholes. Currently 47% of Oxfordshire's roads are rated good, 43% fair and 10% poor, and the budget, if it is accepted will go towards vital road improvements. You can report potholes on the council's website at fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk.'

I suppose it depends on one's definition

of 'good', 'fair' and 'poor, but I must

disagree with the ratings which Ed

quotes....don't know who he got them from. In my humble opinion, many more than 10% of our roads are 'poor', and even if you do accept the figures,



they're not very impressive are they? Less than half of our roads are rated as being good!? Nonetheless, let's celebrate the fact that extra funds are - allegedly - being made available, though until I see hi-vizzed folk out and about with their buckets and spades I'll hold back on my praises for the OCC.

Ed looks cross in our snap doesn't he... perhaps he's just driven into a pothole?



Dear Editor

Many thanks to everyone who came along to support our table top on Sat 16th June. Despite there being lots of other events happening nearby, we appreciate everyone supporting our charity. We were able to forward £988 to Cancer Research at the Churchill. Our next main event will take place on Nov 17th - its the XMAS BAZAAR!!!

Thank you again for your support.

Kath, Lyn, Marion, Dulcie - Hanney fundraisers for Cancer Research

Dear Residents,

Your West Hanney footpath wardens have once again completed their walk around the 12 footpaths in our village and around. As usual we have cut back undergrowth around stiles and trampled grass along the routes. We have reported the farmer who has planted his crop across the footpath in the field accessed from the stile in Winter Lane or from the stile in the hay field behind the Meads. Please, please walk across this track to maintain it as a footpath and also trample the long grass on other paths.

Joanna and Trevor Brettell

Dear Editor

My family and I would like to send our grateful thanks to all the lovely people who sent cards, letters, messages and flowers following David's death last month. We want you to know that they were such a comfort to us in our sad loss.

Whoever it was that guided us to Hanney 18 years ago certainly did the right thing and we send you all our best wishes.

Brenda Evans

David's obituary is on page 19. With his family's permission, I am pleased to include this lovely piece, written by Bertrand Russell and read out at David's funeral.

"Our birth is the rain falling in the mountains. In youth we are rushing, tumbling over boulders as we learn.

We might then be joined by other streams and carve a valley as we make our mark in life.

And for some old age is slow and meandering.

But all rivers are different and we, as water, never know what lies ahead. Only that we shall all one day reach the sea and merge with the waters from every other river in the world.

Science tells us that from the sea, water evaporates to form clouds eventually falling as rain on new hills.

Is that not a kind of immortality?"



I once read a comic that had a great picture on the back, of Superman fighting a massive monster. At the top it had the phrase "Courage is not the absence of fear..."

But, I can't remember how the sentence ends!

How would you describe what courage is? If you Google "courage", you get a lot of cool quotes that include:

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it.

The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that

fear." - Nelson Mandela

"Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the assessment that something else is more important than fear." - Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Like many words, courage has had different definitions. It has meant to "speak from the heart", "to have strengthen" and "to be bold".

There is a Bible passage where God talks to Joshua, who is about to step-up and lead God's people, after Moses has died. Joshua is told: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

We can take courage and feel strengthened because we know that people are with us, they are on our side, they have our back's. God is reminding Joshua that no matter how scary things get, he will not go through anything on his own.

These last few weeks have been difficult for us as a family, I have watched those I love show courage to keep on going. Life is not easy, God never said it would be. But I hold on to the reality that I can face great challenges knowing that I have people who care for me and support me.

Maybe there is someone this month that you can encourage by reminding them that you are with them, you are on their side, you have their back. Just like God did with Joshua. Because courage is not the absence of fear, it's the willingness to face your fears, with the strength you gain from others.

God bless,

Alec

Eucharist SERVICES in AUGUST - Sundays at 9.30am

5th Revd Tony Lynn, 12th Revd John Durant, 19th Revd Geoff Maughan, 26th Family Church Revd Alec Gill.

There are NO midweek Eucharist's during August.

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SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

"The Women who dared to do Right!" – join us to find out more about Esther, Ruth, Deborah, Hannah and Abigail. Is your name there? – or one of your children?

Every Thursday morning in August we're running a children's activity session, between 10.30am – 12noon, and we'd love to welcome you to find out what they did.



Plenty to do + 'elevenses'. What to know more – call Sue on 07933 369553 or via andrewclark945@gmail.com







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St James Church has recently received a grant from the **Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust towards** the cost of a new PA system, repairs to the Tomb (as featured in last month's issue) and to help support the bell ringers urgent appeal for new bell ropes. For full details of how you could get involved and help the Trust why not Ride+Stride? *Hilary Cakebread-Hall*

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Obituary David Evans 20th March 1930 - 13th June 2018

At David's funeral the humanist celebrant described him as '...a remarkable man...a distinguished doctor...an extremely practical man who regarded

any problem as a challenge to be overcome'. No one who knew him would disagree. David was born in South London, and after interrupted schooling due to World War Two, he studied medicine at St Thomas' London and Cambridge. After National Service in the RAF David qualified as a doctor in 1957.

Whilst working in London, he met Brenda and they married just six months later in 1959. In 1965 they moved with their three young children, Matthew, Jane and Alison, to Manchester, where David worked at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital as a consultant paediatric haematologist, a relatively new field at that time.

Whilst there, he set up the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit in 1985. This was a mammoth task and needed all his drive and determination to make it succeed. The doctors there now recently talked about "the greatness of that vision and achievement of opening the unit". David's efforts rightly earned him international acclaim, and he spent much of his free time raising the enormous sums needed to finance the project. David remained at the Royal Manchester until he retired, and in Sept 1999 he and Brenda moved to East Hanney to be nearer their now grown-up family. Not unexpectedly, David threw himself into

village life, first becoming the Secretary and then the Chairman of the Village Hall committee. He was a founder member of the 'Hanney Wheelers', and only retired

from his role as Secretary of the Community Shop when his health declined.

David was also a member of the Gardening Club and the 'Senior Citizens'.

Thriving communities like ours rely on people like David; we were indeed lucky to have one such as him. David had many other

talents...he played banjo in a jazz band in his youth and later played the piano. He had a great love of music and his tastes were wide and eclectic. His favourite piece was Mendelsohn's Octet. David and Brenda sang in both Manchester and Wantage choral societies.

In his younger days he was a very keen all-round sportsman. He played cricket into adult life, was a keen skier, and only stopped going on cycling holidays two years ago, having completed nineteen such two wheel adventures in France with Brenda. Their travels also took them to faraway destinations like India, Brazil, Japan and the Galapagos Islands. Among David's more domestic talents were ironing trousers, making marmalade, gardening and DIY.

David was a keen reader...his daughter Jane said that he knew 'everything about everything'.

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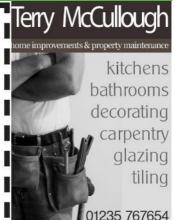
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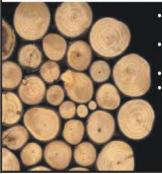
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