

Link

For the parishes of Bunbury & Tilstone Fearnall



July
2018

May your sorrows be patched and your joys quilted

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Congratulations, Revd Vicky!

Our Curate, the **Revd Vicky Barrett**, was priested at Chester Cathedral at the Ordination Service on Saturday 2 June, with three bishops in attendance. On Sunday 3 June she celebrated her first, very joyful, Holy Communion service at Calveley Chapel. This was followed by a lovely bring and share lunch in the warm sunshine outside.

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Community news

Congratulations to **Roly Humphreys** and **Sian Williams**, married at St Boniface on Saturday 2 June.



Congratulations to **Lizzie Sanders** and **Joshua Philpot**, married in Harrogate on Saturday 2 June.



Congratulations to **Beth Tweddle** and **Andrew Allen**, married at St Boniface on Saturday 9 June.



Congratulations to Reader Emeritus, **Eric Wallington**, who (though we don't believe it) celebrated his **90th birthday** on 24 June. Please let us have your secret formula, Eric.

Congratulations to Readers **Kath** and **Peter Collinge**, who celebrate their golden wedding on 21 July.

Congratulations also to **Mike** and **Angela Williams**, who celebrated their golden wedding on 15 June.

St Jude's Summer Lunch will take place on Saturday 8 July at 12.30 at Hilbre Grange, Hilbre Bank by kind permission of Sophie Hardy.

Thanks to all who supported the **Calveley Fayre**, which raised over £2000. The **Calveley Summer Lunch** will be on Sunday 12 August at the home of Yvonne Wood.

The next meeting of **Bunbury Gardening Club** will be a visit to 5 Cobbs Lane Hough, Crewe CW2 5JN on Tuesday 17 July. Meet at the property at 6.30pm. Admission £5.00. Further details from Margaret Bourne 01829 260944. New members and guests are welcome, but please make yourselves known to a member of the Committee.

On 12 July **Bunbury WI** will have a talk by **Pat Blackwood** on 'My Secret History'.

Do you value the Link magazine? If so, read on...

As mentioned in the last issue, **Joy Parker**, who has edited the Link for over four years, is moving on to exciting new adventures so the magazine needs a new editor.

It is not an onerous job (a former editor likened it to giving birth every issue - very rewarding!). The graphic design is managed separately, so the role does not require specific technical skills - you just need to be organised and familiar with email and Microsoft Office. As it is the only village magazine currently, its focus is much wider than the church - you don't need to be a member of the church to be the editor, just interested in the villages it serves and their communities.

The Link will only continue beyond the next issue if a new volunteer editor can be found - that could be you! If you love reading the Link - or have ideas on how to improve it - please contact Revd Tim Hayward on 261511 to find out more.

Sadlers Wells Wood update

The organisational structure of the trust has changed and we have become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Charity No. 1171849) so we are now known as the Sadlers Wells Community Woodland CIO. We also have a new website which you can see at www.sadlerswellswood.org.uk If you want to become a 'Friend of Sadlers Wells Community Woodland' details can be found on the website. Our current Chairman, Mike Bourne, will be retiring from this role at the end of the year and we are seeking someone to take on, or share parts of this voluntary role. If you have Chairmanship/Treasurer/Administrative experience, are interested in helping to preserve and improve a local woodland, and can spare a few hours each month, get in touch with Mike at mjbourne249@tiscali.co.uk or Bob Harris at harrisrobert357@gmail.com

The copy deadline for the August/September double issue of the Link is Friday 13 July. The magazine should be in church: Friday 27 July.

TIM HAYWARD Your Vicar



I don't think I have ever seen someone smile as much as Vicky our Curate did on the day of her ordination. The service lasted two hours - it's a marathon - and Vicky was beaming throughout. You can see Vicky on our front cover literally jumping for joy.

**The best job
in the world:
God bless
Vicky!**

Archbishop Donald Coggan used to say that there was no finer job on earth than that of a parish priest. To get paid and housed to do what you would walk a thousand miles to do anyway is incredible.

No two days are ever the same; there is immense freedom, but with freedom comes responsibility. The responsibility never to lose the sense of awe and wonder at who we are, and the possibilities that each day may bring.

