Chris's corner

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We all work hard and have our personal anxieties and individual worries. But sometimes, something happens that unites a community and gives it a common purpose beyond these daily concerns. And we've just seen a fantastic example of this.

Working together, a community has beaten off the threat of a Tesco development on the site of their local pub, which could have led to the closure of local shops. People from all walks of life joined together to defeat the corporate giant that threatened their familiar and much-loved environment. They were convinced that if they stood up for what they believed in – albeit against tremendous odds - they could win the argument. And they did.

The fight to keep out Tesco and preserve the local shops and facilities on the Woodloes is a total credit to everyone involved; to the people who wrote letters, signed petitions, attended public meetings and formed the committee. It has been suggested by some in our area that such developments are inevitable. The outcome of the Woodloes campaign shows that these doubters are wrong.

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