

# *Methwold Times*

Serving the villages of  
**Brookville, Methwold  
& Methwold Hythe**

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# Diary of Events


## November

12th Methwold United FC Xmas Bingo St George's Hall 6.30pm  
19th Busy Bees Xmas Bingo St George's Hall 6.30pm for 7.30pm

## December

2nd Primary School Xmas Bingo St George's Hall 6.30pm for 7.30pm  
3rd A Xmas Evening with David Thomas-St. George's Hall, Methwold.  
17th Special Christmas Bingo Social Club 7.30pm  
21st Carols round the Christmas Tree Village Hall 6pm

## January

<b>THE POST OFFICE</b>		
<b>Methwold Branch</b>		
St. George's Hall, High Street, Methwold IP26 4NT		
<b>Opening times</b>		
Mon:	08:30 - 16:30	
Tue: & Thur:	08:30 - 13:00	

This is your publication so why not let us know what you think.

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or can be left at

Gary Boyce Butchers

*from the Editor...*

It's nice to see so many Christmas adverts in this months MT - it reminds me that I and all my wonderful band of helpers, can have a month off. Please remember that if you have an event in January, you must let me know in time to advertise it in the next edition (that is-by 14th November).

You will, I hope, have had your new Methwold Parish Directory with this issue of the MT. If not, please let me know. Please keep it by your phone for the next for all those handy numbers.

Keep the letters coming in ( with your name & address included).

*the Editor*

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## **Thomas Batchcroft and other Charities Christmas Donations**

The trustees are pleased to offer a Christmas donation to all individual Methwold parishioners over 70 years (on Xmas day) and who are currently living in the Parish of Methwold and have done so for the past ten years.

To receive this donation you must apply in writing before the **28th November 2011**. Please provide your name, address the date at which you became a resident in the Parish and your date of birth. If you have not applied before please supply a contact whom confirmation may be sought.

**Contact : Roy North. Clerk to the Trustees.  
40 Old Feltwell Rd. Methwold. IP26 4PW**

# 101

**Is now the number to call when you want to contact your local police-  
when its less urgent than 999**

**It replaces the 0845 number ( currently still in use)  
Remember , in an emergency always call 999.**

Claire Law  
Police Community Support Officer 8329  
Norfolk Constabulary  
Downham Police Station  
63 London Road

## **Absolutely brilliant result!**

This is a huge thank you to everyone involved in making our Macmillan Coffee Morning at The Green Man , Methwold Hythe such a huge success with a grand total of £1500 towards the sterling work undertaken by this charity. After a fun Wii Bowling competition on Friday evening, the stage was set for a busy Saturday with a variety of stalls, a huge raffle with 125 prizes and a wonderful sense of community spirit and generosity. It was really pleasing that visitors came from all around the county throughout the day.

We had been challenged to raise £1000 in this centennial year for Macmillan, but making the extra £500 was mainly down to the enthusiasm and dedication of Lesley and Gary who kept their pub alive and buzzing.

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### **Methwold Parish Council**

Methwold Parish Council has received complaints of greenery from gardens overhanging pathways in the parish. Please could all householders help by arranging for any overhanging shrubbery to be trimmed back.

#### **Hockwold and Methwold Community School**

Stoke Road, Methwold, Thetford, Norfolk, IP26 4PE

Tel: 01366 728333 Fax: 01366 728905

Email: [office@methwoldhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@methwoldhigh.norfolk.sch.uk)

Headteacher : Mrs D Walker

Mixed 4 -18 all through school serving a rural catchment area

#### **Midday Supervisory Assistant**

**GR 0394 – Scale P.6**

**1¼ Hours per Day - £6.47 per hour – term time only**

Required for immediate start a proactive, enthusiastic, and friendly Mid-day Supervisory Assistant.

The successful candidate will supervise pupils under the direct of the Site Manager. Ensuring the safety and well being of pupils and the adherence with school procedures while in play areas, the dinning room and classrooms.

Please write, fax, phone or email Miss T Jackson, Staff Manager ([tja@mhscloud.net](mailto:tja@mhscloud.net)), for details and an application form or download from our website [www.methwoldhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](http://www.methwoldhigh.norfolk.sch.uk)

## Methwold Bell ringers win the Double

The annual bell ringing competitions were staged this year at Wiggshall St. Mary Magdalen Church on Saturday 24 Sept.

Two competitions are open to all bell ringing teams in the Wisbech District:

- The Novice Competition is open to all ringers from beginners to quarter peal ringers. A set ringing pattern has to be completed by all teams.
- The Methods Competition is open to all experienced ringers up to full peal standard. The team can select their own ringing pattern within a set number of changes.

Independent judges listen to the standard of ringing outside the Church and mark each team on the number of technical faults.

A team of Methwold ringers entered the Novice Competition, comprising:

|            |                         |
|------------|-------------------------|
| No. 1 Bell | Alan Burbridge (Caller) |
| No. 2      | Gill Giles              |
| No. 3      | Peter Crawley           |
| No. 4      | Les Howard              |
| No. 5      | Diane Matthew           |
| No. 6      | Matthew Mantle          |

The team had the lowest number of faults thereby winning the Novice Trophy.

A team also entered the Methods Competition, comprising:

|            |                         |
|------------|-------------------------|
| No. 1 Bell | Alan Burbridge (Caller) |
| No. 2      | Sue Annear              |
| No. 3      | Pat Coley               |
| No. 4      | Les Howard              |
| No. 5      | Diane Matthew           |
| No. 6      | Matthew Mantle          |

The team rang a Plain Hunt pattern and were successful in winning the prestigious Methods Trophy.

It was a phenomenal success winning both trophies for the second year running especially as these were newly created teams.

My personal thanks go to all the ringers for their patience, dedication and commitment on practice nights and in the competitions, each of them are worthy winners.

Thanks also go to family and friends who came along on the night to lend their support.

