



News from Abthorpe

July 2011

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The remaining vacancies on the Council have now been filled. The membership is Keith Fenwick (Chairman), Barry Haycock, Mary Hulbert, Jo Sharp, Steven Noble, Lucy Grimes and Dave Cambray.

One matter that the Parish Council has been pursuing to mounting frustration is the lack of action on improving the signage at the crossroads; they cannot even get a reply from the County Council as to when the promised improvements will be made.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The plans for affordable housing in Brackley Lane on the site of the present orchard are still being finalised. More car parking has been included and the footpath arrangements are being adjusted. There will be a village consultation when the plans are ready.

TELEPHONE KIOSK

The Parish Council has agreed in principle with the suggestion that the kiosk on the Green be used as a book exchange. Anyone will be able to borrow books from it and will be encouraged to contribute books to stock it. This will run for at least six months and

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then its success will be reviewed. To get it started, the Parish Council will have to find a suitable bookcase and make it secure. Watch out for completion of that work.

Did You Know...?

South Northants Volunteer Bureau has a range of services, equipment and accommodation available to local groups, including:

- Office space: meeting room, interview rooms
- Office services: photocopying, printing, laminating, etc
- Equipment hire: display boards, digital projectors, laptops, portable PA system, etc.

And they have special rates for voluntary groups. Call 358264 to see what they can help you with.

On a similar subject, if you have training needs, CVS Northamptonshire has a wide-ranging programme of Lottery-funded low cost courses listed at www.cvsnorthamptonshire.org.uk, or contact John Stroud on 01604 624121.

NEWS FROM THE NEW INN

The Royal Wedding was celebrated in style when Rob sacrificed one of his Texel lambs to be spit roasted by Bunny Hutchings and Peter Panayis and turned into delicious rolls and salad by Barbara and her team. It certainly drew a large crowd to the

pub for a long day of celebration.

The Royal Oak Morris Dancers paid a return visit at the end of June, keeping this enduring English tradition alive. This morris side, based in nearby Eydon, takes its name from their local and performs Cotswold Morris - meaning that all their dances originate from, or are based on, traditional dances of the Cotswolds. They were once again accompanied by the Stoney Steppers, who perform step and clog dances from around Britain. Another regular summer event which drew good support was the contest where teams of shearers from New Zealand and local teams had to shear a sheep, drink a pint and eat a banana.

New chef Stephen Casemore and his partner Sian Richardson had something of a baptism of fire, starting just days before the grand prix weekend. However, they coped magnificently producing some 300 meals over the period. Stephen's background, coming from Gastro-Pub of the Year in Buckinghamshire, a prize won just last year, augurs well for the New Inn. He is sourcing virtually all his ingredients locally, and his menu is available on the New Inn website: www.newinnatabthorpe.co.uk. He has already extended the opening hours for lunch on Sunday afternoon to 4.30 to accommodate those

wanting a lazy start to their day, and will open by prior arrangement on Monday or Tuesday. He is planning some theme nights and fun evenings, and also caters for external events such as shooting parties, weddings, children's parties, etc. We wish Steve and Sian the best of luck with their new venture.

The monthly quiz continues to raise useful sums for local charities, and over the last year has garnered a total of £2,500. At the end of April, SAS (Bunny Hutchings and friends) sent £100 to the Marie Curie Cancer Care. The May evening raised £100 for Help for Heroes. On 21st June the West Enders won against stiff opposition as 53 people turned out to contribute towards the record £163 raised in one night which was divided between Médecins Sans Frontières and the Macula Disease Society. The most recent evening, this month, saw £80.60 being sent to the local air ambulance by No Eye Deer.

Andrew Bird's World Village Tour stopped at the New Inn on 4th July. Andrew is a local comedian, originally from Towcester, who has been trying out his material for the Edinburgh Fringe on unsuspecting locals. His brand of intelligent, observational comedy, based on the idiosyncrasies of village life, went down well with his Abthorpe audience. Rob laid on supper before the show, charging £5

to go towards the Old School fund. For a Monday night, Andrew certainly drew the crowds, raising £205. How lovely to see so many people brought together on a Monday night for such rich entertainment. Andrew should do well in Edinburgh, and his dad, who drinks in the New Inn, can hold his head up high.

