

THE WAPPENHAM HANDBOOK OF USEFUL INFORMATION



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Welcome to Wappenham!

This handbook has been compiled by members of the parish council, with input from many parishioners.

We hope you enjoy living here in this beautiful place.

Please let us know of any changes to this information by email:
parishclerk@wappenham.net

This edition was produced in 2020; please note that due to the Coronavirus pandemic, some activities may be temporarily suspended.

Wappenham Web Site

The village has invested in a web site for everyone to keep up to date with the latest news and activities in Wappenham

You can access it at www.wappenham.net - please also let us know if there is anything you wish to publicise through this site.

Contact Liz Hart parishclerk@wappenham.net

Useful telephone numbers

Local publications

Website for many local services (delivered to your door)

Village Help

www.villagehelp.com

Towcester Focus

www.focusmagazinegroup.co.uk

Doctors

Brook Health Centre

Dr A Supple and partners

Towcester: 01327 323900

Silverstone 01327 857240

Towcester Medical Centre

Dr N Ward and partners 01327 359953

Greens Norton and Weedon Health Centre

Dr Abram and partners 01327 358287

Brackley Medical Centre

01280 702436

Out of hours emergency medical service

Contact your own surgery for details as this varies between practices.

Village Defibrillator

The defibrillator is in the centre of the village and can be found on the left-hand side of the Wappenham Chapel wall. Full instructions are on the box.

Please call 999 for assistance as soon as possible.

Hospitals

Northampton General, Cliftonville 01604 634700

Horton General, Banbury 01295 275500

If you have trouble getting to the doctor or to another medical appointment, see Transport page.

Police

Towcester/Northampton 101 – non-emergency number

Local Government

Northamptonshire County Council 0300 126 1000 (M-F 8am-6pm)

South Northants Council (SNC) 01327 322322

Samaritans

03457 909090 (local rate) or jo@samaritans.org

Anglian Water 03450 704158 or 03457 145145 for emergencies

‘Fix my Street’

Online reporting service:: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk allows logging and tracking of all Highway problems from blocked drains and potholes to damaged signs and pavement issues
Alternatively you may report on 0345 601 1113.

Libraries 0300 126 1000

Towcester: 10am -4pm 9-6 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Brackley: 10am – 4pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10am-2pm
Saturday

Village Design Statement

This was compiled some years ago after a period of consultation with villagers. Its purpose: “to enable us – the people of Wappenham – to have a real say in the future shape of our village, especially over the effect of future building development and the visual environment in general. It is far better to decide what we want now than to regret the results of unpopular planning decisions afterwards. Another aim of the Design Statement is to stimulate discussion and raise awareness on conservation issues relevant to the village and its surrounding area.”

South Northamptonshire Council has adopted it as Supplementary Planning Guidance, which will be taken into account in all planning applications.

You can download a copy of the VDS from the Wappenham website: www.wappenham.net

Public transport including medical

Buses

Ability provide a minibus service. Users must pre-book and concessionary passes are valid.

Details can be found here: www.abilitycic.org.uk

Towcester Area Door-to-Door (TADD)

‘TADD’ is a charity set up to help people reach their health-related appointments, whether nearby or further afield, when public transport is unavailable or inappropriate. Members join TADD for a yearly fee and then pay mileage (about 60p a mile), which you can reclaim if on income support) to the volunteer driver.

TADD are also always looking for new volunteer drivers.

To find out more about TADD, contact 01327 810300

Veterinary Surgeons

Towcester Veterinary Centre 01327 350239

Brackley: Croft Veterinary 01280 703451

Beech House Veterinary Centre 01327 354477

General Stores and Post Office

Syresham 01280 850210

Helmdon Reading Room (post office only) 0345 6112970
Tuesdays 10am – 12am, Thursday 2 – 4pm

Croft Stores Silverstone 01327 857751

Sulgrave Village Store 01295 760066

*Please search the internet for times and exact location of above.

Butchers and grocery van

A mobile shop comes on Saturdays at approximately 3:15pm from Mumfords in Culworth. Call 01295 760212 if you wish

them to make a regular call for you and for pre-orders. Excellent meat, sausages etc., as well as fruit veg and basic groceries.

Fish.

