

FOLLA

Friends of Lapwing Lane Arcade

Bulletin 29

August 2014

Grand Opening Ceremony

Sunday September 14th 5.30pm
underneath the restored canopy

Come and celebrate with us as we mark the successful completion of our project

- Unveiling the Commemorative plaque
- Free drink & nibbles
- Jazz band

Heritage Weekend

Sunday September 14th 11am to 3pm
underneath the restored canopy

Did you know that Solomon Salem ran a grocery in Didsbury Food & Wine's shop unit in 1923?

Come and find out all about the history of our gloriously restored prize Edwardian canopy

- Children's quiz with prizes
- The arcade timeline updated
- Shopping on Lapwing Lane since 1913

Opening ceremony

It will be a short ceremony in front of the Lapwing Lane arcade with Pizza Express and Wine and Wallop providing refreshments afterwards. Speeches will be short and sweet and we'll have the Parr's Wood School jazz band serenading us.

Dr Doug Edwards, who, with his late wife Jo, were among the first to get behind us and support FOLLA, has kindly agreed to unveil the plaque on behalf of all the generous contributors to the campaign.

Please come and join us in celebrating the completion of the project.

Veranda trivia

During the FOLLA project we have researched the history of the arcade and the businesses that have occupied the 10 units. The material we have gathered will be on display during the Heritage weekend. Here are some bits and bobs gleaned from that material:

- Williams & Deacons Bank (now RBS) occupied No. 103 (now Sterling Pharmacy) from 1913 until 1917 when the bank building on the corner was complete
- Inman's are the longest running business on the arcade – they have occupied 105 (right hand side of their current double unit) since 1930

- 103 (Sterling Pharmacy) and 111 (Didsbury Food & Wine) are the only 2 units to have been divided into two stores during the 100 years

A piece of sad news

Celebrated local resident and FOLLA supporter, Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw, died aged 101 during August. Thanks from FOLLA for your support during the past 2½ years, Dame Kathleen.

The Bottom Line

Totals to-date	Out £	In £
.....including donations from 777 'Friends' of whom over 180 have paid £100 or more as 'Pay for a Pane' sponsorship.....	86,666	89,703
NET TOTAL FUNDS at August 28th 2014	£3,037	
Expected items	Out £	In £
Painting cornices and bollards	696	
Fees (Accounting & Building inspection)	691	
Planters & Planter grant from Council	1,257	1,250
Plaque design & installation	550	
Heritage Lottery Grant (final 10%)		2,500
Gift aid refunds from HMRC		200
TOTALS to come	3,194	3,950
Likely costs & expected Income	89,860	93,653