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## **It's been an eventful Summer**

We hope that you have had an invigorating Summer; whether it was holidays, Royal Weddings, football or just enjoying the baking hot weather. Throughout the Summer we were able to provide clients with all the sun cream and bottled water they needed. Thanks to all who supported this effort, it really made a huge difference.



## **Client Confidence Building on the River**

We have been very lucky this summer, not only with the wonderful weather (of course) but also rowing on the Thames around Richmond with the Jubilant Trust.

Clients and staff joined together, all equal as a team, powering through the river - well for a few strokes at least! With little experience, coordination took time. Learning to work together really helped build bonds between staff and clients. As well as helping our clients physically, being able to associate with SPEAR staff in a relaxed informal environment has enormous benefits.

Are you an organisation that could offer fresh invigorating experiences? If so then do let us know.



## Moving on to employment

SPEAR's driving mission is to help individuals suffering homelessness to be able to support themselves to live independently. One of the cornerstones of this is employment. We are very grateful to have the support of property developer St George in being able to offer opportunities to get trained in new skills while working practically on site.

SPEAR have been working with 7 ex rough sleepers helping them train to get their safety certificates which are essential to getting on site. All their hard work paid off when they attended St George's first SPEAR apprentice day. This gave them the opportunity to visit an actual site and meet those who are doing the jobs to which they aspire.

Apprenticeships are opportunities that are often only available to the younger workforce, so we are very grateful that St George is prepared to invest in older clients.

Of course not every client wants to enter the building trade. If your company could offer clients real opportunities to gain new skills then please do get in touch. We only offer clients these opportunities when they are ready for it, so they can really celebrate a successful new start.

**23RD OF SEPTEMBER**

LIVE LOCAL MUSIC FROM  
ST MARGARET'S ELASTIC  
BAND

THE RICHMOND MUSIC TRUST

SEPTEMBER  
HARVEST  
FESTIVAL

**23.09.2018**

DONATIONS • LIVE MUSIC • 12PM TIL 5PM

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WE ARE ASKING YOU TO BRING IN DONATION BAGS FOR US TO DELIVER TO SPEAR HOMELESS CHARITY IN TWICKENHAM.

TO MAKE THIS DONATION EVEN SWEETER, WE'LL GIVE YOU A TOKEN TO GET YOURSELF A FREE PINT ON US.

IT'S OUR WAY OF SAYING,  
IT'S NICE TO BE NICE.

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## Family Fun Day at Marble Hill Sunday 23rd September

To celebrate the coming of autumn, [The Rising Sun](#), a pub based just outside Marble Hill Park, is hosting a magnificent family fun day to help raise funds for SPEAR, marking a month of collecting practical donations.

There will be plenty of activities for the children along with music throughout the afternoon from St Margaret's Elastic band and The Richmond Music Trust. And of course there will be plenty to eat and drink.

We hope to see you there !

## Thank You

Thank you for continuing to support those suffering homelessness  
There is plenty more happening, so please keep up to date by checking our [website](#) or follow us on [facebook](#), [twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)

Best wishes

Your SPEAR Team

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