

QuebecNews

The Quebec Hall Christian Eventide Home Newsletter

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Hello friends



We have seen some interesting changes recently, in that Peter and Margaret Tuckwell have retired. Their positions have been filled by Andrew Jessop, Manager, Karen Vertigan, Head of Care and Registered Manager of the House and Lynn Kelly, Deputy Head of Care.

It never occurred to me that during my time on the Trust I would witness the retirement of Peter and Margaret. After all I have been described (affectionately I am sure) by one of the Trustees as the "Golden Oldie," but I am not sure that this really describes me!

With the departure of Peter and Margaret we, the Trustees, have been called upon by the Lord to make a number of serious decisions but then, is this not the pathway of the Believer? If we follow the Master then He will help in our entire decision making and this has been evident in the appointment of the new Management team. In all we have seen the hand of the Lord at work.

We are especially blessed at Quebec Hall with dedicated Trustees ably led by our Chairman. The staff also do all they can to make the lives of the residents both comfortable and fulfilled. Quebec Hall is the Lord's work and because we are privileged to experience blessing in all avenues of the work we believe that we can look to the future with confidence, trusting the Lord.

Part of Isaiah 58 v11 says this, "And the Lord shall guide thee continually." This has been proved on many occasions in the work at the Hall for which we give the Lord Jesus Christ all the praise and the glory.

So to this Newsletter. We trust you will find the items of interest to you and we welcome your comments.

GOD'S RICHEST BLESSING.

ERIC J. CHARMAN, TRUSTEE

Many thanks

As I am sure most of you know by now, Peter and Margaret Tuckwell, our Manager and Head of Care respectively retired on the 1st November 2005.

We could not let this opportunity pass without expressing the thanks of everybody, Trustees, staff and residents, for their many years of service to the Lord at Quebec Hall. We shall miss them but happily they will be living near to the Hall and we know that their interest in the work will continue and we shall have the blessing of their help and advice.

We wish them God's Richest Blessing in their retirement.

DAVID MASH (CHAIRMAN)



ALL CHANGE AT QUEBEC HALL...

New managers appointed



Following the retirement of Peter and Margaret Tuckwell, the Trustees are pleased to announce that they have invited Andrew Jessop, Karen Vertigan and Lynn Kelly to be Manager, Head of Care and Deputy Head of Care respectively. In accordance with current Government regulations Karen has also been appointed Registered Manager of the Hall.

Each brings to the home a combination of skills and experience that, in God's



purpose, will be of real benefit to the future running of the home. The Trustees thank God for His leading in this matter. He had, without doubt, fitted people for the management of the Hall long before the retirement of Peter and Margaret.

Praise His Name!

Quebec
Hall

TRUSTEES:

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

SENIOR MANAGEMENT:

Andrew Jessop (Manager)
Karen Vertigan (Head of Care and
Registered House Manager)
Lynn Kelly (Deputy Head of Care)

OPEN DAY, Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th July 2005

The Open Day in July was, without doubt, less 'wild' than the previous Open Day in 2004. In fact, nature was benign, although dull – not cold but then not hot. In other words a typical British summer's day.

This year, in order to facilitate the serving of the excellent tea (a major feature of the Open Day) a larger marquee was erected so that the tea could be served in the same area as the service. Fortunately, however, the weather was sufficiently warm to enable many of the visitors enjoy their tea in the gardens. The marquee was comfortably full when Phil Davey conducted the very popular hymn singing which heralded the afternoon time of

thanksgiving. The Quebec Hall 'National Anthem' - "To God be the glory" opened the service and their followed a great time of praise and thanksgiving.

The Chairman David Mash, in his report indicated that resulting from the growing trend of people living longer we have noticed, at Quebec Hall, our residents are also living longer. About 6% of our residents of both bungalows and Hall are over 90 and we have one resident who is 102. Resulting from this, we have found that our care is, for some, that of nursing a level of care that sometimes puts a real strain on our staff, but one which they carry out with love and concern. This is a situation which, if the authorities are right,

will grow and one that the Trustees recognise must be confronted in the future.

David went on to say that God had met all the needs of the home. Through many kind gifts, grants from the Laing Trust, to whom we extend our grateful thanks for their generous support coupled with careful stewardship we have been able to meet all our needs – To God be the glory.

Our speaker for the weekend was John Riddle from Cheshunt. The Chairman introduced him when he was further welcomed by our oldest resident who asked her carer when it was going to end. John said that it was the first time he had been asked to finish before he began.

