

SLIP END & DISTRICT PARISH NEWS

JUNE 2006

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WHERE SOLD



Just to give a flavour of some of acreage which the M1 widening scheme is engulfing, here's a view from the bridge at Pepperstock looking north a couple of weeks ago. A new roundabout is to be constructed at J10 high level, outside the existing roundabout. The northbound off slip is directly in front of the camera, curving upwards to the new roundabout. Vast, isn't it? But now imagine the same construction over the road for the southbound on slip. Parish News is looking at camera technology providing a wide enough angle to get everything in shot for that picture. We estimate that the acreage consumed by the widening scheme here is about as expansive as the whole of Slip End, and then some and we would suppose that a 2035 M1 re-development scheme would put us in the way to such an extent that we, or those of still around, would be pushed out?

The Parish @ Large

SCHOOLS

*Slip End Lower: 720152
Five Oaks: 726058
Streetfield: 613421
Ashton: 663511
Manshead: 608641*

SPORT

*Bowling Club: 412506
Tennis: 733253
Darts League: 425323
Football: 418494
Cricket: 414157*

HALLS

*Village Hall: 723109
Peter Edwards Hall: 455185*

COMMUNITY

*Brownies: 723109
Beavers: 725297
Cubs: 414157
Fly Tipping (SBDC): 472222
Friendship Club: 720392
Slip End Assoc: 414796
Mother's Union: 738435
Playgroup: 728865
Toddler Group 405931
Allotments: 736892
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***Post Office:** At the Crossroads, telephone 401069
Monday to Friday 6.30 to 21.00
Saturday 7.00 to 21.00 - Sunday 7.30 to 21.00
Garage: Slip End Garage, Markyate Road, telephone 456888*

Website: slipend.co.uk

Services & Events in June

Midweek Communion take place monthly at two venues in Slip End, details from Joy on 424363.

Sunday 4 th	10:30am	Pentecost Sunday Family Communion
Thursday 8 th	8: 00pm	Footsteps meet in the Family Room
Sunday 11 th	10:30am	Trinity Sunday Morning Praise
	2.30pm	St Andrew's ramblers meet
	6.15pm	3:16 meet in the Family Room
Wednesday 14 th	10.30am	Pram Service in the Family Room
Saturday 17 th	2.30pm	Service of Thanksgiving for a Marriage (Alan & Karen)
Sunday 18 th	10.30am	Fathers Day: Holy Communion Service
Thursday 22 nd	8.00pm	Footsteps meet for Bar-B-Q
Saturday 24 th	3.30pm	Service of Thanksgiving for a Marriage (Sue & Allan)
Sunday 25 th	9.15am	Holy Communion at East Hyde
	10.30am	Morning Praise (With the Caddington Puppets)
	6.15pm	3:16 meet in the Family Room
Wednesday 28 th	10.30am	Pram Service meet in the Family Room
Friday 30 th	2.30pm	Woodside Home Service

Gardener of the Month

A Party was held at St Andrew's in April! No tea and cakes, this party was of the "working variety", when we tackled chores in and around the church which had mounted up over the winter.

Key was the enthusiastic effort of Geoff Daniel who is the first to admit some lack of horticultural touch and cultivational skill, but shines through as a dab hand with machinery. Hard at it all morning, Geoff worked like a slave, feeding an errant tree into Kevin's shredder!

In itself, this was a revelation to the churchwardens but they were further amazed a few days later when GD was spotted, happy as a sandboy, astride his mega-mower, zooming to and fro across his lawn. He demonstrated a dextrous haphazardness which would do justice to Michael Schumacher's warm-up lap ziggings and zaggings.

Nonetheless, we proudly give you...

***Parish News June 2006
Gardener of the Month
Geoffrey Daniel***



I read the “crime” item in May’s Parish News with interest and am sorry to hear that the events resulting in the “trashing of the playing fields and tennis courts left you feeling less than ‘churchy’”. Your attempt at closing on a positive note also flopped; and there is no intended criticism here.

I think that what makes senseless acts like these so unpalatable is the fact that we, as individuals, are completely helpless to find either a reason for the act or a solution for it. As such we become overwhelmed with a sense of frustration and anger. You certainly hit the nail on the head when you mentioned that ringing the police is ineffectual and it is this that enables criminals to go out and do anything they wish without any fear of capture or punishment. If anything, the only thing liable to be protected is the criminal, if indeed they are caught red-handed by the public and become accidentally injured in the process.

