

# Wappenham Village Newsletter

Winter 2018

## FROM THE EDITOR



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For anyone wishing to contribute to the spring newsletter, the copy deadline is **February 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please drop off contributions to me at 1 Highbridge Road, or email them to me via:

[parishclerk@wappenhamvillage.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@wappenhamvillage.org.uk)

Jane H

## WIZ

Wiz is the Wappenham email contact group run by Clive W. To join, send an email to [wiznews@wappenham.net](mailto:wiznews@wappenham.net). This is a great way to find out what's going on in the village, sell unwanted items, and find out about local news such as road closures, police notices re burglaries, etc.



Clive's been running this service for years behind the scenes, and it really helps us keep in touch. Many thanks Clive!

## WAPPENHAM VILLAGE WEBSITE

If you would like to add something to the website, such as photos, events, articles, news items, your business details, stories, and so forth, please send the information to [parishclerk@wappenhamvillage.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@wappenhamvillage.org.uk). The new website is at <http://www.wappenhamvillage.org.uk>.

## NOTICES

**Welcome** to Lucy and Elliott J and their children Nelia and Luka, who have moved into the Jetty from Northampton, and also to Kelly and Steve D, at the top of School Lane. May you have many happy days in the village.



### **JOHN P 1949 – 2018**

I was very sorry to hear of the death of John P recently. John has been linked to our village for many years, and he will be missed by all those who knew him. Our condolences and best wishes to Jane, his friends and his family.

Here is a message for the village from Jane:

Thank you for all the support our village has provided us with over the last month. It was lovely to know we have so many thoughtful friends at this difficult time. An extra special thank you to the Chapel and Village Hall for helping us celebrate John's life and to Anne and Sara for providing superb catering.

With love

Jane P and family.

## ‘Wappenham Walkies’

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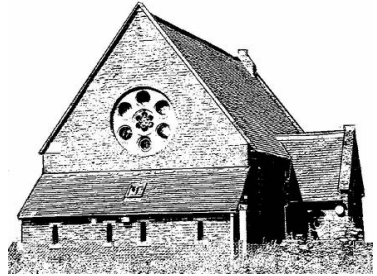
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## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Many thanks to everyone who attended the quiz night, with (slightly late) fish and chips, on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November. As ever, it was an excellent evening, greatly aided by our superb quizmaster and his trusty sidekick. Thank you Frank and Fiona. The date for the next quiz has yet to be decided, but may well be early April, when we will be enjoying pizzas from the Wood Fired Pizza Co. A profit of £187 was made, which will go towards the ongoing maintenance of the hall.



Still in thanking mode, many thanks to everyone who signed up for another year's Tote. If you would like to be involved, it's not too late. £2 per month is all it will cost. As we've already drawn the tote for September and October we're down to ten months which comes to a total of £20. Please contact our treasurer Julie Long on 860625 for further details on payment.

You may have noticed that the large trees growing around the perimeter of the hall have been taken down. This has been done to comply with a request from our insurance company so they can more accurately assess the causes of the cracks in the building. We'll now have to wait and see whether this makes any difference. Work on replacing the glass in the rose window and also in the porch is underway. Templates of the current windows have been made and we are now awaiting a date for the installation of the new glass. It should be done in a day, so hopefully shouldn't disrupt too many hall bookings.

Finally, as winter approaches thoughts turn to the annual senior citizens' Christmas lunch. It is to be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm at The New Inn. Invitations and menus have been sent out with a closing date of 26<sup>th</sup> November. If you haven't received an invitation and feel you qualify, please contact me and I'll pop a menu through your door.

That only leaves me to wish you a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Jenny S – Secretary

Via [parishclerk@wappenhamvillage.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@wappenhamvillage.org.uk)

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Dear All

It's a "Good News & Bad News" story!!!

The good news is that after numerous false starts, Alan finally managed to complete his house sale and has now relocated to Yorkshire. The bad news is that the PC is without a chairman (more about that later) and even worse news is that you have me rabbiting on in the newsletter.

