

Recent Events

Although now in our distant memories, the three **Carol Singing Events** raised a staggering £1,557. One of our generous carol singers then "topped up" the total to £1,600 which, with Gift Aid on Small Donations, will result in a grand total of **£2,000**. Huge thanks to all our carol singers and musicians. In more recent memory, the **Fish & Chips Supper Quiz** held at Mosaic Reform Synagogue also achieved a magnificent **£1,800**. There is a whole team of people to thank for this (and they have been thanked personally) but to them, and all those who supported the event, our very grateful thanks

Donations

We are very grateful for donations given by groups and individuals. Some of our Corporate (Church) Groups hold Memorial Services and donate the collection to us. Two Waitrose stores chose us as one of their recipient charities in January. Harrow Weald achieved £340 and Northwood £350. We have also received donations from former clients; one anonymous donor who gave £1,000; Mosaic Reform Synagogue gave £300 from their High Holy Day Appeal; St John the Baptist Church Pinner gave £800 "to continue our good work" and we received £405 from a Community Event in Hatch End.

Membership Renewals

Many thanks to those who have already renewed their Individual Membership or who have joined us as new members. You are very welcome. Some of the "perks" of membership is to receive this quarterly newsletter by e-mail or post and the opportunity to attend the Annual General Meeting (see opposite). But most important of all is your generosity in supporting Bereavement Care through your Membership Donations. Application Forms for both Corporate and Individual Membership can be downloaded from the Bereavement Care web-site.

Forthcoming Training and Events:

Saturdays 30th March & 6th April **IBT Course**
Initial Bereavement Training Course at The Lodge.
Two Saturdays from 9.45am – 4.00pm

Tuesday 2nd April **Children & Grief Course**
Children & Grief Course. 9.30am – 4.30pm.
Mosaic Reform Synagogue

Monday 29th April **For Group Leaders & Deputies**
Refresher Workshop aimed at Group Leaders and their Deputies to discuss best practice. 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the Meeting Room at The Lodge.

Funding, Fund-raising and all things Financial

Like many charities, seeking potential sources of revenue for Bereavement Care is a constant challenge. We have a small Fund-raising & Awareness Committee who would be very keen to welcome new members (particularly anyone who has some new ideas about how to raise funds) but also others who may be willing to get involved in helping with the planning and delivery of fund-raising events. We are not necessarily appealing for bereavement visitors to apply – but rather that you may know of someone who has these interests and skills, and you could pass them our details for them to get in touch.

Eastcote House Gardens Summer Picnic Saturday 8th June 2019 11.00am – 4.00pm

Following a warm reception last year, we shall be taking our fund-raising and awareness stall back to Eastcote House Gardens on Saturday 8th June. Please come and support us and the Friends of Eastcote House Gardens. You can bring your own picnic and enjoy the entertainments and visit all the sideshows and stalls – including ours! Of course, if you are willing to help on the stall for an hour, that would be marvellous. Parking is extremely limited, so best to come by public transport. Entrance at High Road, Eastcote HA5 2FE

Annual General Meeting Wednesday 15th May

The Bereavement Care Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th May at Emmanuel Church Northwood. Refreshments and networking from 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.

New Trustees

We are pleased to welcome **Mr Leslie Pappoe** who has been appointed to Bereavement Care's Board of Trustees. Leslie has a financial background and responded to our appeal for a prospective Honorary Treasurer.

With the AGM just a few months away, it is probable that some of our existing Trustees will be looking to step down after several years of dedicated service. Anyone who is interested in standing for election as a Trustee at the AGM is encouraged to do so. Nomination forms are available from the Bereavement Care office.

If you have any contributions for the next issue, please e-mail them to the office to arrive by Friday 24th May. Please feel free to distribute this Newsletter to current and prospective supporters of Bereavement Care.