



This booklet has been produced by Brafield on the Green Parish Council for the benefit of everyone in the village, but particularly for new residents to whom we offer a warm welcome. If you hear of any new residents moving to the village, please contact a member of the Parish Council so that we can ensure they receive the booklet to help them settle in.

Together with our village website www.brafielddonthegreen.org.uk and our regular Parish Council Newsletter (issued approximately every two months following Parish Council meetings), we hope to keep you in touch with what is happening locally and hope that this will encourage you to share in the life of our community and feel part of it.

If you know of anyone who would prefer to receive this information in a larger print size, please contact any member of the Parish Council.

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Cover panoramic view courtesy of Richard Buller

Brafield on the Green Information Booklet

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Emergency number for Police, Fire & Ambulance	999
Police - general enquiries	03 000 111 222
Crime Stoppers	0800 555111
Neighbourhood Watch	432436
Denton Village Surgery	890313
Denton Surgery repeat prescriptions	899800
NeneDoc - Out of Hours Medical Emergencies	01333 666 4664
NHS Direct	0845 4647
NHS Northamptonshire Advice & Information Service	0800 5870 879
Emergency Dentist (no regular dentist) call NHS Direct	0845 4647
Out of Hours Dental Care	07770 445650
Northampton General Hospital	634700
Veterinary Hospital Spinney Lodge	648221
PDSA Pet Aid Hospital Northampton	637175
RSPCA Northamptonshire Branch	721888
SNC Dog Warden	01327 322277
Pest Control	
– call Northampton Council Environmental Health Services	838755
Electricity Emergency	0800 0568090
Gas Escape	0800 111999
Water Emergency	08457 145145
Street Doctor	0845 601113
Flood Line	0845 9881188
Parish Council Clerk	858360
South Northamptonshire Council	01327 322322
Northamptonshire County Council	236236

INTRODUCTION

Brafield on the Green lies on the upper edge of the Nene valley, a few miles South East of Northampton. The village is roughly equidistant between Oxford and Cambridge, and around 65 miles North of London.

The Village Information Booklet

We hope you will find the village Information Booklet useful. If you are new to Brafield we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our village. This booklet, which is produced by the Parish Council, gives information about activities and services in the village as well as including details of the nearest facilities if they are not available in the village. We have also included a map of the village in the centrefold of this booklet. All telephone numbers are 01604 unless otherwise stated. The fact a service or facility is listed should not be taken as a recommendation, it is purely for information purposes.

The information contained in the booklet will obviously change over time. We will try to keep you informed of any amendments or additions through our Parish Council Newsletter. Alternatively look on the Village Website www.brafieldonthegreen.org.uk where information is updated regularly.

If you have any comments or suggestions about the booklet, or think there is something else that should be included, then please contact a member of the Parish Council or use the 'contact us' facility on the website.

Brafield on the Green – a brief history – prepared by Kevin Ward

The long and thin parish of Brafield extends from the River Nene to the north to the settled part of today's village in the centre of the parish and then stretches some way south towards Horton. This large flat area of land south of the A428 (Bedford Road) would probably have included the Brafield Wood referred to in 1458 and, when cleared of trees, became the great common heath of furze until the 19th century (and then a wartime aerodrome for a short time). Human settlement in the parish goes back a long time. Plentiful archaeological remains from the Iron Age through to considerable evidence of Roman settlement have been found in the fields

all around the village. In terms of written evidence a Saxon Charter of 967 refers to *Bragenfelda* and the village is, of course, documented in the 1086 Domesday book, as *Brachesfeld*.

Settlement has shifted in the village in the last thousand years. Today the hamlet of Lower End is fairly separate from the housing clustered around the Green and extending west and south across the Bedford Road. In the medieval period the footpath from the Church to the back of the present Red Lion was a village street with housing on both sides, now only surviving as earthworks. Likewise the fields between Home Farm and Lower End include many earthworks perhaps indicating former houses and gardens. In the 16th century Brafield is recorded as a manor of 90 houses and 15 cottages and in 1720, probably more reliably, as having a population of 303 and 70 houses. The population in 1801 was 284, which rose throughout the course of the next two centuries to its present figure of about 650.

The structural layout of the fields today owes much to the enclosure of most of the village in 1829. This created the network of footpaths, bridleways and roads (some simply continuing in existing ancient routes) and most of the present hawthorn hedged field boundaries. The present Green is a minute fraction of what once existed. Before 1829 there had been a huge irregular area of open Green (both sides of the Bedford Road including an area much greater than all of the estate housing to the south of the road and even beyond the present water tower), the furzen heath and, thirdly, between 3 and 5 massively large 'open' fields divided into hundreds of unhedged strips and furlongs.

St. Laurence's Church is the building with the most ancient architectural evidence. Although subject to an extensive restoration between 1848 and 1858, it includes some interesting early medieval (12 and 13th century) detail, in its south arcade columns in particular. The Monk's House in Church Lane is a stone house of medieval origin, although much restored, and there are several stone cottages, both near the Green and in Lower End, with 17th and 18th century features and, in some instance, likely earlier roots. Many 'rows' of cottages of this date were demolished as slums and/or rebuilt in the 20th century, especially after the Second World War. A Public House called the Red Lion has been licensed since at least 1737 perhaps on the same location as the presently largely 19th century building. The former School is a fine ironstone Victorian building built in 1842 and extended in 1885.

Associated with Little Houghton through joint lordship and ownership since at least 1086, the cultivation and grazing of large areas of the open fields

used to be jointly organised (so called 'intercommoning') and the villages were inclosed together in 1829. Brafield has come to be characterised as an 'open' village with a somewhat proud deal of 'independence'; hence the 'poor but industrious' title of a recent history of the village and the common, but perhaps somewhat unfair, tendency to contrast its character with that of Little Houghton, the 'posh' place with the long established seat and homestead of the owner of the manorial lordship. It's certainly fair to say that, up until the last few decades, local villagers have lived out the annual seasons here in a rural and agricultural cycle probably for thousands of years and certainly for at least a millennium in and around the present built area of Brafield and Lower End.

For those interested in finding out more about the history of the village and its residents, the village website contains a detailed account of the history of Brafield which includes, maps, photographs, drawings and paintings. The book 'A Poor but Industrious People' by R. Hollowell is available from Ray and Anne Henman on 890748.

Public Footpaths & Bridle Ways (see also p 33)

In our parish, in addition to the roads and the footways alongside them (paved mostly but just grass verge in places), there are many miles of public rights of way in the form of 30 footpaths and 4 bridleways. These provide ways to walk and ride from one part of the village to another. The footpath from Lower End to Church Lane via the Church is a good example. This has a hard surface and so is accessible by push-chair and wheelchair. Another example is the bridleway known as Bridle Path which effectively runs parallel with the Bedford Road and connects Billing Road with Church Lane and runs across the front of the Red Lion.

These routes also connect our village to others. There are ways leading to Little Houghton, Great Houghton, Cogenhoe, Whiston, Horton and Denton. In the past these would have had an important functional use; today they are much more recreational as people walk their dogs or go for a stroll. Other people use them passing through on longer walks.

A sketch-map of the village showing the most popular paths is included in the centrefold of this booklet. A copy of the Definitive Footpath map, which shows all of the legal public routes, can be found in the front window of the Sargeant Memorial Hall in Church Lane. Routes are also shown on Ordnance Survey maps although these cannot always be relied on as being completely up to date.

To be sure about the legal course and status of any specific route you should check the County Council's on line mapping at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk. The County Council is responsible for maintaining the network of paths in Brafield and elsewhere in the County – keeping the surfaces and structures (fingerposts, gates, stiles, bridges, steps etc) safe for public use.

To help them, they encourage local people who walk regularly to volunteer as Parish Paths Wardens. These people act as local 'eyes and ears' reporting any problems with the paths – obstructions, overgrown paths, surfaces or structures needing repair or replacement - and can help in encouraging their use through local maintenance work, waymarking and, perhaps, leading walks.

