

THE MEETING PLACE NEWSLETTER 44, SUMMER 2024



The team at The Meeting Place has been busy over the last few months – here is some of what we've been doing and planning!

Summer has arrived and many of us are thinking about a holiday, but we know not everyone can get away. Liz, our **Anna Chaplain** along with the Anna Friends are planning two “**Holiday at Home**” days on Wednesday 7 August (at Eastwick Road Church) and Wednesday 21 August (at Bookham Baptist Church). This year the theme is “**Ship to Shore**” – enjoy a cruise without having to leave Bookham! Join us for the whole day or just a half day – there will be a variety of events including a visual presentation, ukelele band, Kim's Move It or Lose it session, as well as “deck games”, quizzes and craft. The day will end with Tea on board The Royal Yacht. On **Wednesday 18 September** the next Living Well in Older Age will be “**Technology talk**” from Surrey Connect, in Bookham Library 1030-12noon.

At the **Coffee Shop** we offer a warm welcome to anyone in the community, and this continues to be very popular. We are open throughout the summer on Saturdays from 10-12 noon at Bookham Baptist Church Hall. We would welcome one or two new volunteer servers and are also looking for someone who would be able to help us set out/put away the chairs and tables each Saturday. **Hearing Champions** runs regularly to offer assistance to those with NHS hearing aids, next sessions are **6 July, 3 and 31 August and 5 October**.

The **Community Fridge** will also continue running throughout the summer at Bookham Baptist Church. Our aim is to redistribute good quality food from supermarkets that would otherwise be wasted, so come and visit the “Help Yourself” tables on Tuesday mornings (11:15-12:15), Friday mornings (11:15-12:15) and Saturday mornings (10:30-11:30) and see what is available, it varies each time! All are welcome.

Our **Language Hub** classes have been very active. There are groups for Beginners which are held on Tuesdays at Mole Valley Skills Centre in the Swan Centre in Leatherhead, and Improvers held on Zoom on Monday evenings. Classes run in term time and are for people wanting to improve their skills and confidence when English is not their first language. The last classes for the summer term will be on 8/9 and 16 July and classes will restart on 16/17 September (beginners assessments on 10 September). **We are looking for an additional volunteer teacher so if you are TEFL/CELTA qualified** and would like to find out more, please get in touch.

Lip Reading classes are held on Zoom on Monday mornings to teach this useful skill in a friendly, supportive and informative environment. Classes have now finished for the summer but keep an eye on our website for classes in the autumn.

We were pleased to attend **Bookham Village Day** and enjoyed having the opportunity to chat to those we knew and those we didn't about all that The Meeting Place does and can offer. We **meet to pray** for the work and future of the Meeting Place on the first Saturday of each month, 9.00-9.20am at Bookham Baptist Church hall – all are welcome to join us on **6 July, 3 August and 7 September**.

For more information about TMP or to get in touch with us, please go to our website <http://themeetingplace.org.uk>, email us at info@themeetingplace.org.uk or ring 07425 133431 to leave a message. You can follow and like us on Facebook too – look for: 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/>

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