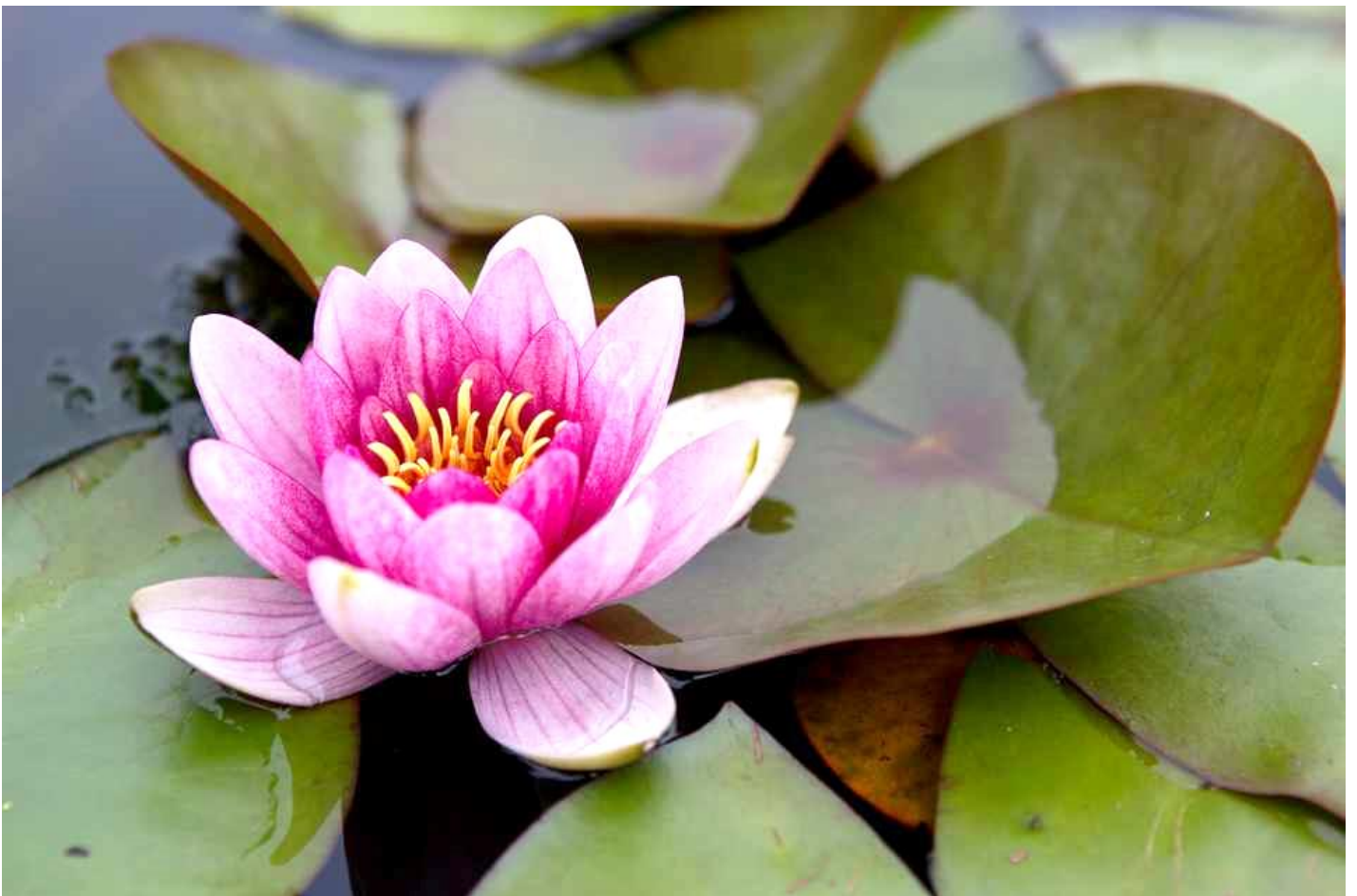




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Bridgemia Newsletter July 2022



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The Barefoot Boy

by John Greenleaf Whittier



Blessings on thee, little man,
 Barefoot boy, with cheek of tan!
 With thy turned-up pantaloons,
 And thy merry whistled tunes;
 With thy red lip, redder still
 Kissed by strawberries on the hill;
 With the sunshine on thy face,
 Through thy torn brim's jaunty grace;
 From my heart I give thee joy,
 I was once a barefoot boy!

“God knows us, loves us and wants us to love Him!”

