



● The new £47,000 Woolpit health centre.

A new £47,000 health centre—first of its kind in West Suffolk—was officially opened at Woolpit on Wednesday.

The centre, which places doctors' surgeries and county council health services under one roof, has set a pattern for others in the county.

Already another is nearing completion in Bury St. Edmunds. Four others are planned—at Haverhill, Hadleigh, Sudbury and Bildeston and Mildenhall—but these may be delayed by the cut-back in public spending.

The Woolpit centre houses three doctors, whose practice extends from Drinkstone to Walsham-le-Willows. In addition it has a child health clinic and a chiropody clinic.

County health services are administered at the centre by four nurses, a midwife and a health visitor, and the attractive wood panelled building makes a comfortable place for patients to sit and wait for appointments.

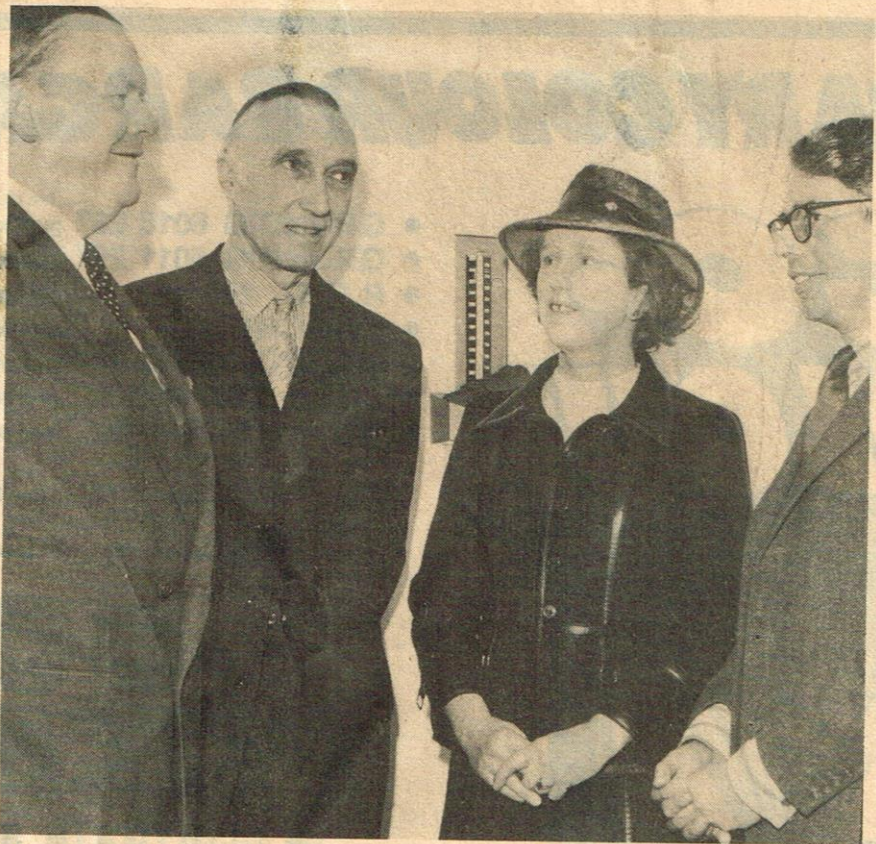
The centre was built by Haymills (Contractors) Ltd., of Stowmarket, in eight months for £42,000. Furniture and fittings cost a further £5,000.

The money was provided by West Suffolk County Council, who now lease the building to West Suffolk Executive Council.

Health service re-organisation at the end of March means that the centre will be administered by the new Suffolk Area Health Authority, and its chairman, Sir Ian Scott, performed the opening ceremony.

In his speech Sir Ian, who is also chairman of Dr. Barardo's Homes, said he hoped health care would function even better as a result of the centre.

## Centre opened



● All smiles following the opening—from left: Chairman of West Suffolk County Council Sir Joshua Rowley, Chairman of Suffolk Area Health Authority Sir Ian Scott, Chairman of West Suffolk County Council Health Committee Mrs. Hilary Russell, and senior partner in the centre's practice, Dr. A. J. Russell.