

**From: Wally K. Daly - Community & Vocational Chairman.**

**We have received the attached request for volunteers from two well-established charities.**

**If you can help please get in touch with the organisation directly.**

**First Request:**

**Whizz-Kidz**

On 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June 2006 Whizz-Kidz have been given the opportunity by Tesco to hold collections outside stores throughout the UK. Being a relatively young charity Whizz-Kidz simply does not have the volunteer network to man all of these stores. Can Rotary members help? If any member is interested in helping Whizz-Kidz to do these collections for the days mentioned or to encourage volunteers to help us it will be greatly appreciated.

Contact: Rebecca Bartolo  
Corporate Account Executive  
Charity of the Year.

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[www.whizz-kidz.org.uk](http://www.whizz-kidz.org.uk). Registered charity No. 802872.

- There are estimated 70,000-disabled children who could benefit from customised mobility equipment. Your support will be invaluable in giving them the independence they need at home, at school and at play.

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## Second Request.

# The Stroke Association:

## **Thames Bridges Bike Ride - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2006.**

(32 mile, 14 bridges and one big challenge - are you up for volunteering?)

### **The event:**

The Thames Bridges Bike Ride, sponsored cycles ride following the River Thames, in The Stroke Associations flagship fundraising event.

This year the event enters its 11<sup>th</sup> year and aims to raise over £200,000

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May over 2,400 cyclists will take to the streets.

The Thames Bridges Bike Ride takes in 14 of London's bridges during its 32-mile route along the River Thames. Starting at City Hall, by Tower Bridge, participants will follow the River from Tower Bridge to Hampton Court and view the city from a different perspective.

The route offers the perfect mix of city riding and "off road" cycling. From the start at City Hall, experience the exhilarating city cycling through the history of Old London Town, then across the picturesque towpaths of the River Thames to climax at Hurst Park near Hampton Court.

Festivities commence at 8.00 a.m. on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May**. Cyclists will participate in staggered starts from City Hall. After the 32 miles, cyclists arrive at the finale in Hurst Park and a big party to celebrate the success. Event closes at 5.00 p.m.

### **Volunteer Roles:**

Numbers required:

Area:	City Hall start	16
Pit Stop 1:	Battersea Park	8
Pit Stop 2:	Dukes Meadow (Barnes)	5
Pit Stop 3:	Teddington Lock	5
Finish:	Hurst Park.	20
	On Route Marshals	130
<b>Total:</b>		<b>184.</b>

### **Duties:**

**Start Team:** Duties include helping set up the start area, monitoring the staggered start, scanning the riders off and manning the registration and queries desks and tidying the area when all the cyclists have left.

Please note this area requires a 6:30 – 7:00 start. Volunteers can expect to leave by 12:30 at the latest.

**Pit Stop Crews:** Duties include assisting with the area set up, greeting the cyclists enthusiastically as they arrive at the point, handing out water, stamping route maps and directing and motivating the cyclists on their way.

Location	Arrival Times	Approx Departure Time
Battersea Park	7:45 a.m.	13:30 to 14:00
Dukes Meadow	8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.	14:30 to 15:00
Teddington Lock:	9:15 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.	15:30

Each pit stop is manned by a team of volunteers – each of which must have a designated leader. Their role is extended slightly from that detailed above.

**Pit Stop Leaders:**

- To manage the Pit Stop – arrive first and brand/set up area.
- To manage pit stop volunteers – allocating tasks as necessary
- To be the main point of contact for other volunteers/supporters at that point.
- To enthusiastically cheer, clap and loudly support all bike ride participants.
- To manage the clear up and tidy of the pit stop once all riders have passed through.

**Finish Team:** Duties include assisting with the area set up, greeting and congratulating the cyclists as they arrive, scanning the riders past the finish line handing out medals, manning some of the entertainment areas and assisting with the clear up once the event closes. Volunteers can expect to leave around 17:45. Last marshals leave posts around 16:30.

**Route Marshal: An essential Role.** The tasks being to stand at key points on route and point the cyclists in the right direction, and to enthusiastically cheer, clap and loudly support all TSA bike ride participants, motivating them along the route. The role is staggered, the earlier you are located on route – the earlier you start, but the earlier you get to leave. First posts in place by 7:45 a.m. Last marshals leave posts around 16:30.

**We are looking for groups of volunteers to cover the following areas:**

The City, Westminster, Vauxhall, Chelsea, Battersea, Wandsworth, Putney, Barnes, Richmond, Kingston, Hampton Court and East Molesey. All travel expenses will be paid within reason. Any individual working over 4 hours will be provided with a snack pack.

**Person Specification:**

- All volunteers to be enthusiastic and welcoming.
- Reliable and trustworthy
- Poses common sense and a level headed approach to tasks.
- As the event is staggered, there will be time when the volunteer is busy and other quieter periods. The individual must be happy to operate in both these environments.
- For all tasks bar marshalling, The volunteer must show a flexible approach to tasks, as they could be asked to perform a number of different tasks, as specified in the job description during the course of their shift.