

FOLLA

Friends of Lapwing Lane Arcade

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An evening with George Galway and Friends

It's not just Lapwing Lane Arcade that's got Friends - local musician George Galway has too. With a gentle nudge from Inman's co-owner Peter Miller, George has agreed to put together an evening of cool music of the 'swing' variety at the Northern Tennis Club on Saturday July 14th in aid of FOLLA.



George Galway in full 'Swing'

The Northern Tennis Club has kindly offered their function area free of charge so we'd better make sure they do well at the bar. There will be BBQ food and the whole thing kicks off at 7pm.

Tickets can be obtained from Inman's and are priced at £7.50 for 'Friends' (just show your FOLLA membership card) and £10 for others. The Northern can take at least 150 so let's make sure they're full to overflowing.

We will be holding a raffle on the evening to swell FOLLA's coffers so we'd love you to donate gifts that we can use. Please leave them at Inman's and we'll pick them up from there. Many thanks.

Didsbury Festival – Saturday June 16th

Many thanks to all who braved the elements to visit us under our gazebos on Didsbury Park at the Festival. We gained 38 new 'Friends' and over £300 of donations.

What next?

The FOLLA campaign has got off to a fantastic start, so now the focus needs to swing to two main issues:

1. What will the terms of the sale of the canopy be? (e.g. When will ownership switch to FOLLA? How will subsequent maintenance be funded?)
2. The actual specification for the restoration work (e.g. What will the signage look like? How can we make sure there is minimum disruption to shop trading whilst the actual work is underway?)

Recognising this we have set up a couple of sub committees that will work over the next 5 weeks to put together recommendations for the main committee. By the end of July we should be ready to make formal approaches to the owners about the sale – and also start talking to our chosen contractor to agree the details of the restoration work.

Our target is to get the actual work underway during the autumn.

The Arcade Selection FOLLA Chocolates



Now on sale at Inman's on the Arcade are these luxury chocolates with each box sold earning a donation to the FOLLA funds.

The Bottom Line

As at June 20th we have:

- 438 signed up 'Friends'
- £4,937 in donations with written pledges of a further £710 making £5,647 in total
- Gift Aid tax refunds should turn £5,647 into £6,776
- We have applied for a total of £19,500 in Grant funding from Manchester City Council (£16,000), Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund (£3,000) and United Utilities (£500)