

The Kings Head, Syresham

Open for morning coffee, Mon-Sat 10am -11.30am;
lunch Tues-Sat 12.00 - 2.00pm, Sunday 12.00 - 3.00pm;
dinner Tues-Sat 6.30 - 9.00pm, or until 9.30pm Fridays and
Saturdays.

Now refurbished and with a chef who was 'Cherwell Chef of the
Year'.

Tel 01280 850280

Restaurants/tearooms etc

The Barn Restaurant and Tearoom

Run by inhabitants of Wappenham, this is located in The Old
Dairy Farm and Craft Centre in Church Stowe (follow signs from
the A5 north of Towcester, near Weedon) Delicious cakes,
freshly-cooked locally-sourced food. Open every day, 10am-
5pm for morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea.

Tel 01327 349911

There are also several restaurants, takeaways and tearooms in
Towcester and Brackley.



THE WAPPENHAM HANDBOOK OF USEFUL INFORMATION



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Welcome to Wappenham!

This has been put together by Jane Harries, but the sources are many, inside and outside the village. Especial thanks go to Dianne Walsh and the website team for some content and the framework for this booklet.

We hope you enjoy living here in this beautiful place.

This is a work in progress! Please excuse any gaps.
This edition was produced in October 2007.

Pubs and restaurants

Pubs

The New Inn, Abthorpe

Small friendly pub, with open fire and events eg quiz nights. Owned by Hook Norton (local real ale). Good pub food served, with meat from the managers' farm at Slapton. Currently open 12-2.30pm Weds-Fri, 6-11pm Mon -Fri; Sats 12-2.30, 6-11.30pm and Suns 12-4, 7-10.30pm

Tel. 01327 857306

The Crown, Weston

Larger pub with cosy fire-lit corners and long bar, so offering both places to drink and to eat. Has garden and tables for sitting outside in summer, and a function room for hire. Has been listed as a 'pick of the pubs' in AA 2007 Pub guide and Hidden Places of England guide; also in CAMRA Good Beer Guide 2007.

Opening hours: Food is served Weds-Sun lunch, 12-2.30pm, and Mon-Sat eves 6-9.30pm. Also open Sun eves from 6pm.
Tel 01295 760310

(60p a mile currently, which you can reclaim if on income support) to the volunteer driver.

TADD are also always looking for new volunteer drivers. You can offer as much or as little time as you wish, and as well as receiving mileage you are insured against your 'no claims bonus'.

To find out more about TADD, contact Kate, Anne or Tracy on 01327 810300 (office hours 9am – 1pm Mon-Fri) or email tadd@btconnect.com.

NOW

Northamptonshire on Wheels (NOW) aims to assist young people (between 16 and 25) to access education, training or employment where they would otherwise struggle without their own transport.

NOW offers different levels of assistance, from guidance on current public transport provision, personalised travel plans, small loans to assist towards the costs of first month's bus fare to the loan of a moped, complete with all safety equipment and training for approximately six months. The moped loan is to give young people a kick-start whilst they save with the local credit union for their own transport.

For more information, call Emma Humphreys

Tel: 07711926154 or email: ehumphreys@connexions-northamptonshire.org.uk . Web page: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/child/Young/NOW.htm

Useful telephone numbers

(NB: where no code is given, it is 01327)

Doctors

Towcester and Silverstone Medical Practice

Drs A Supple, K Williams, M Scarsbrook, C Hallas

Towcester: 01327 359339

Silverstone 01327 857240

Greens Norton

Drs Kelso, Mike Greenhalgh & Jill Greenhalgh

01327 358287

Out of hours medical service

This is called 'Snowdoc' and operates via your GP's telephone number, from 6.30pm - 7am on weekdays or 11.30am Sat morning to 7am Mon morning. You may have to go to Daventry for treatment.

Hospitals

Northampton General, Cliftonville 01604 634700

Horton General, Banbury 01295 275500

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

Police

Towcester/Northampton 08453 700700

Local Government

Northamptonshire County Council 01604 236236

South Northants. District Council 0845 2300226

Samaritans

01604 637637 or 08457 909090 (local rate)
or jo@samaritans.org

Anglian Water 0845 714545

Powergen 0800 363363

Fish

James Hutson delivers Wednesdays to your door, or to the shop if you leave an order with the shop, (depending on availability)
Fish is sustainably fished and not frozen. Tel 01472 319940, mobile 07891 830712. Email: jameshutson@hotmail.com

Milk Deliveries

Dairycrest 01908 312121

-Deliver 3 times a week: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, including food and organic milk and veg.

