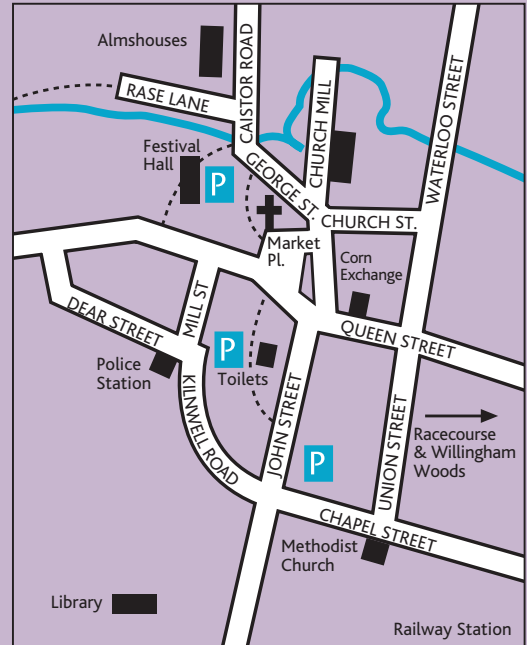


## MARKET RASEN STREET MAP



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Inset L/R Market Rasen Parish Church | Walesby Landscape



## HISTORY

George Tennyson, grandfather of Alfred, lived in Market Rasen from 1774 until the 1790s. He had a successful business as an attorney acquiring much local land with the money he made. Later in his life, whilst living in Tealby and Usselby, he made a visit to the town daily.

- **Continue along King Street passing the Gate of India restaurant until you come to Dear Street on the left.** Turn left into Dear Street and continue to Kilwell Road. It was somewhere around here that William Storre, a former vicar, was murdered in September 1602. The Magistrates' Court on the corner with its ornate door was built in 1849.
- **Follow Kilwell Road and, at the crossroads, turn left into John Street** – the oldest side street in the town and therefore much narrower than the others. In the past, there was a brewery, a breeches maker and a candle factory in the street.

- **Walk through the Co-op car park, passing the 'new' public toilets, and head through the alleyway to the Market Place.** To the left of the Market Place is the old town water pump, once used for collecting water. To the north of the Market Place is the church and churchyard. The churchyard and Market Place seem to have been laid out at the same time. In earlier days, Sunday was market day. It was changed to Tuesday in 1219. The market was formerly much bigger until about 1800 when buildings were put on the west side, but the lord of the manor no doubt got more rent by allowing building here! Nowadays, there is a regular market and auction on Tuesdays, a monthly Farmers' market, and an annual Gardeners' Fair and Food Fair, among other events.

- **Cross the Market Place, to the Parish Church** – The church is dedicated to St Thomas the Apostle. The earliest feature is the Norman southern doorway. It is not in its original position and was probably moved at the time the south aisle was added. The church was heavily restored by James Fowler in 1862. A tablet tells of James Walter who died in 1845 after having been a vicar here for fifty-two years. Both he and his wife were cousins of the author, Jane Austin. The church is only open certain times of the day. However, information can be found in the porch of the church

informing you of whom to contact for the key.

- **Follow the footpath to the left of the church, which will bring you out into George Street.** Turn left, back towards the Festival Hall car park where your walk began.

This brings you to the end of the market town trail. We hope you enjoyed walking around this traditional market town and that you visit again very soon

## MARKET RASEN RACECOURSE



The Racecourse, situated on Legsby road, is well known far and wide for both its charm

and friendly welcome to racegoers.

Enclosures include the economy enclosure "Silver Ring", the "Tattershalls" and the more exclusive "Members Enclosure" (visitors are able to become a member for the day.) Children under 16 are admitted free of charge and for the younger ones there is a free crèche every Saturday and Bank Holiday meeting.

Extra facilities include a 9-hole Pay and Play Golf Course, open to everyone, and a Caravan Club registered park open from Easter to the beginning of October.

## ROUND AND ABOUT MARKET RASEN

Hall Farm Park  
South Kelsey  
Tel: 01652 678822  
www.hallfarmpark.co.uk

High Ropes Adventure  
Legsby Road  
Rope challenge, fun and adventure courses, including archery, for individuals and groups - Tel: 01673 8427440  
www.highropesadventure.com

Market Rasen  
9 Hole Pay and Play  
Legsby Road, Market Rasen  
Tel: 01673 843434

Special Edition chocolates  
Willingham Hall  
Wide variety of tasty chocolates and Great Taste Award Winner 2002 for Bailey's truffles. Shop open Mon-Fri 8.30-4.30, weekends by appointment  
Tel: 01673 844073

St Thomas Church  
Market Rasen  
See porch notice board for opening times.  
Tel: 01673 843424 for Rectory

Willingham Woods  
Contact West Lindsey District Council Tourism Unit for walking and cycling route cards.  
Tel: 01427 676666  
www.willinghamwoods.com

