Island road name changes and 'odd notes'

Over the years, while transcribing records or looking at old maps, documents etc., I came across road/location names on the Isle of Wight which no longer exist and which needed a bit of research to identify. These pages are intended to help others indentify names which have changed - the roads/locations covered here are listed below, the detailed comments for each road are further down, listed under the individual towns.

I'm sure this is not an exhaustive record of such changes; I'd be happy to receive information regarding other roads which I could include in future – please supply as much information regarding dates etc for name changes. Corrections/clarifications are also welcome.

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Point Road (1939 OS), by 1960 known as Station Road – 1909 OS has road without a name.

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Wall Lane, Brading, Isle of Wight - the old name for modern day Quay Lane.

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Calbourne

Winkle street

Despite various suggestions that 'Winkle street' is an historic name, and various suggestions of its origins (from the periwinkles which grew by the side of the stream (IWCP 28 February 1914); from the Saxon word "winkel " signifying a nook or corner (IWCP 17 September 1932); from the Rev. John Wykeham (or Winkle), 15th C. rector of Calbourne; by the winkles collect on the Newtown seashore(19th C.)) – the name actually appears to be fairly modern.

The reality seems to be that 'Winkle Street' being used for 'Barrington Row' first appeared in the early 20th C., about the time when travel by car and coach began to become popular. Possibly the name 'Winkle Street' was intended to encourage visitors. *(re 'Winkle Street : a brief history …' by Celia Caudwell)*

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Carisbrooke

Carisbrooke Road, Carisbrooke - Newport

Carisbrooke Road runs from the junction of Newport High Street/Castlehold and Pyle Street to Cedar Hill.

At some point at the beginning of the 20th century the house numbering changed, the 1904 Kellys Directory has the numbering from Castlehold/Pyle Street sequentially (with some house names) up the south side to Cedar Hill, then back down the other side to the Baptist Church.

The 1931 Directory has the odd numbers on the South side and even numbers on the North side - both starting at Castlehold/Pyle Street and going to Cedar hill. This latter method exists today, although individual house numbers will have changed due to new builds etc (numbering of Tannery/Lukely Place has been incorporated within the overall road numbering.)

Carisbrooke Street, Carisbrooke

The 1851 census refers to Carisbrooke Street; the entries appear to correspond with modern day Carisbrooke High Street from the bottom of Cedar Hill to Nodgham Lane.

Castle View, Carisbrooke

Castle View was the former name West Street, originally in the Carisbrooke parish, now in Newport. **NOTE**: Do not confuse with houses around the area named 'Castle View'.

Cemetery Hill, Carisbrooke

Cemetery Hill, Carisbrooke in 1931 Kelly's directory, from the top of Cedar Hill to the Convent (passed the Cemetery), part of Whitcombe Road in 1951 Kelly's directory

Furlongs, Carisbrooke

Furlongs in Carisbrooke was the Victorian name for Clatterford road (not to be confused with 'Furlongs' at Pan, on the east side of Newport.)

Gunville Lane, Carisbrooke

Gunville Lane, Carisbrooke on 1906 OS map, Gunville Road in 1931 Kelly's directory

Hunnyhill (Hunny Hill), Carisbrooke/Newport

Hunnyhill (sometimes Hunny Hill, or misspelt Honey Hill) is the road from Newport Town Bridge (St James Street) north to Parkhurst Road at Banner Lane. Sometimes it was/is also used to refer to the wider local area including Worsley Road, Albany Road, Heytesbury Road, Catherine Terrace etc.

The property numbering on Hunnyhill is even on the west side (originally starting next to Heytesbury Road with '2'), odd on the east side. A number of new properties were built in the 1960's at the start of the west side which resulted in the west side being renumbered; what was '2' became '30'.

Laundry Lane, Carisbrooke

Laundry Lane appears to have originally (19th C) been known as Bedford Row. The 1911 Kelly's directory records 'Newport, Carisbrooke & District Steam Laundry Co. Limited' located in Bedford row (on the site of the previous brewery) which is, no doubt, the origins of 'Laundry Lane.'

