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**Eastcote House Gardens Platinum Jubilee Fair
Saturday 4th June**

Thank you so much to those who helped in any way with the Jubilee Fair at Eastcote House Gardens on Saturday 4th June. Despite a rather damp start, the day turned out to be glorious and we raised **£386**. However, there was also an opportunity for us to raise awareness of our support and inform visitors about our services.



Bucket Collections at Morrison's, Hatch End

Many thanks to **Jeanette Leibling** who arranged two very successful Bucket Collections at Morrison's Supermarket in Hatch End several weeks ago. The total of donations collect on each of the days was:

Sunday 3rd April £ 241.00

Saturday 28th May £ 267.20

Of course, none of this would have been possible without those volunteers who generously gave their time to engage with the shoppers and hold the buckets, including some volunteers from the Harrow Lions. Thank you all so very much.

Cyril Tompkins R.I.P.

It was with great sadness that we learnt that Cyril Tompkins had died at St Vincent's Nursing Home on 6th June, aged 96. Cyril had been a bereavement visitor at St. Alban's Church, North Harrow and had been joint Group Leader with his wife, Jocelyn, for many years. His funeral was held at St. Alban's Church on 6th July with representatives of Bereavement Care in attendance, to hear that Cyril had been volunteering as a Bereavement Visitor for over 30 years. Our sincere condolences are conveyed to Jocelyn and her family.

Forthcoming Training Course

The next **Initial Bereavement Training Course** will be held at The Lodge (64 Pinner Road, Harrow HA1 4HZ) on:
Tuesdays 13th & 20th September from 9.30am – 3.30pm

Details are available on our web-site:

<https://www.bereavementcareandsupport.co.uk/initial-bereavement-training/> or from the Bereavement Care office. Due to the limited space, places will be restricted, so please book early to ensure that you don't miss this opportunity.

Annual Conference – Wednesday 26th October

**BACK TO THE FUTURE
New Ways of Being**

We are delighted to announce that plans are well underway for this year's Annual Conference which will be taking place face-to-face, in person at Emmanuel Church, Northwood on Wednesday 26th October from 10.00am – 3.30pm. The theme of this year's Conference tackles several of the issues around Bereavement and Mental Health. Bookings will open shortly. Further details available on our web-site or from the Bereavement Care Office.

Pinner Village Fair: Saturday 10th September

Our next Fund-raising and Awareness event will be on Saturday 10th September at Pinner Rotary Club's Pinner Village Fair. We need volunteers who are willing to give us an hour or two to be on our stall – but we also need many gifts/prizes that we can use on our Tombola. As you will see from our efforts at Eastcote House Gardens, we have been doing rather well with our "£2 / Prize every time" Tombola, so if you have any new unwanted gifts that you are willing to donate, please drop them into the office or direct to **Bobbi Riesel** (07787 547383). All donations most gratefully accepted.

Carol Singing in December

We may be experiencing temperatures in the high 20's but it is never too early to start planning our popular charity collection and carol singing. We are hoping to be able to return to Harrow on – the - Hill Underground Station this December, but we have also made an initial approach to St Ann's Shopping Centre in Harrow. Once we have received confirmation of dates, we will be sending out more information.



Could someone you know become a Bereavement Visitor?

We are urgently looking for more Bereavement Visitors. Some of our Bereavement Groups have been depleted and are now made up of just one or two people. We are also seeking new Bereavement Visitors who are willing to work with bereaved children and young people. If you know of someone who might be interested, please ask them to contact the Bereavement Care Office so that we can arrange for them to attend our next Initial Bereavement Training Course.

If you have any contributions for the next issue, please e-mail them to the office to arrive by Friday 30th September. Please feel free to distribute this Newsletter to current and prospective supporters of Bereavement Care.