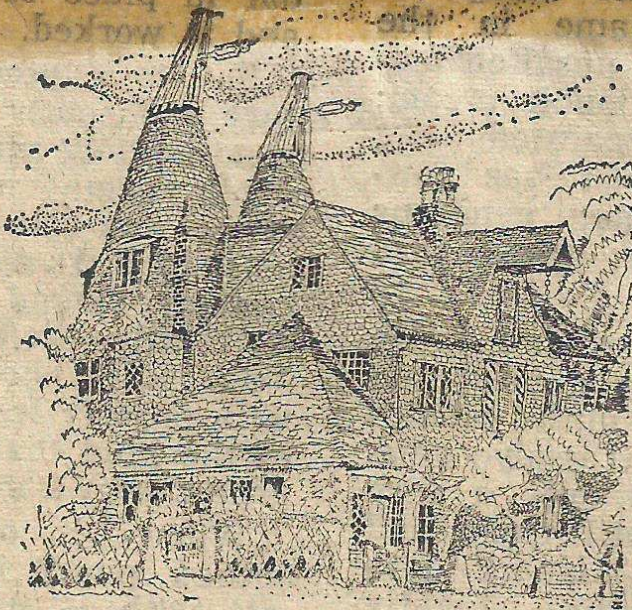


To have a pub or not

THOUGH an informal town plan just published for the village of Chestfield, near Whitstable, Kent, emphasises the need to preserve the character of the old village while allowing limited residential development around it, Chestfield Preservation Society remains anxious about renewed efforts to convert the oast houses in the main street into licensed premises.

The owner of North and South Oast, which G. Gordon Scott has drawn for me, is awaiting the result of an appeal to the Department of the Environment against the initial refusal of his application because of traffic risks involved. The society's committee meets on Monday to discuss the situation in the light of the town plan.

Norman Perkins, the secretary, tells me that commercial development in the village would be flat contrary to



Chestfield: furthest in favour

the plan. But since Chestfield has no pub, opinion on the conversion is divided, those in favour tending to be those who live furthest away.

AIR PIONEER'S QUIET WEDDING

SIR W. FARREN

Sir William Farren, 71, aviation pioneer, was married yesterday to Miss Mildred Hooke, in the village church at Kingston, Cambs. There were a few guests and no best man.

One villager commented: "We knew there was something in the offing but nobody knew when the wedding would take place. It was a complete surprise."

Sir William, a former director of Hawker Siddeley Aviation, has been connected with the aircraft industry since 1915. Miss Hooke was for 28 years headmistress of Bradford Grammar School for Girls.