

BOROUGH GREEN	STREETNAMES AND THEIR HISTORY & ORIGINS
HIGH ST	Plaxtol Rd became the High St as far as Rock Rd, where it became Thong Lane. Renamed Quarry Hill Road as far as (now) Darkhill Rd, where Thong Lane remains
THONG LANE	Very old name, used to run to the Crossroads, renamed Quarry Hill Rd SM
	WOODLANDS ESTATE (Whiffens Farm)
ABBOTT RD	UNKNOWN
CROWHURST RD	Named after the Crowhurst family who ran Crowhurst Farm on, you guessed it, Crowhurst Lane
DRYLAND RD	Named after Les Dryland, mainstay of village life & Parish Council, Fire Brigade
HARRISON RD	Local archaeologist, Mr. Benjamin Harrison of Ightham, fossils at IQW and Roman Burial at Roman Court PP
LENDON RD	Possibly Lendon-Smith owners of Basted Paper Mill , Lived in Basted House SM
MCDERMOTT RD	First BGPC Chairman 1934 Farmers & Landowners in the area
MONCKTON RD	Early owners of Basted Paper Mill in 1871 , donated Rec Woodland Walk PP
	VALLEY VIEW ESTATE
CONYERD RD	Possibly from "coney" (conie) old English for rabbit, local warrens 1501 "Conyerd-field east of the Shode (Bourne)" 1505 "Conyngerd", 1637 "Great Coney Earth" (SM, BW)
STALEY'S RD/ACRE ***	1504-1606 Staley Brothers Borough Green Farm, now Brough Green Hse SM*** (Early spelling Stayley) PP
TILTON RD	UNKNOWN
WYATT CLOSE	Possibly Refers to the rebel (& Poet) Sir Thomas Wyatt who passed through Borough Green on the way to the Battle of Wrotham in 1554 at Battlefields, he was later hanged , drawn and quartered for treason at the Tower of London Also commemorated in Wrotham "Thomas Wyatt Way" and Allington "Sir Thomas Wyatt" PH. (LDW)
BELLOWS LANE	Named to commemorate the old Iron Works , bellows were used to run the forge, smelting local ironstone.(LS) Historic back to at least 1501, used to run to Rock Rd, its "ghosts" are the two footpaths (BW)
	FAIRSEAT ESTATE
BROCKWAY	After Brock Cottage, Farm Labourer (RL)
MOUNTFIELD	After Mount House, owned by Mr MacIntock, who used to own the land (SY)(LM)(BW)
NORMANHURST RD	Estate builder Norman Estates (RL)(LM)(SY)
	HAZELBOURNE ESTATE
HAZELBOURNE AVENUE	Generic Develop er name, from Hazel tree & River Bourne
BANGAYS WAY	Frank Bangay, Parish Council, Village Hall, Rec, Potters Mede (MT)
ISLES QUARRY RD	Built on Isles Quarry West (MT)
NISBETT DRIVE ***	The Nisbetts took over Borough Green Farm in 1920 from Mr Biggs, an engineer who built his own traction engine in the barn near the Quarry Hill tree. Miss Nisbett was librarian from 1945 - 1958 PP SM ***
	CROWHILL RD/ CROWHILL
	Named after Crowhill open space, also known as "The Nob"
SANDY RIDGE	Built on a sand ridge, part of Crowhill
ASCOT CLOSE	Named by builder horse racing buff after racecourse (AC)
LINGFIELD RD	Named by builder horse racing buff after racecourse (AC)

