

## Origins of street and place names in Bexley

**Have you ever wondered how your street got its name?**

See notes at end of table for references.

<b>Street/Place</b>	<b>Origin</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Abbey Crescent, Belvedere	See: Ina Road	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Abbey Road, Bexleyheath	Refers to Lesnes Abbey	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Abbey Wood Road, SE2	Now Brampton Road	Buckland. p.333
Abbyhill Road	Named because of rise on Lamorbey Estate	-
Albert Road	After Prince Albert (d.1861). Formerly Victoria Road	-
Albert Road, Bexleyheath	See: Graham Road	Castells. p.134
Alers Road	After Jameson Alers Hankey	Castells, p.154
Alexandra Road	After Queen Alexandra, wife of Edward VII	
Alfred Road, Erith	Prince Alfred, Queen Victoria's 2nd son, was patron of the Seamen's Home, Belvedere	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Alma Road	Possibly after a height captured by British in the Crimean War	-
Aperfield Road	Name of an old manor at Cudham; the word is short for 'apple tree field'	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley

Appian Way	See: Rutland Gate	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Appold Street, Erith	Messrs Easton & Anderson made a pump called the Appold pump at their works nearby	-
Arbuthnot Lane, Bexley	After W.U.Arbuthnot., JP 1807-1874 of Bridgen Place	P920 ARB
Arnsberg Way, Bexleyheath	After an area in Neheim-Husten, Bexley's Twin Town	-
Arthur Street	After Prince Arthur, Queen Victoria's second son. (b.1850)	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Athol Road	John, Earl of Athol was Lord of Erith Manor in the time of Edward I	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Audrey Avenue	Named by builder, FR Absolom, after members of his family	See Bostall Heath by JA Prichard. P283 St And. p.9
Avenue Road	Follows the line of an avenue of Elm trees leading to the Manor House built in 1769	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Back Lane, Erith	Old name for part of Bexley Road, between Cross Street and High Street, Erith	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Banks Lane, Bexleyheath	Formerly Sheldons Lane, after Sheldon, landowner on site	Tithe map 1839 (site260+) , and archive plan CO/BEX/19(1874)
Barkers Road	After Barker's cab	-

	and Livery Co. Situated on NW corner of junction with High Street	
Barnefield Road	Possibly because road ran through Barn Field, which belonged to a farm- house on Nuxley Road	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Barnehurst	Name created for station, after 'Barne' the family name and 'Hurst', Saxon name for woodland	The Story of Barnehurst by EO Thomas
Barry Avenue	FR Absalom, the builder, came from Cardiff. He used Welsh place-names for several of his roads	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley. See also Bostall Heath by JA Prichard. P283 St And. p9
Battle Avenue	Possibly after Battle in Sussex	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Bean Road, Bexleyheath	After Alfred W Bean, owner of Danson Estate, railway engineer. Formerly Clock house Lane	Buckland. p.333
Becks Road, Sidcup	After original owner	-
Bedonwell	Probably means 'a well in a shallow valley' or 'a praying well'	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Bedonwell Hill	Old name for part of Bedonwell Road	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Bedonwell Road	Before 1937 Belmont Road was also called	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley

	Bedonwell Road	
Bedwell Road, Belvedere	Sir Culling Eardley, of Bedwell Park, Herts, inherited the Belvedere Estate in 1847. He planned a new town for which he built All Saints' Church and a water-works	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Belmont Road, Erith	An ancient road, confusingly called Bedonwell Road until 1937, when it was given its present name after as old house , Belmont, that stood there	-
Belton Road, Sidcup	From Belton Lodge which was an earlier name for Bank House, on High Street	-
Belvedere	A house built by Sir Sampson Gideon (Later Baron Eardley) which from 1865 was the Seamen's home until it was pulled down in 1959. The district took its name from the house	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Berkhamstead Road, Belvedere	See; Bedwell Road. Berkhamstead is a town in Herts	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
<b>Bexley</b>	Originally Byxlea meaning Box tree clearing	AD 814

Bexley Lane	Road from Fooths Cray to Bexley, previously known as Hurst Road	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Bexley Lane, Crayford	Seems to have been a foreign quarter at one time. Home of Italian Organ Grinders	The spot that is called Crayford by William Carr. p.130
Bexley Road	Old road to Bexley. Up to 1939 known as Nuxley Road after a small heath in the area	-
Bexleyheath	The heath around Bexley	-
Birkbeck Road	Land developed by Benjamin Hope purchased from the Birkbeck Permanent Building Society	-
Birch Walk	An old footpath across sand-pits whose route has varied over the years. At one time it was called the 'Cinder Path'	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Blackboard Alley, Bexleyheath	Leads from May Place Road to North Street, possibly because of the school at its side	Buckland. p.333
<b>Blackfen</b>	'Black Fen' meaning marshy ground. Dates from 1240	-
Blake Close, Welling	Known locally as the " Poets " Estate. Roads include:-	-

	Blake Close, Browning Close, Burns Close, Chaucer Road, Dryden Road, Keats Road, Milton Road, Shelley Drive, Tennyson Close, Wordsworth Road, Wycliffe Close	
Blendon Road, Bexley	After Blendon Estate	-
Boarers Manorway	Possibly from Francis Boarer, an Erith butcher, who in 1681 leased Heron Hill Farm. The road may have led to other of his lands	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
<b>Bostall</b>	'A place of refuge'	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Bostall Hill/Row/ Park Avenue	Estate developers choice of name	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Boundary Street	The road lies on the boundary between Erith & Crayford - Shown on 1863 O.S. map	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Bourne Road, Bexley	After Bourne Stream, now River Shuttle. Bourne Place was in Bexley, demolished in 1933. The Black Prince Hotel now on site.	-
Bowes Close, Sidcup	After Sir Martin Bowes. (D 1566) who owned 400	-

