

*Here's me as 'Thisbe,' A Midsummer Night's Dream, CFYT,
Summer 2023*

23 Clay Lane, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 3JF

Mum's mobile: xxxxxx

Mum's email: xxxxxxx



Dear Fishbourne Parish Council

I write to you in the hope that you may be able to help me realise one of my dreams, by making a donation towards the costs of my summer project. Since as long as I can remember I have really enjoyed drama, dance and music and have wanted a chance to explore, learn and participate in musical theatre.

Over the two past years, I have been a performing member of the Chichester Festival Youth Theatre (that's me, above, playing Thisbe in A Midsummer Night's Dream last summer) and I am currently rehearsing for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in my Inter-House Drama Competition at school (Bishop Luffa). My favourite subjects are English, Music and Drama. Recently, I was thrilled to be offered a coveted place with British Youth Music Theatre, a national theatre company for young people. I am one of the youngest successful auditionees!

They've asked me to join The Power of Camelot (<https://britishyouthmusictheatre.org/shows/power-camelot>), a residential musical theatre course held in Tiverton from 10th August – 25th August, with performances at Exeter Northcott Theatre. The project covers all aspects of music theatre and we will work with an experienced artistic staff to develop skills in writing, composing and choreography as well as performance. I work really hard every day to get one step closer to my dream, with 1 lesson of singing a week, 2 lessons of drama, and 7 lessons of dance. I am determined to get there and this summer project is such a fantastic opportunity for me to be part of the BYMT, as it's my wish to work in the industry, one day in the West End.

I am trying to raise the funds needed for my course fee of £1,975. The costs cover all my accommodation, food and pastoral care. The only other expenses involved would be travel costs to and from the venue which will be in the region of £100.

My fundraising activities include a sponsored walk, selling my arts and crafts, and a neighbourhood gig night where I hope to raise several hundred pounds towards my target.

I am writing to local businesses and friends to ask if they will consider a donation towards my course fee. Anything from £10-£50 would be an amazing help, or more if you can! I'd love to come in and talk to you all about it afterwards, should I be successful with my request.

BYMT is a registered charity (number 1103076 in England and Wales, SC039863 in Scotland) and they will be happy to recognise companies and individuals who make donations on their website, newsletter and programme. If you have any queries or wish to discuss this request with a member of BYMT staff please phone the BYMT Office on 020 8563 7725.

Many thanks for taking time to read this letter, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely, Kitty-Primrose Alden, age 12

*Here's me in Jungle Book,
CFYT, Christmas 2023*



<https://www.gofundme.com/f/kittys-place-at-british-youth-music-theatre>