Love Lane, Carisbrooke

Love Lane was the Victorian name for the level part of Nunnery Lane, alongside St. Dominic's Priory, plus the length of Whitcombe Road to the junction with Froglands lane(OS 1906 and earlier).

Lugley Street, Newport

Lugley Street runs from Holyrood Street to Mill Street. The Kelly's Directory for Newport 1904 shows property numbering running sequentially along the south side of the street from Holyrood Street and back along the north side from Mill Street. The 1931 Kelly's Directory has the numbering odd on the south side, even on the north.

Lukely Place (or Lukely Terrace)

See Tannery Place below.

Millbrook (Millbrooke) Terrace (Place)

Millbrook (or Millbrooke) Terrace (or Place) (1 to 5), is the old name for the terrace of Victorian houses, now numbered 120 to 128 Carisbrooke Road, to the east of Westmill Cottage.

New Village, Carisbrooke

New Village was an old name for Castle Road. The name was changed by the Newport Corporation's Paving Committee in 1861. However, OS maps after this date showed 'New Village' as an area of housing development roughly to the south of Castle Road and Trafalgar Road.

Pittis' Field, Newport

Pittis' Field - Used in some Victorian references to refer to a development off Trafalgar Road Newport formed by East View, South View and West View.

The 1841 Tithe Maps shows the field to have been owned by a Mr Pittis.

The development was in Carisbrooke but now considered Newport.

Prospect Place, Gunville, Carisbrooke

Prospect Place shown on 1896 OS map at Forest Side (on Gunville Road, near Forest Road), 1906 OS map and later shown as Prospect Farm.

Rag Row, Carisbrooke

Rag Row, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight was a terrace of houses on the north-west side of modern-day Laundry Lane. Some records identified it as Bedford Row. The 1871 census records 15 households; they are not shown on the 1898 OS map. The terrace has been replaced by a terrace of modern houses.

South Mall, Carisbrooke

South Mall, Carisbrooke was the name given to the houses along the mall (raised footway) on the east side of St. John's Road from Medina Avenue (Shide Path) to Cypress Cottage.

Tannery Place, Carisbrooke

Tannery place, Carisbrooke was the original name for the terrace of small cottages on the north side of Carisbrooke Road, to the west of the Wellington Road junction. Built in the 1870's and originally numbered 1 to 18 within the terrace, they are now numbered 144 to 178 Carisbrooke Road.

At a later date, the terrace was known as Lukely Place (or Lukely Terrace). Originally a tannery stood in, more or less, in the middle of the site, which explains the original name for the terrace.

The 'terrace' can be seen, by the difference brickwork styles, to comprise two parts.

A passageway between numbers 5 and 6 (from the east), gave access to 6 properties behind, known as Lower Tannery/Lukely Place. These appear to have been built about the same time as the terrace, and demolished around WW2.

The engineering works to the west of the terrace was built at the same time as the terrace possibly for Thomas Watts & Sons (1881 census).

Tin Pit Lane, Carisbrooke - Newport

Tin Pit Lane - the Victorian name for Worsley Road, Newport (1866 OS map).

Watergate Lane

The Victorian name for the section of Nunnery Lane, from the eastern end of the flat section alongside St. Dominic's Priory, down the hill to Watergate Road/Marvel Lane (1906 OS map and earlier).

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Cowes (previously West Cowes)

Brunswick Place, Cowes

Brunswick Place, West Cowes (1866 OS map) - now known as Bridge Road, Cowes.

Green Hill, Gurnard

Green Hill, Gurnard - the Victorian name for Solent View Road, Gurnard

Hog Lane, Cowes

Hog Lane - renamed Terminus Road when the railway opened in 1862

Lower Pelham Road, Cowes

1951 Kelly's Directory has Lower Pelham Road as continuation of Pelham Road - now that part of Pelham Road beyond South Road, Cowes.

Mary Terrace, Cowes

Mary Terrace, West Cowes (1866 OS map) - now known as St Andrew's Road, Cowes.