	acres around Bexley & Blackfen	
Brampton Road	After estate of Brampton Place. Occupied between 1700-1878. Last occupier Gregory Brown. Demolished May 1955. Formerly Abbey Wood Road	Buckland. p.333
Bridgers Road	After estate of Bridgen Place, first occupied 1719. Semi-detached houses now on site	-
Bristow Road	After Henry John Bristow, chairman of Bexley Local Board. 1889-1894	-
Brook Street	Crosses the Bedon Stream	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Brooklands Avenue	Appears on 1843 records as being owned by G.Ware	BIO: BUC
Browning Close, Welling	Known locally as the " Poets " Estate. Roads include:- Blake Close, Browning Close, Burns Close, Chaucer Road, Dryden Road, Keats Road, Milton Road, Shelley Drive, Tennyson Close, Wordsworth Road, Wycliffe Close	-
Buckingham Avenue	After the Buckingham family, possibly after	-

	Joseph Buckingham, councillor of Bexley, 1870s. Or Gilbert Joseph Buckingham, Mayor of Bexley, 1938-40 (d. 1973)	
Bullbanks Road	There was in 1876 a Bull Banks market garden on the land between Lower Road and Parkside Road and Halt Robin Lane and Stanmore Road. In 1697 the Erith Manor Court Records refer to Bulls Banks, probably the same place.	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Bunkers Hill	Presumably from the sand pits, of which there is still evidence.	-
Burcharbro Road	Name made up from Burrows, Charlesworth and Brodie, who built this and Pinewood Road	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley. See also Bostall Heath by JA Prichard. P283 St And. p9
Burdett Close	1. After local surveyor P.P. Burdett. Surveyed Brampton Place in 1768 <b>OR</b> 2. Sir Francis Burdett, prominent M.P. who in 1794 became tenant of	-



	Vale Mascal. He married Sophie Coutts, daughter of the enormously wealthy banker Thomas Coutts.	
Burnett Road	After John Fasett Burnett (d 1851) of Mayplace, Crayford	-
Burnell Avenue	After Robert Burnell, Bishop of Bath & Wells, who was Lord of the Manor of East Wickham in the reign of Edward I	-
Burns Close, Welling	Known locally as the " Poets " Estate. Roads include:- Blake Close, Browning Close, Burns Close, Chaucer Road, Dryden Road, Keats Road, Milton Road, Shelley Drive, Tennyson Close, Wordsworth Road, Wycliffe Close	-
Butler Street	See Salisbury Road	
Calvert Close	After Sir William Calvert, Alderman of the City of London, who lived at Mount Mascal in mid c18th. His sister Honoria married Thomas Tash of Vale Mascal. His cousins Sir Richard Calvert	-

	lived at Hall Place, and Felix Calvert at Mayplace, Crayford	
Cambria Close	On site of the old Cambria nursery	-
Camden Road	After Sir William Camden. 1551-1623	-
Cannon Road	After Stephen Cannon, first chairman of Bexley. 1894-1896	-
Cavendish Avenue, Welling	Known locally as the " Scientists " Estate. Roads include :- Cavendish Avenue, Darwin Road, Faraday Road, Huxley Road, Kelvin Road, Maxwell Road, Newton Road, Tyndall Road	-
Chalk Wood	Earliest reference is in 1301 when it appears as "Chelkehelde" from the Old English "cealehiede" meaning chalk slope	-
Chantrey Close	After Sir Francis Legatt Chantry (1781-1841) famous English sculptor whose monument to Lady Ellenborough is in the parish church, St James'. See also Ellenborough Road	-

Chapel Close	After Chapel House, Blackfen	-
Chapel Road	After Baptist Chapel erected there.	-
Chapmans Lane, Erith	Possibly after Edward Chapman, of the Bell Inn, (Near Running Horses) who bought the property in early c18th. Shown on 1769 map	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Chaucer Road, Welling	Known locally as the " Poets " Estate. Roads include:- Blake Close, Browning Close, Burns Close, Chaucer Road, Dryden Road, Keats Road, Milton Road, Shelley Drive, Tennyson Close, Wordsworth Road, Wycliffe Close	-
Chevenings	From the name of the house that was on the site	-
Chitty's Hill	After Chitty, son-in-law of Mrs Sarah Simpson, a girl stolen by gipsies, who lived to 97 and had 22 children. Chitty and his wife had 24 children. Now Robin Hood Lane	Buckland. p.322 and p.356
Clarence Crescent	After Prince Albert Victor, Duke of	-

	Clarence and Avondale, laid in 1881 when Prince was 17	
Cleeve Park Gardens	After Cleeve family of Foots Cray Place. Prominent family dating from pre 1568	-
Cocksure Lane	Appears to take its name from a small piece of land on which Manor Cottages now stand in Parsonage Lane. A document dated 1837 describes this field as Cocks Shaw.	-
Colyers Lane, NorthHeath	After William Colyer, local farmer	-
Coniston Road, Barnehurst	Wedlock, the builders named many roads after Lake District locations	The Story of Barnehurst by EO Thomas
Cook Square	After Cook family or George Cooke of Bexley, probable royalist 1655.	-
Cookham Road	Possibly derived from Old English "coc ham" meaning settlement where cooking is done	-
Coote Road, Bexleyheath	After Ernest Thomas Coote, chairman of B.U.D.C. 1908-9 &	-

