

Brook House, Mathon, Near Malvern,
Worcestershire WR13 5PW

Information sheet

Welcome to Brook House!

Brief History of Brook House and Netherley Hall

Brook House was built in about 1670. It is a listed building, and is extremely unusual as there are very few 3 storey black and white houses in England.

Netherley Hall was started in about 1604 (replacing a much older existing house), but sections were added in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

We acquired the Netherley estate in 1993, and have added more parcels of land, so that we now farm about 700 acres in all. You are welcome to walk around the farm, but please close all gates and be cautious about disturbing stock. The most important thing is to keep your dogs on leads where stock is about.

We bought Brook House in 2008. It had been a long time since it had been renovated. It has now been completely renewed. Many timbers and some 170 panels were replaced. Nearly all the oak used in the refurbishment has come from our own oak woods.

We are very proud of the property, and very much hope that you will enjoy your stay with us.

Problems or inquiries

If you have any problems, please phone us on 01886-880262, or call up at Netherley Hall to see us. Our daughter, Louise Symon (07977-577429), and Bernard Dowdeswell (01886-880901) will be pleased to help with any inquiries you may have.

Facilities (at your own risk!)

You are welcome to use the **gym** that is in the yard at Netherley Hall. Please be careful with the machines and do not over-exert yourself, particularly if you are not accustomed to exercise!

You are also welcome to use the **tennis court** at Netherley Hall by arrangement.

Most of all, you will find **walking round the farm** and the woods to be a most enjoyable experience. The back of the farm is only a mile from the Malvern Beacon (height 1005 feet). We can provide you with a farm map.

Local restaurants

Very sadly, our local pub in Mathon, **the Cliffe Arms** (01886-880782), next door to Brook House, is closed at the moment. We are hopeful that it will open reasonably soon.

We recommend the following restaurants and pubs in the vicinity:-

The **Nelson** (01886-884530) is an excellent pub, specialising in fish, particularly at the week-ends, but it can be hard to reserve a table. The Nelson is at Suckley.

The **Oak** at Staplow (01531-640954) serves excellent food, is open 7 days for lunch and dinner, but you need to book.

The **New Inn** (01886-832353) is on the main road between Leigh Sinton and Storrige on the left as you go towards Worcester. It has recently been renovated and provides good quality cooking at economical prices. You need to reserve a table at week-ends.

The **Anupam** (01684-573814) is the very best Indian restaurant in the area. They do takeaways as well. Their menu is in the folder. We believe that the Anupam's cooking is some of the best we have tasted in England. It is run by Bangladeshis (Kaiser is the owner), who cook a variety of regional Indian dishes of the highest quality. It also has an excellent wine list provided by the erstwhile owner of the famous Malvern restaurant, the Croque-en-Bouche (now sadly closed). The Anupam is located on the first floor down a small alleyway off Church Street in central Malvern.

The Olive Tree (01531-634181) in Ledbury is a good Italian restaurant on the High Street in Ledbury. It is reasonably priced, but very popular, so you need to book.

The Bell (01531-640285) at Bosbury is a nice pub on the main street in Bosbury village. The new landlords are charming and friendly. There is normally no need to book, and you will get traditional well-cooked English pub food.

The **Malthouse Restaurant** (01531-634443) in Church Lane, Ledbury is probably the smartest and most expensive restaurant locally, but well worth it for a special occasion. It is up a side street behind the Market House in the centre of town.

The **Red Lion** (01886-80318) at Stifford's Bridge is the most local pub serving decent food. It is not expensive. It is on the main road Hereford to Worcester road between the two turnings to Cradley. It is as well to book on week-ends.

Doctor

The local Doctor's surgery in Cradley (01886-880207) is run by Dr Bruce Herriott and Dr Sarah Herriott. It is nearly opposite the butchers in the section of Cradley furthest from Mathon (turn left before Cradley and left again at the T-junction, and it is on your right after about 150 yards).

Casualty is at Worcester Royal Infirmary and Hereford Hospital.

Local shops

The **Cradley Post Office and Stores** (01886-880212) is very good for essential provisions, and is in the section of Cradley between Mathon and the main Hereford Road.

The **local butcher**, Peter Hodgkiss (01886-880221), in Cradley, is opposite the butchers in the section of Cradley furthest from Mathon (turn left before Cradley and left again at the T-junction, and it is on your left after about 300 yards). The quality of meat is excellent.

Supermarkets

Waitrose is in central Malvern. **Morrisons** is by the roundabout as you enter Malvern from Worcester.

Golf

The best local golf course is the Worcestershire Golf Club in Malvern Wells. You can pay a green fee on most occasions.

Riding

There is a small riding school in West Malvern called Seven Acres Riding School, run by Janet Jones. Their number is 01684-541130.

We hope you will have an excellent stay.

Geoffrey and Vivien Vos