For given into our hands is the wonderful 'cure of souls' - the care and well-being of human beings in the most significant area of their lives, their relationship with God. To be a priest requires a sense of adventure grounded in the everyday.

Although immersed in the life of the church, a priest operates like an agent in the field; it's a job without boundaries. There is no way of telling where, or in whom, Vicky will next meet Jesus in disguise.

A priest is someone willing to work at the process of 'being fully human' and to do so without anxiety or self-absorption. It is for those who are learning to be at peace with God and at peace with themselves.

It is for those who remain absolutely fascinated by, and therefore tirelessly interested in, other people, knowing that this fragile and funny stuff called human nature is the raw material of God's ceaseless re-creating.

To be a priest really is the best job in the world.

God bless our Curate Vicky as she embarks upon her greatest adventure.

Dave Riley and Iain McNeil bravely attached cabling for the new camera system installed in the bell chamber so that visitors or learners will be able to see the bells ringing when they are in the ringing chamber. The ringers would like to thank Peter Collinge for his technical advice on the equipment needed.



Our prayers for July

We pray for all who are going on holiday, that they will relax and return refreshed.

We pray for **Hazel Wilkinson, Pam Hardy and Donald Marr**. We also pray for all who are mourning a loved one especially the families and friends of **Barbara Spencer, David Timmis, Don MacGregor and John Williams**.

Church diary for July

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| Sunday 1 July | 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion & Sunday School 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion | St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley |
| Wednesday 4 July | 10.00am Holy Communion | St Boniface |
| Sunday 8 July | 9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion | St Jude's St Boniface |
| Wednesday 11 July | 10.00am Holy Communion | St Boniface |
| Sunday 15 July | 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship 10.00am Third Sunday Brunch 11.00am Matins 6.00pm Evensong | St Boniface St Jude's Playing field Calveley St Boniface |
| Wednesday 18 July | 10.00am Holy Communion | St Boniface |

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| Sunday 22 July | 9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion | St Jude's St Boniface |
| Wednesday 25 July | 10.00am Holy Communion | St Boniface |
| Sunday 29 July | 9.30am Family Communion 10.30am Family Communion with Methodists | St Jude's St Boniface |
| Wednesday 1 August | 10.00am Holy Communion | St Boniface |
| Sunday 5 August | 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion & Sunday School 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion | St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley |



Pat Ellis - Reader Emeritus Never on a Sunday

Where I grew up, Sunday was miserable. No sports, no shops open, no cinemas, even the swings in the park were chained up so children couldn't swing on them. Long, boring church services and nothing to do.

Now we are spoilt for choice and Sunday can be as frantically busy as any other day - just look at the traffic! We all need a day to recharge, a change from our usual routine.

How should we spend it?

Jesus was reprimanded by the authorities for wandering through the cornfields with his friends, idly plucking ears of wheat. That was Work and Not Allowed!

Jesus replied that the Sabbath was made for Man, not Man for the Sabbath.

God set the example.
He took a day off after creating the world.

First, take time to be with God; Church is a good place if you can, a relaxed Church Brunch, perhaps, or a quiet Evensong. Stop, be still, reflect, spend time with friends, do something you really enjoy, and thank God for his wonderful gift of Sabbath.

Lord, let us remember
That there is not only a time to work
But also a time to rest.
When we think we have no time to stop,
Teach us to think again,
And realise our minds and bodies need a break.
Make our greatest joys those that money can't buy.
To relax with hobbies and fun,
friends and families.
The wonders of the world around us,
And never forget to say thank you.



Mike Rogers writes... Forgiveness

There is little that irks me more than making mistakes or being proved wrong. We all know that little phrase penned by Alexander Pope '...to err is human, to forgive, divine' in 'An Essay on Man' in 1733 and they are words that often pop into my mind when I say the Lord's Prayer. I'm probably not alone if I say that acknowledging our faults is something we all find difficult.

Rather than admit our own shortcomings we much prefer to maintain a good opinion of ourselves. We convince ourselves that the piece of selfishness that so upset a friend or a member of our family was simply a bit of cleverness on our part.

