

TOTLEY INDEPENDENT

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FASHION TO FISH?

Diver Paul Heald intends to bring the traditional flavour of the sea back to Totley by opening a new fish and chip shop.

Paul, who lives on Upper Baslow Road, says he will open the shop if he can get planning permission from the relevant authorities.

The site will be Poseurs, the fashion shop currently run by his wife Alison in the group of shops opposite the Totley end of Mickley Lane.

Paul told the Independent that there was widespread support for the shop in the area. More than 1,000 people had already signed a petition backing the venture.

"It seems to me that there are more people in Totley who want a fish and chip shop than there are those who don't, so if I get planning permission I will open up as soon as possible", he said.

Paul, a North Sea diver with 20 years experience, said his supplies will come fresh from the fish quays of the East Coast. "Working in the diving business I have come to know many of the fishermen over the years", he added.

If the venture is approved by planning authorities it will add to the Takeaway meal facilities available in Totley. Although Furama on Totley Rise already sells fish and chips, it specialises in Chinese food.

CHIPS OFF THE OLD SHOPS

Chip shops have a chequered history in Totley, according to Danny Reynolds who has lived in the village all his life.

The first one he remembers was "Chippie Fox's" on Hillfoot Road, which he used to go to as a child about 70 years ago. Down the road on Totley Rise, another chippie was opened by

the unlikely-named Gosh Collet. Danny remembers collecting potato peelings, after school, to feed his father's pigs. During the World Wars, "Chippie Green's" took over where Chippie Fox's left off. The Green family ran their enterprise from an outbuilding attached to their cottage on Chapel Lane.

Later, that too closed and the Kirby family stepped into the gap. They built a red-brick chippie near the Fleur de Lys and opened up for business. But that too closed leaving only the Totley Rise premises to carry on the latter business before it was converted into a Chinese Takeaway, just a few years ago.

Has anyone else any special memories or stories of Totley chip shops?

TREE CHEERS FOR TOTLEY

TREE PLANTING CEREMONY BY
THE LORD MAYOR AND LADY
MAYORESS

PINFOLD GARDEN, TOTLEY -
FRIDAY, 25 MARCH 1983

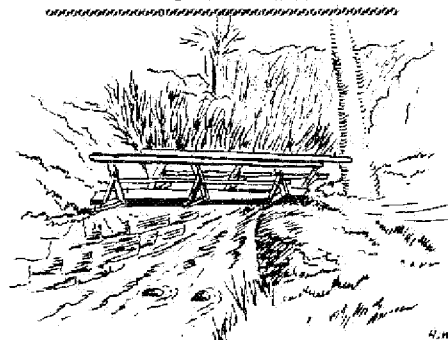
During the last decade there has been a tremendous change in attitude towards the environment and the total number of trees planted within the City has exploded, with very large numbers of plantings being made all over the City.

The most ceremonial occasion each year is the traditional tree planting by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, in an area of their choice, and such plantings, over many years, have provided a tangible commemoration of the years of service of Lord Mayors and a worthwhile improvement to the environment.

On 25 March 1983, at 11.00am, the current Lord Mayor, Councillor Gordon Wragg, and the

Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Janet Wragg, will each be planting a tree in the Pinfold Garden, Hillfoot Road, Totley. The species chosen is Prunus Hilleri "Spire", and it is most fitting that these trees can be planted in such a well-designed local feature. Children from the neighbouring primary school have been invited to attend the ceremony, one of whom will present a bouquet to

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take a local walk - page 6

THE HOLE STORY

THE ROADWORK on the Totley Bridge dual-carriageway and the now familiar sight of the skip and crane, is likely to remain for a few more weeks.

Mr. Denham, an engineer based at Beauchief explained the reason for the work and the completion delay is as follows.

A T.V. survey highlighted a broken 12 inch sewer pipe, which has now been replaced. When the excavations commenced, a mass of cables to the V.E.B. substation were found to be in the way and the sewer was lower down than anticipated, due to the tremendous raising of Baslow Road over the years. So after going down 17 metres there is still a further 6 to go.

The break in the sewer is due solely to age and is nothing to do with the continuous increase of the traffic flow.

