

# QuebecNews

The Quebec Hall Christian Eventide Home Newsletter

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## Hello everyone...

...it's good to share with you aspects of the Lord's work at Quebec Hall.



We have, at present, seventy residents with eighteen in the Main Hall enjoying Residential Care. Our most senior Resident, Mrs Hilda Welham recently celebrated her 101st birthday with five members of her family including her two sons, enjoying tea together.

We have so much to thank the Lord for as he provides for us in many wonderful ways.

Spiritually we enjoy our Thursday and Sunday evening meetings and continue to be well supported by speakers from a wide area.

Materially we were recently able to have more areas tarmaced around the Bungalow Complex, refurbishment of the Laundrette including new washing machine, tumble dryer and a ramp for those with mobility problems. We continue to equip the Bungalow electrics with modern R.C.D. equipments; thanks to Mr Terry Hood this work is almost complete.

The refurbishment of both kitchens and bathrooms in the Bungalows is progressing well and up to schedule.

We would continue to ask you to pray for ourselves and the work at Quebec Hall and to remember the words of 1 Thessalonians 5 v.16 to 18 which encourages us to rejoice, pray and give thanks in His blessed name.

**Peter Tuckwell**  
Manager, Quebec Hall

## Dereham (East Dereham) – the centre of Norfolk

Dereham is a bustling market town situated in the centre of Norfolk and part of the Hundred of Laundith. The town is 17 miles from Norwich and 24 miles from Kings Lynn.

The town has a history going back to the Saxon era the midst of the Dark Ages. The town is still as it was in the past, a centre for the agricultural community, and is surrounded by a collection of small villages that use the town for both social and material communication.

St. Nicholas Church in Dereham is one of the most interesting in Norfolk. As it now stands it is of a cruciform plan with a central tower, nave, chancel and north and south isles, transepts and chapels. It also has that rare feature, a detached bell tower adjacent to the east end whilst close to the west end is a well said to mark the burying place of a notable church member the daughter of Saxon King, Anna of East Anglia. However the tomb is empty, her remains having been snatched by the Abbot of Ely some three hundred years after her death. Why? He was jealous of the attention her tomb was getting!

The renowned British poet William Cowper (pronounced Cooper) is buried at St. Nicholas and visitors to the church cannot be but struck by the magnificent stained glass window dedicated to his memory. Of interest is that William Cowper was a Christian and a close friend of John Newton. William Cowper wrote a number of well known hymns including the hymn, 'Oh! For a closer walk with God.'

With its attractive square round which the shops are situated and the roads radiating off from this square with an equally wide diversity of shops Dereham provides the visitor with the vista of a bustling town which has not lost its essential Norfolk charm.



The following is a striking poem by William Cowper:

### The Heart Healed and Changed by Mercy

*Sin enslav'd me many years,  
And led me bound and blind;  
Till at length a thousand fears  
Came swarming o'er my mind.  
Where, I said in deep distress,  
Will these sinful pleasures end?  
How shall I secure my peace,  
and make the LORD my friend?  
Friends and ministers said much  
The gospel to enforce;  
But my blindness still was such,  
I chose a legal course:  
Much I fasted, watch'd and strove,  
Scarce would show my face abroad,  
Fear'd, almost, to speak or move,  
A stranger still to GOD.  
Thus afraid to trust his grace,  
Long time did I rebel;  
Till, despairing of my case,  
Down at his feet I fell:  
Then my stubborn heart he broke,  
And subdu'd me to his sway;  
By a simple word he spoke,  
"Thy sins are done away."*

**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)  
Andrew Jessop (Assistant Manager)

### OPEN DAY

Saturday and Sunday, July 2nd and 3rd  
Speaker: John Riddle, Cheshunt, Herts.  
Refreshments served on each day.

**Book the weekend NOW!**

## Centenarian +1



Quebec Hall is justly proud of its centenarian **Mrs Hilda Welham**. Early last year she celebrated her 100th birthday and this year was still well enough to enjoy her 100 + 1.

