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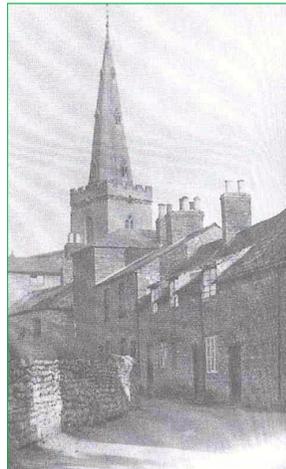
15. MANOR CLOSE—The old peoples' home and bungalows occupy the site of the former Manor House of Thrapston. The Manor was demolished in July 1967.

16. CORONATION GARDENS—So named because in 1953 the girl guides of Thrapston, tidied a semi-derelict piece of land, and planted rose bushes in honour of the coronation of HM Elizabeth II. In 1994, the Town Council purchased the land from the County Council, and once again restored the derelict land, it was named Coronation Gardens as a permanent reminder of the Girl Guide garden and HM Queen Elizabeth's Coronation.

17. CANARY COURT—Named after the row of houses and court yard demolished to widen Titchmarsh Lane, which was renamed Oundle Road.

18. BULL RING—Now a car park, was once known as Boon Gate where church tithes were paid. The Tithe Barn exists as Chancery Autos but is much altered. The 'Bull Ring' for the tethering of bulls, was visible until a resurfacing of the car park took place.

19. KINGS HEAD PASSAGE— Marks the public passage way that ran through the 'Kings Head' prior to its demolition in the early 1960's.



These old stone houses were sited just off Chancery Lane on the area known as the 'Bull Ring'

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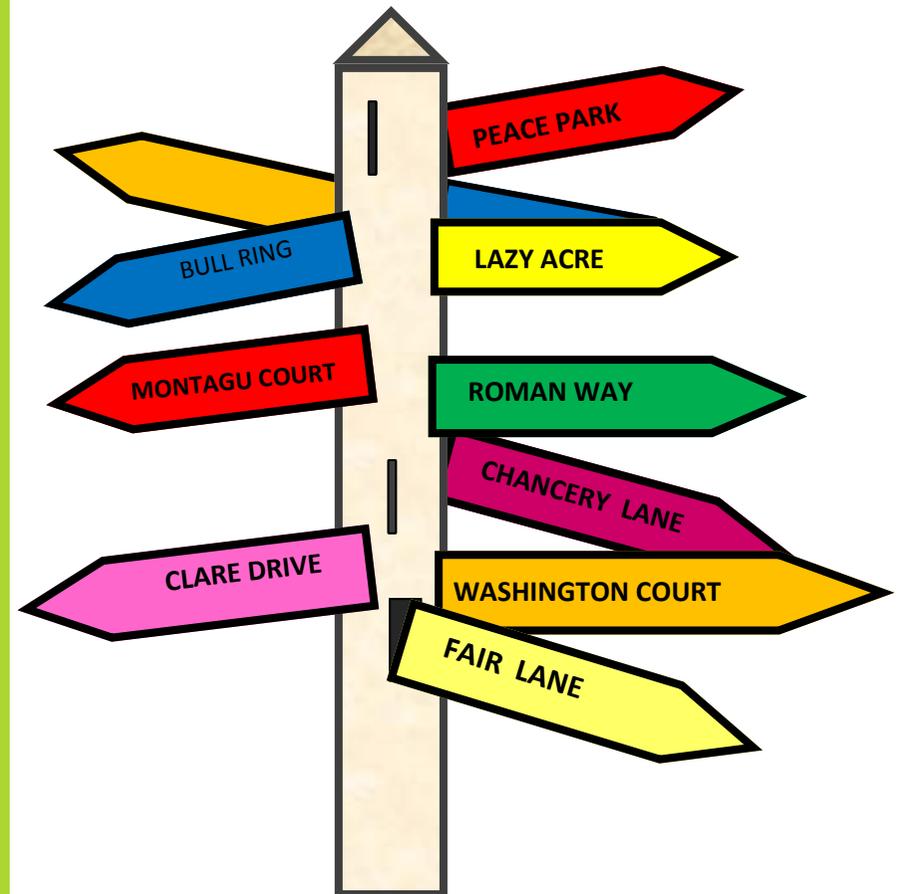
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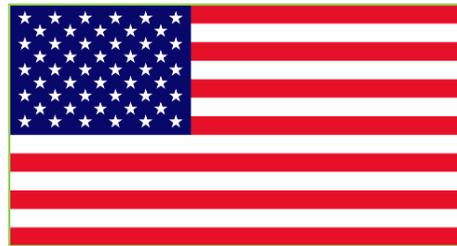


