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The Quebec Hall Christian Eventide Home Newsletter

Summer 2008

Hello friends

As you will read, God gave us a very blessed Open Day.

For me, one remark made by our speaker, Ken Totton, helped me the next day to encourage a young Christian. Ken reminded us that our "Justification" and "Forgiveness" can "never" be lost; all believers are justified for time and eternity.

At my church the next day a dear young believer came to me very troubled. A friend had told her that if she died with sins unforgiven she would go to hell! Very quickly I reassured her that her justification and forgiveness, in Christ, were forever. After prayer she went away rejoicing in the Lord. Haven't we a loving God?

So to the Newsletter – one of the best produced, I think. I would draw your attention to the Plaque and how it reflects the attitude of the staff to the residents. And what a variety of events! It makes me wish that I were there. May you enjoy reading it.

Stan Mash, Managing Editor



Plaque of Commitment

Members of staff have wished to publicly declare their commitment to the care of our residents.

To mark this, a plaque has been placed in the entrance Hall. The words are based on 1 Timothy chapter 6 v 20 – 'Guard what has been entrusted to your care'.

It was made by Margaret Seekings (one of our carers) from hornbeam with an outer ring of mahogany and an oak veneer on the rim.

SPECIAL EVENTS...

Book Sale raises a Smile

Members of staff decided to have a book and bag sale to raise money for the Smile Train charity. An amazing £170 was raised. The charity funds surgery for children suffering from cleft palate and hair lip. £150 is sufficient to give these little ones a second chance at life.

We are pleased to have been able to cover the costs for one operation and we are well on our way towards the second.



Easter bonnets

Not quite London Fashion week, but getting close! Residents and staff were busy in the weeks before Easter making some Easter bonnets. They were finished in time for a parade on Easter Sunday.



Cream tea special

With spring under way, we held our first cream tea of the year in May. We were blessed with some glorious weather.

Over 40 residents, friends and staff came along to enjoy some very delicious strawberry scones (kindly prepared by the staff) and 'naughty but nice' fresh cream. They were accompanied by the finest tea. By the way, did you know that in response to a request from residents and staff, Quebec Hall now only uses 'Fairtrade' tea and coffee?



Fish and Chip supper

Maintaining our events theme of 'Food & Fellowship', we held another Fish & Chip supper and quiz evening. The dining room was full and a great time was had by all. Our thanks go to our excellent master of ceremonies and quiz master, Mr David Oldfield.

Games evening

On Friday 27th June we held a Games Evening at Quebec Hall.

Home and Bungalow residents, staff and friends spent a somewhat happy and hilarious evening trying their expertise at anything from scrabble to draughts and dominoes to Jenga. Every table also took part in a 'Sweet Quiz' and the winning team shared a large tin of chocolates.

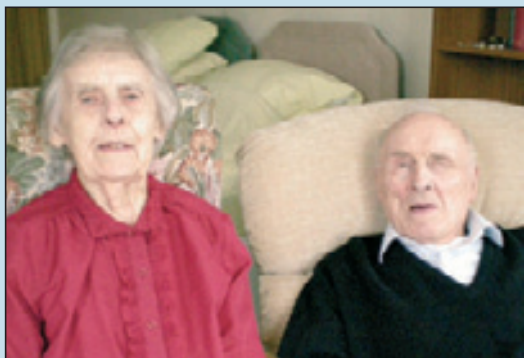
To help our concentration we washed down savoury snacks with soft drinks, tea and coffee. We make no apologies for the high noise level of laughter emerging from the Dining Room – definitely a good time was had by all!!



NEW RESIDENTS...

We welcome into the home two new residents – Jim and Hilda Turnbull.

They are no strangers to us in that they both previously lived in bungalows. Hilda moved into bungalow No 7 way back in 1979, while Jim came to Bungalow No 36 some years later in 1999. They married in 2001. We trust that they will know God's blessing as they settle in to life in the Hall.



Open Day

Fanny Crosby's great hymn 'To God be the glory' rang out from the marquee to mark the start of the 2008 Open Day.

Over 160 residents, relatives and friends came together to express our gratitude to God for His goodness to all associated with the work at Quebec Hall and to share a time of fellowship together. Trustee Stephen Read reported on the general status of the work, while General Manager Mark Woodgett described the more detailed aspects of life at Quebec Hall.

He outlined the high level of building and maintenance work that has been undertaken recently, the variety of events that have been held, and expressed his gratitude to the staff for their commitment. Ken Totton was our guest speaker and he encouraged us by referring to the Christian's blessings from Romans chapter 5.

Fine weather permitted tea to be taken outdoors and many took a leisurely walk through the gardens to have a look in two bungalows that were open for view.

As we look back on the day and, indeed the two years since the last Open Day, we can echo another line of the hymn and say 'Great things He has done'.

Ann Holmes and Odell

As the local paper reported it 'Take a bow Odell, you're a real wow!' It's official; we now have a star living within the complex.

Odell is a two-year-old Yorkshire terrier cross and has been specially trained by Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. She is now proving to be a great help to Mrs Anne Holmes, a bungalow resident, who is profoundly deaf.

Odell has improved Anne's quality of life enormously, giving her confidence to meet other people whilst also providing a sense of security within the bungalow.

Such is the difference that Odell has made to Anne's life that she was nominated for a Life-Changing Hearing Dog of the Year award. At a special event held in Buckinghamshire, Odell was runner up and was presented with a trophy by Esther Rantzen.

What a clever dog, Odell!



Frank Holmes

It has been rightly said that there is no 'retirement' in the Lord's service – the nature of the work just changes.

That is certainly true in the case of one of our bungalow residents, Mr Frank Holmes. Frank was recently presented with a certificate recognising 70 years of service in the Salvation Army.

Whilst not fully able to do all that he did when he was younger, he is still bandleader for the local Salvation Army Junior band. Well done, Frank.



Tradesmen

A considerable amount of redecoration and refurbishment has taken place over recent months in both the Hall and bungalows.

We are indebted to our group of skilled tradesmen who do this work for us. We might add that not only do they do a first rate job, but they are always ready to help us out at short notice should we have a crisis to deal with. The picture shows them enjoying a well-earned break. A big 'thank you' to you all.



From left to right: Peter Bloomfield, Terry Hood, Graham Webster and Richard Bell.

FUTURE EVENTS...

Please make a note of various events planned during the Autumn :

- ★ Saturday August 30th, 5pm Outdoor Bar-B-Q
- ★ Wednesday 10th September, 2pm Sing along in the Lounge
- ★ Saturday 27th September, 11 am Biggest ever coffee morning in aid of cancer care
- ★ Friday October 10th, 6.30pm Quiz night with Fish and Chips
- ★ Friday 7th November, 7pm Fireworks with Soup and Hot Dogs.

COME ALONG AND JOIN US!

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