Your item makes reference to “respect for authority” and it is this that is the root cause of many (if not most) of our modern social problems. The simple truth is that there is no longer any respect for any kind of authority in this age that we live in and it is hardly surprising considering that many years ago our rulers and masters gave up authority and common sense under pressure from “liberal do-gooders”. This band of upper crust Oxbridge types abolished hanging, hampered the police force, softened the judicial system and handed over legislation and rule of the country to the EU. They did it under the guise of being civilised and Christian and in doing so weakened the whole set of values that we as British people had come to treasure and trust. In essence the whole fabric of British Society has been peeled away. We could always rely on the judicial system, but now our judges are over-ruled by Brussels and the police force is politically biased. We could rely on our health and education services but they too, are in a shambles now.

I firmly believe that the way forward is for us to get back to basics and decide once and for all what type of society we want to live in, and whether or not it is one that seeks to provide the **majority** of hard working law abiding citizens with a life free from intimidation and fear, even if it is at the expense and comfort of a minority who believe they are free to do to us just what they please, whenever they choose to do it.

Rob Swetman

I had to write with regard to your article in the Parish Magazine 'St. George's Day 2006'. My husband and I were so very sorry to hear of the terrible vandalism being done in the village. We have seen it on the bus stops and the traffic lights but we live in Woodside which is, I believe, fairly quiet. However, we are in Slip End almost daily and, although we have lived here only three years, we have come to love the area and we have found the people in the area very kind and friendly, they do not deserve such trouble.

I feel not many incidents of vandalism are reported to the Police as they usually take place in the late evening or at night when most of us are indoors, but I have written to a councillor to-day asking if it would be possible to have a police officer in the village due to the amount of trouble that is being caused these days, but I don't hold our much hope.

We really do feel such anger and sorrow that these attacks take place, particularly as I am sure, many of these young people come from nice homes with all modern facilities and everything they want. From talking to older people in the village, they had very little in the way of material things but led happy and honest lives within their community.

I do hope the perpetrators are caught before too long and we would like to thank you so much for all your hard work to keep Slip End a decent place to live in in spite of all the adversities that beset the various committees.

Verna Hay

Flower Garden

The earthing up of all March and April planted potatoes must be completed during this month. Throughout the month you should not miss the opportunity of planting out all manner of winter greens, including brussels sprouts, broccoli, kale and savoy.

The bulbs of autumn sown onions will have attained sufficient size to be used, do not lift the whole crop at once, dig up as required. Culinary peas should now be staked.

Flower Garden

Most perennials and biennials, if sown out of doors now, will make good sturdy plants for placing in flowering quarters in the autumn.

Fruit Garden

Remove runners from strawberry plants, You should now be able to see how many fruits have been formed on your apple and pear trees. It is no use leaving too many or you will only get poor quality, so now is the time to thin them out. Gooseberries and currants could now do with a summer prune (and also any flowering shrubs.)

Brownies

On Wednesday May 3rd, Debbie who works at the Luton & Dunstable Hospital, came to talk to us about taking care of our hands and nails. Barbara had her nails manicured and painted, then the girls drew outlines of their hands, colouring in the nails. Hannah Cross' picture was best, so she was given a pack of nail stickers.

When the weather is good, we shall be going on walks and so, being nice on the 10th May, each pack went on different routes around the village. This is part of their Out and About Badge.

On Wednesday May 17th Elizabeth (a relation) is coming along to show the girls her Juggling skills. Hopefully we will develop some good turns for our show later in the year.

On Wednesday June 7th we will be having a Garden Party, the girls have been asked to dress up, this is to celebrate the Queen's Official Birthday on June 17th.

On June 14th, we are all going to Dunstable Downs to look at the new visitors centre there.

Brown Owl, Gillian Plummer



SATURDAY JUNE 10TH
TABLE-TOP
SALE
SLIP END VILLAGE
HALL 10AM TO 1PM
FOR A STALL RING 01582 723109
In aid of the Pasque Hospice
Keech Cottage Hospital

SLIP END & WOODSIDE

OPEN GARDENS DAY

TEAS

BBQ

PLANTS

PRODUCE



**Saturday 15th July
11am to 5pm**

£2 per Adult - Accompanied Children Free
Payable at first Garden visited

Free programmes
from Slip End Post Office from 8th July
and from Gardens on the Day



MURIEL'S VIEW

My goodness we have now reached another month for news so time goes so quickly.

