

## The National Lottery Community Fund



We are pleased to report that we have been successful in obtaining a **£10,000** grant from the National Lottery, to help us develop bereavement support groups in the areas that are currently under-resourced including (but not exclusively) Hayes, South Harrow and Harefield.

## Waitrose Charity Collection Northwood

Many thanks to those who assisted at our Charity Collection and Awareness day at Waitrose, Northwood on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Particular thanks to **Jeanette Leibling** who made the arrangements and organised the rota of collectors. We collected **£603.80** (which, with Gift Aid will top £750). Not only a great result in monetary terms; but we have already received a call from a client asking for bereavement support who took home one of our leaflets ... and that's worth so much more!

## Tesco "Bags of Help"

You will be pleased to know that from 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, Tesco Stores in the Harrow Area will feature Bereavement Care as one of the three charities that can be voted on in store (by dropping your token into the collecting box after making a purchase). There are 13 Tesco Stores, including the Harrow and Pinner Superstores and Tesco Express that will be taking votes. Please encourage friends and supporters to vote for us with a chance to receive up to £2,000 if we receive the highest number of tokens. *Every little helps!*

## Forthcoming Training and Events:

**Wednesdays 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 IBT Course**  
Initial Bereavement Training Course at The Lodge on two Wednesday daytimes. 9.45am – 4.00pm

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 Children & Grief Course**  
How to support bereaved children. 9.30am – 4.30pm

## Fish & Chip Supper Quiz Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020

As many of you will be aware, our Annual Supper Quiz has in recent years been held at Mosaic Reform Synagogue. We are hoping that we can do the same in 2020, but for the moment, please **KEEP THE DATE** and we will provide more information when it becomes available. Updates will be available on our web-site.

## 38th Annual Conference - Hear, Hear!

We **HEAR** that our 38th Annual Conference took place on 30<sup>th</sup> October at St Helen's School, Northwood with around 150 people attending. The keynote speaker, Emmanuel Aharoni, explored the importance of listening; and this was followed with some scenarios illustrating some of the issues with listening badly. After lunch, discussion forums took place to give delegates the opportunity to share their observations. Well done to all who planned and participated.

## Bridge Lunch at Pinner Hill Golf Club

Despite worries that our annual Bridge Lunch might have to be cancelled due to low numbers, it did take place at Pinner Hill Golf Club on 16<sup>th</sup> October and we are most grateful to **Trudy Segal** for all her efforts in advertising the event and encouraging people to attend. Thanks to the small team who supported Trudy on the day; and thanks also to Brian Eisenberg, who kindly gave his time and expertise as Tournament Director. Congratulations to Katherine Pinching and Alan Edwards, who won the Tournament. Results can be viewed on our web-site.

## Donations

Some of the fund-raising events we have been running or attending this year have required prizes for raffles or tombolas. As the festive season approaches, you may find one or two items around the house (perhaps unwanted gifts) or something in the sales - that you would be willing to part with and could kindly donate to Bereavement Care to use as prizes in our fund-raising. All donations, large or small, are most welcome. Please drop them to the office when you are passing, or hand them to a member of the Fund-raising & Awareness Committee throughout the year. Thank you.

## Carol Singing

We will soon be into the month of December, and for Bereavement Care that means the approach of our ever popular Carol Singing. We meet at each venue around **4.30pm** and sing for a couple of hours.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December Rayners Lane Station**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December Ruislip Manor Station**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Harrow on the Hill Station**

If you can only come for part, then please come and go as you need to. We do however need a good turnout for each venue, so please pick one (or more) and let us know you'll be coming (as there are limits on the maximum numbers for each of these locations).

**If you have any contributions for the next issue, please e-mail them to the office to arrive by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Please feel free to distribute this Newsletter to current and prospective supporters of Bereavement Care.**