

Bereavement Care

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Spring Fair and Coffee Morning

Wednesday 9 April 10.00am – 4.00pm

Please come and support our latest fund-raising and awareness event on Wednesday 9 April from 10.00am – 4.00pm at Harrow District Masonic Centre in Kenton (HA3 0EL). We have spaces for Stall-holders - all enquiries to **Bobbi Riesel** bobbi@riesel.co.uk 07787 547383. We would also be pleased to receive any items or unwanted gifts that could be sold or used on our own stalls. These can be dropped at the office (please liaise with David for mutually convenient times).

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. As above – 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.

'Stories of Harrow' Heritage Project

We have been awarded a small grant from Harrow Giving to join 15 other community groups and prepare for a 'Stories of Harrow' heritage exhibition in 2026 at the Headstone Museum. This will be part of the celebration of Harrow's 60th Anniversary. Our contribution will be to explore the history of Bereavement Care and document its current role in the community; providing education, training and support. We will also prepare a podcast of conversations to recognise the various cultural bereavement customs and rituals of Harrow residents, explored through their stories and experience.

Forthcoming Training

Children and Grief Training Course

Friday 28th March 2025 at The Lodge, Pinner Road, Harrow from 9.30am – 3.30pm.

Initial Bereavement Training Course

Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th May 2025 at The Lodge, Pinner Road, Harrow from 10.00am – 3.30pm.

Details and Booking Form available on our web-site or on request from the office. Remember – Corporate Groups are entitled to ONE FREE IBT place every year of their Membership.

The Forrester Family Trust

The Forrester Family Trust aims to support small charities who rely on volunteer support and make an impact in their communities. It was therefore a great pleasure to have received a cheque recently to Bereavement Care.

Their award letter reads:

"We have pleasure in enclosing our cheque in the sum of £10,000 as a contribution towards your valuable work"

To all our volunteers, a huge thank you for all that **you** do to enable the delivery of bereavement support.



Dangoor Award

We were honoured and very surprised to be recognised by the Faith and Belief Forum for "Outstanding Services to Faith and Belief Communities in Greater London", not only with a certificate, but a welcome donation of £500 too! Trustees Gopal Bhachu, Charlotte and John Spencer attended the award ceremony.

Membership

Have you renewed your Membership this year? Most Members renew at the turn of the year. 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. We also value those organisations who join us as Corporate Members, and are always keen to welcome more. Please contact the Bereavement Care office if you would like more information about either Individual or Corporate Membership.

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.

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 Rotary Village Show, 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 12th May 2025. Please feel free to distribute this Newsletter to current and prospective supporters of Bereavement Care.