*Alan Burbridge*

**MINUTES OF METHWOLD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT ST. GEORGE'S HALL  
THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2011**

**Present:** Mr R Hood – Chairman, Mr P Ashman, Mrs B Bluck, Mr J Marriage, Mr D Masters, Mr D Wortley, Mr C Stone, Ms S Stones, Mrs M Wortley, Mr C Neville, Mrs B Horton

Mr M Peake – Borough Councillor  
Mr M Storey – Borough Councillor  
7 members of the public

**OPEN FORUM**

- Mrs J Oliver has been researching the possibility of establishing a community composting scheme. This has been mentioned to the Open Spaces Working Party. The Parish Council has also been contacted by Rachel Stewart, Norfolk County Council Waste Reduction Officer, who is offering to visit parish councils to discuss waste reduction and recycling options. A date will be set for Rachel to visit the parish.
- It was noted that meetings of the Hall and General Purposes Working Party are to be held on the third Monday of each month and the Open Spaces Working Party will be held every fourth Thursday of the month. The public are invited to attend these meetings and notes from the meetings are available at the monthly Parish Council meeting and to anyone who requests a copy.
- Bushes are still hanging over the footpath at 28 Hythe Road, Methwold. A letter has been sent to the occupiers asking that the bushes be cut back.
- It was noted that there have been numerous complaints regarding new residents of New Road, Methwold Hythe. The Police and Freebridge Housing Association are aware of issues.

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

Mr J Henry, Mrs M Truss

**2. No Declarations of Interest made.**

**3. The Minutes of the meeting held on 11/08/11 were agreed as a true record of the meeting with the following amendment:**

The wording of item 4, paragraph 2, first sentence was altered to read ‘it was proposed and agreed by a majority.....’.

#### **4. Matters arising from past minutes:**

- It was noted that the area by 1 Globe Street is included on the Parish Council's grass cutting contract and that it has now been mowed.

#### **5. Reports:**

##### **5.1 Chairman's Report:**

- Councillors were presented with minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held on 31/08/11, income and expenditure sheets and a copy of the 2011 budget. A general discussion had taken place at the finance meeting regarding the 2012 budget and the allocation of reserve money. It was suggested the working parties should consider what expenditure might be incurred by projects in the next financial year. The Full Council will decide on the precept request at a future meeting when it has been further considered what is to be undertaken by the Parish Council in 2012. A decision regarding the 2012 precept request will need to be made at the December meeting of the Parish Council.
- Planning application 11/01302/F, single storey side/rear extension at 7 Ventura Close, was considered at the Finance Committee meeting as a response was requested before 30 August 2011. It was agreed that the Parish Council would support the application.
- A memorial to Mr and Mrs Depledge which was positioned in the pathway between graves at Methwold Cemetery has been removed by the Parish Council. The family has been advised of this and a letter has been received from Mr. M Depledge in response. The Chairman, Mrs M Wortley and the Clerk will draft a reply to answer points raised in the letter.
- Mr J Marriage was thanked for installing a new water pipe at Methwold Cemetery. As the work was completed under the estimated budget Mr. Marriage suggested hooks should be provided at each tap to hang water containers. This matter will be an agenda item for the October Parish Council meeting.

##### **5.2 Clerk's Report:**

- It was noted that four girls had been seen on the roof of the Fenton Room before the Parish Council meeting. Consideration will be given to how this problem can be addressed.
- Highway Engineer, Andy Wallace, met the Clerk and Mr Ashman to consider the erection of signs by the Green Man warning of children playing. Two signs will be put up each side of the Green Man. Mr Wallace also looked at overgrown hedges along Thornham Road and Highways will approach owners regarding trimming of the hedges.
- The Clerk is to attend the Society of Local Council Clerks Regional Confer-

Conference to be held at Dunston Hall, Norwich on September 14th 2011.

- The Annual Play Equipment inspection has taken place and the overall comment was that the risk assessment of the equipment was recorded as very low risk.

### **5.3 Reports from Working Party meetings:**

- a) Recommendations made by the Open Spaces Working Party regarding facilities at Methwold Recreation Ground

Councillors had previously been presented with copies of the notes from the Working Party meeting held on 25th August 2011 and of the initial report regarding changing facilities at the Recreation Ground.

Councillors are to consult with parents and students at the village schools to gauge the demand for further play equipment to be provided at the Rec. Play equipment suppliers will be approached for quotes for new equipment and advice regarding sourcing grant funding. It is planned to invite three companies to a meeting of the Open Spaces Working Party so it can be seen what equipment they have to offer.

Parents in Methwold Hythe have requested a play area for the Hythe. However, a play area cannot be provided in Methwold Hythe on the land originally considered for this purpose as the land is presently part of an agricultural set aside scheme. A further possible location is being researched.

Discussion has also taken place regarding provision of changing facilities at the Rec. and it was decided to accept the following recommendations made by the Open Spaces Working Party

1. That the Group should ask for a Pre-Planning Consultation from the Borough Council and if the results of this are satisfactory then-
2. Draw up detailed plans and submit a formal planning application for a steel-framed building on the existing site (or one slightly larger if footings have to be put around the existing slab). If this is passed then –
3. Apply for the first phase of Building Regulations – which will indicate exactly what work will be needed so accurate estimates can be obtained.
4. At this stage a more precise estimation of cost for the project can be provided and public consultation can be undertaken
5. Following public consultation the Council can decide if the project should be continued

It was agreed by nine votes in favour (1 abstention) to accept these recommendations to undertake a feasibility study at a cost of £1400.

- b) Purchase of seats

It was agreed by all that three wooden seats will be purchased to be located in the parish; one at Brookville, one outside the Post Office and one at the



Recreation Ground. The total cost to be £1250 (seats £350 each plus fixing in place and the cost of preparing the ground at Brookville).

Other items discussed by the Working Party included the possible provision of a footpath display board and matters relating to the Churchyard.

The Church will be asked to confirm that maintenance of the memorial garden in the Churchyard is the responsibility of the Parish Council.

A request will be published in Methwold Times for householders to trim back greenery that is overhanging the footpath.

Draft questionnaire regarding refurbishment of the Fenton Room kitchen  
Councillors were presented with a suggested questionnaire relating to possible re-furbishment work at St. George's Hall. Following suggested amendments being accepted the questionnaire will be distributed through the Methwold Times.

The General Purposes Working Party is researching the cost of gravel for the Cemetery and re-lining of St. George's Hall car park. Re-lining of the car park will be an agenda item for the October Parish Council meeting.

