

FOLLA

Friends of Lapwing Lane Arcade

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Rewriting history

Some of you will have seen the timeline we prepared over a year ago that showed the occupancy of each of the shop units since the Arcade was built in 1913. Research indicated that the longest occupancy was Inman's who had been in number 105 (the left hand side of the double unit as you look at it from the pavement) from 1930 up to today. However a chance bit of googling turned up this page of classified ads from The Meccano Magazine of October 1926:

THE MECCANO MAGAZINE 653

Meccano & Hornby Train Supplies

The lowest right address where advertisements appear on this page carry full details of Meccano Quality, Meccano Quality and Meccano parts, Meccano Tools and Meccano Train Accessories at the best prices. The names are arranged in alphabetical order as here.

W. HUMPHREYS & SON, 289, 271, Rise Lane, Pocklington, LONDON.	R. SCUPHAM & SONS, 35, Lathbury Road, MIDDLESBROUGH.	SHEFFIELD PHOTO COMPANY, 6, Norfolk Row (Fargate), SHEFFIELD. Phone 305
F. R. POTTER & SON, 43, Market Place, LUDLOWBROUGH.	DIBBS' DOLLIES' HOSPITAL, NEWLY, LANC.	A. J. TIMMER, 20, London Road, SHEFFIELD.
H. C. PARTIDGE & CO., 10, Chapel Street, LITON.	ALFRED'S TOY SHOP, 77, Northumberland Street, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	WILSON, GUMPERT & CO. LTD., 57, Fargate, SHEFFIELD.
BARB'S CHILDREN'S PARADISE, 49, Deansgate, MANCHESTER.	WILLIAM OLLIFF, 13, Grange Street West, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	BIRMINGHAM & COVENTRY CYCLE CO. 149 & 151, Abson Street, SOUTHAMPTON.
BAKENDALE & CO. LTD., 9, White Street, MANCHESTER.	THE OXFORD SPORTS DEPOT, 117, St. Anne's, OXFORD.	OSBORN & CO., 9, High Street, SOUTHAMPTON.
W. H. BAKER, MANCHESTER, 10, Broad Street, BIRMINGHAM.	JAMES & ADAMS, 15, The Promenade, and Brantley, PALMER GREEN.	S. T. SIMPSON & SON, 289-295, East Street, SOUTHPORT.
A. INMAN, Moorfield Arcade, 105, Lapwing Lane, Didsbury, MANCHESTER.	A. J. ROBERTSON, 20-41, Broad Bridge Street, PETERBOROUGH.	H. W. GINN, The London Store, City & Sports Co., 126, High Street, STAINES.
JOHN NENNETT & CO., 42, Market Street, MANCHESTER.	R. NARDEN & SON LTD., 115, Church Street, PRESTON.	TAYLOR BROS., Great Underbank, STOCKPORT.
H. WILES LTD., 124, Market Street, MANCHESTER.	DEAN & HOLE, 78, Yorkdale Street, ROCHDALE.	SPORTS WORKING HOUSE WEYBRIDGE.

Including the entry...

A. INMAN,
Moorfield Arcade, 105, Lapwing Lane,
Didsbury, MANCHESTER.

Clearly Inman's has been there at least 4 years longer than we had previously thought. Note that the address included the phrase 'Moorfield Arcade'. The URL for this is: <http://meccano.magazines.free.fr/img/1926/2610/26100653>

Commemorative Plaque & Pay for a Pane

We are about to submit the application for planning permission for the Plaque – and in a special bulletin which we'll send you next month we'll introduce you to the design and show you where it's going to be placed.

The Pay for a Pane sponsorship scheme will now carry over into April since the actual work making the plaque will probably not now start until after Easter.

Accountant needed

By July FOLLA has to prepare its accounts for its first year (Oct 2012 to Sept 2013) and submit them to the Charity Commission and HMRC. We've looked around and fee estimates seem a bit high. Is anyone out there qualified and willing to help us out? If so please get in touch via the email address at the foot of this bulletin.

Update on the Restoration work

The old columns and spandrels have now been sandblasted and primed. They have come up wonderfully well as you can see.



Before and after!

Restored spandrel

Cleaning the columns has revealed the name of the original foundry that cast them in 1913. It was the Saracene Foundry of Walter MacFarlane & Co. Ltd of Glasgow. MacFarlane's were one of the most celebrated manufacturers of ornamental metalwork in the 19th and 20th centuries. Their work crops up all over the former British Empire in public spaces.

Restoration work is now due to finish by Easter.

The Bottom Line – as at March 28th

Items to-date	Out £	In £
Campaign costs (stationery, hiring, etc.)	1,184	
Fees (Legal, Architect, Planning, etc)	7,869	
Build work (inc. new metal & drainage)	16,813	
Shop signs / Shopkeepers' donations	2,000	1,300
Donations from 768 'Friends'		7,612
Pay for a Pane (164 lines on plaque)		23,892
Council Grant		16,000
Heritage Lottery Grant (90%)		22,500
Net receipts from socials, raffles, etc.		7,723
Gift aid refunds from HMRC		4,255
TOTALS to-date	27,866	83,282
NET TOTAL FUNDS to-date	£55,416	
Items to come	Out £	In £
Fees (Legal, Architect, Planning, etc)	2,646	
Build work (inc. new metal & drainage)	51,884	
Shop signs / Shopkeepers' donations	2,000	700
Plaque design & installation	550	
Heritage & Launch costs	1,560	
Contingency	3,552	
Pledged Donations/Pay for a Pane (est)		4,830
Heritage Lottery Grant (10%)		2,500
Gift aid refunds from HMRC (est)		2,500
TOTALS to come	62,192	10,530
Target & Currently expected Income	90,058	93,812

£90,000

£85,000

£80,000

£75,000

£70,000

£65,000

£60,000

£55,000

£50,000

£45,000

£40,000

£35,000

£30,000

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£20,000

£15,000

£10,000

£5,000