Library - Towcester 350374 (also see Mobile Library)

Newspaper delivery

S&G Smith of Banbury - 01295 268499

Farmer's markets

Towcester - Second Friday of the month, 9am-1.30pm,
Richmond Rd carpark
Brackley - 3rd Saturday of the month, 9am-1pm, Market Place

Schools

Silverstone Infants 857351 and Junior 857381
St Loys primary school, Weedon Lois 860539
Sponne School, Towcester 350284 (secondary school)

Banbury – Service 05

	Thursdays only
Dep Wappenham, Post Office	9.48
Arr Banbury Bus Station	10.43
Dep Banbury Bus Station	13.30
Arr Wappenham Post Office	14.25
Arr Towcester Market Square	14.43

'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 (around £12) and then pay mileage

JASON dial-a-ride service

JASON stands for Journeys Around South Northamptonshire. It is funded by the various councils and is a 'dial-a-ride' service for those without access to public transport. Members join JASON for £12 a year and are billed monthly for mileage for their trips, which are generally door to door. On certain days, trips may be taken to Milton Keynes, Northampton or Banbury; on all weekdays between Wappenham and Towcester, and also to other places in South Northamptonshire. This service is for non-medical journeys (see below for the latter). Provision is made for wheelchair users. For more details, call 01604 237801; to arrange journeys call 0800 032 3208.

Towcester Area Door-to-Door (TADD)

Public transport including medical

Buses

Bus times are on the noticeboard outside the shop, which also has a limited supply of free copies of the timetable and map for all bus services in the area. Here is a summary of the **current** buses from Wappenham at the time of writing ie Oct 2006. All buses depart from outside the Post Office and Shop (to Northampton) or opposite it (to Banbury and Brackley).

Northampton - Service 250

	Weds only	Sats only
Dep Wappenham Post Office	9.30	10.11
Arr Northampton Drapery	10.30	11.11
Dep Northampton Drapery	13.00	14.00
Arr Wappenham Post Office	14.00*	15.09*

*= Approximate times, as only operates to stops on return journey if required to set down

Brackley - Service 255

	Fridays only
Dep Wappenham High St	9.15
Arr Brackley, Boots	10.06
Arr Brackley, Tesco's	10.10
Dep Brackley, Tesco's	10.46*
Dep Brackley, Boots	11.50

Arr Wappenham High St	12.29
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*= Arr Brackley Boots at 10.50, change buses

Keeping in contact

WIZ

Wiz is the Wappenham email contact group and a useful way of sharing information and news. It is run by Clive Watt. To join, send an email to wiznews@onetel.com

Wappenham Website

The website address is:

<http://www.northantsvillages.org.uk/wappenham> .

It contains historical facts, information about village organisations, photos of village events and people, and more.

Send material for including on the site to

wappenham@tiscali.co.uk.

The website is maintained by Dianne Walsh, who also co-ordinates a website committee which decides on content.



Wappenham Newsletter

This comes out 4 times a year and is produced and delivered by volunteers to all houses in Wappenham, free of charge. For outlying houses and farms, there are copies left in the shop for collection. (Let Jane Harries, the editor, know if you have difficulty getting to the shop.) Posters, and messages on Wiz, remind contributors for copy, but do contact Jane on 860350 or jane.harries@virgin.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 are noticeboards outside the shop (Parish Council notices), in the shop and also on the corner of the Lois Weedon Road and Greenside.



Stop Press!

Helmdon Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

Dave Edwards Group Scout Leader 01295 711070

Bill Gidman Cub Scout Leader 01280 848349

Nikki Morton Beaver Scout Leader 01295 712435

For details of meetings please go to the

Group web site: www.whistley.internet-today.co.uk

Guides and Brownies - Towcester

Rainbows five to seven years

Brownies seven to ten year olds

Guides 10 to 14 year olds

Senior Section 15 to 26 year olds - Rangers, Young Leaders and Young Guiders.