Prospect Hill, Cowes

Prospect Hill, West Cowes (1866 OS map) - now known as Bars Hill, Cowes.

Railway Street, Cowes

Railway Street (1896 - 1939 OS maps) - now the lower part of Terminus Road, from Carvel Lane to the High Street, Cowes.

St Mary's Street, Cowes

St Mary's Street (1861 OS map) - now known as St Mary's Road, Cowes.

South Pelham Road, Cowes

1898 through to 1939 OS maps have South Pelham Road from Arctic Road, across Pelham Road – now it is just called South Road.

Temperance Terrace, Cowes

Temperance Terrace, Cowes has been demolished, it was where the St. Mary's Road Car Park is now. Its entrance was between the Painter's Arms and the Fish and Chip shop (2022).

Terrace Road, Cowes

Terrace Road, West Cowes (1866 OS map) - now known as Castle Road, Cowes.

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East Cowes

Albert Grove, East Cowes

Originally part of the Victorian East Cowes Park scheme, now part of York Avenue from New Road down to Adelaide Grove - East Cowes (Centre) IWC Conservation Area, Appraisal Document, Adopted 11 January 2008

Cemetery Road, East Cowes

Cemetery Road, East Cowes (1897 OS map) - 1907 OS map and now known as Minerva Road.

Church Road, East Cowes

Not shown on 1898 or 1907 OS maps, but used in 1901 Census returns; 1911 Census return has some of the same people/house names shown as in Church Path (which is the name shown in the maps.

Floating Bridge Road, East Cowes

Floating Bridge Road, East Cowes (1897 OS map) - then Bridge Road (1908 OS map) - a road from the Floating Bridge to Clarence Road - circa 1908 a new road, Ferry Road, was built from York Avenue to the Ferry and an extension of J. S. Whites shipyard crossed Bridge Road resulting in the upper part being School Hill Road and a short length Bridge Road off Bridge Square.

High Street, East Cowes

High Street, East Cowes (1897, 1908, 1947 OS map) - then (1967 OS map) Trinity Road - now incorporated into Red Funnel access.

Kent Grove, East Cowes

Originally part of the Victorian East Cowes Park scheme, now part of York Avenue from New Road along to Victoria Grove – Plan of East Cowes Park, 1874 Sale document

New St. David's Road, East Cowes

See St. David's Road, East Cowes below

Old Newport Road, East Cowes

Old Newport Road, East Cowes (1897, 1908 OS maps) - now known as Old Road.

Park Street, East Cowes

Park Street, East Cowes (1897, 1908 OS maps) - 1967 OS map, and now part of Clarence Road, that part from York Avenue to Bridge Road.

Queens Road, East Cowes

Queens Road, East Cowes (1897, 1908 OS maps) - 1967 OS map Dover Street - now road out of Red Funnel Terminal.

St. David's Road, East Cowes

The 1951 Kelly's directory has 'New St. David's Road' (running south from Upper Yarborough road) and 'St. David's Road' (running north from Upper Yarborough road). By 1957 both parts were known as 'St. David's Road' and the house numbering had been changed.

Tower Road, East Cowes

Tower Road (or Tower Hill), East Cowes - now known as Victoria Grove.

Victoria Road (NOT 'Grove') , East Cowes

Victoria Road (1907, 1939 OS Maps), East Cowes - now known as Kings Road.

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Freshwater

Clay Lane, Freshwater

Clay Lane, Freshwater is show on 1898 OS map; the 1907 OS map has Clayton Road.

Crabtree Lane, Freshwater

Crabtree Lane, Freshwater is shown on 1898 OS map, between Clay Lane (Clayton Road) and New Road (The Avenue); the 1907 OS map shows it as part of Princes Road.

Doves Lane

Doves Lane, Freshwater, Isle of Wight (1898 OS map) - later (1909 and 1946 OS maps) Station Road - see below.

Moons Hill

1907/8 OS map shows Alum Bay Old Road continuing from the Highdown Inn to Bedbury Lane. Today this section of road is Moons Hill, however there are references to Moons Hill/Moon's Lane in the County Press back to the 1890's.

