

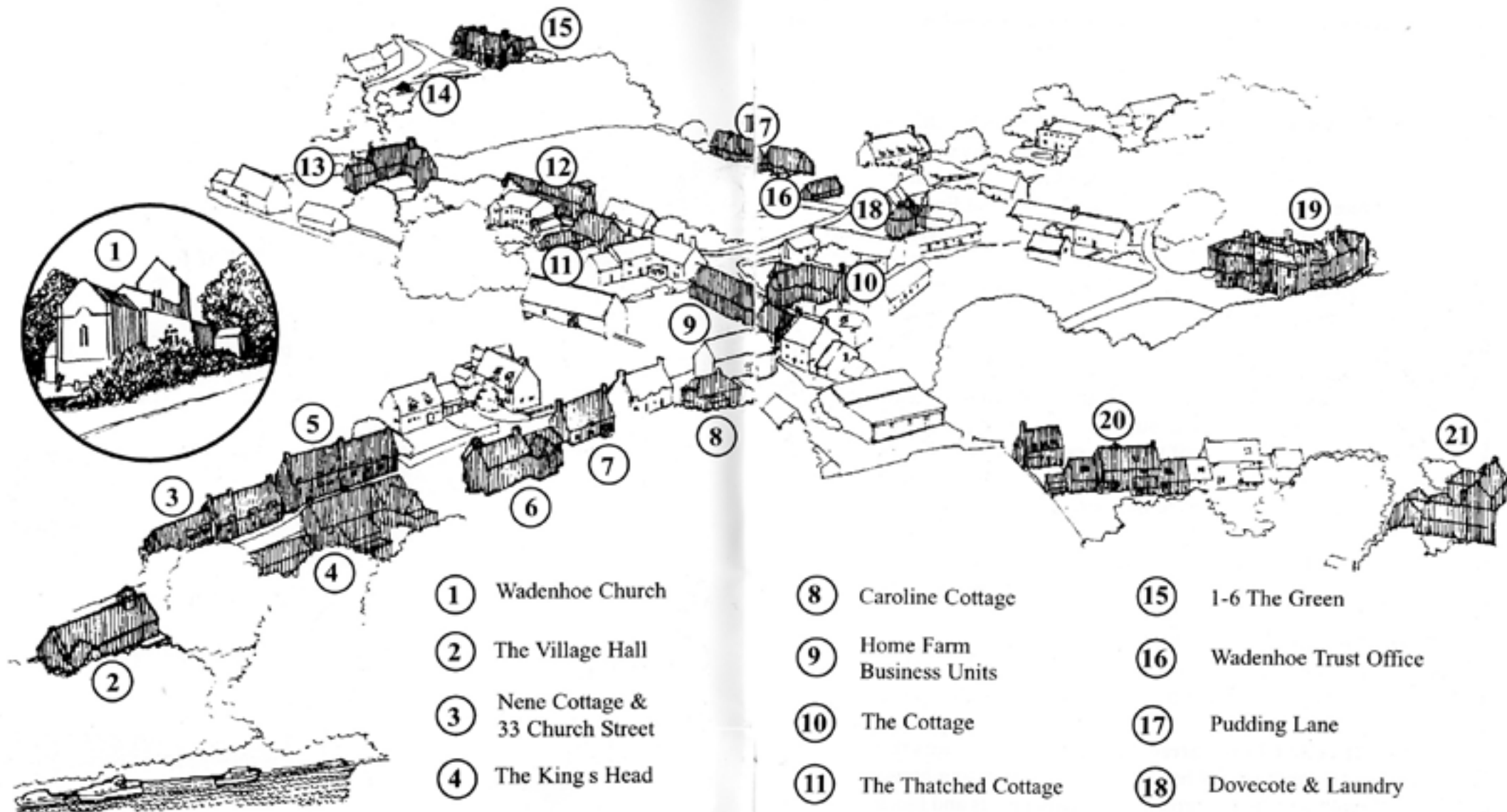
# A WALK AROUND



# WADENHOE

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- ③ Nene Cottage & 33 Church Street
- ④ The King's Head
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- ⑯ Wadenhoe Trust Office
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- ⑱ Dovecote & Laundry
- ⑲ Wadenhoe House
- ⑳ 1 & 2 Mill Lane
- ㉑ Wadenhoe Mill

