

# Room for everything in town's new library

Spreading their wings for the first time for years are members of the staff of Kenilworth's new library. From cramped quarters in Bridge Street, they now have, in comparison, a vast new building in Smalley Place.

It began its working life on Thursday — two days after official opening on Tuesday. It has a junior section six times larger than the ground floor of the original building and the working space alone where catalogues are compiled and books repaired is larger than the entire library in Bridge Street.

Space in the lending library is far greater and where before the reference library was confined to a corner, the new section takes up almost half of the semi-basement area in Smalley Place. Included in that section of study cubicles. They can be booked in advance for a period of time and enable work needing the utmost concentration to be carried out in almost perfect peace.

The original library has been used in Bridge Street since the mid-1920's. The building in which it was housed was constructed in 1836 as a school. In future it will be used to store books.

The longest serving member of Kenilworth Council, Councillor Dr. L. Smalley, performed the official opening of the library — and the new police station, and health clinic on Tuesday afternoon.

The three buildings — opposite the newly opened De Montfort Hotel — are to be named Smalley Place in the doctor's honour.

Councillor Dr. Smalley who has lived in the town for over 43 years and has been a member of the Council since 1934, said that the face and character of Kenilworth was undergoing a major change.

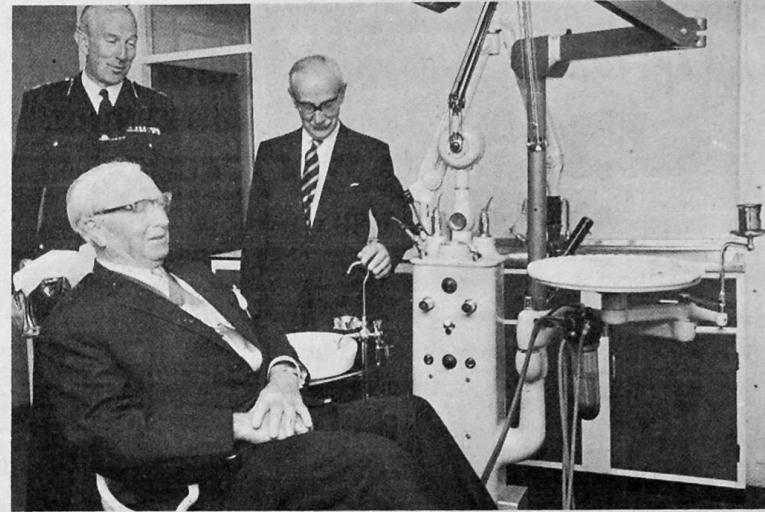
"This development shows good co-operation between the county council and Kenilworth council which we want to foster," said Councillor Dr. Smalley.

Council chairman, Councillor Kenneth Rawnsley, said that the county architect was to be congratulated on the pleasing design of the buildings which, he said, fitted in so well with the general environment of the area.



Making use of the microfilm reader is a member of the staff. It can be used by anyone, however, and one roll of film contains a month's editions of *The Times*.

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Even the chairman of Warwickshire County Council, Alderman J. H. Steele, can look a bit apprehensive in a dentist's chair, especially when the "dentist" happens to be Councillor Dr. L. Smalley. Doctor Smalley was showing the Chief Constable of Warwickshire, Mr. R. Matthews, and Alderman Steele round the dental department in the new Health Clinic which he officially opened on Tuesday.

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A view from the lending library across to the entrance and checking out counter.

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