

BRIDGEMEDIA

Bridgemead Care Home Newsletter

September 2017

“Our God is a great big God!”

“Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.” Isaiah 40:28

A very popular children’s song goes like this:

Our God is a great big God, our God is a great big God,

Our God is great big God and He holds us in His hands.

He’s higher than a skyscraper and He’s deeper than a submarine.

He’s wider than the universe and beyond my wildest dreams.

And He’s known me and He’s loved me since before the world began.

How wonderful to be a part of God’s amazing plan!

I wonder, on reading this, whether you find it simplistic or profound. When you look at the stories that Jesus told, they were about situations which the people he was talking to could understand. Jesus also said to his disciples, *“Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”* The thing about little children is that they ask lots of questions but also realise that there are not always answers to those questions. I think that over the nearly forty years since I became a Christian that I have moved in this direction of the child-like faith that Jesus spoke about. Before I was a Christian I had lots of questions that I felt that I must find an answer to. Now I probably have even more questions but I don’t feel the need to find answers to those questions. There are some things that God wants us to understand, but there are other things which I think that God wants us to be content not to understand but just to trust Him. This children’s song basically says, *“God is greater than we can imagine, He loves us more than we can imagine and He wants us to love Him in return and to enjoy being one of His children.”*

Alan Ashworth

A Message from the Chairman of the Trustees

Hullo Bridgemedians

I wrote last month on the subject of change and want to continue that theme. Since I wrote last we have still not moved into our house – so there has been no change there!

Two things have happened recently – the first is the completion our new logo – after 25 years. I referred to this in my column last month. Details are given later in this edition of Bridgemedias. The logo has been designed with input from a number of people including management and staff, and it attempts to reflect some of the best things about Bridgemed – its river location alongside the bridge, the environment and the sense of family and community. It also places emphasis on Bridgemed rather than Bridge Care. We hope you like the final design which we will be using very soon.

The second change is the retirement of Rev Alan Butler, one of our chaplains, after 11 years. Alan has been unwell recently and has had a spell in hospital. We are pleased that he is now home and recovering well. He has decided to retire and has wisely chosen to do so now. We are very grateful for all the spiritual help he has provided to residents and others and we wish him well for the future. Alan extends his best wishes to everybody and assures us of his prayers for the future. We need to find a replacement for Alan as soon as we can and I am sure that Alan Ashworth will help us with this.

It has been a joy to welcome new residents to Bridgemed in the past month and we trust that you all settle in well and feel at home amongst us.

We have recently invited Wera Hobhouse, newly elected MP for Bath, to act as one of our patrons and I am pleased to say that she has accepted our offer. She joins Marian McNeir MBE and Rt Hon The Lord Foster of Bath who are also patrons. Wera visited Bridgemed straight after her election to office and we look forward to inviting her back to Bridgemed soon.

Change can be both exciting and unsettling for us – depending on the circumstances. I am reminded of the words of familiar hymn written by Henry Francis Lyte (1794-1847) which can be a great encouragement to us in times of change:-

*“Change and decay in all around I see:
O Thou who changest not, abide with me*

Blessings



Farewell to Rev Alan Butler

Residents and staff of Bridgmead would like to thank Reverend Alan Butler for his compassion, prayers, loyal and faithful service over the last eleven years. He will be greatly missed. We wish him good health and happiness in his retirement.



September Birthdays

Residents

25th September - Iris Stanton

Day Club

18th September - Maria Borkowski



September Activities

Friday 1st September - Memory Lane productions present 'Summer Holiday Show'

Monday 4th September - Danny Guest's song-time

Thursday 7th September - Mike Renton's happy sing-a-long

Friday 8th September - 'Musica' musical interaction with Ella and flute

Monday 11th September - Bing Lyle time on the piano and accordion

Tuesday 12th September - Bath Gilbert & Sullivan Society singers

Wednesday 13th September - 'Now & Then' sing and play

Friday 15th September - Holly Marks sings and entertains

Tuesday 19th September - James Hogg's 'Music & Memories'

Thursday 21st September - Pam's Coffee Morning 10.45am

Thursday 21st September - Ann with visiting PAT Dogs Lewis & Lacey

Monday 25th September - 'Golden Toes' seated dance class with Lauren

Tuesday 26th September - 'Forget-me-Not' entertain

Friends of Bridgemedad

Hello Bridgemedians,

Well I've just returned from three weeks in Wraxall, near Clevedon where I've been looking after a friend's three dogs – Archie, Rufus and Barney - and I'm quite tired! Walking three energetic dogs twice a day is a commitment but one that my husband and I very much enjoyed – we also had our elder daughter's dog Bertie for three of those days, so it was a case of the more the merrier! We love dogs but not full time, so it's good to share friends' dogs now and again!