- 1) **Wadenhoe Church:** a 13th century church with a 12th century saddleback tower, but containing Saxon features. The church contains two Green Men. These can be found in many churches around Britain and Europe and Northamptonshire has several fine examples. The figures have pagan origins, a symbol of vegetation renewal and human resurrection, acceptable to Christians and pagans alike.
- 2) **Village Hall:** built in 1990 to replace the previous wooden building. The car park was the former site of the village gas works, built in 1868 and was still in use until 1911. Three of the houses in the village have the remains of the four mounting studs that were used to attach the gas lamps to the external walls.
- 3) **Nene Cottage & 33 Church Street:** the former, an 18th century, the latter a 17th century thatched cottage.
- 4) **The King's Head:** built before the English Civil War as an alehouse and extended at the north end by an 18th century cottage and the south end by a single storey.
- 5) **31 & 32 Church Street:** over the last 200 years this stone-built terrace has been reduced from four houses to two by breaking through the internal walls and blocking off external doorways. Some of the more notable features of the terrace are the high internal ground-floor levels made possible by the use of plinths to raise the ground level.
- 6) **Aubrey House:** a substantial new house, built in 2001 on the site of a 1970s dwelling.
- 7) **28 Church Street:** built during the 17th century and formally the village shop with the sign above the door.
- 8) **Caroline Cottage:** built in 1839 as the village school by Mary Caroline Hunt whose coat of arms is proudly exhibited on the porch in an exuberant cartouche. The building is stone built in the Tudor style with a slate roof. Clearly the architecture was meant to impress on the pupils the role of the Church and authority. Closed in 1955 when there were only 6 pupils.
- 9) **Home Farm Business Units:** an award winning barn conversion completed in 1992.
- 10) **The Cottage:** a late 16th century building with the roadside extension used during the 19th century as both a butcher's shop and even a public house.
- 11) **The Thatched Cottage:** built into the gable of this building is a substantial 14th century stone window in a very worn state but which originally had two tall window openings. Opinion is divided as to whether the building is of medieval date.
- 12) **Post Office:** in 1871 it was the first village post office with a telegraph installed at the behest of the then First Lord of the Admiralty, George Ward Hunt. At the rear is the old village forge with 2 furnaces.



- 13) **Manor Farm:** built 5 years after the Spanish Armada in 1593 with two 17th century date-stones on the gable ends, 1653 and 1670.
- 14) **The War Memorial:** erected in 1920
- 15) **1-6 The Green:** a terrace of houses built for estate workers and their families in 1865 by George Ward Hunt. The date stone bearing his initials was centrally placed to ensure the good works of the family were appreciated. The houses represented a considerable improvement in accommodation when compared with the majority of the dwellings used by the labouring classes of the period.
- 16) **Wadenhoe Trust Office:** one of only two single storey houses in the village built before 1793.
- 17) **Pudding Lane:** once a large open hall of medieval construction but later divided up into three labourers cottages.
- 18) **Dovecote & Laundry:** the dovecote was built during the Napoleonic Wars and contains 500 lathe and plaster nesting boxes. The timber cupola on top of the Laundry, to aid ventilation, was built during the Victorian period when Wadenhoe House was extended by George Ward Hunt, the Chancellor of the Exchequer in Disraeli's Government in 1868 and later First Sea Lord 1871 to 1877.

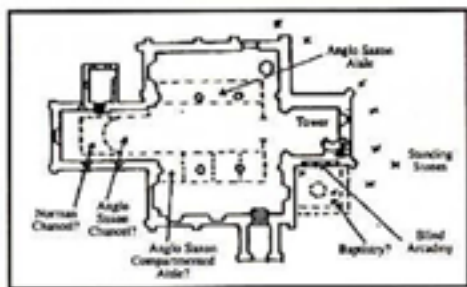
Politicians remember Ward Hunt because it was he who forgot on Budget day his red dispatch box containing the budget speech. This is why Chancellors even today hold up the dispatch box to the Press and Television camera crews as they leave No. 11 Downing Street on their way to the House of Commons on Budget day.

- 19) **Wadenhoe House:** the old part of the house has a date stone of 1657, but was extended in the 18th and 19th centuries by the Ward Hunt family who owned the whole village along with 1000 acres of surrounding farmland and woodland. Now used as a Management Training Centre and venue for weddings.
- 20) **1 & 2 Mill Lane:** a pair of semi detached houses, one with a gatehouse built in 1982, which won a Civic Trust Commendation for a contribution to the Quality and Appearance of the Environment.
- 21) **Wadenhoe Mill and Mill House:** built on the site of a 12th century water mill, extensively rebuilt in the 19th century and converted in 1972 by the architect Kit Martin into a family home.



