

Bereavement Care

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Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 22 May

As requested by the members, the Bereavement Care Annual General Meeting this year has been brought forward and will be held once again at Emmanuel Church, Northwood on Wednesday 22 May with refreshments and networking from 7.30pm. The meeting will begin at 8.00pm with a short presentation, led by Gopal Bhachu (Chair of Trustees) outlining the Three-year Strategic Priorities for Bereavement Care. Marking the 10th Anniversary of Bereavement Care's Constitution being approved by the Charity Commission, the Trustees have also reviewed the Constitution and will be asking the membership to approve the revisions. Copies will be circulated in advance.

Eastcote House Gardens Summer Picnic Saturday 1 June 11.00am – 4.00pm

If you can spare an hour (or two) to help us on our stall at Eastcote House Gardens Summer Picnic, please contact **Bobbi Riesel** bobbi@riesel.co.uk **07787 547383** so that she can allocate you a time-slot. She would also be pleased to receive any prizes that could be used on the Tombola. Whilst this event will raise some funds, it is often our presence and awareness-raising in the local community that can be just as important, and in making our services known through informal conversations.

Match Funding

Do you have opportunities for Match Funding (or do you know someone who can)? Some banks and larger companies (e.g. Morrisons, BT, GlaxoSmithKline) give their employees the opportunity to apply for Match Funding if they are fund-raising. If you are employed (or even a retired employee), your company may be willing to 'match fund' proceeds from an event that you are running or helping to run to support a charity. If you (or someone you know) is willing to support us in this way, perhaps you would be kind enough to enquire and let us know?

Forthcoming Training

Children & Grief Training Course

Wednesday 15th May at The Lodge.

Details and Booking Form available on our web-site.

Initial Bereavement Training Course

Thursdays 16th and 23rd May 2024 at The Lodge.

Details and Booking Form available on our web-site.

Refresher Training (same course/two options)

Tuesday 25th June at The Lodge. 10.30am – 12.30pm

or

Wednesday 3rd July at The Lodge. 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Details and Booking Form available on our web-site.

Annual Conference: Wednesday 30 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 30 October from 10.00am – 3.30pm. Our Keynote Speaker will be **Dr Alison Penny MBE**, with **Bereavement is Everyone's Business**. More information will be made available on our web-site: but please save the date and watch this space for more information www.bereavementcareandsupport.co.uk/conference-2024/

Pinner Music Festival: 10 – 15 June

We were honoured to have been chosen by the organisers of Pinner Music Festival to be their 'Charity of the Festival' this year. The Bereavement Care logo and details of our services will appear on their publicity, and we will have the opportunity to talk to festival-goers during the refreshment breaks. If you are available to attend on one of the days, please contact **Bobbi Riesel** bobbi@riesel.co.uk **07787 547383** so that she can populate the rota.

In a similar way to Eastcote House Gardens, it is in talking to people about our work that can be very productive.



Membership

As we approach AGM season, now is a good time to check that you have renewed your Membership. Only fully paid-up Individual Members, and one nominated representative from each Corporate Group, is entitled to vote. Most Members renew at the turn of the year, although others may have renewed around the time of the AGM. 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. Being a Member carries with it the responsibility of electing Trustees and contributing to the future of Bereavement Care. The future is in your hands!

Volunteer Vacancies

Trustees

Following the resignation of two Trustees earlier this year, we now have vacancies on the Board. If you would like more information, please contact the Bereavement Care office.

Fund-raising & Awareness Committee Members

The Fund-raising & Awareness Committee is the driving force behind events such as the Fish and Chip Supper Quiz, stalls at Eastcote House Gardens and Pinner Village Fair, and Carol Singing at Christmas. If you know someone who has an interest and/or experience in planning and running events, and may be interested in volunteering, please ask them to contact the Bereavement Care office

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