

QuebecNews

The Quebec Hall Christian Eventide Home Newsletter

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Greetings!!

How much do you know about what the Lord is doing at Quebec Hall? Whatever your answer is, this newsletter will try to tell you more.



Why do we want you to know more about us and the work at the Hall? Simply to have your interest in the work enhanced and, of greater importance, to encourage your prayers for us.

Although most of the folks who live on our site are retired (including most of the Trustees!) we are 'fully employed' in the things concerning our Saviour. If you were present at our 'Open Day' you will have been left without a shadow of doubt, and this is a fact, it was a memorable weekend.

So I invite you to read our first newsletter and then 'praise the Lord'.

David W Mash, Chairman of the Trustees

A 'Castle' of peace in the country



Quebec Hall is a charming residence; a grade II listed building that is situated three quarters of a mile from the centre of East Dereham, a mid-Norfolk market town with a population of about 20,000.

The Hall has accommodation for 20 residents and, within its grounds is surrounded by 43 sheltered bungalows. William Nash, the head of a family of brewers built Quebec Hall or Quebec Castle, as it was then known in 1759. The Hall was designed in the Gothic style comprising cellars, first and second floors and an extensive loft space. Additions were made later and it was a large private residence until late in 1940.

At that time it became a boarding school and after a few years it was purchased by a local who was a Christian. He arranged for its refurbishment and in 1960 Quebec Hall was opened by Lt. General Sir William Dobbie (of Malta GC) as a Christian Eventide Home.

Of interest is that in the first half of the 19th century the Hall was occupied by W. W. Lee-Warner, the 'local magistrate and squire.' His memorial in the church is an apt description of the attention afforded the residents by the current staff of the Hall, "his noble, generous nature ever keenly alive to the wants of his fellow creatures that he relieved with no sparing hand."

STOP PRESS...

In a recent coffee morning a good response by the residents resulted in a generous collection of £162.20 which was given to the charity 'Macmillan Nursing Cancer Relief'.

New Trustee: Colin Wooden has agreed to join Quebec Hall as a Trustee. Both staff and Trustees warmly welcome him.

Open Day and Songs of Praise - July 3 & 4

High winds, hail, torrential rain and 'some' sunshine could not dampen the spirits of the 150 plus attendees at the Quebec Hall Open Day. This annual event presents staff and friends with the opportunity to meet for fellowship and thanksgiving.

The weather could not dampen the enthusiasm with which the congregation sang the Quebec Hall signature tune 'To God be the glory.' The speaker for the weekend was Brian Chapman Chairman of the Laing Trust. A brief resume of his message is included in this News Letter.

Following the service all enjoyed an excellent tea and, what do you think, the clouds cleared and the sun broke through allowing the more hardy of us to enjoy our tea in the garden.

On the following day 50 plus people met for the Songs of Praise. Never before has a speaker had to battle through such stormy elements in order to present the Gospel. Brian Chapman mastered the wind, rain, thunder and a noisy marquee (no it didn't take off) to deliver a Gospel message that challenged all.

Perhaps you have never been to our Open Day; how about 2005 (DV)? Book the weekend now - July 2 and 3 when the speaker expected is John Riddle of Cheshunt, Hertfordshire.

Quebec Hall

TRUSTEES:

David W Mash, Chairman
Eric Charman · Stephen Read
Phil Davey · Stan Mash
Colin Wooden

SENIOR MANAGEMENT:

Peter Tuckwell, Manager
Margaret Tuckwell,
Manager of Care
Karen Vertigan, Deputy Manager
and Bungalow Warden

TRUSTEES REPORT

This years report was given by trustee Stephen Read.

'To God be the glory' Stephen Read used the words of this well known hymn to preface his report. The responsibility of care for the elderly was becoming increasingly more difficult hedged around as it is with increasing costs, rules and regulations. However, Stephen observed, with the help of our God and the full cooperation of a caring staff the work had, during the past year, been both financially secure and structurally well managed.

Thanks were expressed to all who support the Hall with their prayers and generous gifts. Thanks too were conveyed to the Laing Trust for their unqualified support which had enabled a wide programme of renovation and redecoration to be carried out.