If we persist in this way and think we are getting away with it, we find that gradually we become marginalised amongst our circle of friends and relations and life is suddenly not as good as it was. We are not happy with ourselves and all because we

could not find it within ourselves to say 'I'm sorry'. We each need to give and be given forgiveness. Perhaps that is why it is one of the foremost petitions of the Lord's Prayer because saying 'Sorry' is often one of the hardest things to do - as is granting genuine and heartfelt forgiveness.

I came across some words by one Lord Balfour (about whom I know absolutely nothing!) which give their own perspective on forgiveness. His words are entitled '*The Best Thing to Give*'

*The best thing to give:
to your enemy is forgiveness;
to an opponent, tolerance;
to a friend, your heart;
to a child, a good example;
to your father and mother, conduct that will
make them proud of you;
to yourself, respect;
to all people, charity.*

There is nothing more to be said.

Squeaky clean!

Visitors often remark how welcoming and well-kept St Boniface is: pictured here is the unusually large group of ten volunteers who met for the monthly cleaning session at the beginning of June. These are the people who keep our church spic and span.

The team meets on the first Monday morning of the month to give the church as thorough a clean and polish as time and manpower allows. However in such a large and historic building certain tasks are beyond these regular sessions, so PCC member Elsa Williams is masterminding a plan to look at some of the more complex and time consuming deep cleaning and maintenance jobs and find the right people to carry them out. It may be a smaller group of regular cleaners who dedicate some extra sessions to specific areas, or it may be work for outside experts, but over the coming months the St. Boniface congregation can look out for restored tiled and wooden floors, cleaned windows (too high and delicate for ordinary window cleaners) and polished choir stalls.

Joyce Buxton, who has been a tireless church cleaner 'for centuries!!', as she says, remembers a time when dozens of churchgoers would meet every Monday for their sociable cleaning sessions. Sadly in recent times the job has fallen to a much



smaller and older team. If you can offer an hour or so to wield a Hoover, broom or duster around St Boniface once a month, you will be welcomed with open arms.... and Joyce may even give you tea and a biscuit.

Calveley Fayre



Although the day dawned rather rainy, it soon transformed to sunshine to shine on Calveley Fayre. There was a very successful Made in Cheshire stall, with cakes, Bunbury Mill flour, locally made cheese, chocolates, even locally bottled water from the Peckforton hills. You could have your portrait drawn in Cheshire or obtain a locally sewn church mouse. There was an exhibition of Sophie Parr's paintings, accompanied by an organ recital, in church, while the green fingered snapped up plants and equipment

from the gardening stall. Bookworms homed in on the book stall and Auntie Wainwright (aka our curate) purveyed 'white elephants' from her emporium.



Bunbury Walking for Health visits Dorothy Clive Garden

A large group of our regular walkers visited this delightful English country garden on a glorious June morning.

The garden was originally created for Dorothy Clive, who suffered with Parkinson's Disease, to walk and enjoy the gardens with a view to improving her health.

In 2018 Dorothy Clive Garden is celebrating the 60th Anniversary of becoming a charitable trust and has decided to invite walking groups to visit and share the



garden. It was an ideal way to celebrate this anniversary, we enjoyed a guided tour and finished with delicious refreshments sat in sunshine overlooking the Staffordshire and Shropshire border.

Bunbury comes out in force for Early Birds' Pre-School



The children at Early Birds' Pre-School in Bunbury had a wonderful surprise in store when they returned from their Easter holidays. Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the local Co-op and the continued generosity of the village community, the staff have been able to purchase some much-needed new equipment to excite and delight the little ones.

Among the new toys, the pre-school now boasts a mud kitchen and a sandpit which the children enjoy exploring during their time outside.

Gillian Cadman, (Manager) for Early Birds Pre-school said, "We are so grateful for the truly overwhelming support from our local Co-op and from the parents and friends of the pre-school who have given their time and money to help us enhance our facilities".

We are now excited to begin fundraising to upgrade the pre-school's IT system and invest in a touch-screen computer to add to the children's learning experience. We will have a stall at the Bunbury Village Day on Saturday 23 June 2018 where we will be selling walk-along helium animal balloons. Please come along to support us, if you can."

