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## NEWS

The newsletter from  
Angel Business  
Improvement District

Has your business  
won an award? Tell  
us and we'll tell  
everyone else.



## Angel's first loyalty card goes live!

**In response to huge business demand we're proud to present.... Swipii, the Angel's first loyalty card.**

We've signed up everyone's favourite independent shops and eateries offering coffee, lunch, drinks and dinner, plus flowers, cosmetics, electricals and toys, with rewards you actually like!

To get started, just pick up a card from one of these 20 businesses Pizzeria Oregano, Cuppacha bubble tea, After Noah, Angel Deli, Angel Flowers, L'Erbolario Italian natural beauty products, Tenshi Japanese, Snappy Snaps, Colibri fashion boutique, Angel Inn cafe, The Old Red Lion, Rayshack electrical, 5 Star dry cleaners, Chilango, Amorino Italian gelateria, Chana chemist, Diverse boutique, Radicals & Victuallers, Tatami Health and Kimantra Spa.

Swipii works with one swipe of a card or a phone app on an iPad as you pay at the counter. Each business designs their own reward scheme but you only need one card for everything at the Angel - and it works across London too. "We've had requests for a loyalty scheme from businesses, and people working and living here, and we're delighted to have found Swipii which is quick and easy to use," says angel.london Chief Executive Christine Lovett. "It's all about rewarding customer loyalty to everyone's favourite brands and keeping the quirky independent flavour of businesses at the Angel, which brings people back time and again."

Don't miss out - contact us for cards or to sign up your business 020 7288 4377 or [christine@angel.london](mailto:christine@angel.london) [www.swipiiicard](http://www.swipiiicard)



## Leap into dance – it's a stone's throw away

**With it's international reputation and glittering array of awards and nominations, the assumption that Sadler's Wells must be somewhere in the West End, glitzy and glamorous, is easy to make - but the reality is that it's just around the corner, our corner.**

At the southernmost point of the business improvement district stands the world's most famous dance theatre, a fellow BID member, whose cornucopia of talent and masterpiece saw them pirouette away with no less than three awards from this year's Oliviers.

As well as Juliet and Romeo winning Best New Dance Production, Sadler's newest Associate Artiste Crystal Pite won Outstanding Achievement in Dance, and Associate Artist Emeritus, Sylvie Guillem won a special award celebrating her career.

They've just announced their new season so if you're not going away this summer, be transported by the Dutch National Ballet's Cinderella, onto 60s America with Matthew Bourne's Car Man, to Algeria with choreographer Nacera Belaza, and to WW1 and back with the English National Ballet.

[www.sadlerswells.com](http://www.sadlerswells.com)

## SAFE AND SECURE

**Get your business diaries out now and underline these two dates July 13 and 14.**

**We're working with other angel.london businesses offering two practical security sessions free of charge to all angel.london businesses to improve your security.**

On July 13 **RBS Bank Fraud Team** are running an exclusive presentation on how to avoid online fraud for all angel.london businesses. It will show you how to spot and deal with all types of scams and viruses that could affect your business including malware, phishing, and online payments upfront, plus counterfeiting, skimming and cloning of bank cards.

This session will be presented by RBS security experts, with a Q&A session afterwards. It really is a MUST to ensure your business doesn't become a victim of online fraud. It's on Monday July 13 9am Business Design Centre – EVERYONE welcome.

On July 14 **CoffeeWorks Project** are hosting an identity fraud training session for everyone who looks at identities or checks documents as part of their daily business. How many security features has a passport? How can you spot an excellent forgery at a glance? What are the penalties for employing someone on fake ID?

All this and more on July 14 7-8pm at CoffeeWorks in Islington High Street.

Book your places by calling us on 020 7288 4377 or email [christine@angel.london](mailto:christine@angel.london)



# The Old Red Lion roars into its 600th year

**What is it about the Old Red? Quirky theatre upstairs? Slightly tatty bar? Welcoming family atmosphere? The thought that you might glimpse someone famous? Eclectic clientele? Tables at the back where you might spread out a game of dominoes? Or just the very real vibe that you're sitting in a huge pile of history?**

Well, you're actually sitting in more history than the pile suggests because while the current building goes back to 1899, there's been a pub on the site since 1415. So says owner Damien Devine whose family have been delving back into the records, exploring the heroes and villains, the successful and salacious who have all added colour to the pub's long history.

Established at the gateway to London, the 'Redde Lyon' has reputedly refreshed the parts of artist William Hogarth in 1720s, playwright James Thomson in 1730s, novelist Oliver Godsmith, Dr Johnson, Charles Dickens, Tom Paine may well have written part 1 of his Rights of Man there, Karl Marx visited, the British Communist Party met there, and they even held coroners' inquests there with corpses on the tables (those have changed...)

As well as a cool exhibition, there are various birthday events, plus a packed programme of performances (the theatre upstairs was previously a boxing ring) and the Old Red's just signed up to our Swipii loyalty card so it's worth a visit...or two...

[www.oldredliontheatre.co.uk](http://www.oldredliontheatre.co.uk)



## A note on the green

World Music Day is coming to Islington Green on Sunday June 21 headlined by London acoustic duo Sister Sidney, a string of acoustic sets, and ukelele players and workshops 12-4pm. PLUS a special guest appearance from one of those famous mobile **Oxjam** pianos, last spotted on the forecourt of the **BDC**.

There will be paella and a bar, and it's all part of Oxjam Islington, whose annual musical takeover will be on Saturday October 17.



