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A Happy and Blessed New Year from all of us at The Meeting Place!

Are you one of the 1 in 6 people who are affected by hearing loss? The Meeting Place organises **Lip Reading classes** at Eastwick Road Church on Mondays from 1.30-3.30pm. These will **re-start on Monday 14 January**. Do come along to these friendly, fun and supportive classes, run by a qualified lip reading tutor. For more information please contact Val Lambert, or use the contact details on our website, shown below.

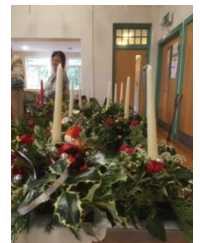
The **Coffee Shop** is open at Bookham Baptist Church on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10-12 noon, offering coffee and hot drinks with cakes from The Grange, soft play for the children and always a friendly welcome. **During January, bring a new friend on a Saturday morning and get a free coffee!**

We have folders of **Community Information** always available at the Coffee Shop. We are **grateful to all our volunteers** and would welcome a few **more people** to join the friendly teams at the Coffee Shop or the Guided Conversation Language group - if you are interested, please get in touch. All our TMP volunteers are invited for afternoon tea at Carolina's in January – if this applies to you, please make sure you reply by the deadline.

The **Language Hub** of The Meeting Place offers classes for people whose first language isn't English. On Monday evenings these are **Guided Conversation classes at Del Fuoco's Coffee Shop** in Bookham (next to the Post Office) from 7.30-9pm. Come and meet the Team for **Coffee and Conversation on the first Monday evening of each month, restarting on 7 January**. Classes are aimed at improving confidence, fluency and pronunciation when speaking. **Tuesday mornings at Bookham Baptist Church continue to be group lessons, restarting on 8 January**. For more information about either class, please check the website (below) or contact Yvonne Delahunty (07711 565366).

Ali, our **Hearing Champions advisor** will be available at the Coffee Shop on **Saturday 8 February**, 10:00am – 12 noon. No appointment is necessary, we work on a first come, first served system using the Lounge area. Please bring your brown NHS Battery Book (which includes your settings and requirements) and your hearing aid.

In early December we held a very enjoyable Christmas centrepiece workshop. Beautiful arrangements were created under Denise's expert tuition, and a good time was had by all.



On **Fridays 25 January and 22 February Wellers Hedleys** will be offering a **free, no obligation meetings with a solicitor** at the Meeting Place Coffee Shop session. No appointment is necessary, just drop in between 10-11am.

Further ahead, please put the date of our **AGM on Saturday 16 March** in your new diaries. This will be at 1230 after the morning Coffee Shop and, as usual, we will serve a soup lunch.

We meet in the BBC Hall at 9am on the first Saturday of the month for about 30 minutes to **pray together** for the work and the future of TMP. The next meetings will be **Saturdays 2 February and 2 March** - all are welcome.

Leatherhead Food Bank Vouchers can be issued from the Community Hub at a Coffee Shop session, please speak to the Team Leader on duty. Purple collection crates to donate food are available at Bookham Baptist and St Nicolas churches. **Leatherhead Citizens Advice Bureau** can offer sessions in Bookham on Tuesday mornings (by appointment only) at **St Nicolas Church Pastoral Centre**. These are held in a private room, and coffee is available if you have to wait. To make an appointment, call 03444 111 444, text 07464 802232 or email the CAB at blfproject@camv.org.uk

The Meeting Place has a **new website** - <http://themeetingplace.org.uk> . Please take a look at it to find out more about what we do. You can email us info@themeetingplace.org.uk or call 07425 133431 for more information. You can follow us on Facebook too.

Thank you for your support - we look forward to seeing you and your friends again soon!