### WHERE TO EAT IN MARKET RASEN

Albion Tea Shop  
41 Queen Street,  
Market Rasen  
Tel: 01673 844777

Gate of India  
5 King Street, Market Rasen  
Award-winning Indian restaurant for overall excellence in quality and service.  
Tel: 01673 844366

Jossals  
7 Queen Street,  
Market Rasen  
Coffee shop serves tea, coffee, snacks and homemade cakes whilst evening bistro has both bar snacks and a la carte menu. Tel: 01673 844221  
Tourist Information Available

J H Starbucks  
9 Union Street,  
Market Rasen  
A family run bakery since 1925 producing a wide variety of traditional and continental breads and cakes. Take away service – filled rolls, hot and cold drinks.  
Tel: 01673 843483

Square Café Bar  
14 Market Place  
Tel: 01673 844885

Wold View Tea Room,  
Bully Hill Top, Tealby  
Tel: 01673 838226  
www.woldviewhouse.co.uk

Willingham Fayre  
Ashgrove Farm,  
North Willingham  
Ice cream parlour and café on the edge of the woods serving homemade luxury dairy ice cream, light snacks and lunches.  
Tel: 01673 838288  
www.willinghamfayre.co.uk

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## Walkabout Market Rasen

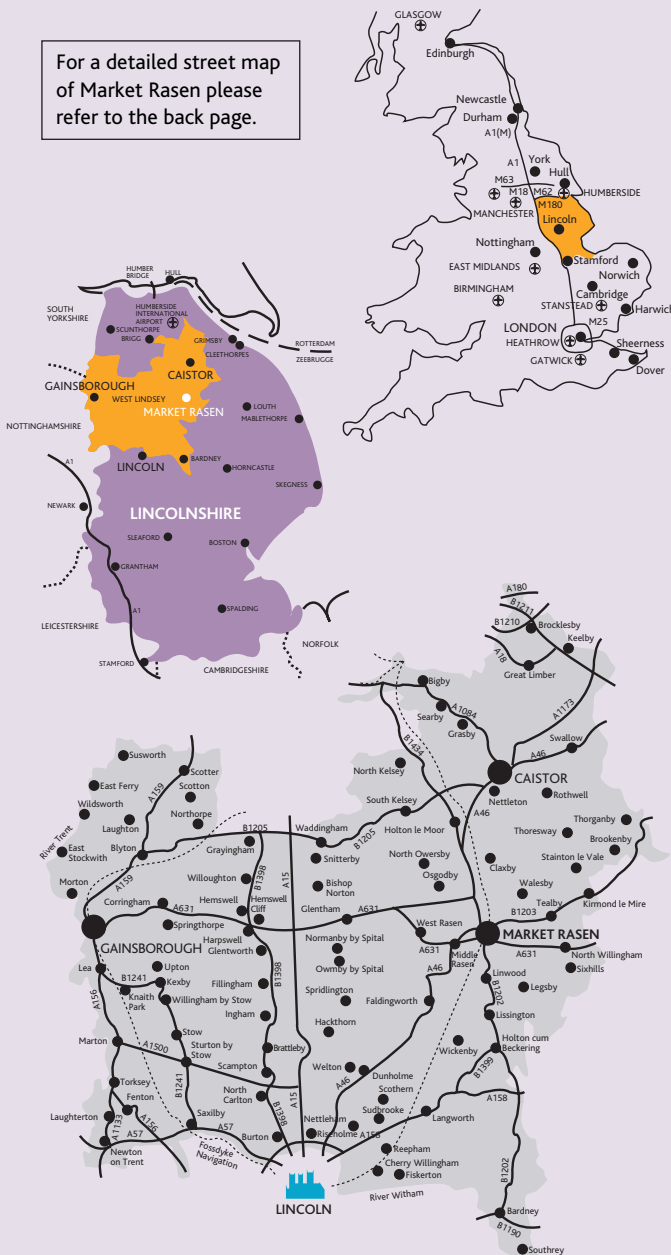


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## WHERE TO FIND US

For a detailed street map of Market Rasen please refer to the back page.

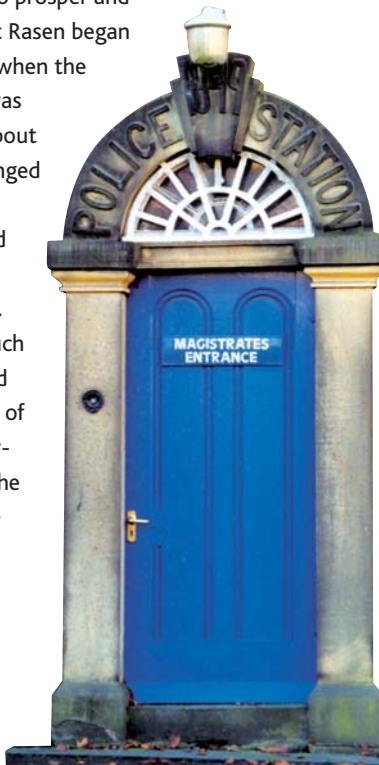


## INTRODUCTION

This small town stands on the edge of the Wolds in the eastern part of West Lindsey and on the direct route from Lincoln to Grimsby. It is thought that the name 'Rasen', derived from 'Rase', the Anglo-Saxon word meaning 'planks', perhaps referred more specifically to a plank bridge, which would have been used to cross the river.

