

## **Pilling Memorial Hall**

A brief history;

1920 The 'Legion Hall' built by volunteers of land donated by a local family.

1930's Lean to built on West side used as a kitchen and games room.

1948 Lean to built on South end to provide toilets.

1960/70's Deeds passed to London HQ of the Royal British Legion as local Pilling branch dwindles.

1984 Legion/Pilling Memorial Hall registered as a charity with new constitution and leased from the Royal British Legion at peppercorn rent for 25 years.

1984 – 1991 Extensive renovations: new kitchen, games room renovated incorporated as Comrades Room, central heating installed and a new roof. Internally the stage was renovated.

2002 Lease expires and new legislation requires market rent, beyond our means, results in the hall being purchased by Pilling Memorial Hall and Pilling Parish Council on behalf of residents at a cost of £35,000.

2002 – 2008 Hall deemed in need of replacement as it is unable to meet modern legislation and has structural problems. Field area at rear purchased as play area. Bid for £750,000 to rebuild fails at last hurdle.

2007 – 2010 Grants secured enabling refurbishment. Wind turbine installed, new gas heating system installed, hall double glazed and insulated. New furniture purchased and toilets for the disabled provided. Exterior re-painted, gutters renewed and car park resurfaced.

2005 onwards Pilling Parish Council investigates a number of local sites on which to create a recreation area and earmarks £20,000 in reserves for this purpose. An 18 acre field off Taylors Lane is identified on which play facilities and a new hall could be built. Pilling Parish Council and Pilling Memorial Hall Committee liaise together with Wyre Council and negotiate to purchase the land and plan facilities to be provided. Developer approached who agrees to purchase existing Memorial Hall premises to develop 26 affordable houses for

local people. Project Pilling 20 20 made up of Pilling Parish Council, Pilling Memorial Hall Committee and interested residents establish a working party to pursue the concept.