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with one's Hanney Village Calendar, don't you know, and one has sent one to one's grandson in Canada to remind him of what he's missing! One can read all about the Village Calendar project on page 11.

Knighthoods and a Damehood await my loyal subjects who produced it, and CBE's (Calendar Buyer Exemplar) for all who purchased one"

The Holly and Christmas Gift Fair at St James Church...final sum raised was £991.53!...See Letters page

The Community Shop needs your help!...page 4

Scouts - Volunteers needed... see page 10

There may still be time to see the Panto...page 4

Michaelmas Fayre - latest on the grants...see page 14

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...page 9

Editorial

Welcome to the latest issue. I trust you are ready to 'leap' into February - geddit?! A slight change of design this month. I've narrowed the margins on each page, giving more space for all the stuff that needs to be squeezed into the best parish mag in the whole of Hanney! Clever eh?...I frighten myself sometimes!

Loads of requests this month for help, so, not in any particular order, can you assist His Bobliness Sir Robert of Wilson-Rubbish with his litter pick? Page 3 for details. Our Scouts also need help...see their article on page 10.

Another request is from our Community Shop. Please read new boss - and new broom! - Margaret Hanlon's article on page 4. And a warning if I may - do not assume her statement that our lovely little Post Office will close if the shop does, is just an empty threat. It's a certainty.

Margaret rightly points out that our shop is

one of only a few in the country run entirely by volunteers, and we are also very lucky to have our community pub, of which there are only about 100 throughout the country. Neither of these assets would exist were it not for ongoing and time

consuming involvement from many members of our community, 'Use 'em or

hanana tree " lose 'em' is the message here methinks. Talking of the pub, you can watch every match of this year's Six Nations Rugby at the Plough, live. See their ad on page 9. The Village Hall is still looking for a Treasurer, see page 15, and the Flood Group and the Woodland working party are always happy to welcome helpers. We've got a couple of new advertisers this month.... A babysitter on page 18, and a storage facility, 'Oxon Storage' on page 17. Please use them for reasons I've explained many times...our advertisers revenue is our sole source of income.

Aimed at all ages, a new Zumba class starts on the 7th...see page 5.

Well, aren't we a bashful bunch here in Hanney...only five and a half (don't ask!) volunteers for Angela's Telling Tales, Volume 2! But fear not, I've got a little list, and if you're on it...you could well be...you will not escape.

Depending on when you're reading this, will mean you may have missed the Panto. I hope not. See page 4. I'll have a review next month from our top theatre critic here at Global Int.

Film Night is showing 'Judy', a cracking film apparently, and up for Oscars in the 'Best Actress' - Renee Zellweger in the lead role and the 'Make-up and Hair' categories...ooh err! See page 10.

Rather unsatisfactory updates re the Poughley Farm bridge and the pedestrian crossing on the A338 await your perusal on page 13.

> East Hanney resident Rachel Tredwell is our local independent travel consultant - you may have met her at either of the two gifts fairs held before Christmas. Have a read of her article on page

> > 10 if you're thinking about a holiday.

Great initiative from East Hanney Parish Council ...Plant a Tree Day - yes

Greta, even a banana tree - see page 4. Everyone who knew Penny Iles will have been deeply saddened by the news of her sudden recent passing. She was a real character, a strong woman with equally strong opinions, and very aware of the importance of, and pleasure to be gained by getting involved in the community. She will be missed. I hope to have an obituary next month.

Sings..."Yellow

bird, up high in

Stay warm and well friends....till next month, when Spring will be here.

Notices...what's happening this month.

Thurs 30th Jan, Fri 31st Jan and Sat 1st Feb Panto time! Hanney Drama Group presents 'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly Sisters' Full details on page 4.

Mon 3rd, 7.45pm, Gardening Club 'Growing the Best Roses' a talk by Michael Marriott. Village Hall.

Thurs 6th, 2.30 to 4.00 pm. Wantage and District Mobility Group. A speaker from the Wantage Independent Advice Centre on the Services they offer, at the Methodist Hall, Newbury Street, Wantage.