The teams who play darts on Monday and skittles on Thursday are continuing their weekly matches, here and away. And the open mic evenings every other Tuesday make a fairly full calendar. Watch out for the return of the Montanas on 17th September.

WAPPENHAM SHOP

Regrettably the steering group looking at the viability of opening a community shop in Wappenham has concluded that the project can't go ahead, mainly because of the small size of the village and the lack of a site on the main road which would mean that the shop would be unable to generate enough revenue.

Their chairman, Rupert Fordham, has written a full report on their conclusions which is available at www.northantsvillages.org.uk/wappenham/Word/ReportShop.pdf.

The response to the recent survey showed very strong support for the project from Wappenham, evidenced by the attendance at the initial

meeting, the number of survey responses from the village and the informal feedback that members of the group have received. However, there was less evidence of strong enthusiasm from the surrounding villages where approximately 500 questionnaires were delivered for 45 replies. There was clearly a desire to create a community facility in Wappenham and various ideas are being explored, but unfortunately a shop won't be among them.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

Following a good response to the questionnaire earlier this year, a new pattern of services around the benefice has been agreed to start in August. It will be reviewed after the first year. The published services for Abthorpe agreed so far are:

Sunday 21st August:
10.00am Benefice Holy Eucharist
Sunday 28th August:
9.15am Holy Eucharist

Abthorpe will have a Holy Eucharist service at 9.15am on the 4th Sunday of each month. There will be a benefice Holy Eucharist on the 3rd and 5th Sundays on a rota around the five churches.

Graham Buckle has been Ordained Deacon in Peterborough Cathedral and he will begin his curacy in the Whittlewood Benefice. Graham is

in full time employment and so will have a limited time to give in active ministry. As curate Graham will be turning his theoretical training into actual active ministry under the guidance of the Rector and, hopefully, with the help and challenge from the parishes in the Benefice, and support of his wife Davina and their family.

This year's harvest festival will again be a lay-led service with a difference and will be held on Sunday 2nd October at 10.00am. This will follow the harvest supper, a traditional village social evening held on the evening before the Harvest Festival. As ever a home-cooked dinner will help the chatter flow. Tickets will be on sale in September, or contact Richard Tomalin on 858316.

Looking forward to Christmas, admittedly a little early but it will give you thinking time, the church is planning to put together presents for needy children. The idea is to fill a shoebox with gifts for a child of a particular age and sex, such as toys, crayons, colouring books, toothbrush and paste. Undoubtedly you would have myriad good ideas. The boxes need to be sent off at the beginning of November, hence the early alert. More detail will be given in a flyer to be distributed around the village.

The tote winners since our last issue are: David and Alison Robbins



The skin shed by a grass snake that had been sunning itself on a bare patch close to a compost heap and an impenetrable thicket of nettles in a garden in Wappenham Road

in April (£220); Rona Cambray who won £222.50 in May; and amongst the newest to sign up Lucy and Paul Grimes were lucky in June (£222.50).

SAFARI SUPPER

From the cards and emails received following the safari supper, this social event was heartily enjoyed by everyone who took part.

Twenty four couples gathered at Leeson House for pre-dinner drinks, before dispersing round the village for three courses, each at a different home with a changing set of companions. Then, being well fed up and pleasantly mellow, everyone was invited back to Fawe Park for coffee. It is difficult to overstate the thanks from all the participants to the noble hosts who contributed to such creative and delicious meals, and the pre- and post-dinner hosts. The

logistics are daunting and special acknowledgement goes to Julie Dyckhoff and Andrea Lambert who sent everyone to their respective hosts.

The success has spawned requests for a similar event next year when it is hoped a few more people can be accommodated. So May 12th is the date for your diary if you'd like to go on safari.

FILM ABTHORPE

18th August is the next date put aside for a film evening at the Old School when the offering will be *Life is Beautiful*, the grand prix winner at the 1998 Cannes Film Festival. It is a film of two distinct parts, the first a comedy in which the scene is set for the looming drama of the second part. The central theme is that people will do whatever is necessary to protect what is most dear to them. This Italian film gives a unique perspective on events during WWII.

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Kate Mary Salmons who lived in our village sadly died recently at the age of 82 years. Kate, or Kath as she was universally known, was born, baptised and married here and lived in the village throughout her life. Her funeral service took place in the parish church and she was laid to rest in the village cemetery.



