

## Bereavement Care

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### Welcome to our new Chair of Trustees

At the Bereavement Care Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, Gopal Bhachu was elected to the Board of Trustees, and indicated that he would be willing to take on responsibility as the new Chair of Trustees, when the retiring Chair, Mrs Neena Bedi, stepped down. A Presentation was made at the AGM to thank her for Chairing.



### A new Board of Trustees

There were several new additions to the Board of Trustees (and a few familiar names) when elections took place at the Annual General Meeting:

Neena Bedi	Gopal Bhachu
Sharon Daniels	Almarene Frederick
Leslie Pappoe	Sadhana Patel
Bobbi Riesel	Richard Segalov
Tony Simmonds	Sheila Small
Charlotte Spencer	Aviva Wilford

In addition, John Spencer remains as a nominated Trustee representing Harrow Deanery Synod. A very warm welcome to all our Trustees and we look forward to welcoming you to events in the future.

### Memorial Services

Sincere thanks to those churches who have held Memorial Services for bereaved families and individuals recently, and who took a collection on behalf of Bereavement Care. November is traditionally the month of Remembrance, as it includes the Christian commemoration of All Souls departed, and the National Remembrance Parades and Services for those who lost their lives in conflict.

### Forthcoming Training

#### Initial Bereavement Training Course

Wednesdays 31<sup>st</sup> January and 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
John Keble Church, Deans Lane, Edgware HA8 9NT  
Details and Booking Form available on our web-site.

#### Safeguarding

Is your Safeguarding Training “up-to-date”? It should be refreshed every three years! Whilst we are hoping to arrange one for Bereavement Care volunteers, you can always sign up for one run by Voluntary Action Harrow. Training for voluntary groups is FREE:  
<https://www.voluntaryactionharrow.org.uk/event-calendar/>

### Fish and Chips Supper Quiz

We are delighted to give you advance notice of the date and venue for our Annual Fish and Chip Supper Quiz next year.

**Sunday 11th February 2024**  
**at Edgware & Hendon Reform Synagogue**  
**118 Stonegrove, Edgware HA8 8AB**

Tickets £29

To register interest or more details, please contact

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### Carol Singers needed



We are once again holding our popular Carol Singing event this year, to meet with the public, let them know about Bereavement Care and collect some very welcome donations whilst bringing some festive cheer. If you can help, please contact David in the

**Bereavement Care Office 020 8427 5720**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**4.30 – 6.30pm Harrow on the Hill Station Concourse**

### Individual Membership

Did you renew your Individual Membership this year? With so many other distractions, it is easy to overlook these things. Most of our Members renew at the turn of the year, and we are grateful to those who did so. Individual Membership Forms can be downloaded from the Bereavement Care web-site, or please send an e-mail or pick up the telephone if you need to check your Membership status.

### Will Writing Month and Legacy Giving

Many of you will be familiar with the television and media adverts in March and October from some of the national charities such as Alzheimer's Society, Guide Dogs and Age UK offering a special deal with solicitors who will draw up a simple Will which includes a gift to one of the charities who participate in the Free Wills Month promotion. These large charities pay to take part (and the Solicitors' fees for drawing up the Wills is taken from these contributions). We can't afford to take part in the Free Scheme, but we do have a Legacy Leaflet which we would love to send you if you would consider leaving us a gift in your Will. Please contact David in the Bereavement Care Office if you would like more details.

**If you have any contributions for the next issue, please e-mail them to the office to arrive by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Please feel free to distribute this Newsletter to current and prospective supporters of Bereavement Care.**