So local rumours of 'Black Gold' being struck midway between the two petrol stations are unfounded, although the phrase "oyl int rooad" has been regularly used at the location.

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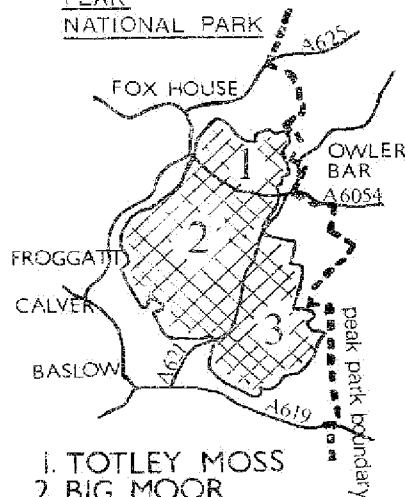
the Lady Mayoress. At the close of the ceremony Councillor Roger Barton, Chairman of the Recreation and Amenities Committee, will present mementos of this happy occasion to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

As there have been few occasions in recent years for plantings of this type in the Totley area, it is hoped that the community will support this event.

A.L. Winning (see page 7)
Director of Recreation & Amenities

MORE MOORS

PEAK
NATIONAL PARK



1. TOTLEY MOSS
2. BIG MOOR
3. RAMSLEY MOOR

TOTLEY MOSS has come under new ownership which will allow greater access to the village's own moorland pride. The Peak Park Planning Board has agreed to buy the Moss, Big Moor and Ramsley Moor for £525,000 from the Severn Trent Water Authority. And the Board's aims for the area include conservation, public free access, better footpaths and bridleways and continuing agricultural use. "It is vital that we protect this marvellous landscape for posterity. If we had not decided to do this then a very important area could have been sold off in bits and pieces", said chairman John Beadle. Parts of the Moss were closed off to the public by the Water authority, but it now no longer needs the land for water gathering. The cost of buying the

7,000-acre tract of land has however drained the Planning Board's £125,000 capital fund. The rest of the money will hopefully come from the National Heritage Memorial Fund and the Haure Conservancy Council and, if so, the 6,000 acres now closed will eventually be opened to the public.

Country lovers would then be able to explore fully a vast moorland which harbours not only what has been called "arguably the finest prehistoric landscape in the South Pennines", but two sites of special scientific interest with rare plants and wild life.

"We believe that we can conserve it through sensitive management and make sure that it is enjoyed by many more people", added Mr. Beadle.

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Meanwhile, the rumblings continue over the Moss's near neighbour, Blacka Moor, which is at the centre of a row over public access (see last month's issue).

The Ramblers Association now wants all fences erected by a farmer to pen in his sheep to be removed, although the farmer has permission from the City Council.

"We have decided that the only right and proper way on Blacka Moor is to ask for the fences to be removed completely and the land restored to its original state which was a free access, unrestricted area for many people from Sheffield", said vice-president John Bunting. The Association has won the backing of the Sheffield Campaign for Access to Moors, which is also keen to see the Moor preserved in the natural state laid down by Alderman J.G. Graves when he bequeathed the land to the city in 1933.

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At the last T.R.A. Committee Meeting, a petition was received from a local resident for the collection of signatures objecting to the above mentioned fencing in.

This petition is now out in local shops and pubs.

The T.R.A. Committee agreed to support the aims of the petition and endorse it with the name of Totley Residents Association.

The Recreation and Amenities Committee meet on March 10th when the renewal of the sheep grazing licence will be discussed.

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WASTE PAPER

Next collection will be from Totley College Car Park, Totley Hall Lane on Saturday March 12th between 9am - 12.30pm.

In future, collections will try to be established to the 2nd Saturday in the month.

If you can take your own paper, cardboard etc., this will be a great help. Those wanting paper collected please ring 367387 or 367034. The Bottle Banks in Totley Hall Lane are still available for your waste glass. Please deposit during daytime only.

St. John's Scouts parents committee are holding a 'Barn Dance' in St. John's Church Hall on Friday the 25th March, 1983. Dancing will be to the "Middle-sticks" and tickets are £2.00 which will include supper. There will also be a licensed bar.

