



BRIDGEMEDIA Newsletter April 2021

Happy Easter

THE SPIRIT OF EASTER IS ALL ABOUT
Hope, Love, and Joyful Living.





Easter Story

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“The Greatest Story Ever Told”

“God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

This week I filled in our Census 2021 form – not really my favourite task! One thing that I have often thought that I would like to do is to stand in the street with a clipboard and ask people questions. However, I would not want to ask purely factual questions as in the Census but ask people what they think or believe and how they feel about things. One question that comes to mind at this time of the year is: Which is more significant, Christmas or Easter? Presents or Easter Eggs? Reindeers or Bunnies? The Stable and the Manger, or the Cross and the Empty Tomb? For most people in our country the answer would probably be Christmas. For committed Christians I think that it would more likely be Easter. Of course, without Jesus’ birth we wouldn’t have had his death. Some years ago there was a film about Jesus’ life called, “The Greatest Story Ever Told”, and the climax of Jesus’ life was his death. In the gospel accounts in the Bible about a third of the writing is devoted to the last week of Jesus’ life, showing its importance. The primary purpose for which Jesus came to earth was to die on the cross so that all the things that we do wrong can be forgiven. As God’s Son, the Saviour of the World, he paid the price for those things at Calvary. As the hymn says, “There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin; he only could unlock the gates of heaven and let us in.” Jesus’ death was a demonstration of God’s love and Jesus’ resurrection was a demonstration of God’s power. The message of Easter is one of Triumph, not of Tragedy. Easter was the turning point in history because of the new life and the new hope that Jesus offers to those who trust in him.

FRIENDS OF BRIDGEMEAD

Hello Bridgemedians,

I really think that Spring has sprung and that we can now look forward to warm, sunny days and long, light evenings – afternoon teas in the garden, and barbecues while the bats fly around above us! Can't wait! I'm sure that you, like me, are really looking forward to regaining a semblance of normality after so many months of restrictions.

Only today I've received an invitation from Marks and Spencer to an Easter Egg-Stravaganza, where I shall enjoy an evening of home-styling tips, table-decorating ideas and Easter egg eating – all of course thanks to a video link! So Easter must be just around the corner, I hope you all have a lovely family occasion.

Must tell you that on the same day that our grand-daughter was 16, Roy and I celebrated 55 years of marriage – our Emerald Wedding Anniversary and I didn't even realise that it was a 'special' one. Of course now that I do know, I can't wait to drag Roy to the jewellers to select something 'emeraldy'.

I know that all the residents and staff at Bridgemead are safe and well, due in no small measure to the care and dedication of everyone connected with it. Thank you to you all, hopefully soon, after all these months, you may be able to see a light shining through the mist!

Happy Easter!

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Trustee Message

Well, we are fast approaching (and will have reached by the time you read this) a year of various lockdowns due to Covid. Many are feeling very fatigued by the length of time that we have been leading such different lives.

The Trustees are very aware of the wonderful way that all the staff at Bridgemed under Pam's direction have coped with good grace with all the many difficulties imposed by the situation. The flexibility and goodwill of the residents and staff has been wonderful to see. We continue to be very grateful that there have not been Covid cases in the home and now have some more reassurance from the vaccination programme. I have been doing some sessions at the Pavilion as a returning doctor and it is great to see the relief and enthusiasm of those coming for their injections. It is also fascinating to see on old posters on the walls what great headline pop groups came to the Pavilion on successive weeks – names even I know.

The Trustees have had some challenges over the last year and I am honoured to be among such a dedicated group wanting to support the Home in this way. Ed Zedlewski has now retired as our Chairman due to increasing commitments and we thank him for his contribution. Nick Coates has taken over as Chairman and we wish to give him our support and prayers. He will be writing in next month's Bridgemed.

Over "Zoom" we have recently been having some prayer meetings monthly attended by residents, staff and Trustees. Our wonderful chaplain Alan Ashworth has been leading these and last week quoted from Philippians chapter 4 verses 6-7 , "The Lord is near, have no anxiety, but in everything make your requests known to God in prayer and petition with thanksgiving. Then the peace of God, which is beyond our utmost understanding will keep guard over your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus". It was just what I needed to hear.

Paul Booth

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News at Bridgemead

During March we've had fun with "Guess Who?" photos of staff when they were young. All the photos were pinned onto our display board in the dining room. The residents and staff enjoyed seeing how "sweet" we were back in the day!!

The residents have been busy making "Sun Catchers" in the shape of Easter Eggs. They will be displayed in the Dining Room which has plenty of natural light. As you can see the residents hard work will be enjoyed by all.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Resident : Mary B

Day Club: Pat R

A Poem by our Resident Poet

Easter Day

**The Church bells are ringing
And the Choir are singing
To thank our Heavenly Father above
For giving us his only son to bathe us with his care and love.**

**The daffodils look lovely with their golden glow
And the sky so colourful as the sun sinks low.
The spirit of today is full of good cheer
It's a day we look forward to every year.**

**The children are searching for hidden eggs.
Up and down trees, grazing their legs.
But they don't care, they're having fun
And looking forward to chocolate and a hot cross bun.**

**It's Easter Day and the sun is bright
So lets all enjoy it while the day is still light.
And to everyone we would like to say
"A VERY HAPPY EASTER DAY"**



Covid Update

We are continuing with visiting in the conservatory and the window at the day lounge area. We will be reviewing the visiting arrangements and you will all be updated.

Local Giving

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rested in giving, the link to it is: <https://localgiving.org/charity/bridgemead/>- <http://www.localgiving.org/charity/bridgemead>

Please note that Bridgemia can now be found on our website.

Go to www.bridgecare.org.uk, click on Bridgemia and you will find the latest issue.

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

If you would prefer to receive your copy of Bridgemia by e-mail, can you 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.

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