

Design & Heritage Statement

The Lamproom Westgate, Barnsley, S70 2DX

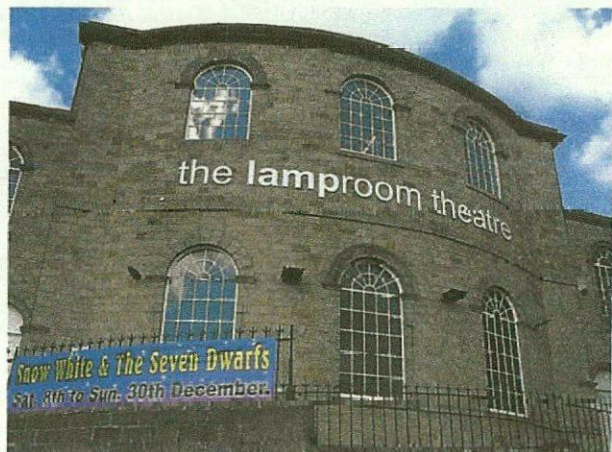
The building opened in 1794 as a Methodist chapel, holding a long service until it was purchased by the National Association of Boys' Club in 1948.

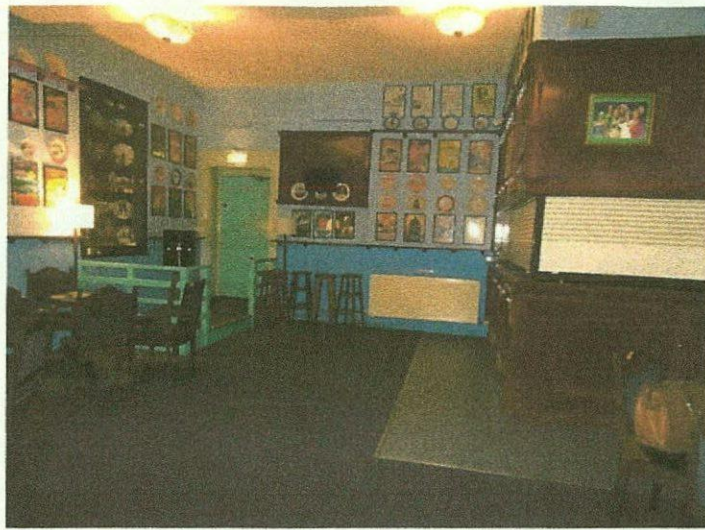
With a library and a gym for basketball, gymnastics and boxing, along with table tennis and snooker facilities, the club was also used by Barnsley Junior Operatic Society from 1953-1965.

In 1998, the boys club was purchased for use as a theatre. Under the leadership and enthusiasm of John Kelly and over 100 patrons, subscribers and volunteers 'The Peoples Theatre' launched in 1999 as The Lamproom Theatre. After extensive fundraising, the Trust managed to raise the monies needed to restore the building.

Today, the Lamproom continues to thrive, used by various amateur theatre companies as well as welcoming professional companies and celebrity guests.

A grade II listed building, with continued support, the Lamproom will stand prominent in Barnsley's future culture for years to come.





Existing Bar

Many modern structures now surround this well proportioned Georgian building, for example large curtain glazed residential, leisure and office blocks. It is vital for the continued life of the theatre to keep in step with the thriving surrounding community.

The application is for the refurbishment of a tired a dated theatre bar. The proposed works are mainly cosmetic in nature providing new finishes to the existing surfaces. Transforming a 20 year old bar into an aesthetically pleasing part of the theatre based on the appearance of a Georgian parlour.

The works consist of a raised floor to make the room more amenable to disabled theatre goers, finished with French weave timber effect flooring. The walls will be panelled with raised mouldings together with decorative skirtings and architraves. The bar will reflect the design of the walls with antique mirrors and brass tops. There will be a suspended plasterboard and skimmed ceiling, with Georgian cornice moulding, hung below the existing soffit. This will house the new heating / cooling unit, replacing the below standard radiator system. The existing poor lighting will be replaced with dimmable fixtures in sympathy with the new design. The painting and decorating will be in keeping with the new scheme.

The only intrusive works involves the forming of a new opening within a wall to incorporate a jib door, with a small aperture in the floor to form access to the existing beer cellar; which currently can only be reached by an external route which can be somewhat trepidatious and dangerous particularly late at night with the chance of unsavoury late night revellers; also in inclement weather in the winter months with snow and ice on an incline

The scheme endeavours to honour the history of the building, whilst bringing it into the twenty first century and making it a viable long term attraction for the town.

