

The plans for the new Hall were approved in April 1923. Percy Rowland gave the land and much of the building materials and building commenced in May 1923. The builder was George Gibbs from Llangennith (father of Eric Gibbs). When the foundations were laid, it left an acre of ground beyond. Fund raising continued at the Vestry Hall, with concerts and tea parties presented by Miss Violet Howell of the King Arthur Hotel and dances and whist drives organised by Tommy Lee, who acted as MC.



Miss Howell "The Queen of Reynoldston"

Miss Violet Howell -*The Queen of Reynoldston*

The grand opening of the Church Hall, by the Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, was held on 12th November 1923 at 3.30pm, with Percy Rowland receiving what was described as a "great ovation" at the ceremony. Meanwhile, the Vestry Hall had been demolished and its place taken by a group of Corsican pine- trees donated and planted by Percy Rowland. (thirteen trees were planted but now, in 2012, nine remain).



**Site of the Vestry Hall and
Pine Trees**