St. John's Cubs have vacancies for new members. They meet on Thursdays at 6.30 until 8 pm. in the Scout hut at the back of the Church. If you are interested, either come along on Thursday or phone Diane on 366374 or Susan on 367450.

LETTERS

May I on behalf of all users of the footpath from Chapel Lane to Penny Lane say thank you to Mr. Taylor of Penny Lane for his help during the bad walking conditions. He has been kind enough to carry and distribute ashes from his coal fire along the whole length of this footpath and so help to avoid serious accidents along this path.

The nearest grit bin is Main Avenue and I have written to a Mr. J. Edwards, Director of Works, Manor Lane, for his help in this respect. Penny Lane and the footpath mentioned have been exceedingly difficult walking areas.

Again many thanks to Mr. Taylor for his thoughtfulness.

Mrs. W. Pigott
Chapel Lane.

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Teams consisting of up to twelve participants, all able to swim, coming from offices, banks, works, clubs etc., will be taking part in the event. Anyone in the Dore/Totley/Bradway area who would like further details regarding participation is asked to contact the Branch's Chairman Mr. Albert Smith, 251 Totley Brook Road, Sheffield, S17 3QX or phone 365923.

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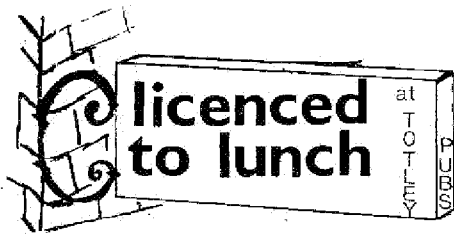
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STUMPED FOR A MEAL ?

Nestling down in the valley of Totley Bents is one of the areas most "countrified" and older pubs. The Cricket Inn was built during the last century and has been a favourite summertime haunt for both Totleyites and Sheffielders alike, for many years.

Cliff Hodgkinson and his wife Renee, hosts at the Cricket since 1979, started serving sandwiches at lunchtime, about two and a half years ago. They have expanded the variety of food with customer demand, to provide popular priced and varied lunches from Monday to Saturday, between 12 noon and 2.30pm. The top priced meals are Scampi and the unusual Golden Duckettes (Duck in Batter), both priced at £1.65, with Chicken at £1.20 and Pizza at a modest 80p, all served with chips and salad.

Meat and potato pie or Steak and kidney pie are both available with chips and peas for 95p.

There are 8 varieties of toasted sandwiches from 45p to 55p, with the most popular being 'Cliff's Special', which is bacon and black pudding at 55p. Chips and salad can be added for 30p extra to give a most substantial lunch.

Not as popular during the winter months, but very successful in summer are six varieties of cold sandwiches from 45p to 50p which can also be served with chips.

Cliff and Renee serve only savouries, because they say that customers find the lunches filling and have no desire for sweets. Freshly ground coffee completes the meal at 25p per cup. Or if you prefer... Wards beer is available at 58p per pint, Lager at 68p a pint and Cider at 40p a half pint. Wine by the glass is offered at 55p per glass or spirits at 54p.

Don't forget always on Friday nights menu is live jazz with admission only 50p.

contrasts

IF YOU WISH to be entertained by the musical sound of massed voices and help in raising money towards the Sheffield Body Scanner Fund then King Egbert School on Saturday March 5th at 7.30pm. is the place to be.

Dore Male Voice Choir are presenting the concert 'Contrasts' and their guests will be the Sheffield Ladies' Barber-shop Harmony Club.

Tickets are £1 each and can be obtained from Jim Frost on 364249 or from the Nottingham Building Society shop in Dore.



"Even allowing for your pride in the village, I still think Tet is an unusual name Mr. Ley".

TAKING CARE

RON MYERS and his family have been caretaking at Totley All Saints School for the past 16 months. Ron has also been a familiar figure, of late, helping behind the bar at the Cross Scythes. Mainly on the strength of experience gained there, he has been offered a pub of his own "The Talbot" at Warsop, an offer he found unable to refuse.

The family said they were sad to be leaving their friends and home in Totley, but they were looking forward to the challenge of the new way of life.