You, too, can help by reporting any problems you find to our local Wardens: Richard and Jean Sheward Tel: 899363 richshew@btinternet.com or John Campion Tel: 890305 djmcampion@tiscali.co.uk. You can also help to keep the routes in good order by dealing with litter, cleaning up after your dog, trimming back your hedges if they overhang public footpaths and being considerate about where you park your car.

OUR VILLAGE

Village Hall : The Sargeant Memorial Hall

Brafield on the Green is fortunate to have been given a very pleasant and useful village hall by Miss Eveline Sargeant in memory of her brother Charles Sargeant. It is situated in Church Lane and has car parking for up to 15 cars.

The hall offers a main room measuring 45 x 26 ft; a modern kitchen with electric cooker, microwave cooker, electric kettles, fridge, extensive work surfaces with a serving hatch through to the main hall; an additional small room 12 x 7 ft, and ladies' and gentlemen's toilets. There are twelve 5ft. tables and one hundred chairs.

The Sargeant Memorial Hall provides a friendly venue within the village, and is available for hire by individuals, clubs or groups for meetings, classes, private parties at very competitive rates.

For enquiries please contact the Secretary and Booking Clerk:
Hilary Dolan Tel: 890041

Clubs and Organisations

Activities held in the Hall

Short Mat Bowls

The short mat bowls team is a mixed group who play friendly matches against other villages and participate in a County League as the 'Brafield Bangers' as well as in a village league. Anyone is welcome to come along and join. Bowls are supplied – all you need is soft shoes.

There are two 2-hour sessions per week held in the Village Hall.

Monday from 8.00pm – 10.00pm

Friday from 8.00pm – 10.00pm

Secretary: Phil Manley,

Tel: 891235

Email: phil.manley@virgin.net

Or Fixture Secretary: David Clayson,

Tel: 891473

Yoga Classes

Two 1½ hour sessions held on Thursday morning from 9.30am – 11.00am and 11.15am to 12.45pm in the Village Hall. For more information call at the Hall at the beginning or end of a class.

Upholstery Classes

Four classes take place a week on Tuesday and Thursday. There are also occasional Saturday courses. For further details Tel: 05601 316347.

Brafield Working Men's Club

Family orientated club affiliated to the C.I.U. The club offers a diverse range of activities with entertainment on Saturday and Sunday evenings and activities such as skittles and bingo during the week. Darts, snooker and pool are also available.

Ladies full membership available to this Club. Children are welcome but must be supervised.

Concert room is available for hire on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. For further information please contact the Secretary of the club, Brenda P. McMahon Tel: 890795

Village Activities

Allotments

Church Lane, Brafield on the Green

For more information please contact David Clayson Tel: 891473

Good Neighbours Club

The Good Neighbours is a club for anyone over 55 years of age. The GN club can boast a very proud record of being in existence for more than 40 years and is still going strong. The members meet every Monday afternoon for card games (whist, cribbage etc), dominoes, a cup of tea and a chat in pleasant company.

If you would like to attend just come to the Brafield on the Green Working Men's Club at 1.30pm until 4.00pm every Monday (excluding Bank Holidays)

Day Centre Yardley Hastings

A weekly day centre for senior citizens is held at the Yardley Hastings Memorial Hall on Wednesdays. The centre is run entirely by volunteers from Yardley Hastings and the surrounding villages, and provides lunch and entertainment.

For more information please contact Jeni Payne from Yardley Hastings Tel: 696884.

Also needed are volunteers to help ensure this facility can continue to operate – if you can spare a day a month, or maybe more, please contact Jeni Payne for information on what this entails.

Ready Steady Go Club

This exercise club, which currently runs Pilates classes on a Tuesday evening, was founded over 10 years ago in Little Houghton. A fee is payable and all profits are used to fund village projects such as a Christmas lunch for older residents. For more information please contact Alex Zielinski Tel: 890890 or Anne Marrum Tel: 890406 – who will also have information on other activities in Little Houghton.

Women's Institute Northamptonshire Federations

There are 135 WIs situated across the county with WIs located in many of our surrounding villages. If you would like to join a WI or attend a meeting, please contact the federation office for further information Tel: 646055.

Places of Worship

The Church of St Laurence

The Church of St. Laurence stands on the north side of the village. The oldest part of the church is almost 1000 years old, however much of the church was changed and rebuilt in the Victorian times. St Laurence Church falls within the United Benefice of Cogenhoe, Great and Little Houghton with Brafield on the Green. Available to buy from the church is a booklet detailing the history of the church building including some very interesting facts that you might otherwise not notice.

The church has to be locked when not in use due to recent thefts. However, during the summer months the church is open on Saturdays from 2.00pm to 4.00pm or at other times by appointment with the Churchwardens.

Parish Priest: Father Richard Stainer The Rectory Cogenhoe
Tel: 891166

Churchwardens: Ray Henman Tel: 890748
Hilary Dolan Tel: 890041

Services:

1st Sunday: 11.00am Family Communion in Brafield
2nd Sunday: Service in a neighbouring Parish - times vary see
church notice board for details
3rd Sunday: 11.00am Family Service (No Communion) in
Brafield
4th Sunday: 08.00am Holy Communion in Brafield
5th Sunday: 10.00am Benefice Service – rotates through the
Benefice

Every Tuesday: Said Holy Communion at 9.30am followed by
coffee and biscuits.

Brafield & Little Houghton Parish Magazine

This monthly news booklet provides information on church and chapel services and various events and organisations in the villages. Subscriptions are paid annually in January and you can advertise an event in the village

to over 100 households. Please deliver or e-mail any articles for inclusion to Anne Henman, 1 Church Lane, Brafield.
e-mail anne@rydalchurchlane.plus.com before the 18th of the month. Businesses or services also have the opportunity to advertise in the magazine by contacting the editor, John Ford Tel: 890584.

Brafield Youth Choir

The Brafield Youth Choir is for any young person over 6 years of age. It meets on a Tuesday evening at 6.00pm – 6.30pm in St Laurence Church, Brafield. It is expected that young people attending the practice will attend Family Communion on the first Sunday and the Family Service on the third Sunday of each month. The young people work towards their RSCM Voice for Life Choir Ribbons. For information please contact Hilary Dolan Tel: 890041 or Anne Henman Tel: 890748.

Benefice Choir (Adults)

The choir is made up of singers from each of the four parishes and leads the singing at the benefice services throughout the year. The choir also puts on at least one annual concert for the Flower Festival and sings at weddings and other events. If you enjoy singing and would like to find out more, then please contact Hilary or Anne (as above).

Music Group

A small group of musicians meet at 6.45pm in the Church on the Monday before the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month to practice the music for the main service. If you play an instrument or sing and would like to join the group please call Hilary Tel: 890041.

Bell Ringing

Ringling practice is on a Wednesday evening in the Tower of St Laurence Church from 7.45pm – 9pm. The band rings for half an hour before each 11 am Sunday service, at weddings and on other special occasions. New and experienced ringers are always welcome. Contact: Tower Captain Ray Henman Tel: 890748

Hand bell Ringing

A small group of ringers meets to practise in the spring and summer, mainly for their own enjoyment. In the autumn they practise Carols to be rung around the village at Christmas time. Contact: Ray Henman Tel: 890748 for details.

The Baptist Chapel

Village Chapels originally started as meetings in people's houses and, as more people came together, it was decided to try to purchase land to build their own Chapels.

This happened in Brafield on the Green in 1829 when a building was erected that was then called the Meeting House.

The trustees later called on the Northampton Baptist Association to come under their association. This was accepted and the building became known as the Baptist Chapel (which is located in Chapel Lane off the Bedford Road behind the Village Post Office and Stores).

Sunday morning service is at 10.30am and anyone wishing to come and join the service is warmly welcomed. Services are led by local preachers, for whom we are thankful as some travel many miles to be with us.

Secretary: David Clayson, 46 Bridle Path
Tel: 891473

Charities

The Brafield Parish Charity 100 Club

The Parish Charity has been combined with the Church and Poor's Land Trust from 2010, but the 100 Club will still be run by the combined Charity in order to provide funds to help with the upkeep of the Alley Garden Play Area which is now managed by the Parish Council. If you would like to be a member of the 100 Club, membership costs just £24 a year. Please contact Ray Henman Tel: 890748 or Gill Morgan Tel: 891934 to discuss.

