



bridgemead

**Bridgemia
Newsletter
May 2024**



Isabella Plantation - Richmond Park

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- SQUARE
- STAR
- RECTANGLE
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**Happy Birthday to Residents: Mary S
Rosemary G
Sheila H**



**Sadly we say goodbye to Residents: Alec B
Olivia H
Jessie B
Audrey C**

Day Club: Maria B

Our love and thoughts go out to their family and friends



Alan Dickson
Bridgemead Chaplaincy

Hello Everyone,

You have been hearing from me every month for about 2 years now. I became Chaplain in June 2022, and you may have seen me around the home during these last 2 years or so. If you haven't seen or met me, I hope the photo above may help you to recognise me. If you see me, do come up and introduce yourself some time.

We have had an addition to our Chaplaincy team in the last few months – Jamie Jameson – He is a retired school teacher and attends St Luke's Church, here in Bath. We thought that it might be interesting to give you some information about ourselves and about what we do at Bridgemead, Jamie is going to write next month's chaplain's piece, so I'll leave him to tell you all about himself.

Our intention and prayers are to serve the home, particularly the residents, but also their relatives if needed or wanted, and the staff. We go and invite ourselves to meet the residents individually, either in their rooms or sometimes in one of the public spaces. We just enjoy each other's company and chat to them – often about their lives, their interests, their families and their experience of Bridgemead. Sometimes we have an opportunity to speak to them about Jesus, to read to them from the Bible and to pray with them.

We are also involved with "Quiet Times" (QTs) which happen Monday to Friday 11.45-12.15 approximately, and Sunday afternoon services at 3.30. The QTs are informal, and we sing together, and usually reflect on a short passage from the Bible. We have followed some series like the "I am's" of Jesus from John's Gospel, the miracles of Jesus, and a group of Psalms. Shortly we are going to look at some old hymns which the residents will recognise.

Sunday services are slightly more formal but are still very friendly. We follow the pattern of a typical Church of England Service, with worship, confession, prayer and Bible reading followed by a short talk.

I have not been a church vicar or church 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.

One of my favourite verses in the Bible is 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 if we repent and trust Jesus, we can be forgiven, and know God as our heavenly father.

Allow me to encourage you to read the whole chapter in the Bible - 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>

News at Bridgemead



At the end of March, we had U3a Violin Ensemble play for us. The residents enjoyed the group's performance and as you can see from the photo the group also enjoyed themselves! We look forward to welcoming them back again in December.



In April we had 2 new musicians entertaining us at Bridgmead - Steve West and Johnny Smith. It was great to see them both and look forward to future visits. The residents enjoyed singing along with them.

We celebrated St George's Day on the 23 April. The day before we had our very own Mary Berry in the building baking biscuits. The biscuits were served in the afternoon on St George's Day with a cup of tea. As you can see the result was great and enjoyed by all.



ENTERTAINMENT AT BRIDGEMEAD MAY 2024

Wednesday	1st	Danny Guest - Singer	2pm
Friday	3rd	Mike Renton - Sing-a-long	2pm
Wednesday	8th	David Kniveton	2pm
Wednesday	15th	Shannon Kitchen - Singer	2pm
Friday	17th	Ollie - Guitar/Piano	2pm
Wednesday	22nd	'Now & Then' - Singing Group	2pm
Friday	31st	Dora Stalido - Music Therapy	2pm

FRIENDS OF BRIDGEMEAD

Hello Bridgemedians

How are you all? I hope that you have enjoyed this latest spell of sunny if chilly weather. I spent a day at Taunton watching cricket last week, it was a beautiful sunny day with a vicious wind – I froze! Roll on the Summer!

We have our annual fish and chip supper and quiz on Friday 3rd May at Bridgemead 7pm – cost £15. A few tickets are still available from Rosemary on reception but be quick! Please bring your own favourite tippie, glasses will be provided.

The Strawberry Tea will take place on Saturday 6th July at Bridgemead, 2.30pm. There will be a couple of stalls and of course strawberry cream teas will be available. More details later.

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

A reminder that Annual subscriptions are now overdue so if you still need to pay please send a cheque to our Treasurer, :-

Mrs Judith Roach, 7 Dovers Park, Bathford, Bath BA1 7UD

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Trustee Message

How much can life change in 6 months !

In all my years of involvement with Bridgemed I have never experienced “care” so closely as in the last couple of months. I’ve had friends from Church who have been residents, but never a close family member.

It gives you such a different perspective on Bridgemed as opposed to looking at figures on a spreadsheet, doing Trustee inspections or being in and out of the building for meetings.

Observing the welcome, patience, care and love given to a close family member is something that has had a profound effect on me and one which will have a lasting impact.

My Dad did not have long at Bridgemed, but the time he spent there was happy and fulfilled. The opportunity to have visits from family members avoided any sense of isolation. Contact is so important.

Having experienced the recent loss of both parents one in hospital and one in Bridgemed, I was also struck by how important it was for Dad to have the opportunity to spend his final hours in the privacy of his own “space”, cared for by people who have got to know him well. This seemed to provide dignity which is perhaps not as easy to achieve in a hospital setting.

Long may Bridgemed continue to do what it does so well !

As Trustees, we are continuing to press ahead with work on the Flood Resilience Project, with the aim of going out to tender soon. I remember when the building was originally being designed, 30+ years ago, I had no idea how important the input of engineers was in building design and construction. Naively, I thought architects did it all. The engineering challenges as we work to maintain the building continue.

In all my time as a Trustee, John Todman has been central in all aspects of work to do with the building. John was appointed a Trustee in December 2013 and has served faithfully since that time in many roles and has made an immeasurable contribution to the work of Bridgemed. We thank God for John and we will miss his wisdom in Trustee meetings. Happy retirement, John !

Graham Barber

Trustee



**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.bridgemed.org.uk/donate/>

Giving

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

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

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**Find Bridgemed on our home page at <https://www.bridgemed.org.uk/>
If you would prefer to receive your copy of Bridgemed by e-mail, please let us know
on admin@bridgemed.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.bridgemed.org.uk/about/staff/vacancies/>

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