

# The Brickworks Newsletter



November-December 2023

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CHRISTMAS is around the corner, and we'll be starting the celebrations on Saturday, 2nd December with a *Family Christmas Disco*. The fun begins at 2.00pm and ends at 6:30pm. Tickets cost £6.50 for adults, £4.50 for children, refreshments included; all proceeds go to the Brickworks foodbank.

Go on the link below to find out more

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-christmas-disco-tickets-750714686837?aff=oddtcreator>

Walk on: The Brickworks sponsored walk, on 8th October, exceeded all expectations. About 20 staffers, volunteers and friends, all carrying blue balloons, set off on a circular route taking in the site of the old Laundry, on Sparsholt Road, before heading south through Stroud Green. On route we chatted to surprised bystanders, many of them fascinated to find out about Brickworks, and handed out leaflets (and balloons). Through sponsorship and donations we raised £772, which will go to the foodbank. An amazing result – thanks to all who took part.

Good Shot: Brickworks will be offering free Flu and Covid jabs from November 24th to December 8th. Just turn up any time between 10.00am and 5.00pm. The offer is open to vulnerable residents and anyone over the age of 65.

No to knives: Good news from Agy Loukaides, a Brickworks regular.

His latest book, *The Good Knife Family*, is being distributed by the Lives Not Knives organisation as part of their children's resource packs. Agy's book offers a sombre warning about the dangers of knife crime - but told with his usual wit and accompanied by some excellent illustrations. Brickworks is putting on a talk on knife crime after Christmas and Agy will be there, with copies of the book.

Community event: The Brickworks Fun Day, on 21st October, was a lively event, featuring face painting, bouncy castle, a local artist, community and council groups, some delicious food and a raffle organised by Friends of Brickworks, which raised £138. One of the star prizes was a cake, which went to the person who correctly guessed Colin's weight. The name of the winner remains a secret, as does Colin's weight.

Cost of living: On Friday 8th December, 11.00am - 2.00pm there will be a major Cost-of-Living event at the Brickworks Community Centre.

Go on the link below to find out more

<https://hanleycrouch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Cost-of-Living-Event-December-23.pdf>

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**Health first:** after her recent cultural show featuring music and spoken word, Glenda Daniel will be back at Brickworks on the 15th December for one of her celebrated *Tranquil Health and Well-being* events. The programme includes poetry, music, yoga and refreshments. Entry free.

**Local life:** Want to keep up with local news? Islington Council sends out regular updates – including Christmas events in the area.

Go on the link below to find out more

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/about-the-council/have-your-say/stay-informed/local-updates-sign-up>

**Family affair:** as any parent will tell you, bringing up children can be difficult and extra help and support are often welcome. Bright Futures works with parents of children aged between 5 and 18, offering help with behaviour, family relationships, attitudes to school and learning, health and wellbeing and links with the wider community. The group will be working at Brickworks every Wednesday at 1.30pm until 20th December. Or you can contact them on 020 7527 4343; [bright.futures@islington.gov.uk](mailto:bright.futures@islington.gov.uk)

**Keep fit:** Dancing is one of the most enjoyable ways to keep fit, so why not come along to the Sadler's Wells rumba classes, which take place every Thursday from 11.00am to 1.00pm.

Dancers receive a free lunch afterwards.

Go on the link below to find out more

<https://hanleycrouch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Free-Rumba-dance-classes.pdf>

Talking of lunch, we have some places on our Friday lunch club, which offers a chance to meet fellow residents and enjoy a slap-up meal, all for £3.50.

**Opening times:** Brickworks is closed from Saturday 23rd December and re-opens on Wednesday 27th December, and is closed again on Saturday 30th December, reopens on Tuesday 2nd January.

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