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Bridgemead Care Home Newsletter

May 2019

“Peace, Perfect Peace!”

Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.” John 14:27

Most would probably agree that peace is generally in short supply in our world in this 21st century. There are wars in so many countries and people in other places live in fear because of concerns about terrorism or knife crime. Many people today seem to live in such a way that they end up with stress, and then there are those who suffer dreadful comments on what is called “social media.” However, lack of peace is not something which is peculiar to this century; it has been the case ever since men and women lived on this earth. The problem has always been that people aren’t at peace with God and therefore aren’t at peace within themselves or with each other. God sent Jesus so that this need not be the case; the prophet Isaiah when speaking about the coming Messiah called him the “Prince of Peace” and at Jesus’ birth the angels proclaimed God’s peace and goodwill for men and women. John recorded in his gospel that Jesus, when speaking to his disciples just before and just after his death and resurrection, spoke a blessing of peace upon them on four separate occasions. Jesus died so that, by believing in him, we might have our sins forgiven and might have peace with God. This means that we can be right with God and have his peace in our hearts. Therefore even when there is sadness and chaos all around us we can know the peace of God. The hymn writer, E.H.Bickersteth, wrote these words:

“Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?”

The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.”

In the first line he asks the question as to whether we can have peace in this world, and then categorically answers that question in the second line.

Alan Ashworth

Trustee statement

As I was writing this the news was coming through from Paris of the devastating fire that engulfed the Cathedral Notre Dame. The damage might have been greater but for the efforts of the firefighters. Messages of sympathy for the people of Paris have flowed in from around the world, and President Macron has pledged to rebuild.

We treasure our history and buildings they have a special place in our society, not forgetting the grief which our Royal Family suffered when Windsor Castle was itself engulfed in fire in 1992.

The appearance of the majority of the Georgian Buildings in our City of Bath has been transformed during the last 20 years as the stonework has been cleaned. The once black facades now cleaned, glow in the spring sunshine.

The Bath Abbey Footprint project is well underway. This reminds us that caring for our historic buildings is not just about the physical structure, but the purpose.

I am always struck when walking into Bridgemead that we are privileged to have a modern building, that was thoughtfully designed, with a real purpose in mind. My first memory of the site was standing in the mud for the first ceremonial spade going into the ground. I still have the photographs of the stone laying, attended when my eldest son was very small.

Buildings are great, but we are reminded the “the church is not the building but the people” – a somewhat cliché phrase but very true. I attended a family funeral recently. The church building was quite different, the service was thoughtfully put together, but from the day, I took away a very real sense that the Church family really cared for the loved ones of my relative who had died.

Which brings us back to people. Buildings are great, but it’s the people that matter. Many different skills will be required to bring the Footprint project at Bath Abbey to fruition. The skill of the firefighters in Paris is thought to have prevented the complete collapse of the building.

The care and skill of the staff at Bridgemead is central to what we are trying to deliver. People should always remain at the heart of what we are doing, whether it is those caring or those cared for.

Graham

BRIDGEMEAD NEEDS YOU



Volunteers:

We would love volunteers to come and help.

There are many ways of helping eg: making teas & coffee, conversation, helping with activities. Times to suit you, any amount of time is greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact us on:

admin@bridgecare.org.uk

Day Club

Are you, or do you know anyone who may be, interested in attending Bridgemead 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:

Hilary Humpage – 01225 484904 email: day-club@bridgecare.org.uk



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May Birthdays

Resident: Mary S

Dayclub: Mary P

Sadly we say goodbye to Barbara Munro and Bridie Duff
Our prayers and thoughts go out to both families and friends

May Activities

Wed	1st May	James Hogg - 'Music & Memories'
Fri	3rd May	Museum of Bath - Talk
Tues	7th May	Alive - Reminiscence
Wed	8th May	BRLSI - Bath Royal Literary & Scientific - Talk
Thur	9th May	Golden Toes - Seated Dance Class
Mon	13th May	Danny Guest - Singer
Wed	15th May	David Kniveton - Flute Player
Thur	16th May	Pam's Coffee Morning 10.45am
Mon	20th May	Musica - Musical Variety Workshop
Wed	22nd May	James Hogg - 'Music & Memories'
Thur	23rd May	Phil Smith - Guitar & Singer
Mon	28th May	Forget-Me-Not - Singer and Plays Songs
Wed	29th May	Laurence Kell - Plays Violin/Ukulele
Thur	30th May	Golden Toes - Seated Dance Class
Fri	31st May	Bath Spa Students to perform Drama/workshop

FRIENDS OF BRIDGEMEAD

Hello Bridgemedians,

As I type this I am also trying to decide what to take on my next holiday, which starts on the 26th of April! I'm off to Valencia! I do love Spain but flying anywhere these days seems to offer up more problems than hitherto! Choose your seats or have them allocated; seats with more leg room; hold luggage and if so what weight; small case for inside the cabin but beware of the dimensions etc, etc!! Should I go fast track?? I'm beginning to think that it might be easier to holiday in Bath!!!

Now, we all enjoyed our Easter Fayre this year! When we arrived at about 1.15pm the dining room had been set up by the duty carers and housekeeping ladies – it looked wonderful – a very big thank you to them all, it was very much appreciated!

It was quite busy with an equal sprinkling of old and new supporters, we are very grateful to everyone who attended! Another thank you to all the stall holders. I'm delighted to report that the profit this year was well over £300. We are hoping that as well as paying for the new dining room furniture, we shall soon be able to fund the new bedroom chairs as well!

Sue, one of the committee members came up with the idea of twisting the arms of some of the local landlords to raffle huge Easter Eggs for £1 a punt. The lucky winner receives the egg and we at Bridgemedead get the takings – we understand that the tickets are going like hot cakes!! Well done Sue!

Our next event is the Fish and Chip Supper which is being held on Friday 17 May 7pm Bridgemedead. Cost £12 per ticket, bring your own tipple. Tables of not more than 4 people are invited to attend. This is always a fun evening so why not come along and join us – you'll be made very welcome. Tickets are available to purchase from Bridgemedead reception.

Una



Toddler group made windmills. We all had fun blowing them to make them spin



We had a lovely visit from Charlie, the Guide Dog, who came with his current trainer/owner George McCaffrey. George gave a very interesting insight into the life of a Guide Dog. Many of the residents attended along with some family members, volunteers and staff. We look forward to more visits later this year.



We've had a busy time making Easter Cards with Easter approaching. The results have been lovely.



May

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly
and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

News from Kate - Fundraiser for Bridgemead

"On a fresh spring morning I, alongside 15,000 others took to the year line to run the 38th bath half marathon. The conditions were near perfect aside from a small head wind on the upper Bristol road but the crowds lining the streets spurred me on leading to me finishing in a new personal best time of 1h58.40. In total, £224.25 was raised for Bridgemead."

Thanks,
Jon



Many thanks to Jon for his amazing contribution for Bridgemead and his personal best time. Well done.

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/>

Please note that Bridgemed can now be found on our website. Go to www.bridgecare.org.uk, click on Bridge-media 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@bridgecare.org.uk

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