Arrangements have been made for volunteers to sweep the Village Hall car park. Thanks were expressed to Councillors who have lowered the kitchen hatch at the Fenton Room.

5.4 The post box in Crown Street has still not been re-located to outside the Post Office as requested. Royal Mail will be contacted again.

## **6. Accounts for August were approved for payment.**

### **Expenditure**

| <u>Payee</u>                 | <u>Net</u> | <u>VAT</u> | <u>Gross</u> |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| E.on Energy                  | 71.98      | 3.60       | 75.58        |
| Staff remuneration           |            |            | 789.10       |
| MHB- Lighting maintenance    | 100.24     | 20.05      | 120.29       |
| Phil Ashman                  |            |            | 25.09        |
| CGM                          | 119.73     | 23.95      | 143.68       |
| Initial Washrooms            | 30.00      | 6.00       | 36.00        |
| Norfolk Training Partnership |            |            | 150.00       |
| SLCC - Cem. CD               |            |            | 29.00        |
| J Marriage                   | 446.09     | 93.19      | 539.28       |

### **Income**

## Income

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Post Office         | £51.00  |
| Doctors             | £60.00  |
| Other Hall lettings | £510.00 |
| Northwold PC        | £25.00  |

### 6.1 Wayleave for Village sub-station

It was decided not to engage a land agent to research the possibility of receiving additional back rent for the location of the sub-station adjacent to the Churchyard as advice has been received that the Parish Council would not receive any back payment.

UK Power Networks Wayleave Surveyor, Paul Hurst, will be asked to visit the site to meet with Councillors regarding the future lease of the area for the sub-station. He will be asked to provide a copy of a standard lease for a sub-station. It is possible the size of the area rented may be larger than stated by Power Networks and enquiries will be made as to whether the access area is included in the wayleave agreement.

### 6.2 Purchase of dog waste bins for Methwold Hythe

It was agreed to purchase two dog waste bins and posts at a cost of £124.85 each. Mr. P Ashman offered to install the bins at the previously agreed locations in Methwold Hythe.

### 6.3 Mapping software

Following a presentation given to the Parish Council at the training evening held on July 26th consideration was given to purchasing mapping software for the parish. However, as only two councillors felt they would make use of the software it was decided not to consider purchase at this time.

## **7. Planning:**

### **Applications:**

Ref. No: 11/01398/F

Details: Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 10/01155/F at the Workshop, Brandon Road, Methwold

**Permission recommended**

A planning application has been submitted by British Sugar for the construction and operation of a Bioenergy Facility comprising Feedstock Storage and Handling, Anaerobic Digestion with lagoon, Digestate Handling, Wastewater Treatment, Biogas Cleansing and operational plant and pipework. Associated enabling works including creation of a Borrow Pit for clay extraction and its subsequent

subsequent restoration to agricultural use, landscaping and temporary contractor compound at Wissington Sugar Factory, College Road, Stoke Ferry.

### **Notice of Decisions**

Ref. No. 11/01105/LB

Details: Listed building consent: Removal of single storey link and formation of opening and extension at Lancaster Park, 33 Stoke Road, Methwold IP26 4PE

**Permission granted**

Ref. No. 11/01102/F

Details: Proposed extension at Lancaster Park, 33 Stoke Road, Methwold IP26 4PE

**Permission granted**

Tree Preservation Order 2/TPO/0049 (Whispers, 11 Main Road, Brookville)  
**Confirmed.**

### **6. Rules for Methwold Cemetery**

The Parish Council is considering adopting rules for the Cemetery based on those published by the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk. The Chairman Mrs. Wortley and the Clerk will consider the rules and recommendations will be made to the Full Council.

### **7. Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

The Parish Council reviewed Standing Orders in February 2009 but Model Standing Orders have been revised by the National Association of Local Councils and the Parish Council has not yet adopted the 2011 Model. The 2011 Model Standing Orders will be looked at in conjunction with Financial Regulations and any changes will be agreed at a future Parish Council meeting.

### **10. Correspondence:**

In Folder to be passed to Councillors

1. Local Development Framework Core Strategy.
  2. WNVCA In Touch
  3. Norfolk Link etc.
  4. Funding for Olympic Initiatives
  5. RHS Britain in Bloom
  6. CPRE – 'From the Local Plan to Localism?' -19/10/11  
West Norfolk PDC 6.30pm.

**11. Further reports/items for the next agenda:**

- 11.1 Mr P Ashman is to meet parents of children in Methwold Hythe regarding the possible provision of a play area in the Hythe. Land has been suggested which could be used as a play area but, as noted in item 5, it appears unlikely at present that the Parish Council would be offered a lease on the land.
- 11.2 The Scouts are attempting to raise money to renovate the Scout Hut at Brookville. It was asked if the Parish Council would make a donation to the renovation. Grant policy will be considered at the October meeting of the Parish Council.
- 11.3 It was noted that the Recreation Ground car park would benefit from resurfacing and white lining. Tree roots are causing damage to the tarmac and this would need to be addressed if resurfacing were to be undertaken.
- 11.4 The Post Office security gate needs maintenance.
- 11.5 It was agreed Mr Colin Marsland should be thanked for providing the Methwold web page for so many years.
- 11.6 Consideration will be given to planting a tree to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. This will be an agenda item for the October Parish Council meeting and Councillors were asked to suggest possible locations for a tree. It was noted that the times of the Doctors surgery are not displayed at St.
- 11.7 George's Hall. Dates and times will be obtained and posted on the Fenton Room door.  
The cooker in the Fenton Room has not been cleaned recently by the hirers.
- 11.8 Hirers will be reminded that it is their responsibility to clean the kitchen after use.  
It was reported that the road surface at the end of Ventura Close is breaking up.
- 11.9 White lines have recently been repainted at the end of Ventura Close by Highways.  
Youngsters have reported that the zip wire at the Rec. needs tightening.
- 11.10 P Ashman offered to investigate this.

