ARCHWAY CENTRAL HALL

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Table 11.1: Membership Figures at Archway Central Hall, 1934 – 1984.

Year	Number of Members
1934	632
1944	-
1954	537
1964	434
1974	186
1984	161

Source: 'Minutes of the Leaders Meetings, Archway Methodist Church, 1934 – 1984'

1934



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REMEMBER!

Archway Central Hall and Central Hall Buildings (Now Archway Methodist Church) opened to the public and were originally used as a place of worship for the Methodists, a cinema, a Sunday school.

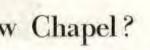
Membership fell after World War 2. Cine projectors sold but screens remained. Central Hall began being used as a youth club through the Methodist Association of Youth Clubs (MAYC).

Youth Club use ceased and the congregation became significantly smaller.

1960's

Due to substantial maintenance costs coupled with the fact that the Main Hall was deemed to be "out-moded" and "apart from the period up to the war" it was "too large for normal requirements" significant alterations were made that included the removal of the tip-up seating cinema seats and the levelling of the Main Hall floor.

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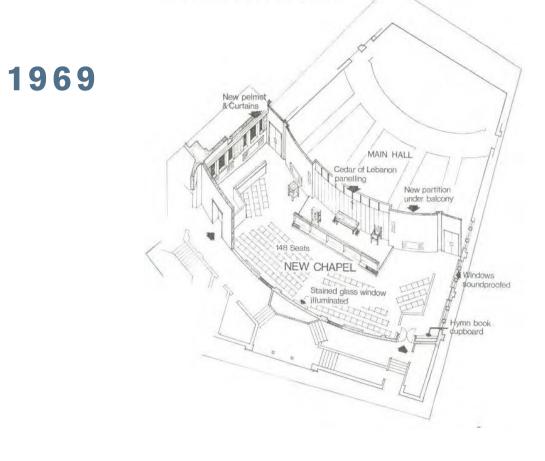
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In your giving and praying, remember the promise of scripture: "Bring the full tithes ... and prove me says the Lord of Hosts, if I will not ... pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3:10).

THE REV. JOHN BEECH. ARCHWAY CENTRAL HALL, ARCHWAY CLOSE, LONDON, N.19.

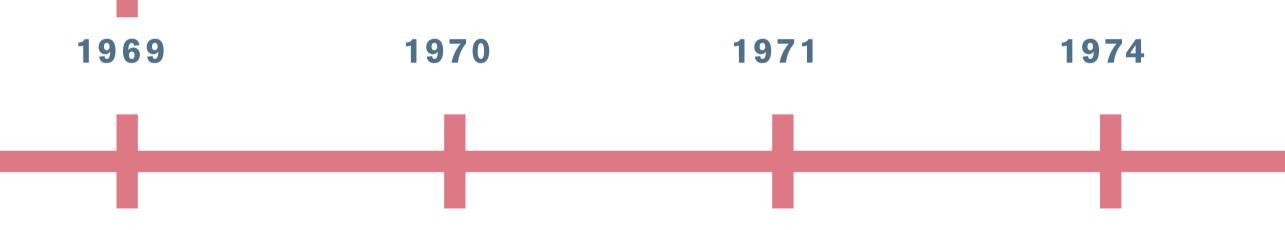
Advertising Brochure to raise funds for refurbishment. Source: Archway Methodist Church.



The creation of the worship centre as displayed on the funding brochure. By Nye, Saunders and Partners of Guildford, 1969. Source: Archway Methodist Church.



Rev John Beech and Sister Evelyn Brown in the new worship centre, c. 1971 Source: Archway Methodist Church



Archway Gyratory created leaving the Archway Central Hall isolated save for a subway system.

London Borough of Islington's Social Services Department Occupied the Chapel and Prayer Room.

Membership numbers reduced to 186, in 1954 there were 537 members. 1970



Figure 11.17: Construction work begins on the gyratory road system, January 1969. Source: Archway Methodist Church.

