

# BRIDGEMEDIA

Bridgemead Care Home Newsletter

October 2016

## **“Living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”**

*Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.” John 11:25-26*

Jesus spoke these words at the tomb of Lazarus before he raised him back to life and called him to come out of the tomb. This took place not long before Jesus died on the cross. Sometimes I think that we are inclined to put more emphasis on the fact that Jesus died on the cross than we do on the fact that God raised him from the dead. Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our sin so that we can be forgiven and restored to a right relationship with God.

This had to happen because of our broken relationship with God, but what happened on that first Easter Sunday gives us hope for all eternity. Jesus expressed this in these words above which are so often read at a funeral service. Because he died and rose again, and then returned to the Father in heaven, all who believe in Jesus are promised that they too will go on living even though their bodies die.

When a believer’s body is buried or cremated that does not mean the end of their life. Though earthly life in a human body is over, their spirit lives on and awaits that time when God will give them new bodies in the “new heaven and new earth.” Jesus assured us of this when he said to the thief on the cross, “Today you will be with me in paradise.” Paul also said that his real desire was to be “away from the body” and with the Lord. That is the glorious future that awaits all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

***Alan Ashworth***

## A message from the chairman of the trustees

### Hullo Bridgemedians

Last month I wrote about the success of TeamGB at the Olympics - we came second in the table with a record of 27 gold medals, pipping China into third place. Didn't we do well!

As I write this column, the Paralympics are in full swing and TeamGB are currently already in second place with 43 gold medals and rising, this time behind China and well ahead of the USA. What strikes me about all of these athletes is, not only their hard work and endurance, but their success in the face of the many challenges they face. Their commitment is an inspiration to all of us.

As I was thinking about this, the words of the apostle Paul came to mind – “I can do everything through him who gives me strength.” [Phil 4:13]. Paul knew what it was to face many difficulties but was spurred on, knowing that God provided all the resource he needed for the task he had been given.

This is just the message for us as we go forward with our plans to improve Bridgemed. By the time you read this we will have made a request for preliminary planning approval for the outline scheme we have selected. We hope to have preliminary approval by the end of October. This will enable us to start on the detailed design process.

After this we are going to face a number of challenges, not the least being the need to raise a lot of money (possibly as much as £4million). Where is this money going to come from? At this stage we are not at all sure but we know that, with God's help, we will be provided with all the resources we need because we believe we are doing the work he has called us to do to strengthen our flood resilience and improve our facilities.

We need to combine hard work and a humble reliance on God, without which we cannot hope to succeed. We trust you will support us in this through your prayers, your financial support and by making our needs known.

Our hope and intention is that Bridgemed will be a refuge and hope for many older people for years to come and that we will look back on this as a time when we were enabled to achieve great things for God who gave us the courage to face the challenge before us.



**Bridgemead invites you to attend**

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY  
WORKSHOP

A  
TALK  
BY DR ALAN YOUNG

TUESDAY 11th OCTOBER

2.00 – 3.00 pm

OR

MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER

6.30 – 7.30 pm

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

## **October Birthdays**

### **Residents**

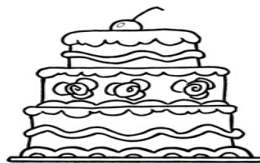
**7th October - Irene Weller**

**24th October - Ron Taylor**

### **Day Club**

**10th October - Iris Howell**

**23rd October - Stan Roe**



## **October Activities**

**Monday 3rd October - Rebecca Hazelhurst's 'Singalong Cabaret'**

**Tuesday 4th October - Mike Renton and friends 'Singalong'**

**Wednesday 5th October - Bing Lyle's musical memories**

**Thursday 6th October - Somer Valley Singers (Ladies Choir)**

**Tuesday 11th October - Lynn Sweet entertains**

**Thursday 13th October - 'Now & Then' sing and play**

**Monday 17th October - Chris Griffith plays the keyboard**

**Tuesday 18th October - 'Musica' musical interaction with Claire**

**Wednesday 19th October - Ann and her visiting dogs; Lewis & Lacey**

**Monday 24th October - 'Cam Bells' Hand bell ringing**

**Tuesday 25th October - Forbes Robertson on the violin**

**Wednesday 26th October - Danny Guest sings old favourites**

## Farewell

David Wright passed peacefully away on 8th September. David was a member of Day Club for many years. Our thoughts are with his family.