	1917-1919	
Corbylands Road, Sidcup	After Corbylands Wood	-
Crabtree Manorway, Belvedere	Divided and renamed, Crabtree Manorway North and South. 1.8.85	P942.177 BEX
<b>Crayford</b>	The early name for Crayford was Erhede or Earde	The Domesday Book : 1086
Crayford High Street	Was High Street, Crayford	P942.177 BEX
Crittall's Corner	After Francis Henry Crittall. (B 1860), manufacturer of window/door fittings. Site now occupied by B & Q	-
Crook Log, Bexleyheath	From a dead tree with a curious bend, that once stood on the site	Castells p.20
Crown Street	Name changed to West Street in 1915	-
Crusoe Road, Erith	Defoe's novel 'Robinson Crusoe' was based on the story of Alexander Selkirk, who landed at Erith after being rescued	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Cut Throat Alley	Now Love Lane, Bexley	Erith Times. 28.3.1930
Cut Throat Lane	Now Gipsy Road, Welling	Buckland. p.333
Dallin Road, Bexleyheath	After DALLIN family, who owned the land.	Indenture 1876, selling land to BUTLER family. See notes:2002/1
Dane Close	After Herbert	-

	Edwin Dane, prominent councillor in late 1890s & 1900s	
Danson Lane, Welling	Formerly Chapel Lane	Buckland, p.198
Danson Road, Welling	After Danson Estate	-
Dargate Road	One of the roads on the Appian Way Estate. See Rutland Gate	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Darwin Road, Welling	Known locally as the " Scientists " Estate. Roads include :- Cavendish Avenue, Darwin Road, Faraday Road, Huxley Road, Kelvin Road, Maxwell Road, Newton Road, Tyndall Road	-
Dashwood Close	After Sir Francis Dashwood, owner of Hall Place	-
David House	See: McKinlay Court	-
De Luci Road	After Richard De Luci who founded Lesnes Abbey in 1178	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Denham Road	After John Denham (d 1760) a benefactor to St Nicholas Church	Tester East Wickham & Welling
Devonshire Road	See Luddesdon Road	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Dixon House, Bostall	Names associated	See Bostall Heath by JA

	with development of Bostall	Prichard p.283 St and. p.12
Downe Close	After Henry John Downes	HIS2 SID
Dryden Road, Welling	Known locally as the " Poets " Estate. Roads include:- Blake Close, Browning Close, Burns Close, Chaucer Road, Dryden Road, Keats Road, Milton Road, Shelley Drive, Tennyson Close, Wordsworth Road, Wycliffe Close	-
Dryhill Road, Belvedere	Previously called Queen's Road. Ironic name as road gets flooded in bad weather	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Duck Lane	See St Augustine's Road	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Eardley Road, Belvedere	After Eardley family, who owned the Belvedere Estate in the c18th	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
East Road	This road was on the east side of Boarers Manorway	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Eastry Road	Was previously called Greenway from 1938	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Edgington Way	Black & Edgington, flag manufacturers who worked on decorations used in the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth	-

	II, were based at Ruxley Corner	
Edwards Road	After the Edwards family. A prominent family member was Lucy Edwards, a local artist and botanical illustrator	-
Electric Road	Off Crabtree Manorway, north of railway. The first WWII bombs fell here in 1940	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Ellenborough Road	After Octavia, Lady Ellenborough, sister of Lord Castlereagh, who lived at Loring Hall. (Which see) She died in 1819 and in St James' church there is a fine monument by Chantrey	-
Ellison Road	After Councillor Ellison	-
Elmhurst	Site of an old house bombed on WWII and later demolished	-
<b>Erith</b>	Eryth (1610) meaning 'Gravelly landing place'	-
Erith High Street	Was High Street, Erith	P942.177 BEX
Erith Road, Belvedere	Old road from Woolwich and Belvedere to Erith	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Essenden Road	See Bedwell Road	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley



Ethelbert Road	Name of the King of Kent when St Augustine came to Britain in 597	-
Ethronvi Road	Named after Ethel, Ronald and Violet, children of the builder	-
Faraday Avenue	After Michael Faraday 1791-1867	-
Faraday Road, Welling	Known locally as the " Scientists " Estate. Roads include :- Cavendish Avenue, Darwin Road, Faraday Road, Huxley Road, Kelvin Road, Maxwell Road, Newton Road, Tyndall Road	-
Firth Street, Welling	Renamed Lovel Avenue	Renamed 19.12.1927. See LABX/DC/4/3/1
Fishers Way	After the Fisher family ???	P920 Fisher (Whistling Rufus?)
Flora Road	Access road to Flora Nursery	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Florence Road, Abbey Wood	See: Percival Street	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Florence Road, Belvedere	See: Lullingstone Road	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
<b>Foots Cray</b>	From Godwin Fot, owner of estate at time of Domesday Book	Foots Cray by G Nunns. p.3
Footscray High Street	Was High Street, Footscray	P942.177 BEX
Foresters Crescent	After the nearby Foresters Homes in	P362.6 FOR

	Tower Road which were first built in 1870s	
Frances Avenue, Bexleyheath	Named by builder, FR Absolom, after members of his family	Bostall Heath by JA Prichard. p.283 St And. p9
Franklin Road	After Albert James Franklin, Chairman B.U.D.C. 1920-25	-
Fraser Road, Erith	Built soon after Fraser & Chalmers opened their factory in the old ballast pit workings	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Freemantle Road	Possibly named after an admiral in the R.N. in the 1860s	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Friday Hill	The old name of part of Erith Road near Pembroke Road. Meaning unknown	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Friday Road	See: Crusoe Road	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Friswell Place	After the writer James Hain Friswell and his daughter Jane, also author, who lived on this site. He began writing in 1850s	Castells p.104/5
Frognal Avenue	After Frognal Place. Known to have been occupied as early as 1253	-
Gattons Way	Appears as Gatton in 1301. Possibly from Old English	-