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Millennium Sundial



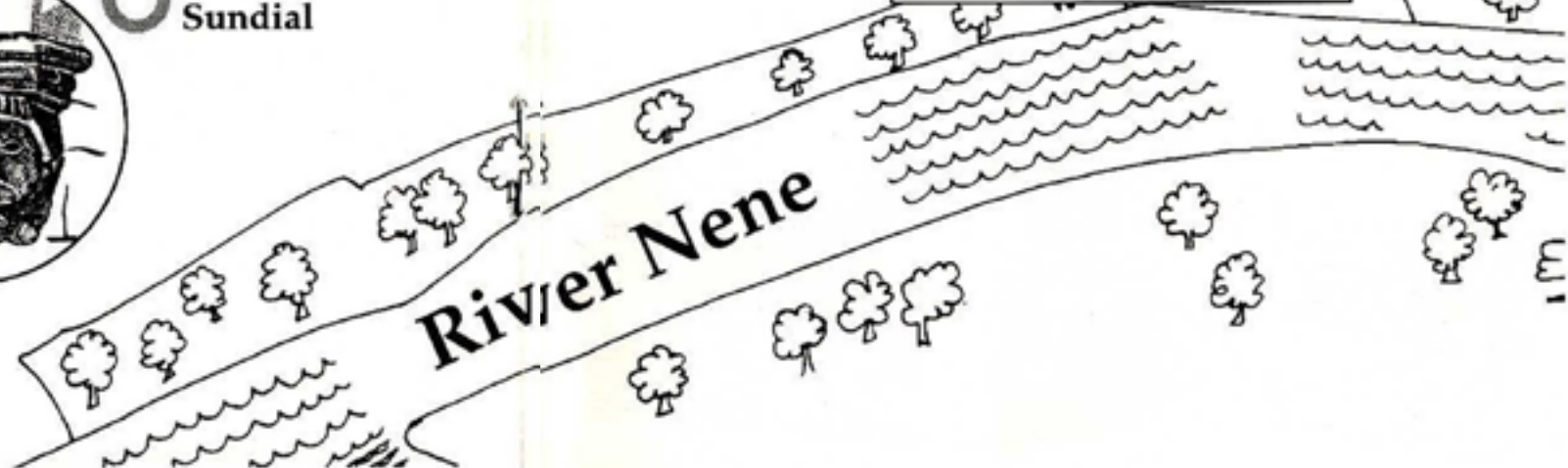
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**Cream Teas**  
May until end of September  
Sundays and Bank Holiday  
Mondays

**Car Park**

○ Millennium Sundial



**River Nene**





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Church Street

(Gas Street)



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Main Street

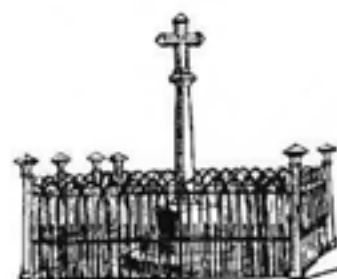
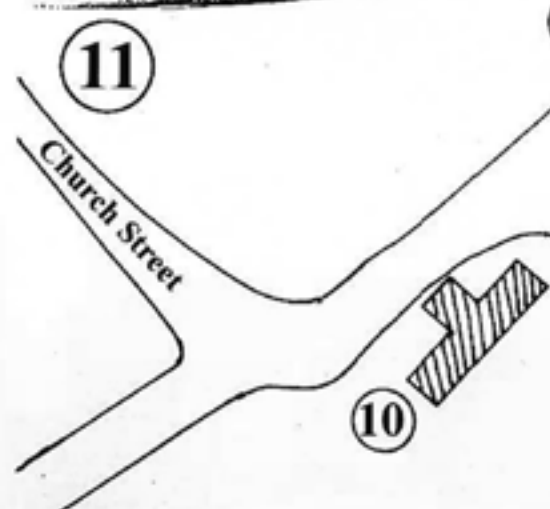


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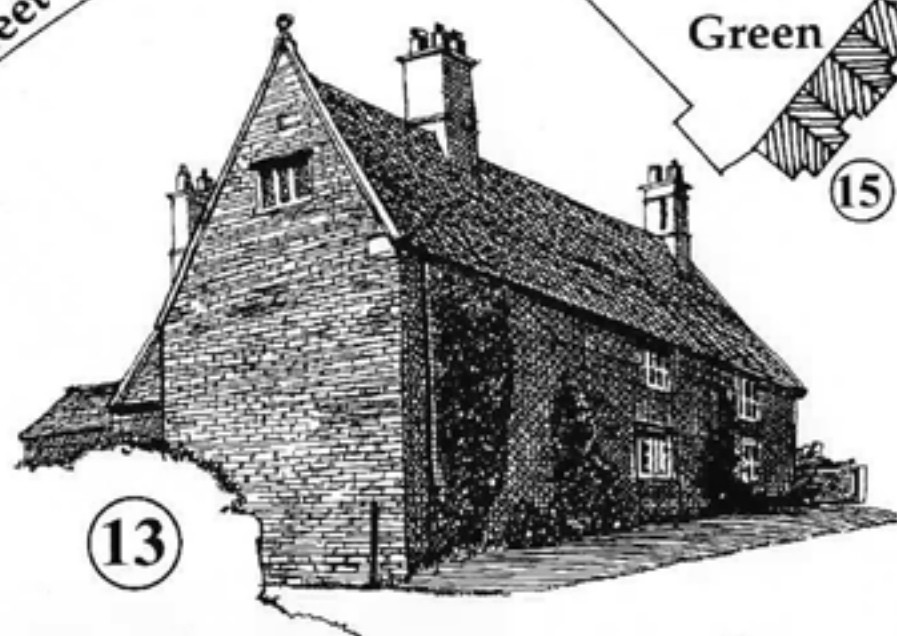


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Mill Lane



The Green





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Church Street

Mill Lane

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Main St.

Pilton Road

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Pudding Lane

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