I have looked back and I last wrote the PC article for the newsletter back in 2011....oh how time flies when you are having fun. It was a coin flip between Hilary and myself who would get the ~~short-straw~~ venerable task of writing, but on the basis I missed the last PC meeting I got the newsletter and Hilary kindly represented the PC on Remembrance Sunday at our Church Service. I don't know about you but I think the Royal



British Legion have changed their marketing advisors for the better, and this year it has never been easier to commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women by acquiring a poppy. From pop-up stores, the largest range of poppies ever from traditional to knitted to pin brooches, wristbands and simple text messages to donate. I have no idea what else will be in this edition of our very valuable newsletter but I am sure there will be a Remembrance article so I will not say too much.

A bit more good news from the PC is that we have been able to co-opt Ian Atkins of Highbridge Road onto the Council to fill one of our vacant positions – many thanks Ian, I am sure your circa 30 years of village residence will be very valuable to us. The bad news is that having lost Alan we are still looking for one more volunteer to join our vibrant PC!! It is not a big time commitment, just 8 or 9 meetings a year, so if you feel you would like to give a little bit back to the community, please track down a member of the PC or Liz our clerk and we can tell you all about it.

In other PC news, the problems within Northamptonshire and its councils and what is to be done still looms over us. The likelihood is some sort of unitary system but please don't ask me the detail or I will just come over all blank and confused looking. Whatever happens I suspect South Northants and its residents will be worse off, but let's not jump to any conclusions yet and see what develops in the near future.

Planning Updates: SNC approved the application from Home Manor Farm (S/2018/1068/FUL) for a wildlife pond and the planning conditions have also been discharged. Spring Hill House Abthorpe Road (S/2018/1287/LDE) Lawful Development Certificate for an existing horse exercise area – this application was subsequently withdrawn. Astwell Park

Farm Astwell Road - S/2018/1399/AGD – SNC decided that a full planning application for an agricultural barn was required and finally Glebe Barn School Lane - S/2018/2330/FUL - Installation of wood-burning stove chimney vent on east elevation – the Parish Council supported this application (as yet undecided by SNC but may have been by the time you read this).

I am now trying to think what might be happening in the village at the point you read this, or what may have happened between then and now.....crystal ball time I think, which reminds me must do my Lotto numbers. I guess there is no point trying to predict the next few weeks except someone did send me a weather warning for next week (commencing 19<sup>th</sup> November) for severe cold and snow....so if this bad weather did arrive I hope it didn't cause too many problems for you all and if it didn't arrive then that was just another wrong forecast!

I hope you have all had an enjoyable autumn and that preparations for the festive season are well underway, which just leaves me to say best wishes to you all for a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year from your Parish Council.

With kind regards  
Paul F  
Wappenham Parish Council

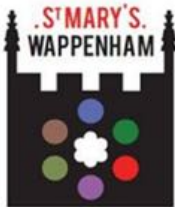


## CHURCH NEWS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Remembrance Day service. The sound of the Last Post ringing out over the church and the reading of the names of men from the village who died were very moving. A particular thank you to Brigadier Michael K for sharing his family's wartime experiences and sacrifices.



The good news is that our regular services are continuing whilst a new Rector is sought:



- 1<sup>st</sup> week: Benefice Communion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> week: Breakfast Church in Wappenham Village Hall
- 3<sup>rd</sup> week: Parish Communion with guest vicar
- 4<sup>th</sup> week: Village Prayer and Praise
- 5<sup>th</sup> week: Benefice Communion

There will of course be some extra services as Christmas is coming up:

Sunday 18 November	Parish Communion at 11.15 am led by Revd Viv Baldwin
Sunday 25 November	Prayer and Praise at 11.15 am
Sunday 2 December	Benefice Communion at Helmdon at 10.30 am
Sunday 9 December	Breakfast Church at 9 am
Sunday 16 December	Parish Communion at 11.15 am
Sunday 23 December	Village Praise and Prayer 11.15 am
Monday 24 December	Carol Service at 7.30 pm
Tuesday 25 December	Communion at 11.15 am

Sunday 30 December

Benefice Communion at 10.30 am

Do come and join us, or simply visit the Church whenever you wish to enjoy time to think and, if you wish, to pray. If you need to talk to someone for pastoral care, please contact 'Wiggy' Smith on 01295 760953.

For all other matters, please contact the Churchwardens, Edwin K and Howard M.

Jane

Jane M

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## **FROM WAPPENHAM CHAPEL**

Whenever anyone claims to be a Christian these days, all sorts of things are conjured up in the minds of those that hear. I fear that often people imagine that what is being said is that the Christian thinks they are "Holier than Thou" and believe they can look down on everyone else. It is incredibly sad when this is the impression that is given and is an utter travesty of what true Christianity is all about.