	"gat tun" meaning goat farmstead. On c19th maps shown as "The White House"	
Geddes Place, Bexleyheath	After early minister of the Congregational Church, Rev. James Geddes	-
Gilbert Road	After family who had a farm there in 1898, See St Augustine's Road	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Gipsy Road, Welling	Formerly Cutthroat Lane	Buckland. p.333
Gordon Road	After General Gordon, killed in Sudan in 1885	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Graham Road	After Rev. George Graham, (d 1887) second vicar of Christ Church. Previously known as Albert Road, and Markall Lane.	-
Granville Road	Part of Lewis-Evans Estate	-
Granville Road, Sidcup	Named after the house of James Fell :- Granville Villa	-
Grasmere Road	See: Coniston Road	-
Gray House, Bostall	Names associated with development of Bostall	Bostall Heath by JA Prichard. p.283 St And. p.12
Greenway	See: Eastry Road	-
Greyhound Way, Crayford	Named 1.7.1986, after building of new greyhound stadium	P942.177 BEX

Half Foot Lane, Bexley	Also known as Halfway Lane, now Hartford Road	Archive ref: L144
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Halt Robin Road / Lane	Myth? - Possibly named after lame gatekeeper Halt Robin of Belvedere House. Originally one road	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Harman Drive	After the Harman family	CMH No 4 1966
Harrill Road	After John Harrill, Yeoman of Erith and suspected Royalist in 1655	-
Hartford Road, Bexley	Previously called Half Foot Lane and Halfway Lane.	Archive ref: L144
Harvel Crescent	Formerly Hurst Road. Name changed to avoid confusion with a road near NorthHeath	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Harvill Road	Possibly after Edward Harvil, Rector of North Cray in 1577 and his son Edward who succeeded him as Rector in 1608	-
Havelock Road	Named after Major General Sir Henry Havelock KCB (1795 – 1857) famous for his recapture of	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley

	Cawnpore during the Indian Rebellion of 1857. Grew up in the area and attended Dartford Grammar school.	
Hengist Road	Hengist and Horsa were the leaders of the Jutes who invaded and settled in Kent in the 5th century AD	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Heron Hill	Formerly Herring Hill. Herrin Hill House, later farm, was owned in 16th century by the Abels family, going back to the time of Edward I	-
High Street, Crayford	Renamed Crayford High Street. 1.1.1967	P942.177 BEX
High Street, Erith	Renamed Erith High Street. 1.1.1967	P942.177 BEX
High Street, Footscray	Renamed Footscray High Street. 1.1.1967	P942.177 BEX
Hind Crescent	Name of a prominent Erith family. Harold Hind was a surveyor of Erith U.D.C. for many years	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Hoddesden Road	See: Bedwell Road	-
Holly Hill Road	Near Holly Hill House built in 18th century and burnt down in 1850, stood	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley & Harris' The Parish of Erith..." p.63

	nearby. Another property with the same name was later built on the site.	
Holmhurst Road	Near a large Victorian house of this name, now Oaks Education Centre	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Honeyden Road	Honeyden is an earlier name for the large house now known as Cray Hall. The earliest reference is 1745 which gives "Honeyden alias Hunisden" It has been suggested that it is derived from Old English "hunig den" meaning "honey pasture", a woodland pasture where hives were kept.	-
Hook Lane	After farmer called Hook, who rented the land from the Danson Estate	History of Hook Lane School. by Dawn Catten
Horsa Road	See: Hengist Road	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Howbery Lane	Near Howbery Manor which has existed since at least 1543	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Hurst Lane	Near house of this name in Abbey Wood. Hurst is old	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley

	English for wooded hill	
Hurst Road, NorthHeath	On what used to be Lesney farm, Northheath. See also Harvel Crescent	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Huxley Road, Welling	Known locally as the " Scientists " Estate. Roads include :- Cavendish Avenue, Darwin Road, Faraday Road, Huxley Road, Kelvin Road, Maxwell Road, Newton Road, Tyndall Road	-
Ina Road	Named after Ina an early King of Wessex. At one time Upper Abbey Road had a curved section in it, which is now Abbey Crescent. When the straight line was cut it was called Ina Road. (c.1936)	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Inglewood Road	See: Coniston road	-
James Watt Place	After famous inventor. Easton & Andersons, who made steam engines, had their works nearby	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Janet Court	See: McKinlay Court	-
Jenkins Lane,	The wife of Jenkins	Castells p.86 and Buckland

Bexleyheath	the shoemaker, kept a toy shop on the corner of the lane. Later Pincott Road.	p.355
Jenningtree Way	Jenningtree Point is a landmark on the banks of the Thames near the end of Crabtree Manor Way. 'Jenneting' is an old word for a kind of apple.	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Jessett Close, Erith	After Frederick Jessett, Erith's first Medical Officer of Health. Named in 1997. Was part of Pembroke Road.	P920 JES
Joydens Wood	Joyden is a corruption of Jordan or Jordayne. In 1556 William Jordayne was granted woodland in Dartford and North Cray	-
Keats Road, Welling	Known locally as the " Poets " Estate. Roads include:- Blake Close, Browning Close, Burns Close, Chaucer Road, Dryden Road, Keats Road, Milton Road, Shelley Drive, Tennyson Close, Wordsworth Road, Wycliffe Close	-



Kelvin Road, Welling	Known locally as the " Scientists " Estate. Roads include :- Cavendish Avenue, Darwin Road, Faraday Road, Huxley Road, Kelvin Road, Maxwell Road, Newton Road, Tyndall Road	-
Kent Avenue	John Kent (d.1765) of Iron Mills, buried at St Paulinus Church, Crayford	-
Kentish Road	Named by the Suburban Land & Cottage Company, who built a small estate here on land that used to be called the Ruffs, where there had been a house and large orchard	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Kipling Road	After Henry Kipling, Vicar of Plumstead and East Wickham, annexed 1772-1821	-
Lady Grey Alley, Bexleyheath	From name of beer-house on corner of Watling Street. Later Westbourne Grove	Buckland p.333
Lancelot Road	After popular historical figure in King Arthur's Myths	-
Langdon Shaw	After estate belonging to Edward Langdon	-

