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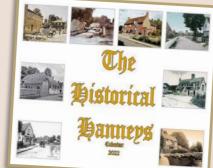
Our 2022 Historical Hanney Calendars are still available, at just £10 each.

Contains twelve beautifully restored images of East and West Hanney. Please buy one, or even several! They make unique Christmas pressies.

Sales thus far - and thanks to all who have already bought one or more - mean that we have now covered our

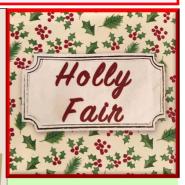
printing costs.

Every penny generated by purchases from now on will go direct to good causes within our community. The calendar is available in the Community Shop, or at the



Holly Fair...(details on page 13), or ring me - Jim, on 867500, and I'll deliver within Hanney.

Starting next month, I will be including a short article about each photo as we go through the year.



Our traditional
HOLLY FAIR
is back, on SATURDAY
11 DECEMBER
Full details on page 13

Michaelmas Fayre

Deadline for grant applications approaches... see page 3



Editorial

With a certain disquiet dear readers, I realise that this is my 7th 'Christmas Edition'! Yikes. I'm sure I wished everyone a happy Christmas in every previous year and I do so again...have a good one! We welcome a new advertiser 'CPPM Locksmiths' this month...their ad on page 23. And a new activity for those of us who enjoy a bop. It's titled 'Dancing Through the Decades' and is run by Sue Richmond, details at foot of page 27.

Trotter Tree works...I can personally recommend them...are branching out - geddit?! - and now offer hedge trimming and fruit tree maintenance. See their ads on page 18.

If you 'do' table tennis, check page 9...some good news.

East Hanney Parish Council (EHPC) are again offering to shred your Xmas tree as last year, when over 100 were shredded. All Hanney and surrounding village residents are asked to leave them down on the grass area outside the Village Hall and EHPC will do the rest. This is the greenest option, short of making your own tree out of some sticky-backed plastic and a Fairy Liquid bottle. (I'm sure a YouTube exists of Valerie Singleton doing exactly that on

Blue Peter. I should add that other washing up liquids are available, as are other Blue Peter presenters, though Val was always my favourite! If perchance John Noakes is living a long and happy retirement in Hanney...no offence John, I still remember the time you climbed Nelson's Column!) I digress. Beware of a dreadful joke in among the commercial advertisers pages. Please do two things...use our advertisers whenever you can, and never repeat the joke!

The return of the Holly Fair - note new venue - is great news, as was the Remembrance Day Parade...a couple of pics of that on page 14.

The choice of film this month at Hanney Film night's showing, 'Le Mans 66' is perhaps something of a contrast with the strong message that a 20mph limit is possible soon in East Hanney - see article on pages 4 and 5.

Please note all the details regarding the Christmas Services at St James on page 13, and the opening hours of our Community Shop, page 3.

Finally, a quick thank you and seasons greetings to all the team who get Hanney News through your door each month.

Derek Howe - It is with much sadness we report the recent passing of long time West Hanney resident Derek Howe. Derek was a member of HOGS, the Hanney golfers, and also volunteered at the Community Shop. Universally popular, he was a personal friend of mine. A nicer fellow one could not wish to meet. Derek will be missed by all who knew him, and we send our condolences to his wife Dot and their family.

Dot has asked me to include the following... "I would like to say how the family are very grateful to all friends and neighbours who were so supportive during Derek 's illness. Thank you for all the many cards, letters and messages, and I count myself lucky to belong to such a caring community as in East & West Hanney."

We here at Hanney News Global International welcome articles or letters.

Please submit items to the Editor, preferably by email, or use the Hanney News post box in the Community Shop. Contact me, the Editor, Jim Stagg, on 01235 867500, or by email: hanneynews@gmail.com

What's happening this month?

Fri 3rd- Dickensian Evening, Wantage.



Fri 3rd, Hanney Film Night in HWMH

Two Oscars and other awards. Ford versus Ferrari!!
Bar and doors open 7.15 for 7.45 start.
Card payment only please.