First let me explain about the piece that I read in last month's magazine, where Reverend Michael Whitley remarked that I felt I had something in my knickers! He had organised a Barn Dance at the Vicarage and I, being allergic to Hay or Straw, felt that I should cover up as much skin as possible. My daughter gave me a pair of jeans and I had a long sleeved shirt, leaving about an inch of skin bare at the wrist area. We all had a most enjoyable evening and thought what a great vicar to have organised this lovely village hop. However during the night I began to itch and itch. In the morning I was covered from neck to toe in a bright red rash which was sending me crazy. I bathed and covered myself with calamine and anthisan cream which helped slightly but not enough. On Monday I phoned the environmental health department at the town hall as people did years ago for scabies! An officer came to my home and upon looking at me he said that a mite from the bales of hay or straw whatever they were had entered under my skin and was laying eggs along my body and I would have to be painted with some lotion to kill the eggs. I had to keep the same clothes on for three days and nights and then have a bath. It was the most terrible time in my life and I must say, they never got inside my knickers. I hope you enjoyed that true story and I do wonder why I still live in the countryside as I have to keep well equipped with my allergy drugs just in case.

Back to the village. I have little news, except for the damage there has been to the walls at the Hall which is very serious as it seems that our troublemakers have now become criminals. Do we have people paying us a visit from other areas to do this damage, or do people stand and knock bricks out of a building out of boredom? Could it be that drugs are a factor here? Years ago I assisted boys to wean them off drugs and

it made a great difference to the behaviour pattern which was to the better for them.

About our present group of miscreants: I will never condemn without proof. I had four sons and sometimes they were blamed for incidents, not serious things although to the village people at that time they may have been little hooligans. They are good lads and have their own families who are to me now great citizens and take part in the community where they live.

I know the lads are now getting direct comment from some frustrated villagers but it seems to me that could only cause a reaction. I don't know the answer to all that goes on in the village but I do know that parents, having been informed of their youngsters' behaviour, can perhaps reprimand at home but not when they are out as they can't see what they get up to.

I would like to ask the lads or girls who cause damage, why do they do it? But, as long as I talk about this it will get us nowhere and I will do what I can to assist anyone who is being blamed for things that they have not done.

As for the monthly meeting itself I can honestly say that it was a meeting without much reason as nothing was discussed apart from the same old things and in my opinion it was taken over by a debate, in which I took part, with different opinions to a few others, mainly damage caused at the Hall. But we did talk about the new cooker, in its package for 5 weeks to be installed. We discussed bill payments and I was asked to write to request that only people attending a function at the Hall or visit the children's Playground (under 14's with parents or carers only please) are entitled to park in the car park if they are taking part in the activities within the hall. These are reasonable requests.

Thank you for reading this episode of mine and in no way do I write to offend. It just crossed my mind as to what happened to the long ago promised skateboard situation. Surely I will get feed back on this to thicken the magazine!

Regards to you all from Muriel

SLIP END PARISH COUNCIL.

Slip End Parish Councillors were returned unopposed in April this year, so there was no need to have an election. At this point in time your Parish Council consists of the following:

Chairman:	Christine Benson
Vice Chairman:	Ken Crossett
Councillors:	Philip Penman
	Steve Fuell
	Geoff Daniel
	Mike McKevitt

We also still have a vacancy for a parish councillor, to be co-opted to serve along side the rest of us for the duration of this council.

Philip Penman is also your District Councillor, along with Anne Spencer and Ruth Gammons.

Crime

Slip End Parish has been the target for mindless vandalism recently. The jobs have used the closure of Church Road to mount a campaign of total stupidity which, when the bills for repair are added up will mean that you, the council tax payer will have to foot the bill.

A large dumper truck was hot wired and stolen from the M1 site. It was then crashed through the gates at the Peter Edwards Hall and left with control panel smashed, in the middle of the playing field.

A couple of nights later three golf carts were stolen and again taken down to the Peter Edwards Hall and abandoned, damaged, around the Playing Field. To my knowledge, two of them were stolen from Griffin Golf Club and we still do not know where the other one was taken from.

After the golf carts were locked away prior to them being claimed, the locks on the containers where they were stored were interfered with, thus causing more damage. The jobs then, in a fit of pique perhaps, because they could not get to the golf carts, went onto completely trash the tennis courts.

At all of these incidents, youths and girls were seen larking about. There were also motor vehicles seen, one red car and one white Ford, both of which registration numbers were taken. There was also seen at the same time, a large white Mercedes panel van. Although the registration number was recorded, the tape has been sent away to be cleaned up to see who was driving it. Police think that the culprits are local, so it could be interesting to find out. In the meantime, if you see or hear anything that could help bring these idiots to justice, please let us know immediately.