*A resolution was passed to exclude the public*

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	<p><b><i>Busy Bees Christmas Bingo</i></b></p> <p><b><i>St George's Hall</i></b></p> <p><b><i>19th November</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Doors open 6.30pm Eyes Down 7pm</i></b></p>
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## **Thomas Batchcroft Trust and other Charities.**

The Trust's primary objective is to provide assistance to Methwold's parishioners.

- Do you know someone who has been temporarily hospitalised? There may be serious strains on already stretched finances - reduced wages, fuel expense and hospital parking charges: a small grant might help.
- An accident, sickness, or just getting older may necessitate the use of equipment to help someone manage at home... in this case a grant and/or loan may help to provide the necessary equipment.

**Assistance needed?:** In order to make a difference, the Trustees need to know! If someone in your family, a friend, or a neighbour may be eligible for assistance, please encourage them to apply: all applications will be considered by the Trustees.

**Allotments:** The allotment area off the Brandon Road adjacent to Cock Corner is the private property of the Trust, for the use of Trustees and allotment tenants only. There are no public footpaths or public right of way, and the use of the area to exercise dogs is strictly forbidden. Also note that shooting rights have been approved over the whole area of the allotments. The Trustees disclaim responsibility for any accident or injury to unauthorized persons.

**Applications** are invited from residents who would like to manage an allotment. Terms & Conditions are available on request.

St George's Church is the lead organisation selected by Thomas Batchcroft and Others to administer his legacy providing three Ex-Officio Trustees. Parish Council Trustees and Co-optative Trustees meet regularly to administer the Trust's affairs.

Enquiries regarding matters related to the Trust may be directed to any Trustee or through the Clerk to the Trustees:-

**Mr Roy North, 40 Old Feltwell Rd. Methwold, Norfolk IP26 4PW**  
**e.mail - roysten-icd@tiscali.co.uk Tel: 01366 727797 Mobile 07768 056285**

**Dear Methwold Times,**

### **Methwold Ladies Group**

Following the printing of vouchers in last months MT, three people took advantage of them and came along to listen to Keith Alderton' talk on the local inland waterways. We also welcomed another three new members. Next month is a real special for us. Graham Donichie, former head gardener at Oxborough Hall, is going to show us how to make Christmas Wreaths. This is on Wednesday 9th November, 7.30pm at the Fenton Rooms. We are also making our plans for 'Carols Around The Christmas Tree' as the Methwold Community Action Group have, again, asked us to choreograph the refreshments after.

As usual, all are welcome.

## WHAT DOES THE DOCTOR THINK THIS MONTH?

**Where do I come from:** Recently, I prepared a lecture about my Great, Great Uncle, Sir James Young Simpson, an eminent obstetrician in Edinburgh in the mid 1800's who pioneered the use of chloroform in labour. At that time, the prevailing view was that women should suffer during childbirth – “pain is therapeutic – how can a woman love a child for whom she has not suffered?” – etc. Sir James thought this attitude appalling and his search for pain-free labour made him many enemies in the medical establishment. It also gained him Queen Victoria's patronage and a thriving obstetric practice, treating those pregnant ladies who did not subscribe to the above opinion!

I then dug out my family motto, coat of arms and the origins of the name Nisbet and all went well for a time. The Nisbets hail from the lowlands of Scotland and parts of Berwickshire. We can trace the line back to 1073 and, in the 12th century, the Nisbets built two castles, since gone. Nisbet House, built in the 1630s, still stands (in private ownership) at Duns in Berwickshire, quite near the village of Nisbet. The motto, “I Byd It” counsels patience and fortitude in times of stress, anxiety and neglect, and the bearing without complaint of such burdens as may fall upon those entitled to use the motto. The coat of arms features 3 boars' heads, (the boar is a symbol of bravery and perseverance) Sable(constancy) and Argent (peace and sincerity).

So far, so good. I can identify with the above – Castle owners, patience and fortitude in times of stress, anxiety and neglect, bearing burdens without complaint, bravery, perseverance, constancy, peace and sincerity – that's me all over! Happily, Head Office tends not to read these articles as, Heaven forbid, she may disagree with my assessment; I shall try to get this article to the publishers before she has a chance to interject.

It all went a bit pear-shaped when I came to the origin of the name Nisbet. It would appear that the name comes from the Old Norse “ness”, meaning “nose” and “bit”, meaning “mouthful”. Try as I can, I cannot make anything remotely pleasant or self aggrandising out of that. OK, we do tend to have big noses and, very occasionally, someone might receive a mouthful if they really upset me. So far as I know, my ancestors were not in the habit of biting off mouthfuls of their enemies' noses and we certainly never talk with our mouths full! I suspect that the motto, suggesting endurance in the face of people taking the mick, may have been born out of frustration at being called “big-nosed mouthy types” by the early Nisbets' acquaintances and enemies. I would be most grateful if none of you could mention this name business to Management as she has, of course, become a Nisbet by marriage.

**TIME FOR HUMOUR:** A class of eight year olds was asked to define “A Grandparent”

*Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own but like other people's.*

*Grandparents don't have to do anything but be there when we come to see them. They wear glasses and funny underwear. They can take their teeth and gums out. Grandpa is the smartest man on earth. He teaches me good things but I don't see him often enough to become as clever as he is. When they bend over, you hear a gas leak and they blame the dog.*

*My favourite: Where does your Grandma live? Grandma lives at the airport. When we need her, we go and get her. Then, when we don't need her any more, we take her back to the airport.*

An elderly friend of mine has been banned from Tesco's for life. He had bought a huge bag of Winalot for his dog. At the checkout, the lady behind him in the queue asked him if he had a dog! He was tired – “No, Madam, I have decided to go back on the Winalot diet. Winalot is nutritionally complete – I load my pockets with nuggets and chew one when I feel hunger”. I shouldn't really go back on this diet because, last time, after I had lost 2 stones in weight, I ended up in intensive care with tubes in every orifice. The lady and the rest of the queue were fascinated by this. She had to ask “Did you end up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned you? Did it make you dehydrated?” The reply came back “No, madam, I stepped off the kerb to smell the bottom of a rather good-looking Irish Setter and a car hit me” The manager laughed his head off, then banned my friend for life!

