

# FOLLA

## Friends of Lapwing Lane Arcade

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### The Grand Christmas FOLLA Quiz/Auction

*“What’s the connection between a hot stone massage, a Fusion Deli Christmas hamper and a Nick Walker garden design?”*

This is just one of the questions not on offer at FOLLA’s Grand Christmas Quiz evening on Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup> at The Albert Club (7.30 till late). However at the same time, at the same place, we’re holding FOLLA’s Grand Christmas Auction evening and all 3 plus many other fabulous auction lots (*some of which are shown below*) will be available for the lucky bidders.



Tickets are now available at Inman’s and over half have been sold so do please get your tickets soon. Last time we had such an event (in May) we raised nearly £2,000. This time we’d like to do even better. We now have almost £24,000 in the kitty and need another £11,000 to fund the restoration work. Let’s see how close we can get.



The items up for auction can be viewed on our website [here](#) and you can also lodge a bid online [here](#). Alternatively you can put forward a bid in writing at Inman’s who will take all the details.

### Moorfield Arcade in the late 40s & early 50s (part 2)

I’ll continue with the second extract from Victor Cattan’s excellent memoirs of the Arcade next month.

### Getting the job done

After many false starts the advice from our legal team (Clear Law assisted by expert property lawyers from the JMW Partnership) is that the best way to secure everybody’s interests is to ask the owners to agree a 25 year licence agreement with FOLLA. This means we can get on and carry out the restoration work as well as maintain the canopy for at least the next 25 years without FOLLA getting involved in ownership issues, or any parties who might hold a mortgage over any of the properties needing to be involved.

We now have a draft copy of the licence for checking and we should be getting the final version to the 7 Arcade property owners in the next week or two for their agreement. Once signed by all parties we will be free to get on with the work. Touch wood we can start the restoration work in January/February.

Apologies to the owners and to the FOLLA membership that this process has taken so long but in the context of an agreement that has to stand the test of 25 years it is worth spending time to get things set up in a way that best serves the purpose.

### The Bottom Line

As at November 20th we have:

- 629 signed up ‘Friends’
- £7,350 in individual donations which, with Gift Aid refunds from the Tax man, should become £9,315 and with the Council grant of £14,500 brings net income to £23,815
- We estimate we need £35,000 to complete the restoration job
- Sadly applications for grants to the Manchester Airport Community Trust, United Utilities, Viridor, BIFFA and the Co-op have all been unsuccessful. An application for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund is ongoing.

