That Amazing Thing! is currently in a state of suspended animation. We'll host our Castle party this year (tickets on sale Aug 1<sup>st</sup>) & remain up for guest spots, radio shows, joining in other people's shenanigans. We don't currently have capacity for our core - our thing: arranging lively parties in unusual spaces in (or around) Manchester.

There are several reasons, but mostly to do with time I have available & which parts of the night I enjoy taking care of & those I can live without. People in past have been generous offering to help & I'm open to that (but if you're thinking of offering please read this\* at bottom).

So: we're still about, up for fun, for collaborations maybe, certainly a house party: that's where we came from & remains our first love, sorting one of those with a soundsystem & brilliant music is never too much, if this is in your thinking get in touch.

I'll be considering how to maintain our annual Castle party in the run up to this year's event (dates 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Oct), partnership with another outfit a possibility, happy to talk to people about this now or in coming 3 months & test out the set up this time.

Maybe That Amazing Thing! will be back with Manchester underground parties if I can find a way to make hosting them more manageable, I hope so.

Thanks & bear with Francis
May 2019

\*These are the things I can do, quite enjoy & don't so much need a hand with: finding venues, setting them up, décor, sourcing & putting in sound & lighting, DJing.

Things I don't feel well suited to (& am slow at, so take up a lot of time & cause me some stress): words - social media & other promotion, writing content for website, answering messages, talking to people, making decisions, hype, e-mail, admin. From this you can deduce it's hard for me to delegate: the bits people might think of giving a hand with = those I like to do (& am good at). The bits I want to give away are those which make the night "mine", if someone's doing those they are essentially running the night with me assisting. That's a situation I might go for (with the right person in place) but seems a bit unlikely.