

The future of Plas Hall

I'm sure you will be interested to hear what plans are afoot for **Plas Hall** in the near future. So after many months of (sometimes worried) speculation, it's wonderful to have new owners who value the impressive building and the location. I'll let **Mike and Carrie White** introduce themselves



We purchased **Plas Hall** in December 2015, having fallen in love with the old Manor earlier that year. We purchased the building with vacant possession, and plan to run a different style of business from the premises in due course.

Hailing from East Anglia, we have previously run a manufacturing business, specialising in wood veneer for 20 years, followed by 10 years of Mike growing plants, and Carrie working as a Faculty Manager in the University of East Anglia. We have four grown-up children, who are variously excited by the project, or wondering quite what has made their parents decide to spend the next years of their life restoring an old building.

The building is currently closed for refurbishment, starting with extensive works on parts of the driveway to correct drainage problems causing dampness within the property. The current plan is to return the house to its original name - **Penaeldroch** - refurbish the four storey extension into suites of hotel rooms for weekly lets; convert the bar into a café; return parts of the land to garden and plant more trees. We also want to create two wheelchair-accessible flats in the single storey extension; and restore the original manor to provide hotel rooms. Of course, these outline plans currently being drawn up by a local architectural designer, are all subject to planning approval and/or being affordable!

For anyone interested, we plan to open the house to anyone wishing to have a look around, on **Saturday 19th March** from **2pm to 4pm**. Tea, coffee and cake will be available. **Please bring along any old photos** (which we could scan) and memories of **Plas Hall** that you are willing to share. Whether you plan to visit on the day or not, we would love to hear from anyone who remembers the building when it functioned as a hotel - we assume in the 1970's - and particularly from anyone who can recall the old gardens.

Plas Hall / Penaeldroch new phone number **01690 750 316**

Please note building works have already begun, so you will need to be careful where you tread!