Life saving barbers come to Wells

Award winning barber and suicide prevention pioneer Tom Chapman is offering free haircuts at St Cuthbert’s Church, Wells on 1st November in support of the Festival of Death and Dying.

*‘What many people don’t know is that a simple conversation can prevent someone from taking their life, and men are most at risk of suicide. As barbers we are often the person men talk to about their feelings, it’s a privileged position and we can use it to promote mental health among our clients. That’s why I formed the Lion’s Barber Collective to raise awareness that barbers can prevent suicide, one haircut at a time.’*

Tom will be bringing his chair and offering complimentary cuts to young people and talking about the role barbers can play in preventing suicide among men, from 12-5pm on Friday 1st November.  All for free!

*‘I totally support this festival and its aim to break the suicide taboo. It’s so great seeing the community coming together to tackle this issue, we can’t just leave the problem to the mental health professionals to fix.’*

*‘I’m reaching out to other barbers in the area, come and join the lion pride!’*

St.Cuthbert's church in Wells will host a dazzling array of 24 different activities exploring suicide prevention and survival. Visitors can take part in an artwork being stitched from clothes of the dead by Charlotte Macmillan, embroidery artist to stars Boy George and John Grant. Viv Gordon and Maya Love will show us how to dance and sing our hearts out and DJ Celine DiJon will bring his inestimable mix of sounds to fill the space with musical magic.

At the end of each day, there will be a 'way of council': so if you would like to be part of the solution going forward please share your thoughts and bring your ideas.

For full programme go to what's on at [deathfest.co.uk](http://deathfest.co.uk/?fbclid=IwAR0AIGJ5B7KFVX3ZPPcOkuwkAii6xPIVq_2VCegqepBUoii-1KKZwJNerPs)' Free at the point of entry. Encouraging financial co-response-Ability see FAQ's @ [deathfest.co.uk](http://deathfest.co.uk/?fbclid=IwAR1g88wISCgCehyOtDVqFtjDYd8KlvNzp-I-7_f5kf_6KF6oTfvP69oiVqg)' <https://www.facebook.com/deathfest2019>

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