New Road Easton, Freshwater

New Road Easton, Freshwater, Isle of Wight is shown on the 1898 OS map; the 1909 OS map shows it as Guyers Road.

New Road, Freshwater

New Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight is shown on the 1898 and 1909 OS maps; the 1946 OS map shows it as Avenue Road.

Prince of Wales Road

Prince of Wales Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight is shown on the 1898 OS map; on the 1907 OS map Prince of Wales Road, together with the previous Crabtree Lane, is shown as 'Princes Road'. As late as 1980, 'Princes Road' is shown as extending beyond The Avenue to Clayton Road; today, the section from The Avenue to Clayton Road is known as 'Upper Princes Road'.

Somers or Summers Lane, Totland

The names seem to have been used interchangeably; 'Somers' is sometimes attributed to the Somers-Cock family who lived at The Briary, Totland around 1900. Summers Lane was used in the County Press as far back as 1894 and is shown on the 1907/8 OS map. Somers Lane was used in the County Press as late as 1965.

Station Road

Station Road (1909 and 1946 OS maps) from Tennyson Road to Freshwater railway station (Bow Bridge). 1970 OS map shows the section in front of the Library as 'Station Road', the eastern section as 'School Green Road'. Now, School Green Road is the full length of road from Tennyson Road to Bow Bridge.

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<p align="center">***Newport***</p>

Carisbrooke Road, Newport

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Castlehold, Newport

Castlehold is the name for part of Upper High Street Newport which was part of the Parish of St Nicholas with the parish church St Nicholas located in Carisbrooke Castle - thirteen areas scattered across the Island made up the St Nicholas parish.

The original 'Castlehold' area in Newport was roughly half a block either side of the High Street from the corner with Mill Street to about three quarters of the way to St James Street, slightly less on the south side.

Later, after it was absorbed into the Borough of Newport, the name Castlehold was still used but the extent became less clear, Newport Baptist Church is referred to as being in Castlehold but is outside the original area. Depending on the authorship and date, reference to Castlehold could be taken as meaning from the junction with Pyle Street to Post Office Lane/Castlehold Lane or alternatively the complete Upper High Street from Drill Hall Road to St James Square.

Today a Castlehold boundary stone can be found built into a building in the Upper High Street, just below the Upper Almshouses.

Church Place, Newport

Church Place was the old name for Upper Holyrood Street (from the High Street to Lugley Street). The name was changed by the Corporation's Paving Committee in 1861.

Clarke's Lane, Newport

Clarke's Lane was an old name for the current (2019) Post Office Lane between the High Street and Lugley Street (Clarke's Lane shown in 1904 & 1931 Kelly's directory)

Commercial Road, Newport

Commercial Road, sometimes used to identify Scarrot's Lane (1960 Telephone Directory - also seen on some maps).

Cornmarket (The), Newport

The Cornmarket was the old name for St Thomas' Square. The name was changed by the Corporation's Paving Committee in 1861.

Cosham Street, Newport

Cosham Street, Newport - Victorian name for modern day South street, Newport, so named after the Manor of Cosham. The manor house stood on the eastern corner of the South Street/Church Litten junction - the house was demolished circa 1851.

Deadmans Lane, Newport

Deadmans Lane - An old name for Trafalgar Road, Newport/Carisbrooke. The story goes that in 1377 a party of French invaders were ambushed in this area and all were killed, thus 'Deadmans Lane'. The name was changed by the Corporation's Paving Committee in 1861.

Fairlee Road, Newport

The 1904 Kelly's Directory has Fairlee Road from Victoria Road/Newport Cemetery to Halberry Lane – houses on east side only, not sequentially numbered.
The 1931 Kelly's Directory has Fairlee Road starting at Coppin's Bridge (1904, Ryde Road), sequentially numbered from Coppin's Bridge along the west side and back along the east side.
The 1951 Kelly's Directory shows the same property numbers, however there had been considerable development on both sides of the road to a few houses passed Mews Lane, the new properties having names rather than new numbers.

