

## Hagley's speed with community centre project

The constitution of the proposed Community Centre at Hagley has been drawn up, plans have been made for the building, and already various raffles and other events are being organised to begin raising the money for a centre which is estimated to cost between £20,000 and £30,000.

The first annual general meeting of the association was held on Tuesday.

Mr. J. L. Hakney said that the cost depended on the type of construction. It was hoped to include a main hall, a stage and a gymnasium, together with smaller rooms which could be used for meetings. If all the organisations in the village affiliated and everyone supported the centre, the village would benefit.

A new cricket club had been formed as a result of the association and he was hoping that shortly a tennis club would be formed.

The treasurer (Mr. A. H. Chattin) said that the building fund had been launched and raffles and dances were already being planned and a garden party had been organised for June 22. About 260 bowls had been produced with the crest of the association in the centre and these were to be put on sale at 4s. each.

The chairman of the membership and publicity committee, Mr. Daniel Batham said that there were already 229 members of the association which had only been going for four months. Nineteen organisations in the village were represented on its committee. The new association's newspaper "The Hagley News," would be out at the beginning of each month, giving results and forthcoming activities of the association and its affiliated groups.

Mr. F. J. Symonds (chairman of the National Association of Community Associations) complimented the committee on the speedy way in which they had got on with their project. Mr. W. E. G. Stuart (chairman of the Parish Council) presided.

Viscount Cobham has consented to be the patron. Officers elected were: Mr. W. E. C. Stuart (president), Mr. A. H. Chattin (chairman), Mr. J. L. Hakney (treasurer), Mr. T. Edwards (secretary), Mr. W. Nicholls (vice-chairman) and Mr. D. Batham (chairman of the membership and publicity committee).