I saw Leslie Nielsen on TV recently and I have to pass on the following idea – it works brilliantly. You are out with a friend; choose a place where your conversation will be overheard by several people, all of whom will pretend not to be listening. Carry out the following conversation:

How's your brother *Oh, not well* Oh Dear, what's happening – is he in bed?  
*Yes, he just sort of lies there, looking really pale* Does he eat? *No* Does he drink? *No* Does he say anything? *No* Have you called the doctor in? *Oh, Yes*  
What did he say? *Well, the doctor says he's dead, but....*

Stop at this point and look around at all those who were “not listening”.

I often hear a programme trailed on Radio 4. It is called “Crossing Continents” but I always hear “Cross incontinents” and visualise irate elderly persons sitting in their puddles. As a GP, I have spent a lot of time helping gynae patients to obtain cycle control. I usually visualise those with poor cycle control falling off their bikes; once the association is made, thinking of it is inevitable. Must be my Norse genes!

Best wishes to you all – Ian Nisbet





# ARCHERY CLUB



**Signs are promising for the Start-up of our new Archery Club.**

The first 'Get Back Into' sessions are well over-subscribed. If you are interested in joining the club please contact Mark as soon as possible on :

01366 727239 or 07886 676 364



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<b>Rector:</b>	<b>Revd Joan Horan</b>	<b>01842-828034</b>
<b>Curate:</b>	<b>Revd Ken Waters</b>	<b>01366-727220</b>
<b>Churchwardens:</b>	<b>Nick Guyer</b>	<b>01366-727293</b>
	<b>Dr Ian Nisbet</b>	<b>01842-828956</b>
<b>Church Elders:</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Madge Watts</b>	<b>01366-728211</b>
<b>PCC Secretary:</b>	<b>Deannie Nisbet</b>	<b>01842-828956</b>

## NOVEMBER 2011

**6th November - All Saints** 10.00am

Benefice Holy Communion at St Mary's, Weeting - Revd Joan Horan

3.30pm - Benefice All Souls service at St Mary's, Feltwell - Revd Joan Horan

**November 13th - Remembrance Sunday** 10.00am

Remembrance Service - Revd Ken Waters

Sidesman: S Freeman Reader: N Guyer Prayers: I Nisbet

Flowers: D Guyer Cleaning: TBA

**November 20th - Sunday next before Advent** 9.15am

Joint service with the Methodists - Revd Ken Waters

Sidesman: M Browne Reader: J Griffen Prayers: J Griffen

Flowers: J Griffen Cleaning: J Griffen & S Freeman

**November 27th - Advent** 9.15am

Holy Communion - Revd Joan Horan

Sidesman: TBA Reader: TBA Prayers: D Mantle

Flowers: B Neville Cleaning: D Nisbet & D Guyer

Methwold and St George's Church in particular have lost one of the great unsung heroes with the passing of Colin Marsland. Colin was a wonderful man who worked away quietly in the background doing so many things in the church and around the village. We will only start to discover what he done for us as time goes by, and things we took for granted no longer happen or get done.

Heaven will certainly run smoother now Colin has joined their ranks. He will certainly be one of the people God greets with those wonderful words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." Our thoughts and prayers are with Colin's family at this time.

### **LIGHT UP THE CHURCH**

THANK YOU ALL, our new lights are in and working and we'd like to start up the sponsorship for a night once again. So would you like to sponsor a night during December for yourself or a loved one? The cost would be £2 a night. We would put a list up in the notice board to show who it was in memory of. Please contact Ken Waters on 01366-727220.

### **CHRISTMAS TREES**

We will be decorating the Church with Christmas Trees again this year from 17th December and letters have been sent out to our usual contributors, however, if you feel that you would like to put in a decorated tree then please contact Wendy Waters on 01366-727220 by mid November.

### **ORGANIST STILL NEEDED**

St George's is in need of an organist for Sunday services and other occasional services. Anyone wishing to fill this appointment should contact Ken Waters, 01366-727220.

**THANK GOD IT'S THURSDAY** (Because we couldn't book the hall on Friday's) **CHILDREN'S MESSY CHURCH.** The next event is on 24th November – After school till 5.00pm – Advent to Christmas theme. It takes place in Weeting Village hall. It's FREE entry. There are crafts, games, food, story and fun. We have every age from 8 months to 10, 11, 12 and 13 years old. Coffee, biscuits and sweets (if there any left) for the adults too.

### **FOUNDATION GOVERNORS**

Help! We need two foundation governors for the Primary School governing body to represent the church. Do you feel you could give this some of your time? If you would like some information then please contact Ken Waters on 01366-727220.

### **ANOTHER THANK YOU**

Could I just say a belated thanks to everyone who donated raffle prizes for the St George's Arts & Craft Fair. Thank you for your generosity we raised a total of £1,005 for the church funds.

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#### **Methwold Investment Club**

Have you ever wanted to have a go at wheeling and dealing on the stock market? This club could be for you. If you want more information please contact the club secretary, Julie Clement on 728926

## Bell ringers Quiz Night

A General Knowledge quiz was held on Saturday 8th October in the Fenton Room.

The quiz was run by Mick & Gill Giles and suitably taxed everyone's memory but maintained its fun and enjoyable element.

Five teams pitted their wits against each other with a team of Methwold neighbours finally securing victory.

**A profit of £ 73-50 was raised on the night.**

Thanks go to Mick and Gill for all their hard work, the generosity of all who donated raffle prizes, everyone who helped on the night but especially to the quizzers who came along and made it such an enjoyable nights entertainment.

Alan Burbridge  
Tower Captain

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### Fundraising Christmas Bingo Night

For

Methwold Day Centre

St George's Hall, Methwold

Saturday 26th November 2011

Doors Open At 6.30pm, Eyes Down At 7.30pm.

Good Prizes, Raffles,

All Welcome.



### 1st Methwold Scout Group

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**BEAVERS** Age 6 - 8 Tuesdays at 6.30pm

**CUBS** Age 8-10½ Wednesdays at 6.30pm

**SCOUTS** Age 10½ - 14½ Thursdays at 7pm

**Contact:** Jean Dennett 01366 728209 or 07798 860293



## RSPB Lakenheath Fen

### Craning your neck

Here at Lakenheath Fen, the team have spent a lot of time over the last four years talking about the trials and tribulations of the two pairs of cranes that arrived here in 2007. You may wonder though, what is the future of these regal birds in the Fens?

