

# FOLLA

## Friends of Lapwing Lane Arcade

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### *Hello!*

This is the first edition of what will become a monthly update for all the Friends of Lapwing Lane Arcade. We'll tell you about progress on the restoration of the canopy in front of this fine old Edwardian parade of shops and keep you up-to-date on the fundraising activities we're organising.

### *"You know – whatisname's"*

One of the fascinations for those of us who have lived close to the arcade for many years is trying to remember the names of the businesses that have traded there in the past. Here's a list of the current traders. Can you let us know who occupied the premises previously – if possible with dates and an idea of the type of businesses?

<i>Pizza Express end</i>	Blockbusters	Post Office	Didsbury Kitchen	Sterling Pharmacy	Inmans	Inmans	Fusion Deli	Didsbury Food & Wine	Ho Ho's	Escape
	97	99	101	103	105	107	109	111	113	115

### *Follow FOLLA*

Although we'll be doing all we can to raise the £30,000+ needed to fund this project from local and national organisations, we're expecting the bulk of the contributions to come from local residents who sign up to become 'Friends'. We'd love you to give as much as you can but are asking for a basic annual subscription of £5 per year per person. We'll be manning a stall on the arcade over the coming weeks and months where you can join - and Inman's will be able to sign you up at their counter from April 7<sup>th</sup> onwards.

When you join we'll ask for your email address and then we'll be able to send you this monthly bulletin to keep you 'in the loop'. At the time of joining you'll get a membership card (business card size) and, in time, we're hoping to get the arcade traders to offer some discounts or other advantages to shoppers who show this card.

### *FOLLA to become a CIO*

After quite a lot of careful research and advice from our legal advisors, Clear Law Solicitors, the FOLLA committee have decided to establish FOLLA as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This will allow us to claim gift aid on all contributions but still take ownership of the canopy and administer it in the best interests of the local community. FOLLA will come into being as a legal entity during April when we agree a constitution and appoint our Board of Trustees.

### *Coming Events*

Over the course of the next few months there will be plenty of chances to get involved in our campaign.

For instance:

**Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> (Easter Saturday)** we'll have a stall outside Inman's between 11am and 4pm to sign up members and talk to local residents about our campaign.

**Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>** we'll have a stall on Burton Road when the local traders there celebrate the completion of the United Utilities work with a bit of a party.

**Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>** from 7pm onwards at the Albert Club on Old Lansdowne Road we're holding a FOLLA Quiz & Auction evening to raise funds.

### *The Arcade c1930 (then known as The Moorfield Arcade)*



Lapwing Lane Arcade as it was in the 1920/30s  
(note that it was originally called The Moorfield Arcade, and also that the old Post Office – now Pizza Express had not been built when this picture was taken)