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**Bridgemia
Newsletter
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AUTUMN IN VICTORIA PARK

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- PARIS
- DELHI



Happy Birthday to:

Residents: David P
Christine I



Alan Dickson - Chaplain
Jesus answered - "I am the way"

Hello Everyone,

You haven't heard from me before – I'm the new chaplain – Alan Dickson. You may already have seen me around the home during these last 3 months. I hope the photo helps you to recognise me.

Rev Alan Ashworth has been chaplain to Bridgemed for many years – and I know how much he was loved and appreciated by the residents. Alan has left Bridgemed now and his last "Quiet Time" was a couple of weeks ago. He has retired from Bridgemed, because he has moved to Salisbury to live near one of his daughters. We say thank you to him for his many years of service at Bridgemed, serving the home in so many ways, but particularly making friends with the residents, and speaking to them - I know that many will miss Alan a lot.
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I've come on board at Bridgemed now as chaplain. My hope and prayer is that I also can serve the home and particularly the residents, to chat to them and sometimes speak to them about Jesus, to read to them from the Bible and to pray with them. I have not been a church vicar or minister in the past - I was a paediatric surgeon in Manchester, working there in the hospitals for over 30 years. A lot of my patients had significant congenital disabilities and I was regularly involved in providing care for them and supporting their families. Although I retired from clinical medicine just before the Covid pandemic, I am still involved in "medicine" in various ways.

As a Christian, throughout my life I have tried to communicate God's love, and the message of Jesus to others. Since I have lived in Bath, God has given me several opportunities to serve Him and to reach out to others with the good news of the Bible. I am a member of St Bart's Church of England in Oldfield Park and I am involved there in several roles. I am also the chairman of the local branch of Good News For Everyone (GNFE), formerly Gideons UK – the organisation which places copies of the Bible or New Testament in places like hotels and hospitals – some of you will have seen the Bibles in these places.

As I type these paragraphs, I can hear the television in the next room speaking about our late Queen and about her vow, when she was just 21 years old, to serve the peoples of our country and the Commonwealth. We have been

fortunate as a nation to have such a monarch, devoted to the service of our people. She was of course a committed Christian, and her faith in Jesus was the anchor for her life. She made many statements about Jesus and her Christian faith, one of which was in her 2014 Christmas message - *"For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life"*.

The Archbishop of Canterbury drew the world's attention, during the funeral service of the queen, to a famous and important Bible verse - John 14 verse 6. *"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"*. This verse tells us Jesus is the only way to God. Jesus died on the cross outside the city of Jerusalem in Israel 2000 years ago for our sins, so that we could be forgiven, and know God as our heavenly father.

Allow me to encourage you to read the whole chapter in the Bible that the Archbishop read from - Chapter 14 in the Gospel of John. If you haven't got a Bible, you can find it on the internet – link below.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%2014&version=NIV>

FRIENDS OF BRIDGEMEAD

Hello Bridgemedians,

I am sure that you've all been saddened by the news of the passing of our beloved Queen who has been such a huge presence in all our lives for over 70 years.

I'm also certain that you will join me in extending our love and support to King Charles, Camilla his Consort and all members of the Royal Family.

I know that you'll all have special memories of our Queen – her service, her stoicism, her humility but above all her kindness which she showed throughout her reign.

We have been so lucky to have had her as our sovereign for 70 years, this whilst being a wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother to her family. Now reunited with her beloved husband Philip.

Your committee meet this month to discuss our programme for the coming months.

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News at Bridgemead

As already mentioned Alan Ashworth has now retired as Chaplain from Bridgemead. Alan will be greatly missed but we are very fortunate with welcoming Alan Dickson to Bridgemead as our Chaplain. Below is a photo of Alan Ashworth's last Quiet Time with some of our residents. We all wish Alan and Viv Ashworth a happy retirement with their family.



During September we enjoyed lots of entertainment at Bridgemead. The residents have enjoyed welcoming the entertainers back into Bridgemead as you can see from the photos below. The residents are also enjoying a weekly visit from Patricia Shuttleworth who provides seated chair exercises and the class is called "Musical Chairs". One resident commented that "Since coming to the class she now practices the exercises each morning!!" - how good is that?



Entertainment at Bridgemoor - October

6th October	2pm	Phil Smith -	Plays guitar and sings
12 th October	2pm	Gavin Lazarus –	Sings and Plays Guitar
17 th October	2pm	Mike Renton -	Sing-a-long
19 th October	2pm	Steve Burley -	Magician

Covid 19 – Update

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.

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.

Kind regards, Ryan Iyavoo - Home Manager



Autumn Fires

Robert Louis Stevenson



In the other gardens
And all up in the vale,
From the autumn bonfires
See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over,
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes,
The grey smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons!
Something bright in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!

Tim Dewes - Trustee

As I write this we are all in the throes of mourning the passing of Queen Elizabeth. What a wonderful woman she was! I am sure that, like me, you have been reflecting on her reign, and that you have been watching some of the excellent television coverage. My wife and I went up to Buckingham Palace the Sunday after Elizabeth's death. We were struck by several things. Firstly, the sheer number of people who, like us, had made the journey to London. We had to queue for a long time to get to the Palace, and for much of that time we were pressed closely against many other people. And these people were of all ages, from many different backgrounds – all of us united in wanting to pay our respects. Secondly, we saw how good-humoured everyone was. Standing in queues for a long time often makes people impatient, yet here was a quiet acceptance that, with so many people converging on one place, waiting was inevitable. And finally we were aware that, for the most part, the crowd was not at this stage obviously grief-stricken. I guess that would have been the emotion in the hours immediately after the Queen died, but by the Sunday there was an acceptance of what had happened. I think our feeling was much more of respect, and of realising that we are all witnessing events which are momentous in our history. And, of course, there was the feeling that, by coming to the Palace and by laying flowers, we were doing something tangible to show our respect for our Queen.

But something else happened while we were at the Palace. With a roar of motor bikes and a cheer from the densely-packed crowd, King Charles drove past us – and as he reached our part of the crowd, he waved. That was a help for all of us; it symbolised that, amidst our sadness, we can look forward to the reign of a new king. Indeed, Charles' reign began the moment his mother died, and that brings reassurance as we realise that we live in a country with a wonderful continuity of succession in these very significant times.

All of us at Bridgemoor have our memories of the past, and for many of us it gives great pleasure looking back on times spent with family, on holidays, and enjoying so many good experiences. There is sometimes sadness too; but, as with the situation in our country, I hope and pray that we will all be able to look forward to what lies ahead. And let us trust in God to guide us through whatever is in store.

Meanwhile, like you I will be watching the funeral in a few days' time. I will be sad, of course, but there will also be a feeling of anticipation as the reign of the new king gets underway. Long live the King

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

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know on admin@bridgecare.org.uk**

**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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