

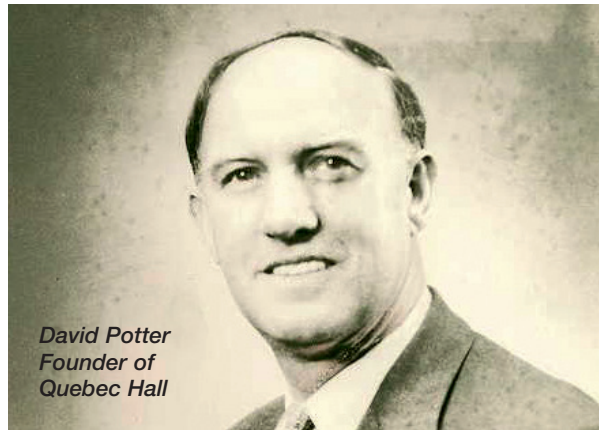
# Open Day 2021

*Our Open Day was able to go ahead as planned on Saturday 18th September at 3pm. Around 140 people attended, far more than we had anticipated.*

What a real blessing to see so many celebrating the belated Open Day 60th year. All experienced a real sense of celebration, for many folk it was their first time of engaging with others at an event, this being their first time out!

We celebrated in style with a different hexagonal shaped marquee where all were able to be seated. We sought to safeguard everyone by serving food in the mandatory food tent. We give Glory to God for all He has provided; past, present and future.

Many thanks to staff members, Mandy Burridge and Dawn Whiting, who along with residents Margaret Jackson and Val Herbert, put together a wonderful programme of songs. This was at the outset and close of our meeting in the marquee. Chairman of Trustees, Martin Boyce, welcomed all and set the scene for all that was going to happen. Trustee Andrew Bash led in prayer, General Manager Mark Woodgett and Registered Care Manager, Karen Vertigan brought reports of all that had been achieved over the past two and a half years and Richard Pennington, from Dersingham in west Norfolk, shared God's Word.



David Potter  
Founder of  
Quebec Hall



## Dear friends

*From everlasting to everlasting you are God.* Psalm 90 : v2

How good it is to be able to resume some degree of normality. It has been a difficult time for both Residents and Staff but thankfully, they have coped well. It has at last been possible to hold our long deferred Open Day and to recommence our regular Bible Teaching meetings in the Hall.

We were pleased to be able to mark 25 years of service by a valued member of staff and to wish others well in their retirement.

The trustees welcome new residents who have moved into the Hall during recent months. We hope life here at Quebec Hall will be enjoyable as you make friends and find fellowship. We trust we will see many of you at our Carol service.

**Stephen Read, Trustee**



Staff member Margaret Seekings produced some wonderful flower arrangements for Open Day for which we are so thankful. John and Lynne Kelly, along with Kath Crammer and Johanne Fletcher provided some amazing fare for all to enjoy.

Other staff members, Jayne and Grace Olley, manned the refreshments in the summer house and kept the tea flowing for all. Johanne Fletcher had painted a mural on a wall at the back of the Hall depicting a twilight scene with the words "Be still and know that I am God".

The front drive and the communal gardens

looked spectacular and all credit to bungalow resident Soli Clay and her team for accomplishing a splendid array of colour. Four bungalow residents helped with the difficult task of parking all the cars and our thanks go to them.

Two bungalows were open to view and our thanks to Maureen Hale and Rita Dye for allowing this to happen. We also had visitors touring and seeking information of Quebec Hall.

*A splendid day was a credit to all who worked hard in preparation. We look forward to our next one!*

## STAFF NEWS...



### Retirement for Pam

Staff and residents celebrated with Pam Dack on her final day of work 18th February 2021.

Pam had completed nearly fourteen years' service at Quebec Hall. She joined us on 5th June 2007. It was sad that legislation during this pandemic required Pam to wear a face covering for her photo. Pam enjoyed her last day of work celebrating with staff during their coffee break enjoying cakes and biscuits.

She was presented with a card, monies, and a bouquet of flowers. We wish you well Pam in your retirement.

### Further staff retirements

Two members of staff decided to take early retirement during the summer.

Hazel Stammers and Beverley Kirton left during July and August and will be missed by us all. Hazel had completed nearly seven years at Quebec Hall, joining on 8/6/14 and retiring on 5/7/21. Beverley nearly five years, joining on 4/7/16 and retiring on 8/8/21. A further staff member, Natasha Stebbings, has left due to her health and God willing will be back some time in the future.

### Welcome Irena

We are pleased to welcome new staff member, Irena Linguariu to Quebec Hall.

She commenced her work with us on 20/09/21. It remains our prayer that she will settle quickly and enjoy her time working at the Hall.



### Tracey's long service

Staff member Tracey Wray celebrated 25 years working at Quebec Hall on 9th September 2021.

We are so very appreciative of her loyalty and her commitment over so many years to Quebec Hall and to all residents. As Tracey did not want any fuss made, a photo with a card and gift was quietly given.

### Annabel Parfitt remembered

There remains sadness in our hearts following the early death of staff member Annabel Parfitt.

Annabel had been a valued member of staff until ill health forced her to step aside. The wonderful and precious Thanksgiving Service for her life stated, "No longer by our side, but always in our hearts" which everyone echoes.

Annabel had commenced working with us back in early February 2010, to her parents Philip and Christine and the wider family we send our deepest condolences.



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

### Kathleen's Special Day



Kathleen Bidewell, or Kay as she likes to be known, was 104 years of age on 8th September 2021.

She had requested "no fuss", but as can be seen we ensured a celebration of the day. Thank you to all staff who helped make the day special for Kay, and to Mark Byrne for making and decorating the cake. Kay received so many cards from all over the world.



### The ponies return

We are so blessed to have some ponies back on the meadow field here at Quebec Hall.

They arrived on the field over the weekend of Friday 9th to the 12th of April. There is an increased number this year of 5 ponies and 5 foals! Our photographer was unable to get them all to stand together! It turned out to be a very cold weekend with temperatures plummeting down to -2 and freezing most of the morning of the 12th April.



## FUTURE EVENTS...

*Our only other event this year will be the Quebec Hall Carol Service on the 9th December at 6pm (please note the time) – all welcome.*

*We hope to start our usual event programme again next year.*

Quebec Hall

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