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Place names can give us clues to the history of our town and of some of its more modern developments.



1. **BRIDGE STREET** - The road leading to the medieval river bridge, once one of the few crossing points on the River Nene.
2. **MIDLAND ROAD** - Leading to the Midland Railway Station. Known as 'Denford Road' prior to the arrival of the railway.
3. **NAVISFORD CLOSE** - Though a modern development, this is named for the 'Navisford Hundred' in which Thrapston was located.
4. **ROMAN WAY** - So called after the discovery of Roman artefacts, found when building the new houses there.
5. **WASHINGTON COURT** - Named for the connection with Sir John Washington and his family, who lived in Chancery Lane, at what is now called 'Montague House'. Sir John was great-uncle to George Washington, the first President of the USA. A plaque showing the family coat of arms, from which the 'Stars and Stripes' of the USA are said to derive, is to be found in St James Church, the Parish Church and is recalled in the badge and civic flag of Thrapston.
6. **PEACE PARK**—The land was purchased on 29 September 1920 by the then Parish Council, as part of the memorial to the fallen of World War One. It was formerly known as 'Kiln Close'.
7. **LAZY ACRE**—On the outskirts of Thrapston, the land here was poor and stoney and would grow very little. The roads of the new developments are named after castles including four local examples, Barnwell, Rockingham, Fotheringhay and Kimbolton.
8. **PASHLER GARDENS**—Off Market Road, named for John Pashler Esq. who lived in Oakleigh House in the High Street, and who was for many years, a Church Warden. The houses and flats are built in the once extensive gardens of his house.



9. **CLARE DRIVE**—Named for the famous Northamptonshire poet John Clare.
10. **SACKVILLE STREET** - Named for the famous local family the Stopford -Sackvilles, who still live at nearby Drayton House (Lowick). Bishop Robert Stopford-Sackville was a prominent Bishop of London in the post-World War Two era. A church of England Secondary school in Kettering is named after him.
11. **MONTAGU COURT**—Named for another well-known family, who until recently lived on their estate in the area. The most well known member of the family is HRH Princess Alice Dowager Duchess of Gloucester, who lived at nearby Barnwell Manor with her son the current Duke of Gloucester and family. Prior to her marriage Princess Alice was a member of the Duke of Buccleuch's family, Montagu-Douglas-Scott being the family name.
12. **SPRINGFIELD AVENUE** - Named for the water spring that rose in this field on the outskirts of the town.
13. **MILL LANE, NOW OAKLEAS RISE** - Originally named because it was the road to the windmill, which was situated somewhere to the west of the workhouse site, now part of the offices of East Northamptonshire Council, the mill was probably demolished before 1800. When the houses were built in the 1930's the road was renamed Oakleas, an anagram of the builder's name.
14. **FAIR LANE-CHANCERY LANE**—The street name changed from Chancery Lane to Fair lane and then back to Chancery Lane over a period of time. The 'Nene-side Register' of 1868 says: '20 years ago the fair was held in a close adjoining the Manor House, where the thoroughfare leads in that direction has been dubbed 'Fair Lane'. It was recorded as 'Fair Lane' in the 1841 Census, 27 years before the Nene-side Register entry. There was a field called 'Fair Close' at the end of Chancery Lane. When the estate was built off the Oundle Road the name was revived.