August is a quiet month generally so I've little to report, just a reminder that the

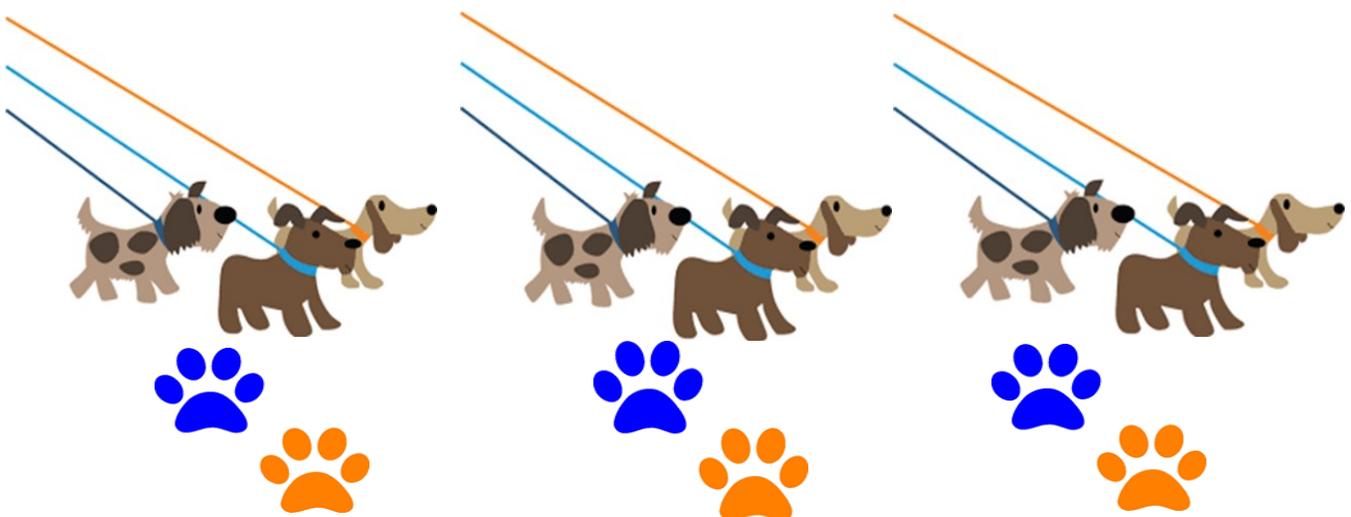
Murder Mystery Evening is on Friday 27 October at the Longs Arms, South Wraxall, 7pm start, £25.

Thanks yet again to Rob and Liz.

Pam and Bev have already made a start.....who will the murderer be?!

Enjoy the rest of the Summer.

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Our new logo

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As Geoff mentions in his chairman's column we have agreed a new logo with the assistance of a local firm of experts and input from management, staff and others. The idea behind the new logo is to refresh our image and to place greater emphasis on the name 'Bridgemed' by which we are known locally.

We wanted the logo to reflect, in a modern way, some of the best things about Bridgemed. We asked staff and others to suggest words they would use to describe Bridgemed. Some of the suggestions were 'Caring', 'Family', 'Community', 'Homely', 'Inclusive', the 'River' setting, the 'Environment' (trees, wild life, etc) the Location (near the 'Bridge'). Others emphasised the good food!

A logo began to evolve which was based on the 'Bridge' making use of the images taken from the Cleveland Bridge. You may not have noticed them but these are show below:



This inspired the design of the logo which is shown below. The symbol from the bridge is reproduced in two colours to represent the bridge and its reflection in the river. The colour for the bridge was selected to represent the environment (trees, foliage, etc). The whole image represents a community setting – people gathered together in a circle, eating together or enjoying friendship. The name 'bridgemed' is used instead of 'bridge care' as at present.



We hope you are pleased with the final result.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

MARIA BORKOWSKI!

Day Club Client, Maria, has been attending Bridgemean since last summer and her cheerful and pleasant demeanor is appreciated by residents, staff and fellow Day Club members. Maria particularly enjoys arts and crafts, always wishing to be photographed with her latest 'piece' once completed.

Hoping Maria and her family enjoy celebrating this very special Birthday!



(Day Club presently has spaces on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please contact Jacqueline Pickford on 01225 484904 for enquiries. Thank you.)

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, 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

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. Published by Bridge Care Ltd, Bridgemead, 81 St John's Road, Bathwick, Bath BA2 6PZ. Bridge Care is a company limited by guarantee and registered as a charity under number 299400. Limited Company registration number 2001246

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