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Bridgemia Newsletter February 2023



FROSTY MORNING IN STAVERTON, WILTSHIRE.

Words meaning "Clever"

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Alan Dickson - Chaplain

Immortal, Invisible, God only wise

This famous old hymn was written by a Scottish church minister around 1865. It was often sung at school assemblies in days gone by and I think that many of you will recognise it, if even just from its first line. It is primarily based on a verse from the Bible - 1 Timothy Chapter 1 verse 17. The verse is as follows: *“Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen”*.

**1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.**

**4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

In addition to its well-known first line, this hymn of praise to God tells us a lot about God because a lot of the words are derived from other verses of the Bible.

The third verse tells us that God is the one who has given us life – not just us, but every living creature – but although we are alive now, our life on earth eventually passes. However, God is for ever, He rules in might, all his actions are just, yet He is a fountain of goodness and love, our *“Great Father of glory”*, and He never changes.

So, God’s love is still there for us, for you and for me. He never changes and this is his love - He gave his Son Jesus to be the sacrifice for our sin. The Bible tells us that Jesus loved us and died for us.

The last verse is a prayer that we can all say or sing *“take the veil from our faces”*. that we might see God, see that he really is there, who he really is, what he is really like, and see that he does still love us, and that Jesus is God’s Son who came to be our Saviour. Today, why not say this prayer today to God - to show you Himself, from this famous hymn and then from the Bible.

News at Bridgemead

In early January we were very lucky to have a visit from Bathwick St. Mary Church School performing their Carol Service for all at Bridgemead. Their visit brightened Bridgemead as the residents and staff so enjoyed their visit. The children were due to visit us during December but unfortunately due to illness the Carol Service was postponed until January. A big "Thank You" to all the children (approximately 60!!!) and Kevin Purkiss, Head Teacher. We look forward to future visits during 2023.

We also have weekly visits with 6 students from King Edwards School on Thursday afternoons. The residents enjoy the interaction with the students as some of the students are able to perform their talents for us all by playing various instruments. During their last visit, we all did an ABBA sing-a-long and all had a good time as you can see.





We have a new visitor to the Home this month. Flora has been approved as a Pets As Therapy Dog and visited Bridgemean in January. We can look forward to further visits as the residents loved her company at Bridgemean.

ENTERTAINMENT AT BRIDGEMEAD FEBRUARY 2023

Wednesday	8th	2pm	Patricia Shuttleworth - Musical Chairs
Wednesday	15th	2pm	Now & Then - Singing Group
Friday	17th	2pm	Mike Renton - Sing-a-long
Friday	17th	7pm	Friends - Quiz & Fish & Chip Supper
Wednesday	22nd	2pm	Stevie Wander - Magician
Tuesday	28th	2pm	David Kniveton - Flautist



Happy Birthday to:

Resident: Jane T

Audrey A

Ann W

Elizabeth M

Jill L



Sadly we say goodbye to:

Resident: Felix W

Our Love and Thoughts go out to his family and friends.

Trustee Message

One of the great joys about Bridgemoor's location is being beside the beautiful River Avon. However this does bring its challenges particularly with climate change.

As you know, January has been a very wet month in Bath. This has led to concerns about the river level. John Todman, who is a Trustee at Bridgemoor has been very vigilant at monitoring the river levels so that we can prepare ourselves for any flood eventuality as best as possible. He was very concerned when some of the monitoring stations were not functioning in the last week. He has contacted the local press who have been very supportive at bringing our concerns about flooding to the attention of a wider audience. Look out for a helpful article in the Bath Chronicle.

The Trustees are very grateful to Ryan the manager and staff for their recent help when the river levels were rising.

The Trustees are keen to reduce the risks of flooding to residents as far as possible and we have a sensible flood protection plan that we are hoping to implement. However, this does need a considerable amount of money to achieve.

If you would like to join us in mitigating this risk then please contact us.

Ryan has made an excellent short presentation on this which is available on You Tube on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FimrcTdj-o> .

If you haven't seen it yet I urge you to do so.

There are also brochures available in the office if you wish to know more and may wish to contribute.

**Paul Booth
Trustee**

FRIENDS OF BRIDGEMEAD

Hello Bridgemedians,

Well here we are already in February and as I look out from my window the clouds appear to be full of snow! My daughter lives in South Wales and this morning she sent me a photo of her garden deep in snow. It looks so beautiful when it first falls doesn't it – I wonder shall we see children building snowmen soon?

Your committee met on the 9th January and decided on the following events, it would be so good if you could make a note of the dates and come along and support us.

Friday 17 February Quiz and Fish and Chip Supper, a prompt start at 7pm. This will be held at Bridgemead as usual and Liz Cocks and her family will be organising it – thank you Liz! Tickets costing £15 are available from Bridgemead. Please bring your favourite tippie. I'm sure that it will be a very happy night and I shall be sad to miss it as I shall be away on holiday in Dorset.

The Easter Fayre will take place on Saturday 1 April at Bridgemead 2.30pm. More details in the March Bridgemedian

I would like to thank the committee for organising the above events. I have not been able to attend committee or events lately but I very much look forward to resuming my 'official duties' in the near future!

Stay snug and warm,
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At Bridgemead we would be very grateful for any donations of wool as we are planning on knitting a variety of hats for children and adults. If you are able to please leave any donations at our reception. Many Thanks.

Hilary



**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.bridgecare.org.uk/donate/>

Giving

**Find out how to give to support different aspects of what we do
on <https://www.bridgecare.org.uk/volunteer/how-do-i-donate/> or by giving online
at <https://www.bridgecare.org.uk/donate/>**

**We continue to retain a Local Giving page the link for which can be found at the bottom
of <https://www.bridgecare.org.uk/volunteer/how-to-fundraise/>**

Bridge media

Find Bridgemed on our home page at <https://www.bridgecare.org.uk/>

**If you would prefer to receive your copy of Bridgemed by e-mail, please let us 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.**

Jobs

We also now have a page for Staff Vacancies on the website.

<https://www.bridgecare.org.uk/about/staff/vacancies/>

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