

From Upper Upnor and Higham Upshire
To the Pinnacle, the Binnacle, the Buttway and the Brimp
Ripple Vale Villas, Cooling Castle Cottages, Havisham House and Rookery Nook
Merryboys Stables, Berrycourt Cattery, Stoney Rocks Orchard and Chattenden Barracks.

The adventuring Pockocks of Upnor, the unfortunate Comports of Cooling
Master of the Rolls - Sir Harbottle Grimston
The Pympe of Loose and the leader of the Lollards
Stephen Springott, Richard Duppa Turbutt, Buckhole Billy and the Boghursts of Binney
Widow Wiseman, Goody Hubbard, and Henry Pye – the King of the Hundred.

Romney sheep, rapeseed, soft fruit and beefstock
Berries for punnets and seedheads for birdfeed
Hop vines, wurzel crops, pea seed sales and greengages
To dwarf wheat, purple sprouting broccoli, and potatoes in rotation.
Orchards of apples - Bramleys, Braeburns, Coxes, Russets, Galas and Spartans
Hectares of pears - Comice and Conference, from grafts of twigs on rootstocks of quince
And tons of plums - Marjorie Seedling, Belle de Louvain, Sanctus Hubertus,
Verity, Valour, Opal and Victoria, Kentish Damsons and early Hermans.

Lapwings, Redshanks, Gadwall and Godwits
Nesting Herons and breeding Egrets
Nightingales, Water Voles, Sea Lavender and Bluebells
Ruddy Darters, Migrant Hawkers, Turtle Doves and Tortoiseshells.

A charnel house and cockleshell vestry
A headstone for Trood and floorslab for Stunt;
Seven speaking stops and a squint.
Shadowy happenings at Shade House
Lombardy poplars as windbreakers on lanes
Sarsen stones in a four-poster at Three Crutches
And old counter walls to counter old waters.

Upchat Road goes as it says –
From Upnor to Chattenden, and Chattenden back down again;
Homewards Road leads in a loop to Allhallows
And the Isle ends where the Medway meets,
At Grain Tower, No.1 The Thames.

Danger ranges
venture centres
static caravans
and power stations;
radar scanners
speed cameras
coastguard cottages
and roadside bouquets.

Clinch Street
Decoy Fleet
Pip's Graves
and Pepys Way;
Cold Arbour
Frindsbury Extra
Whalebone Marshes
and Powder Monkey Lane.

Orchard farms
pasture marsh
weatherboard
and pebbledash;
flint widths
ragstone bands
ballast pits and bunwalls.

Hog Marsh, Frog Hall
Swigshole
and Bucks Pounds;
Gore Green, Willow Wick
Chalk Lump
and Hope Mound.

**It means high, or hill
or jutting out lump
or spur of land,
but probably not woe,
does Hoo.**