

Quebec News

The Quebec Hall Christian Eventide Home Newsletter

Summer 2010

Dear friends

The Gospel of Christ...it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes. Romans 1:16

It was good to welcome many of you to our open day, thanks to everyone who helped make it such a good day as we joined in praise and thanksgiving to God. We enjoyed fellowship with friends and those who support the work at Quebec Hall in prayer.

The message given by Brigadier Dobbie and the instances of life changing faith he was able to recount emphasize again our headline verse.

Some of our 'green fingered' residents have excelled themselves this year, as our photos of their gardens show.

There have been comings and goings of staff as some move on to the next steps of their career, we wish them well. We welcome new members to the team and so are fully staffed.

We have, at the Hall, been blessed by a number of events enjoyed by the residents and members of staff and management and are thankful to all who contribute to these occasions.

Stephen Read, Trustee

Open Day 50th Anniversary

2010 is the Golden Anniversary of the opening of Quebec Hall as a Christian Residential Home.

About two hundred residents, families and friends joined us for an Open Day, held on Saturday 17th July to mark this milestone. A service of thanksgiving took place in the afternoon during which, two past managers, Mr Peter Baldwin and Mr Peter Tuckwell, and a former chairman of the trustees, Mr David Mash, gave brief, but interesting insights into their time at Quebec Hall. Our current manager, Mr Mark Woodgett, brought us up to date with all that is going on at the present time.

Guest speaker for this special occasion was Brigadier Ian Dobbie, the grandson of Lt. General Sir William Dobbie, who opened the Hall 50 years ago.

After a heavy shower, the sun came out and a buffet tea was provided. Folk were free to walk around the Hall and the grounds and to take a look inside four of the bungalows.

We praise God for all His goodness and faithfulness over the years and seek His help and guidance in the future.

The service was recorded and copies of the CD are available on request (cost £1 inc. p & p).



Brigadier Dobbie with Trust Chairman Phil Davey



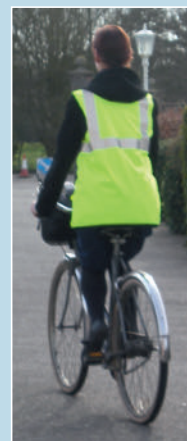
Residents' gardens

The gardens around the complex have been especially colourful this year. Some residents are able to maintain the areas near their bungalows and have produced beautiful displays.

Fit for the job – our Head of Care takes to her bike!

Our 'Head of Care' Karen Vertigan has started a keep fit regime and shows us the way by getting on her bike.

She has an old bicycle that has been faithfully restored by her husband, Terry.



She cycles from her home to work each day. Our photo shows her about to leave Quebec Hall after a hard day's work. Unfortunately she was travelling too fast for our photographer to manage a front view!

In spite of such a turn of speed, other staff members liken her to one of her favourite TV sleuths, Miss Marple!

Hairdressing at Quebec Hall

Readers may be interested to know that we have a hairdresser who visits the Hall two days per week.

Maxine has been our resident hairdresser for many years. Appointments can be made through the main office. This is just one of the various services that are available to all who come to live in the Hall or one of the bungalows.



Maxine with resident Marion Strudwick

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE HALL...

Cream Teas

We have had two 'Cream Teas' since our last newsletter, one in May and the second in June.

May's weather was somewhat inclement and so the tea was held in the dining room. The weather for the June occasion was much better, so it was possible to hold it outside on the patio area.



One of our photos shows three of the members of staff, Karen Vertigan, Pam Dack and Margaret Seekings who helped prepare and serve tea on the day. The other includes some of the Hall and bungalow residents with visitors already enjoying a cuppa.

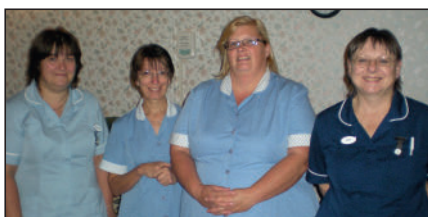
Entertainment evening

Where possible we try to arrange events that will be both interesting and enjoyable.

At the end of June, some of the Dereham Baptist Church Young Church came along to provide an evening of entertainment for us. The dining room was packed with residents, visitors and staff. We enjoyed a varied programme with a choir, piano and flute solos, readings and other songs.



STAFF NEWS...



Getting qualified

We consider it important that our staff have the appropriate skills which are necessary to provide a high level of care and support to our residents.

Over recent months several members of staff have been studying for NVQ's (National Vocational Qualification) at both levels 2 & 3 in a City & Guilds "Skills for Care" course. The courses are very practical and will prove helpful in day to day work, as well as being useful in following their chosen career paths.

Those completing Level 2 are:
Kirsty Dack, Alison Giles, Sam Green, and Margaret Seekings.

Those completing Level 3 are:
Ann Stancombe, Tracy Kerridge, Claire Skipper, Tracey Wray, Mark Byrne, Pam Dack, Geraldine Hendry, Lynda Watkinson, Rachel Dunnet and Rosie Ulanowski.

In addition, Claire Biggie will continue working towards a Health & Social Care Apprenticeship.

Engagement congratulations

We are delighted to announce the engagement of one of our trustees, Mr Stephen Read, to Miss Sandy Gammon, who previously worked at Quebec Hall as a carer.

Plans are already well advanced for their wedding in November. We send them our congratulations and trust that they will know God's richest blessing on their future life together.



FUTURE EVENTS...

- ★ Sept. 25th McMillan biggest ever coffee morning, 11am
- ★ Oct. 15th Quiz night with fish & chip supper, 6.30pm
- ★ Nov. 5th Fireworks, 6.30pm
- ★ Dec. 6th Salvation Army band, 2.30pm
- ★ Dec. 13th Cub pack visit singing carols, 7pm
- ★ Dec. 16th Carol service, 7pm

We say hello to...

We welcome into the team Suzanne Hitchman, Johanne Fletcher, Aline Santos and Annabel Parfitt, and trust they will enjoy working with us.

We are also taking on two further members of staff to compliment the team and will introduce them to you in our next Newsletter.

and goodbye to...

Sadly we have had to say goodbye to some members of staff.

Our cook, Lisa Horne, is moving away to Lincoln. Claire Biggie is starting a course in Mental Health nursing in September, and Geraldine Hendry begins a course in Adult nursing at the same time. We wish them every blessing and thank them for their help at Quebec Hall.



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