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**Bridgemia
Newsletter
June 2023**



Henrietta Park Bath – Garden of Remembrance

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ENTERTAINMENT AT BRIDGEMEAD JUNE 2023

Wednesday	7 th	2.00pm	Danny Guest
Monday	12 th	2.00pm	Mike Renton - Piano - Sing-a-long
Wednesday	14 th	2.00pm	Terry & Jenny Ballroom Dancers
Wednesday	21 st	2.00pm	David Kniveton - Flute Player
Friday	23 rd	2.00pm	Phil Smith - Guitarist - Sing-a-long
Wednesday	28 th	2.00pm	Mini-Concerts- Carpenters Show

Ascension Day – Acts 1 v 8-11.

Hello again, I'm not sure when you will be reading this, but I am writing on 18 May, Ascension Day, the commemoration of Jesus's ascension into heaven.

Since March, I have been speaking to the residents at quiet times about some of the special incidents that happened in the last few weeks of Jesus's life. There were so many, we couldn't remember them all. However, we started remembering how Jesus instituted Holy Communion, asking his disciples and us to remember Him in that special way. Then we thought about the prayer of Jesus recorded in John Chapter 17, when Jesus prays for us – Wow! -all these years ago, Jesus praying for us. Then we moved on and thought about Jesus's death, his resurrection and then some of the times that he appeared to his disciples after that.

I was in Bridgmead two days ago at Quiet time, and we read in the Bible about the Ascension, the final event in Jesus's earthly ministry and a highly significant one. Jesus returned to heaven to be with his Father. As Jesus was blessing the disciples in the vicinity of Bethany, approximately 6 weeks after He rose from the dead, Jesus lifted up his hands and blessed them and while He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven. (Luke 24 v 50-51). Jesus had gone, His work on earth completed for that time, His work of coming to die for our sins.

But wait - something else was happening – The disciples were still looking intently up into the sky when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them and spoke to them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “*This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.*” Acts 1 v 10-11.

So the story of Jesus is not complete yet. Jesus is coming back one day, and if we look elsewhere in the Bible, we learn that he is coming back for his church, for those who have put their faith in Him and worshipped Him over the centuries since that first Ascension Day.



Perhaps you've never known or thought about that. The link below takes you to Acts 1.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts1+&version=NIV>

NEWS AT BRIDGEMEAD

At Bridgemean we celebrated the King's Coronation with a Pre-Coronation Buffett held on Friday 5th May 2023. We all had a great time with a lovely buffet along with a beautiful Coronation Cake made by our member of staff Diana. In the afternoon we had entertainment with Sophie from Mini Concerts performing her 'Royal Rhythm' show. The residents and visitors joined in with a performance with plenty of singing and 'Union Jack Flag Flying'. A big "Thank you " to all who joined us.





We also had a visit from 'Ena Sharples' who thought we were celebrating 'Coronation Street'!!!!

The magician Stevie Wander visited Bridgemed last week and gave lots of laughs. The residents and visitors joined in with all the fun.



We would like to introduce Jay Bissessur - our new Head of Care at Bridgemed.

Jay joined the team on the 19th April and is busy meeting the residents and their families and friends.

Jay qualified as a Nurse 34 years ago. Jay has been working in care for the last 22 years in this country.

Jay's aims and goals are to provide Person-Centered Care - support to residents in Bridgemed - Social, medical and physiological support throughout and also promote independence. To provide a high standard of care and to ensure that residents' needs are met.

Jay would like family and friends of Bridgemed to know that he is readily available if anyone would like to discuss any issues with regard to their loved ones.



Trustee Message



The Tulips are beautiful.

A last week my wife and I took a friend to Dyrham Park, a National Trust property just north of Bath which many of you will know. Will you join me as I remember it?

We arrive in the car park and are greeted by volunteers who make sure we know where we are going. Our friend takes the bus while we walk down the road to the house. The sun is shining brightly and the views towards the Severn estuary amazing. Our friend waves as the new electric bus silently takes her past us. We soon see the front of this large house that was used in the film Remains of the Day in the valley below.



It is such a peaceful and relaxing walk.

We meet again at the café, which used to be stables, and after a quick cuppa go into the gardens which are being restored to their 19th century splendour. Rounding the end of a hedge we are stunned by flowerbeds resplendent in tulips. Bright colours. Dark colours. Brilliant colours. Pastel colours. Spikey petals. Rounded petals. Large blooms. Small blooms. A mass of amazing colours, shapes, and sizes arranged in groups so that we can enjoy them. We walk up and down the garden between the beds enjoying every moment of this wonderful display. One of the gardeners and a young volunteer come into the garden

with a wheelbarrow and tools. We thank them for the work that they have put into the display, and they tell us it is a pleasure working there.

Leaving the formal garden, we walk into the meadow where last year's tulips have been replanted under the fruit trees. It is an exuberant wild mass of tulips dancing in the bright sun and gentle breeze. What a celebration of colours and shapes – I cannot help but take masses of photos.



Some people say that everything around us is all the result of a big bang billions of years ago. I have had a couple of bumps in my car, and it looked ugly after both!! I am just amazed that they think that all the beauty we see around us is the result of a cosmic accident. As I walk round, I just thank God for the beauty he has created and given us the joy and privilege of sharing.

Thank you for joining us on our walk.

John Todman, Bridge Care Trustee

Hello Bridgemedians,

Well here I am fresh back from my holiday in Dorset and what a marvellous week I enjoyed with all of my family. The weather was excellent and Dorset is such a beautiful county – well known to me as my Father was born in Dorchester – a Durnovarian - and I lived with my family there for 10 years.

A reminder that the Annual General Meeting will be held at Bridgemedad on Monday 10th July at 7.30pm. It would be so good to see some of you there! Refreshments will be served.

Our annual Strawberry Tea will be held, as usual at Bridgemedad on Saturday 22 July at 2.30pm. Do join us, you'll be very welcome and the strawberry cream tea will only cost you £2.50! There will of course be a raffle and stalls selling cards and crafts.

Lastly. thank you to everyone who has paid their subscriptions, but if you have yet to pay please send a cheque to our Treasurer -

Judith Roach,73, Dovers Park, Bathford

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or by Bank Transfer to- FOB Account 03921862 - Sort Code 30-90-54

Thank you,
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Sadly we say goodbye to:
Residents: Kay S

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



Happy Birthday to:

Residents: James E
Marian A
Irene T
Ronald

Dayclub: Morfydd J



**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.bridgcare.org.uk/donate/>

Giving

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

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

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on admin@bridgcare.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.bridgcare.org.uk/about/staff/vacancies/>