

The Villages of England

(For K Scowcroft Esq, I believe these to be Linda's lyrics)

Oh, the villages of England are pleasing to the eye.
The cottage thatch, the arbour, unchanged since days gone by.
Leather thumping willow, and a pint of Bishop's Ale.
The villages of England are indeed a fairy-tale.
But, in the villages of England,
Sordid secrets you will find,
There's nowt but lurid goings on,
Behind the twitching blinds.
For outwardly, it's 'Vicar, would you like some jam for tea?'
Behind closed doors Its 'Gerr 'em off, the old man's back at three!'

Chorus

*Oh the villages of England, they hold treasures by the ton
Crammed packed full of scandal, and saucy goings on.*

There's Mrs Hope at number five, she's in the W.I.
Her walnut cake's beyond compare, her marmalade divine.
Imagine the furore and the neighbours' consternation,
If they knew her name was Geoffrey before the operation.
The local bobby has a lovely semi near the dyke,
He hasn't caught a criminal since someone nicked his bike,
But he looks quite arresting, on a Friday late at night,
'Cos he likes to wear his handcuffs and his girlfriend's fishnet tights.

Chorus

The publican's called Norman, is a man of reputation,
The cleanest pipes in Lancashire, perhaps in all the nation.
The beer is clear and sparkling, the froth is white as snow.
Why it tastes of Domestos, I guess we'll never know,
The mobile library comes around each Tuesday without fail,
Mrs Pugh, librarian, has books and tapes for sale,
If your wanting something extra, she can in fact provide,
A tab of E, or condoms for a little on the side.

Chorus

Half past six, the church bells chime, is there honey then for tea?
Honeys off, but never mind, it's happy hour for me,
So it's goodbye to the family, I'm off down the Crown and Anchor
The atmosphere's convivial, but the landlord is a #####
The villages of England, how we'll miss them when we've gone,
When they've become a Tesco's car park or a condominium,
If they disappear completely, I'll emigrate, no fear,
I've heard the villages in Spain are twice as bad as here!