Well, the future is looking very bright indeed if I may say so myself! As I have previously reported, three young cranes have fledged on the reserve in the last three years. Additionally, you may not know that two cranes have been fledged in the last two years at a site on the western edge of the Fens.

This has led us to a glorious time when as I write in late September, there are a total of 14 cranes in the Fens. This motley crew consists of adults, juveniles from previous years and a few associated hangers on. They seem to be quite happy in the area. Let's hope they stick around!

Back here at Lakenheath Fen, it is hoped that one day, another pair of cranes will move in. There is certainly room for them, but whether our residents will tolerate them is another matter, as they are very territorial! In the immediate future though, the first priority is to make sure we have the best possible habitat for the birds that are already here.

I am very pleased to announce that we have recently been given a massive helping hand towards achieving this goal. We have received an extremely generous £5,000 grant by the BBC Wildlife Fund to "help to re-establish the crane in the East Anglian Fens."

This money will be used to recreate nine hectares of damp meadowland habitat on the Norfolk side of the river Little Ouse. This will provide ideal feeding habitat for our birds that is close to their nesting areas. The fundamental aim is to maintain and increase the current population of resident cranes, from two pairs and three young to a minimum of three pairs and further young by the 2013 breeding season. Sounds good to me!

If you would like to learn more about these fantastic birds and their history in Britain, you may be interested in the talk "Cranes in Britain" on Sunday November 6 11am-12pm. We hope to see you there!

David White  
Information Officer  
RSPB Lakenheath Fen



## RSPB Lakenheath Fen

### November events

**Sunday November 6**                      **Talk: Cranes in Britain**                      **11am-12pm**

Come and join us for a talk about the majestic common crane and its status in Britain. We will learn about cranes through the centuries and about their recent population increase. Adults £4/ Children £2 (RSPB members half price)

**Saturday November 12**                      **Attracting a mate**                      **10.30am-1pm**

Join the Lakenheath Fen kingfishers in an attempt to make the most attractive creature that this world has ever seen. We will use balloons, magazines and colouring pens to make some animals into incredibly colourful beasts. There will be a prize for the best. Children £3 (Wildlife Explorer members half price). Accompanying adults free.

**Sunday November 13**                      **Nice November**                      **10.15am-1pm**

Although the weather in November can be trying at times, there is still plenty of wildlife to see. Join us for a walk to look for bitterns, bearded tits and hopefully cranes. Adults £4/ Children £2 (RSPB members half price)

**Sunday November 20**                      **Barn owl walk**                      **2.30pm-4.45pm**

Two pairs of barn owls nest at Lakenheath Fen. Join us for an afternoon walk to see these beautiful birds hunting over the reserve. Adults £4/ Children £2 (RSPB members half price)

**Sunday November 27**                      **Glorious gulls**                      **7.30am-10am**

Gulls aren't everyone's cup of tea. However if you do appreciate them, they can be fascinating. Join a local enthusiast to see the variety of gulls that use the wash-land pool on the reserve to bathe and roost. Adults £6/ Children £3 (RSPB members half price)

**Booking is essential for all events unless stated otherwise.**

For all enquiries and bookings, please contact: 01842 863400 or email: [Lakenheath@rspb.org.uk](mailto:Lakenheath@rspb.org.uk)

RSPB Lakenheath Fen nature reserve, Station Road, Lakenheath, Brandon, IP27 9AD.

#### **Costs**

Unless otherwise stated, events are £4 for adults, £2 for children for (RSPB and Wildlife Explorers members half-price.)

**Other Information:** Most events have outdoor components so please dress ap-

## Edmund de Moundeford Primary School Feltwell

The PTA is holding a fundraising **CAKE SALE** on **FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER** from 3.15 pm until 4.30 pm in the school canteen. Tea and coffee will also be served. Why not come along for a late afternoon tea? Children, parents, family and friends all welcome.

**Make a note for your diary**

**PTA Christmas Bazaar** will be held on **FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER** from 6pm – 8pm.

If you know of anyone who would like a stall please contact the school office on 01842 828334 or Claire Scarff on 01842 827555 or [clairescarff@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:clairescarff@tiscali.co.uk). We look forward to seeing you there.



### NORTHWOLD SPIRITUALIST GROUP SERVICE CALENDAR 2011 Northwold Village Hall

#### FRIDAY EVENINGS at 7.30pm

|        |                                |
|--------|--------------------------------|
| 4 Nov  | Victoria Neal (Psychic Artist) |
| 18 Nov | Shirley Cimelli                |
| 2 Dec  | Ashley George                  |
| 16 Dec | June Hughes                    |
| 6 Jan  | Richard Bartholomew            |
| 20 Jan | Mark Smith                     |
| 10 Feb | Christine Southerton           |
| 24 Feb | June Hughes                    |
| 9 Mar  | Victoria Neal                  |

#### ADDITIONAL EVENTS at 7pm

##### PSYCHIC SUPPER

May 26<sup>th</sup>

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Reade Marcus Day,  
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## **Hospital Happenings November 2011**

### **Monthly Ramblings about West Suffolk Hospital**

#### **New Equipment:**

The West Suffolk Hospital Breast Imaging department is about to move into the digital age!

Building work to install a new digital mammography room and to replace the two existing rooms with digital equipment commenced on the 3rd October.

This work will take approximately four months and we hope to have all three rooms and a new mobile Breast Screening unit fully installed by the beginning of February.

We anticipate minimal disruption to the service while this work is taking place, and every effort will be made to minimise noise and disturbance while the contractors are site.

This is a very exciting time for the Breast Imaging service and we would like to thank everyone for their support during the work.

#### **Pay and Pensions:**

Whilst not only a West Suffolk issue, but a national one, the issue of pay and pensions is a hot topic in the staff rooms. The so called gold plated pension is for NHS staff something which we have paid into for many years. Indeed, nearly a quarter of my pay is going to my pension.

