

Jaywick Library goes from Strength to Strength



Flashback: Gordon Flaunty and Margaret Bowerman opening the library last year

A volunteer-led library is celebrating its first full year of business.

The centre at Golf Green Hall in Jaywick was officially opened last April after existing facilities in the area were moved to Bishops Park College on Jaywick Lane.

Now, more than 400 members regularly attend the co-operative centre in Golf Green Road to swap books, have a chat and a cuppa with the volunteers and use the computer for surfing the internet and word processing.

Committee vice-chair, Sylvia Hobbs, said: "We've just bought a photocopier as well, with a grant of £2,500 from the Interaction Partnership.

"That's available for public use, and will hopefully bring some money in.

"We pay all the expenses ourselves apart from rent which Essex County Council pays for, so we are always fundraising."

The next charity event for the library is an auction, taking place on Saturday, April 19.

People can bring in items for sale, with ten per cent of the final sale price to be donated to the library.

And in the summer, the committee will hold a sale of any books they have received twice.

Meanwhile, volunteers will keep their fingers crossed that support will continue from Essex County Council, which has only pledged to pay the rent on Golf Green Hall for another year.

Mrs Hobbs praised the other committee members for their hard work over the last year; Margaret Bowerman, Neville Bowerman, Dan Casey, Lyn Gale and Linda Thompson.

Volunteers are always on the look-out for donations of books, CDs, DVDs or videos to loan out to members.