The Brickworks Newsletter



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The rise in food and fuel prices have made this a difficult winter for those in our community who can least afford it. Now comes news that water bills are to go up by 7.5 per cent, suggesting that the cost of living crisis is far from over. Brickworks may not have all the answers, but we can offer help and advice and point you in the right direction. If you are struggling, or know someone who is, please get in touch.

Winter warmer Our Warm Winter Places scheme, launched in December, is still in operation, offering soup, exercise and warmth every Wednesday from 11am – 2pm. We need help with serving, though: all volunteers welcome.

Party time On July 8, we'll be celebrating our 50th anniversary. The Hanley Crouch Community Association started life in the old Laundry building in Sparsholt Road, before moving up the hill to Brickworks in 2018. It'll be a time to celebrate, to look to the future – and back at the past. If you have memories of the old days, and your time at Hanley Crouch, please get in touch. We'd love to see your photos, too.

Join us We'll be launching our Friends of Brickworks scheme at the party on Saturday 8th July 2023. Friends will become part of the Brickworks community, volunteering, setting up new activities or spreading the word about what we do. More details from Rani or Chris via the office.

Carol Myers-Nobbs We're sorry to report the death of Carol Myers-Nobbs, who ran our highly successful arts and crafts workshop. Carol was with us for 10 years and will be sorely missed. Our sympathies to her family and friends – especially her daughter Lou, who works with the Brownies at Brickworks.

Bricktalks The first of our Brickworks Talks will take place on Monday, March 6. The subject is the Climate Crisis, and it will be given by local speakers Sue Heap and Poppy Pickard. Garden Room, 8pm; Entry free but we will be asking for donations.

Chilling out Glenda Daniel will be holding her next Tranquil Workshop on Saturday, March 25. The programme includes music, poetry and exercise, plus food. 12.30pm to 4pm, entry free.

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Lunch The Friday Lunch Club has space for new members – men in particular. If you're looking for enjoyable company, a good lunch, trips around London and healthy exercise, talk to Caroline in the office.

Goodbye to Olivia, who has been running our Pilates workshop. Good luck and thanks for all your hard work.

Top class It's not too late to join two of our brilliant classes. Learn hip-hop at the Sadler's Wells dance workshops on Thursdays, 11am to 1pm. Students will get the chance to dance at Sadler's Wells.

Our knitting group goes from strength to strength: Saturday mornings, all welcome.

Music If you play an instrument and would like to join other enthusiasts for a regular gettogether, please contact Chris via the office.

Hall hire Looking for a venue? We may have the just space for you. Check our website for details and rates.