This autumn there will be items in the news and a ballot for industrial action in the NHS. For the first time since its inception in 2005 the managers are also being asked to take part in a ballot too. I'll keep an eye on progress and report back if the situation develops further. Suffice it to say that nobody in the NHS wants to see industrial action affecting patient care so we hope the matter can be resolved.

#### **Case of the Month:**

Got a pacemaker? If you have you'll know that they are pretty sophisticated these days. Some are even able to deliver a shock if the heart should stop. This month's case involves an elderly patient from another hospital who had a very clever pacemaker fitted a while back. He came to us last month for a heart scan with a story of a mal-functioning pacemaker. This seemed pretty unlikely so I looked into it.

It seems that some people have a heart that misses a couple of beats and a normal

beat. However, studies have shown that hearts do better if they are allowed to skip a beat or two and so the new pacemakers ignore up to two missing beats. Our patient this month noticed that he was missing a couple of beats and presented himself to an A&E dept on a busy Saturday night. Accident department staff are not pacemaker experts and amidst the usual chaos of a gathering of very merry patients they immediately decided that a specialist heart centre would be the best place for him. On arrival it was determined that the pacemaker was functioning perfectly normally. They assessed the patient's condition(s) and with a big sigh, reset his pacemaker to avoid the future distress of missed beats.

Tony Bennett

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## METHWOLD UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB CHRISTMAS BINGO

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## **A SNAPSHOT OF METHWOLD SCHOOL IN THE WAR YEARS 1940 - 45**

**(This follows on from the account of 1939 a few issues ago! The content is taken from the school log books of the time) - continued from October Issue**

**The Curriculum** – Very little is recorded about the curriculum beyond the usual round of events. All the subjects taught in 1939 were still in evidence although there is a mention of French books in 1942. Inspectors, both local and HMI, called regularly and the Diocesan Inspector made special efforts to talk to the children and give advice on Scripture. Cookery & woodwork were still carried out at the Primitive Methodist Chapel where time had to be shared with other local schools. Needlework, drawing and some geography still featured and the school was pleased to receive a gift, from Mr Morris of Dyke House, of rain gauges, thermometers and other weather-measuring equipment. New games such as shinty were introduced by the PE Organiser and by 1945 cricket, rounders, shinty and football all appear to have been played regularly.

Scholarship exams were taken every March / April throughout the period with successful candidates going on to Downham Market. Only two or three a year appear to have been given this opportunity. It is perhaps surprising that the Education Act of 1944 is not commented on at all in the log book but there is a brief mention in 1945 of an examination being conducted in connection King's Lynn Grammar School.

### **Health -**

\* Regular inspections of children's development were carried out by the school nurse and also by doctors. Teeth (In 1940 treatment involved 68 children who were subject to 142 extractions and 71 fillings!!!), general health, eye, headlice & throat inspections were carried out regularly.

Poor living conditions in one home in particular were noted by the Headmaster and followed up by the nurse, as many health issues were.

Illnesses regularly included: German Measles, impetigo, ringworm, measles, coughs & colds, influenza, bronchitis, bronchial catarrh (staff member), phlebitis (staff member), tonsillitis and scabies.

Needy children were given free hot meals

Children were given milk – but the supply from a local farm was erratic and delivered too late. The Headmaster protested that 150 bottles were needed before 9.30pm ! By the end of 1941 about 190 pupils were receiving free milk.

### **War Issues :**

- Respirators continued to be checked regularly and new face pieces given out if necessary. Drills were regular too.

– May “Owing to the intense activities of the war in Holland and Belgium instructions were received on the wireless for all schools to open on Tuesday (a day later than planned)

- A four week course of “War Time Cookery” was held for parents.
- School precautions in the event of an air-raid were again inspected and it was suggested that the cloakrooms be used as shelters. Accordingly strips of paper were put across the windows and wire netting over some so that they would be more shatter-proof. On an exercise pupils were found to be in position within a minute!
- June – All the school windows were covered with strips of paper and those in the infants area were covered with wire netting.
- June 19th Only 153 present probably due to the effects of an air-raid during the night.
- July – No pupils were sent from Northwold for cookery because of air-raid alarms.

1941 – Gas van came to test respirator masks. This happened throughout the rest of the war.

1942 – Capt Matthews (RN) gave a talk about “Convoy Work.”

1943 – Circular from Office on “Dangerous Military Objects” – children warned!

1944 War Time Cookery demonstration given by The Electricity supply Co.

May 44 – School held a ‘Salute The Soldier’ week, aiming to raise £100. Their final total was £117.17.3d !

**By 1945** less and less was being recorded in the school log book beyond the general round of coal deliveries, medical examinations, inspectors calling and the day to day routine of the school. Things gradually got back to normal, the netting was removed from the windows and the school redecorated. Mr Doughty returned to work in 1946 after being demobbed by the RAF but soon left to take up a Headship. All in all the school looks as if it got through the war years very well considering what was going on around them.

