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Newsletter
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JUNE

“Far up in the deep blue sky
 Great white clouds are floating by
 All the world is dressed in green
 Many happy birds are seen
 Roses bright and sunshine clear
 Show that lovely June is here”

F. G. SANDERS

Alan Ashworth - Chaplain

Jesus is Lord of now and eternity!

During the lockdown of the last eight weeks people have occupied themselves with all sorts of different things to do. In normal times I always read my Bible each morning and usually gain real strength or comfort from it. Over these last weeks I have spent more time studying the Bible and really enjoying it. I became a Christian in a Baptist background where we didn't place as much emphasis on the church year as those from an Anglican background do. For us the main things we remembered and celebrated were Easter, Christmas, Pentecost, Advent and Harvest, probably in that order. We didn't really think much about Ascension Day, but this year I have really appreciated the progression from Easter through Ascension to Pentecost especially with its relevance to the present situation in our country and throughout the world. When Jesus died on the cross he paid the price for all our wrongdoing such that we can be forgiven and our relationship with God restored. In rising from the dead on Easter Sunday Jesus demonstrated his divinity and broke the power of death, giving us the opportunity to know an eternity in the presence of God. Forty days later Jesus blessed his disciples and ascended to be with God the Father. The significance of the ascension hinges in Jesus's being "exalted to the highest place and being given a name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord" (Philippians 2:9-11). Ten days after that at Pentecost (which used to be called Whit Sunday), God sent his Holy Spirit to live in the heart of every believer such that we can know God's presence and have his help to live our lives. The Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit are so relevant in our current troubles because we can be assured that God is working his purpose out and that we can know the Holy Spirit's presence with us each and every day.

Trustee Message

Greetings to you all and I hope this finds you all well. What a strange and confusing time this period of lockdown has been, so much uncertainty and yet so many unexpected blessings to bring communities together. People have begun to be concerned for one another - spontaneous conversations with strangers, encouragement and support from hitherto barely known neighbours for those confined to their houses, and the community spirit that brings everyone out on their doorsteps to applaud the Health Service and Key workers on a Thursday night.

There is also the blessing of this enforced leisure time which has stopped many of us in our tracks and given us the time to observe. There has been leisure to watch the individual signs of spring – bees busy amongst the colours in the garden, familiar trees bursting into bud and blossom, fledgling blackbirds being encouraged to fly, and even the time for one of my church family to make friends with one of the squirrels in her garden. There has been very little traffic sound down here in Widcombe so that for the first time that we've been living here I can hear the morning chorus – what Joy!!

There are other blessings too. As I look out of my window the air is still very clear. And on the news recently they've shown some of the great cities of the world – Paris, Madrid, even New York; pictures taken before and after the lockdowns there – scenes now so much more beautiful in the clear air. How thankful I am that even this confusing and testing time God is sovereign - and over pollution as well!

This period of lockdown has challenged each of us in so many different ways, so I am very thankful to say that God has been very good to Bridgemoor, and that thankfully and as a direct result of the levels of determination, hard work and dedication of all the staff in Bridgemoor, to date all the residents and staff have remained safe - Praise God! It has been extremely impressive to see how all the staff have pulled together as a team

to protect and keep all the residents positive, comfortable and in good heart, despite some really difficult circumstances. I and all the trustees salute them!

In the last few days there has been in the news increased concerns that any easing of restrictions- however longed for- could mean an increased risk for our vulnerable loved ones. It is clear that whatever the circumstances any changes will be necessarily gradual so that each one of us will still need a great deal of patience, so please be assured that every effort will continue to be made for Bridgemoor to remain a safe haven for all those who call it their home. Finally, I pray that all of us, though deprived of contact with dear friends or family, keep strong and well, and look forward to the times when we can hug our loved ones once again.

Clare Biss - Trustee



**Sadly we say "Goodbye" to
Ryszard M
Doris S**

**Dayclub: Gordon S
Our Love and thoughts go out to all
their family and friends**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:-

**Residents: James E, Betty T, Betty J
& Edward H**

Dayclub: Morfydd J & Harold I

FRIENDS OF BRIDGEMEAD

Hello Bridgemedians,

I do hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

May was a beautiful month weather wise wasn't it, the sunny days seem to compensate for our enforced limited lifestyle, so we have to feel very grateful for that.

Having celebrated my grandson's 18th birthday in April it was my turn to have a birthday in May! My daughters organised 'Gran's Birthday Bingo' courtesy of Zoom! It was great fun, particularly as I hadn't played the game since a visit to Butlin's Holiday Camp at Bognor Regis with a group of friends in 1960! Again in May was my son-in-law's 50th birthday – another milestone!

Celebrations could not of course be as planned but the day was enjoyed by him and the wider family.

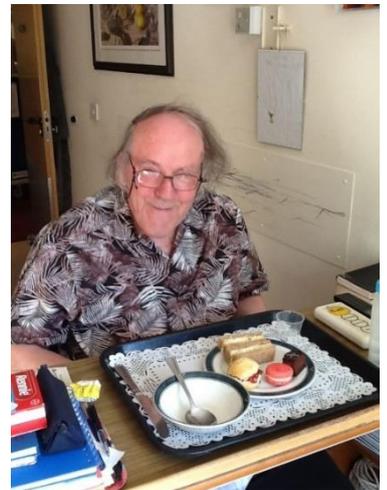
These types of occasions are happening in all families and the human spirit I think continues to shine through, even in these difficult times.

I do hope that you are all finding ways of coping with your new lifestyles and I look forward to seeing lots of you very soon.

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News at Bridgemead

All the residents and staff at Bridgemead are doing well. The residents are having more one to one interaction for their entertainment due to the Coronavirus. This involves visiting their rooms and having nice conversations with them. We did have our usual Bridgemead Coffee Morning with the residents. This went really well as the day was divided into two sessions - some residents at the Coffee Morning and the other residents at the Afternoon Tea. We were able to have both meetings outside. Morning Coffee in the garden downstairs and Afternoon Tea on the roof garden. At both meetings Social Distancing was carried out. Last week we received a very kind donation of Afternoon Tea from The Roseate Villa, Henrietta Street, Bath. The residents thoroughly enjoyed this as you can see from the photos below. It was an amazing selection of sandwiches and cakes. Many thanks to The Roseate Villa.



As you can see from the front cover our bird boxes are being used. The residents are enjoying birdwatching especially at this time of year when all around the gardens are abundant with lovely blooms and colours.

All the Residents and Staff at Bridgemed have had the swab test carried out for Coronavirus. We should receive the results at the beginning of next week. Fingers crossed for all clear.

As mentioned in the previous Bridgemed if any family members wish to contact their loved ones, we are able to provide access via Facetime etc. We are also able to offer the availability for family members to see their loved ones and have a conversation through the windows at the Day Club area at the front of Bridgemed. You will need to contact Bridgemed on 01225 484904 or 01225 444869 to arrange any of the meetings as we will need to enter the date and time in the diary.

Local Giving

Bridgemed has a Local Giving Page set up. If anyone would be interested in giving, the link to it is: <https://localgiving.org/charity/bridgemed/>- <http://www.localgiving.org/charity/bridgemed>

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

Go to www.bridgemed.org.uk, click on Bridgemed 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 Bridgemed by e-mail, can you 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.

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