

# FOLLA

## Friends of Lapwing Lane Arcade

Bulletin 18

September 2013

Good news! The FOLLA Board has accepted one of the tenders for the restoration work and is now working with the chosen contractor to clarify costs. The basic quote (which is close to our current budget) assumes that any missing columns and decorative bay arches would be replaced with similar - but not identically designed - metalwork. We have now asked our contractor and another specialist sub-contractor to quote for casting exact replacements for these missing features. Taking this more purist approach could add £10,000 to the costs requiring a bit more fund-raising.

We are also waiting to hear from the City's Planning Officer on our scheme. We believe he will provide his judgement in mid-October.

With the reluctance of some of the traders to have the work going on in the run up to Christmas the most likely course is that we firm up our plans, give our fund-raising efforts one final push and then start the restoration work straight after Christmas.

### National Heritage Weekend - September 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>



Blockbusters window points to the future

Over 200 people called by to see our display of information and photos outside, and inside, the former Blockbusters store on the arcade. Inside the empty store in somewhat sepulchral gloom Physiquipe mocked up a massage clinic and pummelled away all day Saturday on Didsbury's tired limbs. Outside the tombola, face-painting, cake sales and raffle dominated with many generous local folk choosing the occasion to sponsor our campaign via the 'Pay for a Pane' scheme (we added over 20 new lines to the plaque and £2,000 to our funds!). In all we raised a further £2,500 and made many local people more aware of the heritage of this 100 year old shopping arcade.

The 'Pay for a Pane' lucky square prizewinners were:

- 9 - Andy Thomas (CAVFEST tickets)
- 199 - Simon Hickey (Physiquipe 30m massage)
- 12 - Nicola & Colin Herd (Physiquipe 60m massage)
- 17 - The Ferns family (Physiquipe 180m massage)

### Quiz/Auction/Raffle - October 5<sup>th</sup> - The Albert Club

Tickets are on sale from Fusion Deli on the arcade (£10 FOLLA members; £12 Guests). There'll be plenty of great auction lots such as....

- A week for 2 in a gîte in the Bordeaux region
- A Neil Roland picture 'Sunrise & Sunset' – featuring the canopy
- A 3-course meal for 2 at The Rose Garden
- A bottle of House of Lords port

...and the draw of the Grand Autumn Raffle.

### Grand Autumn Fundraising Raffle

Prizes include . . . £50 Lime Tree Restaurant Voucher  
 Physiquipe Voucher for Massage or AlterG session  
 2 Bottles of Wine from Reserve : 3 months Membership of The Northern  
 Meal for two at CROMA with a bottle of wine  
 £50 Greens Restaurant Voucher : Fusion Deli Hamper  
 2 x tickets Kate Nash @The Academy  
 Set of Four West Didsbury Espresso Mugs from Designsixty4  
 Limited Edition Signed Print of the Arcade by Peter Topping  
 Meal for Two and a bottle of wine at Folk  
 Afternoon Tea at Sugar Junction NQ : MB Hair Voucher : and more

**Drawn at the Albert Club, Old Lansdowne Road on 5th Oct. 2013**  
 Registered under the Lotteries and Amusements Act, 1976 : Charity Reg. No. 1150884 FOLLA

**Tickets £1 each**

We would like all FOLLA supporters to try and sell at least one book of tickets (5 tickets per book at £1 each ticket). Books of tickets are at Fusion Deli and ticket proceeds should also be handed in at the Deli.

### The Bottom Line – as at September 28th

Items to-date	Out £	In £
Campaign costs (stationery, hiring, etc.)	2,414	
Fees (Legal, Architect, Planning, etc)	6,942	
Donations from 'Friends'		6,826
'Pay for a Pane' (98 lines on plaque)		16,187
Council grant		16,000
Receipts from social events, raffles, etc.		6,627
Gift aid refunds from HMRC		2,105
<b>TOTALS to-date</b>	<b>9,356</b>	<b>47,745</b>
<b>NET TOTAL FUNDS to-date</b>		<b>£38,389</b>
Items to come	Out £	In £
Fees (Legal, Architect, Planning, etc)	3,500	
Build work – basic (inc. drainage)	60,643	
Build work – matching metalwork ( <i>est</i> )	10,000	
Shop signs & signwriting ( <i>est</i> )	3,000	
Plaque design & installation ( <i>est</i> )	1,000	
Heritage Lottery Grant		25,000
Gift aid refunds from HMRC ( <i>est</i> )		1,000
<b>TOTALS to come</b>	<b>78,143</b>	<b>26,000</b>
<b>Target &amp; Currently expected Income</b>	<b>87,499</b>	<b>73,745</b>
<b>Currently expected SHORTFALL</b>		<b>£13,754</b>

...finally how about giving a pane - and a spot of West Didsbury immortality - for Christmas? The 'Pay for a Pane' form is attached to the same email as this sheet.