Vandalism is an expensive hobby, not for the criminal, but for you the council tax payer. We are pursuing better policing, and lines of communication between us and the Police have vastly improved over the last couple of months. CCTV cameras are being updated and other covert methods are being employed to catch these people. We, as the Parish Council are committed to stamping out crime.

These initiatives mean money: upgrading bus shelters to make them vandal proof. We are going to link up with Slip End Website so these vulnerable areas can be viewed in real time on your PC and watch what is going on yourself. You may be horribly surprised.

All ideas are in the melting pot at the moment. We are going to be budgeting separately for vandalism so you can see what money is wasted. Having thrown all our resources at this problem, and with the help of fellow residents, we intend to see Slip End Parish become a friendlier place to live.

Parish Clerk appointment

We hope to appoint a new Clerk early in June: More news next month.



Enjoy *your* Summer!

*Christine Benson, Chairman
Slip End Parish Council.*



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Friends of Slip End Lower School

FUN DAY

AT THE SCHOOL

SATURDAY

JUNE 17TH 12 - 2

CUBKARTS (MOTORISED KARTS FOR 4 - 9 YEAR OLDS)

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

PENALTY SHOOT OUT

TOMBOLA

RAFFLE

BURGERS, DOGS 'N DRINKS

AND ... (RUNNING OUT OF SPACE) ... LOTS MORE!

On our doorsteps, well worth a stroll to, is Stockwood Park. With Church Road closed it's not very far to walk across to Upper Woodside, take refreshment there (children welcome) before going on over the footbridge and into the Park. There, amongst other attractions, you will find the Discovery Centre.

Did you know that Stockwood Park will be changing? There are big plans to develop the museum and create a fantastic new visitor centre on the site. The project will cost £6 million and already has the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and other organisations.

Stockwood Park Museum includes displays on rural Bedfordshire Crafts, the Mossman Collection of horse-drawn vehicles, stunning Period Gardens and events are held throughout the year.

The beautiful period gardens will remain untouched by the work, which will be a relief to those of us who frequently visit them and enjoy the changing colours of the seasons there.

Improvements to the museum will include more on the history of Stockwood, Luton and South Bedfordshire plus hands-on exhibits in the Mossman Collection of horse-drawn vehicles. There will be a brand new visitor centre with a shop, café and visitor facilities. A new family friendly garden to complement the popular period garden will also be created. Most importantly admission will remain free.

For those of you who haven't been to this little treasure right on your doorstep, it is well worth a visit even as it currently stands. The gardens are lovely and the museum is great fun for children, so go on, make the most of our local area.

*For an afternoon out, with the family,
try Stockwood, it's on the doorstep!*

*For more information take a look at
www.luton.gov.uk/museums*

Forty-two members and friends went off for a coach trip around the Bedfordshire countryside last month. Before we left for home we had an enjoyable meal at the Five Bells in Henlow. I had not been around those parts for many a year and our pleasant springtime tour brought back some nice memories for some of us.

We are looking forward to another day out on June 13th when we will be visiting the Cotswolds, taking in market day at Morton-in-Marsh then on to Bourton-in-the-Water for tea. Let's hope the weather is kind to us!

We appreciate the kind donations which are made to the Friendship Club and this month we warmly thank Gill Plummer and folk at the Harrow in Upper Woodside for their generosity.

We meet at the Village Hall on Thursday afternoons, so if you would enjoy a couple of hours relaxation, chat, tea and Bingo.. Call in, we would be pleased to welcome you.



Pam King

Easy to smile

It's easy to smile when you haven't a care
And there isn't a cloud in the blue.
When you're happily sitting on the top of the world
And enjoying the beautiful view.
It's easy to smile when it's bright all the while,
Facing life with a jest and a song –
But the time to be cheery is when you feel weary
And everything's going all wrong.

