

Place Names

ALEY GREEN and PEPPERSTOCK

Origin unknown, although reference may be to the stocks installed in Bishop Bonner's times.

CLAYDOWN WAY

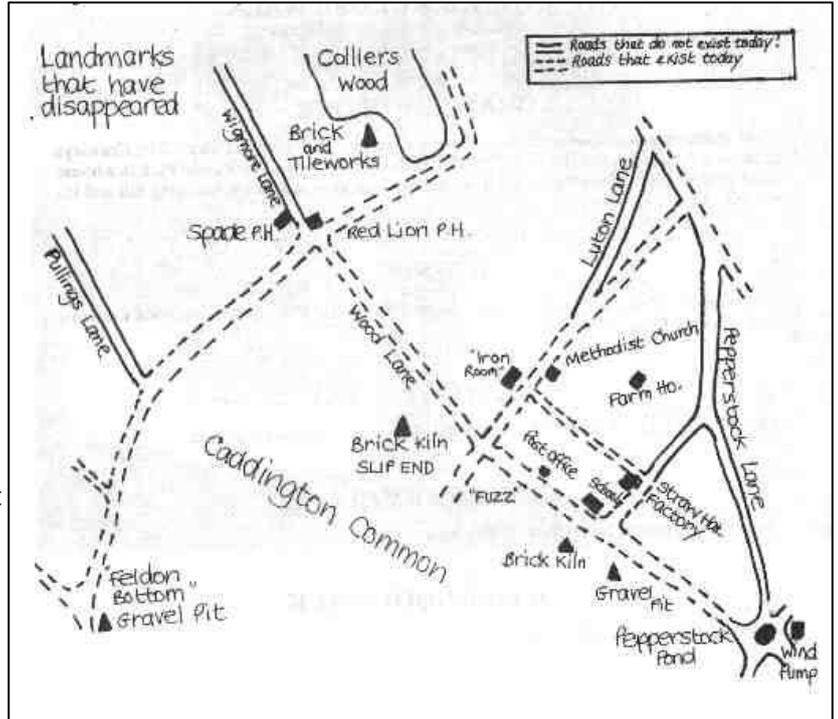
Built on the edge of the brick works and dells where clay was excavated

CRAWLEY CLOSE

The local squire until the second world war, when the family moved away. The Crawleys trace their family beyond the 14th Century. They used to live in Stockwood Park in a house since demolished. "Crawley" is made up of two ancient words: 'craw' meaning hill, and 'lea' meaning clearing.

OLD SCHOOL WALK

Built on the site of the old school.



PREBENDAL DRIVE

Prebendal Farm is next door, so named because the fields were once owned by the Prebendaries of St. Paul's Cathedral (They are still Patrons of the Church which means that they help to select who is the appointed Vicar)

ROSSWAY

On the death of Francis Crawley, Joan inherited the estate. She married, and took the name Joan Crawley Ross Skinner.

SLIP END

'Ends' are quite common in Bedfordshire and not unknown in other counties. They refer to small settlements outside main villages. 'Slip' is an old english word for clay. Perhaps Slip End got its name in the early 1800's because of the small number of houses built near the new brick works (now the transporter site) in an area not previously built on with the older settlements of Woodside and Pepperstock to either side. Markyate has a 'Slype Lane'

ST ANDREW'S CLOSE/WALK

Named after St Andrew's Church

WOODSIDE

An early development at the edge of the wood at Caddington Common, before it was cleared. The entrances of many of the houses face the opposite direction and their back doors are front doors really, because the wood was behind. At enclosure in 1800, one of the fields of Caddington Commons was named Woodside.

Today St. Andrew's Church stands on that site, hence St. Andrew's Woodside, not Slip End.