More adult volunteers are needed.

For more information call Sarah Williams, District Commissioner on 07889 523089 or by email brown_ies2001@yahoo.co.uk

Brownies - Silverstone

Please contact Christine Branch on 01327 858673

Riding lessons

Mrs and Jo Wesley, Blackmyres Farm, Silverstone

Tel. 01327 857280

Safari Supper

On the year that the Open Gardens isn't happening there is a 'Safari Supper', a very sociable and popular event. 60 people buy tickets (well in advance) for a three-course meal with wine or soft drinks, and meet up early in the evening. They are then told where they will be having the first course, and are split into groups and head off to someone's house. At each course it is revealed who will be going where next, and then the whole group meets up again to have coffee and cheese and biscuits. It's a great way to meet new people and catch up with friends, and raises money for the Village Hall and the Church. Look out for posters giving information on where to buy tickets.

Regular Events

Mobile Library

This comes every 3 weeks on a Monday, and stops at the Green. Dates are given in the Newsletter or by phoning Daventry Library (01327 703130). There are children's books as well as adult fiction and non-fiction, and you can order books. Times: Greenside 2.30-2.45pm

Wappenham Village Fete

This takes place the first Saturday after August Bank Holiday and raises funds for the various Village charities. It's a popular event with live music, stalls, games, raffle, produce and home-made teas.

Wappenham Open Gardens

Every two years or so, several generous members of the village open their gardens to the public, to raise money for the Village Hall. This usually takes place during June.



The event includes a plant sale, and teas and home-made cakes, and many people come to visit.

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 Shop and circulated on Wiz (local e-mail). Agendas are posted on the PC Noticeboard outside the shop.

Members of the Public are always welcome at the meetings and, if appropriate, the Chairman 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.

Members of the Council:

Paul Featherstone (Chairman)
Anne Marshall (Vice Chairman)
Kersten Kappler
Philip King
Hilary Wickham
Harvey Lay
Jane George

Clerk:

Liz Hart, Station House, Station Rd, Helmdon NN13 5QS
wappenham@stationhousehelmdon.co.uk

Representatives:

Footpath Warden - Anne Marshall
NCC Finance Liaison Officer -Paul Featherstone
NCC Snow Clearance liaison - Paul King
NCC Transport liaison - Eileen Robbins
Poors Charity - Liaison with Churchwardens -Jonathon Miller
Liaison with Atkins re roads - Jonathon Miller
Tree Warden Paul Elcoat
Newsletter - Jane Harries

Sub-Committees:

District Councillors
Village Action Plan Committee
Village Hall Committee
Website Committee

South Northants District Council - Ashley Warren

Northamptonshire County Council -Ben Smith

In addition to the postal and pension services there is also a range of products the Post Office provides: mobile phone top-ups, foreign currency (with no commission), and insurance including travel, car and home.

Opening hours:

Shop: Monday-Friday 8am -5.30pm, Saturday 8am-1pm

Post Office: Monday-Friday 8.30am-5.30pm, Saturday 8.30am-12.30pm.

Different opening hours apply around Christmas and Bank Holidays - see shop notices and newsletter.

PS: The future of the shop and Post Office is under threat from the government's withdrawal of the Post Office Card Account in 2010 and the ending of the financial subsidy to rural offices. We need more people to use the shop and Post Office for it to survive.

Village Shop and Post Office

One of the essential services we have in Wappenham is the Village Shop and Post Office. The proprietors, Tony and Evelyn Rist, together with Jane Callow, run an impeccable shop. There is an exceptional array of goods and services - from fruits and vegetables to woolly hats and scarves, to providing a dry cleaning service and an almost full range of Post Office services.



An excellent range of bread is available on Saturdays – order by Thursday am if you want to make sure of your favourite. Supplied by a local artisan bakery the bread, containing no preservatives, is made to traditional recipes. Foccacia, granary, rye, spelt, and sourdough can be had and they are all delicious! Home-made cakes and biscuits made by members of the local WI are available on Fridays.

You can have newspapers reserved, and also a grocery delivery service is available on Thursday mornings in Wappenham and to surrounding villages.

