

# The Brickworks Newsletter



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Like everyone else, we're keen to get back to normal life after months of pandemic. But who knows when that will be? And what will 'normal' look like?

At Brickworks, it's business as usual, which means a wide range of community services and help where it's needed most.

Covid restrictions are still in place, so when you visit us please wear a mask and keep socially distanced. Talk to us if you need help or advice – and if you haven't been vaccinated. We can point you to local health centers and pop-up services.

Talking of which, Arsenal have launched a brilliant vaccination scheme: get your first jab at the Emirates (along with a tour of the stadium). The offer ends on Monday, June 28, so book right away, via [GunnerGetJabbed.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.gunnergetjabbed.eventbrite.co.uk); We are Islington, 020 7527 8222; Mini-com 020 7527 1900; or your GP.

If you know of anyone shielding from coronavirus, contact the Mutual Aid Group for Tollington and Hillrise, which has been providing help and support throughout the pandemic.

Brickworks community cafe is back, under new management. Tracey and Gary have created a terrific menu, available Monday to Friday from 8:30am - 2:30pm, and stretching from all-day breakfasts to salads, burgers, drinks and different hot meals each day. The range includes Indian, Jamaican and Chinese specials, along with vegan dishes and children's meals. Prices are very reasonable; see you there....

We now have a social worker on site, supporting members with letter writing, debt management, housing, accessing the food bank and other issues. If you need advice, contact Caroline on 0207 263 1067 or email [admin@hanleycrouch.org.uk](mailto:admin@hanleycrouch.org.uk).

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Congratulations to Rosalyn Tyrell who has won a Mayor of Islington's Civic Award for her untiring voluntary work at Hanley Crouch. Rosalyn, still amazing at 86, has been a volunteer cook for the over 50s group for more than 10 years and is a cherished member of the community.



*Civic award: Rosalyn Tyrell (centre) celebrates with the then-mayor, Janet Burgess, and councillor Anjna Khurana*

Interested in volunteering? We are looking for people with a range of skills – from delivery drivers to helping with the food bank. And gardeners, too, to help us maintain our splendid roof garden. Talk to Caroline (contact information on previous page).

Islington4Women is holding its third Walk for Women on July 21, at Manor Gardens. The walks, are a response to the murder of Sarah Everard in south London and make a serious point: city spaces belong to us all and should be enjoyed in safety. Further walks will take place around Finsbury Park, Holloway and other parts of Islington. Details: @islington4women; email: [i4w@allchangearts.org](mailto:i4w@allchangearts.org)

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Gabriela Montgomery-Solano is back with her Brickworks dance classes, covering salsa, ballet and contemporary styles. Further details on 07561 349 555, [www.dance-adventures.com](http://www.dance-adventures.com).

Islington Council has launched a strategy to deal with inequality in the borough and is planning a series of roadshows for local residents – one of which will be held at Brickworks. Please check our website for details. And for further information on the council's strategy, go to: [www.islington.gov.uk/about-the-council/equality-and-diversity/challenging-inequality](http://www.islington.gov.uk/about-the-council/equality-and-diversity/challenging-inequality)

Lonely in London? We Are Islington can put you in touch with other people to chat to or exercise with, point you towards voluntary work in the community or get help with digital technology. Ring 020 7527 8222 , open seven days a week.

Between 1948-1973 around Commonwealth 40,000 nurses came to Britain to work in the NHS. Their contribution will be marked on July 5, NHS Day, with the unveiling of a commemorative statue at Whittington Hospital. The ceremony begins at 1pm.

The pandemic has put huge strains on the community: hate crimes have risen, as have disputes between neighbours. How to deal with such problems? Islington's Hate Crime Forum offers support and advice ([HateCrimeForum@islington.gov.uk](mailto:HateCrimeForum@islington.gov.uk)); for further details, go to [www.islington.gov.uk/hatecrime](http://www.islington.gov.uk/hatecrime). You can also contact Colin ([colin.adams@hanleycrouch.org.uk](mailto:colin.adams@hanleycrouch.org.uk)) as he chairs the Hate Crime Forum.

Lastly, a fitting accolade for Colin Adams, who was recently named Islington's "Covid Hero" and invited onto Radio London to talk about the award and the fantastic contribution of all the staff/volunteers he worked with. Colin was allotted a 10 minute slot, reduced to three minutes so that football star John Barnes could talk about the proposed European super league – far more pressing, of course.

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## Regular activities and upcoming events

### Over 50s

- Lunch Group: Fridays, 1pm - 2:30pm

### Children's Services

- Stay & Play: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 10am –12pm
- After School Club: Mondays to Fridays, 3pm – 6pm
- Holiday Play Scheme, Mondays to Fridays 8:30am – 5:30pm, from 26th July – 20th August
- Guides/Brownies/Rainbows: Monday 6.45pm – 8pm & Wednesdays 5pm – 7:30pm. For more information contact Luisa on [islingtonguides@gmail.com](mailto:islingtonguides@gmail.com)

### Other services

- Blythwood Community Nursery: Mondays to Fridays, 8am-6pm. Day-care for children aged 18 months to four years. 020 7263 5070/[info@blythwoodcommunitynursery.co.uk](mailto:info@blythwoodcommunitynursery.co.uk)
- Palace for All: Drop-in, play and therapies for children with special needs. 020 7561 1689/[www.palaceforall.org.uk](http://www.palaceforall.org.uk)
- Special People: employment agency working with adults and children with special needs. 020 7686 0253/[www.specialpeople.org.uk](http://www.specialpeople.org.uk)
- Centre 404: Mondays to Fridays, 10am-3pm. Is a charity that offers friendly, reliable and personal support for people with learning disability and their families in north London. 020 7607 8762/[centre404.org.uk](http://centre404.org.uk)
- Gardening Project : Interested in growing food? Then hop into Brickworks Community Centre to take part in a new gardening project. Wednesday, 4:30pm – 6:30pm and Saturday, 10am –12pm. R.S.V.P Caroline at Brickworks on email: [Caroline@hanleycrouch.org.uk](mailto:Caroline@hanleycrouch.org.uk) or call 0207 263 1067.