John based his ministry on Esther 10 titling his talk 'The glory of the Lord Jesus.' He indicated that Mordecai was "The man who the King delighted to honour." Yet he, through a conspiracy, was set up to be hanged. Jesus was heralded with "Hosanna in the highest" yet a week later the cry was "Crucify Him." As Psalm 24 indicates, prophetically "Jesus was hanged on a tree" and, through His death all Believers (although Isaiah 53 says "There is no beauty in Him that we should desire Him.") find in Jesus one who is "altogether lovely."

"In Jesus", John said, "all Believers are changed – from glory to glory, like unto His own body of glory." John indicated that verse 2 of Esther 10 shows the greatness of Mordecai that illustrates graphically the greatness of the Saviour who was to come. The many characteristics of the Saviour are:

Great prophet, Great Priest, Great King, Great Shepherd, Great God and Saviour

Nothing outstanding about Jesus? – Everything is outstanding!

Each believer is linked to Jesus:

- "He is not ashamed to call us Brethren"
- "Children of God by being born again"

What a Saviour we have! "We preach Christ crucified – power and wisdom of God." "There is a man in heaven" said John, "who is seeking our welfare. He, as our great High Priest, is 'Touched by the feelings of our adversity' and He will never leave us or forsake us."

Christ came speaking peace:

- Peace in relationship to conscience – "Christ has 'once' suffered for sin"
- Peace of God that "Garrisons our hearts"

He (Christ) is our peace.

The service ended, in keeping with the message, with the hymn "Great is thy Faithfulness."

Our Trustee Eric Charman closed in prayer.

STOP PRESS...

In order to avoid other events that sometimes coincide with the Open Day, next year's 2006 event will take place the second (not the first) weekend in July, Saturday and Sunday the 8th and 9th. We expect our speaker to be David Dixon.

QUEBEC HALL PERSONALITIES...

Trust the Lord and see the world



Who said that the Christian life was boring? Many of the Lord's people have lived amazing purposeful lives with a level of adventure that many would pay a fortune for. Quebec Hall has a resident of whom it can be said "She lived her life to the full." The Lord Jesus Christ called it 'abundant life.'

Born in Wendling, Norfolk in 1912, **Mrs Olive Willis**, a country girl, decided in her early teens, that the Lord was calling her to serve Him on the mission field. Her circumstances dictated that the only course open to her was to train as a nurse; this she did. Training for four years at Peterborough hospital and then for three years at the famous Queen Charlotte hospital in London. At the latter, she qualified in midwifery.

Fulfilling the decision made in her teens and in obedience to the Lord, Olive went out to the Congo where in Stanleyville she

served as a nurse at the Baptist Mission hospital. Responding to the call of her country Olive, in the middle of WWII returned to the UK. Here she was called up and joined the Navy. Serving on a number of hospital ships she travelled throughout the Far East sailing as far as Australia; a world cruise by kind permission of His Majesties Navy. The Lord does indeed work in mysterious ways!

Further to Olive's 'life on the ocean waves' on leaving the navy she joined the famous shipping company Cunard as a ships nurse. Her great privilege was to serve on the Queen Mary and other famous ships of the line.

After a couple of years sailing the world Olive married and settled down in Kent, effectively her sea life was over. After 20 years she returned home and took a bungalow at Eckling Grange in Dereham. In August 2003 Olive became a resident here at Quebec Hall. I suppose the traveller has let down the anchor and, to use a nautical term, docked. We hope that, in God's mercy, Olive will enjoy her mooring.

Maintenance with a difference

If you are not a DIY enthusiast then owning a Grade 11 listed building is not for you, particularly a house that is over 100 years old as is Quebec Hall. With such a building any maintenance carried out must be done with sympathy in order to protect the visual appearance and with care so that, as far as possible, materials are used that are similar to the adjacent fabric.

Many of the bricks used in the construction of Quebec Hall are soft bricks and therefore subject to crumbling. Although, on reflection, after 100 years we too would be crumbling! To replace these bricks is a job for a craftsman and we were fortunate in obtaining the services of **Dick Smith** a local man who has been a brick layer for over 30 years.

Born in Dereham in 1935, Dick served his time with Potter Brothers as an apprentice



carpenter. Of interest is that one of his first jobs for Potter Brothers was working on the construction of the bungalows at Quebec Hall. Since 1956 Dick has been self employed and we are more than pleased that we are able to call upon his expertise for the replacement of a number of bricks that are showing signs of wear. We are confident that (as the picture shows) when finished the Hall will be restored to its former glory.