The whole road was renumbered around 1963/64 (as indicated by changes in the electoral registers), odd on the west side, even on the east, starting from Coppin's Bridge.

Horsemonger Lane, Newport

Horsemonger Lane had previously been known as West Lane and then in 1861, it was renamed Mill Street, as it remains today. The name change in 1861 was by the Corporation's Paving Committee.

Laundry Lane, Carisbrooke

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Lower Field Place

See Upper & Lower Field Place below.

Lower St James' Street

See St James' Street

Millbrook (Millbrooke) Terrace (Place)

Millbrook (or Millbrooke) Terrace (or Place) (1 to 5), is the old name for the terrace of Victorian houses, now numbered 120 to 128 Carisbrooke Road, to the east of Westmill Cottage.

New Cut, Newport

New Cut, Newport was a short section of road (4 properties on Scarrots Lane in Kellys 1935 street directory) between the west end of Scarrots Lane and Pyle Street; now part of New Street. There was a building between New Cut and New Street which has since been demolished, thus the whole length now forms New Street.

New Street, Newport

New Street, Newport, 1904 Kelly's Directory shows sequential numbering on the east side from Chapel Street, to Trafalgar Road, then on the west side from Trafalgar Road to New Cut, then back along the east side to Chapel Street.

The 1935 Kelly's Directory has even numbers on the west side and odd numbers on the east side, from Scarrots Lane to Trafalgar Road.

2009 the numbering was still even on the west side, odd on the east but the houses have obviously been renumbered.

Nodehill, Newport

Nodehill was the old name for Upper St James Street, the name was changed by the Corporation's Paving Committee in 1861.

The origin of 'Nodehill' is believed to be a corruption of 'Noddies Hill', marking the place where the heads of the Frenchmen slaughtered in Deadmens Lane in 1377 were placed on spikes.

Despite the official name change, the area is still referred to as Nodehill.

North Street, Newport

North Street, Newport - the former name of Crocker Street

One suggested origin for the new name was that a by-law was passed to make all 'Crockers' (i.e. potters, those who make pots) move to the edge of town near to water (the Lugley Brook) to reduce the danger of fire - most house in the town would have been thatched.

An alternative put forward by Eldridge in 'Newport in Bygone Days' was a 17th century family named Crocker; certainly the Newport Parish Burial Register records a number of burial for those named 'Croker' between 1600 and 1687.

Orchard Lane, Newport

Orchard Lane was an old name for the current Bowling Green Lane between Upper St James' Street and Orchard Street (Orchard Lane shown in 1904, 1931 & 1951 Kelly's directory)

Paradise Row, Newport

Paradise Row is an old name for the pedestrian lane between Upper High Street and Pyle Street Newport, now known as Castlehold Lane.

Pittis' Field, Newport

Pittis' Field - Used in some Victorian references to refer to a development off Trafalgar Road Newport formed by East View, South View and West View.

The 1841 Tithe Maps shows the field to have been owned by a Mr Pittis.

The development was in Carisbrooke but now considered Newport.

Rag Row, Carisbrooke

Rag Row, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight was a terrace of houses on the north-west side of modern-day Laundry Lane. Some records identified it as Bedford Row. The 1871 census records 15 households; they are not shown on the 1898 OS map. The terrace has been replaced by a terrace of modern houses.

Russell Street, Newport

Russell Street, Newport, Isle of Wight was the old name for Orchard Street, Newport. The name was changed by the Corporation's Paving Committee in 1861.

Ryde Road, Newport

The 1904 Kelly's Directory has Ryde Road from Coppin's Bridge to Victoria Road/Newport Cemetery. The 1931 Kelly's Directory has this section of road as part of Fairlee Road.

St James' Street, Newport

St James' Street – the main north/south street through Newport from the Town Gate bridge to St John's Place. The property numbering runs along the East side from Town Gate bridge to St John's place and then back along the West side.

At various times the street has been identified as three separate sections, although the property numbering remained the same:

> **Lower St James' street** – from Town Gate bridge to High street – to 18 east side, from 109 west side.

