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by dancer8595

Posted: Tue May 04, 2010 6:28 pm

After finding a disappointing lack of progress when I visited Aubrey Walk at Christmas, I made a follow-up visit on Monday. As soon as I got within fifty yards of number 38, a bloke shouted, 'If you've come looking for the blue plaque, it's been taken down.' Oooh. Touchy. And a bit presumptuous, given that I had on this occasion ventured out without my 'I LOVE DUSTY' sandwich board. Oh well. Anyway. This is what I found...

The house (and I do mean house - the flats are being converted into a giant house with basement cinema and other delights for some obscenely rich individual. Not me) is nearly completed - at least on the outside. The second photo confirms that the the same cannot be said for the inside, as there are, erm, no stairs (some helpful sort has scrawled this on the door). So no wild parties just for the moment, Dusty love. Most disconcertingly of all, THERE. IS. NO. PLAQUE. I hope very much that this sad state of affairs exists just because the house is not yet finished, but even so...not good. Especially as you can see the drill holes where it was.

Get the plaque back! Now!

Re: Aubrey Walk May 2010

by Corinna Posted: Tue May 04, 2010 7:17 pm

So you're already famous in the neighbourhood then?

It's a bit disturbing to see the house so completely changed. Shand the blue plaque missing - where is it, who has it, I wonder???

And there'll be no flats now after all?? I had already started saving to buy one!! Had no icecream for at least a week!!

Good investigation, DSI Rosie Tennison!

Re: Aubrey Walk May 2010

by **Chris80** Posted: **Tue May 04, 2010 7:36 pm**

That are disappointing news! I wanted to take a photo from the plaque during my London stage in July.

It seems that i can save the effort!

Thank you for the info Rosie!

Re: Aubrey Walk May 2010

by dancer8595 Posted: Tue May 04, 2010 8:20 pm

It's now quite some time since the plaque was up. I had an overwhelming urge to fashion a rudimentary one of my own to replace it.

Cor - I think I was marked out as a Dusty fan by the fact that I very obviously had no other reason to be in the vicinity of such an illustrious address. In short, it must be quite clear, sadly, that I am not a millionaire.

Re: Aubrey Walk May 2010

by paula Posted: Wed May 05, 2010 2:50 am

Dusty sandwich board



thanks for the update, Rosie. this building has to be awarded the "longest construction on a building I have ever seen' trophy!

It looks more naked every picture I see of it. It needs a blue plaque 😁 paula x

Re: Aubrey Walk May 2010

by Cas19 Posted: Wed May 05, 2010 7:45 am

Thank you for the update Rosie, its sad to see the holes /place where the plaque should be. Surely they have to put it back up there again?

Casx

Re: Aubrey Walk May 2010

by karen Posted: Wed May 05, 2010 7:54 am

Yes Rosie thanks for update, hopefully the plaque is being looked after, and at least if it has been removed, has less chance of being damaged. Maybe someone could check with the Council as to it's whereabouts.?

Karen.

Re: Aubrey Walk May 2010

by Cardiff Bluesgirl Posted: Wed May 05, 2010 10:21 am

the rich bloke who is renovating this place doesnt seem worthy to me to have her plaque anvwav. 😇

its horrible to see the demolition of it all there.

I bet all the surrounding occupiers are wondering if it will ever get done. they could have re built the whole road by now.

they had better put that plaque back up there properly, but who knows if they will have the respect for it 🕝

Re: Aubrey Walk May 2010

by memphisinlondon Posted: Wed May 05, 2010 2:16 pm

Well the good thing is that the blue plaque is now a local talking point so I hope it will be put back safely (and I hope it's being kept safe so it can be put back). The house has been gutted and is now being rebuilt to include a swimming pool too as far as I

remember. In fact it sounds like my dream house but it looks like an office block so I have not put an offer in for it!

Thanks Rosie! ©

Re: Aubrey Walk May 2010

by Clive Posted: Wed May 05, 2010 4:19 pm

thanks for the update and photos Rosie.

Re: Aubrey Walk May 2010

by daydreamer Posted: Wed May 05, 2010 9:44 pm

Yes, thanks Rosie, but how depressing that house looks now. So unattractive. The plaque was put up by The Heritage Foundation, http://www.theheritagefoundation.info/ which means it's not like the official English Heritage plaques scheme. I doubt very much whether they are able to insist that the plaque goes back up unfortunately. But I don't know ,and Simon has mailed them to see if anyone there knows what's going on with it. It'll be a real shame if they don't put it back. With English Heritage the person being honoured has to have been dead for at least 20 years or it is a century since their birth.

Re: Aubrey Walk May 2010

by bobbie Posted: Sun May 09, 2010 8:54 pm

Maybe if the placque is not slated to be put back......Simon could get it into the Hall Of Fame.

Sorry to have missed "DD 10" but with the volcanic activity, I'd probably still be in London.

Saw "CHER" last night at Caesars......the voice is still there.....Bob Mackie is still working his magic.

Her costumes had to have cost \$500,000.

Bobbie of the "Blue Jacket"

Re: Aubrey Walk May 2010

by Cardiff Bluesgirl

Hi to Mrs Blue jacket(which we still havent seen yet by the way Θ) we are all unhappy with the situation re the Plaque, but I dont think any of us are that hopeful that it will be put back Θ

hope you have caught up with the DD pics as then you might have seen that someone got the Black Jacket this year \bigcirc

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