Thurs 13th, 7.30pm, WI, a talk by Gary Prescot, 'A Tapir at the door. Adventures of a Biking Green Birder.' Village Hall

Sat 15th, 9am, Flood Group Working Party...see page 26

Sat 15th, R.B.L. Live Music with 'A/Watt' 50's, 60's and Rock'n'Roll.

Tues 25th, History Group, 'The Witney Blanket Trade,' a talk by Keith Crawford. See page 17. 8pm, Village Hall

Thurs 27th, 2.30pm, Village Hall, Senior Citizens, Oxfordshire Museum Service.

Fri 28th Feb, Editor's birthday. Cards and gifts welcome.

Sat 29th, Community Woodland Working Party, contact Paul Sayers for details...see page 26.

And further ahead....

Tues 3rd March, 2pm, Village Hall, Community Shop AGM, All are welcome.

Sat 14th March, Table top and car boot sale, 10am - 1pm, Village Hall, in aid of Cancer Research UK. See front page.

Sat 14th March, East Hanney Parish Council tree planting day...page 4.



THE HANNEYS ANNUAL LITTER PICK SATURDAY MARCH 7TH MEET AT 9.30AM PROMPT AT THE VILLAGE HALL

All ages welcome
Hi -Viz Jackets and "picking sticks" provided.
Please come and help - the more volunteers we have,
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bobwilson300@hotmail.com

Contact details for our political chums.

David Johnston is our new MP, having won the seat for the Conservatives at the General Election of 12th Dec 2019.

You can write to him here: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, or phone: 0207 219 3000, or email: david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk

Matt Barber is our Vale of White Horse District Councillor for the Hanneys, and you can contact him by email: councillor@matthewbarber.co.uk. or by visiting his website at www.matthewbarber.co.uk

Hanney Drama Group presents

'THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY SISTERS' by ANDREW YATES

HANNEY WAR MEMORIAL HALL

Thurs Jan 30^{th} , Fri 31^{st} , Sat Feb 1st, at 7.30pm. Doors and bar open 7.00pm All tickets - £9

Sat Feb 1st at 2.00pm. Doors open 1.30pm. Community

Shop is providing sweets and soft drinks in the bar All tickets - £7 Tickets available from 01235 868780, <u>karongray99@yahoo.com</u> or the Hanney Community Shop



...this from East Hanney Parish Council: We are organising a 'Community Tree Planting Day' with support from community groups. As a village we will be planting 600 sapling trees provided by The Woodland Trust and The Conservation Volunteers, including: hazel, oak, maple, hornbeam, ash, beech, cherry, crab apple, downy birch, hawthorn, holly, goat willow. We'd like to invite you to plant them together with us to help us to fight

climate change, improve air quality, encourage wildlife and protect the village from further flooding. The PTA will be providing food and refreshments, the Hall will be open for a sale and the kitchen open for tea and cake (muddy boots left outside please).

The Community Shop sells hot drinks and other snacks. Bring your own spades if possible, though we will have a few for you to use on the day. Children should be supervised please.

Big ups to Margaret Hanlon who

has recently taken over running our Community Shop. She is doing a great job, but she needs our help!

She sent me this the other day...

"There has been a Community shop in The Hanneys for over 30 years and it is one of the few in the country which is run entirely by volunteers. This is an incredible achievement and one that we should all be proud of. Many of the volunteers have been working to keep the shop running since it opened, others have joined over the years.

Sadly, the shop is now struggling to keep going. Many of the volunteers are having to 'retire' due either to age, ill health or just a need to call it a day after many years. Custom has reduced over the years and the shop is now struggling to remain financially viable.

Our treasurer has done a fantastic job for several years, but needs to finish this year. Could you take on this role?

The Post Office remains well used by the community but if the shop goes the post office will go too.

We need help from the community to keep the shop alive. If you think you could help by giving some time or if you have experience and expertise in retail which you think would benefit the shop please call Margaret Hanlon on 07568 083615."