Dave's Fresh Fish – delivers to your door Thursday between 4 – 5:30pm Orders should be placed by Monday: 07886 553229

Milk Deliveries:

Dairy crest 01908 312121 Deliver 3 times a week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday including food and organic milk and veg. Also see www.milkandmore.co.uk where you can order online.

Newspaper delivery

Smiths Newsagents – 01295 268499

Farmers' markets

Towcester – 2nd Friday of the month, 9am-1.30pm, Richmond Rd car park

Brackley – 3rd Saturday of the month, 9am-1pm, Market Place

Schools/pre-schools

Helmdon Acorns Pre School - aged 2 - 4 yrs - 01295 768327

St Loys Primary School, Weedon Lois 01327 860539 (includes a pre-school)

Silverstone C of E Primary School 01327 855100

Helmdon Primary School 01295 768126

Sponne School, Towcester (secondary) 01327 350284

Magdalen College School, Brackley (secondary) 01280 846300

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers – Helmdon

Combined with Turweston to form Whistley 2000

www.graftondistrictscouts.org.uk

Guides and Brownies

www.girlguidingnorthamptonshire.org.uk

Helmdon: Rainbows/Brownies/Guides

Guides/Rangers – Helmdon – see enquiry form under Helmdon Groups www.helmdonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Silverstone Riding School , 01327 858153

www.silverstoneridingschool.co.uk

Helmdon Cricket Club helmdonskipper@gmail.com

Syresham Cricket Club 07838 592712

Towcestrians Rugby Club 01327 350141

Wappenham Newsletter

This is published 4 times a year and is produced and delivered by volunteers to all houses in Wappenham, free of charge. Posters, and messages on WIZ, remind contributors for copy, but do contact Jane on 01327 860350 or at jane.harries@wappenham.net if you have any questions, or would like to help sponsor the newsletter with an ad or donation.

NN12 website with local events and news:
www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/Northamptonshire/Towcester/NN12

Notices

There is a noticeboard on the wall outside No2 The Green

Organisations

Parish Council

The Parish Council normally meets every six weeks and meetings start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. (On Zoom during the pandemic) Minutes are posted on the website and circulated on Wiz (local e-mail). Agendas are posted on the noticeboard and on the website.

Members of the public are always welcome at the meetings and, if appropriate, the person chairing the meeting will invite them to speak on topics that are of interest to them.

Any Parishioner wanting a topic raised at a meeting or wishing to comment on Parish matters should contact the Clerk, preferably by letter or email.

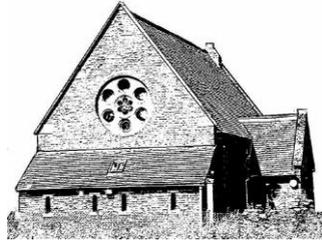
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Footpaths

The definitive footpath map is posted on the side of the Village Hall. Please keep to the designated footpaths and if dog walking please ensure that you clean up after your dog. The Village Hall black bin and the black bin at the top of Pittams Lane may be used to dispose of wrapped waste.

Village Hall

The Village Hall is available for hire. If you are thinking about hosting an event or activity, whether it be yoga classes, art classes, theatre, auctions, parties, quiz nights, gigs, etc. why not hire Wappenham Village Hall?



The hall has been recently refurbished and there is wheelchair access, disabled toilets, a new kitchen with range cooker, new windows and heating and ample parking. The surrounding area has been cleared and graveled, and its beautiful and peaceful position makes it ideal for summer parties using both inside and outside.

You can hire the hall for only £8.00 per hour, including electricity.

For more details call 01327 860073, or email: jennyspill43@gmail.com

Art classes

Many people in Wappenham either paint, take photographs or sculpt, as a hobby or as a profession.

There is an Art Club on Tuesday evenings at 7pm – 9pm at the Weston Community Project (two villages away). Contact Emi Farnham: emifa@btinternet.com.

There are also regular ceramic painting classes in Wappenham at Spotted Chicken Ceramics barbaragundle@aol.com

Lois Weedon and Weston Drama Group (with Wappenham!)

Some of Wappenham's finest acting talent as well as backstage artistes take part in this group's regular performances. The winter pantomime, usually in February, is particularly popular. Contact Kathryn kathryndaw@hotmail.co.uk if you want to join in, as an actor or stage crew. See posters or Wiz notices for tickets for shows.