	FAIRFIELD ESTATE ***
FAIRFIELD RD/GATE	The original fruit orchard, known as Fairfield. Fairfield Rd and Western Rd were both farm tracks on Yew Tree Farm, and the farmhouse still exists as No26 PP
DENE LODGE CLOSE	The Dene was a large house at the rear of Fairfield, that burnt down in the 60s, the lodge is still there at the entrance to Westbank Care Home
ROMAN COURT	Named after Roman Burial ground on the site
	PEARSALL PLACE
	Named after Phyllis Pearsall, who founded the A-Z Geographers Company, once in Fairfield Rd on the old Novellos site
NOVELLOS CLOSE	Named after Novellos Music publishers who occupied the Talbot Landfill site
TALBOT CLOSE	Named after the owners of the sandpit to the North of Fairfield
	TOLLGATE ESTATE OFF WROTHAM RD
TOLLGATE THE AVENUE " THE CRESCENT " THE CLOSE " TOLLGATE MEWS	This was the site of a Tollgate where travellers were charged a toll to get to Wrotham, the whole estate was called "Tollgate" , but then renamed as three separate roads, Tollgate Mews being built some years later
TOLSEY MEAD	Believed to be a corruption of Tollgate Meadow (above) MM
WYE RD	Named by builder horse racing buff after racecourse (AC)
EAGLESTONE CLOSE	A well known Potter named John Eaglestone lived on Wrotham Rd. PP
ANNETTS HALL	Named by builder horse racing buff after racing stables (AC)
STONE COURT	Named after Michael Stone, long term Parish Councillor, Farmer, and last Mayor of Malling Urban District Council. Freeman of the Borough (TMBC)
CLOKE MEWS	Named after the Cloke Family, who ran the store where the Robin Hood now stands. Bob Cloke was a founder member of the Fire Service, with Bill Kennett PP
SPENCERS COTTAGES (STATION RD)	Named after the Platt Brickyard owner and builder of the High St between Nisa and the Village Hall , and Spencers Cottages PP
	OFF MAIDSTONE RD
FOUR WENTS CLOSE	The Crossroads was once called Four Wents, (from Old English "wendan") (CW)
FOX LEA/GROVE	Named after the Fox & Hounds PH (Fox Grove is developer name, Jones Homes)
GRIGGS WAY	Named after Lt Col FE Griggs, Parish Council, Village Hall and general benefactor
HUNTS FARM CLOSE	Built on Naylor's Hunts Farm
HILLVIEW/HILLVIEW CLOSE	Another reference to Crowhill, which can be seen from Hillview
BLACK HORSE MEWS	Named after Black Horse PH
TILLMANS	The site was a sandpit, then Tillmans factory renovating antiques and creating antique style furniture.
QHARRY HILL RD	Obviously, the hill up from the quarry (Basted/Stangate/Isles) (was originally High St South, and before that Thong Lane)
ROCK RD	Named after the huge Ragstone lump the Rock PH was built over
THE LANDWAY	Landway is a generic term for a track onto a farm, once Willard Haulage yard
TAVERN CLOSE	Named after the now demolished Rock Tavern, and once a mission hall
CHAPEL STREET	Now incorporated into Sevenoaks Rd, used to run from Rock PH to Red Lion, "Chapel" refers to the use of the Rock before it became a pub PP
MILLBOURNE PLACE	Developer name refers to Bourne River and Basted Mill
ALLINGHAM WAY	Named after Big Jim Allingham the last surviving quarryman who broke stone by hand
THONG LANE	Very old name, used to run to the Crossroads, renamed Quarry Hill Rd SM
	GEOGRAPHICAL
BASTED LANE	To Basted
CROUCH LANE	To Crouch (was Sandy Lane , then Blackhorse Lane)
MAIDSTONE RD	To Maidstone

SEVENOAKS RD	To Sevenoaks (was Chapel St and Borough Green Rd)
STATION RD	To the Station. Originally called Sandy Lane, it probably was part of Crouch Lane, also called Sandy Lane. It later became Forge Lane, the forge building still exists at Number 87
WESTERN RD	Road that ran West from the High St. Fairfield Rd and Western Rd were both farm tracks on Yew Tree Farm, and the farmhouse still exists as No26 Western Rd PP
WROTHAM RD	To Wrotham

CREDITS

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 RL Ron Leonard , ex chair Fairseat Residents
 SY Suzanne Young - Local History buff and geneology adviser
 AC Archie Copland Annetts Hall original resident. Builder of both Annetts Hall and Wye Rd, also built Lingfield Rd and Ascot Close was a horse racing fanatic. Annetts Hall was a racing stable, the others are racecourses.
 BW Brian Whiston, extracts from Kent Arcaeological Society
 SM Sue Murray
 LS Lionel Stielow.

*** ADDITIONAL NOTES Sue Murray:

"Staleys Road/Acre - a little more flesh on the bones. Miss Nisbett spoke with me on a number of occasions re her house and garden and its origins. in 1540 - 1606 Borough Green Farm (now BG House) was owned by brothers Richard, Walter and William Staley and the 3 1/2 acres known as Staleys Acre. The farmhouse burnt down in the mid 1800s being replaced by the house that stands today. Miss Nisbett also recalled the planting of the oak tree on Coronation Day 1911 when as a small child she and her cousins, perched on the 5 bar gate in the pouring rain watching the ceremonial planting of the tree. Her father took over the tenancy of BG House in 1906, subsequently buying it in 1920."

