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ask farmers to take two days off in the middle of June to enter the show, but we shall be doing everything we can to encourage them and I think we shall have a

in North West Leicestershire for when the pits close down.

"So Leicestershire County Council, after spending more than £1 million of ratepayers

Baptist church organ's first overhaul in 90 years

THE 122-year-old organ at the Baptist Church in Newbold Verdon will be given its first public playing on Sunday since its major overhaul.

The restoration work has been carried out this month by Mr. John Burns, of a Nuneaton organ building firm, and is the first major overhaul since the organ's installation at the church 90 years ago.

Originally bought for £60 it replaced a harmonium, called David, at the church, while a second harmonium, Goliath, was retained.

The organ has been moved twice during its life at the church, and at present lies in a special extension, built in 1928.

The restoration has pleased former organist Mr. Leslie Hill, now 68, who played it at the opening service following the extensions to the church in 1929.

At present his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Christine Hill, is the church organist, she said: "The whole church is looking forward to hearing the organ again, it is a vital instrument to the service.

"Now that the work has been done the organ should give us good service for 60 or 70 years."

The organ was built by a London organ builder, Mr. George M. Holdich. Other examples of his work include the organs at the United Reformed Church at Hinckley and Lichfield Cathedral.

Newhousing 'isneeded'

LEICESTERSHIRE County Council's action in allowing residential development in Queniborough was attacked at the meeting of the council on Wednesday.

Mr. John Grant claimed that the council ignored the environmental and social considerations as to why the area should not be developed but Mr. Kenneth Bowder, chairman of the Environment Committee said that all the relevant issues had been fully considered.

He said that the separate identity of villages such as Queniborough and East Goscote would not be altered by 100 new

Improvements to Ashby's environment

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