Amy Stubbs on behalf of the team at Bunbury Co-op said, "It is a joy to see the improvements to the already fabulous pre-school. The children love the sand pit and mud kitchen. They took a lot of pleasure from giving me a tour! We look forward to continuously supporting such a great resource for the village. Thanks for being here for us. "

If you are interested in supporting Early Birds Pre-school, or if you are looking for a nurturing environment for your own little one, please contact Hilary on 01829 260410.

Royal Wedding street party



To celebrate the wedding of the new Duke and Duchess of Sussex, on 19 May, there was a street party at Stablecroft, School Lane. Everyone provided food and there were games and activities for the children. Residents caught up with their neighbours' news and enjoyed the music and relaxation.



Another successful Bunbury Singers concert!



Bunbury Singers performed an extremely successful concert at the Tarporley Baptist and Methodist Chapel in May, in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. Katy Armitage from the charity

gave a short talk about their work and explained how the money raised would be spent.

The concert included the Sprig of Thyme by John Rutter, Kings of Swing, (a medley of Swing tunes including Moonlight Serenade and Chattanooga Choo Choo), and two soloists - Cath Shaw and

David Fayle, who performed both classical and theatre numbers, really engaging the audience with their recitals. Ken Fayle, Bunbury Singers' conductor, accompanied both soloists.

There was a raffle and refreshments with homemade cakes and biscuits, made by some of the members of Bunbury Singers. The evening was enjoyed by all who came and there were many positive comments, making it one of our most popular concerts that raised a fantastic £750 for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Tarporley Chapel recently held a "Picnic and Proms" event, and Bunbury Singers were asked to sing a couple of numbers.

Bunbury Singers are 30 years old this year, and to celebrate, past and present members were invited to a hog roast. Another enjoyable occasion!

For further details of our activities, please visit the website at: www.bunburysingers.co.uk

Second grave talk event proves popular



Around 30 people attended the second GraveTalk event, hearing talks about care homes, options for care at home and end of life care, and funeral choices. Supported by both Nigel Burrows Funeral Directors and Jacqueline

Wilson Funeral Services, listeners learned about relative costs of burial and cremation (burial is currently cheaper than cremation in Bunbury but not in many places where burial space is limited or absent). Natural woodland burial and direct cremation were also covered. The importance of making a will was covered by Ruth Philp of Living Well Dying Well - apparently only around 30% of adults under 60 have made a will; that rises to 66% for the over-60s. Dying intestate can cause huge problems and worry for loved ones, and may also result in more of your estate being passed on to the government that would otherwise be the case. She also talked briefly about making an advance decision (sometimes known as an advance decision to refuse treatment, an ADRT, or a living will), a decision you can make to refuse a specific type of treatment at some time in the future. It lets your family, carers and health professionals know your wishes about refusing treatment if you're unable to make or communicate those decisions yourself. If you decide to refuse life-sustaining treatment in the future, your advance decision needs to be: written down, signed by you and signed by a witness to be legally binding. Alternatively, an advance statement can cover any aspect of your future health or social care. This could include:

- how you want any religious or spiritual beliefs to be reflected in your care
- where you would like to be cared for - e.g. at home or in a hospital, nursing home or hospice
- how you like to do things - for example, if you prefer a shower instead of a bath, or like to sleep with the light on
- concerns about practical issues - for example, who will look after your dog if you become ill

You can make sure people know about your wishes by talking about them. By writing your advance statement down, you can make things clear to your family, carers and anybody involved in your care. This is not legally binding but can be an immensely helpful and comforting document for you and your loved ones. Despite the serious subject matter there was a lot of laughter and animated discussion, aided by tea, coffee and marvellous home-made cakes. One lady remarked as she left that she felt very uplifted!

If you would like to talk through any issues on a personal, emotional or spiritual level, please contact the St Boniface Pastoral Team on 01829 261437 or unburypastoralteam@gmail.com.

Parish council pursuits

The Parish Council met on 13 June, with seven Counsellors attending, including Ward Councillor Chris Green. Five parishioners attended; three voiced their objection to a planning application on Wythin Street. The council considered several other planning applications. The Highways Committee will meet later this month to consider extending the Playing Fields car park and the impact of the proposed A51 improvements.

