

WELCOME TO

# GREAT OXENDON

Rural Northamptonshire



# An Introduction to our Village

**Much of the village dates from around 1800. However, there are a number of older buildings and Great Oxendon is even mentioned in the Domesday Book.**

The village was the starting point for the Royalist forces in their final battle of the English Civil war at Naseby just down the road and there is an interesting trail. There are many lovely walks around the area.



The Oxendon Tunnels are disused railway tunnels. The Northampton to Market Harborough line, designed by George Stephenson, opened in 1859 and had tunnels at

Oxendon and nearby at Kelmarsch.

The former 'up' line tunnel at Oxendon is open as part of the Brampton Valley Way, a linear park which runs from Boughton level crossing on the outskirts of Northampton to Little Bowden near Market Harborough, on the former railway track. It is now part of the National Cycle Network and is well used by both cyclists and walkers.



# On your Doorstep



The village is situated amidst beautiful rolling countryside with stunning views. Two miles north is the attractive town of Market Harborough with an excellent selection of supermarkets and shops, there are also a number of hotels, restaurants and pubs to suit everyone's taste and budget. Culturally, there is a thriving theatre presenting plays by its own and visiting companies, it also acts as a cinema and screens theatre, opera and ballet broadcasts. The Symington Building houses a museum and a library. For the more active there is the local leisure centre with pools, gym and exercise classes, there is also a tennis club situated at Great Bowden which has use of indoor courts at the leisure centre during the winter months. Other sporting opportunities include bowls, golf, rugby, football, cricket, squash, hockey, running and athletics clubs. Within easy distance there are numerous villages and beauty spots with the opportunity for walking and cycling including Foxton Locks and Pitsford Reservoir. You may even pay a visit to a local gin distillery at Harrington. For convenience, there are several local enterprises in the village and details of these can be found on pages 6 & 7.

Kelmarsh Hall is on our doorstep and worth a visit to view the house and gardens and enjoy the many events that are held there throughout the year.

# Village Life



There are numerous community events held in the village, organised by the Parochial Church Council (PCC), The Village Hall Committee, GO Social and the Youth Club. We have a village fete/garden party every summer, an autumn harvest supper, Christmas Teas on the Sundays in December and many other fun ideas for fund raising which have been very popular and well supported. Upcoming events are usually published in the parish magazine which is distributed monthly. If you would like something including please contact the newsletter secretary for Great Oxendon, Janet Hogarth, at [havencott@gmail.com](mailto:havencott@gmail.com) or 01858 432238. We welcome volunteers at all these activities so come along and join in, it is a great way of getting to know your neighbours!

The village hall is available to hire at a very reasonable fee for your parties and personal social events, please contact Janet Hogarth, as above. Behind the village hall are some basketball nets and there is a childrens' playground and a playing field on the Braybrooke Road

**Stay Informed** - If you would like to be kept up to date with all that is happening in Great Oxendon please email a request to [greatoxendonvillage@gmail.com](mailto:greatoxendonvillage@gmail.com) and you will be added to the distribution list.

Events are also posted on the Great Oxendon Facebook page

# St Helen's Church



The Church dates from 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Century and stands on the outskirts of the village. The Church is part of the Faxton Group of Churches, which consists of seven churches in villages in the area.

St Helen's has one or two services a month attended by those living in the village and others from local villages. There are additional special services during the year. The Priest in charge is Reverend James Watson and he resides in the Rectory in Great Oxendon. James' contact details together with Services are listed on the reverse of the Parish Magazine. They can also be found on the Faxton Group website at

[www.faxtongroup.org.uk](http://www.faxtongroup.org.uk)

The Church is an important part of the village and many people in the village are involved in the care and maintenance of the Church and its churchyard.



## Neighbourhood Watch

We have a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme operating in Great Oxendon, to get involved please email

[alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk](mailto:alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk)

# Buying and staying local...

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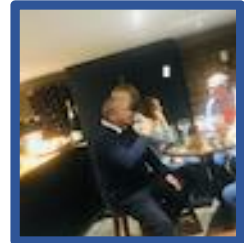
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## WATERLOO FARM LEISURE

A rural retreat on the Leicestershire/Northamptonshire border offering fishing lakes, self-catering cabins and caravan site.

