

### **Brief history**

Aigburth Peoples Hall (APH or Hall) was officially opened on 21st June, 1901.

Over the years it has been offering all sorts of activities for members, and local & non-local residents e.g. Snooker, Bowls, Football, Table Tennis, Social Events, Concerts, and Garden Fetes.

APH received a licence to sell alcohol in the late 1960s (or very early seventies) and, equipped with a large concert room with stage and dance floor, plus other useful facilities like the large outside grounds, it has been used for all kinds of social events and party occasions. At one stage APH had over 2000 members, with a two year waiting list to join. Over the years it has been a very busy hub for the local community but in more recent times the numbers of people using the venue dropped.

In 2007 APH shut down closing its doors to the public. The committee at that time attributed this to overwhelming financial losses with dwindling membership subscriptions, higher overheads/running costs, diminishing turnover, and unsurmountable building repair costs etc.

For a while, the building was left empty.

In 2008/9 we agreed to take on the premises with a lease agreement from the local council, and later went on to buy the building freehold from the council. We have invested our whole life savings into the improvement, restoration and regeneration of the Hall.

### **Today**

Since re-opening APH has been run in a manner offering all sorts of activities and social events; it is run with the members and residents in mind and constantly encourages the local community to use its facilities and wonderful grounds.

We are dedicated to improving, the once dilapidated facilities at the Hall, and providing a wonderful space for locals to spend time. We are sympathetic to any reasonable concerns that might arise from locals and endeavour to make the Hall a place everyone is pleased with.

Today we are proud to say we have a number of activities/interests linked with the hall: Running Club, Cycling Club, Football teams, Quiz Leagues, Slimming World groups, Poker Club, residents associations, Soroptimists association, Garden Fetes, Summer Fit Camps, Market days, Charity Balls, BBQ days, Kids & Adults Halloween themed Nights etc.

As a business we do have a duty to try to make an income to survive and this is primarily through events like disco nights, band nights, christenings, birthday parties, comedy nights, Sportsmen's Doss, weddings, funerals, and all sorts of festive occasions that people may wish to celebrate. It would be catastrophic to the Hall without these regular sources of income – without it, the business would certainly not survive. Improvements to the hall are paramount to its success and we always aim to operate to the highest standards and create a pleasant place for all to enjoy. We want everyone in the area to be proud of Aigburth Peoples Hall.