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Bridgemead Care Home Newsletter

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“Alive for evermore.”

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die” John 11:25

Throughout his ministry, Jesus performed many miracles and healed many people. He did this because as he travelled around he met lots of people in distressing circumstances and he had compassion on them. There were other reasons why he did miraculous things; one was to link him to things which God did in Old Testament times, but the main reason was to demonstrate his power and show that he was the Son of God.

The miracles which were perhaps most extraordinary to us were when he raised people from the dead. Jairus’ daughter died and Jesus spoke to her and she came back to life and began talking to her family. Jesus was going into the town of Nain and he came across a funeral procession. He spoke to the dead young man in a similar way and he too sat up and began to talk.

Jesus’ friend, Lazarus, had been dead for four days when Jesus came to him; he was already in a tomb but Jesus called to him to come out and he did, to the surprise of everyone there. Three different people, three people brought back to life, three miraculous events! But eventually, as is the case for all of us, they all died again. The message of Easter is that Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, but he was different – He was the Son of God – when he rose from the dead he stayed alive for evermore! He ascended into heaven and is now with God the Father, and one day will return in power and glory. The wonderful thing is that when he raised Lazarus from the dead he gave this promise to us all:

“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”

Alan Ashworth

A Message from the Chairman of the Trustees

Hello Bridgemedians

Having optimistically written last month about the signs of spring, I look back on what has been described as the *'Beast from the East'* followed this past weekend by the *'mini-Beast from the East'*! What a difference a few weeks makes.

I am writing this early, because of Easter, and the snow that still surrounds us on 19th March will be a distant memory as you read this in Early April. The reason I mention it is to remind you that, due to the valiant efforts of the staff and management at Bridgemed, life for the residents proceeded without interruption during the snow. I read Pam's report to the Trustees for March which records:

"During the snow the staff were amazing and we had a full complement of staff in, with some night staff sleeping here Friday and day staff sleeping Friday night."

I think that is a wonderful demonstration of the commitment of the staff to the residents and want to take this opportunity to thank them publicly. Maybe you can find opportunity to do the same.

As I mentioned last month we held a fundraising event at the Gainsborough Hotel on 7th March. Approximately 80 people attended. It was in the form of a charity auction but was also intended to raise our profile within the city. It achieved both these objectives thanks to good organisation (thanks Kate and Sarah), a brilliant auctioneer, and a band led by Andy Battle who doubles up from time to time as the lead architect from SRA!

By the time you read this the Trustees will have had further discussions about the future direction that Bridgemed should take. We are faced with making significant decisions about the future provision of care. There are many factors to consider, that are driven both by external circumstances as well as our own desire for Bridgemed to extend the scope and reach of the services we provide to vulnerable older people. We need to develop the work of Bridgemed and to maintain the core principles of providing good quality loving care in a Christian community. You may have noticed the home page of our website that states:

We are a "home from home" where our residents and day club members are cherished and enabled to live fruitful lives in a loving Christian community.

That says it all for me! Keep warm and enjoy April.



Bridgemead Charity Auction

80 people attended the Bridgemead Charity Auction at the glamorous Gainsborough Hotel on Wednesday 7th March. Addison Gelpy was the auctioneer and did a brilliant job of selling the money can't buy prizes including a tour of the House of Commons with Wera Hobhouse, a Westminster experience with Lord Foster of Bath, and a trip behind the scenes at the Holburne Museum with the Director, Dr Chris Stevens to raise over £6000 for the not for profit residential and nursing home.

Bridgemead's patron, Marian McNeir, MBE said; "I am thrilled to see so many people here. Bridgemead is one of Bath's most loved and respected residential and nursing homes. We are so grateful for everyone's support and help in moving forward with our vision to make Bridgemead fit for the future. I can feel the energy here in the room, Addison was a star and the musicians were lovely. We are delighted this has been such a successful event."

Matthew Blower of Fine & Country Homes of Bath, a sponsor of the event said: "We wanted to show our respect and appreciation for all the incredible work that Bridgemead achieves and to highlight this to our community."

Bridgemead are very grateful to Wessex Water and the Gainsborough Hotel who also sponsored the event and to all the generous donors of the fabulous prizes offered for sale in the auction.