	1775	
Lansdown Road	After Mr Lansdown. (Cabinet minister)??	-
Latham Road	After Dr Latham, lived in Park House, Bexley (d.1815) buried at St Mary's. Reputed to have killed highwayman assailant at Dartford Heath and buried the body at Park House or possibly after John Latham, Dartford warbler 1773	-
Laurel Close	After Laurel House, Bexley, built 1869	-
Leather Bottle Lane	Formerly a footpath. There has been an Inn on the site of the Leather bottle for over 200 years	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Leckwith, Bostall	Named by builder, FR Absolom, after links with his native city , Cardiff.	Bostall Heath by JA Prichard. P283 St And. p9
Leigh Place	After Richard Leigh, of Bexley Manor House	-
Lesney Park	See: Park Crescent	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Lessness	Leasons, Lesney and Lessness are all forms of the old Road name for Erith, 'Lesnes' meaning a meadow	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley

	promontory	
Lewin Road	After Thomas Lewin	Castells. p.27
Limewood Road	Near Old Lime Wood	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Ling Road	After former Erith councillor, Mr W Ling, chairman library Committee 1906.	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley and P027.4 ERI
Little Heath Road	After Nuxley Heath, which is also known as Little Heath. See Nuxley Road	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Long Lane	Literally a long lane from Bexleyheath to Bostall Heath	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Longlands Road	Longlands House, Sidcup inhabited by the Russells. Demolished 1885	-
Loring Hall	After William Loring, first warden of Goldsmiths College which had purchased the building in 1939. (Loring died at Gallipoli in WW1). Prior to this the house was known as Woollet Hall. Known as North Cray Villa in c19th. In 1527 the house on this site was called "Waletts"	-
Love Lane, Bexley	Formerly Cut throat Alley	Erith Times. 28.3.1930
Lovel Avenue, Welling	Formerly Firth Street. Named after	Renamed 19.12.1927. See LABX/DC/4/3/1

	Francis, Viscount Lovel, owner of the Manor of East Wickham	
Lower Park Road	Skirts the park of the Belvedere Estate	-
Lower Road	Follows the low ground by the marshes	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Luddesdon Road	Previously called Florence road	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Lullingstone Road	Previously called Florence Road. Changed in 1959	-
Maddocks Close	After the Maddocks family of Mount Mascall and Vale Mascall. John Maddocks, distinguished Welsh lawyer became tenant of Mount Mascall in 1776, and purchased the property 5 years later. In 1782 he purchased Vale Mascall for his Eldest Son John Edward and his wife Frances	-
Maida Road	After Maida Vale, London which commemorates a battle at Maida, Sicily in 1806 (French troops defeated by British troops under Sir	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley

	John Stuart)	
Maiden Erlegh Ave, Bexley	Named by builder, Gough Cooper, after a seat 2 ½ miles S.E. of Reading, Berks	See pamphlet collection
Manor Road	After Manor of Erith which falls within the boundaries of the estate. Originally an access road to fields beyond Anchor Bay	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Manor Way, Bexley	Originally known as Selborne Road	
Mareschal Niel Parade	Named after Mareschal Niel House, owned by Mr Harbrow	Nunns, Brief notes on Longlands.p28
Markall Lane, Bexleyheath	After Markall, landlord of the Kings Arms. Was Albert Road, now Graham Road	Castells. P134
Marlin Drive/ Rise	After John Edward Marlin, 50 years ministry in Erith1875-1925	-
Marobon Close, Sidcup	By the site of Marobon House, old name of The Hollies	Andrews, Dury & Herbert map. 1769
Martens Close/Avenue	After Martens Grove	-
Maxim Road	After Sir Hiram Maxim famous local inventor	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Maxim Road, Crayford	New road off Roman Way	P942.177 BEX

Maximfeldt Road	After Maxim and Nordenfeldt, two local inventors of automatic guns, manufactured in Erith & Crayford	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Maxwell Road, Welling	Known locally as the " Scientists " Estate. Roads include :- Cavendish Avenue, Darwin Road, Faraday Road, Huxley Road, Kelvin Road, Maxwell Road, Newton Road, Tyndall Road	-
Mayplace Road	After Mayplace Estate	-
Mayplace Road, West. Elizabeth Place	Nos, 67,69,71, After Elizabeth, Wife of Barham, Bricklayers Arms	1851 census HO107 1607, 145b
McKinlay Court, Park view Road, Welling	After the builders McKinlay Williams who named several sites after their family. Robina Close, Bexleyheath, Robina Court, Swanley, Ben ??, Robert House?? Shirley Heights, Avenue Road, Bexleyheath, Janet Court, Mayplace Road, Terence Court, Streamway, Belvedere, David House, Station	-

	Road, Sidcup, Sarah??	
Merlin Road	As Lancelot Road	-
Michell Close	After Charles Cronwallin Michell 1793-1851	-
Mill Road	After mill which stood nearby, since burnt down	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Milton Road, Welling	Known locally as the " Poets " Estate. Roads include:- Blake Close, Browning Close, Burns Close, Chaucer Road, Dryden Road, Keats Road, Milton Road, Shelley Drive, Tennyson Close, Wordsworth Road, Wycliffe Close	-
Mitchell Close	After Hedley James Mitchell, founder of Hedley Mitchell store. Begam Ltd in 1918. Brother-in- law to JE Martin	-
Moat Lane, Welling	After Moat house 1764-1961. Site now occupied by garages	-
Montgomery	Ammunition ship sunk near Sheppy, WWII.	-
Mount Culver Avenue	Road built on a field called 'Mount Culver', earliest reference found 1820. (Possibly	-