The Shop is holding it's AGM on Tues 3rd March at 2pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is invited, and if you may be able to help in any way in the shop, this is an ideal opportunity to meet the folk who run it and ask any questions you may have.

Patients urged to help the NHS help them this Winter Winter is traditionally the busiest time of

year for the NHS, and so patients are being reminded to only use Emergency Departments in an emergency. There are a range of alternatives for non-emergencies to ensure you get the appropriate care you need, and save an unnecessary trip to the Emergency Department.

What's available?

- · Self-care is the best choice for minor illnesses and injuries a range of common ailments can be treated at home with a well-stocked medicine cabinet. Have a winter plan keep stocked up on medicines, keep your home warm.
- Pharmacies can give advice on several conditions, such as coughs, colds, headaches, upset stomachs and skin conditions, etc.

NHS 111 has call handlers who can help you choose the right health service for your needs, as well as a website.

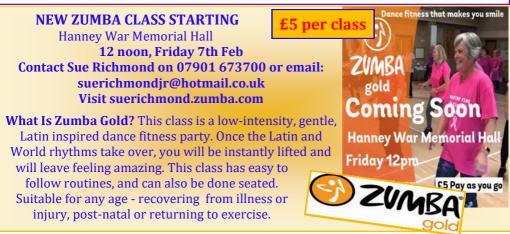
<u>111.nhs.uk</u>. They can put you in touch with a clinician, a GP, book you an appointment at your nearest minor injuries unit.

 Minor Injuries Units can treat deep cuts, small burns, sprains, sports injuries, and infected wounds. To find your nearest



one, visit the Oxford Health website here: www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/

Most importantly, only attend Emergency Departments when there is a genuine emergency, such as loss of consciousness, suspected heart attack or stroke, severe breathing difficulties, or severe bleeding that cannot be stopped.



East Hanney Parish Council

At its January meeting, East Hanney PC heard updates from the Chairman of GARD (Group Against Reservoir Development) on the possible development of a reservoir between East Hanney, Drayton, Marcham and Steventon.

It heard that Ofwat had published its response to the Water Companies' 2019 plans. Ofwat remains unconvinced by any of the justifications for the 'favoured' proposals for major infrastructure schemes, and now requires Water Companies to work on a study to inform fresh plans for water resources across the whole South-East. In the meantime. Ofwat are also demanding much more effort on leakage reduction, which is welcome. The companies now have three years in total to complete the study. This does not mean that the reservoir is off the table. It will be judged alongside other schemes, such as Severn-Thames water transfer, long advocated by GARD. The reservoir, implemented at an 'early stage' (2025-2035), thus remains a possibility.

PYE Homes, part of Blenheim Estates, have submitted proposals to develop land north

of Ashfields Lane. This land was identified by the Vale of White Horse District Council in their Local Plan 2031 (part 2) as suitable for in the region of 80 dwellings. PYE have proposed 64 dwellings in their application P19/V3357/FUL. The details of this may be viewed at the Vale's website by searching for that application number.

East Hanney PC has been given an extension to responses until the 24th February and will be discussing the matter at its meeting on the 12th February. All residents in the parish are welcome to attend that meeting and address the Council with their views.

On a more welcome note, East Hanney PC is planning a tree planting day on the 14th March. If you would like to be involved, please contact Cllr Strange on the email below for more details. (See page 4 - Ed.)

The Council's meeting dates for the remainder of the civic year are as follows: 12th February 2020; 4th March 2020 and 8th April 2020.

All meetings are on Wednesdays and start at 7.30pm.

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West Hanney Parish Council

Drainage issues in West Hanney

The Parish Council are very appreciative of the support we have received from the officers at Oxfordshire County Council Highways Department and their efforts to resolve the flooding problems in Church Street.

We were very pleased that after the initial work carried out before Christmas, replacing the stone culvert underneath the road leading to the Church, the contractors returned just after New Year to dig out and replace the old damaged pipe under the grass on the south side of The Green. They made good progress despite having to avoid other utility services by digging large sections by hand, and I can now report that section of pipe has been replaced.

