

FOLLA

Friends of Lapwing Lane Arcade

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Anybody remember 1913?

As we prepare to get the restoration work underway straight after Christmas (we hope to have contractors on site by January 6th) we are going through the usual planning hoops. The City planners have asked us what colour the columns and spandrels were back in 1913 when the structure was erected. If we can find out then these are the colours they'd like us to use for the restoration. Not surprisingly we've been unable to find this out. Does anyone out there know, or at least have an idea of the colour scheme before World War II?

Quiz/Auction/Raffle - October 5th - The Albert Club



Raffle tickets sales in full swing

Between 60 and 70 of you turned up for our October event at the Albert Club. It was another great evening, full of friendliness and warm-hearted support for our shared venture. The generosity was palpable and, by the end of the evening, we had managed to raise **£2,330**, with a further £750 sponsorship money likely to be donated by Barclays Bank. The breakdown of the money raised was:

Raffle	£1,247
Auction lots	£1,140
Door money	£643
Less costs (food, prizes, etc)	-£700

Two big reasons for our success were the excellent part played by auctioneer Andrew Simcock, and, as ever, the phenomenal effort put in before and on the day by our Social Secretary, Clare Howarth. Many thanks from all of us, Andrew and Clare!

Christmas Craft Fair – December 1st – Old Parsonage

You're invited to come along between 11 and 4.30 to the Old Parsonage on Stenner Lane, Didsbury. As you can see from the attached poster there will be plenty to interest all ages – and FOLLA will be benefitting from the day.

More memories

During the month I received this message from local resident, **Margaret Collier** (nee Truelock):

"I remember the Inman Brothers. One of them ran a taxi service, and my grandmother, who lived on Fog Lane, would take us children into 'town' by taxi for visits to Kendals in the school holidays. The car would collect us from Withington first, then pick her up.

When we went on holiday we left our little corgi with Grandma, and he came back looking for a little something at 4pm. It turned out while we were away she used to take the dog with her to Christies for a Victoria sponge and they had afternoon tea together!

I also remember Mr Thompson, a huge red-headed man, who was in control of the fish side at Russell's the fishmonger's and greengrocers. Fish was on a slab at one side of the door, and in an area at the back."

The Bottom Line – as at October 31st

Items to-date	Out £	In £
Campaign costs (stationery, hiring, etc.)	1,184	
Fees (Legal, Architect, Planning, etc)	6,942	
Donations from 'Friends'		6,829
'Pay for a Pane' (110 lines on plaque)		17,847
Council grant		16,000
Net receipts from socials, raffles, etc.		7,523
Gift aid refunds from HMRC		2,105
TOTALS to-date	8,126	50,304
NET TOTAL FUNDS to-date	£42,178	
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>)	9,000	
Shop signs & signwriting (<i>est</i>)	6,000	
Plaque design & installation (<i>est</i>)	1,000	
Heritage Lottery Grant		25,000
Gift aid refunds from HMRC (<i>est</i>)		1,000
TOTALS to come	80,143	26,000
Target & Currently expected Income	88,269	76,304
Currently expected SHORTFALL	£11,965	

...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 bulletin.

