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**Bridgemean
Newsletter
April 2024**



A Swan Busking on the River Avon

Recycling

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- WEIGHT
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- BIMETAL
- TRUCK
- TICKET
- CUSTOMER
- ALUMINUM
- INSPECTION
- CRV
- ROUTE
- SUPPLIES
- SCALE
- RECYCLING
- GLASS
- PETE
- CENTER
- BUCKET
- BAGS
- HDPE
- PICKUP



Happy Birthday to Resident: **Mary B**
Audrey C
 Dayclub: **Shirley S**
Menna D



Sadly we say goodbye to: **Kathleen M**
 and **John B**



Alan Dickson - Chaplain

Palm Sunday Luke 19 v 28-44

Palm Sunday - It's such an important story, that it is told by all four of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We are looking at Luke's account in this little article in Luke chapter 19 – (link below).

Luke tells us that two things happened as Jesus entered Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday.

- 1. Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling a prophecy from the Old Testament. He was welcomed as king. The crowd cheered and applauded Jesus as he entered Jerusalem, waving palm branches and laying down their cloaks, anticipating that he would be the military king who would free them from the Roman occupation of their country. But wasn't there something a little strange about a king arriving on a donkey? And we know what happened at the end of that first Palm Sunday week - just a few days later, when he didn't turn out to be the military king that they wanted, the same crowd turned against Jesus. They shouted for him to be crucified, they rejected him - Jesus was humiliated, and then crucified as a common criminal.**
- 2. The second event. (V 41). As Jesus approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, *"If you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace – but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognise the time of God's coming to you."* This time Jesus wasn't the subject of prophecy – He was the prophet, predicting that Rome would eventually demolish Jerusalem and scatter the Jews all over the world – which happened in AD 70 – because they had failed to recognise that Jesus was God, and they had rejected him.**
- 3. Many people throughout the last 20 centuries have done the same to Jesus as the Jews did that first Palm Sunday week - rejected Him – they think that Jesus is irrelevant for them. But the story of Palm Sunday was and is completely over shadowed by the story of the next Sunday, one week later - Easter Sunday. Jesus rose from the dead. As his disciple, Peter, said in the first ever Christian Sermon (Acts 2) – *"God has raised this Jesus to life. Let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."* Another scripture tells us that *"Jesus is crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death for us"*. The crucified, but raised and now crowned King Jesus, is the answer to our sin and failure. So, Palm Sunday was kind of right. Jesus is King – not the king Israel wanted then, but King Jesus forever – still now asking each one of us to recognise him for who he was then, and is now, and will be forever – King Jesus.**

News at Bridgemead

At the beginning of March, we had a visit from Weston Village Townswomen's Guild Choir. The residents loved seeing their cheerful outfits and joined in with the various songs. Many thanks to the choir.



We also had a visit from the popular group 'Now & Then' during March. The group always manages to raise a smile and laughs with us all at Bridgemead.

GOLDEN DAFFODILS by HMP – Resident at Bridgemead



Dreamlike thoughts come into mind at this time of the year.

As nature tells us all, Spring is almost here.

Fallen leaves from the winter trees are scattered all around.

Fairly soon grass and golden daffodils will cover all this ground.

Over the land and by the stream

Delighted we are able to realize our dream.

Idylic we see a golden hue against a sky of cloudless blue.

Lovely and lively the daffodils sway

Spring would have them no other way.



Residents and Day Club have been busy this week decorating Easter Bonnets. We also had help with the volunteer students from King Edward's School. Some of the residents are so pleased with their hard work and have loved modelling their Bonnets.



ENTERTAINMENT AT BRIDGEMEAD APRIL 2024

Thursday	4th	Phil Smith - Guitar & Sing-a-long	2pm
Wednesday	10th	Johnny Smith - Guitarist/Singer	2pm
Wednesday	17th	Steve West - Singer	2pm
Wednesday	24th	Mini Concerts - Some Enchanted Evening	2pm
Friday	26th	Mike Renton - Sing-a-long	2pm

Trustee Message

Recently I was lucky enough to be in the audience at a choral concert which included Faure's Requiem as its main work. Do you know that piece? It is a beautiful piece, somewhat haunting in places, in which the traditional Requiem Mass is set to music. The final and, arguably, the most exhilarating section prays that the Christian soul will be received "*in Paradisium*" (into Paradise); the music here soars as we think about heaven.

During the concert I found myself reflecting on how far we've come in the last four years. It was almost exactly the same date in 2020 that we heard about the imposition of lockdown, and all of us had to get used to a way of life none of us ever thought feasible. We all spent a good deal of time in the following two years on our own, or only with our closest relatives; we were all deprived of natural human interaction such as singing in a choir or attending a concert. For myself, I find that I appreciate such activities all the more because of having lived through the effects of Covid-19.

During the concert I marvelled again at the way about 50 individual singers were able to harness their voices so that they produced a wonderful joint sound. Each one was important, from the lowest voice to the highest, and each had a part to play in ensuring that the whole effect was as uplifting as it was. And that lesson applies in lots of areas of life, doesn't it? Those of you who follow team sports will be well aware of the way that the achievements of a team, working together, are so much greater than the sum of their parts. We have recently had the Bath Half Marathon in our city, and although each runner was an individual, somehow the effect of running with thousands of others enabled them to produce better times, as well as making the whole experience much more enjoyable.

As a Trustee at Bridgemead I am constantly impressed by the various people who are at work every day, and whose teams achieve so much. I'm sure all the residents and their families appreciate everything the various teams do to make their lives more enjoyable in whatever way. And, of course, that applies to us Trustees, whose friendship and support I appreciate greatly. We certainly achieve a good deal more as a group than we would as individuals.

A Happy Easter to all who read this!

Tim Dewes

FRIENDS OF BRIDGEMEAD

Hello Bridgemedians

Well here I am again fresh from a very rainy holiday in Cornwall and catching up on my washing to go to France for 11 days. I'm hoping that we shall enjoy more than a couple of days of sunshine there!

We had an excellent time at our Easter Fayre, the support we received from both visitors and residents alike was heart-warming. Liz Cock's Easter Egg Tombola is always popular and this year it raised £100! The raffle run by Judith was well supported and made £150. Our card lady Janet who makes and paints all the cards herself, took £47 and 'Name Spuddy' contributed another £30. Guessing the weight of the amazing simnel cake, kindly donated by Jill, Judith's sister-in-law added further funds to our total which was £466. I would like to thank everyone who helped, all the staff, particularly Mark (or is it Mike!!) Diana and Jake, Hayley, Hilary and Sue! The Easter biscuits were delicious! Of course, without the support of all the committee, events such as these would never happen so thank you to them too! We also received a monetary donation from one of the residents – thank you so much.

Our next fundraising event is the ever popular Fish & Chip Supper and Quiz, which will be held at Bridgemead on Friday 3rd May at 7pm. Tickets costing £15 will be on sale from April and may be bought from Bridgemead Reception. Please bring your own drinks. Tables of 4 are invited.

A reminder that subscriptions of £10 are due in April. Thank you to everyone who has opted to pay by Standing Order – you are ahead of the game! You may also pay by sending a cheque to the Friends Treasurer:-

Mrs Judith Roach,

73, Dovers Park,

Bathford,

Bath BA1 7UD

or

by Bank Transfer to

Friends of Bridgemead

Account Number 03921862

Sort Code 30-90-54

(please use your name as the reference)

Happy Easter - Una



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 3 pm 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

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/>

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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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