

<p><b>Annual General Meeting</b></p> <p>The Bereavement Care Annual General Meeting will be taking place on <b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm</b>, hosted once again by <b>Emmanuel Church, Northwood</b>. All Members and Representatives of Corporate Groups are invited, and (as last year) please invite others who would be interested in hearing about our organisation. The meeting will start with a short address from Alex Buckmire, Research &amp; Development Director of Voluntary Action Harrow. We hope to see you there.</p>	<p><b>36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference</b></p> <p>Our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference has been booked for <b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b> at Mosaic Reform Synagogue. Planning is still at an early stage and details will be released as soon as speakers and workshops have been confirmed. Conference Fees will be maintained at the same price as last year (£40 for "Early Bird" applications from Individual Members and Members of Corporate Groups) so keep your eyes peeled for application forms which will be available to download from our web-site around June/July.</p>
<p><b>Coming soon ... Midsummer Magic</b></p> <p>Please save the date <b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b> for a summer Afternoon Tea with a magical twist, provided by award winning magician Paul Cavendish. Bereavement Care is pleased to invite you and your family (suited to ages from 8 to 80+) to Church House, Old Church Lane, Stanmore for a magical afternoon in the hall and pleasant gardens. More details to follow soon. Enquiries to <b>Bobbi Riesel</b> 020 8428 7977 or email <a href="mailto:bobbi@riesel.co.uk">bobbi@riesel.co.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Recent Fund-raising &amp; Awareness Events</b></p> <p>Well done to all those who ...          ... sang Christmas Carols at Harrow-on-the-Hill Station and collected £880 in December.          ... helped with the Charity Collection at Sainsbury's in South Harrow the weekend before Christmas and collected £611.          ... helped to organise or attended the Fish &amp; Chip Supper Quiz at Mosaic Synagogue in February which will have raised approximately £2,000.</p>
<p><b>Courses at The Lodge</b></p> <p><b>Initial Bereavement Training (5 x evenings)</b>          Weds 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> April &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> May (7.30 – 9.45pm)</p> <p><b>Suicide Workshop</b>          Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April (7.30 – 9.30pm)  <i>This is a repeat of the Workshop run last year, which was over-subscribed. Please apply early to guarantee your place.</i></p> <p><b>Children &amp; Grief Course</b>          Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October (9.30am – 4.30pm)  <i>Please apply early, as our recent course was full!</i></p> <p>Further details on the web-site or from the office.</p>	<p><b>Charity Collection at Sainsbury's, South Harrow</b></p> <p>As you will have read (above), we collected over £600 at our last Charity Collection; which, with the Gift Aid on Small Donations Scheme, will have raised £760. It's not arduous, but finding volunteers who are willing to hold a collecting tin or bucket inside the store entrance (<i>no "rattling" permitted</i>) for an hour and a half is the biggest challenge. If you (and a friend?) would be able to help on our next collection on either <b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b> or <b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b> at <b>Sainsbury's, Northolt Road, South Harrow</b>, please contact <b>David</b> in the Bereavement Care office (contact details above).</p>
<p><b>Looking ahead ... please note these dates:</b></p> <p><b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>      <b>Pinner Village Show</b>          Bereavement Care will be holding its Awareness and Fund-raising Stall at the show from 11.30am – 5.00pm</p> <p><b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>      <b>Bridge &amp; Lunch</b>          Our very popular Bridge Day is being held this year at Moor Park Golf Club. Details for bookings to follow.</p> <p><b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>      <b>Carol Singing</b>          Following the success of previous years, we hope to be in fine voice at Harrow on the Hill Station to sing Carols. Please come and join the "flash choir".</p>	<p><b>Mayor of Harrow's Special Appeal</b></p> <p>As you are probably aware, a number of events have been taking place over the past few months in support of The Mayor of Harrow's Charities for this Mayoral Year, of which Bereavement Care will be one of the beneficiaries. We were delighted to hear that the Harrow entry in the London New Year's Day Parade won third prize with its float based on Charlie Chaplin. We have also been keen to support events such as the Mayoress' Committee Ball which took place at Elliott Hall, Harrow Arts Centre last month and the Supper Quiz in the Members' Lounge at Harrow Civic Centre on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March. A big thank you to those who attended any of these events.</p>

If you have any contributions for the next issue, please e-mail them to the office to arrive by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

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