Kath was born in a small cottage on the right at the bottom end of Main Street that was demolished long ago. She attended Abthorpe School from the age of five when Miss Abberley was Head Mistress and Miss Henson her colleague. At the age of 11 Kath went to Silverstone Secondary School and stayed there until she left full time education and began work for the London Central Meat Company, firstly in Towcester and then in Northampton. Each day she would cycle to Towcester, leave her bike at Tuckey's shop at the cross roads and catch the bus into Northampton. Kath held a number of subsequent jobs during the intervening years on the Hesketh estate and in Towcester Mill until she retired at the age of 50.

Kath met Bob Salmons, who came from Blakesley, at a dance in Abthorpe school, and married him in 1953. They enjoyed nearly 60 years of married life, although sadly the last couple of years were marred by illness. She was able to remain at home thanks to the care Bob gave her.

Our thoughts go to Bob.

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What a pleasure to have so many congratulations to pass on in this issue:

~ to Barbara Malcomson and her daughter-in-law who recently completed the Race for Life, raising money for cancer charities. As Barbara said: "Even though I worked in the hospice, I wasn't quite emotionally prepared for the number of young girls running for their Mum and survivors of cancer celebrating another year 'not out'! It was very moving. Thanks to you all, I managed to raise £479.20 including gift aid. Having now got to walking a bit quicker than a 90 year old, I now need to keep up the motivation." Has anyone seen Barbara out pounding the streets?!

~ to Deborah, daughter of Bob and Jenny Carter of Wappenham Road, who recently married Adam Hughes in the village church. They met at Sponne School and Debbie went on to university in Northampton where she studied law. She is now a senior lawyer with Northants County Council. She worked in the New Inn during her studies and therefore knows a lot of local people. Adam also works for NCC in the Highways Department. They live in Northampton with their pampered cat 'Monka'.



~ to Catherine Symmers who graduated on 20th July with a first class honours degree in Advertising and Marketing Communications from De

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Montfort University in Leicester. She was also awarded the prize for the top student of her course. She's just started an internship with 'The Team', a London-based marketing agency.

A belated welcome to Michelle Douglas and Mike Thornton who moved into Elizabeth Cottage in School Lane earlier this year. We hope they and all the new arrivals will enjoy living in the village.

More recent arrivals are Rachel and Russell White, who have moved in to Church View, Main Street, with their two bouncy border terriers, Bodhi and Baxter. Rachel has a teenage connection with the village, so will know all the good footpaths and no doubt meet other regular dog walkers. Their business - Old Guys Rule, which is retail and wholesale men's surf clothing and accessories - occupies much of their time during the summer months, but they are looking forward to joining in village activities.

Welcome also to Eugenie and Craig Skinner who are settling in to 28 Wappenham Road. Although originally from Derby and Scotland respectively, Craig's work with the Red Bull formula one team makes this an obvious place to live. Eugenie's business in educational software is being placed slightly on the back burner as they await the birth of their first child in November. Abthorpe seems to be doing well for new babies at the moment!



Jack Alexander Hammon just managed to wait until Katie and Alex completed their move into Yew Tree House. He arrived on 25th April weighing 7lbs 6oz.

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And an update on Tom Gladdle's fundraising from the London Marathon for Sophie's Campaign for the Children's Ward for Interesting Things To Do (SCCWID) - *see last issue*. The total is now over £6,000. What an achievement.

OLD SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

Latest news from Julie Dyckhoff, Chair, Old School Committee

First of all I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped and supported us with our fundraising to date. The committee has been overwhelmed by the response we have received from the village towards our fundraising events and your support has enabled us to raise £3,148 in just three months!

We kicked off with a very popular and hotly contested quiz night on 2nd April where we raised £1,083. Several coffee mornings/afternoons have raised a combined total of £842 and we are extremely grateful to Janet Dancer, Carolyn and Richard Tomalin and Jan Walsh for opening their homes and gardens to host these events. Our plant sale on 22nd May raised £329 and, by popular demand, this will now become an annual event. Next year's sale will be on Sunday 20th May 2012 in the

afternoon, so please put the date in your diary and plant some extra seeds! Our most recent event was the fish & chip supper on the Green on 25th June where 115 people, villagers both young and not so young with their friends and relatives, enjoyed fish and chips, desserts and Hooky, and raised a total of £609. We have also received two generous donations: one from the organisers of the Safari Supper on 4th June from the sale of excess wine (£80), and a second from Rob and his customers at the New Inn from Andrew Bird's World Village Comedy Tour on 4th July (£205), for which we are hugely appreciative.