> **St James' square** – from High street to Pyle street – from 18a to 25 east side, 102 to 108 west side.

> **Upper St James' street** – from Pyle street to St John's Place – from 26 to 101.

Shide Road (Path), Newport

Shide Road (Town Plan 1880, Shide Path OS 1898), Newport was the old name for Medina Avenue from St. John's Road to Shide railway station. The Medina Avenue name first appears on OS map 1909.

Shispoole Street, Newport

Shispoole Street, Newport was the original name for the part of Sea Street between Quay Street and Holyrood Street.

South Mall, Carisbrooke

South Mall, Carisbrooke was the name given to the houses along the mall (raised footway) on the east side of St. John's Road from Medina Avenue (Shide Path) to Cypress Cottage.

Tin Pit Lane, Carisbrooke - Newport

Tin Pit Lane - the Victorian name for Worsley Road, Newport (1866 OS map).

Trafalgar Road, Newport

The 1904 Kelly's Directory has the house numbering from Upper St. James street sequentially up the South side and back down the North – the 1931 Kelly's Directory has the numbering odd on the South, even on the North.

Upper Field Place and Lower Field Place, Newport

Upper Field Place and Lower Field Place of the Victorian and early 20th century are today 'Field Place' and 'Cavendish Place' respectively.

Upper St James' Street

See St James' Street

Wall End Terrace, Newport

Wall End Terrace, Newport, Isle of Wight was the old name for St John's Place, Newport. The name was changed by the Corporation's Paving Committee in 1861.

Westminster Lane, Newport

Westminster Lane, Newport, Isle of Wight ran from Mill Street, passed Westminster Mill and along the north side of the millpond to Wilver Road. It was so named after the millpond was filled in and industrial buildings erected on both sides. Circa 2000, the lane was made a 'no through road' when a vehicle barrier was erected across it at Westminster Mill; the section from Mill Street to the barrier was re-named 'Old Westminster Lane', the section from the traffic barrier to Wilver Road continued to be called 'Westminster Lane'.

Zulu Road, Newport/Whippingham

Zulu Road, Newport/Whippingham was an old name for St. Paul's View Road, Barton (according to Mick Grist, IWCP, 3 July 1998).

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Northwood

Furzyhurst Road, Northwood

Furzyhurst Road, Northwood is given in 1935 Kelly's Directory; subsequently (1939 OS map) known as Oxford Street.

Tinkers Lane, Northwood

Tinkers Lane, Northwood, shown on 1939 OS map; although 1935 Kelly's Directory (and later) has it as Pallance Road.

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Parkhurst
(just historical info)

A number of Prison Officers who were killed during WW1 were remembered on the Parkhurst Prison Estates:

Clissold Road   William Henry CLISSOLD, Corporal, Royal Marine Light Infantry

Haskell Road   Frank HASKELL, Gunner, Royal Marine Artillery, H.M.S. Aboukir

Hewitt Crescent   Joseph Brooke HEWITT, Rifleman, Hampshire Reg. (to the east of Parkhurst Road)

Lonsdale Avenue   Arthur Short LONSDALE, Rifleman, Hampshire Regiment

Nicholson Street   Walter Wentworth NICHOLSON, Cpl., Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Reg.)

Poole Avenue   William POOLE, Lance Corporal, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Reg.)

Rooke Street   E. J. ROOKE, Corporal, 13th Hussars

Bromilow Cottages John Martin Bromilow, Royal Engineers – on Haskell Road, now demolished

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Ryde

Argyll Street, Ryde

1951 Kelly's Directory shows house numbering from West Street on the North side to number 22, then the numbering continuing (23) on the South side from West Street. Later the numbering was changed, by 2022 it was even on the North side, even on the South side from West Street.

Blenheim Street, Oakfield, St Helens/Ryde

Blenheim Street, Oakfield – Hampshire Telegraph – 22 Oct 1853, advert for sale of Bible Christian Chapel, would suggest Blenheim Street was High Street, Oakfield. See 'High Street, Oakfield' for further info.