We wish them good luck and any one who drops in on them, will be sure of a warm welcome.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

THEY'VE DONE IT AGAIN !! Totley All Saints' pantomime "Sleeping Beauty" was quite in keeping with their previous successes. We have come to expect a quick moving production, and we were not disappointed. This reflects the hard work put into it by all the members of the cast, who supported each other admirably, both young and not so young - are you there Pop ?....

The backstage staff must have put in hours of work to produce such costumes, set and props and choreography, and choice of music.

All the old favourites were there - bumbling magician, long suffering Chamberlain, good and bad fairies (though how she flew on those wings beats me !), and of course the larger than life Dames.

The audience took part where required and this made the pace bubble along. Even the cannon joined in - though at one stage it looked as if it was in favour of unilateral disarmament !

Special mention must be made of young Mark Taylor, who on the Wednesday evening look over the part of the Sentry at tea-time and slipped into the song and dance routine like a "trooper".

well done all of you ! See you next year !

Tony Reynolds

footnote:

The cast send their best wishes for a speedy recovery to Catherine Wrigglesworth who was rushed into hospital mid-way through the run of the panto, and thank Pam Ballan for taking her place as the Wicked Fairy, at literally an hours notice.

A display of photographs will shortly be on view in Totley Library.

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GALLOPING GRANDADS

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"The Pennine Way" is the title of the library talk that will be given by John Pressley at 9 pm. on Tuesday, 8th March. This will not be a thrilling saga of nature in the raw, dangers overcome and travels in the wilderness but will be instead, to quote Mr. Pressley himself, the story of "The Galloping Grandads on the Pennine Way: a somewhat light-hearted account of the doings of four old sodgers having the holiday of a life-time. Whilst we cannot promise a cliff-hanging epic we do feel you will enjoy re-living this memorable holiday with us". As always, admission is free, and everyone will be very welcome.

Terry Whitham
Branch Librarian.

T.O.P.S.

TOTLEY OLDER PEOPLES SOCIETY

Following the second Annual General Meeting, this club is now 'under new management'. The principal officers for the coming year are:-
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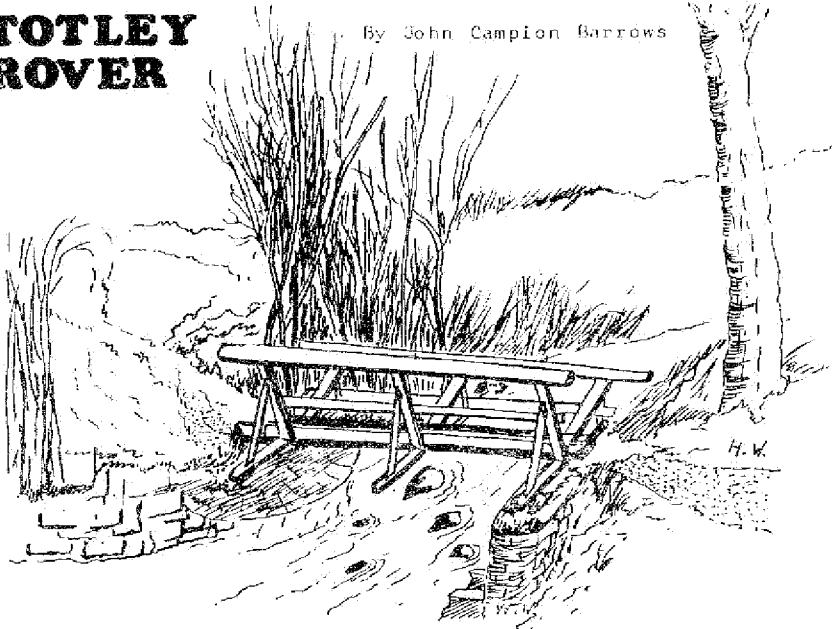
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TOTLEY ROVER

