



BRIDGEMEDIA



Newsletter
April 2020

Day Club

Are you, or do you know anyone who may be, interested in attending Bridgmead Day Club? We currently have spaces Monday to Friday. We offer a whole range of activities and delicious freshly cooked lunches.

For more information please contact:

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Easter Word Search

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Alan Ashworth - Chaplan

God is with us!

God has said, "Never will I leave you nor forsake you." Joshua 1:5

If you are a Liverpool Football Club fan or if you can remember Gerry and the Pacemakers in the 1960's or the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Carousel" before that, you will know the song:

"When you walk through a storm, hold your head up high and don't be afraid of the dark.

At the end of a storm there's a golden sky and a sweet silver song of the lark.

Walk on through the wind, walk on through the rain, though your dreams be tossed and blown.

Walk on, walk on, with hope in your heart and you'll never walk alone."

With the present restrictions and uncertainty as a result of the Coronavirus we are going through quite a storm. Many people are cut off from loved ones and fearful of what the future holds. In the song, there is a promise of peace after the storm and an encouragement to keep going with that hope because we are never alone. I think that many people singing the song would think of never being alone because there are always other people around us. Christians would agree with the sentiment of the song but would say that their hope is entirely in God and the reason that we never walk alone is because God is always with us. The Bible speaks of "this hope as an anchor for the soul that is steadfast and certain", an assurance, a confidence. As we approach Easter, the Christian message is that God made us and loves us so much that he sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us on the cross so that we might have the chance of being forgiven by putting our trust in Him. Having died, Jesus rose again on the third day and forty days later ascended to heaven. Because Jesus rose from the dead we can also know the promise of eternal life which starts here on earth. That is why it is possible to walk with hope in our hearts and know that God is with us.

Trustee Message

Dear Friends!

My turn has come around again to write a small reflection for Bridgemedias this month. And what a month it has been!

As always there are a number of changes in the Home and some new residents to welcome. But we are living in an ever changing environment these days with new restrictions on the whole population due to the arrival of a most unwelcome guest, Corona virus. Our priority is to keep Bridgemedias as safe an environment as we can for the residents, staff and those visiting the Home. We will keep you all informed of developments as they arise.

Hilary and Hayley continue to run the Day Club and Activities and we are so grateful for the programme of events planned this summer. At present we will look forward to a complete programme resuming, but this may change in the near future with restricted visiting and protecting our elderly and vulnerable residents.

The volunteers have produced a range of events for us to enjoy this year but unfortunately due to the Coronavirus the events have been cancelled for the foreseeable future

We have spent the last few months considering our plans for the Home long term. This includes maintenance for the Home and flood resilience work. We are continuing to explore the options available to us. We have been so grateful that in spite of the weather being extremely wet this winter we have not had to put our contingency flooding policy into action.

And so we can rely on God through these turbulent times. We know He loves us and cares for us all.

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes on Him will not perish but have eternal Life John 3 v. 16

Shirley Furze - Trustee



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:-

Residents:

Mary B

Dayclub:

Pat R

News at Bridgemead

Fundraising for Bridgemead

"Bath Half Marathon" 15th March 2020

Many thanks to Helen and daughter Alice for completing the "Bath Half Marathon" in Aid of Bridgemead

As you can imagine with the current situation we have not been able to collect and confirm the total amount raised. As and when we know the final amount it will be published in Bridgemedias.

Many thanks once again.

Well what can happen in a month! As we are hearing this is unprecedented times! We have had to say farewell to our Day Club Members for the foreseeable future. Let's hope it's not too long until we all meet up again.

Outside Entertainers have been postponed. We are working alongside the residents encouraging our own Activities - Gardening, Movie Afternoons, Chair Exercises, Bell Ringing, Quizzes, Arts and Crafts, Baking and other enjoyable activities.

We're hoping by the time we have the all clear we will have a Bell Ringing Group available for entertainment!!

FRIENDS OF BRIDGEMEAD

Dear Bridgemedians,

What extraordinary times we find ourselves in! As you can imagine I have cancelled all our fund raising events for the foreseeable future. This means that the Easter Fayre will not now take place and the Quiz evening looks exceedingly unlikely too! Thank you to everyone who has been preparing for this event, I know that a great deal of thought has gone into making it a success.

As we prepare ourselves for a long period of near isolation I think we should remind ourselves that we, as a nation, are very resilient and we shall come through this as we have managed to do in various times of our history.

I was heartened to hear the 103 year old Dame Vera Lynn giving us words of encouragement – and she should know a bit about fortitude – the wartime spirit!

I may not be able to see many of you for a few months but my thoughts are with you and I wish you all well – and as Vera would have said 'until we meet again!'

Keep well – and chins up!

Una

May God bless you at Easter,
And keep you all year through.
May God give you all the faith it takes,
To make your dreams come true.
May His love and wisdom always help,
To guide you on your way.
May His light shine down upon you now,
To bless your Easter Day.


Easter
Blessings

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter.



Volunteers:

We would love volunteers to come and help with our group activities
14.00 - 15.00 Monday - Friday

Having friendly faces who are interested in having meaningful
conversations with our residents during group time is of great benefit
to all involved.

If you are interested in volunteering as a 1 off, occasionally, or even
regularly, please contact us on activities@bridgecare.org.uk

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/>- <http://www.localgiving.org/charity/bridgemead>

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

Go to www.bridgecare.org.uk, click on Bridgemedica 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 Bridgemedica 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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