Brunswick Place or Street, Ryde

On a 1866 map shown as Brunswick Place and on a 1909 map as Brunswick Street, post WW1 Station Street and so it remains today. Possibly changed during WW1 to remove the German connection.

Butler's Road, Oakfield, St Helens/Ryde

Butler's Road, Oakfield – alternative Victorian name for St. John's Wood Road - Isle of Wight Observer - 23 September 1899 *".. a road known indifferently as Butler's Road, and St. John's Wood Road …."*

"Canada" Hill, Oakfield, St Helens/Ryde

"Canada" Hill, Oakfield – used in newspaper reports (1892) with quote marks, appears to refer to Oakfield Hill/St John's Hill

Cemetery Street, Ryde

Cemetery Street is shown on the 1866 and 1897 OS maps for today's Milligan Road. As Ryde Cemetery only opened in 1842, it can only have been know as Cemetery Street from that date.

Church Street, Swanmore

Church Street, Swanmore is shown on OS maps from 1862 to 1946 for today's St Michael's Avenue.

Clay Lane aka Rope Walk, Ryde

The old Coastguard Station at Ryde, between the modern day Esplanade and Castle Street, was recorded in the 1851 as being on Clay Lane; later the lane was known as the Rope Walk and more recently Nelson Lane.

Dores Row, Ryde

Dores Row shown on an 1863 map as a lane off of Warwick Street with pedestrian access to the High street. Kelly's Directory 1898 has it a Warwick place; today the access to the High Street is between numbers 49 and 50.

Dover Street, Ryde

Dover Street is probably named after the Dover/Duver (an Isle of Wight term for a low-lying sandy piece of land on the coast, which is sometimes covered by the sea) which existed in years past between what is now, the Hovercraft terminal and Appley slipway.

This would also explain the name of Dover House etc.

With the development of Ryde Esplanade over the years, there are no remaining signs of the original coast line environment.

High Street, Oakfield, St Helens/Ryde

High Street, Oakfield runs from St Johns Hill to Harding Road/Cross street. The Kelly's Directory for Ryde 1951 shows property numbering running sequentially along the east side of the street from St Johns Hill and back along the west side from Harding Road. Today the numbering is odd on the east side, even on the west side from St Johns Hill. The east side has largely been rebuilt with modern properties.

Oakfield Hill, St Helens/Ryde

Oakfield Hill (Lane), Oakfield, 1898 Kelly's directory records the road as 'Oakfield Hill', the 1911 directory has 'St Johns Hill'.

Partland's path, Ryde

1904 Kelly's directory records that 'Ratcliffe Avenue' had previously been called 'Partland's path'.

Pier Street, Ryde

Pier Street, Ryde no longer exists.

Until the 1930's, Pier Street was formed at the western end of the current Esplanade by Royal Pier Hotel and other buildings on the sea side, from opposite the bottom of George Street westward to the present building on the sea side of the St Thomas's Street. This meant it could be hazardous for motor traffic turning from Union Street into the relatively narrow Pier Street.

In 1929 a bus travelling down Union Street overturned on turning the corner into Pier Street, killing the conductor and a passenger. After the inquest, it was decided that the range of buildings on Pier Street, from Union Street, eastward, were a traffic hazard and the Royal Pier Hotel, with the other buildings, were demolished.

With the removal of these buildings, 'Pier Street' became shorter, just in front of the remaining properties - late they formed the lower part of St. Thomas Street.

In the early 1970's, the west end of the Esplanade was remodelled, the remaining properties on the sea side of the old Pier Street were demolished and the area of highway was absorbed into the Esplanade.

Play Street/Play Street Lane, Ryde

"Play Street" in 1935 Kelly's Directory, "Playstreet Lane" 1939 OS map.

Preston Place, Ryde

Preston Place in 1935 Kelly's Directory, Osborne Road on 1939 OS map and in 1951 Kelly's Directory (and now).

Queen's Road, Ryde

Queen's Road Ryde was previously Newport Road (being the road to Newport) as shown on the 1866 OS map, the 1898 OS map shows Queen's Road from West Street westward, the section from West Street to the High Street being labelled Newport Street.