Church & Poor's Land Trust

This is a small charity which raises money from a small landed estate, which includes the allotments, for the repair and maintenance of the local church and can make grants to people living in the village who are in need, hardship or distress. Contact the Chair Gill Ager Tel: 891488.

Children and Young People

Play Area for Children

The Alley Garden play area is located on the corner of Bedford Road and Church Lane. After more than 30 years of trying to secure a suitable piece of land the play area was finally opened in 2002. An offer by the Church and Poor's Land Trust, a local charity, allowed a piece of their allotment land to be rented and the dream could finally become a reality. The play area opened with just 2 pieces of equipment, a double bay swing and the wooden activity tower, which initially stood in the grounds of the old village school before it closed. A recent award from the Biffaward Scheme has led to the acquisition of a further 5 pieces of wonderful new play equipment for the children. The play area is for children up to 11 years. No ball games are allowed due to the close proximity of the busy main road.

Activities for Children

Beavers – 1st Houghton

Ages 5 years 9 months – 8 years

Meet on a Wednesday evening at the Lt Houghton Scout & Guide Hut

Time: 6.00pm – 7.15pm.

Contact: Ruth Kentigern-Fox Tel: 890223

Rainbows – 1st Houghton

Ages 5 years 9 months – 7 years

Meet on a Tuesday evening at the Lt Houghton Scout & Guide Hut

Time: 6.00pm – 7.15pm

Contact: Gill Bailey Tel: 890100

Brownies – 1st Brafield on the Green

Ages 7 – 10 years

Meet on a Tuesday evening in Denton School Hall.

Time: 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Contact: Carole Clarke Tel: 890170

Cubs – 1st Houghton

Ages 8 – 10 years

Meet on a Thursday evening at the Little Houghton Scout & Guide Hut

Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Contact: Lynda Wills Tel: 408885

Guides – 1st Houghton

Ages 10 – 15 years

Meet on a Tuesday evening at The Scout & Guide Hut, Little Houghton.

Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Contact: Gill Bailey Tel: 890100

Scouts – 1st Houghton

Ages 10 ½ - 14 years

Meet on a Thursday evening at The Scout & Guide Hut, Little Houghton.

Time: 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Contact: Lynda Wills Tel: 408885

Sea Scouts – 1st Cogenhoe

Meet on a Friday evening at Cogenhoe Scout Hut in Short Lane Cogenhoe

Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Contact: Keith Loader Tel: 413497

Explorer/Voyager Scouts – Grafton District

Ages 14 - 18 years

Meet on a Wednesday evening at the Cogenhoe Scout Hut in Short Lane Cogenhoe.

Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

Contact: Clive Collett Tel: 07930 315512 or Debbie Collett Tel: 07985 431044 for further details or Tel: 863944

Infant Welfare Clinic

A number of welfare clinics continue to run in the surrounding villages usually held in association with the local pre-school Parents and Under Fives sessions.

If you are registered at Denton Surgery, contact Health Visitor Marianne Taylor Tel: 890149 for details of a suitable clinic.

Parents and Under Fives

One group meets every Tuesday from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at Denton Village Hall. The Health Visitor attends every second Tuesday of the month.

For further information call Jane Hatton Tel: 899215.

Another group meet on Thursdays from 1.45pm to 3.30pm in the Yardley Hastings Memorial Hall. During school holidays the group meets at private homes.

Early Learning & Childcare

Acorn Day Nursery

Church Lane,
Brafield on the Green
Northampton NN7 1BA
Tel: 891788

The nursery is OFSTED Registered with funding for 3 and 4 year olds and accepts childcare vouchers. It is open 52 weeks of the year and provides care for children aged 4 months to 4 years.

Denton Pre-School Playgroup

Vicarage Lane, Denton,
Northampton NN7 1DT
Tel: 890330

The playgroup for 2 year-olds to under 5's is based at Denton Primary School, approximately 1.2 miles from Brafield on the Green. The group is managed by a parent committee and liaises with the school, particularly the reception class, and there are regular visits between the two facilities.

The playgroup is held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings during term-time only.

Wings Nursery

Great Houghton Hall, High Street,
Great Houghton,
Northampton NN4 7AG
Tel: 761907

Great Houghton is approximately 2 miles from Brafield on the Green. This independent fee-paying pre-school operates from five rooms in a purpose built building in the grounds of the Great Houghton Preparatory School. It is open 46 weeks of the year.

Northampton High School Nursery & Reception

Newport Pagnell Road,
Hardingstone,
Northampton NN4 6UU
Tel: 765765

This is an independent fee-paying day school for girls, situated approximately 4.5 miles from Brafield on the Green. The nursery provision is run as part of the whole school but is organised separately on a day-to-day basis.

Childminders

For a full list of childcare providers in the county including registered childminders contact;

The Families Information Service Tel: 237935

Email: earlyyears@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Education and Libraries

Education in Northamptonshire

Northamptonshire County Council provides comprehensive information on Education and Learning in the county. The Customer Service Centre can be contacted by writing to;

Northamptonshire County Council
John Dryden House
8-10 The Lakes
Northampton
NN4 7YD

Tel: 236236 from Monday to Friday 8:00am to 5:30pm

E-mail CustomerServices@northamptonshire.gov.uk

To speak to the Education Admission Team for Daventry & South Northants please contact Penny Atherley or Rose Athow Tel: 236222.

The Council internet site www.northamptonshire.gov.uk under 'Education & Learning' offers a searchable database containing information on all Northamptonshire schools as well as term dates and adult learning.

Early years

Denton Primary School (free school bus provided)

Denton is located on the A428 (Bedford Road) approximately 1.2 miles from Brafield on the Green.

Vicarage Lane, Denton,
Northampton, NN7 1DT

Head Teacher: Mr David Croot

Tel: 890330

Little Houghton Church of England Primary School

Situated approximately one mile from Brafield.

Lodge Close, Lodge Road,
Little Houghton, Northampton, NN7 1AF
Head Teacher: Mrs Patricia George
Tel: 890788

Cogenhoe Primary School

Situated approximately one mile from Brafield.

York Road, Cogenhoe,
Northampton, NN7 1NB
Head Teacher: Mrs Eleanor Hill
Tel: 890380

Yardley Hastings Primary School

Situated approximately three miles from Brafield.

Castle Ashby Road, Yardley Hastings,
Northampton, NN7 1EL
Head Teacher: Mrs Jillian Gardner
Tel: 696268

Secondary Education

Please consult with NCC as above.

Wollaston School

This 11-18 state funded coeducational school is the feeder school for Brafield and there is a school bus service to the school from the village.

Irchester Road
Wollaston, Wellingborough
Northamptonshire, NN29 7PH
Head teacher: Mr Michael Browne
Tel: 01933 663501

Northampton School for Boys

This is an 11-18 state funded single sex boys' school. Girls are admitted to the sixth form.

Billing Road,
Northampton, NN1 5RT
Headmaster: Mr. Michael Griffiths
Tel: 230240

Northampton School for Girls

This is the only 11-18 state funded girls' comprehensive school and Specialist Music College in Northampton. NSG admits girls from all the schools in the local area.

Spinney Hill Road,
Spinney Hill
Northamptonshire, NN3 6DG
Head teacher: Ms. Penelope Westwood
Tel: 679540

Northamptonshire Schools Music & Performing Arts Service

125 Kettering Road,
Northampton, NN1 4AZ
Tel: 637117

The service provides individual tuition as well as choir and orchestra groups and drama groups. Please contact the music service direct for further information.

Further & Higher Education

Northampton College

The Northampton College has sites throughout the county and offers a broad range of full-time and part-time Learning and Skills Council (LSC) funded courses. In addition, it provides Higher Education courses funded through The University of Northampton.

Booth Lane North (Main Site)
Northampton, NN3 3RF
Tel: 0845 3004401

The University of Northampton

The University was awarded full university title and research degree awarding powers in 2005 and is the only university in Northamptonshire. The University offers qualifications from foundation and undergraduate level to postgraduate, professional and doctoral. The two campuses are just 2.5 miles apart.