	derived from Old English "munt" meaning hill and "culfre" meaning dove??)	
Mount Mascall	Large Jacobean House stood until 1957 on the hillside overlooking North Cray Road. Origin possibly from John Mascall, Gentleman, owned property in nearby Joyden's Wood in Tudor times.	-
Mount Road	Mount Marcah House, estate of JE Maddocks	-
Mulberry Way	After the Mulberry Harbour constructed for the landings in France, 1944. Sections made locally	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Napier Road	The name of several distinguished naval and military commanders	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Nelson Road	After Admiral Nelson	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
New Road	After New family. (1903)	-
Newbery Road	After the Manor of Newbery first recorded in 1543	-
Newton Road, Welling	Known locally as the " Scientists " Estate. Roads	-



	include :- Cavendish Avenue, Darwin Road, Faraday Road, Huxley Road, Kelvin Road, Maxwell Road, Newton Road, Tyndall Road	
Nissen Way	Name given to temporary housing for bombed out families adapted Nissen huts on Belvedere Recreation Ground	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Nordenfeldt Road	See Maxim road	-
Norman Road	Built on line of old footpath from Belvedere Station to Picardy Manorway	-
Normandy Road	After the nearby Normandy Farm	-
Norris Way	After Norris's Pit, a site of local archaeological finds	-
North Cray Road	After North Cray Place	-
Northumberland Heath/Avenue/Road	Heath north of the 'humber' (old English for stream) which has now disappeared. The district's nickname of 'Spike island' is after the old parish workhouse which stood in Sussex road from about	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley

	1805	
Nuxley Road	Formerly Bexley Road, renamed in 1939 to avoid confusion. Nuxley had been the name of a small heath where Belmont School now stands	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Oakhouse Road	After Oak House, presumably oak trees were prominent in the area	-
Oakwood	After Oakwood area	1870 O.S. map
Old Farm Road	After ancient farm?	-
Old Forge Way	After forge on the site	-
Olyffe Avenue	After Sir Olyffe Leigh, owner of the Manor of East Wickham	-
Orchard Avenue	On site of Orchard belonging to Elmhurst	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Orchard Road	On land known as Orchard Estate, formerly part of the Ruffs. (See Kentish Road)	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Osbourne Road	After Osbourne Home (Now Dryhill Road)	-
Oxford Mews	After Oxford Place in Bexley	-
Oxlean Close	After wood of the same name	O.S. map 1860
Park Crescent Road	“The park land that	

	both it and Lesney refer to is the parklands that were part of Erith Manor, the house stood at the west end of Avenue road which was its drive way. Lesney farm also stood in this parkland and was last owned by the Mitchell family.”	- @BexleyArchives Facebook 18/12/2018
Park Road/Street, Bexleyheath	Formerly Sweeps Lane, now Royal Oak Road	-
Parsonage Lane	The original parsonage house of North Cray stood in this lane, probably on the south side between North Cray riding school and junction with Cocksure Lane	-
Parsonage Manorway	Used to be a private road to Parsonage farm, near Bellring Close, which had a long history, back to the days of Lesnes Abbey, with which it is associated	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Pelham Road	On site of Pelham Farm, once owned by Oxford University. Pelham School is now on the site	-
Pembroke Road	Formerly part of	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM

	Erith Road. Named after the Countess of Pembroke, Lady of the Manor during the Reign of Elizabeth I. See also: Jessett Close.	Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Penda Road	After Penda, King of Mercia c650 AD	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Percival Street	Named by the developer, probably after members of the family. Also Florence Road	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Picardy Manorway	Originally included what is now the northern part of Norman Road	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Picardy Road	Shown on 1769 map. Picardy was a hamlet at the foot of Picardy road. It probably took its name from someone called Piccard. The modern form is influenced by the spelling of Picardy in France.	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Picardy Street	See: Gilbert Road	-
Pier Road	Erith pier was built in 1842. Pleasure Steamers used to bring crowds from London to the gardens near the pier	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley

Pincott Hall	Formerly The Athenaeum	Castells, p.120.
Pincott Road	After Rev. William Henry Pincott, first Vicar of Christ Church, Bexleyheath. (Formerly Station Road, Jenkins Lane & Occupation Road)	Castell's p.120 Buckland, p.185 and p.333 and p.355
Pinewood Road	See: Burcharbro Road	-
Pinnacle Hill	After a pinnacle built on a house roof there	See: photograph collection
Poet's Estate, Welling	Known locally as the " Poets " Estate. Roads include:- Blake Close, Browning Close, Burns Close, Chaucer Road, Dryden Road, Keats Road, Milton Road, Shelley Drive, Tennyson Close, Wordsworth Road, Wycliffe Close	-
Powys Close, Bostall	Named by builder, FR Absolom, after links with his native city , Cardiff.	Bostall Heath by JA Prichard. P283 St And. p9
Queen's Road, Belvedere	See: Dryhill Road	-
Queen's Road, Erith	After Queen Victoria	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Queenswood Road, Blackfen	On site of Queens Wood House. Owned by John Kirkland 1861	-

Raglan Road	After famous General	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Randall Street	Randall was the maiden name of the wife of William Wheatley, Lord of Erith manor. She died in 1829	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Rectory Lane, Fooks Cray	After rectory built along the lane	-
Red House Lane, Bexleyheath	After 'The Red House' built for William Morris, who occupied it for 5 years.(1860-1865)	-
Risedale Road	See: Coniston Road	-
Riverside Gardens, Erith	On site of a flour mill, demolished in 1936	-
Robert House	See: McKinlay Court	-
Roberts Lane	After the Roberts family	-
Robin Hood Lane	Formerly Chitty's Hill and Hog's Hole	Buckland. p.322 and p.333
Robina Close	See: McKinlay Court	-
Roman Way, Crayford	Named 1.7.1986, after building of new greyhound stadium	P942.177 BEX
Royal Hill, Erith	Part of Bexley Road, between High St and Walnut Tree Road	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Royal Oak Road	Originally Sweeps Lane, then Park Street/Road	-
Rumford Place	Refers to Romford	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM

	in Essex, where there used to be a cattle market used by Erith farmers	Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Russell Close	After Mr Russell who owned two homes nearby (d.1804)	-
Rutland Gate	After WW II some temporary houses and a road to give access to them was built. The road was laid by Italian prisoners of war, and was aptly named Appian Way after an ancient road in Italy. The name was changed to Rutland Gate when the estate was rebuilt.	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Ruxley	Derived from the Old English "hroces leah" meaning a clearing frequented by rooks	-
Ruxley Close	After Ruxley Farm and area	-
Salisbury Road	In May 1883 was known as Butler Street after Richard and John Butler started building there in 1882.	
Salmon Road	After Charles Salmon R.N. Manager of Vickers and local councillor (d.1931)	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley

