

FOLLA

Friends of Lapwing Lane Arcade

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May 2013

The FOLLA Board has met twice this month to review the status of the campaign following the achievement of our £60,000 target. The specification for the structural works has now been defined in detail and as a result we are going to put the work out to tender which is our responsibility as the Board of a registered Charity. It will ensure we get the best possible price/value for money.



1910 - Approach to the old Withington & West Didsbury Station from Lapwing Lane

The Trams are here!!

First thing this morning (5.49am to be precise) I became one of a handful of passengers to board the first tram out of East Didsbury, and the first to alight at the new West Didsbury tram stop (and to prove it my ticket's shown below). I promptly boarded another tram back to East Didsbury where I'd left my car. So, a completely pointless journey for £3.60 at the crack of dawn. What an anorak!



Moorfield Arcade in the late 40s & early 50s (part 5)

(Victor Cattan's reminiscences continued from March)
Number 109, now Fusion Deli, was Russell's, fruiterers, fishmongers and game merchants. In addition to fruit and vegetables, rabbits before myxomatosis, would be on display together with fowl and fish. I used to admire the deep red Scottish salmon with blood slowly oozing into the bed of ice where it lay. The latest offerings would be written on the windows in white chalk.

Number 111, now Didsbury Wine, was another pair of half size shops, the first was a jewellers which subsequently became an estate and business agent, and the second was Beverley's a wine shop and off-licence run by a cheerful rather glamorous lady who lived nearby.....*(to be continued)*

'Pay for a Pane' for Pa

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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

With Father's Day just round the corner (Sunday June 16th) why not sponsor a pane in honour (or memory) of your Dad? 'Pay for a Pane' has now raised £10,950 reserving 59 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.

BUPA Great Manchester 10k for FOLLA

This Sunday Katie Weeds, one of the FOLLA Board members, is taking part in the BUPA Great Manchester 10k race in aid of FOLLA funds. Like the rest of the field (maybe) we're all right behind her.



There's still time to sponsor Katie's efforts by going to <https://www.justgiving.com/Katie-Weeds/> and following the instructions. If you are going to watch the race you should be able to spot her – she's the one with the vest with the FOLLA logo on.

The Bottom Line

As at May 23rd we have:

- **702** signed up 'Friends'
- £20,340 in net donations from individuals and events which with...
 - Gift Aid refunds from the Tax man estimated at £3,500,
 - 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 £66,340

- 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 **£63,000**.

