



**Hello!**

The sun has shown its face, and there are hints (and hopes!) that some warmth might be on its way. Which all turns our thoughts to being outside and enjoying outdoor activities, including of course, walking! And if you'd like to have some help in learning how to walk with greater comfort than at present, why not come to our [\*\*"Walk Tall"\*\*](#) workshop on Friday 17th May.

Today is May Day, a festival for many, as is the Summer Solstice or Midsummer's Day, the longest day of the year. To celebrate (if a day early!) why not join us for a [\*\*Midsummer Jazz Cruise\*\*](#) to Tower Bridge and back on Wednesday 19th June?

And between these 2 outdoor events we have something that is rather topical - if from the past - on Tuesday 28th May, Stephen Fielding will give a talk about [\*\*Bazalgette's solution to the Great Stink of 1858.\*\*](#)

Details of these events are below....

And, a date for your diary - our annual [\*\*Party on the Pier will be on Sunday 21st July!\*\*](#)

*Walk Tall - 1.30pm Friday 17th May*

This is not just a sociable walk by the river, but a chance to learn from Alexander Technique teacher, Elizabeth Dodgson about improving your walking.



The afternoon will start with an hour of teaching at the Pier House on how to walk with freedom and ease then we will help you put this into practice during a walk from the Pier, over Barnes Bridge, round the Leg `O` Mutton Loop (nature reserve) and back to the Pier for tea.

There will be two groups and speeds, “slow and thoughtful “ and a normal paced walking group. If you don’t fancy the whole distance you can sit by the river and be picked up as the group walks back.

Tickets £25. Please call 020 8742 2713 or email [trust@chiswickpier.org.uk](mailto:trust@chiswickpier.org.uk) to book

## **Midsummer Jazz Cruise - 7pm Wednesday 19th June**

To celebrate midsummer, Chiswick Pier Trust would like to welcome you to sail along the river by hosting a Jazz Cruise on Wednesday 19th June. We will be leaving Chiswick Pier at 7.00 pm and sailing to Tower Bridge and back.



On board to serenade you whilst sailing the Thames will be the popular jazz band Anacousis. During the cruise a two course buffet supper will be served and drinks will be available to purchase from the bar on board.

Leaving in daylight on a summers evening you can experience the magic of the river and its scenic and historical views. This is the perfect way to enjoy the river on a midsummer evening. **TICKETS: £64.00 per head and can booked [here](#), or by calling 020 8742 2713 or emailing [trust@chiswickpier.org.uk](mailto:trust@chiswickpier.org.uk)**

## **The Great Stink of 1858 and Bazalgette's pollution solution – 7pm Tuesday 28th May**

Stephen Fielding, Heritage Projects Manager for charity Habitats & Heritage presents a talk on the period known as 'The Great Stink' which referred to the deeply polluted state of the River Thames during 1858.



Prepare to be disgusted by the tale of a river that was used as a sewer and as a result polluted the drinking water of thousands of Londoners who died from Cholera. But the tale doesn't end there – Stephen's talk will look at the pollution solutions and engineering feats provided by Sir Joseph Bazalgette, the Victorian engineer responsible for creating London's sewage system.



Doors open and refreshments available from 6.30pm

Tickets £5 – free for members of Chiswick Pier Trust. Booking, which is strongly recommended can be done

via <https://buytickets.at/chiswickpiertrust/1152455>

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