

## **Shackerstone Walk**

Sometime over the summer Occupation Road should be re-named Shackerstone Walk. The story behind this is as follows.

Way back, in those dim dark days beyond recall – in fact in 1971 – there were no street names in Carlton village and the then Market Bosworth Rural District Council decided to erect street name signs. Most of the roads had the same obvious names – like Barton Road – that they have now, but Main Street was known as Butt Lane while Occupation Road was just part of Little Lane. The name Butt Lane arose because there was a row of large tree stumps or butts in both roadside hedgerows from Bosworth Road junction down the lane as far as Hall Terrace. Little Lane was the littlest lane in the parish; the name now only refers to the walk between Carlton House Farm and Glebe Farm.

In 1971 the Parish Council sent off a map with all these names marked on it, together with the new name Shackerstone Walk for the road round the west green. When the name plates were eventually put up, two turned out to say Main Street and Occupation Road. Everybody muttered “Wossall this grumble grumble”, but nothing was done, and the names remained.

When the house numbering scheme was proposed in 1989 the PC raised the question of these names. It was eventually decided that Main Street was too well established to be altered, but once all the residents of Occupation Road had agreed in writing to the change a proposal was put before the Planning Committee at the Borough Council.

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