Our next event, in conjunction with the Church, is the Autumn Fayre on 10th September followed, in the evening, by a concert featuring the John Cleveland Band, who recently played a very successful swing concert in Bradden Church and whose repertoire encompasses popular classical, songs from the

shows and Glen Miller medleys.

Tickets will be on sale nearer the time. More at www.johnclevelandband.co.uk

Other events are in the pipeline, so please keep an eye out for flyers in your letterbox.

SCHOOL OF LIFE PROJECT WINS FUNDING

In July last year we reported on a programme designed to exchange skills and interests between young people under 25 and those over 50. Life changes fast these days and it's easy for the older generation to be left behind the new technologies. Similarly, many skills and hobbies enjoyed by older people have been lost to the younger generation. A further benefit of the project will be the breaking down of perceived barriers and improving understanding between older and younger generations by delivering intergenerational activities.

South Northants Volunteer Bureau, in partnership with Northampton Volunteering Centre and Nene Valley Community Action, has now secured three years of funding from the Big Lottery following their pilot year. They would like as many people as possible to put forward ideas for activities to involve older and younger people or to participate in the project. Please contact Amanda on 01280 841250

or email schooloflife@snvb.org.uk for further information.

And SNVB has also been successful in its recent application to Northants County Council to secure funding to provide local support and development services. This contract runs to March 2013.

CINEMA IN STOWE

Over the August bank holiday, on 27th and 28th August, Stowe Landscape Gardens will be showing two nights of open air cinema: *Toy Story 3* and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. For more information call 01280 822850; www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stowegardens.

APPRENTICESHIPS FOR THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

If you are involved with a charity, social enterprise, co-op or other voluntary sector organisation and are interested in running an apprenticeship for an employee or volunteer, Enable and Fair Train are supporting the delivery of such training.

The subjects available are broad, and funding is offered by the Skills Funding Agency. Find out more about how the scheme works from Nick Taylor, Enable, nick@enable.uk.net; 01159 348495; www.enable.uk.net or www.fairtrain.org.

FACTORIES IN SILVER STREET

There is a bundle of deeds at Northampton Record Office about Abthorpe shoe factory. Many of the surnames mentioned below have generations of connection with the village, some continuing to this day.

Interestingly the name Silver Street was changed to Factory Lane, presumably when manufacturing was in full flow, but in the 1980s it reverted to Silver Street - possibly a little more select?

In 1789 Robert Kendall from Syresham bought a ruined cottage from Mr Hindes, the site of the present Old Shoe Factory opposite the New Inn. By 1794 Mr Kendall had built a cottage and wheelright's shop there (not to be confused with the current house called Wheelwrights), where he made the wooden cartwheels whose metal rims came from the blacksmith's forge on the Green (now Forge Cottage). In 1818 he passed over the premises to his son John. By 1880 it was still called a wheelright's shop and premises when £200 was borrowed against it.

By the time owner Ann Kendall died in 1892 she had converted the site to three cottages and a yard. One cottage (now Blossom Cottage) had JK (John Kendall) in blue brickwork near the ground but that has now been rendered over.

Ann Kendall's property was bought by Thomas Hindes, whose wife took out a mortgage on it from Ann Snelson, but by 1911 Mrs Snelson was herself using it to raise money. Mortgaged property was sometimes sold with the mortgage still in place and the new owner would pay off the debt to the mortgagee first before paying over the residue.

Silver Street had 'top' and 'bottom' shoe factories and by 1896 there were two separate families owning property and employing labour to make boots and shoes: J H Snelson in the bottom one (now The Old Shoe Factory), and Sam Henson at the top.

Looking first at the 'bottom' one, Mrs Ruby Snelson (daughter-in-law of Ann Snelson) was owner by 1922. Between 1911 and 1942 a purpose-built shoe factory had been erected on the site. Members of the Snelson family worked there, and Eric collected the finished shoes and took them by cart to Wappenham station.

