

# FOLLA

## Friends of Lapwing Lane Arcade

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March 2013

### 'Pay for a Pane'

Contributions keep coming in. We now have donations worth £5,590 reserving 30 lines of inscriptions on the plaque. As I did last month I attach the special 'Pay for a Pane' donation form alongside

#### Friends of Lapwing Lane Arcade

At the time of its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2013 the people of this neighbourhood organised and funded the restoration of the verandah in front of these shops. In particular we would like to remember.....

this bulletin. If you can afford a special donation of this sort then it would be a great way for your children and grandchildren to recall what we've done together at this time. A few of you have asked for inscriptions in memory of deceased members of your family so I have altered the text at the head of the plaque to "...we would like to remember..." rather than the previous version "...we recognise the contributions of...".

### Heritage Lottery Fund Grant Application

To close the gap in funding we have applied to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant. This has entailed a considerable amount of work for members of the FOLLA Board during the past few weeks. As a result we not only have a good prospect of the funds we need to enable us to start the actual restoration work but also a detailed set of plans for associated heritage activities. At Easter through the TAG scheme we will have up to 200 local schoolchildren joining a treasure trail which involves answering questions on the history of the arcade shops. Later in the year we are planning, with St Paul's School in Withington and Cavendish Road School in West Didsbury, to help pupils with the local history module of their Key Stage 2 learning, using the heritage material we have gathered during the FOLLA campaign. The decision on our application to the Heritage Lottery Fund will be taken at the end of April.

FRIENDS OF LAPWING LANE ARCADE  
 Presents  
**Ceilidh**  
 Traditional Irish Music  
 Evening  
**Whisky for Six**  
 Join us for a fantastic night out  
**SATURDAY 13TH APRIL**  
 7.30pm onwards  
 At St Catherine's Social Club  
 School Lane M30 6 HS  
 Bar, Raffle on the night  
 Available from Inmans  
 Tickets £12.00 each  
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### The FOLLA Ceilidh

The Ceilidh will be on Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> from 7.30 till late at St Catherine's Social Club on School Lane. The £12 entrance fee will get you a delicious Hotpot supper (or Veggie curry) not to mention the music from Whiskey Six. Tickets are now on sale at Inmans.

### Moorfield Arcade in the late 40s & early 50s (part 4)

(Victor Cattan's reminiscences continued from February)

".....Number 105, was A Inman newsagent and tobacconist, with a toy department upstairs. Arthur, a short stocky man with glasses, would drive his black Rover car in the early hours of the morning to Withington railway station to collect the newspapers and take them to the shop, where, in his short-sleeved fair isle pullover, and with a cigarette in his mouth, would arrange them for delivery by the paperboy, writing the house number on each and slapping it down with his hand before collating the next. This procedure was repeated at four o'clock when the afternoon paper train dropped off the evening papers. Arthur was assisted by his wife and son. Tobacco was an important item then and an elaborate display of Colibri cigarette lighter parts dominated the shop counter.

When Arthur died, his son ran the shop for several years. Later it changed hands a few times but always retained the Inmans name.



The front of Inmans & Dobbins in the 1960s

Number 107, now part of Inmans, was Dobbins ladies wear and lingerie; this was a rather grand shop with two large windows displaying creations in pink and gold and the entrance set back to allow two further side windows. Being a young boy I did not have occasion to go inside....."

(to be continued)

### The Bottom Line

As at March 17th we have:

- 676 signed up 'Friends'
- £17,583 in individual donations which, with Gift Aid refunds from the Tax man, should become approx. £20,500 and with the Council grant of £16,000 brings net income to £36,500
- We estimate we need £60,000