Sandcliff Road	After the adjacent loam pits	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Sarah ??	See: McKinlay Court	-
School Lane	Site of John Denham's house, taken over by Rev Stephen Tucker and used as a school	-
Scientist's Estate, Welling	Known locally as the " Scientists " Estate. Roads include :- Cavendish Avenue, Darwin Road, Faraday Road, Huxley Road, Kelvin Road, Maxwell Road, Newton Road, Tyndall Road	-
Selbourne Road	See Manor Way , Bexley	
Selwyn Crescent	After John Selwyn, M.P. for Gloucester. Tenant of Danson Mansion (d.1751)	-
Sencler House, Hurst Place, Bostall	From Roger Sencler, c15th seneschal of Lesnes Abbey.	Bostall Heath: Church and Community. JA Pritchard. P 283 St And
Sheldon Road	After George Sheldon, Chairman of Bexley urban Council. 1909-17	-
Sheldons Lane	See Banks Lane	-
Shelley Drive, Welling	Known locally as the " Poets " Estate. Roads include:- Blake Close,	-



	Browning Close, Burns Close, Chaucer Road, Dryden Road, Keats Road, Milton Road, Shelley Drive, Tennyson Close, Wordsworth Road, Wycliffe Close	
<b>Sharnbrook House/Close</b>	Home of Mr & Mrs Bailey (Baley) Mrs B was born in Sharnbrook.	Rate book, LABX/ DB2/1/27 P4A
<b>Shirley Heights</b>	See: McKinlay Court	-
<b>Shooters Hill, Welling</b>	Possibly derived its name from the Royal shooting (Archery) parties held in the neighbourhood, in the time of Henry VIII	Kentish Note Book Vol 1. p.1. Nov.1888
<b>Sidcup</b>	From the words SETTE and COPP, meaning "Flat Hill Top"	The Sidcup Story p.5
<b>Slade Green</b>	Two possible sources: The Norse "Slad" meaning a place for beaching or launching boats or the more likely: Saxon "Slade" meaning low lying ground. Green added because of the verdant nature of the land.	-
<b>Southwold Road</b>	Road created in 1973 from Bourne	Bexleyheath Observer. 6.12.1973

	Road, includes the Black Prince, and Nos. 106, 110, 112 and telephone exchange.	
Spike Island	See: Northumberland Heath	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Springfield Road, Welling	Formerly Talford Road (Name change 1912)	Buckland. p.333 (Rate books)
St Augustine's Road	Once called Duck Lane, used to be the main road before Gilbert Road was made	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
St Hilary Estate. Bostall	Named by builder, FR Absolom, after links with his native city , Cardiff.	Bostall Heath by JA Prichard. P283 St And. p9
St Hilary House, Bostall	Names associated with development of Bostall	Bostall Heath by JA Prichard. P283 St And. p12
St John's Road	Refers to the parish church, although it does not lead to the church	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Stadium Way, Crayford	Named 1.7.1986, after building of new greyhound stadium	P942.177 BEX
Stanley Road	After George Stanley	-
Stapley Road	After Stapley family. Jesse Stapley was landlord of The Fox, 1871	-
Steeple Avenue	After the 'Chapel of Ease' and its	-

	steeple that stood alone for many years	
Stickland Road	After John Stickland (1816-1889) Prominent locally in the field of education	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Stonewood Road, Erith	Was formerly Station Road, Erith	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Stratton Close/Place	After Robert Nelson Stratton	(1882 Coach & Horses, Bexley??)
Streamway	Runs near Bedon Stream	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Stuart Evans Close	Stuart Lewis Evans was a famous motor racing champion of the 50's and the family are connected to Welling.	
Stuart Mantle Way	After Councillor George Stuart Mantle, named in 1945	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Surantlands Drive	After Surantlands Printworks, there since 1845	-
Sweeps Lane, Bexleyheath	Census of 1861 shows majority of residents as sweeps. Changed to Park Street/Road, later Royal Oak Road	Buckland. p.331 Castells.p.79
Sydney Road	After Lord Sydney, patron of St Mary's??	-
Talford/Talfourd Road, Welling	Now Springfield Road (Name	Buckland. p.333 (Rate books)

	change 1912)	
Tarling Close	After local landowner	-
Tennyson Close, Welling	Known locally as the " Poets " Estate. Roads include:- Blake Close, Browning Close, Burns Close, Chaucer Road, Dryden Road, Keats Road, Milton Road, Shelley Drive, Tennyson Close, Wordsworth Road, Wycliffe Close	-
Terence Court	See: McKinlay Court	-
Thwaite Close	After William Thwaites 1895	-
Tower Road, Belvedere	After Tower House, which used to stand on this part of the old Belvedere Estate	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Townley Road	After local family, Formerly Bakers Lane.	Buckland, p.176 also see photo collection.
Townsend Close	After Rt. Hon. John Robert Townsend (d.1890)	-
Tyndall Road, Welling	Known locally as the " Scientists " Estate. Roads include :- Cavendish Avenue, Darwin Road, Faraday Road, Huxley Road, Kelvin Road,	-