Fri 3rd, from 6pm: Christmas Craft Fayre at the Royal British Legion Sat 11th , Holly Fair - full details on page 13

Sun 12th, 10am - 3pm, Wantage Christmas Market in the Square. Cafes, Bars, Pubs and Restaurants open, live music and entertainment. See Wantage Markets Facebook page for more details.

Fri 17th, Seniors Christmas Lunch, Village Hall. Ring Marcia - 867461
Sat 18th 5pm - 8pm, Another Wantage Christmas Market, as above
Tues 21st, Community Coffee morning Xmas party, 10am, Village Hall. All are welcome.

Full details of all Christmas Services at St James are on page 13.

And further ahead.

Mon 3rd Jan, 7.30pm, Village Hall. Hanney Gardening Club - a talk on 'Luscious lawns'. www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk

Mon 24th Jan 8pm, Village Hall, Hanney History Group, a talk by Ivan Cadge on 'The history of Abingdon Station and its branch line'.

Michaelmas Fayre: If you wish to apply for a Grant this needs to be done by 31st December - go to our website for all the information on how to apply www.hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk/grants/ or email info@hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk. Also listed are details of all previous Grants awarded - which might give you some ideas on the sort of Projects that have been successful - and a chance to see how many organisations have benefitted since the Fayre started.

Hanney Community Shop CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR opening times

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Christmas Hamper to be won in Community Shop Christmas Raffle!

Last month I mentioned Dan Cornish - resident of East Hanney, and a finalist in the 'National Young Chef of the Year' competition.

Well, guess what?! ...drum roll...He only went and won it! Massive congrats to Dan, looking very cool indeed in the snap! Not sure why they made him stand on the pitch in a

massive football stadium - maybe Spurs new ground? - but no matter. Amazing achievement!

They're a talented family are the Cornishes...Dan's brother Jonny has also been in the news, recently winning the Oxford Half Marathon in 66 minutes! See pic below of him crossing the finishing line. That's 13 miles, each one run at 5 minute mile pace! Just a couple of weeks earlier Jonny also won the Hackney Half Marathon, finishing almost three minutes ahead of the British International Scott Overall, grandson of Mrs Overall - remember her? - from Acorn Antiques!

Several Hanney folk also competed in the Oxford race, including Rosie Reed, parish councillor, Tim Bullen, and Tom Aram, pictured bottom right. Massive congrats to all!



The 'Twenty's Plenty' campaign in East Hanney is well under way, and big ups to the

well under way, and big ups to the Parish Council who are leading it. Now there be them as say that's all well and good young fella, but who's going to stick to this 'ere 20mph

limit? My answer is that whilst not a perfect solution, it's a step in the right direction. In the past you may have been comfortable driving at 35mph through our villages. Now, knowing that you're exceeding



the new 20mph speed limit by 75% will hopefully make you slow down somewhat... maybe to the midtwenties? Still too much, but every little helps.

I recently carried out a highly unscientific experiment. I got my

chauffeur Stig to drive me from Hanney News Global HQ here in Winter Lane, West Hanney, to the main junction on the A338 in East Hanney.

(continued on page 5)

We then turned left onto the A338 (the 20mph limit will not be applied to it) opposite La Fontana, then left again into Ashfields Lane. Left again, past East Hanney Village Green and down to the junction with the A338. Right turn this time, back through East, and on into West and my palatial offices at HO! We made the trip twice. On the first. The Stig drove as fast as possible, within the current 30mph limit of course, obviously slowing to less than that where conditions demanded.

We then repeated the drive, only this time never exceeding 20 mph, other than that short part on the A338, and again slowing to less than that where

conditions demanded. The first trip took us 7 minutes and 54 seconds, whilst the second just 1 minute and 18 seconds longer at 9 minutes and 12 seconds.

Though I was very proud of my experiment it shows little we couldn't already have guessed... 'A 20mph trip though our 'people, dog, cat, and other living creature-populated community' really doesn't take much longer than a 30mph one.'