Nisbett Drive - ref Traction Engine. I seem to remember being told that this engine was amongst the first to be built in the country and the wall at the front of the barn (now Apple Tree Cottage) had to be removed to get it out. If you look hard enough, you can still see the outline of the opening in the building today.

Fairfield Estate - was built on land owned by the Stone family, mainly a cherry orchard. In 1949 it was compulsory purchased on 1936 valuation causing Michael to spit fur and feathers as he recounted the story!

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LM Lucilla Mackay

In the late 1940s and early '50s the Normanhurst estate was a market garden which my father bought and ran for some years. He sold it to a Mr Naylor who lived in the farmhouse immediately opposite the B.G. end of Crouch Lane and the land behind the house was Naylor's too.

I believe that the Normanhurst name was from the name of the builder, Norman's.

Our house is called The Mount and our land runs right down to the back of the estate and, before the houses were built, to the market garden field - hence Mountfield. One more mystery solved?

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LS - Lionel Stielow.

There were 5 Oxley sisters, Dennis Taylor's mother and his Aunt Marjory. The other three Aunts , May , Maud and Dorothy, who never married, were well known in the Village as "The Miss Oxleys". In the mid 1930s they commissioned Curtis and Caine's (later FP Caine's) to build the house at Windy Nob. In 1968 Dorothy died, and as she was the only Aunt still mobile, the remaining two moved to a Nursing Home and gave the house to Dennis. Lionel moved in a year later, and stayed until he married in 1972.

Dennis discovered the name "Bellows Lane" on an old Ordnance Survey map, and had a sign made when in dispute about a wall, in the hope the Council might presume the road was a highway and act to move the wall. The "bellows" referred to an old ironworks somewhere in the vicinity of the sandpit, using local ironstone, and the soft sand for casting

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SY Suzanne Young (nee Leonard)

I have now gone through your list of names and it has bought back my own memories of Borough Green. The shops that have come and gone, the Post Office being at Clokes (I loved Clokes), the wool shop, Bates toy shop, the craft shop at the bottom of Station Road, Cave Austins, Liptons and the butchers at Fourways that had sawdust on the floor and the lady sitting in her little booth taking the money, to mention a few that come to mind.

I also remember the library being at the back of the village hall, Butterworths book publishers at Basted, Novello's, Tillmans and the caravan place that was also on this site and all the pubs that have now gone, I miss the old Borough Green and feel that it is becoming more of a town and not a village, but I suppose that's progress as they say!

I have updated your list (green print) but if you are not happy with anything, please take it out. I have just tried to enhance what you had and to provide a few historic notes. Many who live in Borough Green today will have no idea of the history behind the name of their road.

Here are a few notes:

1) Woodlands Estate (Abbott, Crowhurst, Dryland, Lendon, Harrison, McDermott and Monckton) - the roads were all named after people connected with the village. I just need to do some further research on Abbott, Lendon and McDermott and I think I remember coming across a couple of the names in the papers when I was doing the memorial research. If I do discover anything further I will get back to you.

2) Fairseat Estate (Brockway, Normanhurst and Mountfield) - What I have put against these are just my thoughts and what has been said to me in the past. I have not found any proof of why these roads are called what they are (I've even looked at Dad's original house deeds to see if there were any clues - nothing).

3) Valley View Estate (Conyerd, Staleys, Tilton and Wyatt) - I thought these were named after people but I have been unable to expand on these at the moment although Wyatt, I believe, is a family name in the village - maybe there is a connection with someone but can't prove it. Go with what you've got.

4) Annetts Hall and Wye Road - no idea at the moment.

5) Isles Quarry Road - thought you might be able to put a date against this. It does not seem all that long ago, but has probably been there longer than I think!

Also, I know about Catherine Ann Crowe (nee Stevens) - novelist and playwright who was born in Borough Green as this is mentioned in Frank Bangay's book. However whilst researching I came across a couple of other names that were born in Borough Green, did you know about them?

1) Richard Newland Dixon (British Chemist) - noted for his work in the field of thermal and optical properties of matter.

2) Richard William Hills - Kent County Cricket Player