

THE STREET WHERE YOU LIVE

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More street and area names... and where they came from

Cllr: David Stabler provides more information about the grid square and road names in the Parish with historic connections.

Neath Hill. From place names on the 1641 Parish map Long Neath Hill and Neath Hill fallow field. Road names identify ancient crafts and trades associated with the City of London Livery Companies i.e. Coachmaker Court, Vintners Mews, Glazier Drive.

Bolbeck Park is named after Hugh de Bolbeck who was the Norman holder of the Manor of Linford in 1066. The street names are based on Norman history associated with William the Conqueror, i.e. Orne Gardens, from Orne river in Normandy, Redvers Gate, after Baron Richard de Redvers.

Pennyland takes its name from Penniland furlong barley field alongside the road from the Great Linford village to Willen, on the 1641 Parish Map of Great Linford. The theme for the road names is old coins, i.e. Sovereign Drive – gold coin worth one pound Sterling, Bodle Close – 2 Scots pence, Carolus Creek – 23 shillings,

Campion. Queen Elizabeth 1 granted the manor to Richard Campion and John Thompson in 1560. William Campion owned a house and land in the village around 1600, and in 1640 Sir Richard Napier bought the estate from John Thompson. *See notes on Sandy Close in the June 2003 issue of News & Views.*

St Ledger Drive. Dates from the 15 Century when the Lord of the Manor, Sir James St Ledger, married Ann Butler, the Great Linford Heiress. His grandson, John St ledger was obliged by Henry VIII to exchange Great Linford for certain Abbey lands in Devon.