



# Friends of Lapwing Lane Arcade

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## The Grand Christmas FOLLA Quiz/Auction

Another hugely enjoyable FOLLA evening at the Albert Club on December 1<sup>st</sup> raised a whopping £3,300.



Tony, Andrew and 'Friends' from Barclays - our 'raffleers'

However not everything went to plan. Clare Howarth, our Social Secretary, who had masterminded the whole affair was struck down with a bug and had to stay at home. In true Dunkirk spirit the committee rallied round and covered the chores – including a valiant effort at raffle-ticket selling from 'Friends' Tony and Andrew who work for Barclays. Because of their contribution on the night Barclays are pleased to add their support by donating £1,500 'match-funding'.

Apologies are due to the dozen or so people in the back room where we couldn't get the speakers to work. All things considered they did pretty well at guessing what questions were being asked and knowing what to bid!!

ACCOUNTS FOR THE EVENING		
	Ticket Sales	£750
	Raffle money	£175
	Sales of Auction lots	£1,140
	Barclays donation	£1,500
	Est. cost of food, Quiz prizes, etc	-£250
	<b>EST. NET TOTAL for FOLLA</b>	<b>£3,315</b>

Clare is now fit and well. As well as a big 'thank you' to her, and her partner Steve, for getting the auction and food ready, we are most grateful to Clare for donating £100 from her Christmas gifts sale the week before.

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

(Victor Cattan's reminiscences)

".....Next door number 99, now the post office, was a men's haberdashers, with drawers of shirts lining the wall and collar studs and collars in trays beneath glass topped

counters. The shop was run by Mr Inman bespectacled and generally in a blue suit, the brother of Arthur Inman the newsagent. He was assisted by his son who, together with Arthur's son, later started Inman's taxi hire on Lapwing Lane behind Dr Goodfellow's house (now the extension to the Four In Hand public house). The shop was later taken by Ernest Saxe the tailor whose sign incorporated a pair of tailor's shears as the X in Saxe....."

*(to be continued)*

## Getting the job done

On December 7<sup>th</sup> our lawyers posted licence agreements to the owners of each of the 10 units. We are asking them to agree a 25 year licence that allows FOLLA to restore and maintain the canopy. Restoration costs will be met by our current fund-raising efforts – maintenance will be funded by a £50 per unit annual fee charged by FOLLA to the owners.

To date the owners have all been supportive but this is now the crucial point when they must sign up. If any opts out then the whole campaign falters. FOLLA has been set up to restore the whole canopy, not just part of it.

We have asked for the licences to be signed and returned by the end of this month so that our contractor, Select Interiors, can start work early in 2013.

We are also in contact with the local Conservation Officer to ensure our plans are consistent with Council wishes.

Our aim is to complete the restoration in time for a grand opening at Easter.

## The Bottom Line

As at December 8th we have:

- 632 signed up 'Friends'
- £10,750 in donations, which, with Gift Aid refunds from the tax man, should become **£13,250** and with the £14,500 Council grant brings potential net income to **£27,750**
- We estimate we need **£35,000** to complete the restoration job