However, in the final phase of the work that involved the jetting out of the next section of pipe to ensure there were no further blockages, the contractors discovered that the section of pipe under the tarmac entrance to St James Way has collapsed. It will therefore be necessary for the contractors to return in February to excavate a trench across the entrance to St James Way and replace the damaged section of pipe.

All residents of the Church Farm and The Orchard developments will be contacted by

the Highways Department to inform them of the date of the work and the access arrangements whilst the work is taking place.

Once that pipe section has been replaced, there should be no re-occurrence of the flooding issues we have experienced in Church Street over the last few years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who give up a Saturday morning once a month to participate in the Hanney Flood Group keeping both villages safe from flooding. Their January session was in West Hanney clearing out the drainage ditch alongside the public footpath on the south side of School Road.

That session revealed nearly all the surface water gullies on School Road were blocked and a considerable amount of soil was removed from several gullies.

The Highways Department have subsequently jetted out all the gullies on the road substantially improving the road drainage. *Graham Garner, Chairman*

Next Meetings - Tues 3rd March, 2020, 7.30pm St. James Church Bell Tower - All Welcome

Councillors: Chairman: Graham Garner - 868684.

Edward Wilkinson - 867316

Trevor Brettell - 868459.

David Corps - 867454.

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6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Adventurers (Years 3 to 6)

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7:45 PM - 9:15 PM The Hub (Years 10 to 13)

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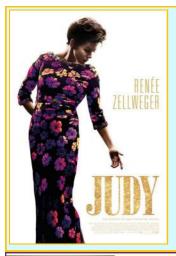


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Hanney Film Night in the Owen Wright Cinema, H.W.M.Hall

Judy Fri 7th Feb,

Bar opens 7.15 pm, Film starts 7.45 pm
Based on Peter Quilter's book and play "End of the Rainbow". Renee Zellweger's winning performance as Judy Garland performing in London towards the end of a much troubled life and stellar career won the Golden Globe.

The film received many other awards and nominations. 12A Cert.



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Successful Scouting

Hanney Scout Group has been running for a year and is now offering a wide range of interesting and exciting activities for twenty-four young people between the ages of six and ten and a half, in the Beaver Scout Colony and Cub Scout Pack. Currently we have six adult volunteer leaders who run the weekly meetings between them, but with plans in hand to open a Scout Troop for young people up to fourteen years of age, within the next nine months, and the other Sections still growing, we are starting to look for more adults to join Hanney Scout Group to help us run Beavers. Cubs and Scouts. We would be pleased to hear from anyone

over eighteen, who might be interested in helping at Section meetings, as an Assistant Leader, or with less commitment, as a Section Assistant. We are also pleased to welcome young people between 14 to 18 years, to work as Young Leaders with Cub and Beaver Scouts. No previous experience is needed for any of these roles, and uniform and training is provided as appropriate. If you enjoy being out and about with young people, having fun and challenging adventures, this could be for you!

For further information please contact the Acting Group Scout Leader, Janet Green at Janet@thegreensonline.me.uk.

The Hanney Villages Calendar 2020

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Earlier in 2019, Dave Bratley, Ali Rosum and I decided to have a go at producing a 2020 'Village Calendar' to sell within, and hopefully raise money for, our community. Last year's calendar hadn't exactly been a roaring success, and for a variety of reasons, sales were poor.

I was assured by Keith Diment, who had produced many lovely village calendars over several years - though he was not

involved in 2019's - that the most that had ever been sold was around 80 copies.

Ever the optimists, Ali, Dave and I decided to get 150 printed. We agreed that we three would meet the costs and bear any losses, and should we cover those costs and go on to make

a 'profit', we would donate that to good causes in the local community.

We set the price at £8. A few folk didn't

We set the price at £8. A few folk didn't share our optimism..."too expensive", "you'll never sell 150"... that kind of stuff. Well, Dave, Ali and I are proud to announce that, as it turned out, we did sell all 150 copies, easily covering our total production costs of just under £500 and hence generating a nice little profit of £700. We had already agreed with the Community Shop that, regardless of whether we covered our costs or not, we would give them £1 'commission' for every one that was sold in the shop. In fact, they shifted 70 copies, nearly half the overall total, for which our grateful thanks. We added £130 to their £70 commission and have handed over £200 to them.

