

# BRIDGEMEDIA

## “Outrageous Grace!”

*“In Jesus Christ, we have forgiveness of sins according to the riches of God’s grace that he lavished upon us.” Ephesians 1:7*

Ever since I became a Christian I have loved the hymn, written by John Newton, “Amazing Grace.” John Newton was a rough seaman, but after meeting with God he became a powerful preacher and a determined opponent of the slave trade. In this hymn, he speaks of once being lost but then being found by God, of once being blind to God’s love for him but then having his eyes opened so that he could know that love, of being a “wretch” whom God took and made into a “new creation”.

The thought came to me recently that the word “amazing” isn’t really strong enough to describe God’s grace. Grace is God’s undeserved favour to us; God didn’t have to pour out his love upon us but he chose to. Two of Jesus’s parables demonstrate this without even mentioning the word “grace.”

In the story of the Prodigal Son or the Lost Son, the son leaves his father with his share of his father’s money, goes to a foreign country and wastes all the money enjoying himself, and then when he is desperate decides to return to his father. His father could have disowned him but instead ran to him, threw his arms around him and had a celebration party for his son.

In the story of the Workers in the Vineyard, a man hired people to do twelve hours work for a fixed sum of money. At various times during the day he took on other people who hadn’t found work right up until one hour before finishing time, and then when he came to pay people he gave them all the same wage. Both of these stories demonstrate how God treats us; he never turns anyone away no matter how bad they have been or how late they leave it in turning to him. This isn’t just Amazing Grace, it is Outrageous Grace!

**Alan Ashworth**

## A Message from the Chairman of the Trustees

### Hullo Bridgemedians

I hope, like me, you are enjoying the warmer weather. I am reminded of the old proverb *"ne'er cast a clout 'til May is out"* – but it is tempting isn't it! Still, by the time you read this it will be June.

During May we received notice of planning approval for phase 1 of the building work – the flood protection element. We await planning approval for the new wing and refurbishment. Thankfully there were no public objections to any of our plans which means approval should soon be given.

We now have to make some big decisions about the next stage which will involve detailed design leading to inviting contractors to tender. That is still a little way off and the Trustees are taking a breath to reflect on the next steps we should take. We have a big mountain to climb in terms of fundraising and we need to be sure that we move forward at a pace and in the direction that God is leading. Will you please join us in praying about the proposals and that God would give us the guidance we need?

Some of you may have heard from Susannah Mansfield our fundraiser who has been busy sending out cards introducing people to the scheme. We want to keep you up-to-date with what is happening and to request help in praying for the work and helping us raise the funds that are necessary. Every bit counts! It would also be helpful if you pass on the message to your friends and family and within your churches. The more interest we can generate the better.

Some of you supported Stuart running the London Marathon in April to raise funds for the project. You will find a photograph of him complete with medal in this edition – just to prove that he completed the run. As you can see he also did quite well in raising funds.

I am constantly challenged by the way that God works. At the Bridgemed service recently we thought about the story in the Bible of the feeding of the 5,000. I was really struck by the fact that Jesus took the little that a small boy had to offer (5 loaves and 2 fish) and multiplied it so that 5,000 people (at least) were fed and there was plenty left over. God doesn't change and he wants us to trust in him by offering the little that we have to give and trusting that he will multiply it.

Enjoy June – I hope the weather stays warm!



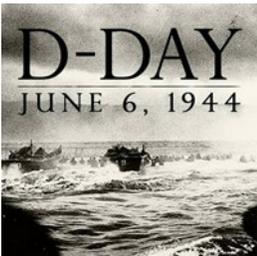
## Early June in History



**1st June 1967** - British pop group The Beatles released the groundbreaking album 'Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band'.



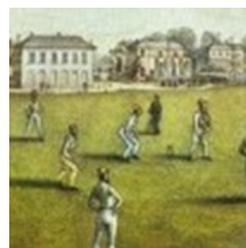
**2nd June 1953** - On a cold and wet day in London, the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place in Westminster Abbey.



**6th June 1944** - D-Day invasion of Normandy by 1 million Allied troops to liberate Western Europe from German occupation.



**15th June 1215** - King John and his barons met on the banks of the River Thames at Runnymede and sign the Magna Carta, thus removing total authority from the monarchy forever.



**22nd June 1814** - The Marylebone Cricket Club and Hertfordshire play the first ever cricket match at England's Lord's Cricket Ground.