Queenie Portnall passed peacefully away at Bridgemed on 18th September. Our prayers and thoughts are with her family at this time.



## Friends of Bridgemed

**Hello Bridgemedians,**

Well last month I stayed up far too late watching the Paralympics in Rio!

What courage those athletes show! Young lives struck down with crippling disabilities, or in some cases being born without limbs or with mental impairment, yet they still perform amazing feats of athleticism and endurance!

They are an inspiration to us all and watching them made me feel very humble.

The next event is Pam's Residents' Coffee Morning on Thursday November 17, 10.45am at Bridgemed. We have asked Clare Wilson to bring Phoenix Cards to this event. She will have a large selection of seasonal and general greeting cards on view, together with wrapping paper and gifts. Please come along and bring your friends.

The Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 3 December 2.30pm at Bridgemed.

We shall be offering the usual attractions, cakes, books, tombola, £1 stall, gifts and this year jewellery! In addition we shall be holding a hamper raffle. Refreshments will be on sale too! Please support this important fund raising event. More details in the November Bridgemed.

A few annual subscriptions are still outstanding, our Treasurer, Wendy, would love to take £5 from you!

**Una**

# The Remarkable Story of Bridgmead

## Part 4. Problems Emerge

The Bible contains the story of Nehemiah who had vision and plenty of enthusiasm but was soon to find that things did not always work out in the way he expected.

So it was with the first trustees. They had vision and lost no time in seeking to put it into effect. What they were soon to realise was that their vision, which seemed ambitious enough to them, was far too small for God! T'was ever thus!!

They envisaged purchasing a medium sized house as a home for about half a dozen older people. They soon discovered that operating a home on this scale would be uneconomic. They needed to consider a home for at least 14 residents – far more than they had envisaged.

It was typical of this group not to be daunted by difficulties but to seek solutions – they were tenacious individuals who worked well as a team. If a larger home was needed – a larger house would be acquired. The first task was to find such a house; the second was to find the money to purchase it.

An early attempt was made to acquire a large property that appeared to be suitable. The property was not even on the market but a speculative offer was made for its purchase. The offer was turned down – not least because it happened to be a local school and the owners had no intention of selling it. Perhaps the property being unoccupied in the middle of the summer holidays led our group to think that the school may be available for purchase!

In July 1986 a large three storey property came on the market. It had a 'developable cellar' and an adjacent plot that could be used for an extension. The asking price was around £100,000 and it would cost a further £150,000 to develop it – a total outlay of £250,000; a sum that our group did not possess. An offer was made for the property and an application was made to a building society for lending facilities.

Two events occurred which were early blows to the trustees. The first of these was the realisation that they could not secure a loan. The second event was that the trustees' offer for the property was turned down.

This was a huge disappointment but, just around the corner, two events were to be a great encouragement and would cause the group to realise that they were being called to far greater exploits than they could possibly have imagined possible.

More of which next month!

## Coffee Morning and Phoenix Card Sale



Welcome all residents, friends and relatives to this seasonal coffee morning. Come along to share your comments, ideas and suggestions for Bridgemoor with Pam.

Take the opportunity to browse through a variety of festive greetings cards and Christmas stationery. Choose cards to send to loved ones, friends and family for the Christmas season.

*A selection of Phoenix Christmas cards*

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Card Sale from 10am in the Day Club area.

Coffee and chat with Pam at 10.45am in the Dining Room.

## Virgin Money Giving

Bridgemead has a Virgin Money Giving Page set up. If anyone would be interested in giving, the link to it is: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/finalCharityHomepage.action?charityId=1007255>

Please note that Bridgemedica can now be found on our website. Go to [www.bridgecare.org.uk](http://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 Bridgemedica by e-mail, can you please let us know on [admin@bridgecare.org.uk](mailto:admin@bridgecare.org.uk)

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