

## Twentieth Century Road Names in the Town of Upton-upon-Severn

Those whose responsibility it has been to provide the names for Upton's "new" roads and prominent buildings have used a variety of sources.

There are the people of the more distant or recent past who are thus commemorated.

**Thomas Morris House** and **Edward Hall House** refer to the men whose names are given to the two most important of Upton's old charities. **William Tennant Way** is so called after Admiral Sir William Tennant whose family home was The Eades. He played an important role at the evacuation from Dunkirk and in the D-day invasion and, after retiring from the Royal Navy, was Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire. His bust is in the Old Churchyard. Two doctors who recently practised in Upton are remembered in **Lancaster Close** - there is also a plaque in Dr Lancaster's memory on the front of the Memorial Hall - and, in **Astley Cooper Close**.

The ownership of the land used or the names of the fields which have been built upon also provided inspiration. **Hillsfield** is on land which was worked on in the nineteenth century by Joseph Hill, by profession a gardener. **Cherry Orchard**, a name which was originally used to refer to the whole of the estate, was built next to a cherry orchard which by that time had become Upton's cemetery. **The Graftons** are on land known as Top Graftons Piece - grafton meant a copse -, whilst **Furlongs Road** and **Upton Gardens** make reference to the Furlongs Gardens in this area which were part of the glebe land belonging to the church. Furlong indicated that the pieces of land were all of the same length and not necessarily 220 yards or the length of a furrow. **Collinghurst** overlooks a field of that name, which is now part of the playing fields: in origin it was a field belonging to one called Col. The "hurst" part probably came from a mishearing of "Collingers" rather than it being the raised ground which "hurst" means. **Berrow Court** may refer to a village of Berrow, but is more likely to be based on one of the many spellings of Bury, or mound, which is to be found in Buryfields and once described much of this area of Upton. **Longfield** sounds as if it should refer to a field name, but has yet to be found on a map, **Queens Mead** is not a field name, but was so called at the time of the accession, and then coronation, of Elizabeth II. **Gardens Walk** was known early in the century as The Gardens and runs past land which belonged to The Old Gardens, which is on the bend by Berrow Court.

Nearby landmarks or trees are the third source. **Pepperpot Mews**, **Ham View**, **Riverside Close**, **Hall Green**, **Prices Lane** and **Gardens Close** are examples of the former. **Firlea**, **Lilac Close**, and **Laburnum Close** are examples of the use of trees - Laburnum House was the name given to the former workhouse when it became a residential home for the elderly.

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