

Bereavement Care

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Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 4 June 7.30pm for 8.00pm

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Bereavement Care is being held at Emmanuel Church, Northwood on Wednesday 4 June with refreshments and networking from 7.30pm. The meeting will begin at 8.00pm. Whilst this meeting is a requirement of our charitable status, and only Individual Members and Corporate Member Representatives can vote, an invitation is extended to all our volunteers and it is always a pleasure to welcome both old and new faces. To assist with numbers for seating and catering, please advise your intention to attend (or to give apologies) to the office.

Eastcote House Gardens Summer Picnic

Saturday 7 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. If you have any donations for the Tombola, please bring them to our office. 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.

Summer Garden Party Sunday 13 July

We are delighted to be able to invite you to a Summer Garden Party, kindly hosted by one of our Trustees, Aviva Wilford, at her home in Northwood on Sunday 13 July from 3.00pm to 5.30pm. We shall be serving tea, coffee and light refreshments (sandwiches and cakes) at a ticket price of £15 per head. Advance booking is essential and payment can be made by BACS to our account: Bereavement Care

Sort Code: 23-05-80 Account Number: 43231545 Reference: GP <surname>

Please confirm your booking with an e-mail or telephone call / voicemail to the office on 020 8427 5720 or admin@bereavementcareandsupport.co.uk

We are praying for fine weather and hope you might invite friends and family to come along and join us.

Bridget Murray R.I.P.

It is with great sadness that, as many of you will already know, Bridget Murray passed away last month. Bridget had been involved with Bereavement Care (and its predecessors) from the earliest of days and had volunteered as a Bereavement Visitor, Group Leader at St John's Church Pinner and as a client Assessor. May she rest in peace.

Celebrating 25 Years as a Charity

Wednesday 4 June 5.30pm to 7.30pm

There will be a celebration for past and present members and volunteers of Bereavement Care on 4 June, immediately prior to the AGM. It is 25 years since its predecessor, the Harrow Churches Bereavement Visiting Scheme (HCBVS), voted, on 23 May 2000 at a General Meeting, to become a Charity. Twenty years prior to that, the initiative to train volunteers to provide this vital service was launched by the Harrow Deanery Social Responsibility Committee. For more information about the celebration and reunion of former volunteers, please contact **John Spencer** jspencer@htnorthwood.co.uk **07711 670712**

Annual Conference: Wednesday 29 October

SAVE THE DATE ... NEW VENUE

We are delighted to announce that plans are well underway for this year's Annual Conference which will be taking place at **St Edmunds Church, Northwood Hills** on Wednesday 29 October from 10.00am – 3.30pm. More information about the Conference: "**Barriers to Resolving Grief**" 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-2025/

Taking Tea at the Palace

We were honoured to receive an invitation for two of our volunteers to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace this month. Bereavement Care was represented by Bobbi Riesel and John Spencer.



Volunteer Vacancies

Trustees

We are very keen to fill vacancies on the Board of Trustees. If you would like more information or to express interest in this role, please contact the Bereavement Care office. We would be particularly interested to hear from anyone who has experience of finance and would be willing to take on the role as Honorary Treasurer.

**If you have any contributions for the next issue, please e-mail them to the office to arrive by Monday 28th July 2025.
Please feel free to distribute this Newsletter to current and prospective supporters of Bereavement Care.**