

Bereavement Care

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Pinner Rotary Village Show

Saturday 7 September 11.30am – 5.00pm

If you can spare an hour (or two) to help us on our stall at Pinner Rotary Village Show on Saturday 7 September, please contact **David** in the Bereavement Care office so that he can allocate you a time-slot on the rota. He 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.

Christmas comes early ...

It's August, so I wouldn't be surprised if you start to see Christmas displays appearing in our shops and garden centres anytime soon! It all seems to start earlier and earlier each year. For us – we've already booked two dates for **Carol Singing**:

Wednesday 4 December at Rayners Lane Station; and Tuesday 17 December at Harrow on the Hill Station.

Both starting around 4.30pm. Please contact **Bobbi Riesel** bobbi@riesel.co.uk 07787 547383 if you are able to lend your voices to the 'ad hoc' choir!

Three-year Strategy: 2024 - 2027

Over the past 9 months, the Trustees have been putting together a Three-year Strategic Development Plan. The early stages of this was shared with those who attended the Annual General Meeting in May. It is now starting to be implemented and will continue to be shared with our volunteers over the coming months. There are five Strategic Priorities: Communication and Marketing; Recruitment and Training; Community Engagement and Partnership Working; Financial Security and Income Generation; Service Review and Development.

Forthcoming Training

Initial Bereavement Training Course

Thursdays 19th and 26th September 2024 at The Lodge, Pinner Road, Harrow from 10.00am – 3.30pm. Details and Booking Form available on our web-site.

www.bereavementcareandsupport.co.uk/initial-bereavement-training/

*Remember, **Corporate Member** organisations are entitled to ONE FREE Initial Bereavement Training Course trainee per year of their Membership. Have you used your free place this year?*

Annual Conference: Wednesday 30 October

BEREAVEMENT IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

Have you booked 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**, and there are some exciting Break-out Groups to attend. More details and an Application Form can be found on our web-site:

www.bereavementcareandsupport.co.uk/conference-2024/

Pinner Music Festival

A very big thank you to the small team of volunteers who represented Bereavement Care at Pinner Music Festival earlier in the Summer. It was a unique opportunity to be able to talk to festival-goers during the breaks for refreshments. Donations given at the event were then sent on to Bereavement Care, and we were delighted to receive just over £1,000. We are reliably informed that an additional donation (the surplus of funds from the event itself) will be forwarded in the autumn. Thank you **PMF!**



Membership

Have you renewed your Membership this year? 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. We would also value your input to the Three-year Strategy. The future is in your hands!

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 2nd December 2024. Please feel free to distribute this Newsletter to current and prospective supporters of Bereavement Care.