April Birthdays

Residents

12th April - Mary Bradley



April Activities

Tuesday 3rd April - 'John-on-me-Tod' sings, plays and entertains

Thursday 5th April - James Hogg's 'Music & Memories'

Friday 6th April - Mike Renton and friends 'Sing-a-long'

Monday 9th April - Bing Lyle brings fun music and song

Tuesday 10th April - Songs, smiles and musical picture quiz with Holly Marks

Wednesday 11th April - Laurence Kell's violin and mandolin concert

Thursday 12th April - Widcombe Acorns Activity Afternoon

Monday 16th April - Bridgemoor Ballroom with Terry & Jenny

Tuesday 17th April - John Holcombe plays guitar

Wednesday 18th April - NEW 'Creative Minds' arts and crafts with Grace

Thursday 19th April - Widcombe Acorns Activity Afternoon

Monday 23rd April - St George's Day fun and music with Phil Smith

Tuesday 24th April - An afternoon with David Kniveton on the flute

Wednesday 25th April - Larry Coles plays the accordion and cornet

Thursday 26th April - Widcombe Acorns Activity Afternoon

Friends of Bridgemead

Hello Bridgemedians,

Did you keep warm and snug during our 'beast from the east' weather? It was weather as we used to know it in my childhood – skating on the canal, snowmen, chains on the car tyres and people walking about and visiting each other on foot – what a novelty! I thoroughly enjoyed it, although I do realise that it caused much disruption and hardship. The sun is shining as I write so out with the summer clothes!

Bridgemead Easter Coffee Morning was on Saturday 17 March. Despite adverse weather conditions and very few people present we still managed to take £421.30 at the Easter Fayre. A very big thank you to everyone there!

I hope to welcome many of you to the Music Quiz and Supper which is on 6 April 7pm at Bridgemead. Tickets are on sale from Rosemary on reception, the price includes a delicious soup and pud supper. £10 per ticket, please bring your own tipple. This is a new event so I do hope you will give it your support.

May 11 is the date for our very popular Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper, 7pm Bridgemead - £12 - please bring your own tipple! Tickets will be on sale from Rosemary very soon.

Other dates for your diary:-

July 17 is the AGM 7.30pm at Bridgemead. It would be lovely to see some of you there!

July 28 we will be holding our **Strawberry Tea**, this is always a very happy afternoon so we shall be delighted to see you there – 2.30pm Bridgemead.

August 31 – put your boots on for a **Walking Treasure Hunt** around bits of Bath – not as energetic as it sounds – there will be plenty of time for a cuppa at Bridgemead before you start and enough time to treat yourself to a glass of wine/coffee during the walk!

I'm off to France now so a bientot!

Una

We had fun celebrating St Patrick's Day

We spent an afternoon tasting Irish Barmbrack, sipping Guinness, making Irish soda bread and listening to Irish jigs and reels.



Farewell

Mrs Elizabeth Chorley passed peacefully away at Bridgemoor on Friday 2nd March. Elizabeth will be missed by all those who knew and cared for her.

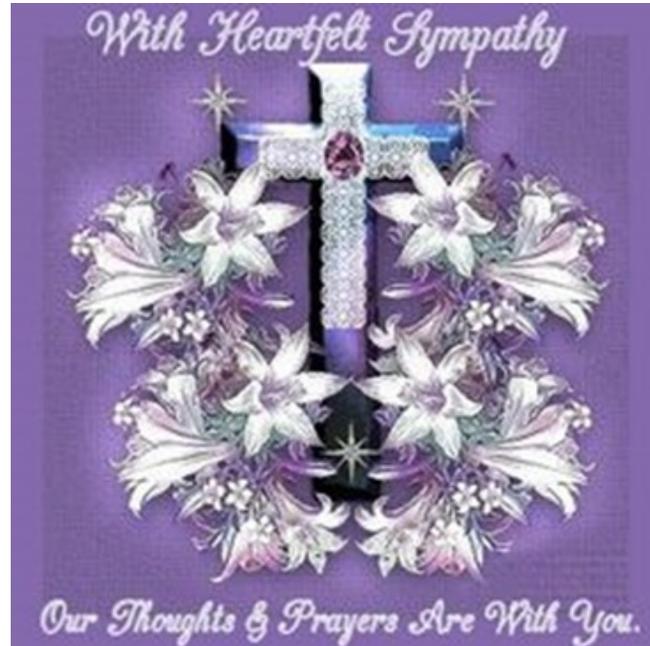
Mrs Pamela Whitwam passed quietly away at Bridgemoor on Sunday 4th March. Pamela will be sadly missed and remembered by family and friends.

Mrs Kate Clarke passed peacefully away at Bridgemoor on Sunday 4th March. Kate will be fondly remembered and much missed by all those who knew and cared for her.

Mr Don Sparks passed calmly away at Bridgemoor on Tuesday 13th March. Don will be warmly remembered and missed by all those who knew and cared for him.

Mrs Christine Evered passed quietly away at Bridgemoor on Thursday 22nd March. Christine will be lovingly remembered by family and missed by all those who knew her.

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.



Local Giving

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

Please note that Bridgemedial can now be found on our website. Go to www.bridgecare.org.uk, click on Bridgemedial 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 Bridgemedial by e-mail, can you please let us know on admin@bridgecare.org.uk

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