

FOLLA

Friends of Lapwing Lane Arcade

Bulletin 13

April 2013

We have delayed the April bulletin until now in order to bring you up-to-date on our application for Heritage Lottery funding and now we can tell you....

The Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded FOLLA the full £25,000 for which we applied

This brings our funding up to just over £60,000 (see the thermometer) and we can give our contractor the green light to start the work as soon as possible. Fantastic news! We're into the home straight.

On Monday April 22nd I accompanied our local MP, John Leech, to Westminster to attend a Heritage Lottery Fund reception. This provided an opportunity to meet national and local HLF officials and talk about our cause. It's possible that this didn't make any difference to our application – on the other hand it certainly didn't do it any harm. Many thanks, John, for lining this up.

The FOLLA Board is meeting twice during May and we will tell you in the May bulletin our plans for the next few months.

BUPA Great Manchester 10k for FOLLA

Katie Weeds, one of the FOLLA Committee members, has taken the noble step of entering the BUPA Great Manchester 10k race in aid of FOLLA funds. Like the rest of the field (maybe) we're all right behind her.



We still need more funds to ensure we can cover all our costs so please sponsor Katie's efforts by going to <https://www.justgiving.com/Katie-Weeds/> and following the instructions.

FOLLA Ceilidh

Almost 100 people turned out for the FOLLA Ceilidh on April 13th at St Catherine's Social Club. Everything went like a dream – a great band (Whiskey for 6), plenty of good food and everyone (almost) dancing to the caller's tune. The outcome for FOLLA was another warm, friendly social and £443 raised for the cause. Many thanks to Freda Dennison and Debbie Stores for shouldering most of the organising chores.

Mike Bath

'Pay for a Pane'

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At the time of its 100th 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 acknowledge

We are still getting a regular flow of contributions from those of you who want to sponsor a pane of glass in the restored canopy. Many are using this as an opportunity to commemorate parents, or celebrate children, through the inscriptions you have chosen for the plaque. Someone has chosen to remember Rabbis Carlebach and Gaguine, pillars of the local community for many years. 'Pay for a Pane' has now raised £10,250 reserving 52 lines of inscriptions on the plaque. As I did last month I attach the special 'Pay for a Pane' donation form alongside this bulletin in my email to you.



£60,000

£55,000

£50,000

£45,000

£40,000

£35,000

£30,000

£25,000

£20,000

£15,000

£10,000

£5,000

The Bottom Line

As at April 30th we have:

- **700** signed up 'Friends'
- £19,500 in net donations from individuals and events which with...
 - Gift Aid refunds from the Tax man estimated at £4,000,
 - a Barclays pledged donation of £1,500,
 - the Council grant of £16,000 and
 - the Heritage Lottery Fund grant of £25,000,

...brings projected net income to £66,000

- paid out £490 on legal costs and £2,850 on preparatory work for the restoration (architect fees, CAD drawings, drainage survey, etc)

....so in total we have **£62,660** enabling us to get on and start the restoration work.