	Maxwell Road, Newton Road, Tyndall Road	
University Place	Shown on 1863 map. May take its name from University School, founded by John Stickland and taken over by the Erith School Board in 1871	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Upper Holly Hill Road	See: Holly Hill Road	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Upper Park Road	See: Lower Park Road	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Upperton Road, Sidcup	Major land owning family in Sidcup, this road built on area of his land	LS note on Sidcup Manor House
Ursula Lodges, Sidcup Hill	From 'Berens' family crest of a bear. Ursula being the Latin for bear. (Berens family built and endowed these lodges)	A history of St John the Evangelist. p.3/4
Vale Mascall	Built about 1740 for Thomas Tash. See also Mount Mascall	-
Vickers Road	After Vickers Works	-
Victoria Road	After Queen Victoria. See also Park Crescent	-
Walnut Tree Road	Walnut Tree House stood on the site of Erith Town Hall. And was used as Council offices for	-

	many years. The road was cut when trams were introduced in 1906	
Waring Road	After Lord Waring (d.1940)	-
Warren Road	After Charles Mortimer Warren, Honorary Librarian 1898 - see also Warren Farm	-
Watts Bridge Road	After Watts family. BIO: Watts ???	-
Water Lane	Lane leading to water	-
<b>Welling</b>	Often thought to be corruption of 'Well end', so called after the safe arrival there having passed the dreaded Shooters Hill. (see Kentish Note Book.Vol 1. p.4. Nov 1888.) but more likely from Old English "Wella" meaning a well or spring	East Wickham & Welling by Peter Tester. p.10.
Wellington Road	After famous General	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
West Heath Road	After West Heath, a small common enclosed in 1815	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
West Street, Erith	Leads westward from town. Formerly Lion Street, and Crown Street	Buckland. p.333
Westbourne Grove,	Formerly Lady	Buckland. p.333

Bexleyheath	Grey Alley, from name of beerhouse on corner of Watling Street	
Wheatley Terrace Road, Erith	After the Wheatley family, Lords of the Manor of Erith in 18th and 19th century	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Wheelock Close, NorthHeath	After Cllr Anne Wheelock (d1995), Governor of North Heath Primary School	News Shopper 30.6.99.p.5.
Whitehall Lane	After Whitehall farm, on land of Whitehill house of 19th century	-
Willis Road	Possibly after local builder who built the original houses in the road. (1897)	H.N.O.B. prepared by JCM Shaw, Archivist for Bexley
Woollett Close / Hall	After Woollett Hall (See Loring Hall)	-
Woolwich Road	The ancient road from Erith to Woolwich	-
Wordsworth Road, Welling	Known locally as the " Poets " Estate. Roads include:- Blake Close, Browning Close, Burns Close, Chaucer Road, Dryden Road, Keats Road, Milton Road, Shelley Drive, Tennyson Close, Wordsworth Road, Wycliffe Close	-

Wycliffe Close, Welling	Known locally as the " Poets " Estate. Roads include:- Blake Close, Browning Close, Burns Close, Chaucer Road, Dryden Road, Keats Road, Milton Road, Shelley Drive, Tennyson Close, Wordsworth Road, Wycliffe Close	-
Yew Tree Close	Early 20th century lodge of East Wickham Home stood here. By the front gate was a Yew tree which became a local feature	-

**Notes:-**

1. H.N.O.B. Historical notes on our Borough. From research, local knowledge, maps and directories.

2. Manor ways :- There are several roads in the district which are called 'Manor ways'. All but one of them are on the marshes; the exception, Parsonage Manorway, seems to have got its name comparatively recently and may not have or need the same explanation as the rest. The Manor ways on the marshes were access roads to fields held in different ownerships. Many of the local big estates such as Danson, Hall Place, Mount Mascall, May Place, Lamorbey (Halfway St.), besides the Manor of Erith itself, had pieces of land in the marshes, and needed roads by which to reach them. There is a reference to the construction of such roads in an old document in the archives (G 178); this is an agreement between several landowners and an engineer in the year 1622 by which the engineer undertook to recover 580 acres of flooded marshland in Erith and to construct "ways and passages for those who shall be owners or occupiers of the said inlined lands". Another document (G 49, 1761) states that the landowners also owned the Manor ways so



that they were in no sense public rights of way. These access roads were sometimes called 'Manor ways', sometimes 'manways' and sometimes 'mainways'. There is no known explanation of the term, but it is clear that the manor ways on Erith marshes did not belong to the old Manor of Erith.

3.Synonyms for 'street'. The distinction between 'Street', 'Road', 'Avenue', 'Terrace', 'Lane' etc. has merged over the years but they each once had a precise meaning. To the Romans some thoroughfare constructed with layers of rock and rubble was a 'via strata', (paved way) giving us the word street. The word outlived its original meaning and took on its present one of a way lined with houses. Road, on the other hand is derived from the verb 'to ride'. It indicated a highway used by travellers on horseback. Lane has generally managed to keep its ancient meaning of a narrow or winding path. In the suburbs, Lane usually indicates a genuine pre-urban track. Hill originally referred only to the piece of raised ground and not to the road over it. Nowadays it can simply mean 'road built on a slope' \*\*

4. A commemorative name. Many street names reflect the 'Good Times' in English history, i.e. Victories, alliances, Royal marriages and achievements. A favourite topical subject was Royalty, commemorating births, deaths and marriages. George IV's brothers, York, Clarence, Kent, Cumberland, Sussex and Cambridge were all popular with c19th builders. Less popular than Royals were the names commemorating 'Great Men', 'Events' or 'Mythology. I.e. Hengist, Horsa, Gordon, Havelock, Wellington, Maida, Lancelot, & Merlin

**\*\*The Origins of Street Names by Gillian Bebbington**