Avenue Campus
St George's Avenue
Northampton, NN2 6JD
Free phone: 0800 358 2232
Tel: 735500 (switchboard)

Park Campus
Boughton Green Road
Northampton, NN2 7AL

Moulton College

The College offers Further Education, Higher Education and Part-time courses in training for the Land Based, Construction and Furniture industries, based at various sites.

West Street, Moulton,
Northampton, NN3 7RR
Principal: Mr. Chris Moody
Tel: 491131

Tresham Institute of Further and Higher Education

Tresham has campuses in Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough in Northamptonshire and offers a wide range of courses for post-16 students and adults. Tresham is the lead partner of the National College for Motor sport offering programmes run from their purpose-built facility at The Silverstone Circuit.

Tel: 0845 658 89 90

Maths Tutoring Keith Crompton

Oak House

14a The Green Brafield on the Green Northamptonshire NN7 1BB

Tel : 01604 891277 mobile 07990 597411

Email : keith.crompton@btinternet.com

Maths Tutor – available during the day and evenings. All types of mathematics (core, pure, applied, statistics) offered up to A level.

Libraries

The Mobile Library Van

Comes to Brafield every 3 weeks on a Thursday

Grove Road: 09.40am – 10.00 am

Church Lane: 10.05am – 10.20 am

Green Road: 10.25am – 10.45 am

Tel: 01933 314842 for details.

Northampton Central Library

Abington Street

Northampton, NN1 2BA

Tel: 462040

Weston Favell Library

Weston Favell Centre

Tel: 403100

Local Events

Flower Festival and Village Fete

This is held on the second weekend of June in and around the St. Laurence Church. This is a typically English event at which many villagers help to arrange flowers in the church or run stalls to raise money for the village church. A concert usually takes place in the church on the Saturday evening and there is a Songs of Praise service on the Sunday evening. Helpers for this event are always welcome.

St. Laurence Barbecue

To celebrate the feast of St. Laurence on August 10th, a barbecue is held following the morning service nearest to this date. For further information please check the Church notice board.

Annual Horticultural Show and Fete

On the fourth Saturday in August this event is held in St. Laurence Church. There are classes for produce, flower arranging, cookery and photography. Entry details can be found in the Parish Magazine from May onwards. For further information please contact Ray Henman Tel: 890748.

Christmas Tree Festival and Bazaar

During the second weekend in December St. Laurence Church has a Christmas Tree Festival with a bazaar in the nearby Sargeant Memorial Hall. Carols are sung amongst the trees lit and decorated in the church on the Saturday evening. Anyone is welcome to help decorate a tree. For more information please contact Anne Henman Tel: 890748.

Harvest Event and Supper

Please check the Parish Magazine and Church notice board for further details.

50/50 Auction Yardley Hastings

This is held 3 or 4 times a year at Yardley Village Hall. Take your unwanted items and receive half the sale price. The rest goes to a village charity. Watch the village notice boards for information about the dates.

Castle Ashby Country Fair

Horton Road, Brafield on the Green, Northants, NN7 1BJ

The Fair is held annually in July. Attractions are diverse with stalls, a craft fair, Main Arena events and activities for children.

For further information Tel: 696521 or email info@castleashbycountryfair.co.uk.

Oakley Hunt Point to Point

Horton Road, Brafield on the Green.

This is held annually during March. As well as the races there are stalls with country clothing and equipment and crafts, catering stalls and a fairground.

www.pointtopoint.co.uk/go/courses/brafield_on_the_green.htm

Christmas Lights

During the month of December, Annette and Paul Hollowell (on the Bedford Road) display an extensive range of Christmas decorations, raising thousands of pounds for charities each year. Their garden is open to the public at set times and Father Christmas pays a visit one weekend.

Local Businesses

Village and Local Shopping

Brafield Post Office & Stores

31, Bedford Road, Brafield on the Green

Tel: 890212

The Village Shop has fresh produce, a small bakery serving fresh rolls and bread, a newsagent, an off licence and sells other provisions and household items.

The Post Office offers a variety of services such as insurances, banking services including free cash withdrawals, foreign currency or travellers' cheques orders, licences and car tax.

Ramco Filling Station & Convenience Store

3, Bedford Road, Brafield on the Green

Tel: 890490

Petrol filling station with convenience store including newspapers, off licence, internal cash point machine, dry cleaning service, photocopying and fax services. Hand car wash service available

CJ's Hair Salon (now also a combined beauty salon)

Sandie Bates

Chapel Lane, Brafield on the Green

Tel: 891431

Express Dairies

Delivers three times a week to the village

Horsley Road, Kingsthorpe Hollow, Northampton.

Tel: 713900

John's Fresh Fish

J. Whitmill

20 The Banks, Hackleton, Northampton.

Tel : 870136

Mobile fish van visits Brafield weekly on Thursdays at The Green from approximately 1.15pm -1.30pm.

Will call at house if requested.

Panter Butchers

Karl Foster

1-3 Meadow Lane, Little Houghton

Northampton NN7 1AH

Tel : 890200

Mobile butcher visits Brafield 3 times a week.

Lower End Tuesday and Thursday 11.00am till 12.00 noon and on the Bedford Road from 12.00 noon onwards.

On Saturday in Brafield from 8.30am – till 12.00 noon at various locations.

Billing Garden Village

The Causeway, Great Billing (opposite Billing Aquadrome)

Northampton, NN3 9FX

The shopping complex consists of a variety of retail outlets (including a farm shop, a butcher and a café) situated in and around the Billing Garden Store. It has ample free parking.

Castle Ashby Rural Shopping Yard

The village of Castle Ashby offers the combination of rural shopping and walking in the gardens of a stately home. The shops are located in old converted farm buildings and specialise in gifts, crafts and local produce.

The shopping yard is clearly signposted in the village of Castle Ashby.

Olney

Olney is an attractive market town that is renowned for its exceptional conservation area which contains buildings primarily constructed from the local limestone.

The town centres on the Market Place and a general market is held there every Thursday. Fresh fish can be bought there every Tuesday from 11.30am – 3.30pm. A Farmers' Market is held on the first Sunday of each month with a special Christmas market on the first Sunday in December. The town offers a variety of shops and has many eating places specialising in food from different countries as well as some excellent pubs. There is ample free car parking.

Northampton Town Centre

Northampton town centre has over 20 car parks with 6,000 spaces, all no more than a 6-minute walk from the main shopping area.

The Grosvenor Centre is situated in the heart of Northampton and its large two-level complex is linked to an extensive short stay car park. As well as the large department stores, the centre has many smaller individual speciality shops. The Grosvenor Centre is surrounded by shopping streets and leads onto the Market Square.

The Northampton Market Square is one of the oldest and largest in England. It dates from 1235 when Henry III forbade the selling of goods in the churchyard of All Saints. Markets are held Monday to Saturday offering

a wide variety of goods including fresh fish and meat, fresh fruit, vegetables, cut flowers and plants, clothing and additional specialised goods. The market also includes a variety of hot and cold food stalls with seating.

A neighbour to the Market is Peacock Place, a two level shopping complex. It includes high street shops and smaller, individual retailers.

Food & Drink

There are various food retail outlets in pubs and restaurants in the surrounding villages. In the village and nearby are the following:

The Red Lion, Pub & Restaurant

36, Bridle Path, Bedford Road (A428)
Brafield on the Green, Northampton, NN7 1BP
Tel: 890707

Brafield Working Men's Club

35, Bedford Road
Brafield on the Green, Northampton, NN7 1BD
Tel: 890762

Brafield Village Stores

Between 8.30am and 13.00pm take-away breakfast/lunch meals.
31, Bedford Road
Brafield on the Green, Northampton
Telephone orders are welcome
Tel: 890212

Wong's Chinese Hot Food Mobile Take-away

Every Wednesday on Horton Road 5.30pm – 10.30pm.
Telephone orders are welcome
Tel: 07961 970 468

Billing Fish Bar

Crow Lane, Little Billing, NN3 9DA
Telephone orders are welcome
Tel:402942

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Parish Council

The Brafield on the Green Parish Council meets approximately every two months in the Sargeant Memorial Hall and members of the public are welcome to attend. Meetings start at 7.30pm with 15 minutes set aside at the beginning for Public Enquiries. Notice of the meeting and an Agenda are published on the Parish Council Notice Board on the Bus Shelter (opposite Post Office) and in Lower End a week prior to each public meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting are held in May each year at 7pm. where the Officers are elected to serve for the coming year.