## Age-friendly Angel

Working with Angel Central we organised a free stall for **Age UK** Islington to talk to local families about planning for their elderly relatives. Says Future Matters Programme Manager Mireille Hayden: "We've been raising awareness about older people, and encouraging them and their families to think about planning their future. It's been enormously successful – we've had loads of visits. Thanks angel.london & Angel Central for sorting it out."

angel.london Director Christine Lovett (left) with Mireille Hayden from Age UK



## Could Queen of Shops Mary help your business?

**Retail expert, Mary Portas is back with her Channel 4 series 'Mary Portas: Secret Shopper' offering her help to independent shops and businesses.**

The show's producers have been in touch with us because they're looking for independent retailers that could benefit from Mary's unique insight and expertise. They're keen to hear from any business owners or managers who would like fresh ideas to bring customers through the door and put money in the till.

If you feel your business could benefit then please get in touch – email [christine@angel.london](mailto:christine@angel.london) or call 020 7288 4377 and we'll put you in touch.

**Make your impact** Need a modern meeting space but want an iconic venue? Preview at GH Space, in that beautiful curved corner Victorian building on Angel junction, is offering all angel.london members 10% discount on booking their state of the art meeting rooms. As well as catering, and the latest media and presentation facilities, they also populate their rooms with eye-catching artwork.

More at [www.ghspace.co.uk/angel](http://www.ghspace.co.uk/angel)





And a big thumbs up to **Waitrose** at **Angel** who will be donating big bunches of roses for this year's ceremony on Saturday June 27 on Islington Green to mark War Veterans Day.

## Angel pubs come up trumps

Pubs are often the centre of the community and nowhere is that truer than at the Angel where our big-hearted pubs have responded to an appeal by teaming up to deliver a three-course lunch for local war veterans.

To mark this year's special 70th VE Day anniversary, our war veterans will be enjoying a celebratory lunch organised by Cllr Gary Poole, Reverend Nigel Williams and Islington War Veterans in the Assembly Rooms by the town hall. And generous licensees at our Angel PubWatch group have volunteered to provide it. So we are raising our glasses to

**The Radicals & Victuallers** and **The Bull** for cooking lunch

**The Old Red Lion** for supplying wine

**The Brewhouse & Kitchen** for donating a barrel of craft beer

**Slim Jim's Bar** for all the soft drinks

Says Cllr Gary Poole: "Wonderful and generous support, once again from our business community, for veterans in Islington."



## Cost cutters

**Recyclers – please be mindful of costs when you're packing up your cardboard. You only need to use one sticker on each bundle – our recycling team are sharp-eyed enough to spot it.**

Did you know our recycling is saving an average of £330 per year for each business?

Did you know we're collecting 40,000 tonnes of paper and cardboard a month?

We now have 207 BID businesses saving money using our recycling. Are you??



Coffeeshops are delightfully springing up everywhere but some things just don't change. CoffeeWorks Project in Islington High Street is still busy and in the London Coffee Guide's Top 30 again this year. How reassuring.

## 5 star service

**Working late?**

In a panic about missing the cleaners to collect that suit for the meeting first thing tomorrow? Panic not. **5 Star** dry cleaners on Upper Street has a unique 24-hour collection point so you can pick up your clothes any time of day or night, however late you're working. [www.5star-drycleaners.com](http://www.5star-drycleaners.com)



Our friendly Angel Recycling Team





Richard Southgate and Maggie O'Brien try to get to grips with mental illness in *The Dogs of War*

## Review The Dogs of war Old Red Lion

I'm not surprised Tim Foley's *The Dogs of War* has had three OffWestEnd nominations - well apart from it being his first play - because it's utterly compelling. And disturbing. And it's so disturbing that you don't want to be compelled but actually very quickly you find you've become one of the family, sitting in a chair in the corner, feeling the awkwardnesses, worried about mental health, drawing parallels, as engrossed in their kitchen sink drama as if it were your own. They might as well include a cuppa for you in the next brew...

Mum and Dad Herming have moved out into the wilds - she pops pills, he makes things in the shed, avoiding the neighbours, until their son comes home from uni, the dogs get out and all hell breaks loose....

This dark comedy certainly raises a few questions but not about the writing, the script, the acting, or the production, which are all sublime....JA

Tickets £17 runs until June 20 - force your way in.

[www.oldredliontheatre.co.uk](http://www.oldredliontheatre.co.uk)

## Socia-ball

**Want a fun, social and team-building exercise for your company?**

**Playnetball** is a local organisation running netball leagues in Angel with spaces for ladies B and C grade teams (beginner to intermediate standard) for next season starting on Thursday July 16. It costs £672 per team and games will be every Thursday and match times will vary each week from 7, 7.40 and 8.20 p.m.

Find out more from Bhav at [interest@playnetball.com](mailto:interest@playnetball.com)

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**Rosa's Thai Café** – modern, authentic Thai cuisine with all the charm of a London cafe at 6 Theberton Street  
[www.rosasthaicafe.com](http://www.rosasthaicafe.com)



**Anya Spa** – massage, acupuncture, waxing and beauty at 29 Upper Street



**Argos** – for everything you can't get elsewhere, at Angel Central  
[www.argos.co.uk/stores/Angel-Islington](http://www.argos.co.uk/stores/Angel-Islington)



**Amorino** – authentic Italian ice-cream using only natural ingredients. Dare you to try and walk past in this weather... at 110 Upper Street  
[www.amorino.com](http://www.amorino.com)

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