By John Campion Barrows



FOUR BRIDGES TO CROSS

LET US TAKE another delightful walk around Totley. The distance is only around 3 miles but weaves in and out of enchanting scenery set within 4 white bridges. Leave the Fleur de Lys and enter the new Totley Hall Estate along Stocks Green Drive which terminates into a path around the College grounds. The path winds behind the College buildings and we enter the edge of a ploughed field through a white gate. At the bottom of the field locate the white stile to our right, and after negotiating 2 more white stiles across 2 field lengths we cross a bridletrack and a further field length takes us into lovely Gillfield Wood. Pick out a faint track through the Plantation and we cross our first white bridge over the infant brook. Head across the field bearing slightly to the left where we find 2 stone (ancient) gate posts. You note the track in the centre of the next long field and head forward towards the Farm. The stile has been removed from the fence line so slightly to the right go through a gate into Storth Lane, 25 yards up the track towards Lidgate and the Holmsfield road and directly behind the farm go over a broken

down stile on your left. This will take you to a private fishing pond set in a lovely woodland scene. Along a causeway you will pass a small wooden shed. Enter the wood over the low fence. Once again the stile has been replaced. Keep a wall and fence line to our left and climb a fairly steep gorse sprinkled bank. Pause halfway up the slope near a quaint stone trough, hercabouts the views are delightful.

Totley and the Sheffield scene spread before us like a huge map. The bulk of Totley Moss dominates the sky-line. Keep the wall on our left, do

not enter a wooden gate, but head for the top corner of the bank crossing a stone stile into a lane and after 400 yds from the stile we pass the lovely Hall of Fanshaw Gate, with its fine gardens and period buildings. A finger post points its way 1 mile to Totley. After a couple of field lengths we are back down to Gillfield Woods and our second white bridge. This time don't cross the stream but stay along the bottom of the field and on our extreme right we enter another charming copse after negotiating a rickety stile. Please tread carefully in this woodland glade there may be fairies about! Everywhere seems so peaceful and all the ponies that graze around Woodthorpe and Fanshaw Halls seem so friendly. After leaving the copse we join the path from Owlter Lee and Shepherds Hill and cross our 3rd white bridge. Turn to our right and traverse the lower length of Gillfield Wood where the Sheaf tributary dances merrily along, and then we cross our fourth white bridge below Green Oak and which locates a field path to St. George's Farm. As we wend our way down the bridletrack towards Mickley Lane and home we may weaken and spread our wings a little at the beckoning sight of the Shepley Spitfire. A thirst well earned after a grand little walk.

P.S. Keep walking these secret paths for they are slowly disappearing into pasture land and crops. The path from Moor Woods Farm to Gillfield Wood is almost non-existent.

POETS CORNER

LIGHTS FROM THE CITY

Tall tapered street lamps hold angular flattened flowers, changing from coral to sunfrost yellow through all the long night, up the civilised hills leading out from the maze of the city, their monotone arms edge-runways for car-wheels, feet clattering home to suburban avenues... Hard line of moor puts an end to the sentinel lights, daytime danson and wine, now blocked indigo, where glow-worms of lamps from windows of farmhouse and cottage show that beyond this perfect perspective there is habitation, imperturbable streams thread between stones, bilberries cluster in summer like miniature grapes, all rainsoft, rich earth smell, and children's laughter rings through the moss-edged lanes.

Lyn Cooper.



"Hey Atlas what's the dialling code for Totley?"

GROUND WORK

A MAMMOTH pond and grounds restoration scheme was started at Abbeydale Hall in the summer and the work continues into the winter months.

The work is being carried out by the Conservation Group based in Hallam. (although help from local residents is always appreciated). In September, the drainage of the ponds was improved, and although the original drainage had to be by-passed, due to hibernating frogs, the system was finished by late October.

In January the project continued with some woodland management, clearing scrub which tends to limit the kinds of plants found in the grounds.

Further work will be taking place in the coming months, details of which will be reported later.

COMMUNITY DIARY

A NEW 1983 'Community Diary' is to be placed in Totley Library for the use of all Groups and Associations in the Totley area, in a renewed effort to avoid clashes of dates when planning their local events.

The diary can be used for entries and reference. Organisations can help by ensuring that someone e.g. Secretary or Publicity Officer, is responsible for keeping entries up to date. Also the same person should check that the details of their organisation in the Community Profile Index are correct, as these tend to alter annually, in particular after A.G.M.'s.

