



bridgemead

Bridgemia Newsletter March 2024



SPRING HAS SPRUNG AT BRIDGEMEAD

The Rain Forest

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- CHEETAH
- ANTS
- MACAW
- TOUCAN
- MONKEY
- PINEAPPLE
- GORILLA
- BANANA
- FLOWERS
- FIG
- PANTHER
- SHRUB LAYER
- RAIN
- PAPAYA
- FROGS
- AVOCADO
- MANGO
- CANOPY
- SLOTH



Happy Birthday to Residents:

Hilary M-P

Olive N

Robert P



Sadly, we say goodbye to Residents:

Ruth J

Phyllis F

**Our love and thoughts go out
to their family and friends.**



Alan Dickson - Chaplain

Psalm 8: Jesus honoured.

Last month I wrote about Psalm 1 – two ways each of us can live our lives.

Psalm 8 is a different psalm, much more about God, and indeed is the only psalm which is completely addressed to God. The psalm is referred to very specifically twice in the New Testament, referring to Jesus. It can be quite difficult to understand, so perhaps it's good to read it in modern English – here's the link to Psalm 8 in the New Living Translation (NLT).

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+8&version=NLT>

There's lots in it – but let's just think about 3 points.

1. **God's name is to be honoured.** *“O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth.....!”* v 1 & 9. David, the author declares that God's name and glory should be recognised in all the earth. And if prevented or ignored, even children will do so to silence the objection. v 2 *“You have taught children and infants to tell of your strength silencing your enemies”*. Jesus referred to this very verse, about 1000 years later, when he was being praised and honoured in Jerusalem by crowds including children– (Matthew 21:16), and the religious leaders were indignant and were planning to kill him.
2. **God honoured mankind.** When David looked at the night sky and saw God's creation v3 – *“the moon and the stars you set in place”*, he realised how great God really is and he asked the question - why such a great God would think about and care about mankind and gave him the honour to be in charge of his own great creation on earth? v 6-8 *“You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority....”* I, and perhaps you, might still ask that question, particularly when we look at the world, and see all the destruction and sadness there, that man has caused. It just doesn't seem to have worked.
3. **JESUS HONOURED.** But in Hebrews in the New Testament, Chapter 2 v 5-9 the writer explains that although God gave mankind the honour of authority over earth, the final and absolute glory and honour referred to in v 5&6 of psalm 8 is to Jesus, *“but we see Jesus (Hebrew 2:9) crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death for us”*. We learn that the crucified, raised, and honoured Jesus, and his forgiveness, are the answers to man's sin and failure. Each of us can receive this forgiveness, by trusting in Jesus.

News at Bridgemead



On the 7th February Lore Chumbley, the priest from Christ Church, Julian Road, carried out her farewell service as she has now moved on to new pastures.

Lore will be greatly missed as she has been a great support over the years for our residents and visitors.

All at Bridgemead wish her well with her new chapter in her life.



We all had a great afternoon of entertainment with Weston Village Townswomen's Guild performing Red Riding Hood Returns! Residents and visitors were treated to lots of laughs and fun and appreciated all the hard work and time given to Bridgemead. Many thanks to all.

Residents and Day Club members have been busy with lots of arts and crafts activities. We are fortunate to have Sue, who has joined the activities team, sharing her skills with us all.

During February Chinese Lanterns were made to celebrate Chinese New Year. Regular changes to the table decorations for the Dining Room are also being created on a themed/seasonal basis. As you can see from the photos the residents and all are enjoying their creativity skills!



Message from the Home Manager

Firstly I would like to open my message with an update regarding the Flood Alert at Bridgemoor on the 5th January 2024. Thankfully we were fortunate enough not to have to evacuate the building although it was touch and go during the morning.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the external services that supported us during the night and day. I would also like to say a big thank you to all the staff at Bridgemoor for their professionalism, caring and dedication ensuring our residents' safety. Although a very challenging day, this was a good training day for all involved. This incident was able to highlight "Lessons to be Learned" which as a home is beneficial in ensuring the safety of Bridgemoor.

Secondly at Bridgemoor we are fortunate to have the support of the "Friends of Bridgemoor" who volunteer their time to raise funds for Bridgemoor. During the year Friends organise many events from Fayres, Quizzes and entertainment. During this week, for example, we were entertained by the "Weston Village Townswomen's Guild"/Friends as mentioned in our Bridgemoor News article.

I would also like to thank all the Volunteers involved with Bridgemoor. Their help and support enable the residents to benefit from their efforts at the Devotion Time, before lunch during the week, and the provision of the Sunday afternoon service.

They also provide much-appreciated companionship for residents. We are also grateful for the visits from local schools and the entertainers who come to Bridgemoor.

**Ryan Iyavoo
Home Manager**

FRIENDS OF BRIDGEMEAD

Hello Bridgemedians,

ERROR IN THE FEBRUARY EDITION OF BRIDGEMEDIA

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FISH AND CHIP SUPPER AND QUIZ IS BEING HELD AT BRIDGEMEAD ON FRIDAY 3rd MAY AND NOT THE 29th MAY AS PREVIOUSLY STATED!!

We hope to see many of you there as this is always a very popular event. Tickets costing £15 will be on sale from Bridgemead from April. Teams of 4 are invited to take part. Bring your own tipple!

The Easter Fayre will take place on Saturday 9th March at Bridgemead 2.30pm. There will be our usual Easter Egg Tombola, a card stall and other entertainments. Refreshments of tea/coffee/Easter biscuit will be available at £2.50.

Please come along for an enjoyable afternoon and meet up with friends and the residents.

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 23 July at 7.30pm. It will be lovely to see some of you there!

Keep snug and warm,

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ENTERTAINMENT AT BRIDGEMEAD MARCH 2024

Monday	4 th	Weston Townswomen Guild Singers	2pm
Saturday	9 th	Friends Easter Fayre –	2.30pm
Tuesday	12 th	Mike Renton – Sing a long	2pm
Wednesday	13 th	Now & Then Singing Group	2pm
Wednesday	20 th	Bathwick St Mary's School – Easter Songs -	2pm
Wednesday	27 th	Shannon Kitchen - Singer	2pm
Thursday	28 th	U3A – Violin Group	2pm



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

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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/>

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