There is also a tearoom serving breakfasts, lunches, snacks and Sunday roasts. The Brampton Valley Way cycle track is directly accessible from the site. Tel: 01858 434098



# **ESSENTIAL SERVICES FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

## **HEALTHCARE**

DOCTORS – Great Oxendon is supported by two surgeries in Market Harborough:

1. Market Harborough Medical Centre - 01858 464242
2. Two Shires Surgery – 01858 434253

However, there are alternatives in near-by villages and towns and a comprehensive list of these can be found at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) and searching in ‘Services near you’.

DENTISTS - Likewise, a list of dentists can also be accessed at this website and against each entry it will advise if they are accepting NHS patients or not.

PHARMACIES - There are two pharmacies in Market Harborough offering extended opening times (to 23.00h Monday to Saturday and 18.00h Sunday):

1. Moins, 11-15 Coventry Road, 01858 468545
2. Market Harborough Pharmacy, located within the Market Harborough Medical Centre, 67 Coventry Road, 01858 439110

There are also several others in the town and again a comprehensive list can be found at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk).

The NHS website provides a wealth of information regarding diseases, health advice and other services such as opticians, physiotherapists, urgent care and walk-in centres.

DEFIBRILLATOR – There is a defibrillator located on the wall of the village hall. If the defibrillator is required, please call 999 for the access code as indicated on the outer casing.



**OXENDON HOUSE**, Residential Care Home – specialise in addressing the needs of individuals who are elderly and/or suffering from dementia, providing a personalised care plan for every resident to ensure their particular needs are met in full. Long stay Nursing, Dementia, Residential, Respite and Day care are available. Tel: 01858 464151

[www.oxendonhouse.co.uk](http://www.oxendonhouse.co.uk)

VETS - Not forgetting the health of our animal friends there are several local practices including:

1. Ashtree Vets, 124 Northampton Road - 01858 462839
2. Rutland Veterinary Centre, Langton Garden Centre, Melton Road – 01858 545821
3. Town & Country Veterinary Centre, 48 Northampton Road – 01858 465668
4. Vets4Pets, inside Pets at Home, Springfield Retail Park, Springfield Street– 01858 438900

There are alternatives in nearby towns and these can be accessed by an internet search.

## SCHOOLS



Clipston Endowed Primary School, Clipston, is the local primary school which is two miles away, there is a school bus to collect the students. There are several other primary schools in Market Harborough, as well as a number of nursery schools.

For secondary school students the village is in the catchment area for Guilsborough School, a co-educational academy school in Guilsborough, Northamptonshire. School buses travel from Great Oxendon to Clipston and Guilsborough. There are also a number of independent schools located in Market Harborough and neighbouring towns/villages.

# Getting around



The village is well served by the road network with the main A508 running from Northampton to Market Harborough passing through its centre and a regular bus service to Market Harborough, Leicester and Northampton. A few miles south is the A14, providing links to the M1, M6 to the west and A1, M11 to the east.

**Train** - There is an excellent train service from Market Harborough to St. Pancras London and the North, travelling to London in journey time of one hour.

<https://www.eastmidlandsrailway.co.uk>

**Bus Services** – X7 Operated by Stagecoach, Milton Keynes, Northampton, Brixworth, Market Harborough and Leicester.

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com>

**Potholes** – If you discover a pothole in or around the village, please report this at <https://fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk>

# **THE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Parish Council Representatives:**

Cllr. Roseanne Steedman – Chairman

Sarah Smith – Clerk

Cllr. Simon Patel-Brown (Vice-Chairman) – Community Engagement and Lighting

Cllr. Rob Barker – Police & Community Safety and Environment

Cllr. Steve Hogarth – Planning and Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Adam Lindsay-Smith – Public Rights of Way

## ***Get involved!***

The Parish Council usually meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month, details are published in the Parish Magazine as well as on the village website [www.greatoxendon.org](http://www.greatoxendon.org) and on the village hall noticeboard.

There is an Annual Parish Meeting every April.

Within our meetings there are open sessions for residents to speak and ask questions, we welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

**SO, COME ALONG, JOIN IN AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO OUR VILLAGE!**

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