The Council is keen to acknowledge and congratulate any Bunbury resident who reaches the age of 100 years. If you know of anyone who is approaching their 100th birthday please let us know.

The Chairman's trophy, which was first established in 1974 and is awarded each year to someone who has made a special contribution to Bunbury, will be presented to Amanda Harris at our next meeting on 11 July. Amanda is the Group Scout Leader and has spent many years as an adult leader at Bunbury Scouts. Another award will be presented on Village Day, 23 June, when Councillor Leila Potter will receive The Chris White Award for services to the Bunbury community.

And so Bunbarians, summer is here, enjoy the long, hopefully warm days and keep smiling.

Cllr Leila Potter, PC Press Officer

Pet service and church v village cricket match



The annual Pet Service was light-hearted and warm, and probably brought a smile to God's face, especially when the cockerel tried to take over the talk from Tim and the wind threatened to carry the band's music away. In addition to the many lively dogs, there were

kittens, calves, sheep, ducklings, a tortoise, a (toy) snake and chickens - including the vocal cockerel. After a burger and hot dog lunch, grilled beautifully by Mark Burrows, the annual Church v Village cricket match got underway, with the village winning the day.



Bells at St B



Peter Jones took some striking pictures of the bell ropes, during a wedding at St Boniface. The ringing chamber offers a bird's eye view of the arrival of the bride, Beth Tweddle.



A glorious day for Bunbury superheroes



Village Day 2018 was great fun and there were lots of superhero activities. Even Spiderman made a special guest appearance!

The new Rose Queen was crowned, and the Chris White trophy for outstanding contribution to the village was presented to Leila Potter, who with her husband George, was Village Day's originator.



Dorothy Stockton (a true Bunbarian) 14 December 1918 - 16 March 2018



Dorothy Stockton was born on Saturday 14 December 1918 at Bunbury Heath, she was the first child of Sarah Ellen (known as Nelly) and Albert Owen. Dorothy was the eldest of 3 children she had a sister Gladys and her brother is called Burt.

As a little girl she attended school at College Lane, Bunbury, known as the school house. She excelled in education and went onto Love Street School in Chester catching the train every day from Beeston.

As was common in the 1930s, Dot went into service working for various people in the village as a domestic one of them being the Headteachers House. She also worked at Bunbury School and Bunbury Chip Shop.

Dorothy got married on Saturday 16 October 1948 at St Boniface church to Harry Stockton. She had 3 children, Ron, Robin and Anne. The family lived in Church Row for most of their years together after a spell at Wyche Lane. Dorothy stayed at Church Row till 2002 where she then moved to Darkie Meadow.

Family was very important to Dot and making room for an evacuee during the war was typical of her family. Dot spoke very highly of Ernest Sealey, who was moved here from Guernsey during the war. A measure of how well he was cared for by their family was shown when many years later Ernest returned to Bunbury, with his wife Brenda, to find Dots family and personally thank them for taking such good care of him.

Dot lived a quiet life in Bunbury, but was always really proud of her village. She was part of a dancing troop dressed in red white and blue for the Village Day's Jubilee celebrations, as were many other Bunbarians that year.

Dot was known as many names, Dorothy, Dot, Dotty, Little Dot Owen and Little Nanny, at less than 5ft tall this was perhaps not really surprising. Sport ran through her family but she preferred to watch, and was a keen follower of Manchester United, snooker and televised darts. She would also go every week to watch Anne play darts for the Dysart Arms ladies team and have her customary half a lager and lime. She was also a brilliant quizzer she never missed Bob and Trish's legendary quiz night at the Dysart Arms, she loved quizzes.

Dot was a brilliant cook and baker, Sunday lunch and her famous chocolate cake were her specialities.

Dot (Little Nanny's) appetite was certainly not little and she had an extremely sweet tooth. Dot spent her last few years in Church House Nursing Home in Nantwich where she had the nickname Jelly baby as she could finish a big bag in one day, followed by a bag of chocolate buttons.

