



Bridgemia Newsletter June 2022



Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee

"God Save the Queen"

England... Lovely cities

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May was a busy month for weddings. Two staff members celebrated their marriage. Hayley's ceremony was held at the Guildhall in Bath and Diana's ceremony was held back home in Romania. Congratulations to both Hayley and Diana.



Alan Ashworth - Chaplain

“O Thou who changest not, abide with me!”

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Hebrews 13:8

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration started and finished with Helen Mirren acting as Queen Elizabeth 1 who reigned from 1558 to 1603. Different groups of people were staging events which had happened between the reigns of Elizabeth 1 and Elizabeth 2; in all 1300 people and 500 horses took part. The theme of the celebration was equestrian because of the Queen's love of horses, but it also recorded some of the many changes which took place during those years. Things have always been changing, as Bob Dylan said in his 1964 song, "The Times They are a-Changin'." The hymn writer, Henry Francis Lyte, wrote the hymn "Abide with me" as he was dying in 1847 and wrote, "Change and decay in all around I see: O Thou who changest not, abide with me!" I am sure that many of you can remember that iconic picture as Queen Elizabeth 2 walked down the steps of the aeroplane on which she had returned from Kenya on February 7th 1952 after her father had died. Think for a moment of some of the changes that have happened for us since then: television, use of cars and aeroplanes, improvements in medical care, central heating, space travel, computers, mobile phones, internet – to name but a few! Now think of some of the changes that are happening right now – a pandemic, climate change, the war in Ukraine and more countries wanting to join the western defence alliances. To these we add personal changes, such as our own health because of age, the death of friends and relatives and perhaps concerns about grandchildren. For me, the knowledge that God does not change is a source of great strength and comfort. Today, tomorrow and forever God is the same as He has always been, and we can keep trusting in Him!

News at Bridgemead

We've had a variety of entertainment this month at Bridgemead. Ballroom Dancers, Danny Guest singing, Dogs for Health and also a Magician!!



Outings have now recommenced and our first Day Trip was to the Botanical Gardens in Victoria Park. As you can see the residents thoroughly enjoyed their day out. We look forward to further outings over the following months.



Covid 19 – Update

We want to thank all families and visitors for supporting us to ensure all of our residents and staff were kept safe during a very difficult time.

We are happy to say that we have been clear of any individual contracting Covid 19 over recent months. Due to this development, we are looking to remove as many restrictions as physically possible, with the support of BANES Social Services.

As previously mentioned in last months Bridgemedias Families/Visitors:

- **PPE - We ask that face masks are worn at all times.**
- **Visitors will no longer need to do an LFT when they come into the building unless they plan to provide personal care.**

Personal Care: Feeding, Washing and Dressing, Toileting.

- **For indoor visits residents are allowed up to two visitors at a time in their room. When more than two visitors we have the availability of the Family Rooms or Conservatory.**
 - **Residents can go out with no requirement to isolate.**
 - **We will only be testing residents if they become unwell and show multiple signs.**
 - **We continue to ask visitors to please call to inform us when you plan to visit - this is to monitor the traffic of people within the building.**
 - **Thank you again for all your support**
- Management of Bridgemedias**



Celebrate 30 years with Bridgemedias

Saturday 2nd July, 2–5pm

As part of our celebrations we are holding a **Garden Party** on the 30th anniversary of our official opening.

Come and spend the afternoon in a delightful 4 acre garden, rarely open to the public and dwell in the orchard, wander through the amazing pergola and on to the lake.

This is our main fundraising event of the year. Support us while enjoying a stimulating afternoon in the summer sunshine.

- Complimentary glass of Pimm's and canapes
- Tea, coffee and cake
- Pay bar
- Jazz band
- Plant and cake sale

Tickets £40 Buy online at bridgecare.org.uk/gardenparty or by calling 01225 484904

Exhibition about the home's activities and our plans for flood resilience. Disabled access across most of the site.
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**"30th Anniversary celebrations: July 2nd Garden Party
It's not too late to book your ticket for this summer event with special guest**

Wera Hobhouse, MP."

Trustee Message

I would like to introduce myself to all friends of Bridgemed. I grew up not far from Bath – by the Wye near Monmouth. I went away to University and never returned... until having retired as a Professor of Marketing, I got an invitation to live around three corners from my son and his young family. My husband and I never seriously imagined when we got married in Monmouth 42 years ago that we would get old (!!). And that it would be wise to downsize and buy a bungalow and be sensible about living near bus routes. But God has blessed us in realising that we have now got a lot older and that having quick access to two delightful and different cities, 20 minutes away by bus, is central to our flourishing in later life. And He has given us local family and a new church family to belong to at Widcombe Baptist Church. As soon as I arrived I responded to a call to help out as a Trustee with marketing expertise at Bridgemed.

Getting to know Bridgemed has of course been hampered by Covid but I have nevertheless visited a number of times and chatted to some of the residents; it was a privilege to see and hear four pray for Bath during the Lent period when BathCAN set up daily prayer videos for all aspects of Bath City life.

I now divide my time between healthy activities (walking, swimming, Pilates), less healthy activities (eating too well, sitting about reading books) and looking after grandchildren. I get creative in my upstairs ‘playroom’ and research in my downstairs study. And we love having lots of people round to lunch, tea and dinner – but not on the same day.

Bridgemed is all about flourishing in later life and living as ‘at home’ as possible. God has made a way home for us and calls us home in due course. Meanwhile He gives us new homes and new friends and Bridgemed seems to me to be a rather wonderful final home for so many over three decades.

As a marketer my first task on the trustee team was to help produce the 30 year Bridgemed story in a couple of leaflets that we hope will encourage really generous donations so that we can make Bridgemed as secure as possible against climate change for at least another 30 years. So if any of you readers have deep pockets please put your hand in and bring about material blessing for Bridgemed in the form of funding the new glass wall protection that will mitigate the flood risk.

**Thank you.
Sue Halliday**



Dr Sue Halliday discussing the meaning of life with a challenging robin!!!

FRIENDS OF BRIDGEMEAD

Dear Bridgemedians,

We are still hoping to hold our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 19 July, 7.30pm at Bridgemead, when we hope to see as many of you as possible. Refreshments will be served.

Something a bit different this year, we are hoping to send details of the AGM electronically to those of you with email access. Those of you without this facility will continue to receive items by post.

Also we are still hopeful that we shall be holding our popular Strawberry Tea at Bridgemead on Saturday 23 July, 2.30pm. This is always a happy occasion so we will be delighted to welcome as many of you as possible. It will be a scaled down event with just refreshments to enjoy, plus a card stall and raffle, but it will be an opportunity to put a few pennies into our coffers.

We are able to help finance the upgrading of the roof garden at Bridgemead which is such a solace for residents and staff alike. Ryan, Tilly and friends, including Trevor, the husband of one of our committee members Liz Cocks, are working with outside help to ensure that the garden is looking good for the summer sunshine. Many thanks to you all!

Thank you to everyone who has paid their subscriptions, either by cheque, cash or standing order. We are also so grateful for the generous donations made by several of you to the Friends of Bridgemead. As you know, all the money we make goes towards providing all those little extras for the residents.

Lastly but certainly not least, congratulations to Hayley who was married in May and became Mrs Jenkins! As well as all the sterling work that she does caring for the residents of Bridgemead she is a much valued member of the Friends committee. We all wish Hayley and her lucky husband a very long and happy married life together.

Keep well



Happy Birthday to:

**Residents: James E
Felix W
Marian A
Harold I
Irene T
Ronald S
Edward H**

Day Club: Morfydd J

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