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Hagley's £22,000 Community Centre opens

The tape across the main entrance being cut at the opening ceremony. In the picture are (from right to left) Dr. Naomi Turner (president), Mr. A. H. Chattin (chairman), Lord Cobham, Mr. F. Ratherham (vice-chairman) and Lady Cobham (No. 691101).

COMPLETION of Hagley Community Centre was described as "a great act of faith" by Lord Cobham when he opened it on Saturday.

"I hope that this centre will see the coming of old friendships and the forging of new ones," he said.

Association chairman Mr. A. H. Chattin said: "In the past eight years much work has been done by many people to this end. We have created Hagley Community Centre, embracing the majority of people and organisations in Hagley.

"The best possible reward would be to see the centre fully used (the indications are that it will be) and fostering the community spirit and fellowship which we must never lose sight of."

DONATIONS

Thanks were due to the Parish Council and chairman, Mr. W. E. C. Stuart, for making the land available and for the recent donation of £250.

Donations had also been made from the Rural District and County councils and from the Ministry of Education and Science, who had matched the £10,000 raised by the village.

The £22,000 centre comprises a main hall with a large stage, a committee room which can be divided into two, and catering facilities.

BUSY WEEK

A vote of thanks to the Bishop and to Lord Cobham was proposed by the association president, Dr. Mrs. N. Turner.

The Bishop of Worcester, the Rt. Rev. Mervyn Charles-Edwards, blessed the building.

Mr. Chattin presented bouquets to Lady Cobham, to the Bishop in the absence of Mrs. Charles-Edwards, and to Mrs. Turner.

A dinner-dance was held in the evening.

Events planned for the week were: Monday, film show by A. H. Chattin; Tuesday, choral and concert evening; Wednesday, open evening when visitors were invited to look round the centre; Thursday, Let's Do A Play Club pageant; Friday, Toc H whist drive; Saturday, H.C.A. dance.