For such a tiny person, Dot had such a huge effect on so many lives, she was ever present making a quiet but loving impression on all her family. She devoted her life to her family, always putting everyone else first before herself.

She will be sadly missed by all her family.

Reginald (Reg) Farrall: 9 October 1922 - 15 March 2018

Reg Farrall was never very good at being still. He would rather be outside, and would bring a bit of the outside indoors by sitting down wearing his wellies. He would be a fidget, ready to get on with things.

That was the way he'd been brought up: working on farms, busy at different tyre stores. His mark remains on the landscape as you go into Wales, where he cut squares out for the pylons.

He also left his mark on many people; the Village Hall was bursting at the seams for his surprise 80th birthday celebration. He is remembered as someone who could light up a room. He enjoyed darts, dominoes and outings, but also simple things, like doing the washing up. Shopping trips to Nantwich were cheerful occasions because he knew so many people. He enjoyed lots of hugs, kisses and cuddles, but enjoyed his own company, too.

He met Jean whilst working at Midwood's farm in Bunbury, and they were married at St Boniface church in 1956; 63 years ago. They made a handsome couple. They had two children, Philip and John, and he saw the generations grow with four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Family times were special; Reg loved Wales, and there were holidays with the children in Rhyl and Prestatyn, and later in Llandudno. He would reminisce about farms where he had worked.

He was a man who made the most of life and was never bored or fed up. It was only in the last eighteen months of his life that breathing problems began to make him less active.

After his funeral in April, Reg's ashes were buried in St Boniface Church at the end of May in a peaceful spot beneath the trees, after a busy life of 95 years.

David Timmis - a country man with a love of cars

Dave was born in Hough in 1944 and as the youngest of three children, by ten years, he was quite spoilt. He had a happy childhood playing in the countryside: a free spirit who didn't particularly like school.

Over the years Dave had hundreds of jobs: he could always talk his way into any job and he was charming and trustworthy. His main job over the years was as a driving instructor which gave him the freedom to get out and about and be his own boss. Dave loved cars, changing them every six months. He especially loved sports cars and recently had a brand new red Mazda MX5 even though he couldn't get in and out of it.

Dave met Pat, his partner, through a friend. In the early years they shared a hectic social life: lovely meals out, weekends away and New Years' Eves with friends, dancing all night.

Family life with three daughters was hectic and family holidays were a highlight of the year. Trips to Barmouth, the Lake District or Wales were great fun. The earlier Dave could leave the better. They would be off at the crack of dawn and often seeing the sun rising in Llangollen with the mist coming off the water.

Dave was a country man at heart. He loved nature and the countryside, enjoying its quiet and solitude. Even when driving he always preferred to use the country lanes.

Dave loved to be busy, he was a man with many hobbies: photography, computers, walking, gardening and snooker.

Over the last few years Dave's health deteriorated but he was always positive, determined and dignified. Dave will be sadly missed by Pat and the family but his zest for life and love will live on in their memories and hearts.

Brenda Kathleen Harvey - 6 December 1929 - 24 March 2018

Mrs Harvey (Brenda) was a farmer's wife from Ridley, who began her catering career by making cakes in her farm kitchen for parties, functions and the Mothers' Union, of whom she was a prominent member. The business grew very successfully when she and her husband, Alfred, bought the old school at Ridley, just up the road from the farm. They converted it into their home and catering establishment, catering for weddings and large functions, including Nantwich show. She was awarded Business Woman of the Year for Cheshire.

For about 20 years, they have supplied dinners for Meals on Wheels service, for Bunbury and district, three days a week. The meals are freshly cooked on the delivery days, for a very reasonable price indeed.

Mrs Harvey was a kind, accommodating and generous lady - nothing was too much

trouble for her. I am pleased to say that her daughter, Sue and family, who run the business now in their same friendly way, will continue to do so for many years. It is a vital service for people in need.

Thank you to Brenda, Sue and family.

Gwyneth Burrows



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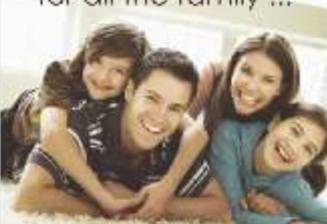
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