

## NEWSLETTER 49 SPRING 2026



2026 started with a big **“Thank you”** to all our volunteers who joined the Trustees for afternoon tea in January. We could not run our activities without their enthusiasm, skills and hard work. It’s very enjoyable too, if you or a friend would 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 14 March 2026** in Bookham Baptist Church Hall, starting at 1230pm. All are welcome to join us (after the Community Fridge and Coffee Shop sessions) for a review of 2025 and to hear about future plans, as well as the chance to talk to the Trustees and Anna Chaplain, Liz.

Our **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. If you or a friend are interested in finding out more, or wonder if this could help you, come along to our special **Information Coffee Morning on Saturday 21 March** in the BBC Lounge, from 10am-12noon while the Coffee Shop is in progress in the Hall.

The **Coffee Shop** is open throughout the year on **Saturdays 10am-12noon** in Bookham Baptist Church Hall. 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 perhaps make new ones.

**Hearing Champions** is a free service for people with NHS hearing aids which includes basic maintenance, battery supply, cleaning and re-tubing, trouble-shooting and advice. The team will be available **at the Coffee Shop on 7 March, 4 April, 2 May and 6 June**. This is a drop-in service, so no appointment is necessary.

**Liz and the Anna Chaplaincy team** continue to be busy at Liberham Lodge, as well as planning for the next Holiday at Home in August and their regular befriending commitments. **The Living Well in Older Age talks** continue at Bookham Library. The next ones cover **Scams and How to avoid them on 18 March, Decluttering and Downsizing (20 May) and How to Access Support for Sight and Hearing in Surrey (15 July)**.

The **Language Hub** offers classes for people whose first language is not English at Mole Valley Skills Hub in Leatherhead on Tuesdays in term time. Groups are organised by ability levels, please get in touch to find out more.

You are welcome to visit our **Community Fridge** “help yourself” tables on **Tuesday and Friday mornings 1100am-1200 and Saturday mornings 1030-1130am** at Bookham Baptist Church. The food available at each session does vary a lot, so come and see us. In order to reduce future food waste and build food confidence, the team have been offering some youth cookery sessions which have been very popular!

**All are welcome when we meet to pray** for The Meeting Place on the first Saturday of each month, 9-9.20am in the BBC Hall before Coffee Shop. The next dates are **7 March, 4 April, 2 May and 6 June**.

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](mailto: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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