Post Office services include being able to make withdrawals and also usually deposits, free of charge, if you have an account from one of their partner banks. These include: Alliance & Leicester, Bank of Ireland, Barclays Bank, cahoot, Clydesdale Bank, The

Cooperative Bank, Lloyds TSB, Nationwide Building Society and smile.

Village Hall

Village Hall Committee:

Michael Payne (Chair), Michael Bath, Bev Lazenby, Michael Levers, Eileen Robbins and Jenny Szczerbowski (Secretary)



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 kitchen and ample parking. You can hire the hall for only £6.00 per hour, including electricity.

For more details call 860073 or email Jenny@szczerbowski.fsnet.co.uk

Regular events in the Hall include a short mat bowls club and table tennis team – see details later in this section.

There are also occasional Drama events, Quiz nights etc but recently things have been quiet. It's up to you if you want to make it happen!

Wappenham Recreation Association

The Wappenham Recreation Association (WRA) was founded to provide and maintain a communal play area within the village for the use by the entire village. This can be found at the bottom of the Helmdon Road.

Committee: Dene Ayres – Chairman (Tel 861009), Jonathon Miller - Vice Chairman, Mike Thorpe – Treasurer, Linda Emary, Mark Garwood, Andrew Swan, Frank Kinner.

Special events include a Hallowe'en party and recently the WRA has organised the village fete (see Events). Fund-raising is needed, as the lease for the land runs out in several years, and subsequently either that land or land near the Village Hall must be bought, to ensure the continuation of a recreation area for Wappenham.

NB: The South Northants. District Council also organise two play sessions in the recreation ground each summer.

Wappenham Watercolour Workshop (and other artistic enterprises..)

You may be surprised by how many people in Wappenham either paint, take photographs or sculpt, as a hobby or as a profession. Sometimes they open their 'studios' as part of the county's Open Studios month in September and sometimes open exhibitions have been held in the Church.

If you want to exhibit or find out about classes, contact Kersten Kappler on 860327 for current information. There are also local authority classes in Towcester, Greens Norton, Silverstone and occasionally Lois Weedon.

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. Tickets for shows are normally available at Wappenham Shop.

Village Action Group

This has put together the Wappenham Village Action Plan, after questionnaires were sent round the village and collated regarding what people would like to see. A Village Design Statement was drawn up which South Northants. District Council are considering. For more details contact Colin Bullock on 861233.

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 Roger King, 860449.

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.

Table Tennis

There is a Wappenham table tennis team which practises weekly in the Village Hall on a Sunday evening. Contact 861038 for details if you'd like to come along and join in.

St Mary's Church

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 other events are distributed every 3 months to all households, and Wappenham service dates are also given in the Wappenham Newsletter. Holy Communion is usually at 11am in Wappenham, with a Sunday School running simultaneously. On the first Saturday of the month, there is 'Infant Church' at 10am.

Besides the Clergy 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, including the unique one-handed clock!

Clergy

Rector, the Astwell Benefice: The Revd. Will Adams
Tel. 01280 850683

Email: rector@astwellbenefice.co.uk

Non-Stipendiary Curate to the Benefice:

The Revd. Dorothy Micklethwaite Tel 01280 703697

Readers: Jean Spendlove, Paul Stothard

Wappenham Churchwardens: Michael Lynas 861292, Assistant
Rob Corbishley 860948

Sunday School: Sue Corbishley 860948, Clare Lynas 861292

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.

Jane Mordue (Chairperson) 860812, Anthony Tucker (Secretary), John Bond (Treasurer), Dene Ayres, Eliza Bond (PCC Rep), Sarah Proctor, Di Watts, and ex officio members Will Adams (Rector), Dorothy Micklethwaite (Curate).

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 every one that believes".

We welcome all to our meetings.

Sunday morning worship at Wappenham starts at 10:45 am and a more casual, friendly coffee morning convenes in the schoolroom every Thursday in the summer months (10:15am - 11.45 am) which is open to all. There is also a monthly ladies' meeting, and a prayer and Bible study meeting on Tuesdays: see Chapel noticeboard for details.

Pastor Tim Martin

For more information contact the Pastor on 01327 358338.