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NEWBOLD VERDON



Pupils of Newbold Verdon Primary School with some of their art work which was put on display at the new village library on its opening day on Friday last week. Left to right are Linsey Powell, Lisa Bolter, Anthony Smith and Ian Powell.

End of fifteen year fight for new library

THE opening of the new library at Newbold Verdon, last Friday, marked the end of a fifteen year fight by local residents to obtain a permanent library building for the village.

The importance of the occasion was not lost on local primary school children, who gave the first day a touch of colour with an exhibition of their art work in the new premises.

The library, a former mobile classroom, will replace the mobile library service, which used to visit the village once a fortnight, and will have a total stock of more than 9,000 books covering a wide range of subjects.

The new premises were due to start business last summer, but a serious fire which caused delay to the building of the new library at Birstall, where the mobile classroom was transferred from, and the threat of a County Council ban on extending services caused the additional wait. Eventually the Finance Sub-committee approved the scheme with the backing of the Libraries and Museums Committee.

There will be a small display area and notice board in the new building where local news and activities can be advertised.

The library will be open for 20 hours a week at the following times: Monday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday 2 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.; Saturday 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

LOCAL STUDIES

After 15 years Newbold Verdon gets a library

NEWBOLD VERDON is to get a public library. Fifteen years after villagers first started campaigning for one. The parish council has heard that the County Libraries Committee has sanctioned a library in a temporary building on waste ground in Sparkenoe.

A parish councillor said: "We have had to rely on the mobile library service, which considering the big demand for books, has not been sufficient. We are very pleased now that we are going to get our own library."

But the council has not been told how the library will be manned or the hours it will be open.

The council's plea for parking regulations between the Methodist Church and the corner of Basket Lane looks like being successful too.

Members of the county's highway committee and officials are to meet the parish council for an "on-the- spot investigation."

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NEW LIBRARY OPENS AT NEWBOLD VERDON AFTER YEAR'S DELAY

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The county council's ban on extending services without prior approval of the Finance Sub-Committee nearly threatened the project again, but with the strong approval of the Libraries and Museums Committee, the Finance Sub-Committee approved the project.

The annual running costs of the library have been estimated at £2,600.

With a floor area of 750 square feet, the library has been equipped with new shelving which houses a stock of 4,000 books.

The total stock exceeds 9,000 and includes fiction and non-fiction, local studies material, children's books and information sources. A small display area and notice board will be used to advertise the activities of local societies.

The mobile library, which visited Newbold for only three hours a week, made its last call last Friday and readers will be able to return their books to the new library, which is open for 20 hours a week.

A team of librarians will visit the library, which is part of a group of libraries administered from Coalville, and there will be an exhibition of art work executed by local schoolchildren on display at the opening of the library.

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The '15—year' library opens

A library at Newbold Verdon has finally opened after fifteen years of local agitation and a succession of delays.

The County Council acquired the site on Main Street three years ago.

It was hoped to replace the mobile service at Newbold Verdon by the transfer of a classroom unit from Birstall last summer.

But the building of the new library at Birstall was delayed by a serious fire and so Newbold Verdon had to wait.

The annual running costs of the library are estimated at £2,600. The library has a floor area of 750 square feet and has been equipped with shelving which houses a stock of 4,000 books.

The library, whose total stock exceeds 9,000 volumes, will be open for 20 hours a week.