

The Brickworks Newsletter



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Celebration time: Brickworks' popular After School Club has passed its February Ofsted with flying colours. The club met all its targets, including those on safeguarding and the range of activities on offer, and the children were described as happy and 'safe and secure in the environment'. Congratulations to all those concerned.

The club is taking more children at the moment, so get in touch if you need a place - we are open for an extra half an hour in the evenings, closing at 6.30pm. And if you and your partner earn less than £35,000 pa between you, you may be eligible for the £5 daily concessionary rate.

Date for the diary: Glenda Daniel will be running a Kings Coronation tea dance on May 13 in the main hall. The programme, which starts at 12 noon, includes poetry, jazz, tap dancing, songs from the Sixties and zumba; refreshments will be served. Admission free.

Problems with computer software? Madalina Richardson can help; she also offers a full training programme, from getting started with Microsoft and emails to working with websites and spreadsheets. Her company, Limnitech, is based at Brickworks five days a week and charges £15 an hour. Contact: limnitech@gmail.com; tel, 07958 402450.

Let's talk: Brickworks staged its first 'Bricktalk' on March 6: a presentation on the climate crisis by two local speakers, Poppy Pickard and Susie Heap. The talk mixed facts and figures with a discussion about the way forward – and whether technology or 'green capitalism' held out any hope for the future. We will be following this with further talks, so if there's a subject you'd like airing, please get in touch.

Playtime: Easter's holiday play scheme has been a big success, with more than 40 children taking part. The programme included various Easter events, including an egg hunt, and an enjoyable visit to the Snow White ballet at the Peacock Theatre. The next play scheme will take place over the Whitsun holiday break.

Looking back: as we mentioned in our last newsletter, we'll be celebrating Hanley Crouch's 50th birthday on July 8. Please get in touch if you'd like to share your memories on this momentous occasion. We'll also be launching our Friends of Brickworks scheme: more on this in the next issue.

Fundraiser needed: Brickworks is looking for a volunteer experienced in fundraising. Please get in touch if that person is you – or someone you know.

Spanish steps: Sadler's Wells is starting its next dance sessions at Brickworks on April 27, with the accent on flamenco. The classes, which are free, run every Thursday from 11pm to 1pm, and will finish with a flamenco performance at Sadler's Wells theatre.

Slimming: MoreLife, the weight management group, is running free sessions at Brickworks on Saturdays from 6 to 7.30pm. Contact reception for further details.

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Helping hand: the Food Bank is grateful for all donations, either of money or food – so please keep them coming. There has been a rise in the numbers of young people needing help; and more people looking for advice on training, health and wellbeing, language skills – and mental health, particularly among men.

The Warm Places scheme proved a particular success, with people coming in from the cold, using the food bank, and getting to know neighbours they'd not spoken to before.

Cost of living: Research from Islington Council shows that increasing numbers of people face problems with fuel and rent payments, while the numbers of children eligible for free school meals is well above the London average.

Practical help Islington Council has set up a hardship fund, which runs until April 30. It provides a one-off payment of £250 and is aimed at people in work who are not on housing benefit or receiving universal credit.

Islington Giving is offering grants to those who are on a low or no income and are suffering from the cost of living crisis. Proof of income will need to be provided. For further details contact Brickworks reception.

Health concerns: If you suffer from diabetes, you might be interested to know that we'll be setting up a self-management group in June. GP referral will be necessary. More details in the next issue.

Crime watch The Tollington Ward Panel meets every three months at Brickworks and gives us a chance to meet the local police team and the council community safety officers, and to raise any concerns with them. The date of the July meeting will be confirmed nearer the time. In an emergency always ring 999.

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