“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” Psalm 139:14

As I write this section of Bridgemedi each month, the hardest thing is deciding what to write about. This is not because there is a shortage of suitable subjects but because there are so many to choose from. People sometimes say that they have a favourite Bible passage; I struggle to do that because I have so many “favourites” and at any point in time circumstances make me consider different passages. One of my favourite passages is Psalm 139 written by David. I often quote one verse when either I or someone else is unwell: “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

When we think of our bodies they are so, so complex that it is surprising that things don’t go wrong more often. God created us as a human race but God also knows each one of us as an individual. David says that God knows all about us, what we do, what we say and what we think. Nothing comes as a surprise to God; God knows now what will happen to us in the future. David also says that there is no way that we can escape from God’s presence whether by going up the highest mountain or to the bottom of the sea or to the opposite side of the world. All these things were a source of comfort and strength to David as he knew that he was never by himself but that God was with him, whatever each day brought. Then a thousand years after David’s time, God sent His Son Jesus into our world to show us just how much God does love us. Jesus lived a perfect life as an example for us and then died upon the cross so that we could have a new relationship with God because Jesus paid the price for our wrongdoings. God then sent His Holy Spirit to be with us and to live in us as we try to follow Jesus.

News at Bridgemean

At Bridgemean, on the 1st June, we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with the residents, family and friends. We were entertained in the afternoon with Mini Concerts singing a variety from 'Stars of Swing and Stage'. It was great for the visitors to see how Bridgemean is able to offer this kind of entertainment and enjoyment for all. The afternoon continued with tea and cakes. A beautiful 'Jubilee Cake' was made by Heather, our Head of Care. It was a Victoria Sponge filled with vanilla cream, jam and fresh strawberries. Visitors and residents are still saying how lovely the cake was. Many thanks to Heather.





With the residents' help we completed a 'Jubilee Display' for the Dining Room. As you can see it was a great success!



Happy Birthday to:

Resident:
Day Club:

Miles M
Anne S

30th Anniversary Summer Garden Party on Saturday 2nd July from 2pm

Last chance to buy tickets to celebrate with us the last 30 years in this superb 4 acre garden in Batheaston, with Pimms, canapes, tea and cake, and with the sound of live jazz in the background.

bridgecare.org.uk/gardenparty to book on line

Celebrate 30 years with Bridgmead
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 Pimms 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



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Exhibition about the home's activities and our plans for flood resilience. Disabled access across most of the site.
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FRIENDS OF BRIDGEMEAD



Hello Bridgemedians,

Did you all enjoy the weekend of celebrations to mark our Queen's Jubilee! I thought that the whole weekend was wonderful – I'm not normally an avid television viewer but I was for that! It was spectacular – and who would have thought that the Queen carries a marmalade sandwich in her handbag!

We arranged a Street Party in our road with bunting, trestle tables, sarnies and cakes – including a special celebration one which was ceremoniously cut by our 'Queen of the Day' Ava Bailey who, with her husband Maurice (an ex Secretary), were founding members of the Friends of Bridgemead.

I'm sure many of you, including all members of Bridgemead enjoyed celebrations such as ours – we are so lucky to have had our Queen reigning over us for so many years.

A reminder that the Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 19 July 7.30pm at Bridgemead. Please try to attend, it would mean so much to your committee.

We are hopeful that the Strawberry Tea will go ahead on Saturday 23 July at Bridgemead 2.30pm. It would be wonderful to see a good turnout for our first fundraiser for almost 3 years.

A reminder that your annual subscription of £10 is now overdue. Please contact Judith Roach, Treasurer, on 07752173909 or email jay.1960@icloud.com to discuss payment or to cancel your membership. Thank you to everyone who has already paid and donated generously.

**Happy Summer.
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***Come and join Bridgemean Day Club 10am – 4pm
Arrive at 10am and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea
along with a chat and if you would like a challenge
how about a group quiz or crossword?***

A lovely lunch will be provided.

***In the afternoon we have various activities
ranging from Entertainers, Arts and Crafts, Sing-alongs
and much more.***

At 3pm the ‘Grand Finale’ - Tea and cake.

***“Thank you for a most enjoyable day”
just one of many compliments from
Club Members.***

Cost: £31 per visit – payable monthly in arrears

***Carers for and friends of Day Club members - please consider
contributing to our funding at Bridgemean – in particular we have a major
flood risk mitigation building project which urgently needs funding.***

<https://www.bridgemean.org.uk/donate/>

News from the Home Manager

This month we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which was a great success. Our Head of Care baked an amazing Union Jack cake.

Our activities team have been working on day trips for our residents and we have been focusing on renewing old furniture and refreshing areas. We are happy to also state that we have a full occupancy of residents.

Bridgemead is blooming! - with the summer bedding in the garden and on the roof garden along with window boxes for each of the residents.

Enjoy the summer

Kind Regards

Ryan Iyavoo

Registered Manager

Covid 19 – Update

We are still waiting to hear from our local IPC team on whether they will be removing face masks within care homes. We are aware that the Royal United Hospital has stopped wearing masks, but care homes are still required to.

We have had only one case of Covid in the last month, but this was a non-work-related incident, and the person did not enter Bridgemead.

As previously mentioned in last months Bridgemedias:

Families/ Visitors

PPE – We ask that face masks are worn at all times.

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.

Giving

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