Still not convinced and want something a bit more scientific? Try this from Tim Bearder, Oxfordshire County Councillor and Cabinet Member for Highways Management, (just checked online and was mightily relieved to see that Tim does indeed sport a fine beard!) "There is a huge appetite for this 20mph policy and new approach as towns, villages and parishes look to make their roads more pleasant and safer for pedestrians and cyclists. I believe it will become socially unacceptable to exceed 20mph in a built-up area,



Our snap shows a team of distributors on their round, delivering stickers for our wheelie bins. Party frocks optional - third from left! Certainly adds a sense of occasion don't you think?

just as it is to smoke on a bus." He added "You are seven times more likely to survive if you are hit by a car driving at 20mph than if you are hit at 30mph". Wise words fellow beardy! (Clean-shaven David Corps repeats this in his West Hanney Parish Council piece on page 7.)

More have chipped in...Jean Conway, cam-

paign leader for '20's Plenty for Oxford-shire', said: "We need to create a new habit, a bit like wearing seatbelts. If everyone changes their behaviour, then 20mph will become accepted as the new normal." And from our very own Matthew Barber, Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley... "Speeding is a concern raised by many communities across Oxfordshire, and indeed across Thames Valley. The setting of speed limits is a matter for local authorities and Thames Valley Police will continue to enforce in line with the speed limits that are in force."

I rest my case. PS: Have fired the Stig.

East Hanney Parish Council

Next Meeting, Weds 8th December, Old Hanney Room, Hanney War Memorial Hall, aka Village Hall, 7.30pm.

East Hanney Parish Councillors -

Chairman: Stephen McKechnie - smehpc@gmail.com.

Vice Chair: David Kirk - david.kirk@btinternet.com; Paul Aram - pvaehpc@gmail.com; Councillors: Oliver Cornish - ocehpc@gmail.com; Richard Strange - rsehpc@gmail.com; Dickon Green - dgehpc@gmail.com; Rosie Reed - rrehpc@gmail.com

Clerk: Wendy Quigley, tel: 07859 924655, email: <u>clerk@easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk</u> Website: <u>www.easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk</u>

I mentioned last month the bad

news that the much needed Puffin crossing on the always busy A338 in East Hanney will not be installed this year.

I now have some more details on this....

this....
Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)
have put the
project on hold for
the foreseeable
future due to lack
of funds. They
secured £50,000
from the development of the 'Rosie
Bee's' site - that's
the newest one

bring built on the north side of the Steventon Rd - but from the time of requesting the money to actually receiving it, the estimate had risen to £80,000.

Now, given the shortages of materials and lorry driver issues, the costs have spiraled to over double the original estimate, and continue to increase.

OCC are requesting extra money from other sources, but might not be successful this

financial year. If they fail, they will try again next.

Thanks to Cllr Dickon Green for all the above info. He told me..."I know this is not

the news that any of us wanted, and a lot of residents on the east of the A338 will feel angry and worried for the continued safety of their children crossing the road to and from school.

East Hanney
Parish Council will continue to work with OCC to find a



solution as soon as possible."

(Dickon devotes much of his spare time - he also has a full-time job - to these efforts on our behalf, and, along with his fellow councillors, he deserves our immense gratitude.)

In the meantime, the cynic in me wonders whether the longer the project is delayed, the more its cost will increase and we may never get our crossing?

Come on OCC, prove me wrong!

West Hanney Parish Council

Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet recently endorsed the 20's Plenty Campaign which aims to make 20mph the new 30mph across Oxfordshire in most urban areas and in villages where it is both suitable and supported by residents. There is a clear link between the speed of the traffic and the likelihood of accidents happening in in which people are killed or injured. You are seven times more likely to survive if you are hit by a car driving at 20mph than if you are hit at 30mmph.

West Hanney Parish Council will be discussing whether we wish to adopt this 20mph limit for West Hanney at our next meeting. Please let councillors or our Parish Clerk know whether you support this proposal.

