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“The Great Banquet.”

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son.” Matthew 22:2

Many of us will have recently watched the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on television, and the couple of thousand people who were invited to go to Windsor Castle to be part of the celebrations. A much smaller number were invited to go to the service itself and an even smaller number were invited to the private wedding banquet. Can you imagine receiving an invitation to the Royal Wedding and then turning it down? Can't go! Haven't got the right clothes! Too busy! Somehow, I think that each of us would have accepted the invitation.

Jesus spoke about the kingdom of heaven, that is, being part of God's family here on earth and ultimately in heaven, as being like a wedding banquet. The king in Jesus' story drew up a guest list and asked the people to come, but one by one they made excuses and turned down the offer. The king then sent out people to go and invite others who would come in place of the original guests. The banquet was then filled with people who had been glad to accept the invitation. Jesus told the story to illustrate the fact that God loves us and wants us to be at the banquet. God loves us so much that he sent Jesus to die for us so that we could be eligible to be at that great banquet.

Today God offers us the invitation to turn our hearts to him and to accept Jesus as our Saviour and to be part of his family. People today often assume that they are going to be in heaven whatever choices they make in this life, but the whole point of Jesus's story was that we won't be there unless we accept that invitation that has been offered to us. That is what Paul meant when he said, “Now is the day of salvation!” – Now is the time to accept God's offer!

Alan Ashworth

A Message from the Chairman of the Trustees

Hello Bridgemedians

Well! What a spectacle it was. The long heralded royal wedding that promised so much certainly did not disappoint and Harry and Meghan are now man and wife: His/Her Highness the Duke and Duchess of Sussex!

There can be no doubt that the joy that the couple felt spilled over into many lives – not just members of their immediate families but into the nation as a whole. I have hardly ever known an event that has touched so many lives with joy than this one. There is a great deal of hope and optimism for the future, not just for the happy couple but for the lives they will touch and the charitable causes they will support. I think they will be great ambassadors for the UK as well.

Meanwhile, for the rest of us, it is business as usual. The day before the wedding we received the good news that the recent visit of CQC (our regulator) was positive. They have reinstated our status to 'Good' which, I have to say, is much more in keeping with the standard of care we provide. It has however been good for us to realise that ratings need to be earned through hard work and attention to detail through the records we keep. It is a shame that we live in a society where so much time has to be given to keeping precise and consistent records. Congratulations are due to Pam and the team for achieving this result.

We have been busy this last month preparing for GDPR – you can read more about this later in this edition. Do look at this and respond appropriately.

Finally – a word or two to all you social media fans. I am sure many of you use 'facebook' and some of you may even use 'twitter'. Have you thought of putting your social media profile to work for the benefit of Bridgemed? We have our own 'facebook' and 'twitter' pages that you can access through our website: <https://www.bridgecare.org.uk>. Just click the 'facebook' and 'twitter' links at the bottom of any page and you will be able to interact with the topics that are being discussed and the events that are happening. You can also share us with others of your social media 'friends' and spread the word about Bridgemed.

Well I think that's all for now. The weather is certainly warmer than it has been of late and summer seems to be just around the corner – enjoy.

Blessings,



GDPR

You will all no doubt have heard of GDPR which is short for '*General Data Protection Regulation*'.

GDPR is a new piece of legislation which is intended to provide better protection for all of us. It means that those who collect and make use of our data (i.e. process it) have to act responsibly to ensure that it is not being misused.

In the case of Bridgemed, we hold personal data that belongs to those who read Bridgemed as well those who support us in a variety of other ways such as volunteers, *Friends of Bridgemed* and those who support us financially. We are required by law to advise you that we hold your data which, in your case, is limited to your name and contact details (i.e. your address and, if we have them, your telephone number and email address). Because of our relationship with you our lawful basis for holding this data is legitimate interest.

We want you to know that we hold this data securely and that we do not share this data with other parties except where we are required by law to do so (e.g. where you have requested that we recover Gift Aid from donations you have made). Your data can be accessed by you at any time and you have a number of other rights that are set out in our **Privacy Notice**.

You are encouraged to read the **Privacy Notice** which can be found on our website: www.bridgemed.org.uk/get-involved . If you would like a printed copy please contact Rosemary at Reception.



June Birthdays

Residents

1st June - Bob Collins

2nd June - James Elliott

4th June - Barbara Holman

6th June - Ruth Hewetson

7th June - Margaret Hooper

10th June - Jean Tranah

23rd June - Julie Fleming

30th June - Edward Horesh



June Activities

Friday 1st June - Song, fun and musical quiz with Holly Marks

Monday 4th June - Christian Cox piano concert

Tuesday 5th June - 'Creative Minds' arts and crafts with Grace

Wednesday 6th June - Half-day trip to Bath City Farm (Depart 2pm)

Friday 8th June - Lively song and guitar playing with Phil Smith

Monday 11th June - Weston Townswomen's Guild Singers

Tuesday 12th June - Bridgemead Ballroom with Terry & Jenny

Wednesday 13th June - Music, fun and song with 'John-on-me-Tod'

Thursday 14th June - Rosemary and PAT Dog, Milo

Monday 18th June - Song and guitar with John Holcombe

Tuesday 19th June - David Kniveton flute recital

Friends of Bridgemead

Hello Bridgemedians,

I am writing this on the eve of the Royal Wedding – what excitement for us all!! Whether we are whole hearted supporters of the royal family or not, I'm sure that we all wish Harry and Meghan all good wishes for a long and happy marriage! I wonder what the dress will be like?

On Friday 13 May we enjoyed another very successful Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper. 45 supporters taxed their brains across ten rounds of questions, and eventually a winner was found - or to be strictly correct two winners! The 'Leas' and 'Four 4 Luck' tied so we had joint winners! I'm delighted to 'brag' that I was in one of the teams, **and** more importantly my husband's team only managed 3rd place!! Not that I'm competitive!!!! Huge thanks are due to Liz Cocks, her husband Trevor, and Sarah their daughter for organising the whole evening! A great deal of preparation work goes on to make it run smoothly on the night. Also many thanks to Pam, Bev and all the staff who work to make the evening a success. We are also indebted to committee member Sue Harris and her husband who ordered and collected the food from Combe Down – and it was still hot when they arrived! Finally I'm delighted to report that we made a profit of over £360. Thank you to everyone who supported the evening.

The next date for your diaries is the **AGM** which will be held at **Bridgemead on Tuesday 17 July 7.30pm**. We would be delighted to see you there.



The Strawberry Tea is at Bridgemead on Saturday 28 July at 2.30pm – see you there!



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What fun we've been having!





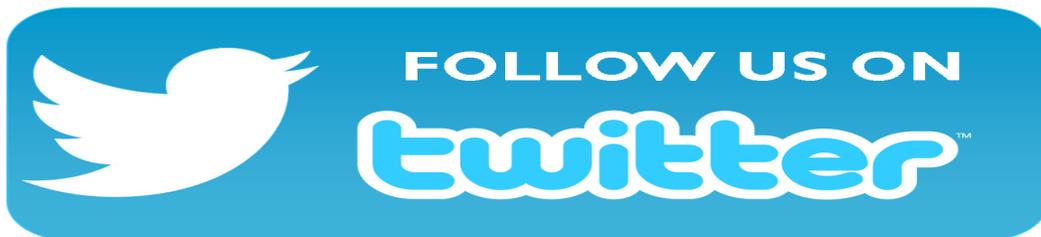
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Local Giving

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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

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