

Worcestershire Education Committee

COUNTY LIBRARY

Official Opening of

HAGLEY BRANCH LIBRARY

by

The Chairman of the County Council

Mr. J. M. C. Higgs

31 OCTOBER 1962

PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS by the Chairman of the  
County Library Sub-Committee, Alderman  
E. GITTUS.

OPENING by the Chairman of the County Council  
Mr. J. M. C. HIGGS.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION to be offered by the  
Rector, The Rev. R. JACKSON HODGINS.

VOTE OF THANKS by the Chairman of the Hagley  
Branch Local Advisory Committee, Mr.  
W. R. ELLIOTT.

TEA

SOME NOTES ON THE NEW BRANCH LIBRARY

The site for the new building was made available by the Parish Council, who asked that the Library should be designed as part of a scheme which would include a future Community Centre. Certain conditions, relating notably to the choice of materials, were made by the Parish Council.

The Architect was Captain L. C. Lomas, F.R.I.B.A., County Architect, in association with Messrs. Robinson and Kay, F.R.I.B.A., of Stourbridge. The Quantity Surveyors were Messrs. Bridgewater and Coulton, F./F.R.I.C.S., of Stourbridge, and the general contractors John Dallow and Sons, Ltd., of Blackheath and West Bromwich.

The building is of traditional construction and is faced with Himley Golden Russet wire cut bricks; the inner wall is of 4" Thermalite blocks. The roof, which is supported on timber purlins and rafters on steel trusses, is covered with Tucker's hand made tiles. The ceiling is of suspended insulation board. Lighting is by fluorescent fittings and heating by electric convactor heaters. The block floor is of copalwood and the book-shelves and counter of sapele mahogany.

The accommodation, totalling approximately 1,300 square feet, consists of an entrance hall, an open plan Lending Library with Reference and Children's sections, a staff workroom and a staff cloakroom. Approximately 5,500 books can be displayed on the shelves.

The cost of the building and fittings was £7,484.