

Dear friends

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him. Psalm 103 v17

As we view events in our world at present with natural disasters and human conflicts we could become anxious as we enter a new year. We do however have the assurance that "The Eternal God is our refuge" and can know His peace amid turmoil.

The program of entertainment has been varied, including several events which involve food that are always very popular. We had a quiz to keep up mental fitness, and possibly our best ever Fireworks Evening.

We are grateful to Bell Ringers, Singers and Drama Groups for their contribution to enrich life at Quebec Hall.

We are encouraged by the involvement of residents who arrange regular Craft Club and other activities.

Trustees and Staff join in wishing you God's Blessing in 2020.

Stephen Read, Trustee

Kay's Special Day

Resident, Miss Kathleen Bidewell, was 102 years young on Sunday 8th September! Kay, as she likes to be known, has lived at Quebec Hall for over six years.

As is custom with Kay, she received many cards and many visitors as she approached her special day. She desired no fuss but as you can see we ensured the

celebration of her day with a lovely birthday cake made by one of our team, Mark Byrne. Kay, as you would imagine, is our oldest resident.



60th Open Day

I am confident that none have forgotten the year 2020 is special for all at Quebec Hall.

We celebrate and give thanks to God for 60 years of serving His people, and sharing God's love and salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. Our Open Day on the 18th July shall be very special and I pray that as many as possible will make the effort of being present.

Where possible invite friends and family to join with us. Look out for the publicity as we move through winter and into spring.

Place the date into your diary –

**18th July 2020
at 3.00pm**

Fireworks and Fun

Once again our annual firework display attracted 60+ folk on a dry evening in early November.

With little wind, most in attendance remained outside enjoying the display in two halves. Soup and hot dogs, provided by John Kelly, found eager acceptance.

Mark, Quebec Hall General Manager, supported by wife Clare, organized the event. As can be seen, several wonderful displays thrilled the assembled company and what a lot of fireworks!



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

Autumn Hog Roast

What excellent weather the Lord provided for our Hog roast on the second Saturday in September.

Over 60 folk ate outside in the sunshine, and as can be seen from the photos, everyone enjoyed the meal cooked and served by our two top chefs John and Jayne. A great atmosphere was engendered and shared by all.



William Cowper Cub Pack

We were blessed to have the William Cowper Cub Pack with us again on 9th December last.

Their drama "Getting into the Picture", an alternative Nativity with Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus, made us all think! The young people really enjoyed getting into the characters they played and the many Carols they sang blessed us all. Everyone shared refreshments and mince pies afterwards and sweets provided for the children.



Bell Ringers

The visit from the St. Withburga Ringers was once again enjoyed by those that gathered.

Their annual visit on the last Monday in November is always looked forward to. We observed the intense concentration required to ring the bells in harmony. Our thanks to the friends from the St. Withburga Bell Ringers.



Fish & Chips Quiz

Another enjoyable evening of our well attended Quiz nights was held on Friday 18th October last.

The delicious fish & chips was followed by eight rounds of a closely fought contest on a variety of subjects. It was all very close with only one point separating the winners from those that came second.

Of the five competing teams, those that won called themselves the "Gee Jays", a mixture of Hall and Bungalow residents all with a Christian name or Surname beginning with G or J! Prizes were awarded to the "Gee Jays" and "Top Specs", who came last. Our thanks to David Oldfield and his team for organising the quiz.

Mark apologises for not remembering to take a photo of the winning team!

The Cameo Singers

Once again it brought us much pleasure to have the Salvation Army Cameo Singers, led by their Officer, Major Diana Bennets, at Quebec Hall.

This first Monday of December found Major Bennets share from God's Word accompanied by many Carols from the Singers. Refreshments, including traditional mince pies, followed.



Craft Fair

A successful Craft Fair was held in November last and as can be seen from the photos there was some amazing gifts on offer.

A very big thank you to all those who helped to make it the success it was. Our photos represent only a small portion of all that was on offer.



STAFF NEWS...

New Staff member

We welcome and introduce our newest staff member, Miss Grace Olley. She joined us on 9th November.

Grace, who is 15 years of age, works in our still room helping to wash up crockery and cutlery, dry up, help sort refreshments, and takes breakfast and lunch trays to resident's rooms.

Grace is the daughter of chef, Jayne Olley. We trust she will enjoy her time with us and pray God's rich blessing upon her.



Sarah's Company

On the 9th October, staff members Sarah and Mandy, entertained many of us with drama and dance.

With the addition of Mandy, Sarah's Company has increased by 100%. Sarah shared on her love of drama, particularly her involvement with drama on human trafficking, while Mandy performed a dance signing routine to a well-known song.

She had previously worked with a Christian organisation known as WYWAM where she learnt the routine. We are very appreciative of all they do for residents.



FUTURE EVENTS...

- ★ **FEBRUARY:** Art & Craft Exhibition with Cheese Tasting
Wednesday 19th at 2.00pm
- ★ **APRIL:** St. Withburga Ringers
Friday 3rd at 2.30pm
- ★ **APRIL:** Chef's Choice Food Night
Wednesday 22nd at 2.30pm
- ★ **MAY:** Cream Tea
Wednesday 27th at 3.00pm
- ★ **JUNE:** Themed Evening Meal
Friday 12th at 6.30pm

Quebec Hall

TRUSTEES:

Martin Boyce (Chairman)
Andrew Bash · Stephen Read
Philip Parfitt · Sam Leinster
Denise Ashton

SENIOR MANAGEMENT:

Mark Woodgett (General Manager)
Karen Vertigan (Head of Care and Registered Manager)
Lynn Kelly (Deputy Head of Care)