



bridgemead

# BRIDGEMEDIA

Bridgemead Care Home Newsletter

February 2019

## *“The Waiting and Forgiving Father.”*

*“Let’s celebrate because what was lost is now found.” Luke Chapter 15 verses 7, 10 & 24*

In Luke Chapter 15, Luke records three separate stories that Jesus told.

The first story is known as “The Parable of the Lost Sheep” where a shepherd loses one sheep out of his one hundred sheep and then leaves the other ninety nine to go and search for the one that was lost.

The second story is known as “The Parable of the Lost Coin” where a woman has ten coins and loses one and she searches throughout the whole house until she finds it.

In both cases the people celebrated with their friends because they had found what was lost.

The third story is known as “The Parable of the Lost Son” or “The Parable of the Prodigal Son”. In this story a younger son asks his father for his share of his father’s estate; he then goes off and squanders the money in wild living – having a good time and buying lots of things. Eventually, all his money runs out and he has nothing. In fact he gets a job feeding pigs but has nothing to eat himself. He then comes to his senses and realises how selfish and stupid he has been and decides to go back to his father and ask him to give him a job along with his father’s other servants. However, when he arrives back home his father welcomes him with open arms, gives him new clothes and has a party to celebrate his return. He says, “We must celebrate because my son who was dead is alive again, he was lost and is now found.”

In each of the stories Jesus is telling us what God is like: God longs for us to be found; he longs for us to turn back to him and when we do so there is a celebration in heaven. God is the “Waiting and Forgiving Father” to whom we can always come back and he will always accept us.

***Alan Ashworth***

## **Trustee statement**

**Dear Friends!**

Firstly may I, on behalf of all the trustees, wish you all a very Blessed and Happy New Year for 2019!

This time of year, when memories of the joys of Christmas fade and are put away with the tree and the decorations; when the children are back at school and day to day activities are resumed, it is easy to forget that this turning of the year brings the opportunity for new discoveries and experiences.

Despite the present uncertainty about the future of our country, Bridgemead continues, as our values state, 'to provide a home where people live rather than a place where people work', where our aim is to celebrate the differences as well as cherish the individuality of every person, caring for their every need whilst enabling them to live fruitful lives. We will continue to strive for excellence whatever 2019 brings, and to achieve this we are profoundly grateful for all the staff who put so much of themselves into the care and support of all the residents.

There have been several new staff members arriving in the last two months. Sarah Hunter has been working in Bridgemead since 26<sup>th</sup> November as our new Clinical Nurse Lead, and Valentina Aquaviva joined us as Care assistant on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Added to this, two new members of staff arrived on 7<sup>th</sup> January: Mini Williams as Activities Co-ordinator, and Hilary Humpage as Day Club Organiser. We welcome them all most warmly, and I'm sure that all of you will join us in wishing them the very best, looking forward to getting to know them better as part of the Bridgemead family.

January can be a cold and empty month before Spring comes, but as I look out of my window today I can see that, despite the frosty roofs and barren branches life is already stirring. The smaller birds foraging amongst the bulb shoots are finding juicy morsels despite a band of pigeons who descend on my garden each morning to Hoover up whatever they can find. And I have snowdrops, baby iris's and even primroses flowering, even though more cold weather is bound to hit us before spring is truly with us. We have no idea what challenges this next year may bring, but we can be very sure that God, who provides such bounty for us all, can be trusted to provide for all our needs whatever the future holds.

***Clare Biss, Trustee.***

## BRIDGEMEAD NEEDS YOU



### Volunteers:

The home requires volunteers of any age and experience to fill week-day daily devotional slots. The slots are 11:45-12:00 every day. It entails choosing a passage from the bible and reading it out loud and choosing 2 or three songs from mission praise and a prayer. One of the residents often plays the piano. But on days he doesn't we have a cd player and can play a cd with the song on it if volunteer brings it with them. It is a relaxed informal time to encourage us all to commune with God.

Some volunteers prepare a few short minutes talk but this is not vital. We have a need from April onwards. Perhaps some of you could commit to once a month? Or others just once a year? Any and every commitment welcome

Contact: [activities@bridgecare.org.uk](mailto:activities@bridgecare.org.uk)



### Vacancies:

CARERS: Full and Part time. Come and join our friendly team.

NURSES: Full and Part time, Days or Nights.

Contact Pam Bourton for further information or application form. Call 01225484904

## February Birthdays

### Residents

11th Feb– Audrey Andrews

23rd Feb - Elizabeth Moore

### Day Club

1st Feb - Tessa Berridge

Sadly we say Good bye to: Doris Hunt. Our prayers and thoughts go out to her son Richard and his wife Jo

## February Activities

Monday (4th) - Bridgemead Ballroom Dancing– Terry and Jenny

Tuesday (5th)- Mobile toddler group. Activities for all ages.

Thursday (7th) - Music, fun and song with ‘John-on-me-Tod’

Monday (11th) - Lively song and guitar playing with Phil Smith

Tuesday (12th) - Song, fun and musical quiz with Holly Marks

Wednesday (13th) - Song and entertainment with Chris Griffiths

Friday (15th) - ALIVE, a musical variety afternoon

Tuesday (19th) - James Hogg

Thursday (21st) - Golden toes, seated Dance with Lauren

Friday (22nd) - Creative Minds - craft with Grace

Monday (25th)- Songs we love, Singalong with Mike Renton

Tuesday (26th)- Flute recital by David Kniveton

Thursday (28th) - Violin recital by Laurence Kell

## FRIENDS OF BRIDGEMEAD

Hello Bridgemedians,

Here we are in 2019, I wonder what the year will bring! Well we can be certain that we shall celebrate Easter and Christmas, our birthdays and all other family occasions but other than that the following twelve months is mainly a blank page! Although if you're like me you have already organised a holiday – or two – or three!

Just to mention a 2018 event, I am delighted to report that the Christmas Fayre raised a tad short of £600, so many thanks to everyone involved in making it such a happy day.

At this point I would like to thank in particular, the 'Friends' committee. They all work tirelessly, giving freely their time and money to raise funds for the benefit of the residents. Thank you so much for your support. Additionally I should also like to mention the work of all the staff at Bridgemead who happily help out at all the events.

### Future events, dates for your diaries-

Saturday 6 April 2.30pm Easter Fayre

Friday 17 May 7pm Fish & Chip Supper and Quiz

Saturday 20 July 2.30pm – Strawberry Tea

Friday 6 September 7pm – Beetle Drive and Ploughman's Supper

Saturday 16 November 2.30pm – Christmas Fayre

All the above will be held at Bridgemead.

There will also be a Murder Mystery evening in October – date to be advised.

There we are another year has flown by..... I hope that one or two of the above will appeal to you and you will give us your support.

Lastly Subscriptions of £5 are due by April and a few from last year are still outstanding, please get your £5 to reception at Bridgemead or give it to one of your committee. Thank you!

Happy New Year!

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# British Birds Word Search



**Find the Words**

- ROBIN
- WAGTAIL
- SEAGULL
- PIDGEON
- MAGPIE
- WREN
- SPARROW
- SWAN
- DUCK
- BLUE TIT
- CHAFFINCH
- BLACKBIRD
- GOLDFINCH
- DUNNOCK
- GOSHAWK

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## February

**John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends**

**"Away in a meadow all covered with snow  
The little old groundhog looks for his shadow  
The clouds in the sky determine our fate  
If winter will leave us all early or late."  
- Don Halley**



## 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 Bridgemedica can now be found on our website. Go to [www.bridgecare.org.uk](http://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](mailto:admin@bridgecare.org.uk)

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