On January 21st, all in the Hall join Mrs Welham in rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord that has enabled her to continue to enjoy a measure of good health.

Mrs Welham was born 101 years ago in Romsey, Hampshire where, early in her life she was converted to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. In 1924 she moved with her husband to Yorkshire and then to Lowestoft. They moved to Norwich in

1941 where they opened a footwear business a commercial activity which continued to 1963. Unfortunately, for the last seven years of her business she was by herself because her husband was called home in 1956.

Mrs Welham continued to reside in Norwich where she was a member of the Caston Road Gospel Hall Fellowship. For many years she served the Lord in the fellowship as a Sunday school Teacher.

Mrs Welham moved to Quebec Hall in January 2003 and in 2004 celebrated her 100th birthday in the presence of her two sons and other members of the family, friends from the Church Fellowship as well as her fellow residents.

How fortunate we are in witnessing Mrs Welham's lifetime of faith and trust in her Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ – **'How good is the God we adore.'**

## Assistant Manager for Quebec Hall



After much prayer the Trustees have invited **Andrew Jessop** to take up the position of Assistant Manager.

The position is currently a part-time post and Andrew

will work along side the current manager, Peter Tuckell with the purpose, in the will of the Lord, of becoming Peter's successor on the retirement of the latter.

Andrew brings to Quebec Hall both practical and management skills having,

for a number of years, been in the employ of Anglian Water in a management position; he has also a Masters Degree in Management.

Andrew is 50, married with four children and has lived in Dereham for 12 years. A believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, Andrew and his family are in fellowship at the Toftwood Assembly.

With the combination of practical and management skills coupled with his love of the Lord, Andrew has the essential characteristics for the future management of Quebec Hall Ltd and we thank God for leading Andrew in taking up this position.

## The Trustees welcome a new member



The Trustees are pleased to welcome on to the board **Colin Wooden** who's undoubted practical experience and advice will be of great help to the ongoing

maintenance of the fabric of the Hall and bungalows; Colin was employed in the building industry all his working life as a carpenter and joiner.

In his early teens, through the influence of a godly grandfather, Colin gave his heart to the Lord.. He then joined the Gorleston assembly where he has been in fellowship ever since. Colin has retired? Like so many believers he now wonders how he

found time to work! His activities in the work of the Lord are many: marking lessons for the Postal Bible School, active involvement in the 'Young Peoples Bible Camp' and gospel outreach on agricultural show grounds with 'Good News'. Colin has indicated that his ongoing priority is that of the spiritual development of the local assembly. And he still finds time to be a Trustee? We thank God for his involvement with the work at Quebec Hall.

Colin is married with three children and three grandchildren. Among his pastime activities Colin includes water colour painting, bird watching (Living in Norfolk who could not be?) and long distance walking – an example to the more sedentary Trustees.

# Gifts...

## Tsunami Appeal

The magnificent sum of £2008.50 was gifted by staff, and residents of the Hall and bungalows at Quebec Hall for the Tsunami Relief Fund.

Martin Jones of Sidcup, Kent took this gift to Sri Lanka where he met Mr and Mrs George Nicholas and their son Rajeev who are in fellowship at the Colombo Assembly. The family have been involved with arranging aid trips to the East of the country, primarily, but not exclusively, to help assemblies affected by the disaster More than £1000 in rupees was given to them for use in bringing aid to the distressed.



Martin was able to visit some schools, or rather buildings acting as schools where the surviving children are trying to carry on some sort of normal life. He was able to buy books, pens and lunch boxes for the children – you can imagine their thrill at the receipt of these so welcomed gifts.

Many of the children are orphaned and Martin commented that it was impossible not to be profoundly affected by their misery and despair.

Visiting personal friends Martin found that many had lost their homes, family and friends. He was able to buy building materials for different friends. It will not rebuild their homes, but at least it's a start.



## COMPETITION "ROLL-OVER"

*Is it too difficult? Surely not!*

### 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.

## Coffee Morning benefits the Air Ambulance

Resulting from a very successful coffee morning held at the Hall a gift of £90 was sent to the East Anglian Air Ambulance service.