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Bridgemia Newsletter July 2024



The Mallow Plant

Garden Tools

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- TROWEL
- PRUNER
- RAKE
- SHOVEL
- WATERING CAN
- WHEELBARROW
- GLOVES
- EDGER
- SHEARS
- HEDGE CLIPPERS
- SPRINKLER
- LAWN MOWER
- FORK
- LEAF BLOWER
- CHAINSAW
- BRUSH
- HOSE REEL
- STRIMMER



Sadly we say goodbye to Residents: **Olive W**
Naomi B

Our love and thoughts
go out to their families and friends

Alan Dickson - Chaplain

Hello Everyone

I really am enjoying the warm weather. Long may it continue. I hope you are too. I thought you might enjoy a summer poem this month. The poem below "*A purpose under the Son*" invites us to enjoy the summer appreciating God's creation, God's Book - the Bible, God's Love and God's Son – Jesus.

Let me encourage you to read the story of Jesus this summer in the Gospel of Mark – it's quite short. If you don't have a Bible or New Testament, there is a link below the poem, to take you to the Gospel of Mark on the internet. You can move to and fro between the chapters quite easily, by clicking the arrow on the sides of the pages.

A Purpose under the Son by Deborah Ann Belka

Give me the sun on the horizon,
a sherbet colour morning sky above
give me a clear, cloudless, warm day
then you'll know why with God I'm in love.

Give me the shade of a willow tree,
the Good Book for me to read
give me a sweet tea to sip on
and I will have close to all I need.

Give me a creek's mesmerizing flow,
chirps coming from a robin's nest
give me green pastures with my Lord
well now you can picture the rest.

Give me the sound of children playing,
the laughs and giggles of youth
give me the peace of a summer's sigh
found around a lemonade booth.

Give me the soft breeze off the ocean,
the sun painting its dazzling set
give me the coolness of the moonlight
and I'll be close to heaven as I can get.

Give me a day in the radiant Son shine,
let me bask in God's glorious love
give me a warm summer day to reflect . . .
on the splendour God's sends from above!

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

*To everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose
under the heaven:*

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke&version=NIV>

News at Bridgemead



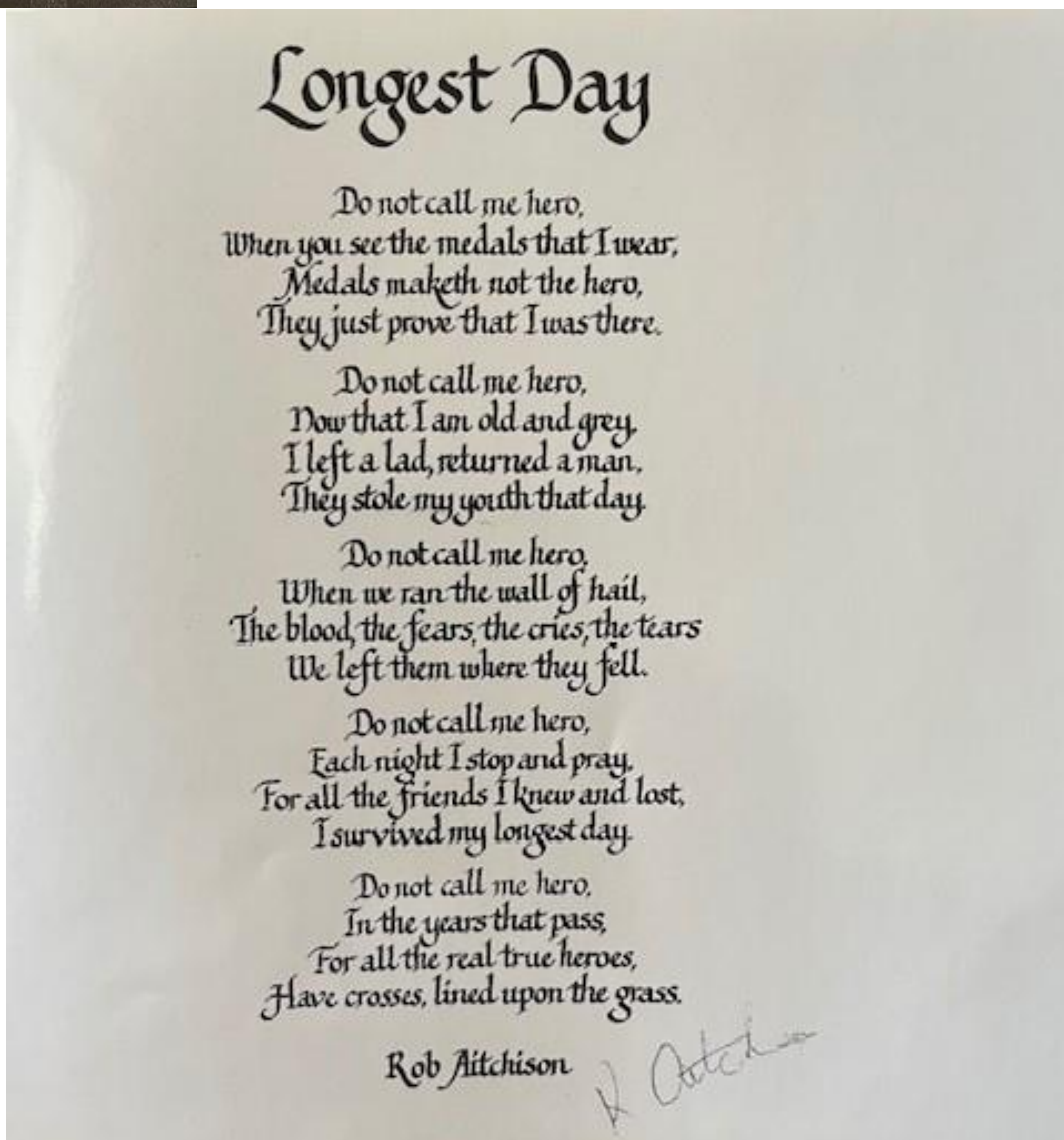
Our display at Bridgemead to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day