We have also made a donation of £250 to the Senior Citizens and, at the other end of the age spectrum, the same amount to the Hanney Youth Football Club.

The footie folk told us... "As you may know the club started in 2006 and has grown from 5 players to over 125, we are proud to represent Hanney at every age group from 5 to 13 years old. This funding is much appreciated."

I've always been a fan of the football club, getting boys and girls out in the fresh air, and the dedication and hard work of those

folk who make it all happen is incredible. The existence of the club is one of the many reasons I get a tad annoyed when I read silly, ill-informed posts on our community Facebook page telling me that we're not a community any more!

I beg to differ, but I digress...back to the calendar.

All three recipients of the dosh are very deserving causes indeed, and though these are not life-changing sums of money, every little helps as that extremely irritating TV ad used to say.

No prizes for guessing that we'll be doing another calendar next year. We aim to have them for sale at the Michaelmas Favre. It just remains for me to thank Dave and Ali, who've been delightful to work with, and of course to thank all of you who bought one...or more than one! Thanks too for tolerating my pushy sales pitches wherever I cornered you, and for handing over your cash so willingly. We look forward to taking more later this year. PS....There are only 3 copies of the 2020 calendar remaining...contact me soonest if you want one, or they'll be on EBay with a 'Buy Now' price of £50!....joking of course, as is the bit on the front about Her Maj!



At the end of February, we mark the beginning of Lent, a forty-day countdown to Easter. During which we will go over the events of Jesus' life that lead up to Easter week, reflect on Jesus' death and resurrection, while exploring its impact for us today. This is what we do in Lent, this is what we do every Lent. Which made me think about the different things in life that we keep coming back to.

Do you ever struggle with doing the same thing over and over again? We can get board of repeating the same things; familiarity breeds contempt. We can long for something new, exciting or just different.

Yet, the difficulties that we can experience with going over the same ground again and again, is held in tension with the reality that the more we do something the better we get at it and the greater we can understand and appreciate it; repetition is the mother of study. What are the films, songs, books or activities that you keep going back to? Where are the places that you keep going to? Who are the people that you continue to spend time with? These are things that we don't just enjoy once, but that we keep enjoying, year in and year out.

Lent offers us this reminder and challenge. That if something is important to us, we need to keep coming back to it; to get the most out of it. While also being aware that at times we need to motivate ourselves to keep doing those things that we have done before.

The message of Easter does not change; the events of Jesus' life remain the same and they are still life changing. Rediscovering them each year allows us to be changed by the God of Easter and for us to continue to engage with the Lord as we grow and develop through life.

What are the things in life that you keep coming back to that sustain and refresh you? What are the things in life that you struggle to keep doing or working at? How can you find new ways to engage with old commitments? What are the things that you need to keep working at?

God bless, Alec

Eucharist Services in February - Sundays at 9.30am

2nd Revd John Durant - preacher Revd Chris Ashton, 9th Family Eucharist Revd Alec Gill, 16th Revd Alec Gill, 23rd Revd John Durant. ASH WEDNESDAY - 26th February - 8pm Service at St Nicholas, East Challow

Midweek Said Eucharist - every Tuesday at 10am in the Chancel

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Hanney's Beavers, Brownies & Guides are getting together on PANCAKE DAY - 25th February

in St James Church between 6pm & 7.30pm to make (and eat!) pancakes and try to find out why Shrove Tuesday is Pancake Day.

All youngsters are invited to join them for some fun and frolics! (Parents - you are welcome to drop your youngsters in or stay if they are a little shy)



The Poughley Farm Bridge and A338 Pedestrian Crossing Updates

On the former, I recently received this from Oxfordshire County Council..... "Our Bridge Team have advised that they are looking to start on site at the end of June and complete construction by early September." I'm always a little suspicious when I hear or read 'looking to start'....it's a bit woolly isn't it? So I'm not holding my breath!

