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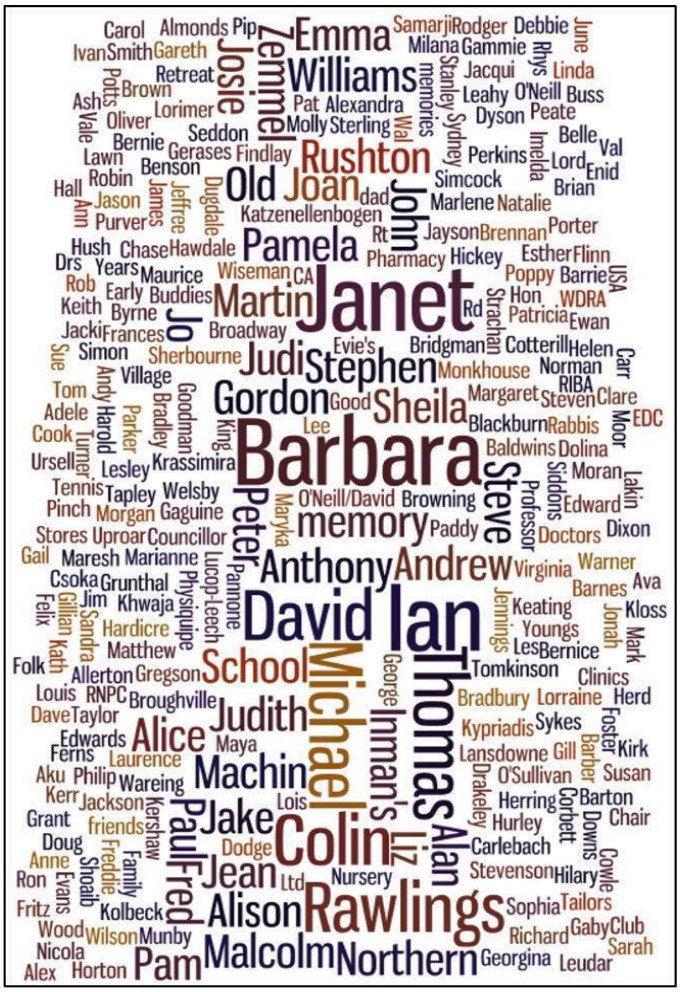
Friends of Lapwing Lane Arcade

Bulletin 22 — **January 2014**

Pay for a Pane

As you can see from 'The Bottom Line' below we have now received just over £20,000 from you in donations via this scheme. To date there are 128 inscriptions to be placed on the plaque. We're not ready yet to show you what the finished article will look like (design work is in progress) but I thought it might be fun to take all the main words from your inscription text (up to those received by January 21st) and turn them into a word cloud. This is what came out…..



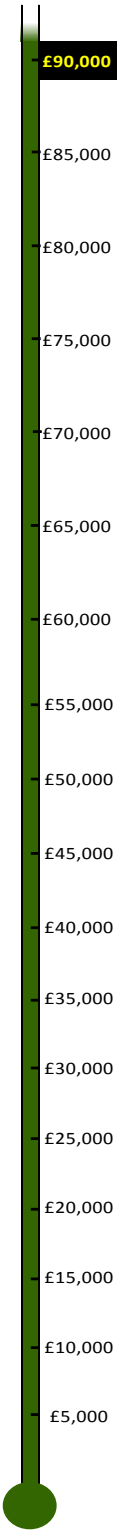
In word clouds the more frequently occurring words come out larger so it is clear West Didsbury has (or had) a surfeit of Barbaras, Ians and Janets. Obviously names within the same inscription get separated from one another in the cloud so this doesn't really give any accurate picture of what the inscriptions were but it does give a sort of blurred mindset of who we all are (if that doesn't sound too pretentious).

There's no going back now!

Five days into the actual restoration work and the cracked and dangerous ancient glass roof has been removed. Underneath it is clear the damage to the structure is extensive. A heavy snow fall could well have brought the whole lot down it seems - and if the damage had been more evident it might well have been classed as a danger to the public and demolished some time ago. Phew!

Coppell's start work on the roof

Current estimates are that the restoration will be completed mid-March – in time for Easter.

The Bottom Line – as at January 26th

Items to-date	Out £	In £
Campaign costs (stationery, hiring, etc.)	1,184	
Fees (Legal, Architect, Planning, etc)	7,661	
Build work (inc. new metal & drainage)	16,813	
Donations from **751** 'Friends'		7,612
Pay for a Pane (**128** lines on plaque)		20,047
Council Grant		16,000
Heritage Lottery Grant (50%)		12,500
Net receipts from socials, raffles, etc.		7,723
Gift aid refunds from HMRC		4,255
TOTALS to-date	25,658	68,137
NET TOTAL FUNDS to-date	**£42,479**	
Items to come	**Out £**	**In £**
Fees (Legal, Architect, Planning, etc)	2,854	
Build work (inc. new metal & drainage)	50,436	
Shop signs & signwriting	2,000	
Plaque design & installation	550	
Heritage & Launch costs	1,560	
Contingency	5,000	
Pledged Donations/Pay for a Pane ***(est)***		8,675
Heritage Lottery Grant (50%)		12,500
Gift aid refunds from HMRC ***(est)***		2,500
TOTALS to come	62,400	23,675
Target & Currently expected Income	88,058	91,812