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Bridgemead Newsletter August 2022



Residents' visit to Weston-Super-Mare

Weather

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- HURRICANE
- FROSTY
- BLIZZARD
- CLOUDY
- COLD
- TORNADOS
- FLOODS
- FALL
- SUMMER
- HOT
- HEATWAVE
- HUMID
- WARM
- RAIN
- WINDY
- NIGHT
- SNOW
- STORMS
- ICY



**Sadly we say goodbye to
Joan S**

**Our love and thoughts go out to her family and
friends**



**Happy Birthday to:
Resident: Hilary H**

Alan Ashworth - Chaplain

“Life to the full: here and now and for evermore!”

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life.” John 11:25

My wife, Viv, and I both became committed Christians when we were in our late thirties and were living in Pembrokeshire in West Wales, where I worked as an engineer in the oil industry. The most significant thing that happened to make us look into Christianity was that two of our friends died, a man of 56 and a woman of 39. The man wasn't a Christian and at his funeral service there was absolutely no hope offered to his family and friends. The death of the woman was much more sad for us as we were closer to her and she left behind a husband and two boys of 9 and 7. However, she was a Christian, and though the funeral service was a time to mourn her death it was also a time to give thanks for her life and to remember that this life is not the end and that Christians have a wonderful assurance of eternal life. It was indeed a joyful occasion; it was the first time we had been to the funeral of a Christian and it really contributed to our coming to a real faith. I have “enjoyed” funerals ever since! Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.” Jesus was able to make this promise because he was the Son of God, and this was demonstrated as he died on the cross, rose from the dead and then returned again to heaven. Jesus had earlier said, “I have come that you might have life and have it to the full” (John 10:10). He wanted us to enjoy the best of life here and now and an assurance that there is life after death, which he offers to each one of us.

News at Bridgemead

We have now re-commenced outings for our residents. During July some of the residents had a day trip to Weston-Super-Mare. They had a great time as you can see from the photos below and also the front cover of this Bridgemedica. We hope to continue with these outings to various places during the year as they are so beneficial for the residents.



Entertainment at Bridgemead

3rd August	2pm	Danny Guest – Singer – Rat Pack
10th August	2pm	David Kniveton – Bath Flute Player
17th August	2pm	Sara, Gerry & Dave ‘Love songs through the ages’
23rd August	2pm	Terry & Jenny Ballroom Dancers
31st August	2pm	Justin Daish – Guitarist Singer Shadowing Hank

Trustee contribution for Bridgemedea

We enjoyed celebrating 30 years of Bridgemedea at a Garden Party on July 2nd with great support and help from the Friends. It was a very happy occasion and is reported on elsewhere.

It was also an opportunity to introduce the flood defence fund raising initiative. There are brochures about this in the hall in Bridgemedea. The Trustees would be grateful if anyone is interested in helping us with this project to take a copy. We want to keep the residents safer from the risks of flooding of the home. Sadly this risk is increased due to climate change issues and our plans will give some protection to the home. John Todman, one of the Trustees wrote a small piece about this for Bridgemedea in March 2022.

We are very blessed by having a strong board of Trustees. We have a range of experience to offer and are all committed to the home and want to support the management and continue the Christian ethos that underpinned the home at its inception and ever since. However there are still gaps in our expertise. If you have experience of buildings/maintenance, nursing, social services or fund raising and are interested in becoming a Trustee then do please contact Nick Coates our chairman.

We have been very grateful for the ministry of our Chaplain, Alan Ashworth. Many residents will have benefited from his encouraging words and deep concern and his spiritual insight – not least the readers of Bridgemedea. Alan will in the future be moving to nearer the family.

We welcome Alan Dickson as a new part time chaplain. Alan has had a distinguished career as a paediatric urologist surgeon. He is Chairman of the local branch of “Good News for Everyone” (used to be called the Gideons). Do introduce yourself to him if you see him about the home. He is only able to be a part time chaplain because of other responsibilities so if any reader knows of someone who would like to join Alan as another part time chaplain then do contact Nick Coates.