Although the 'new factory' had been offered to Messrs Mountwood some years before they only took up the lease in 1940, paying £25 per annum for 1,680 sq. ft. through their agent Isaac Baumberg. He stayed in the village

to oversee its wartime production of pyjamas and pants. The material was piled up on a bench and a large knife cut through the layers to provide identical garments, in a similar way to the leather being cut for shoe uppers. In about 1946 Sears Trueform had it as a shoe closing room (where women cut and stitched the uppers, the soles being made by men in another part of the factory) providing plenty of work for the skilled machinists. Extra workers were bussed in from other villages, and when Trueform moved to Brackley they again provided bus transport for the staff, just as Plessey did for all the workers in their Towcester factory.

Following the departure of Trueform the factory was used for a variety of purposes at different times including photography, Gayton Signs, miniature furniture production, then organ pipe making. Lastly, it was bought by Vintage Radiators when the factory was remodelled, rebuilt and extended by the owner. After he moved out the premises were converted into dwellings.

The 'top' premises were never a purpose built factory. Sam Henson used what is now Ivycroft and Sunnyview Cottage. The latter, with the date stone J Eyre 1764, was built by John Eyre, who ran it as a village shop and left the property to his daughter on his death. It remained with her husband's family until they sold it in 1864.

Sam Henson bought a cottage opposite the New Inn in 1870 making it his home after demolishing the original and rebuilding what is now Lane Cottage, date stone RCH 1896.

Sam Henson's granddaughter remembered her grandmother Eliza sitting in the factory all day making pillow lace so she could oversee the workers and make sure they did not slack. Once Sam died in 1911 his son Charlie borrowed heavily against his inheritance and although his sister bailed him out several times, by 1925 Charlie mortgaged it all for £600. Before it was sold in 1926 it had been used for some time by J H Snelson & Co in their shoe manufacture to augment the production in their 'bottom' factory.

A good number of cottages in Abthorpe have been built on the foundations of older ones. Some had quite a limited life like the row of 10 houses for the poor in what is now the garden of Forge Cottage that were built and knocked down again in less than 100 years.

MOBILE LIBRARY

After being threatened with withdrawal, the Mobile Library will once again be visiting the village regularly. Starting on Sunday 14th August, it will be on the Green from 3.10pm until 3.25pm. It will then come on the second Sunday of each month.

Although at one time several people used the library, there has recently been only one regular user. So if at all possible, please support this service so that it can continue - and, yes, it is SUNDAY on which it will call.

SILVERSTONE INFANTS SCHOOL

A large number of the children from Abthorpe begin their formal education at Silverstone School, so it is heartening to learn that the recent Ofsted inspection found it to be an Outstanding school with outstanding leadership and management, and excellent school governors. The quality of the teaching and learning was classified as excellent with the result that most pupils make outstanding progress.

This wonderful result was achieved largely through the inspirational leadership and management of the head teacher, Mrs Julie Letts, who heads the federated Silverstone Infants and Junior schools. As part of the inspection process the

school was asked to self-evaluate its effectiveness. The inspectors concluded that the school was far too modest and underestimated how good it was. They were pleased to place the school in the outstanding category - something achieved by only 6% of schools nationwide.

Full report: [www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/display/\(id\)/139085](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/oxedu_reports/display/(id)/139085)

BUS SERVICES

There has been no firm news of the bus changes following the consultation in May, but it is understood that it is still the intention to start the dial-a-ride service at the beginning of September and cease all the current scheduled services at that time.

The proposals to change the service have been discussed at length in the village. Audrey Dancer has found a copy of a timetable card issued by Lawrence's Bus Services of Wappenham in her family's archives. She believes that it dates back to the 1950s. Walt Lawrence operated a Bedford OB coach for the Thursday market day service to Banbury. The bus left Towcester at 9.10 and travelling via Abthorpe arrived at Banbury 55 minutes later. But Walt's bus services to Northampton were much more frequent. On Wednesday, Northampton's market day, there were four return journeys: one in the morning, one in the afternoon

and two in the evening for people to visit the cinema. On Saturdays there were five return trips and even on Sundays there were two. People could catch a bus in Abthorpe at 9.15 on Sunday evening to travel to Northampton. Provided they caught the return service from the Plough Hotel at 10.15 they could still be back in Abthorpe well before 11.00pm.

