

## THE MEETING PLACE NEWSLETTER 50, SUMMER 2026

Welcome to the **50<sup>th</sup> edition** of the Meeting Place Newsletter! They started in 2014 when we were publicising the opening of our pop-up Community Hub in Church Road (in the former Newsagents opposite the Barn Hall) – who remembers that?!



It's HOT! Summer has arrived and many of us are thinking about a holiday, but not everyone can get away. Liz and the **Anna Chaplaincy team** are planning a **Holiday at Home** at Eastwick Road Church on Wednesday 19 August. This year it's a Trip to Italy, with time to relax and take a break from the everyday. Please note this is already fully booked, but there is a waiting list in operation as cancellations do occur. On **Wednesday 15 July** come and find out about Accessing Support withy Sight and Hearing with Sensory Services Surrey. This **Living Well in Older Age** event is from 10.30am to 12pm at Bookham Library.

At the **Coffee Shop** we remain open throughout the summer on Saturdays from 10am-12 noon at Bookham Baptist Church Hall, with a warm welcome to anyone in the community. **Hearing Champions** sessions offer assistance to those with NHS hearing aids and the **next sessions are 4 July, 1 August, 5 September and 3 October** during Coffee Shop hours – no appointment is needed.

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

**Lip Reading** classes are held on Zoom on Monday mornings to teach this useful skill in a friendly, supportive and informative environment. Classes finish for the summer at the end of June but will restart in the autumn - keep an eye on our website for the date they. Our **Language Hub** has been very active throughout the year and the team are taking a well-deserved break. The last classes for the summer term will be on 7 July but will restart in September. Classes are for people wanting to improve their skills and confidence when English is not their first language. They are held on Tuesdays at Mole Valley Skills Centre in the Swan Centre.



We had great fun at **Bookham Village Day** promoting all the activities of TMP through our chosen book *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. We were delighted to be awarded a cup again this year – this time runners up for the Best Dressed stall.

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 4 July, 1 August, 5 September and 3 October.

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