On 6th June, to celebrate the 80th anniversary of D-Day, we were given a very interesting PowerPoint presentation and talk by Nick Adams. For the past few summers, he and a group of friends have spent a week driving through Normandy in their classic British sports cars, exploring the story of WWII through the beaches, war memorials, museums and other places of historical interest. We learned a lot about how little-known key structures were destroyed by our incredibly brave and dedicated soldiers, with a lot of human interest stories and facts added to the mix. Everyone went away having been educated and entertained, and looking forward to hearing from Nick about his visit to Belgium this July to discover more about the First World War.





At Day Club this week Stan Ford, a Normandy Veteran, has now joined Day Club and was telling us about his visit to Normandy for the 80th D-Day Anniversary. Stan also shared a book about his life and to commemorate D-Day. In his book, we read a poem that was written by his friend Rob Aitchison and feel it will be appropriate for all to see:



ENTERTAINMENT AT BRIDGEMEAD JULY 2024

Wednesday	3rd	Steve West	- Rat Pack Crooner	2pm
Saturday	6th	Friends of Bridgemead Strawberry Tea		2.30pm
Wednesday	10th	Shannon Kitchen	- Singer	2pm
Tuesday	23 rd	AGM Friends of Bridgemead		7.30pm
Wednesday	24th	'Now & Then'	- Singing Group	2pm
Wednesday	31st	David Kniveton	- Flute Player/Pianist	2pm

FRIENDS OF BRIDGEMEAD

Hello Bridgemedians

Well here we are in July having said goodbye to the longest day and Summer has only just started! At least we have Wimbledon and the Olympics to look forward to in the next few months!

I would like to thank Bridgemead and the Friends of Bridgemead committee for the beautiful flowers that they so kindly sent me whilst I've been recovering from my replacement hip operation – also for the cards and emails that I've received – so very kind! I'm pleased to report that I'm doing well and hope to run my next marathon pretty soon!!!!

The Strawberry Tea will take place on Saturday 6 July, at Bridgemead 2.30pm, we shall have a couple of stalls and of course our delicious strawberry cream teas on offer.

We and the residents always enjoy this event so we would love to see you there as well!

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Bridgemead will take place at Bridgemead on Tuesday 23rd July at 7.30pm. It's pretty miserable with just the committee attending so if you can possibly make it, please do come along. Refreshments will be served.