Paul Booth

Covid 19

The home recently had 3 staff members and 3 residents test positive for Covid 19 – thankfully now all staff and residents have tested negative.

We ask all families and visitors to please adhere to wearing face masks and that if anyone is showing signs or symptoms to please not come into the home.

As of August, families will no longer have to inform us when they plan to come into the home. Families and visitors will be able to sign in themselves

Families and visitors will be required to do a LFD test if they provide personal care, feeding and washing.

Thank you for all your support during these difficult times

Kind regards, Ryan Iyavoo - Home Manager



It was exactly 30 years to the day since the then Archbishop of Canterbury had cut the ribbon to officially open Bridgemead. About 75 of us enjoyed some delightful gardens in Batheaston for an afternoon of food, drink, jazz, good company and one or two speeches. Although there were a couple of downpours, everyone said how much they had actually enjoyed themselves.

What was particularly special was the mixture of guests:

- Veronica King, widow of Dr Ray King, the founder of Bridgemead;**
- Margaret Beazer and Jeanette Self, two of the first staff of Bridgemead;**
- Pam Bourton and Ryan Iyavoo recently retired and current manager;**
- Past - Alan Morley, Alan Young, Charles Curnoc, Geoff Weekes - and present Trustees;**
- Consultants from SRA architects who have been advising us for many years on the flood defences;**
- Friends of Bridgemead who ran the day under the leadership of Una McCullough;**
- Next of kin of past residents who remain supportive;**
- And, of course, our two patrons (Marian McNeir, MBE, who drew the raffle) and Wera Hobhouse, MP for Bath, who made an encouraging speech.**

In the background of the photo you can catch a glimpse of our new display which we are taking to churches and to other events.

We are still intent on celebrating the rest of our 30th anniversary year so if you have ideas for events then let me know.

Nick Coates, Chair.

FRIENDS OF BRIDGEMEAD

Hello Bridgemedians,

Well haven't we had some funny weather! Sweltering in the heat in the middle of July and now thunderstorms and some very cool mornings - hey ho that's what we are used to living in Great Britain!

I have been looking after my daughter's Cockapoo dog Bertie for three weeks whilst Anna and her family are in America. I'm not usually an early riser but this little lad has set me out walking before 7am - the coolest part of the day! He is such a happy little soul and loves his early morning walk - he may have converted me to rising early in the future - who knows I may not be permanently chasing my tail all day now! My husband will be surprised at my newly found punctuality!!

The Friends held the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 19 July at Bridgemead - the first since 2019! Your new committee is; Chairman Una McCullough, Secretary Sandra Stephens, Treasurer Judith Roach. Committee members Pam Bourton, Liz Cocks, Caroline Curnock, Margaret Dines, Karen Gibbons, Sue Harris, Hayley Jenkins and Christine Sivyour. My thanks to them all, especially Sandra who has kindly filled the position of Secretary following the great loss of Brenda Smith. Also a big welcome to Pam Bourton, Margaret Dines and Karen Gibbons who during lockdown became co-opted members.

We also welcome Ryan, Bridgemead Manager and Heather, Bridgemead Head of Care as non elected members of the committee.

Sadly Esther Busby, a loyal and longstanding committee member has reluctantly resigned due to ill health. Esther quietly and efficiently served Bridgemead as a committee member and as a volunteer 'Trolley Dolly' - thank you Esther, we shall miss you!

A big thanks to previous Chairman of the Friends, Ruth Holbrook who was our sole attendee at the AGM. Many loyal Friends who normally attend were absent for various reasons and we thank them for contacting myself or the Secretary to apologise for their absence.

The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday October 4th when we hope to agree our fundraising programme for Christmas and 2023.

Lastly the Friends committee was pleased to assist Trustee Chairman Nick Coates at the July Garden Party.

More news next month.

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Bridgemed Day Club

**Come and join Bridgemed 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 Bridgemed – in particular we have a major flood risk mitigation building
project which urgently needs funding.**

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

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**All contributions to this newsletter are welcome from residents, relatives, staff and volunteers. If you have
something you think would be of interest, anecdotes, personal recollections, news events, short poems or
anything relevant would be welcome.**

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