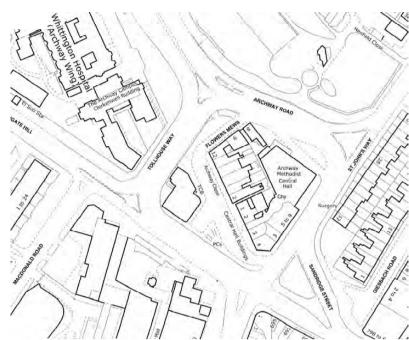
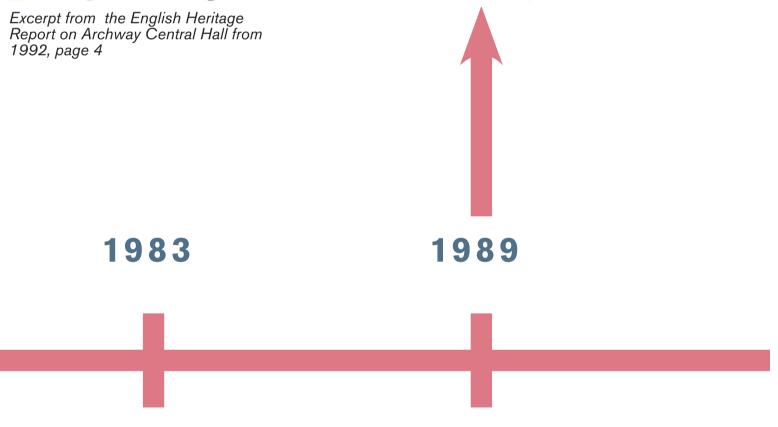


Figure 11.18: The Archway Road Gyratory, 1: 1250. Source: © Crown Copyright/database right 2009. An Ordnance Survey/EDINA supplied service.

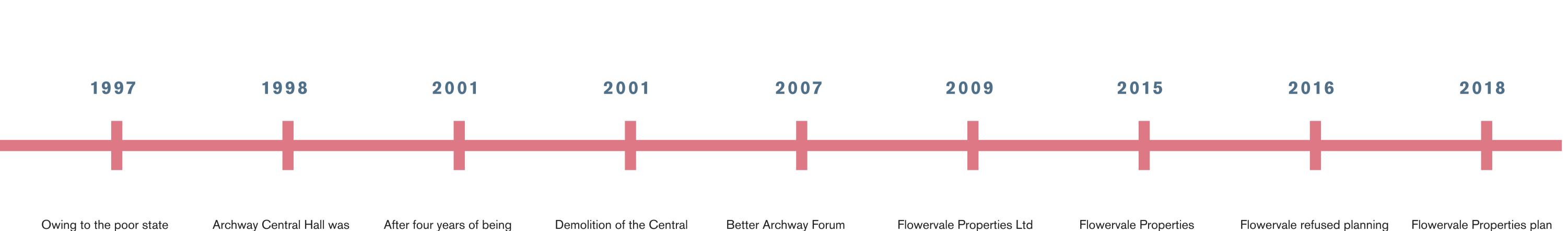
1989

Comments: Given the condition of the building and the cost of putting it right, it is likely that it will be pulled down and rebuilt. Although very characteristic of its period, the main features giving it distinction (the tower and main hall) have been lost or altered and the quality of the detailing of the building is unexceptional.



Significant refurbishment of the Central Hall resulted in the removal of original features such as the ticket office and cream faience tiling.

An attempt to list the building was made but was rejected owing to the high level of alteration, loss of distinctive features and the unexceptional quality of the Art Deco detailing.



of the Central Hall which resulted in a significant repair bill that proved unviable to undertake coupled with a dwindling congregation, Archway Central Hall was put on the market for sale by the Methodists but the Central Hall Buildings (Now Archway Methodist Church) were to remain in their ownership.

Archway Central Hall was locally listed by London Borough of Islington at Grade B in 1998; this is London Borough of Islington's second tier of grading for locally listed buildings (out of Grades A, B and C). Access to Archway Central Hall via subway system stopped due to a series of robberies leaving Archway Central Hall and other buildings isolated.

on the market, Archway Central Hall was finally sold to a firm of property developers and the congregation moved to from Archway Central Hall to a new worship centre in the Central Hall Buildings (now Archway Methodist Church) adjacent to Central Hall. This accommodation was said to be 'a flexible and comfortable environment for worship'. At this this point the Methodists had 162 members in Archway.

Hall was proposed by BDP Architects as part of a wider masterplan for the Archway Area but this was vehemently opposed by Better Archway Forum.

Better Archway Forum successfully managed to convince the new owners of Archway Central Hall to withdraw their proposals.

Flowervale Properties Ltd acquired Archway Central Hall.

Flowervale Properties submitted a planning application to London Borough of Islington which involved the conversion of existing building into a residential led scheme

References:

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permission by London Borough of Islington for the conversion of existing building into a residential led scheme.

Flowervale Properties plan on submitting a detailed planning application to demolish the existing building and replace with a high quality landmark building delivering a much needed community and employment use in the area.

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