Another reminder that your Friend's £10 subscription is now overdue so if you've not been able to get it to us here's a reminder of how you can pay.

By cheque to our Treasurer:-

Mrs Judith Roach

7, Dovers Park

Bath BA1 7UD

or by

BACS to Friends of Bridgemead

Sort Code 30-90-54

Account 03921862

(please use your name as a reference)

See you all soon

Una

Trustee Message

What a difference a day makes ... D-Day was the beginning of the allied invasion of mainland Europe by forces from over 12 countries: a huge offensive against Hitler's Nazi army. People still speculate on the meaning of the D in D-Day; it must have been so obvious to those in control of the armed forces at the time they never thought to explain it or write it down for posterity. Here are few suggestions from the internet:

- The 'D' in D-Day stands simply for 'day' and the term was used to describe the first day of any large military operation. This means it is actually short for Day-Day! Our British view is that's when the soldiers left Blighty.
- D-Day in French is "Le Debarquement" which literally means disembarkation or disembarking landing. So our French allies say it's when the soldiers arrived in France.
- US Gen. Dwight Eisenhower is accredited with saying that any amphibious operation has a 'departure date', therefore the shortened term D-Day is used.

Great Britain, the USA and France are still allies but as ever we have a different perspective.

We had a short break in Kent just after the D-Day commemorations which included a visit to Chartwell, the home of Winston Churchill and now a National Trust property. There were many additional exhibits on show related to D-Day, including lots of thank-you presents, titles, honorary citizenships and accolades to Churchill from many different countries. Although holidaying in June we were taken aback by how cold and wet the weather was all the time we were in Kent – I can't think why I forgot to pack winter woollies! Churchill is quoted as saying "A day away from Chartwell is a day wasted". He spent relatively little time there during the war, but I'm sure we think his days were well spent.

A new idea to me is that D-Day is a substitute for 'wedding day'. It is certainly a huge decision day and for me it was a very, very happy day. Although we got married in early May it was a gloriously hot and sunny day; which was just as well as I was so 'in the clouds' I wasn't prepared with a cover up for my off the shoulder dress. We also didn't have a plan B for leaving the wedding venue if the weather wasn't good as we flew off in a hot air balloon. I decided to exit in my wedding dress - what do you change into for a hot air balloon ride? It was nearly a disaster when my wedding veil blew upwards towards the burners... We landed safely in a field just to the west of Bath. Just as well the winds were in our favour, or it might have been on the other side of the Bristol channel and our pick up vehicle would have arrived much later.

It's good to look back and remember important days in our lives. For me, and my Hubbie would agree, that C-Day was the best and most important day of my life, when I became a Christian when I was 25 years old. I didn't grow up in a Christian family and my mum didn't become a Christian until she was 75 which is also one of the happiest days of my life. I can honestly say that at the time I became a Christian was a bit of a surprise to me. Over 45 years on I'm still celebrating that event with immense gratitude and joy to Jesus my Saviour. What a difference a day makes ...

Tilly Wood
Trustee



Come and join Bridgemed Day Club 10am – 4pm
Arrive at 10am and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea
along with a chat and if you would like a challenge
how about a group quiz or crossword?
A lovely lunch will be provided.
In the afternoon we have various activities
ranging from Entertainers, Arts and Crafts, Sing-alongs
and much more.
At 3pm the 'Grand Finale' - Tea and cake.
“Thank you for a most enjoyable day”
just one of many compliments from
Club Members.

Cost: £31 per visit – payable monthly in arrears

Carers for and friends of Day Club members - please consider contributing to our funding at Bridgemed – in particular we have a major flood risk mitigation building project which urgently needs funding

Giving

Find out how to give to support different aspects of what we do
on <https://www.bridgecare.org.uk/volunteer/how-do-i-donate/> or by giving online
at <https://www.bridgecare.org.uk/donate/>

We continue to retain a Local Giving page the link for which can be found at the bottom
of <https://www.bridgecare.org.uk/volunteer/how-to-fundraise/>

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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.

Jobs

We also now have a page for Staff Vacancies on the website.
<https://www.bridgecare.org.uk/about/staff/vacancies/>

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