The Council has 7 Councillors; from May 2009 these are:

Chair: Gill Morgan, 10 Grove Rd	Tel: 891934
Vice-Chair: Helen Barnell, 8 St Thomas Rd	Tel: 890373
Kevin Ward, 54a Billing Rd	Tel. 891339
Gill Ager, 12 Bridle Path	Tel. 891488
David Clayson, 46 Bridle Path	Tel. 891473
Ruth Kentigern-Fox, 9 Church Lane	Tel. 890223
Dawn Allingham, 28 Bridle Path	Tel. 899083

Clerk to the Council: Mrs V. Hartley
Beech House, 17 Dean's Row,
Gayton Northants NN7 3HA

Tel. 858360

If you are unable to attend a meeting and wish a matter to be raised, please contact a member of the Parish Council or the Parish Clerk prior to the meeting.

Parish Council Newsletter

The Parish Council produces a newsletter following each Parish Council meeting to report current matters of interest. This is delivered to every household soon after the meeting. It includes a contact number for the Parish Clerk, the Chair of the Parish Council and details of the village website.

We are grateful to our willing band of volunteers who regularly deliver the newsletter.

District Council

Brafield on the Green is part of the District administered by the South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) www.southnorthants.gov.uk
Springfields, Towcester,
Northants NN12 6AE
Tel: 0845 23 00 226 or 01327 322322

Representing our interests at the SNC for the Yardley Hastings and Brafield Ward are two District Councillors:
Mr Steven Hollowell (Independent), 6 Nene Rise, Cogenhoe, Tel: 890346
Mrs Carole Clarke (Conservative), 21 Northampton Rd, Denton, Tel: 890170

Emergency (Environmental) Tel: 0800 160 1022
For emergency environmental health issues or flooding, this number is available for use outside of the Council Office opening hours.

Emergency (Housing) Tel: 0800 177 7001

County Council

Representing our interests at the NCC is Michael Clarke (Conservative)
Tel: 01604 890832 email michaelclarke225@hotmail.com

Member of Parliament

The MP for 'Northampton South' is currently Brian Binley. (Conservative)
Tel: 020 7219 8298
e-mail: binleyb@parliament.uk

To find out about the regular help and advice surgeries in the constituency, contact: The Constituency Office White Lodge, 42 Billing Road, Northampton NN1 5DA Tel: 633414

At the next General Election Brafield on the Green will become part of the new constituency of 'South Northamptonshire', after which time we will have a new Member of Parliament.

Community Policing

In an emergency, you should always call 999. An emergency is:

- when a crime is happening
- when someone suspected of a crime is nearby, or
- someone is injured, being threatened, or in danger

If you need to report a crime that is not an emergency, you should call our local force's non-emergency number :Tel: 03 000 111 222

Safer Community Teams South Northamptonshire

The Safer Community Teams (SCTs) consist of Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers, who work closely with partners from other agencies, in particular South Northamptonshire District Council and Northamptonshire County Council, to identify and resolve local issues and concerns. The SCTs are also supported by Special Constables who work on a voluntary basis to help with high visibility patrols and other policing issues in the area.

The SCT for Brafield on the Green is the Towcester Rural team. If you need information or advice, have details about crime or criminals or if you would like to talk about any local issue, please get in touch with the

Safer Community Team Towcester Rural Tel: 08453 700700.

Email: SCTTowcesterRural@northants.police.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch can be a good way to help people feel more secure in their neighbourhoods and help in preventing crimes. All the houses in a certain area agree to look out for one another and keep an eye open for anything or anyone suspicious. Neighbourhood Watch groups are set up to target local concerns such as burglaries, car crimes or vandalism in the area. They develop close links with the Police who help set up the N.W. group in the first place and provide advice and information about local problems.

Brafield on the Green has a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in place. Should you require information please contact the local scheme coordinator Ruth Kentigern-Fox Tel: 890223 or one of the Parish Councillors.

Village Website

www.brafieldonthegreen.org.uk

The Brafield on the Green village website was created to support the community in and around the village. It is currently maintained and updated on a voluntary basis by Terry Barnell. It does, however, depend on local people supplying information to improve the usefulness of the site.

The site contains similar information to that supplied in this booklet, but the details can obviously be updated more regularly as they change. You will also find photographs, supporting facts, local knowledge and helpful links.

To view recent changes on the site, click on the button: 'Latest Site Changes'.

If you have information that may be of interest to, or support, the residents, businesses or organisations in and around our village then contact:

content@brafieldonthegreen.org.uk

If you would like to comment on the village site contact

feedback@brafieldonthegreen.org.uk

Environment

Refuse Collection : currently on a FRIDAY

The South Northamptonshire Council is responsible for refuse collection in our village.

Environmental Services
South Northamptonshire Council
Springfields
Towcester NN12 6AE
Tel: 01327 322344

The Council runs Twin Bin and Door-to-Door recycling schemes in Brafield on the Green.

The Twin Bin scheme gives you two wheelie bins - a black one and a green one. These should not be used for hot ashes, heavy materials such as garden waste (large amounts of soil, stones, rubble) and car parts, corrosive materials and liquids such as paints or oils.

The Door-to-Door recycling scheme provides you with both a green and a black box.

Week One: Friday

Green bin Compostable garden rubbish such as grass cuttings, clippings, weeds, pruning. Cardboard packaging such as cereal boxes, washing powder boxes, corrugated card. Other rubbish consisting of telephone books, Yellow Pages, pet straw, untreated sawdust, wood shavings, cut flowers, shredded paper, cold ash.

Not: Kitchen waste, Garden rubble or soil, disposable nappies, dog or cat waste.

Green box Glass such as rinsed bottles and jars. Paper: junk mail, magazines, brochures, and envelopes (not window envelopes)

Not: Polystyrene, hard-backed books, Pyrex, drinking glasses, sheet or broken glass.

Week Two: Friday

Black bin Household waste that cannot be recycled or composted. Waste to be wrapped in bags before putting it in the bin (old carrier bags are excellent for this).

Black box Plastic bottles such as soft drink, plastic milk, shampoo; aerosol cans, aluminium foil and trays, yoghurt pots, plastic food trays, ice cream and margarine tubs, food and drink cans (steel and aluminium)

Not: plastic bags, polystyrene packing, foil lined plastic (like crisp packets), children's toys, plant pots, CD cases, 'Tetrapak' cartons.

Clinical waste

Clinical waste can be collected from homes free of charge every week. Clinical waste includes needles, syringes, incontinence pads, stoma bags and dressings. This type of waste must not be put in the normal rubbish bins. If you produce clinical waste and need to use this service please Tel: 01327 322344

Bulky Waste

Free-standing furniture and domestic white goods from households can be collected for a charge of £25 per collection for up to 6 items of waste on each collection.

To book a bulky waste collection get a form by calling Environmental Services, South Northamptonshire Council Tel: 01327 322344 or download the form from www.southnorthants.gov.uk/environment.

All items collected apart from fridges and freezers are thrown into a landfill site. To avoid this why not:

- Donate them to charity (for details of a charity in your area contact Environmental Services)
- Call the British Heart Foundation Northampton Tel: 602129
- Advertise them in our local shop
- Take them to the 50-50 auction sale held in Yardley Hastings village hall 3 or 4 times a year. Keep your eyes open for the posters in the village giving details of the date.
- Sell them in a local newspaper
- Take them to one of the County Council Household Waste Recycling Centres where items can be left in the dedicated re-use Shops.

