

# THE WAPPENHAM HANDBOOK OF USEFUL INFORMATION



## **Contents**

Useful telephone numbers

Keeping in contact

Organisations

Regular events

Public transport (including Medical)

Pubs

### **Welcome to Wappenham!**

This handbook has been compiled by members of the parish council, but the sources are many, inside and outside the village

We hope you enjoy living here in this beautiful place.

Please let me know of any changes to this information on 01327 860782, or email [alrobbins@btinternet.com](mailto:alrobbins@btinternet.com)

This edition was produced in 2018.

### **Wappenham Web Site**

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

You can access it at [www.wappenhamvillage.org.uk](http://www.wappenhamvillage.org.uk). please also let us know if there is anything you wish to publicise through this site.

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

## **Useful telephone numbers**

### **Village Help**

Website for many local services

[www.villagehelp.com](http://www.villagehelp.com)

### **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**

01327 358287

#### **Brackley Health Centre**

01280 703460

#### **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](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

**Anglian Water** 03450 704158 or 03457 145145 for emergencies

## **‘Street Doctor’**

Online reporting service available at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://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.

**Library** - Towcester 350374/0300 126 1000

Open 9-6 Mon-Fri, 9-5 Sat, 1-4 Sun.

## **Brackley Library**

Manor Rd · 0300 126 1000

## **Village Design Statement**

This was put together some years ago after a period of consultation with villagers. Its purpose is, to quote the VDS: "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: <http://www.wappenhamvillage.org.uk>

## **Public transport including medical**

### **Buses**

There is an excellent 'Dial-a-Ride' service to Towcester, Brackley and many stops in South Northants Contact [www.county-connect.co.uk](http://www.county-connect.co.uk) or call 0345 456 4474. If you are a pensioner remember you can travel free of charge.

### **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

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 Tues and Fri 12 onward from Mumford's in Culworth. Call 01295 760212 if you want a regular call from them. Excellent meat, sausages etc., as well as fruit veg and basic grocery's.

### **Fish**

James Hutson delivers Monday to your door. Fish is sustainably fished and not frozen.

Tel 01472 319940, mobile 07891 830712.

Email: [jameshutson@hotmail.com](mailto:jameshutson@hotmail.com)

## **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](http://www.milkandmore.co.uk) where you can order online.

## **Newspaper delivery**

**Smiths Newsagents** - 01295 268499

## **Farmers' markets**

Towcester - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, 9am-1.30pm, Richmond Rd car park

Brackley - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, 9am-1pm, Market Place

## **Schools**

Silverstone C of E Primary School 01327 855100

St Loys Primary School, Weedon Lois 860539

Sponne Secondary School, Towcester 01327 350284 (

Helmdon Primary School 01295 768126

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

## **Scouts, Cubs and Beavers - Helmdon**

See [www.helmdon.com/villagegroups/scouts.html](http://www.helmdon.com/villagegroups/scouts.html) or call Dave Edwards, 01295 711070 or email [david.edwards@hafele.co.uk](mailto:david.edwards@hafele.co.uk).

## **Guides and Brownies**

### **Towcester**

**Rainbows/Brownies** – Helmdon - Eleanor Shepherd 01295 768727/e.m.crabb@open.ac.uk

**Guides/Rangers – Helmdon** - Michelle Rimmer 01295 768603/rimmer200@btinternet.com

**Brownies – Silverstone**- Christine Branch 01327 858673

**Silverstone Riding School and Pony Club Centre**, 01327 857280 or go to:

[www.equineclub.co.uk/Home/My\\_Profile/silverstone.html](http://www.equineclub.co.uk/Home/My_Profile/silverstone.html)

**Syresham Cricket Club** 01280 850467

**Towcestrians Rugby Club** 01327 350141

**Helmdon cricket Club** (01295) 760362

## **Wappenham Newsletter**

This comes out 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](mailto: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](http://www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/Northamptonshire/Towcester/NN12)

## **Notices**

There is a noticeboard near the post box (Parish Council notices).

## **Organisations**

### **Parish Council**

The Parish Council normally meets every six weeks and meetings start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Minutes are posted in the Village Hall and circulated on Wiz (local e-mail). Agendas are posted on the PC noticeboard on the High Street near the postbox.

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.

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

## **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](mailto:Jennyspill43@gmail.com)

## Art classes

You may be surprised by how 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). If you would like more information about this, please ring Ros on 01295 [768917/jandrpartiso@gmail.com](mailto:768917/jandrpartiso@gmail.com) or Emi on 07910 175161/[emifa@btinternet.com](mailto:emifa@btinternet.com). There are also regular ceramic painting classes in Wappenham at Spotted Chicken Ceramics (ring Barbara on 860502 for details).

## **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 Jonathan Carpenter on 01295 768120 if you want to join in, as actor or 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, 860148.

### **Regular Events**

#### **Pub Night**

Once a month, last Friday of the month 5.30 to 11.00pm. 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 co-ordinates 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 welcomed.

## **Beer and Music Festival**

This is held yearly in 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.

## **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](mailto:info@jumpinandswim.co.uk)

Tel: 07886 712233 or 01327 861015

[www.jumpinandswim.co.uk](http://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 & 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. H 01327 860625  
M 07920 028660 Or text.  
[mrdavelong@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mrdavelong@yahoo.co.uk)

## **Pub**s

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

### **The New Inn, Abthorpe**

Tel. 01327 857306 [www.newinnabthorpe.co.uk](http://www.newinnabthorpe.co.uk)

### **The Crown, Weston**

Tel 01295 760310 website: [www.thecrownweston.co.uk](http://www.thecrownweston.co.uk)

### **The Kings Head, Syresham**

Tel 01280 850280 [www.kingshead-syresham.co.uk](http://www.kingshead-syresham.co.uk)

### **The Fat Landlord Helmdon**

01295 768155 [thefatlandlod.co.uk](http://thefatlandlod.co.uk)

### **The Butchers Arms Greens Norton**

01327 358848 [info@thebutchersarms.pub](mailto:info@thebutchersarms.pub)

### **Tove Valley Broadband**

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

For more information please visit:

[www.tovevalley.com](http://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".



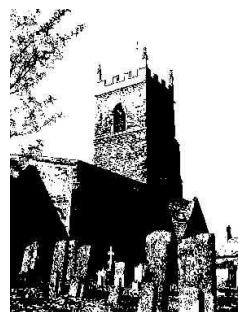
We welcome all to our meetings.

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. There is a service on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 11.15am in Wappenham, with 'Messy Church' for children, relatives and friends on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 3.30pm, involving singing, craft activities and a tea.

Besides the Ministry Team and the Parochial Church Council, there is also 'The Friends of St Mary the Virgin', which is a committee that raises funds to maintain and improve the church building.

**Rector:**

Reverend Carole Peters - [carolepeters@aol.com](mailto:carolepeters@aol.com) or

01327 860798

**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