Carol Wimmer once wrote a poem that captures this misunderstanding and expresses the true meaning of the claim.

When I say I am a Christian I'm not shouting, "I'm clean living."  
I'm whispering, "I was lost. Now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say I am a Christian I don't speak of this with pride.  
I'm confessing that I stumble, needing God to be my Guide.

When I say I am a Christian I'm not trying to be strong.  
I'm professing to be weak, praying for strength to carry on.

When I say I am a Christian I'm not bragging of success.  
I'm admitting that I fail and cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say I am a Christian I don't think I know it all.  
I submit to my confusion asking humbly to be taught.

When I say I am a Christian I still feel the sting of pain.  
I have my share of heartaches which is why I seek God's Name

When I say I am a Christian I'm not holier than thou.  
I'm just a simple sinner who received God's grace somehow.

## **Chapel Life**

**Village Meal:** We are planning to hold another meal in the village hall in the evening of 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. If you would like to come please email Richard via [parishclerk@wappenhamvillage.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@wappenhamvillage.org.uk)

## **Wappenham 10.45 am**

After a year and a half we are now coming to an end of our studies in the gospel of Mark on Sunday mornings. In December we will be considering once again the meaning of the incarnation of the Son of God. All are welcome to come along or to listen in on our website at: [www.towcesterevangelicalchurch.uk](http://www.towcesterevangelicalchurch.uk)

**Sunday School for the children.** All children are welcome to join with us at 10.45 am. They share in a reading, some singing, a short prayer and various learning activities.

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study. 7.30pm in the Schoolroom behind the chapel**

**6pm – Sunday Evenings – At Slapton Chapel**

Everyone is welcome to come and join us for any of our weekly services or listen in online at:

[www.towcesterevangelicalchurch.uk](http://www.towcesterevangelicalchurch.uk)

Pastor Trevor T

## **GREENS NORTON PATIENT PARTICIPATION PANEL Anthony (Tony) Wilkinson (1931-2018)**

Tony Wilkinson died on October 29th in Northampton General Hospital, where he had been admitted following a fall at his home. He was still grieving the loss of his beloved wife, Thelma, who had passed away just a few weeks earlier.

Tony was one of the group who drew up the Constitution of the PPP, the framework within which we operate. He was a founder member of the group and a member until this years AGM, when he stood down, for health reasons. His commitment and positive input was appreciated by us all.

Many people will have known Tony through his work with South Northants council, where he worked supervising the maintenance of Council owned properties.

Upon his retirement, Tony became a District Councillor for the Kingthorn Ward, which he represented for many years to great

effect. As a Conservative councillor, he was also very committed to the Party and was usually in attendance to support Andrea Leadsom M.P. when she held her constituency surgeries. His hard work was recently acknowledged by a letter and certificate from the Prime Minister, thanking him for his work on behalf of the Party.

We of the GNPPP are grateful for all of Tony's input and his service to the community. May he rest in peace.

Tony E (GNPPP member).

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## What's on this winter

30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Pub night 5-11pm (Village Hall)
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch 1pm New Inn
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Coffee morning 10-12 (Village Hall)
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fellowship Meal 6.45 for 7pm (V Hall)
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol Service 7.30pm (St Mary's church)
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Communion 11.15am (St Mary's)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Coffee morning 10-12 (Village Hall)
25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Pub night 5-11pm (Village Hall)
6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Coffee morning 10-12 (Village Hall)
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Pub night 5-11pm (Village Hall)

### Regular Events

*Chapel service & Sunday School* Sundays 10.45am (Chapel)  
*Benefice Communion* 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in month 10.30am (location varies)  
*'Breakfast Church'* 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in month 9am (Village Hall)  
*Communion service* 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in month 11.15am (St Mary's)  
*Village Praise & Prayer* 4<sup>th</sup> Sun in month 11.15am (St Mary's)  
*Benefice Communion* 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in month 10.30am (St Mary's)  
*Dave's Fish* Every Monday around 7.30-8pm 07886 553229  
*Mumford's butcher/grocery van* Tues 12 and Fri 12.30 01295 760212  
*Bible Study* Tuesdays 7.30pm (Chapel)  
*Short mat bowls* Thursdays 2-4pm (VH)