Recycling Centres

The centres accept a large range of waste for reuse or recycling including cans, car batteries, cardboard, garden waste, glass, inert waste (e.g. soil and rubble), scrap metals, mobile phones, paper & magazines, plastic bottles, reusable items, textiles, tetrapaks, waxy cartons, timber and wood, used engine oil and WEEE (waste electrical and electronic equipment).

There are some types of waste which the centres cannot accept. These include asbestos (except Corby centre), clinical waste and motor vehicles. Gas bottles are accepted at a limited number of centres. Please contact Waste Management for further details.

The nearest centre is on Lower Ecton Lane, Great Billing
Northampton, NN3 5HQ
Tel: 406583

From April to September open:

8.30am – 7.00pm Monday to Friday

8.30am – 5.30pm Saturday/Sunday and Bank Holidays

From October to March open:

8.30am – 5.00pm Monday to Sunday and Bank Holidays

8.30am – 2.00pm Christmas Eve only.

Open every day of the year with the exception of Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

Freecycle groups

Freecycle groups match people who have things they want to dispose of with people who could use them, using email. For more information please view www.uk.freecycle.org

The closest group is Northampton East

www.freecycle.org/group/UK/East%20Midlands/Northampton%20East

Dogs & Animal Welfare

If you are in a public place your dog must wear a collar with a tag giving the owner's name and address.

Certain areas of the village are covered by byelaws, which require the owners of dogs to clear up after their animals. These areas are the Village Green and any Designated Footpath. These rules also apply to all highway land in the village, namely the grass verges, green areas, footpaths and roads as well as allotments, car parks to which the public have access, sports grounds, fields and pitches, when in use for authorised sporting activities and cemeteries/churchyards and burial grounds.

The current maximum penalty for not clearing up after your dog is £1000 and a fixed penalty fine of £75 can be imposed by the SNC Dog Warden. Whilst we recognise the valuable contribution made by people walking their dogs along our footpaths in ensuring they are kept clear, we must also acknowledge that dog faeces are not only unpleasant but pose a serious health risk to anyone who may have the misfortune to come in to contact with them.

The local dog warden service is run by the South Northamptonshire Council Tel: 01327 322322. Complaints regarding dog fouling or other animal welfare issues including stray dogs should be referred to the Dog Warden.

Should you have any concerns about cats in your neighbourhood, the Northampton Cats Protection can be contacted Tel: 0844 7003251 www.catspro-northants.org.uk.

The Northamptonshire Animals Needing Nurturing & Adoption (Nanna) charity is voluntarily run with no paid staff. Nanna takes animals into care homes and will ensure that they either find new homes or that they stay at one of the Nanna centres until they do. Although Nanna has no care facilities for dogs they do offer a re-homing service.

Street Lighting

The Parish Council provides the street lighting within the village. Please report any faulty streetlights to David Clayson.

Tel: 891473.

Highways & Roads

Highway problems such as pot holes in the road or on the footpaths, faulty or damaged road signs etc should be reported to STREET DOCTOR Tel: 0845 601 113 or online at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

Tree Warden

The Parish Council has a volunteer member of the public who acts as our tree warden. For any issues about trees in the village please contact a member of the Parish Council.

Parish Paths Wardens (see also pages 7 - 8)

The Parish Paths Wardens are volunteers who support the County Council on our behalf by acting as local 'eyes and ears' reporting any problems with the paths – obstructions, overgrown paths, surfaces or structures needing repair or replacement - and can help in encouraging their use through local maintenance work, waymarking and, perhaps, leading walks.

You, too, can help by reporting any problems you find to our local Wardens: Richard and Jean Sheward Tel: 899363 richshew@btinternet.com or John Campion Tel: 890305 djmcampion@tiscali.co.uk You can also help to keep the routes in good order by dealing with litter, cleaning up after your dog, trimming back your hedges if they overhang public footpaths and being considerate about where you park your car.

Village Green and Pond

We are fortunate to have a beautiful Village Green and Pond at the heart of our community. The Parish Council supervises these and organises both the regular grass cutting, strimming and trimming around the trees, as well as the yearly maintenance of the pond provided by the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers. Please contact the Parish Council if you have any concerns.

Public Transport

Bus Services

The following bus services call at Brafield on the Green.
Northampton / Bedford
Northampton / Wollaston

Stagecoach runs the service Pluto P1 between Northampton and Bedford (bypasses Little Houghton) with bus stops on the Bedford Road.

Yorks Travel subsidised by the County Council operates the: Y4 between Northampton and Wollaston (via Little Houghton Brafield and Cogenhoe) Daily from Monday to Saturday (no Sunday service) with bus stops on the Billing Road.

153 to Denton Surgery from Cogenhoe through Brafield to Denton on Tuesdays and Fridays only. (see page 37)

NCC produces a number of timetable booklets and leaflets for bus services in the county.

These can be obtained from:

Sustainable Transport, Northamptonshire County Council
Riverside House, Riverside Way
Bedford Road, Northampton NN1 5NX
Tel: 654400

You can also get free Bus Timetable Booklets and Public Transport Guides from local libraries, Tourist Information Centres and from many newsagents and other outlets.

The Tesco Bus

Operated by Country Lion Tel: 754566

This is a free service which runs from Brafield to the Weston Favell Shopping Centre.

It runs on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday picking up at the bus stop opposite the Village Stores at 12.26pm. It leaves the Weston Favell Centre at 2.15pm for the return journey.

Jason (Journeys Around South Northants) Travel for All

This is a community transport service, funded by NCC and SNC which can be used by residents in South Northants. JASON provides a service to any members of the community who, for various reasons, have difficulties with,

or are unable to use, public transport. There is an annual registration fee (currently £15) and a charge per mile.

For more information and an application form Tel: 0800 032 3208 or write to JASON, c/o Northamptonshire County Council
PO Box 221 John Dryden House
8-10 The Lakes Northampton NN4 7DE

Free Bus Travel Scheme

This scheme is open to everyone over the age of 60 and people with a disability. Free travel is available between 9.30am and 11pm, Mondays to Fridays, and all day Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays, across the whole of South Northamptonshire. If you travel outside these times you will pay the normal fare.

The free pass can also be used on the JASON minibus service.

For full information, application form and explanatory leaflet
Tel: 0845 230 0226 or contact the Council Offices at
South Northants Council Springfield
Towcester NN12 6AE
Or visit the website at www.southnorthants.gov.uk

National Rail

National Rail Enquiries provides information on times and fares.
Tel: 0845 748 4950.

Northampton station:

Black Lion Hill, Northampton, NN1 1SP
Tel: Customer Service 0121 634 2040

- Services to Rugby, Coventry and Birmingham New Street are operated by London Midland.
- Services to Milton Keynes, Watford Junction and London Euston are operated by London Midland and Virgin Trains.

From Wellingborough station:

Midland Road, Wellingborough
Northamptonshire, NN8 1NA
Tel: Customer Service 08457 125 678

- Services to Bedford, Luton and London St Pancras are operated by East Midlands Trains
- Services to Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Sheffield and Manchester are operated by East Midlands Trains

The Northampton County Council website also provides detailed information on bus and rail services throughout the county; www.northamptonshire.gov.uk Section : Transport and Streets.

The trainline www.thetrainline.com is the leading independent retailer of train tickets online and offers different services to help find the cheapest train ticket for you journey. Tickets can be purchased for all train companies on all national routes.

Local Transport Services

Filling Station

The nearest filling station is
Ramco Filling Station & Convenience Store
3, Bedford Road, Brafield on the Green Tel: 890490

Breakdown Recovery and Repair

Cogenhoe, Little Houghton and Yardley Hastings have small independent garages.

Hire Car

The nearest is at Billing Wharf:
W. Wright and Sons Old Station Yard Cogenhoe Tel: 89036

Health

NHS Direct

NHS Direct is the telephone health line open 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year providing general information about local and national services including 'out of hours' advice. NHS Direct can assist finding a primary care centre, dentist, optician or pharmacist. NHS Direct also has a website www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk and a digital TV service on Freeview channel 100. NHS Direct health line Tel: 0845 4647 (24 hours)

NHS Northamptonshire Advice & Information Service Tel: 0800 5870 879

Primary Health Care

The closest contact point for local health services is the **Denton Village Surgery** which also has a dispensary (for prescriptions supplied through Denton Village Surgery only).