**If you have any memories to add to this ... please get in touch ...we would really like to hear from you.**

**Chris Stone ([chris.stone27@btinternet.com](mailto:chris.stone27@btinternet.com)) 01366 728478**



**The following events are held weekly at Methwold High School**

**Monday**

**Yoga** Helen Shephard 18yrs+ 6:30-8:00 Community Fitness Building

**Fitness suite** 16yrs+ 6.30-9.30

**Tennis Courts** available 6.30-9.30

**Tuesday**

**Street Dance** Lorna Adams 11 Yrs+ 3.30-4.30 Community Building

**Primary School Street Dance** Lorna Adams up to 11yrs 4.30-5.30 Community Building

**Table Tennis** Mark Vowles 07886 676364 11yrs+ to Adults 6.00-7.00 Main Hall

**Fitness suite** 16yrs+ 6.30-9.30

**Weight Watchers** Adults 6.30-7.30 Community Fitness Building

**Zumba** 8.00-9.00 Main Hall

**Wednesday**

**Kings Lynn Community Football** Joe Jackson 07902 173693 11yrs+ 5.00-6.00pm MUGA

**Fitness suite** 16yrs+ 6.30-9.30

**Tennis Club night** James Spurgeon 01366 728333 6.00-7.30

**Badminton** 7.00-9.00 11yrs-Adult Main Hall

**Methwold Rovers Football** Duncan Fuller 01366 501177 7.00-8.30 MUGA/Field

**Thursday**

**Fitness suite** 16yrs+ 6.30-9.30

**Methwold Ladies Netball** Gemma 07716 412480 6.30-8.00 16 yrs+ MUGA

**Tennis Courts** available 8.00-9.30

**Friday**

**Fitness suite** 16yrs+ 6.30-9.30

**Tennis Courts** available 7.00-9.30

**Saturday**

**Fitness Suite** 9.00-12.00

**Tennis Courts** Available 9.00-12.00



# METHWOLD PARISH COUNCIL

## VILLAGE SEATS

Walking around Methwold, Methwold Hythe & Brookville is always a delight but sometimes the opportunity to sit down is much appreciated. Sadly some of our village seats are in need of repair or replacement and there is a good case for a few additions. The Open Spaces Group on the Parish Council has considered this matter recently and as a result Council has agreed to purchase three new seats and place them in Brookville, Methwold Recreation Ground and outside the Post Office. We would like to do more and will be looking at an on-going programme of repair, repainting and replacement. This may take a number of years to achieve unless we can raise funds in the community ....

Would You or Your Family Like To Sponsor A New Village Seat?

The Parish Council has agreed to this scheme which it hopes will speed up the replacement of village seats :

- Individuals or families may sponsor the replacement of a village seat or establish a seat in a new position provided that the position is approved by the Parish Council and any other body which has authority over public areas – eg. The Highways Dept of Norfolk C.C. at a cost of £400 . (This covers the cost of a new quality wooden seat and its positioning) People may sponsor half a seat at the cost of £200 and thus share the
- total cost with another individual or family.
- People sponsoring seats may provide a plaque to dedicate the seat in memory of a loved one or to indicate who has donated the seat. Alternatively seats may be sponsored anonymously. The nature ,size and content of the plaque will need to be approved by the Parish Council and this will be done through discussion with the sponsor. Seats which have been sponsored by two individuals/families will carry two dedication plaques.

The Parish Council has decided that it will not allow plaques on the

- seats outside the Post Office or next to the RAF memorial.

If you would like to consider sponsoring a village seat please talk to a Parish Councillor about it or contact either Jane Scarrott (Parish Clerk) 727150 or Chris Stone (Open Spaces Coordinator) 728478.

THANK YOU

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A deposit of 50% of the hiring fee is required for all single bookings (with the application) to secure the booking, together with a damage deposit of £50. For multi bookings a deposit of 25% is required, with a damage deposit of £100.

NB Damage liability is not limited to the deposit amount.

<b>Hire Charges:</b>	<u>Non Profit making activity.(local social organisation or charity event)</u>	<u>Organisation or Commercial enterprise for profit or gain</u>
<b>Main Hall</b>		
• Morning session 8am - 12.30pm	£10.00	£15.00
• Afternoon session 1pm - 5.30pm	£10.00	£20.00
• Evening session 6pm - Midnight	£12.50	£25.00
<b>Fenton Room</b>		
• Morning session 8am - 12.30pm	£10.00	£15.00
• Afternoon session 1pm - 5.30pm	£10.00	£18.00
• Evening session 6pm - Midnight	£12.50	£24.00
• <b>Use of Kitchen</b> (per session)	£10.00	£16.00
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• <b>Use of Car Park for car boot sale</b> (if not hiring building)	£15.00	£30.00
• <b>Whole Complex</b> 8am - Midnight NB	£70.00	£125.00

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Fenton Room	Closely seated	120 persons maximum



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**Sat, 12 Nov 11am - 3pm - Behind the Scenes with the Experts**

The House will be closed for the winter clean, so take the chance to see a variety of specialist conservators, who will be demonstrating their expertise in caring for Oxburgh Hall. All Tickets £4 (including members)

**Sun 27 Nov 10:30am - 2pm - Christmas Estate Walk**

Enjoy a warm drink before a guided tour of the estate with Head Gardener, Graham Donachie. A roast lunch will greet you on your return. All Tickets £25  
Booking essential

**Thurs 1 Dec - 10am - 4pm - Festive Foliage Workshop**

Make your own Christmas decoration from natural materials.

Create your own natural decoration to take home for Christmas, using willow, foliage, nuts and seeds from the Estate. Materials will be provided. Coffee on arrival, light lunch and afternoon tea included. All Tickets £29.50. Booking essential

**Friday, 2 Dec & Sat 3 Dec 10am - 4pm - Wreath-making Workshop**

Start the festive season by making your own holly wreath to take home.

Enjoy a festive day making your own holly wreath with the expert help of the Head Gardener. Morning coffee, light lunch and afternoon tea included.  
All Tickets £29.50. Booking essential

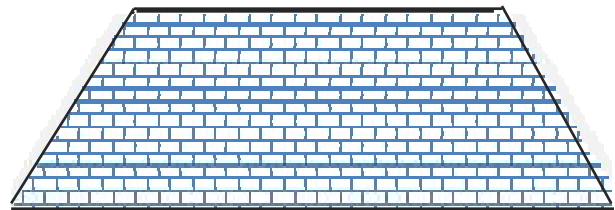
**Sat 10, Sun 11, Sat 17, Sun 18 Dec- A Christmas Tree Festival**

Come and see Oxburgh Hall's first Christmas tree festival.

The hall will be decorated with floral arrangements and with Christmas trees from local organisations. There will be pomander-making and children's craft activities in the afternoon until 4pm. Between 4 and 5pm the atmosphere changes to simulate candlelight. Don't forget to indulge yourself with mince pies and mulled wine. Adult £5, Child £2

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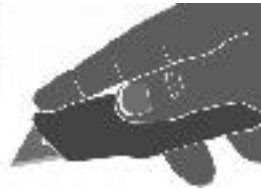
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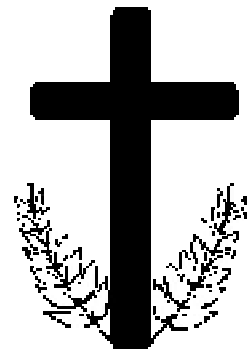
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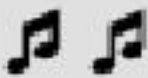
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