Market Rasen, previously known as East Rasen, was the smallest of the three Rasens in area and also in population for a long period. It became known as Market Rasen due to its growth as the commercial centre of the area. Tudor records show that tanning was an important industry at this time; and the discovery of kiln sites within the town boundary verify archaeological evidence that a local Romano-British pottery industry once existed.

The town expanded in the late 1700s as local agriculture began to prosper and transport links to Market Rasen began to improve, particularly when the railway through Rasen was opened in 1848. From about 1880, Market Rasen changed little with almost no increase in population, and few new buildings were built until quite recently. This is why it still has much of the character of an old world market town. Most of the shops are still locally-owned businesses, from the butcher and baker to the electrical goods and computer shop.



Inset L/R The Almshouses | Cricket Field | Church Entrance | Market Place

## WALKABOUT MARKET RASEN

Market Rasen Walkabout is designed to take you around sites and places of interest within the town. Along the way, there will be various places for you to stop off and eat, or just sit down and enjoy the surroundings.

- The walk will commence from the Festival Hall car park accessed from George Street. Leave the car park by the entrance into George Street and turn left. The Almshouses can be found just over the Church Bridge on the left – more correctly known as the "Hospital of Sir George St Paule Knight and Baronet". Sir George died in 1613 and the hospital was built in 1626 from money he left in his Will. In 1822, at the time when all the cottages were thatched, one of the cottages caught fire causing much destruction. The occupants lost all of their possessions and William Thompson was "burnt to a cinder". The cottages were restored very well and it is clear that most of the brickwork is original. Church Bridge was built in 1835, although the pillar and railings on the east side have been restored.

## DIRECTIONS

- Turn around and take Rase Lane on your right until you reach the cricket field. Pass through the kissing gate – created by a local blacksmith as part of the Market Rasen Regeneration of 2003. You will see that the gate has emblems representing cricket, such as ducks and stumps. Skirt the edge of the cricket field, following the River Rase, picking up the footpath in the far corner. Follow until you reach the stiled bridge. Cross over this, following the footpath across meadows until you reach Gainsborough Road.
- Turn left and walk along Gainsborough Road until you reach a colourfully painted town house on your left opposite the 'Gate of India' award-winning restaurant. Turn left here back to the Festival Hall Car Park.
- Once again, leave by the entrance to the car park into George Street, this time turning right. Cross over the road where you will see the River Basin - a popular place to stop and feed the ducks, and Church Mill in front of you – an impressive building displaying plain but functional Victorian industrial architecture. Church Mill is often referred to locally as Hill's Mill as the Hill family, still present in the town, once owned it. Built in 1830, it was in all probability the site

of one of the two water mills mentioned in the Domesday Book. In earlier times, the Lord of the Manor had his own mill and all the corn had to be ground here. Mill dams were known for causing flooding. Something of this sort happened in 1434, and records indicate that it may have been at Church Mill.

- Continue a short way along George Street and turn left into Church Street. Looking down Church Street on the right you can see Sheffield Manor. In the 14th Century, the Manor of Market Rasen was divided into three and one section came to the Sheffield family. Sheffield Manor was occupied by Zephaniah Barton, doctor to and friends of the Tennyson family. Over the road, in the south-west corner of the churchyard, you will find the interesting Barton family monument. The monument includes Zephaniah himself and a girl who was killed in an early steamship sinking. Back to Church Street, on the left is a group of four terraced houses. These replace the house, which was the birthplace of John Connolly, the pioneer for the improvement in the treatment for the insane. John's mother was a cousin of George Tennyson. At the end of the street on the right hand side was once the warehouse of Thomas Glew, a former corn merchant. It has now been converted into town dwellings known as Granary Court.
- Turn right into Waterloo Street - the name of the road gives some indication of when it was built and reminds us that "Copenhagen", the horse, which Wellington rode at Waterloo, was possibly born at Rasen. The uninterrupted view southwards along the length of Waterloo Street and Union Street reveals the majestic appearance of the Methodist Church with its imposing pediment portico. It was rebuilt in 1863 so that it could be clearly seen at the end Union Street.
- Walk along the length of Waterloo Street to the junction and turn right into Queen Street – the town's main shopping street. Queen Street is lined with mainly Georgian and Victorian buildings which vary considerably in style and function. Collectively, they create a strong market town character and include several listed buildings.
- On your right you will pass Jossals Bistro, converted from the former Town Post Office. You can see one of the post boxes inside the Tourist Information room. Why not stop off for a bite to eat here and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere. Next is the Corn Exchange, erected in 1854. Note the sheaf of wheat carved on the keystone above the doorway. Pass the Market Place on the right and continue into King Street.