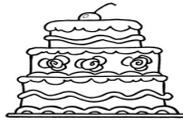
## **June Birthdays**

### **Residents**

- 1st June - Bob Collins**  
**1st June - Pat Tipper**  
**2nd June - James Elliott**  
**4th June - Barbara Holman**  
**6th June - Ruth Hewetson**  
**8th June - Danny York**  
**10th June - Jean Tranah**  
**13th June - Elizabeth McClune**  
**30th June - Edward Horesh**

### **Day Club**

- 7th June - Margaret Hooper**



### **June Activities**

- Tuesday 6th June - Music and song with Chris Griffiths**  
**Wednesday 7th June - John Holcombe plays guitar**  
**Monday 12th June - 'John-on-me-Tod' sings and plays**  
**Thursday 15th June - Justin Daish plays 1950's and 60's rock 'n' roll guitar**  
**Wednesday 21st June - Alive! Interactive trip down memory lane with Colin**  
**Thursday 22nd June - Mike Renton's happy, jolly 'sing-a-long'**  
**Friday 23rd June - Laurence Kell's violin and mandolin instrumentals**  
**Monday 26th June - Somer Valley Singers summer concert**  
**Wednesday 28th June - David Kniveton's flute recital**

## Farewell

Mr Bob King passed peacefully away at Bridgemean on Wednesday 3rd May 2017. Bob will be much missed by all those who knew and cared for him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.



## Friends of Bridgemean

**Hello Bridgemedians,**

Well this last month I've visited Frieburg in Bavaria and Guernsey – I've really enjoyed both short holidays, they were so different! Although I have been to Jersey many times – I have relatives there - I'd never visited Guernsey. What a little gem! So easy to get to and so much to see...I really must return! Both holidays were made with different groups of female friends and what fun we had – I feel very lucky to have such loyal chums!

Fifty three of us enjoyed the Quiz & Fish and Chip Supper on Friday 12 May and we are so grateful to Liz Cocks, her husband Trevor, and their daughter Sarah for arranging the whole evening. Also thanks to Pam and all the team at Bridgemean for their help. This is always a well attended event and I would like to thank everyone for their support. I'm delighted to report that the evening made a profit of £245.

The 'Friends' AGM takes place at Bridgemean on Tuesday 11 July at 7.30pm. This is a chance for you to offer your ideas and suggestions to the Committee for the next twelve months – we would be delighted to see you there!

Our Strawberry Fayre this year takes place on Saturday 22 July at Bridgemean at 2.30pm. Strawberry Cream Teas will be on sale and we shall be offering cakes, gifts and Phoenix greeting cards stalls.

Lastly a big thank you to all those who have paid their annual £5 subscriptions – there are just a few outstanding - our Treasurer Wendy will be delighted to hear from you.

Have fun,

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## Congratulations and Thank you!

Many thanks to Stuart Weekes, who ran the London Marathon on Sunday 23rd April in support of Bridgemead. He completed the 26.2 miles course in 4 hours 44 minutes and 49 seconds. Stuart raised £3, 127.70.

Grateful thanks to Stuart for his efforts in helping us raise much needed funds. Thanks also to all those who sponsored and supported him.



Congratulations to Bridgemead Chairman of Trustees, Geoff Weekes, who was presented with the Mayor of Bath's, Citizens of Bath Award on Thursday 18th May. The award recognises the tireless effort, work and support Geoff gives to Bridgemead.



## **Creative Activity Therapist**

Congratulations to Michelle Jenner who has completed her training to become a 'Creative Activity Therapist.' The certificate was presented by The Mayor of Wellington, Councillor Gary James.



## **Do you have any time to spare?**

Activities at Bridgemean take place every day. There are a variety of activities on offer for residents to participate in throughout the week. These include music performances, art & craft, quizzes and reminiscence topics. We need volunteers to help with activities and to encourage residents to join in. Please contact Michelle Jenner, Activities Co-ordinator on telephone number 01225 484 904.

## Virgin Money Giving

Bridgemead has a Virgin Money Giving Page set up. If anyone would be interested in giving, the link to it is: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/finalCharityHomepage.action?charityId=1007255>

Please note that Bridgemedica can now be found on our website. Go to [www.bridgecare.org.uk](http://www.bridgecare.org.uk), click on Bridge-media and you will find the latest issue. We also now have a page for Staff Vacancies on the website.

If you would prefer to receive your copy of Bridgemedica by e-mail, can you please let us know on [admin@bridgecare.org.uk](mailto:admin@bridgecare.org.uk)

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