As to the crossing, well, check this out from OCC....

"It's programmed for Formal Consultation with any objections being considered by the Cabinet Member for Transport once complete. This consultation is due to open in early February, for 4 weeks before any objections or concerns are considered by the Cabinet Member for Transport in late March." Make of that what you will my friends!

Hanney Michaelmas Fayre & Feast 2019 Grants



Grants were awarded as full or part contributions for various projects to the following Hanney organisations...

Community Shop - new display units
Disaster Community Volunteers- security equipment
The Guides - supporting the International Camp being hosted in
Oxfordshire this year

Hanney Pre-School - Forest School Leader training programme
Scout Group (beavers & cubs) - camping equipment
St James Primary School - Phonetic Reading Books
St James Church - the 'Loo Fund'
And the WI.

Yet again and despite a dull and somewhat chilly day, Hanney did itself proud at the Fayre and even the 'mini monsoon' didn't entirely wipe out the Feast - the proceeds of both these will be of great benefit to these Hanney community organisations.

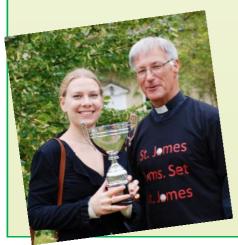
The Committee are tremendously grateful for all the help and support both in advance and 'on the day' – so a very big thank you to everyone.

Lots of kind support and favours help keep the costs of running the event to the absolute minimum and only essential expenditure is undertaken but we would like to be able to cover fully the costs of the Fayre by sponsorship – if anyone knows of any suitable organisation or company that might be willing to help please contact us via info@hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk .

Any discussions will be kept confidential and discretion used!

Thank you,

Alec, Helen, Hilary, Monica & Stuart







Dear Editor

Thank you to everyone for your continual support, and a special thank you to family and friends who are always there to help us with our charity. This year we sent to the Churchill partners for CRUK, £3850.00. This makes our running total to date £116.535.00.

Our next event is a table top and car boot on Sat 14th March, 10 till 1pm. If you would like to book a table to join us, please ring Kath on 01235 868527 (£5 a table)

Many thanks.

Hanney Fundraisers for Cancer Research

Dear Editor

I would like to thank all the people who knit for Cancer Research. I'm very pleased to say with their help, we made £718.

Dulcie Parfoot

Dear Editor

I write to express our warm thanks to everyone who supported the recent Holly Fair in St James – almost £1000 was raised towards the project to make the church more accessible for all – including the much-needed loo!

As ever I thoroughly enjoyed the morning – I think everyone enjoys the opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours in such a convivial atmosphere as well as get some seasonal shopping done and it is particularly good that the stallholders are all members of our local communities too.

I certainly want to thank all those who gave up so much time to help with the organisation and especially Ann Fewins, Jim Stagg and Bob Wilson who created the Fair and continue to put so much into making it happen. But I also want to thank everyone who came along to support it and hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

God bless.

John Durant, Vicar

For and on behalf of the Clergy & PCC

Hanney War Memorial Hall

is looking for someone to take over the role of Treasurer later this year as our current Treasurer has agreed to take on the role of Bar Manager, a role we have been trying to fill for some time.

Please contact Graham Garner at graham.garner@sky.com if you are interested in joining our team.

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'Staying Well This Winter' is full of tips and advice on how to look after ourselves and others. This might include having a list of emergency phone numbers by your phone, getting repeat prescriptions in plenty of time or having a free flu vaccination if you are in an 'at risk' group. This useful booklet also includes a handy checklist of items you may need as part of your winter plan.

We hope that you will find our winter booklet useful. You can download it via www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire. Or you can get a printed copy by contacting Age UK Oxfordshire on 01235 849434 or email network@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk.

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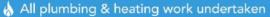
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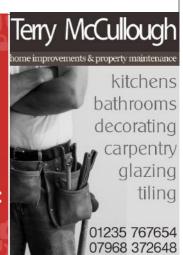
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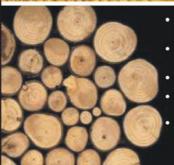
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