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Our best ever Fish & Chips Supper Quiz

Who would have thought that a few portions of Fish and Chips etc. could raise over £3,500 in an evening? Huge thanks to all those who supported our Fish and Chips Supper Quiz last month and to those who worked so hard behind the scenes to make it all possible. We won't mention any names (as there is always a good chance that someone might be left out unintentionally) but YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE! We do, however, need to say a special thank you to Mosaic Jewish Community who let us use their brand new synagogue on Stanmore Hill; to White House Fish & Chips in Stanmore and to Morrison's Hatch End for their generosity (see feature). Well done everyone on such an amazing result!

Special thanks to Morrison's, Hatch End

Over the past few years, we have built up a very close working relationship with Morrison's Supermarket on the Uxbridge Road in Hatch End. They have hosted numerous Bucket Collections and kindly supported our volunteers as they stand at the entrance, resisting the temptation to "jangle" the collecting bucket (as that is not permitted) and encouraging busy shoppers to spare some change. The trouble is, many of us don't carry much loose change anymore – so we have been trying to experiment with a card reader (with limited success). But the staff at Morrison's in Hatch End have been so helpful; and Wendy Wood (Community Champion) deserves special thanks for her help with the supply of fruit, desserts, sweets and raffle prizes for our Fish and Chips Supper Quiz.

Forthcoming Training Courses

The next **Children & Grief Course** will be held at The Lighthouse Centre (Queens Walk, South Ruislip HA4 0NL) on: **Monday 24th April from 9.15am – 3.30pm**

A workshop on **Supporting those bereaved by Suicide** is being held at The Lodge (64 Pinner Road, Harrow HA1 4HZ) on: **Thursday 27th April from 7.00pm – 9.00pm**

Details of both courses are available on our web-site: <https://www.bereavementcareandsupport.co.uk/initial-bereavement-training/> or from the Bereavement Care office.

Annual Conference Wednesday 25th October

SAVE THE DATE

We are delighted to announce that plans are well underway for this year's Annual Conference which will be taking place again at Emmanuel Church, Northwood on Wednesday 25th October from 10.00am – 3.30pm. We are assured that the problem with the heating (that we experienced in 2022) has been resolved and the work on the roof (which was rather distracting at times) is all sorted. We are close to finalising the Title and Keynote Speaker, and as soon as we have these in place we will be putting the information on our web-site: so please save the date and watch this space for more information www.bereavementcareandsupport.co.uk



Jeanette Leibling, as part of Bereavement Care's Fund-raising & Awareness Committee, was pleased to accept donations from the team at Morrison's, Hatch End who acknowledged the vital support that our volunteers provide to those who are struggling to come to terms with their grief and loss.

Photo: (L to R) Wendy Wood, Jeanette Leibling, Smita Patel

An Audience with Rebecca Soffer

In conjunction with The Ark Synagogue Northwood we are delighted to be able to invite you to **An Audience with Rebecca Soffer** on **Monday 22nd May from 5.00pm – 7.00pm**. Rebecca is one of the founders of www.modernloss.com, (the web-site is sub-titled: "Candid Conversations about Grief: Beginners Welcome") and author of "The Modern Loss Handbook" and co-author of "Modern Loss: Candid Conversations about Grief". More details to follow nearer the time – but certainly worth keeping this date free in your calendar.



Bereavement Care supports the National Day of Reflection marking the anniversary of the first Covid lockdown. More details: <https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/day-of-reflection>

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