Renovations carried out included the installation of guards in front of all radiators and the tarmac of the grounds to the front and side of the Hall. For the near future investigations are in hand to ascertain the extent of the work required to replace areas of the outer wall of the Hall where the bricks are crumbling. Inside the Hall the washing machines are to be replaced along with the upgrading of some of the electrics.

The trustees recognised the debt owed to all the staff of the Hall. Staff in certain management positions will, in future be expected to have relevant qualifications. NVQs are being studied which means that very soon staff will be qualified to do what they have always done – providing a caring service over and above the call of duty. The problem Stephen observed is that the 25 hour day has yet to be invented.

"We are grateful to our God" said Stephen "for the quick and successful recovery by Peter Tuckwell, Quebec Hall's manager, from his hip operation. He can now not only hurry from task to task but has actually been seen running!"

In conclusion Stephen indicated that the task of running a home like Quebec Hall, a home dedicated to providing the best of care was becoming increasingly more difficult. However, we at Quebec Hall will continue providing God-based care for the Lord's people until we are all translated to a 'larger house' in the glory.

Encouragement in the face of difficulties

Message given by Brian Chapman, Chairman Laing Trust at the Quebec Hall Open Day.

Reading: Heb. 12 v1 to 3

In the early Church Christians were looking for the soon return of the Lord Jesus Christ – it didn't happen, they were discouraged. He still hasn't returned and many Christians, like the early Church are discouraged. Evil is growing, many say that you can believe what you like and cynicism is the cancer of society. Some believers have become so discouraged that the churches to which they belong have ceased to be a centre of witness. The cynicism of the world has all but snuffed out their enthusiasm for the things of the Lord.

What we all need today is encouragement; that which directs the believer to look backward, inward and upward.

Backward:

Brian said that we can be encouraged by remembering the faith and persistence of the saints of the past: Noah, Abraham, Moses, etc, and the martyrs of recent history, those who continued to serve God in the most appalling of

circumstances. Such considerations should encourage the Lord's people that in the sure knowledge that our God does not change – 'Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever.'

Inward:

Those present were asked "Do we carry too much baggage? Have our 'traditions' become more important than the certainty of the Scriptures? Are we striving to go on or are we standing still? Are we depending on our own strength and not on the Power of the Lord?"

"Divest yourself" said Brian "of the sin that does so easily beset us and run with patience the race set before us, looking unto Jesus."

Upward:

Away from yourself – consider Him! Consider Him who fills the heart: Who He is, What He became, Where He is now and He is coming back.

Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

STAFF PROFILE

Karen Vertigan

Deputy Manager and Bungalow Warden

Karen joined Quebec Hall two years ago from the Sons of Divine Providence of Walsingham where she worked with adults with learning difficulties. It was 'many happy returns' because Karen had been in the employ of Quebec Hall when she left to work in Walsingham. So Karen welcome back!



A local, Karen was born in the village of Brisley and is married with one daughter. Her hobbies (when she has time) includes walking and reading; both novels and biographies. She is currently studying for her Registered Manager Qualification Level IV in Care (NVQ).

"I see my future at Quebec Hall" said Karen, "I enjoy working here, the atmosphere of dedication to the care of others makes my day busy but provides real job satisfaction."

STAFF VACANCIES

ASSISTANT COOK

Can you cook? No, not for a family but our extended family at Quebec Hall. If you can cook for a wide range of dietary requirements show versatility in cooking for breakfast, lunch and tea then you could be just the person we are looking for.

Quebec Hall has 20 residents in the Hall and 43 sheltered bungalows some of whom will, on occasions, require meals.

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'...I was a farmer once y' know, but I don't owe anybody anything now...'

COMPETITION

Who am I? 1. I was told to marry a woman of doubtful virtue. 2. Honey resulted from death. 3. A meal was my downfall.

Competition decider: What verse is at the centre of the Bible (KJV)? (Judges decision final)

Please email your answer to: stanmash@aol.com or by post to: Stan Mash, 4 Dell Road, Enfield, Middlesex EN3 5RF

Prize for the first correct answer: 'The purpose driven life' by Rick Warren (5 million copies sold). Result will be given in the Winter QuebecNews.