The Surgery

Orchard Lane, Denton

Northampton, NN7 1DT

For appointments Tel: 890313. Repeat prescriptions Tel: 899800

Transport to Denton Surgery and Local Hospitals

Denton Village Surgery Bus Service

The Denton Village Surgery bus operates on Tuesday and Friday mornings picking up as follows :

Brafield on the Green

Bus stop Billing Road / Grove Road	9.42am
Bus stop Red Lion Public House	9.45am
Arrives Denton Village Surgery	9.50am
Return journey : leaves Surgery	11.05am

The Denton Village Surgery Bus project is a joint scheme operated by the Denton Village Surgery and the Countryside Agency

Volunteer Car scheme

If you do not have your own transport and cannot manage the local bus, there is a volunteer car scheme that can be contacted (see below).

The Earls Barton Volunteer Car Scheme supports patients who have no other means of transport, in keeping appointments at Denton Surgery or at hospital.

The scheme is also always looking for additional volunteer drivers. For help, or to volunteer, please contact Peter or Mo Loake Tel: 812526.

Hospitals

The local general hospital is Northampton General Hospital. There is a 24 hour Accident and Emergency Department with a separate Eye Casualty from 9am to 5pm.

www.northamptonshiregeneral.nhs.uk

Cliftonville

Northampton, NN1 5BD Tel: 634700

Northampton Minor Illness and Minor Injury Unit

The MIAI unit is currently based at the Physiotherapy Outpatients Department at Northampton General Hospital. Located close to the hospital's Accident and Emergency Department, the unit provides treatment for a wide range of minor illnesses and minor injuries - from colds and flu to stomach upsets, ear infections, sprains, strains, minor burns and wounds, and emergency contraception. The MIAI unit is open from 8.00am - 6.30pm, Monday to Friday. Tel: 523552

During evenings, weekends and public holidays, people who have urgent health problems that will not wait until their doctor's surgery is next open, should call NeneDoc, the out-of-hours doctor service (see below).

Out of Hours Emergencies

NeneDoc (formerly known as Normed) Tel: 0333 666 4664

Monday to Friday 6.30pm – 8.00am Weekends 24hours

Dentists

If you're not registered and need help finding a dentist, call NHS Direct or Patient Relations Unite.

Highfield, Cliftonville Road, Northampton NN1 5DN

Tel: 615305

Pharmacists

Denton Surgery is a Dispensing Surgery (for prescriptions supplied through Denton Village Surgery only).

Boots at Riverside Retail Park has a pharmacy

Tesco and Boots at Weston Favell Shopping Centre each have an in-house pharmacy

Funeral Director

B. Hollowell & Son & W.K. Burbidge

The Birches, Bedford Road, Brafield on the Green, NN7 1BD

Freephone: 0500 464747

Tel: 792222

ARTS HERITAGE CULTURE & LEISURE

Theatre, Cinema and Music

Royal & Derngate

Guildhall Road, Northampton, NN1 1DP

Box Office Tel: 624 811

The theatre is the main venue for arts and entertainment in Northampton and offers two auditoria and Underground, a creativity centre that is home to the Youth Theatre.

The Castle

Castle Way, Wellingborough, NN8 1XA

Box Office Tel: 01933 270 007

The Castle is a combined theatre, cinema and arts centre.

The Forum Cinema

Billing Brook Road, Weston Favell

Northampton, NN3 8JR

Tel: 837 300

The cinema is located near Weston Favell Shopping Centre and is part of the Lings Forum Leisure complex and includes both mainstream and arts/world cinema. Screenings of the same films are also held at the University, St. George's Avenue.

Cineworld Cinemas

Sixfields Leisure, Weedon Road

Upton, Northampton, NN5 5QJ

Tel: 0871 200 2000

Vue Cinema

Sol Central, Doddridge Street

Northampton

Tel: 0871 2240240

The Barnstormer – www.thebs.co.uk

The Barnstormer is an e-guide for live music in Northamptonshire and surrounding counties.

Examples of nearby local venues are:

Great Knight Folk Club

Meets at the Old White Hart,
Cotton End

Northampton, NN4 8BS

Box Office Tel: 07879 660 523

The club meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings of the month : entry usually under £10.

New Roadmender

1, Lady's Lane, Northampton, NN1 3AH

Tel: 230 638

Live music venue and nightclub specialising in alternative music and rock music.

Museums / Galleries

Northampton Central Museum & Art Gallery

4-6 Guildhall Road, Northampton, NN1 1DP

Tel: 838 111

The museum and gallery houses the largest collection of boots and shoes in the world. The Life and Sole gallery provides insights into Northampton's history as a shoe manufacturing town, including how shoes are made - past and present. Also on display: Northampton's History - objects, sound and film combined to tell the history of the town from the Stone Age to the present. The Osborne Robinson Art Gallery has regularly changing exhibitions, often locally based.

Abington Park Museum

Abington Park, Northampton, NN1 5LW

Tel: 838 110

The museum in the park is a Grade 1 listed building with a Tudor Hall and carved panelling. The museum has a permanent collection from the Northamptonshire Regiment and the Northamptonshire Yeomanry and shows life for Northampton people around one hundred years ago.

78 Derngate

78, Derngate, Northampton NN1 1UH

Tel: 603 407

This house was owned by Northampton businessman Wenman Joseph Basset-Lowke and remodelled in 1916-17 by renowned Scottish architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh. It is the only Mackintosh house outside

Scotland. After careful restoration the house has been returned to its 1917 appearance.

The entrance, through number 82, houses 'The Dining Room' restaurant, gallery and shop.

Waterways Museum Stoke Bruerne

Stoke Bruerne, nr Towcester
Northamptonshire NN12 7SE
Tel: 862 229

Housed in a restored corn mill beside the Grand Union Canal in the village of Stoke Bruerne, the National Waterways Museum brings to life the 200 year old story of our waterway transport system, complemented by the canal outside with its flight of locks and Blisworth Tunnel.

There are also museums at **Earls Barton**, **Wellingborough** and **Olney**.

Historic Houses

Castle Ashby Gardens

Castle Ashby
Northamptonshire, NN7 1LQ
Tel: 696 187

Castle Ashby is the ancestral home of the 7th Marquess of Northampton. The house is not open to the public but the 25 acres of extensive gardens are open throughout the year. The park was landscaped by 'Capability Brown' and the terrace garden designed by Matthew Digby Wyatt. You can also visit the farmyard, the plant centre and relax in the Walled Garden Tea Room.

Delapre Abbey & Park

London Road, Northampton, NN4 8AW
Tel: 708 675

Originally a Cluniac Nunnery established in 1145. The body of Queen Eleanor, wife of King Edward I lay in the Chapel in 1290 on its way to Westminster following her death. The abbey is now open and available for public access. The Abbey is surrounded by 500 acres of parkland and the walled gardens offer Victorian greenhouses and a thatched Georgian Game larder. Inside the 18th century stable block, the Abbey Tea Rooms overlook the garden.

Country Parks

Brixworth Country Park (Northamptonshire County Council)

Brixworth Country Park first opened in 1990 and is owned and managed by NCC. The park has many facilities including a cafe, cycle hire, play area, sensory garden, waymarked trails and a fully accessible residential centre for groups.

The Country Park is now the main gateway to Pitsford Water (sailing) and the 10km safe walking/cycling route called the Pitsford Water Trail. The park is also linked directly with the Brampton Valley Way (Route 6 on the Sustrans cycling network).

A team of dedicated and trained countryside rangers manages the park providing a range of services including environmental activities and education packages for schools and groups of all ages and abilities. They also provide a wide range of public events, from family fun days to Halloween events.

Harrold and Odell Country Park (Bedford Borough Council)

This is an area of water meadows and lakes adjacent to the River Great Ouse and was built on the site of former sand and gravel workings. It has a total area of 58.7 hectares, including 12.3 hectares of water meadows and 45.1 hectares of lakes. At the Harrold entrance in Carlton Road there is a visitor car park and a café and there are interpretative facilities within this building. Other facilities include a skateboard ramp and a basketball net.