By Patience Strong



FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS
CADDINGTON



11.00am - 4.30pm

THIS YEAR THE THEME WILL BE
LOCAL ORGANISATIONS
LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WILL PROVIDE
PROMOTIONAL STALLS IN SOME OF THE
GARDENS



REFRESHMENTS



BOOK STALL

CAKE STALL

CREAM TEAS

LUNCHES ETC

12 GARDENS WILL BE OPEN
Combined admission £3.00 on the door
Pay at First Garden
(or £2.50 in advance)

For further information
Contact Terry Oliver 732522 or
Norman Aubrey 735496
(charity no 1024907)

ALEY GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

After the six Ecumenical meetings during Lent, we had a Fellowship Tea in April. The people who came along decided that they would like to keep meeting together. So on Monday 15th all four churches shared a fellowship evening, lead by Mike Bull. He choose the theme 'Discipleship' and we had a lively discussion on this subject. The next Ecumenical Fellowship will be held on Monday 12th June at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to come and join us in the Aley Green Church school room.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Spring Fayre in April. £465 was raised towards Church improvements. The Good as New sale in May raised £323. Everything left over from the sale, (toys, brick-a-brack clothes etc) was given to other charities.

On Sunday June 11th at 11am the Sunday School children and teachers will be leading

Have you recently upgraded your Digital Camera?



If you have, then is there is possibly an older digital camera now gathering dust in a drawer?

Slip End Lower School would love to give it a good home as they would like to get their hands on some digital cameras and camcorders for the children to use for school projects, IT studies and class work.

So if you would like to donate a digital camera you no longer use, then please contact Sandra Collins on Sandra@askmarketing.co.uk and she will be happy to come & collect it.

the service followed by coffee and biscuits. Pop along and give them your support.

Our June coffee evening is on Wednesday 14th at 7:30pm onwards. We have a large collection of second hand books from 35p, so why not come along and stock up on some books for holiday reading. Home made cakes and preserves will also be for sale, tea and coffee are free.

The Sunday School friends and family BBQ is on July 2nd from 1:00pm.

Almighty and eternal God, you keep together those you have united. Look kindly on all who follow Jesus Your Son. We are all consecrated to you by our common baptism. Make us one in the fullness of faith, and keep us one in the fellowship of love.

May God bless you this summer!

Ann Meader



Women's
Institute

A big thank you to Sue for organising an outing to Kings Langley where we attended an excellent 'revue'. Resolutions were put to us to vote on for THE meeting of the year, the result of which gets W.I. to have a say in the decisions in our way of life. Madame D. Wright read the final annual report of the Over 60's club, as their chairman. It had been run by W.I. members for the past forty seven years. We felt very sad at having to come to the decision but health and passing years with no younger members to take our place forced the issue.

Last month we elected a new committee with a big thank you to the existing committee for standing again, as no new names came forward. Also thanks go to President Mrs M Bale for holding office for another year. The other side of this doesn't bear thinking about; another closure in the village would be awful!

Our speaker for the evening Madame E Parker a real stalwart of the W.I. She came to tell us about A.C.W.W. or Pennies for Friendship as we call it. We were told there are nine million members and W.I. has a seat on the council. It is there to help Third World Countries help themselves, not by giving money, but by practical help. Sewing machines, tractors, seeds, school equipment and education for the children, all through the ladies in the needy areas. It is a really worthwhile project which has been going since the 19th century.

The points gained in taking part in the monthly competitions were added together and this year the silver rose bowl was presented to Madame R Weber, second Madame S Stonetreet and third, Madame M Beale.

We meet monthly, every third Tuesday at 7.30pm at the Baptist Church Hall, Caddington. See you there!

Patricia Crick

SLIP END FOOTBALL CLUB

The team play in the First Division of the South Beds Sunday League and finished the season in the top half of the division, in 5th place. They also reached the semi-final of the league cup, unluckily losing to "The Clarence" by 4 goals to 3 after extra time.



The Club Annual Presentation Buffet & Disco is being held at the Peter Edwards Hall, Slip End Playing Field on Saturday 1st July, 8.00 pm to midnight. Tickets are available from Slip End Social Club, New Street, priced £12, which includes buffet and free bar. Details of award winners next month.

SHORTCUTS FOR COOKS

To rescue over-whipped cream: gently stir in a little milk to thin it. If it is turning into butter, you will have to start all over again!

If melting chocolate turns lumpy: remove from heat and dry the bowl. Add 1-2 tsp vegetable oil one drop at a time, mixing till smooth.

If egg whites look curdled: add an extra egg white till peaks form. If your egg whites won't whisk, make sure the bowl is very clean and preferably it is not plastic.

To stop custard curdling: add a teaspoon of cornflour to the egg and sugar, and keep the mixture from the boil.

To stop a pie crust going soggy: paint the pastry base with a little beaten egg white and then add the filing.

If a soup or casserole is too salty: add a peeled chopped potato and simmer till soft, then remove potato.

