



BRIDGEMEDIA




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.

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- Banana
- Broccoli
- Carrots
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- Tomatoes
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- Turnip
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- Grapes
- Eggplant
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Alan Ashworth - Chaplain

“The earth is the Lord’s”

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

Just a few days ago in about a hundred and fifty countries around the world millions of mainly young people, some taking time off from school, took part in demonstrations over climate change. This is a real challenge for all of us but particularly for poorer communities around the world which are likely to see either droughts or real likelihood of flooding because of rising sea levels. There is also the other major issue of pollution around the world where again mainly poorer communities are being swamped with waste which they cannot control. In all the discussions about climate change and pollution there is rarely ever mention about the fact that this is the world that God created for us and it is for that reason that we have a responsibility to care for it. Throughout the Bible we are reminded that God is the Creator of all things and that he created them for us to enjoy and to cherish. The Psalms in particular tell us that as we think about the beauty of the heavens and the earth we should be drawn to think about the greatness and majesty of our Lord who made it. As we come to the time of the year when we celebrate the harvest of the food which we depend upon, we should turn our minds and our hearts to God, the Lord of the Harvest. Firstly, we give Him thanks for all that He is and for all that He has done for us, for His provision for us and most of all for Jesus’ death for us and the salvation he offers. We should pray for and give to those who have much less than we have. We should also realise that our standard of living cannot keep improving without making an impact upon others. God is gracious but we will ultimately be responsible to Him for the lives we live.

Trustee Message

Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness

The poem “Ode to Autumn” by Keats is often mentioned in the newspapers at this time of year. It was written 200 years ago this month and seems to capture the mood of autumn well.

A dear friend of ours died suddenly a month ago. Her strong Christian faith had been vital to her over her life through ups and downs. She had been suffering from multiple sclerosis with great fortitude and had stayed in Bridgemead on occasions for respite. Her husband came for a meal this week and was sharing various press cuttings and photographs he had found, many of which he didn't know existed. As we went through these together I would have loved to ask our friend about the circumstances they depicted. There would have been much laughter.

Residents of Bridgemead are also examples of mellow fruitfulness. Their lives often spent with many adventures and difficulties along the way but often people think others will not be interested in them. Bridgemead employed someone some years back who was keen to learn more of the stories that residents could tell. We all love hearing stories, especially true stories and they are much more interesting than the person involved often thinks. So if you are reading this as a volunteer, family member or resident, do feel bold in sharing your stories. There may be more interest in them than you thought.

Paul Booth



**Sadly we say "Goodbye" to
Andrew Pollock
Our Love and thoughts go out to his family**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:-

Residents:

Irene W

Dayclub:

Iris H

Sue T

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Tues	1st Oct	Mike Renton - Piano & Sing Along
Weds	2nd Oct	Now & Then - Singing Group
Fri	4th Oct	Chris Griffiths
Tues	8th Oct	David Kniveton - Flute Player
Thurs	9th Oct	Mo Jo - Arts and Crafts
Fri	11th Oct	John-on-me-Tod - Singer
Tues	15th Oct	Laurence Kell - Violin/Ukulele
Weds	16th Oct	Terry & Jenny - Ballroom Dance
Thurs	17th Oct	Larry Coles - Cornet & Accordion
Mon	21st Oct	Julia Moss - Folk Singer
Weds	23rd Oct	Holly Marks - Singer
Thurs	24th Oct	Golden Oldies
Mon	28th Oct	Alive - Reminiscence
Weds	30th Oct	John Holcombe - Singer

FRIENDS OF BRIDGEMEAD

Hello Bridgemedians,

Well all the children are back at school now after what has been a wonderful six weeks of mostly sunshine. I remember thinking when I was a child that those six weeks of Summer holidays were so special! It never seemed to rain, and apart from a weeks holiday with my parents – usually in Dorchester with my paternal grandparents – with daily trips to Weymouth, I spent the rest of the time with my friends, going for picnics or just exploring the near neighbourhood. Life was so simple then!

Anyway here I am decades later telling you about Bridgemead fund raising.

Sadly we had to cancel the Beetle Drive as too few people bought tickets – we'll maybe try something different next year. Thank you though to those few people who bought tickets.

The next event is the Murder Mystery which is at the Longs Arms, South Wraxall (many thanks again to Rob and Liz for their hospitality) on Friday 18 October 7pm, £25. The ticket includes a three course meal and the entertainment. Tickets are available from Rosemary on reception at Bridgemead. This is always a fun evening so make haste and secure your ticket now as they are limited in number this year due to a smaller seating area at the Inn.

Our Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 16 November at 2.30pm Bridgemead. We shall be having our usual stalls, books, crafts, tombola, cakes, hamper, cards and of course refreshments. We are hopeful that this year the residents will run one too!

We hope to see as many of you there as possible – a pleasant start to the Christmas festivities!

Memories of School Days

Watching tiny tots setting off for their first days at school this autumn, reminded me of my own school days. I didn't want to leave my junior school but having passed the 11+ I faced a daunting daily journey. It didn't help that I had no idea where my new school was! So my mother came with me, during the holidays, to check out the location of City of Bath Girls School & nearest bus stop. In reality it was just a bus ride across the city centre, but it seemed an enormous venture to my 11 and a quarter year old self.

Clad in our winter uniform of navy skirts, blue blouses & striped gold & navy ties, with thick grey woollen socks, we left our gabardine macs and grey felt hats, which resembled a gent's bowler, in the cloakroom before being shown our form rooms. Not in the main school building, but in a house opposite - my room was right at the top. After attending a traditional Victorian school building with high ceilings, it seemed strange to climb stairs to the top of a house & sit at desks in a cramped room. This was our form room for our first year. We were expected to immediately fall silent & stand whenever a teacher entered a room. Respect was instilled in us. We attended the main school, across the road daily for assembly, but mostly teachers came to our homely classroom for subject lessons.

Essential equipment - fountain pen, biro – for note taking, colouring pencils, ruler, named dictionary & Bible plus exercise books & text books were kept in our desks, carried to lessons & taken home, if required for homework, of which there was plenty. Homework was a new experience and this was set for all subjects bar art & PE.

I spent the next five years commuting, laden down with the necessities of school life packed into a brown leather satchel. Buses in the late 1960s were often double deckers, with a driver, plus conductor, who collected your money in exchange for a paper ticket. My journey homeward from Wells Road cost the grand sum of 6d (2 ½p). Should the bus become crowded, you were expected to offer your seat & stand, with whatever you may be carrying that day – hockey stick and mud clad boots or a basket of cookery.

Barbara Abrahams - Friend of Bridgemoor

Update on Jeremy Bourton
Fundraising Challenge 2019 - in aid of Bridgemead

Jeremey is now preparing for his final challenge which will be on the
3rd November - 'Fireworks 500' night swim in a Quarry in England - 500
metres

A further update will be issued in the December issue of Bridgemia
with a total fundraising amount raised.

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 Bridgemia can now be found on our website.

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