West Hanney Parish Council wish all our residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

David Corps - Chairman

The next meeting will be on Tues 4th January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Olde Hanney Room in the Hanney War Memorial Hall.

Councillors: Chairman: David Corps - 867454. Graham Garner - 868684.
Edward Wilkinson - 07771 705234. Trevor Brettell - 868459.
Peter Packham - 868038. Barbara Martin (Clerk) - 868806
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Our political chums... David Johnston is our MP. 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



East Hanney resident Jeanette
Howse recently
gave an entertaining
and informative talk
to the Hanney WI
about her 'Well Preserved' business.
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amazingly yummy

jams, marmalades, preserves etc. at her home in East Hanney.

Her ad on page 23 will give you an idea, and her produce would make delightful Christmas pressies. Support local businesses!



Saturday 4th December 10.00 - 12.00

in

Charney Bassett Village Hall

Come and join us for coffee, Christmas shopping and raffles!







Our Community Shop needs your help...this from Ricard Oxley:

"You may know that the chairperson of the Hanney Shop has needed to step aside from their involvement, for the time being. They did a lot of work in the day-to day running of the shop so we need extra help to keep it functioning as well as it has been. A few extra people each doing a little will make a huge difference. We particularly would appreciate:

Extra volunteers to staff the shop - a commitment of just once a week/fortnight/month for a 4 hour shift, 9-1pm or 1-5pm Mon to Saturday (Saturdays are always the most difficult slots to fill, so anyone able to

help then would be particularly welcomed). Full training will be provided, you will not be thrown in at the 'deep end', and you would not be staffing the shop on your own.

Volunteers to help with buying/collecting some of the stock we sell in the shop - someone with transport that could give up just a couple of hours once a fortnight.

Please note that, though the shop itself provides a valuable service to our community, without it we would also lose our post office."

If you would like to find out more please contact Richard Oxley tel: 867347 email: richardoxley510@gmail.com

Do you play a musical instrument?

Are you a reasonable sight reader?
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For further information please contact: alison.trowell@btinternet.com

'SJS' is Hanney's small 'consort male -voice' group that meets every Thursday from 8-10pm in the Hanney Chapel in East Hanney. Member David Gahan assured me recently that they are "in fine voice but need more members! It's a 30 year-old Hanney Club, but down to six members at present. We did a great fund-raiser for Marie-Curie Cancer at Childrey Church on 2nd October where generous donors stumped up £250" If you may be interested in joining, give David or Mike Jones a ring - details page 27.

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Mere are four more great members of our community, Miley Bligdon and her mum and dad, Laura and Guy, along with Steve McKechnie, who recently cemented the Hanney snake, named Hannaconda -



clever eh? - onto the wall outside the Village Hall. When the sun shines I'll pop down with the box brownie and get a few snaps of some of the 338 (!) individual rocks...worth taking a close look if you're passing.

Here's a determined young member of our community named Arrietty. She's only 6, but, with her mum Gemma helping, has been out and about in Hanney collecting the litter that thoughtless folk dump in our streets.

Without fuss or fanfare, and armed with only a pick-up stick and a plastic bag, Arrietty just got on with the job. Big thanks to her, on behalf of the whole community, for doing her bit to help make our environment as clean, tidy and pleasant to live in as possible.

Good news for ding dong ping pong fans...we have two ses-

fans...we have two sessions a week happening in the Village Hall.

One's every Thursday eve from 6.30 -7.30pm, and

the second is every Friday morning, from 10am -

11am. Cost is just £2 a session, with the first one free for the evening sess. Beginners welcome to both; bats

and balls supplied.
I now try and get along to both, and they're a great opportunity for a bit of exercise and chat in a nice relaxed atmosphere.
Just turn up, no need to book in advance.

My pic is of a few of the Friday crowd!

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Dear Friends

I like celebrating Christmas.

One Christmas, while I was Chaplain to the Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment based in Hounslow, I was invited by the large Fijian contingent to share their Christmas meal, along with the Commanding Officer and the Borough Mayoress. The main food was fish cooked in a milky sauce. I think all of us three guests, though privileged to be invited, secretly wanted to be home with our families.

