

The Church Institute on Hough Lane

The billiard tables were taken out and that hall used for concerts, leaving the dance hall with it's maple floor entirely for dances. This proved to be a very successful move, and provided a good opportunity for the Vicar's wife to form a girls' choir which gave some very good concerts on the stage, complete with really professional lighting provided by one of our own electrician members of the Church.

Some time later a Youth Club was formed under the control of one of our young men, which was useful for keeping young people off the streets, though things got a little bit out of hand occasionally. Unfortunately, from some unknown cause the whole place was burned to the ground. Being built entirely of wood the blaze was terrific. It took place in July 1957 when Mary and I were on holiday. After all the work we had put into the Institute we were absolutely stunned to hear the news when we returned. Needless to say plans were immediately put into effect to raise money for a new building.

From the memoirs of Victor Cox.

The electrician mentioned was Nelson Moreton whose real job was providing electricity for the Leeds Trams.