A SHADY NOOK

It seems the ideal tribute to all the hard work put in by T.A.D.E.S. under Chairman Stan Bingham, that Gordon Wragg has chosen the Pinfold to plant the trees to mark his year of office.

It is probably the first time that a Mayor has chosen a site in Totley, although Councillor Hebblethwaite planted his tree in Dore Recreation Ground.

The Pinfold "gardening" continues, although recent bad weather has held work up. In addition to planting, one more seat has to be installed and crazy paving laid. The trees themselves should add a finishing touch. They are a slow growing variety, producing a colourful pink flower around May or June.

Gordon says he chose the site because he thought the trees would be an added attraction and people will enjoy sitting amongst them and the other plants. One tree is to be planted in the far corner, near the school and the other at the front.

The Pinfold should be fully planted-up and complete by summer.

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MARCH DIARY

4th	Fri.	Women's World Day of Prayer. 10.30. St. John's Church
5th	Sat.	Dore Male Voice Choir. King Egbert School. 7.30pm
8th	Tue.	Library Talk. 8pm. "The Pennine Way" - John Pressley
8th	Tue.	English Taskin Players. 7.45pm. King Egbert School
8th	Tue.	All Saints P.T.A. 7.45pm. Cross Scythos. A.G.M.
9th	Wed.	St. John's Wednesday Club. Annual Dinner.
11th	Fri.	Totley Evening Guild. 7.30pm. Abbeydale Hall - Speaker Mr. James Powell. Sales table is Home Bake
11th	Fri.	Dore & Totley Peace Action Group. 7.30pm. Abbeydale Hall. Debate of report on 'The Church and the Bomb'
12th	Sat.	Scouts Waste Paper Collection. College Car Park 9.30 to 12 noon. See details inside.
12th	Sat.	St. John's Wednesday Club. Jumble Sale. 2pm.
18th	Fri.	All Saints P.T.A. Dinner Dance. Manor Hotel - Dronfield. Details and tickets from Tony Kyle on 351196.
21st	Mon.	King Egbert Assoc., Special Meeting to discuss registration as a charity. Members to be informed
22nd	Tue.	T.R.A. Committee Meeting. 37 Sunnyvale Rd. 7.30pm.
23rd	Wed.	St. John's Wed. Club. Demonstration by BAMIX. 8pm
25th	Fri.	11am. Tree Planting on Pinfold by Lord Mayor.
25th	Fri.	St. John's Church Hall. Barn Dance. Tickets £2

REPORT BACK

T.R.A. Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd March.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

Nothing further to report, hopefully more news next month.

DINNER DANCE

Fixed for Saturday April 30th. Demand for tickets is sure to be heavy for this popular event. Details and price to be announced shortly.

WAR MEMORIAL

The latest letter received from the Estate Surveyor's Department suggests that, at last, the work will proceed. T.R.A. have guaranteed the £280 now asked for as a contribution towards the total cost.

A separate bank account is to be opened at Nat West, Totley Rise, "Totley War Memorial Fund" and donations are now invited from local people, who would like to contribute towards the cost of the plaque. These can either be paid in directly to the bank or placed in a sealed envelope marked "War Memorial" and either handed to a committee member or Totley Independent collecting point or sent to the T.R.A. Treasurer, John Perkinson, 2 Main Avenue.

MONNYBROOK

Three residents, representing the Totley Bents area, attended

the meeting and produced a copy of a letter that has accompanied a petition, which has already been presented to the City Planning Department, raising various objections to the future proposed use of Monnybrook by the Canine Defence League. (See last months issue).

They expressed their concern that they had not been circularised about the proposed development, their objections include:

The level of sound from such a great increase in the numbers of dogs would be a great nuisance throughout the year.

Sheep graze on nearby hillsides and dogs are liable to be shot if caught chasing them. The possible escape of any dogs from such kennels would, therefore, cause a hazard.

The greatly increased fouling of the grass verges so close to human habitation, while exercising the dogs, is unwise on health grounds.

The peace and tranquility of this conservation area would be disrupted over quite a wide area.

This area has a rifle range the gun fire of which invariably causes the dogs to bark.

They conclude that such an institution, would be better sited on a more major road with better access and preferably in a more isolated area.

The T.R.A. Committee voted to support the above and their objections.

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