But it's the little advertisements around the edge of the timetable that provide a fascinating insight into another era that many older people remember with a great deal of affection. Cory's bread from Syresham was "to be often buttered but never bettered". J. Coy, also of Syresham, was undoubtedly a busy and versatile chap as he advertised his services as a builder, carpenter,

decorator, wheelwright and even undertaker. But it was G T Chester of Wappenham whose advertisement stood out. He not only had a lorry and car for hire but supplied hot, clean and lasting coals. Additionally he kept Wappenham's Bull Inn and declared in verse that: "The ancients of old drank water so cold and very soon withered away. But the people round here drink Chester's beer, and flourish like flowers in May."

VINTAGE CARS COMING TO ABTHORPE

Once again we are to be graced with the presence of the Vintage Sports Car Club who are using the centre of the village for their lunch halt on Saturday 20th August from approximately 1.00 to 2.00pm. There will be around 30 cars, all of which were manufactured before 1939. Please come and view these relics from a bygone age, driving their equally aged motor cars.

The Old School Committee will be providing one of their renowned lunches for the participants, and adding a little to the fund-raising total.

SHARED READING PROJECT

At a recent open event at SNVB in Towcester a group discussed the idea that reading aloud can be serious and fun, life-enhancing and



creative. They shared a reading of an extract from *Great Expectations* and recognized that the personal response of each member of the group is the real starting point.

John Marshall, who has experience of running similar groups in other counties, explained that "reading aloud among a community of attentive listeners can be a positive force for personal wellbeing". He also reminded the group that great writers, such as Dickens, Shakespeare and Wordsworth did not write so that generations of students could struggle with exam papers. Dipping into the classics of literature, with the support of a reading group, opens up a world of human experience for people to share.

The process is essentially quite simple, recalling our younger days when we took comfort from being read to and provides space for people to discuss their feelings and responses to the words and stories in a supportive environment.

The project is being set up in Towcester initially and SNVB is looking for more people to get involved as participants and potential group leaders.

If you would like to become involved, at any level, they would be delighted to hear from you: 358264.

HIGH SPEED RAILWAY OR HS2

The public exhibitions held in May and June gave full details of the proposed route. Originally, many possible routes were evaluated. Of these, four were selected for further study including one which ran between Abthorpe and Foscoate before heading north of Slapton. This was not selected as the final route as it would not serve Heathrow Airport and involved extensive and expensive tunnelling under the Chilterns. The preferred route runs east of Brackley, close to Greatworth and then east of Banbury and it was this route for which details were given at the exhibitions. It is hard to gauge the impact which the line will have in reality. There has been a lot of negative comment particularly in the local press, far more than there would be if a major road was to be built through the area.

The consultation does not finish until 29th July so for anyone feeling strongly about this project you can see all the details and have your say on <http://highspeedrail.dft.gov.uk/>.

STUDENTS AGAINST VIOLENCE

We have reported before on Operation Nightsafe, Northamptonshire Police's partnership approach to reducing alcohol-related crime and disorder in the streets around leisure areas. Students from the University of Northampton have

been included in a focus group which concluded that violence should be a top priority for police in the town, and that prevention is the key to tackling the issue.

Crime in Northampton fell by almost 10 per cent in the year up to 31st March, which included a small reduction in violence.

Chief Inspector Dave Lawson, who is leading Operation Nightsafe, would welcome any feedback on your experiences (03000 111 222). Even with the budget cuts, this is one area the police are concentrating on.

DIARY

Saturday 6 August

Blakesley Agricultural Show

Thursday 18 August

Film Abthorpe, the Old School, 8.00pm

Saturday 20 August

Vintage cars on the Green, about 1.00 - 2.00pm

Sunday 21 August

Benefice Holy Eucharist, St John the Baptist, 10.00am

Sunday 28 August

Holy Eucharist, St John the Baptist, 9.15am

Saturday 3 September

Wappenham village fete

Monday 5 September

Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm, the Old School

Saturday 10 September

Autumn Fayre, jointly organised by the Old School Committee, the Church, and the Village Fund

Saturday 17 September

Montanas at the New Inn

Saturday 1 October

Harverst Supper

Sunday 2 October

Harvest Service, St John the Baptist, 10.00am