

FLOATING VILLAGE STARTS LIFE AGAIN

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Six weeks ago an entire Malayan village upstaked,
put its houses on rafts and floated down the River Lebir
to a new clearing/beyond reach of the bandits who'd made life
next door to impossible, upstream. The chosen site was virgin
jungle when the big move was planned, but it was in ^{pretty} good shape
when the rivercade dropped anchor. For house-repairs ^f after the
upheaval there was all the wood in the world and no permits
required.

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New fencing took no time at all and houses were so brightly
painted they shone like - old ones done up. Choosing
house-positions, men tried to be not too far from the river,
or too near the wife's people. Women liked the change, though
~~_____~~ wahingday ² moves too.
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