Irchester Country Park (Northamptonshire County Council)

Irchester is the oldest Country Park in the county and opened in 1971. Originally an ironstone quarry, this is a regionally important geological site with the 'Wembley Pit' showing layers of rocks dating back over 165 million years and an amazing range of fossils. There is also the Ironstone Narrow Gauge Railway Museum, a play area and a dog-free picnic meadow. The park has recently opened a new adventure course called 'Jungle Parc' where families (from age 4 up) can climb from tree to tree by means of slides, monkey bridges and swings.

Salcey Forest (Forestry Commission)

The forest is at the heart of the Northamptonshire countryside. It is ancient woodland offering excellent opportunities to view an amazing range of wildlife. The forest can be enjoyed on foot, by bike or on horseback by extensive way marked trails through the forest. There are also picnic areas a children's play area and a café. The forest is renowned for the award winning 'Tree Top Way'. A canopy walkway, which rises to a height of 20

metres, gives a real 'squirrel's eye view'. There are lookout towers, a rope bridge over a pond and special disabled access.

Stanwick Lakes (East Northamptonshire Council)

The park lies at the heart of the River Nene Regional Park and is situated in East Northamptonshire between Wellingborough and Thrapston. Stanwick Lakes has a network of over 7 miles of footpaths/cycle paths (wheelchair accessible). In addition to circular routes around the lakes there is a four mile linear route running from Irthlingborough towards Thrapston. The park offers a broad selection of facilities including an imaginative modern visitors' centre with cafeteria, shop, quiet area and educational facilities, extensive adventure play grounds, full size assault course, an adventure trail, hides for birdwatching and picnic areas.

Sywell Country Park (Northamptonshire County Council)

Situated between the villages of Ecton and Sywell you will find the park, a tranquil area dedicated to preserving wildlife habitats. The 2.5 mile (4km) circuit of the reservoir (dogs welcome) passes by traditional laid hedges, bluebell woods and meadows. Amongst the trees of the arboretum there is a children's play area, butterfly garden, boules court and picnic areas - all within easy reach of the car park.

Billing Aquadrome

Crow Lane Great Billing Northampton NN3 9DA

Tel: (01604) 408181 Fax: (01604) 784412 www.billingaquadrome.com

Billing Aquadrome is a privately owned holiday park set in over 200 acres of countryside on the outskirts of Northampton, and features a wide range of facilities including fishing, a funfair and amusements, licensed restaurants and bars.

The park is famous for the wide variety of fun rallies and events it hosts throughout the year, from the Spirit of the Horse to the world's biggest Land Rover show.

Billing Aquadrome has holiday lodges and static caravans for sale and holiday caravans available to hire. The touring and camping facilities are on level parkland, with electrical hook up points, fully equipped toilet blocks, disposal points and free showers, all within easy reach.

Tourist Information

Northampton Visitor Centre

The centre can currently be found at its temporary home with the Royal and Derngate Theatre and is open from Monday to Friday between 9.00am and 5.00pm.

Royal and Derngate Theatre
Guildhall Road, Northampton NN1 1DP

Explore Northamptonshire

The internet site www.explorenorthamptonshire.co.uk provides a comprehensive overview of what the county has to offer with regard to walking & the outdoors, history & heritage, action & adventure, days out, market towns and short breaks. You can also request free brochures from this site.

Local Days Out and Local Events

There are two websites which give some good ideas:
www.enjoyengland.com and www.culture-england.com

SPORTS

Northamptonshire Sport

This partnership is based around the county of Northamptonshire and includes: schools, sports clubs, local National Governing Bodies, Disability groups, Youth Service, the Police, the Health Authority, Sport England, Universities & Colleges, and all Local Authorities.

The Northamptonshire Sport website www.northamptonshiresport.org has been developed offering a wide range of information on:

Active Sports

Coaching Information and Resources

Guidance for sports clubs / organisations

Northamptonshire Federation of Disability Sport (NFDS)

Northamptonshire Sport Club Directory

Sports Facilities in Northamptonshire

Sports and Leisure Centres

There are a number of sports and leisure centres around the county. The ones listed below are nearest to Brafield and offer a wide range of sports.

Lings Forum Leisure Centre

Billing Brook Road, Weston Favell

Northampton, NN3 8JR

Tel: 837300

Moulton Sports Complex

Pound Lane, Moulton

Northampton, NN3 7SD

Tel: 670506

Benham Sports Centre

Kings Park Road, Moulton Industrial Estate,

Northampton, NN3 6LL

Tel: 494100

Danes Camp Leisure Centre

Clannell Rd

Northampton, NN4

Tel: 01604 837 200

Mounts Swimming Baths

Upper Mounts
Northampton
Tel: 837400

The Central Library [Tel: 462040](tel:462040) will have information about sporting activities within the county. Here are a few examples of what is on offer within easy reach of Brafield.

Cricket

Cogenhoe Cricket Club

Compton Park, Brafield Road
Cogenhoe, Northamptonshire
Secretary: Paul Knight
Email: paul.knight@cogenhoecc.co.uk

The club offers both senior and junior cricket. Two senior sides, a Sunday and midweek XI and a junior under 11's. Please contact the club via email or just by attending. The youth practice night takes place every Friday evenings from 6.30pm.

The Horton House Cricket Club

Denton Road, Horton, Northamptonshire
For information please contact Trevor Finch
Tel: 769 549

The Club offers both Senior & Junior Cricket and runs four Senior sides - Saturday 1st XI, Saturday 2nd XI, Saturday 3rd XI plus a Sunday XI. At Junior level, the Club accepts members from the age of 7.

Fishing

Billing Aquadrome

The 9 fishing lakes at Billing Aquadrome are open to day ticket anglers - novice, match or specimen angler. Some of the lakes can be booked for matches up to 44 pegs. Stocked in the lakes are various carp, tench, perch, bream and pike.

Football

Brafield Working Men's Club five-a-side

For further information please contact the Working Men's Club

Every Monday evening from 6.30pm

Location: Goals Soccer Centre

Abbeyfield School, Mereway

Northampton, NN4 8BP

Hackleton Harriers www.hackletonharriers.co.uk

Main Road, Hackleton, Northampton

The club has over 100 members for 7 different age groups. The club also runs training for Under 5's & Under 6's age groups.

Home Matches For Under 9's - Under 11's are played in the Playing Fields behind Hackleton CoE Primary School.

All Matches for Under 7's and Under 8's are at Dallington Park

Horseriding

Ecton Horse Riding & Equestrian Services

East Lodge, Ecton

Northampton, NN6 0QU

Tel: 858 041

Motor Sports

Northampton International Raceway

Northampton Stadium, Brafield Road, Horton

Northamptonshire, NN7 2BA

Tel: 0121 3577328

NIR is widely acclaimed for its multi-disciplinary motoring events including BriSCA Formula 1 and Formula 2 Stock Cars, Dare-Devil Bangers, Legends and Rebel Racers, Outlaw Hot Rods, Stock Rods, Lightning Rod.

Rugby

Northampton Old Scouts Rugby Football Club

Rushmere Road

Northampton, NN1 5RY

Tel: 633639

Mini rugby is played by both boys and girls from under 7 years to under 12.

Junior rugby is played by under 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 age groups, with a Colts side made up of 17-19 year olds.

Training is from 10am -12 noon on Sundays, plus some midweek sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays for Juniors.

Casuals

Northampton Casuals RFC

Rush Mills House

Old Bedford Road, Rush Mills

Northampton, NN4 7AA

Training sessions and home matches take place on Sunday mornings starting at 10.30am

Old Northamptonians Rugby Club

Old Northamptonians Rugby Football Club,

Billing Road, Northampton, NN1 5RX

Tel : 634045

Sailing

Northampton Sailing Club

Pitsford Reservoir,

Brixworth

Northamptonshire, NN6 9DG

Tel: 880 248

Water Sports

Nene Whitewater Centre

Whitewater Rafting, Canoeing and Kayaking

Bedford Road, Northampton, NN4 7AA

Tel: 634 040

