



Dear friends

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God. Psalm 146 v 5

Welcome to the spring edition of Quebec News. Life at the hall continues to be full of events. Recently one of our residents celebrated reaching her century!

We had another visit from the Sprowston bell plate ringers, who are always popular with their rendition of old favourite hymn tunes.

Welcome to residents who have joined us in recent months, we hope you will be happy here.

Our programme of maintenance continues with repairs and upgrades to both hall and bungalows.

It was sad to lose Mrs Watson (see report) but we are encouraged as Easter reminds us of our Lord's triumphant resurrection. As Christians we 'sorrow not as those who have no hope.'

Please make a note of our open day to be held on July 14th when we hope to welcome many of you to join us in praise and thanksgiving to God.

Stephen Read, Trustee

All in a day's work

Our Head of Care, Karen Vertigan was snapped helping to clear the snow that fell in February.

And who do you think the snow sculpture was modelled on? *Answers to General Manager, Mark Woodgett!*



Mrs Olive Willis

ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY



There were great celebrations at Quebec Hall on the 9th January, when resident Olive Willis reached that amazing milestone – her one hundredth birthday.

Visits from family with a toast in champagne, a birthday card from the Queen, a special cake made by carers Helen Whitwood and Margaret Seekings, along with gifts from staff and friends made this a day to be remembered. One such gift was a book about the Titanic, which tragically sank in the same year that Olive was born.

Olive has been a resident at the Hall since 2003. In her younger days, she served as a nurse in a Mission station in the Belgian Congo and on troop ships caring for prisoners of war during their journey back home from the Far East.

She told a press reporter 'I enjoyed my birthday very much. There are no secrets at all in making it to 100, just hard work. A sense of humour gets you through.'

Well done, Olive!



Vera Watson

Quebec Hall was privileged to be the venue for the Thanksgiving Service for our dear sister, Mrs Vera Watson on the 13th January this year.

Vera had been a resident of the Hall for some years and was the sister of Mr David Potter who was a driving force in establishing Quebec Hall as a residential home for retired Christians.

Vera was one of our best advocates and very much involved in all that we aim to do at Quebec Hall. We give thanks to God for all that He was able to do through Vera.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE HALL...

Visitors at Christmas

Christmas is always a special time at Quebec Hall.

Along with all the seasonal decorations and trees, we always welcome a visit from the Salvation Army singers and their guests, who are members of the family of Bungalow resident, Joy Hathway.



As you can see from the photos, young and older enjoyed the re-telling of the real reason for Christmas.

This was also the theme both when the local cub pack visited us for the third time earlier in December and at our traditional carol service with our speaker Gary Ryan.

Sproston Bell Plate Ringers

Back by popular demand, these gifted musicians were with us at the end of March.

An entertaining evening was enjoyed by all. Audience participation again confirmed that it's not as easy as it looks!



Quiz night

Talk about sardines – an amazing 48 people squashed into the dining room for the first event of the new year, a quiz night with fish and chips.

Eight teams demonstrated their knowledge (or lack of it!) through eight testing rounds. The winners were the 'Has Beens', clearly not living up to their name! A mere 17 points separated all the competing teams.

More building work

It has always been the trustees' wish to maintain the Hall and bungalows to a high standard.

Repairs and upgrades are an ever present issue for us. Having now obtained the planning permission required for a listed building, we are about to replace five windows at the front of the Hall.

Unfortunately, this will require a lot of scaffolding, but we will try our best to minimise the amount of disruption.

New regulations also require us to replace the fuse boards in each of the bungalows. This work will be carried out progressively during the summer.

We are confident that God will continue to provide all that we need and are thankful for all the blessings of the past.

Congratulations!

Our chairman Phil Davey and his wife Liz are now grandparents!

We rejoice with them at the safe arrival of Joshua. However, this does mean that Phil and Liz will be leaving us soon, to be with the family in Southampton.



Two men on a roof

Little did Peter Bloomfield and Terry Hood know that a secret photographer had captured their 'daring feat' of securing some cables after the strong winds of January 6th!

Quebec Hall's 'neigh'bourhood...



...it has been a treat to see four Shetland ponies on the meadow next to Quebec Hall. They share the meadow with some cows and a calf which was born at the end of February.



FUTURE EVENTS...

- ★ May 4th Brazilian themed evening
- ★ June 5th Afternoon Cream Tea to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee
- ★ June 22nd Entertainment evening
- ★ July 4th Afternoon Cream Tea (yes, another one!)

Open Day 2012

Saturday July 14th at 3pm

It really doesn't seem possible that almost two years have passed since we celebrated our 50th anniversary.

Plans are now well advanced for our next Open Day, so please make a note in your diary and join us for a time of rejoicing for God's goodness to us. Our guest speaker will be Mr Martin Baker.

Quebec Hall

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