Wappenham and District Branch of the Royal British Legion

We are always open to new members, and have meetings every few months and occasional outings. There is a yearly Poppy collection for the British Legion. For details about the Branch, contact Bob Devey: 01327 860148.

Regular Events

Pub Night

Once a month, last Friday of the month 5.30pm - 11pm. Village Hall. See WIZ for more details

Monthly Coffee Morning

Every first Wednesday in the month there is a coffee morning for everyone in the village to drop in and chat over tea, coffee and home-made cakes. This is held at the Village Hall in School Lane, from 10am-12 noon.

NB: There is a disabled access ramp at the back of the hall.

Volunteers make the cakes and serve. Anthony Tucker coordinates this. There's a small charge to cover costs.. Very popular – please drop in if you are new to the village and you will be warmly welcomed.

Beer and Music Festival

This is held every June (dates tbc in WIZ).

Short Mat Bowls

Come along and have a try. All you need to bring is a pair of flat smooth-sole shoes or slippers. Short mat bowls takes place in the Village Hall on a Thursday afternoon at 2pm, and is open to all. The cost of £1 includes tea or coffee. Antony Tucker 01327 860516

Jump In and Swim School Ltd

Swimming lessons for 2 - 10 year olds held at The Gateway School, Tiffield.

Contact: Judith Pennington

Email: info@jumpinandswim.co.uk

Tel: 07886 712233 or 01327 861015

www.jumpinandswim.co.uk

Wappenham bi-annual Safari Supper event

As those who have attended previously will agree, this is always a fun evening of delicious food & drink. A great way to meet old and new neighbours in an informal roving between houses format.

Guests will visit five venues around the village; enjoy aperitifs, a 3 course meal including wine & beer and end the evening with coffee and port.

Details will be published in WIZ

Contact Dave Long 01327 860625 / 07920 028660 or

mrdavelong@yahoo.co.uk

Pubs

NB: Please phone to check opening hours as they may change.

The New Inn, Abthorpe

Tel. 01327 857306 www.newinnabthorpe.co.uk

The Crown, Weston

Tel 01295 760310 website: www.thecrownweston.co.uk

The Kings Head, Syresham

Tel 01280 850280 www.kingshead-syresham.co.uk

The Fat Landlord Helmdon

01295 768155 www.thefatlandlord.co.uk

The Butchers Arms Greens Norton

01327 358848 info@thebutchersarms.pub

Tove Valley Broadband

Tove Valley Broadband (known as TVB) brings a fast 1,000Mbps symmetrical fibre-optic service into the villages and distributes connections to properties by radio. To reach more out-of-the-way properties, farms and businesses, radio pipelines are used. These are the most efficient, cost effective ways of delivering superfast broadband services - especially in a rural area.

For more information: www.tovevalley.com

Wappenham Chapel

Wappenham Chapel was originally a Methodist Church, but together with its 'twin' Chapel at nearby Slapton (through 1994-96) became completely independent, and was constituted as the 'Slapton & Wappenham Independent Evangelical Church'. Wappenham Chapel is a confessedly Evangelical Church, adheres to the Westminster Confession of Faith, and "is not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto Salvation to everyone that believes".



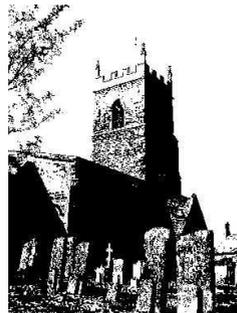
We welcome all to our meetings.

Sunday morning worship at Wappenham starts at 10:45 am with a Sunday School running at the same time. There is also a monthly ladies' meeting, and a prayer and Bible study meeting on Tuesdays: see Chapel noticeboard or the newsletter for details.

For more information contact Trevor Thomas
<http://www.evangelicalchurch-towcester.org.uk>

Church of St Mary the Virgin

Wappenham Parish is part of the Astwell Benefice. The Benefice also includes: Helmdon with Stuchbury and Radstone, Syresham with Whitfield and Lois Weedon with Weston and Plumpton.



Details of Benefice services and Wappenham service dates are given in the Wappenham Newsletter and on the website.

Rector:

Reverend Dianne Whittaker

01327 226245 diane.whittaker@me.com

www.astwellparishes.org.uk

Friends of St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham

This organisation raises funds for the upkeep of the fabric of the Church. It is open to all, regardless of religious affiliation, who want to help preserve and improve the church building.

Reg Charity 1116889