



NEWSLETTER No. 20, AUTUMN 2018

The Meeting Place has a **new website** - <http://themeetingplace.org.uk> – please take a look! We are having a celebration launch evening on Friday 23 November, 6-8pm at St Nicolas Church Pastoral Centre. You are welcome to join us and bring a friend! Please let us know using the contact details below.

On **Saturday 8 December** we are offering you the opportunity to get creative and make a **centrepiece** for your **Christmas table**. All you need in the way of greenery, ribbon and expert tuition from Denise will be provided, and the cost is just £5. The session will run from 10.30-12noon at Bookham Baptist Church. Please come along and invite a friend! Prebooking is required, please use the contact details below, or ask at the Coffee Shop.



Are you one of the 1 in 6 people who are affected by hearing loss? The Meeting Place is organising **Lip Reading classes** at Eastwick Road Church, Mondays 1.30-3.30pm. 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 ring 07425 133431.

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. Over **Christmas** we will be open as usual Friday 21st and Saturdays 22nd and 29th December, but we will be closed on Mondays 24 and 31 December. **Bring a new friend on a Saturday morning and get a free coffee!**

We also have folders of **Community Information** available. We are **grateful to all our Coffee Shop volunteers** and could welcome a few **more people** to join the friendly team - if you are interested, please get in touch.

At the **Language Hub** 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 5 and 19 November and 3 and (possibly) 17 December. Classes are aimed at improving confidence, fluency and pronunciation when speaking. **Tuesday mornings at Bookham Baptist Church continue to be group lessons** as before. For more information about either class, please contact Yvonne Delahunty (07711 565366).

The Meeting Place will have a stall at Bookham's Late Night Shopping evening on 6 December – do come and see us.

Ali, our **Hearing Champions advisor** will be at the Coffee Shop on **Saturdays 29 December and 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.

On **Friday 30 November** and **Monday 17 December** local solicitors, **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.

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

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 1 December and 5 January** - all are welcome.

For more information about The Meeting Place, please visit our website <http://themeetingplace.org.uk>, email 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!