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### Party in the Park aka Help — we need somebodies



If this leaves you with an ear-worm of that classic Beatles number, it's a case of needs must and all that. It's the time of year where we'll be repeatedly asking you not only to enjoy Party in the Park on **1<sup>st</sup> July** but also to volunteer to help us set the event up, sell programmes, raffle tickets and Carousel rides and clear up. If you are able to offer your time (a little or a lot, up to you!) to help make this community event happen, email: [volunteer@pitshanger.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@pitshanger.org.uk). Thanks.

Meanwhile, our PCA volunteer recruiter, Mike Fox, is having to operate remotely as unfortunately he broke/dislocated both his arms in a bicycle accident. One of many of Mike's skills is being able to use our database to set up email distribution groups, targeting emails to the right people and setting up a volunteering form on our website. But those of us recruiting volunteers for this year's PIP aren't quite so adept so please bear with us if you get the same request many times....

### Light Up The Lane — fund-raising

Well, we've been boldly fund-raising where we have not boldly gone before: crowd-funding. Financial grounds prevented us from running the event last year and several of you told us you would have helped if only we'd asked. People also said they wanted to see this lovely community event come back. We've listened: see <https://www.gofundme.com/lightingupthelane>. We don't expect crowd-funding to cover all the costs and are working with local businesses and organisations on sponsorship as well.



A big thank you to sponsors and donors so far but there is still a financial mountain to climb as we expect the event to cost over £10,000 to put on this year (and where we can't get income on the day as we can with Party in the Park). Here's the blunt message: we have to know by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 if we have sufficient funds to cover the event's costs so we can start the planning process in time for the event on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Watch this space as the saying goes.

### Meadow House Garden Party — 9th June



Meadow House Hospice is holding its Garden Party on Saturday 9th June 2018 12.30 - 4.00pm. Cream teas, various stalls including bric-a-brac, tombolas, a plant stall along with some new additions and a fantastic raffle. Meadow House is in the grounds of Ealing Hospital on Uxbridge Road, UB1 3HW. Free parking will be available

### JAZZ On The LANE — 10th June

'JAZZ On The LANE' features a great line-up of local bands and singers, including headline act Rum Buffalo, performing through the afternoon from 1pm until 6pm on 10<sup>th</sup> June. Weather will dictate whether the performances are al fresco or inside the church. The day starts with a Jazz Mass to celebrate the Patronal Festival of St Barnabas at 10.30am.

There'll be a delicious hog roast, BBQ burgers, salad lunch and a bar will be available from 1pm. Plus there's something of interest for all members of the family with a children's entertainer and talented local musicians performing throughout the afternoon. No need to book, just come — admission free.



## Meadow House and Ealing Half Marathon



Meadow House Hospice cares for the residents of Ealing and Hounslow Boroughs — and we need your help.

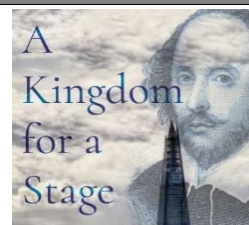
The Hospice is looking for people to raise money by running in the Ealing Half Marathon on 30th September 2018. Meadow House will meet all registration fees but entrants will be asked to raise a minimum of £70.

The race is now in its seventh year and is the UK's No 1 half marathon. If you would like to have some fun and help us at the same time please contact Meadow House on 020 8967 5179 or [LNWH-tr.meadowhouse@nhs.net](mailto:LNWH-tr.meadowhouse@nhs.net) for more information.

## A Stage! A Stage! My kingdom for a stage

Two years ago, long-term Pitshanger resident and Questors Theatre and Brentham Club member, Tony Diggle, produced a play he had written about William Shakespeare at the Chelsea Theatre on the London Fringe. The play, written in honour of the four hundredth anniversary of the bard's death and entitled *A Kingdom for a Stage*, has now been published by Matador in both hard copy and as an e-book.

Tony hopes to generate some interest from amateur theatre in the English-speaking world and also from the education sector. The print version will be available from the Pitshanger Bookshop price £9.99 from this month.



## For Sale

We don't normally advertise items for sale but were really moved by this story from Rosanna Henderson on behalf of her neighbour on the Brentham Estate, who had an Acorn Stairlift fitted to help her husband when he came out of hospital. Sadly he never came home. The stairlift is five months old, never been used and fits any typical curved staircase. There are substantial savings on purchasing new and the price includes delivery and fitting by a trained Acorn engineer and a full 3 months manufacturer's warranty. Price £3,000. Call 020 8997 9280.

## Kew Gardens — Tickets for members

Don't forget — we have free Kew Gardens tickets through our "Community Pass" scheme for 2018-19. You don't need to book a date as such — the tickets come in the form of an e-ticket which we can forward to you. All you need then do is show Kew Gardens the ticket on your phone or take a printed copy. Email [PCA@pitshanger.org.uk](mailto:PCA@pitshanger.org.uk).

## Ealing Flower Club — celebrating 35 years

National Demonstrator, Patricia Dibben, will be at Ealing Flower Club on Wednesday 18th July to help us celebrate our 35th anniversary. The audience will be asked to help judge a club competition and, of course, there's be cakes to eat! The Flower Arranging Club is held at St Barnabas Church, Pitshanger Lane, 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Buy a raffle ticket and win one of Patricia's flower creations. Visitors welcome (£5.50 fee). The Club meets once a month and new members are always welcome (for contact details please email [PCA@pitshanger.org.uk](mailto:PCA@pitshanger.org.uk)).



## Data — The Next Generation



And another tenuous Star Trek link but we suspect that if we had G\*\*R in the headline, we'd cause a few sighs all round ...

When we were writing our membership renewal letter, all the advice seemed to be that organisations had to get their members to sign up formally, hence the new sign-up box on our membership letter. Since then, things have moved on, but having now asked you to sign-in, we have to complete the process. Over the coming weeks, we may approach you if you haven't ticked the sign-in box when renewing your membership.

But rest assured, we are treating your data properly as you can see from our privacy policy at the foot of our website. If you would like to have a hard copy, please email [membership@pitshanger.org.uk](mailto:membership@pitshanger.org.uk).



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