After last year's restrictions at Christmas, many of us will be trying very hard to find time to spend with our loved ones. Though you may, like me, find that due to commitments and the fact that our family live away from us, it's impossible.

Christmas should be a time of love since we celebrate God's love in sending his Son to become a human being so he might save us from all that is not loving. How we express that love varies – it may be among our family or with strangers.

During that meal with the Fijians the Mayoress was asking me about having no weapon whilst there is fighting going on and said, "If there was a war where would you be?" Quick as a flash before I could answer the CO, who overheard, said "He would be with me!". His response implied that since the CO thought God was with me and would protect me, if I was with the CO he would be protected too.

Another reason to celebrate the birth of Christ is that he is Emmanuel –God with us. God came to be with us to rescue us from the scares, disruption, pain and evil of this world.

I like celebrating Christmas because even if life sometimes throws up more difficulties and challenges than are pleasant, we can rejoice that the Lord has promised to be with us as we trust him. As P. Brooks wrote in his carol *O come to us abide with us our Lord Emmanuel*.

So whether you are with loved ones or not, whether you are helping others less fortunate than yourselves or coping by yourself with the uncertainty of what could happen over winter, I do hope you experience the love of God as you celebrate the birth of our Saviour and know his presence with you.

God bless

Iohn

SERVICES in December 2021 at St James

Sunday Eucharist at 9.30am. 5^{th} – no service in Hanney, all are welcome at a combined Benefice Service at St Nicholas, East Challow at 11.15am. 12^{th} Revd Chris Ashton, 19^{th} Canon Geoff Maughan, 26^{th} – no service at Hanney, all are welcome at a combined Benefice Service at St James Denchworth at 10am.

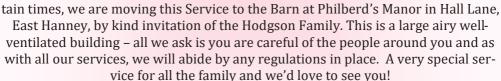
Midweek Eucharist - every Tuesday at 10am.

Christmas Services

Hanney Carol Service – Sunday 19 December at 4.30pm at rear of HWMH (Village Hall) a short carol service for all the family and abiding by Covid regulations in place at the time.

Carols round the Crib – Christmas Eve 5.30pm Please note NEW VENUE FOR 2021!

To make sure we are all kept safe in these still uncer-



Midnight Mass - Christmas Eve 11.30pm in St James Church

Christmas Morning – a short Christmas service on Church Green, outside St James Church at 10am.

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Church Warden: Stuart Cakebread: 868590 - stuartcakebread@mac.com

HOLLY FAIRSATURDAY 11 DECEMBER

The Holly Fair is moving from its home in St James Church and traveling to East Hanney this year where it will be held in the Barn at Philberd's Manor, Halls Lane.

We want to keep everyone safe by being able to spread out a bit more and be in a large airy and well-ventilated space and are very grateful to the Hodgson Family for their invitation.

The Fair is open from 10am - 12noon and



is an excellent way to do your Christmas shopping – or treat yourself to a little something special and at the same time support many of our local artisans and craft makers.

And while you shop we will

have an Activity Area for children to keep them entertained!

We are very aware that this is a busy time of the year and we all need to keep each other safe, so would ask you respect safe spacing, wear a mask if you are able and of course stay at home if you are unwell. I have been gently but rightly taken to task for my piece last month about the Community Woodland, in which I referred to it as the 'Millennium Wood'. The gent who contacted me pointed out that it ... "pre-dates the Millennium by several years. Nigel Eady planted it in the early 1990s for the community under an EU funded scheme



called 'Set-Aside', to take land out of farming in response to a perceived surplus in production. Remember the 'Grain Mountain' or the 'Butter Mountain' or the 'Wine Lake'?" I do indeed remember the lakes and mountains, and, apart from being happy to 'fess up' - as they say in the modern idiot - to my error, this gives me an excuse to publish the above snap I took the other day in the aforementioned wood when my wife dragged me out for a walk! That's the Lionel Cousins Memorial Bench in the pic. Lionel was another fine Hanney man whose tireless efforts for the community will not be forgotten and should be an example to us all. I gratefully rested my weary bones on his bench...much needed after a non-stop walk of almost half a mile!