If you have no scales: a large tablespoon of flour or sugar is roughly 25gm or 1oz.

Don't forget: if anyone has a favourite recipe let us know at Parish News.

DIARY

If you would like your event put in the Diary please contact the Editor

June

- 3rd *County Councillor's Surgery at Heathfield School, Caddington 10am-12noon*
- 5th *Slip End Parish Council - Village Hall 8pm*
- 10th *Craft Fayre at the Village Hall: Call Gill Plummer on 723109*
- 17th *FoSELS: Summer Fair at the School*
- 17th *Marriage Blessing: Alan Barton & Karen Kaye, St Andrew's 2.30pm*
- 20th *Caddington Women's Institute: "Babies in prison"*
- 24th *Marriage Blessing: Allan Briggs & Sue Cowell, St Andrew's 3.30pm*



July

- 1st *County Councillor's Surgery at Heathfield School, Caddington 10am-12noon*
- 3rd *Slip End Parish Council - Village Hall 8pm*
- 9th *Caddington Village Garden Day, 11am to 4.30pm*
- 15th *Open Gardens at Slip End*

August

- 5th *County Councillor's Surgery at Heathfield School, Caddington 10am-12noon*
- 7th *Slip End Parish Council - Village Hall 8pm*

September

- 2nd *County Councillor's Surgery at Heathfield School, Caddington 10am-12noon*
- 4th *Slip End Parish Council - Village Hall 8pm*
- 9th *Craft Fayre at the Village Hall: Call Gill Plummer on 723109*

October

- 2nd *Slip End Parish Council - Village Hall 8pm*
- 7th *Dance at the Village Hall: Call Shirley on 412506*
- 7th *County Councillor's Surgery at Heathfield School, Caddington 10am-12noon*
- 28th *Dance at the Village Hall: Call Shirley on 412506*

November

- 4th *County Councillor's Surgery at Heathfield School, Caddington 10am-12noon*
- 6th *Slip End Parish Council - Village Hall 8pm*
- 18th *Dance at the Village Hall: Call Shirley on 412506*
- 26th *Craft Fayre at the Village Hall: Call Gill Plummer on 723109*

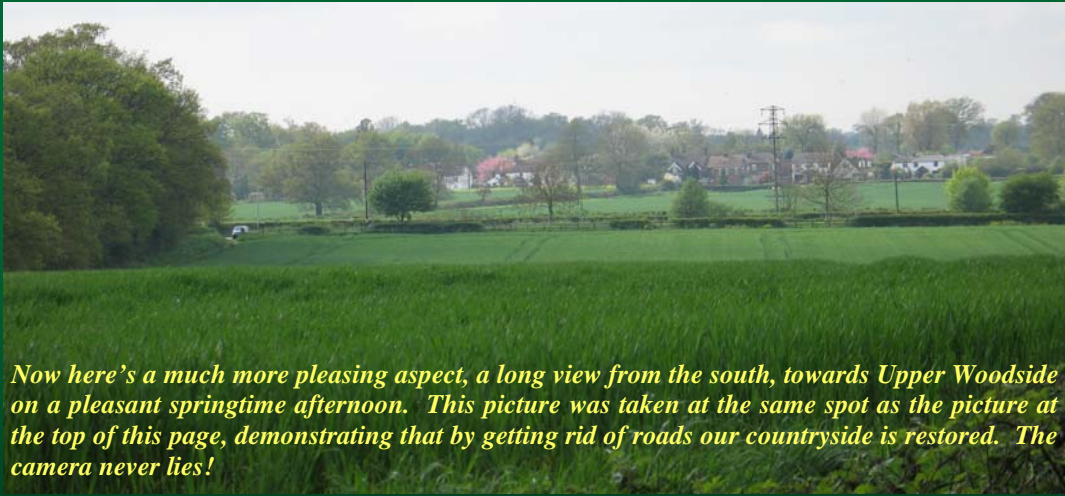
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On his Sunday afternoon stroll to check on M1 progress, the PN photographer came upon a Pepperstock resident who was also taking a look around. He was concerned about how the ancient Pepperstock route re-alignment would be affected once work was complete. Environmental barriers (big fences) will be erected in this area.



Now here's a much more pleasing aspect, a long view from the south, towards Upper Woodside on a pleasant springtime afternoon. This picture was taken at the same spot as the picture at the top of this page, demonstrating that by getting rid of roads our countryside is restored. The camera never lies!



Finally, Best Wishes to PN Editor Sue who is marrying Allan in June!