Riboleau Street, Ryde

Named after Vice-Admiral Peter Ribouleau (1768-1847) who had his county house there (St John's Lodge - built 1830, demolished early 1900's). Admiral Ribouleau died in Ryde on 16th December 1847 and was buried in the catacombs of St. Thomas's Church[1].

The street appears to have been originally the 'tradesmen's entrance' from Star Street (2021, Park Road) just to the Lodge. After the Lodge was demolished, the street was extended through to St. John's Road.

Rope Walk, Ryde

See Clay Lane, Ryde above

Star Street, Ryde

Star Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight was shown old maps (1864 OS) as going from the High Street, all the way down to Monkton Street - from the 1898 OS map onwards, the lower part of that road from Player Street/Barfield is identified as Park Road, all the way to West Hill Road.

Union Street, Ryde

Although Union Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight does join Upper and Lower Ryde, it was actually named after the 1804 Act of Union.

West Street, Ryde

West Street Ryde is shown on the 1866 OS map as between Spencer Road and Newport Road (now Street), the road did not extend southwards in front of the east end of All Saints church. The 1898 OS map, shows West Street extending south.

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Saint Helens

See under **Ryde** for street names St Helens/Ryde.

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Sandown

Bridger Street, Sandown

Bridger Street, Sandown (1898 OS map) - the part of St. John's Road, between Leeds Street and High Street, shown as part of St. John's Road on 1909 map.

Broad Lane, Sandown

Broad Lane, Sandown (1862 map) - The Broadway, Sandown.

Fort Lane, Sandown

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Pell street, Sandown

Pell Street, Sandown (1898 OS map) - part of Station Avenue between the Broadway and Pellmont Road (later St. John's Road).

Pellmont Road, Sandown

Pellmont Road, Sandown, (1898 OS map) - part of St. John's Road, north from Leeds Street towards what is now Grove Road. The 1898 OS map doesn't name 'Grove Road' or show it extending that far; Pellmont Road just ends 'in a field'. The 1909 map shows Pellmont Road as part of St. John's Road and extending to Carter Street opposite St. John's Church.

Winchester Road, Sandown

Winchester Road, Sandown (1898 OS map) - Winchester Park Road, Sandown (1909 OS map).

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Seaview

Church Road, Seaview

Church Road, Seaview on 1907 OS map, Church Street on 1939 OS map

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Shanklin

Sibden Road, Shanklin

Sibden Road, Shanklin (1898 OS map) - 1908 OS map Victoria Avenue, which is a bit confusing as another road is today named Sibden Road.

Station Road, Shanklin

Station Road, Shanklin (1898 OS map) - 1908 OS map Regent Street.

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Ventnor

Gashouse Hill, Ventnor

Gashouse Hill, Ventnor (1898 - 1847 OS map) - The old name for the road in Ventnor, Isle of Wight from Dudley Road/Victoria Street to the Gas Works in Wheeler's Bay. After the Gas Works closed, the road was renamed as 'Wheeler's Bay Road', as it is now.

Mill Street, Ventnor

Mill Street, Ventnor (shown OS map 1870's)- the old name for Pier Street, Ventnor (shown OS map 1898). The water mill stood where Alexandra Gardens now stands.

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Wootton

Beech Lane, Wootton/North Arreton

Beech Lane, Wootton, Isle of Wight, the Victorian name for Station Road, Wootton (1866 OS map). At that time Beech Lane was in the Parish of Arreton

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Wroxall

Summers Lane

Reports of the Wroxall Parish Council in the Isle of Wight County Press during the late 1890's refer to Summers lane; from the references this appears to refer to modern-day Manor Road. This tends to be confirmed by an advertisement 24 June 1899 for a Wroxall building plot with frontage to "the High-street and Manor-road or Summers-lane..'.

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<center>*Yarmouth*</center>

Back Lane, Yarmouth

Back Lane, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight - the Victorian name (1866 OS map)for Tennyson Road, Yarmouth

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