After missing last year, it was great to see another Remembrance Day Parade here in Hanney, as it marched from the Royal British Legion in East Hanney to St James Church in West Hanney, led by the Wantage Silver Band. An outdoor service taken by Rev Alec Gill followed.

It was a shame that the necessary road closures, lasting all of an hour in total, apparently annoyed a couple of

motorists, one abusing the marshalls who were there simply to ensure everyone's safety!









Dear Editor **Top 100 Pasta Sauces - a cautionary tale.**

My wife and I visited the East Hanney Village 'Library Box' to return recent loans. There, on the second shelf, she found the copy of *100 Pasta Sauces* that a student had given her a couple of years ago, the dedication on the flyleaf skilfully removed without trace. We continued our afternoon walk in bitter silence, in the circumstances, keeping our distance.

I conceded that, given my distaste for pasta and its sauces, it was nonetheless shameful of me to extract the book from the kitchen bookshelf and worse, to have removed the student's inscription just compounded the deceit of my actions. Whilst such underhand activity was not *prima facie* grounds for divorce, its recital, 'midst other evidence would do nothing to mitigate my defence...

Later, at home, she realised that I had managed to rescue the situation by quietly slipping a spare copy of the book into an appropriate space, having invisibly pasted-in the page with a convincing facsimile of the dedication.... My wife has conceded that coincidences do happen....and we have made up.

Geoffrey Bourne-Taylor, Dandridge Close, East Hanney.

Dear Editor

I read with interest the article in this month's Hanney News about the problem of illegal parking in Wantage. I know from my own experience, the congestion it causes in the town centre. I spotted the Civil Enforcement Officer this morning as he parked his little scooter in the Market Square and went off to carry out his duties. When I walked by again a few minutes later, I noticed that he had affixed parking violation notices on two cars parked in the parking bay at the side of the road. I looked around to try and establish what the drivers had done wrong, only to see a nearby sign declaring that the parking bay was for disabled drivers only, the very same bay that the able bodied Enforcement Officer had just parked his scooter in himself.......!

You couldn't make this up could you. That said, District Councillor Eric Batts stated in last month's Kingston Bagpuize News..."In order to let the scheme settle in, no penalty charge notice will be issued until January." so hopefully all early miscreants will learn

their lesson before they have to open their wallets? Editor

Dear Editor

David Blomley, East Hanney

Many thanks to Hanney News for the notice on the "Full Peal". I heard the bells ringing in the morning and realised you'd mentioned it, so I walked over. For every step past Weir Farm the bells got louder! Once I got past the East end of St James they were so clear I sent them on my mobile to a friend in Australia – seriously, Hanney bells were heard the other side of the world! I looked inside – hard work!! Did the guys complete the "Full Peal" according to the rules?

Andy Robertson, Hale Cottage, East Hanney.

Thanks Andy...see article on page 16. Editor.

Many of us enjoyed the recent 'Peal' by Colin Turner and his fellow ringers on the St James Church Bells. It lasted 3 hours and 7 minutes....must have been some tired little teddy bears by the time it was finished! Now, to you and me, a bell ringer is a campanologist, yes? But no dear reader, apparently a campanologist is someone who studies bells...how they are cast, tuned, rung, and sounded – as well as the history, methods, and traditions of bell-ringing as an art. Someone who rings bells is...well, a bell ringer! And if you're interested in the latter - or the former! - see the Hanney Bell Ringers' contact details on page 26. They were on fine form at the recent Remembrance Day Service, really adding an atmosphere to the occasion. Well done to them and all involved.

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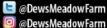
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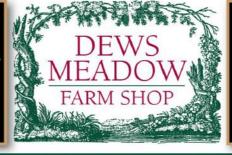
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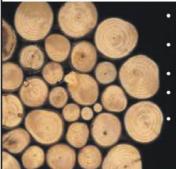
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