

NEWSLETTER 46 SPRING 2025



2025 started with a big “Thank you” to all our volunteers who joined the Trustees for tea and cakes in January. We could not run our activities without their skills, enthusiasm and hard work. It’s enjoyable too, so if you’d be interested in joining one of our teams, please get in touch using the contact details below.

The Meeting Place **AGM will be held on Saturday 15 March 2025**. All are welcome to join us at 1230 in Bookham Baptist Church Hall (after the Community Fridge and Coffee Shop sessions) for a review of 2024, and to hear about our plans for the future, as well as the chance to talk to the Trustees.

Our **Coffee Shop** is open every **Saturday 10am-12noon** in Bookham Baptist Church Hall, throughout the year. On **Saturday 1 March we will be having an “open house”** to which we’ve especially invited local clergy and councillors including the Chair of Mole Valley DC Elizabeth Daly. Everyone is welcome to join us, including of course all our “regulars”. We serve great coffee and tea as well as delicious cakes made by The Grange. We will be open as usual on the Saturdays of the Easter and the May Bank Holiday weekends - do call in to say hello, meet your friends or make new ones.

Hearing Champions (a FREE service for people with NHS hearing aids which includes basic maintenance, battery supply, cleaning and re-tubing, trouble-shooting and advice) will be **at the Coffee Shop on 29 March and 19 April**. This is a drop-in service, no appointment is necessary. **Lip-reading classes** are held via Zoom on Monday mornings in term time to teach this useful skill. Classes cover a wide variety of topics to make things interesting and challenging.

All are welcome to visit our **Community Fridge** “help yourself” tables and take food they can use to prevent it being wasted. The food available at each session does vary a lot, so come and see - we are open on **Tuesday and Friday mornings 1100am-1200 and Saturday mornings 1030-1130am** at Bookham Baptist Church.

Liz and the Anna Chaplaincy team continue to be busy with **Praise and Craft** and **Hymns we Love sessions at Liberham Lodge**, as well as planning for the next **“Summer Fun” themed Holiday at Home days** in August and their regular befriending commitments.

The **Language Hub** team are looking for **another qualified ESOL teacher** to join them. Students come from a wide variety of backgrounds and enjoy the relaxed and supportive atmosphere. The classes are for people whose first language is not English, and run in term time – face to face groups for **Beginners and Elementary level** at Mole Valley Skills Hub in Leatherhead on Tuesdays, and **Intermediate level** classes on Zoom on Monday evenings. Please tell your friends and get in touch if you’d like to know more - we are potentially able to offer some financial support to anyone wishing to study for the qualification.

We meet to pray for all aspects of The Meeting Place on the first Saturday of each month, 9-9.20 in the BBC Hall. The next dates are **1 March, 5 April, 3 May and 7 June** - all are welcome.

For more information about any TMP activity above or to get in touch with us, please go to our website <http://themeetingplace.org.uk>, or email us at info@themeetingplace.org.uk. If you would like to contact us on the TMP mobile ring 07425 133431 to leave a message. You can follow and like us on Facebook too - look for these pages: The Meeting Place <https://www.facebook.com/The-Meeting-Place-Bookham-373334882842124/> Bookham Community Fridge <https://www.facebook.com/groups/meetingplacebookham/> [Language Hub https://www.facebook.com/The-Meeting-Place-Language-Hub-860048310731606/](https://www.facebook.com/The-Meeting-Place-Language-Hub-860048310731606/)

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