

**A View from the Coal Face Sunday 22nd April
An evening with John Benjamin**

Avid viewers of BBC's "Antiques Roadshow" will be familiar with **John Benjamin**. Now you can hear him talk "live" at Mosaic Synagogue in Harrow on Sunday 22nd April at 8.00pm.

Tickets £12.50 includes drinks and canapes (available from Bobbi Riesel 020 8428 7977 bobbi@riesel.co.uk). This event is being run in conjunction with Mosaic Jewish Community.



37th Annual Conference Wednesday 31st October
Please make a note of the date, and hopefully attend, our
37th Annual Conference

Plans are still underway, so there's not a lot we can tell you at this time, other than the times (10.00am – 3.30pm) and the venue (Mosaic Reform Synagogue in Harrow). Following in the wake of so many tragedies which have led to sudden or unexpected deaths (whether terrorist incidents, knife attacks, vehicle accidents, suicide ... and of course the devastating fire at Grenfell Tower) this year's Conference hopes to make us more prepared when we are supporting those struggling with these kinds of bereavement.

Fish & Chip Supper Quiz

Huge thanks to those who organised and/or attended our annual Fish & Chip Supper Quiz which was held at Mosaic Reform Synagogue on Saturday 10th February. A lot of time and energy was put in beforehand, particularly from question-setter **Jack Lynes** and table name-designer **Val Austen**. Thanks also to Barracuda of Headstone Lane who supplied the Fish & Chips. The event raised over £2,000 for Bereavement Care funds which is an excellent result. Well done!

Annual General Meeting Wednesday 23rd May

We are once again grateful to Emmanuel Church, Northwood who have invited us to hold our Annual General Meeting at their premises on Wednesday 23rd May, 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start.

Although the AGM is predominantly a business meeting, it is also an apposite time for the Trustees to thank our considerable number of volunteers for all the work they do in supporting bereaved people. Please encourage others to come along and find out a little more about us.

John Horniman's Children's Trust

What a pleasant surprise we received from the Trustees of the John Horniman's Children's Trust with the award of a grant of £4,000 towards our bereavement work with children and young people. This is designated funding which is primarily to train some of our Children's Visitors in the "Seasons for Growth" Programme which can be used with groups of children rather than on a 1:1 basis, as our practice is currently. Find out more about "Seasons for Growth" at www.seasonsforgrowth.co.uk

New Trustee: Mr Kim Parry

A warm welcome is extended to Kim Parry from Bereavement Care Board of Trustees. He has recently been appointed as the Representative of Harrow Deanery Synod. Kim is a member of St. John's, Greenhill and is also a Bereavement Visitor in one of The Lodge Bereavement Groups. His background in business, and more recently in counselling, provides new skills and additional experience to the Board of Trustees.



Training Events:

Tuesday 10th April Children & Grief Course
at The Lodge, Pinner Road from 9.30am – 4.30pm.

Wednesday 18th April Visiting the Elderly Workshop
Bobbi Riesel will be running a Workshop at The Lodge 7.30pm – 9.00pm considering the specific issues around visiting the elderly.

Wednesday 2nd May Adult Safeguarding Workshop
at Harrow Council Chamber from 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

Wednesdays 4th & 11th July IBT Course
Our next Initial Bereavement Training Course at The Lodge will be two Wednesdays from 9.45am – 4.00pm.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

This MIGHT be the last Newsletter we will be able to send you ... unless you tell us that you would **LIKE** to receive them! Under the imminent GDPR legislation (on May 23rd) we will need to obtain your permission to "hold" your contact details and for you to agree for us to send this kind of information (Newsletters, Courses etc) to you. The intention of the new rules is marvellous. Safer data control and hopefully a reduction in cold-calling offering PPI, Accident Claims and replacement Windows! But for Charities, like Bereavement Care, it is something of an administrative nightmare! **Please bear with us while we prepare our consent forms for you to sign and return.**

If you have any contributions for the next issue, please e-mail them to the office to arrive by Friday 25th May. Please feel free to distribute this Newsletter to current and prospective supporters of Bereavement Care.