

QuebecNews

The Quebec Hall Christian Eventide Home Newsletter

Winter 2008

Hello friends

These are troubled times in our world as many flee terrorist activity and others mourn over the decline in the value of their savings and investments. How good it is that we can say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in Him will I trust.'

As you will see, a number of 'events' have been enjoyed at the Hall, including an impressive firework party. These provide opportunity for fun and friendship and keep us young at heart.

Red Tape and Regulations still flourish and we have been acting to ensure compliance and have the certificates to prove it!

The Trustees again say thank you and well done to the staff for, as always, going the extra mile to help those residents in need of more care. It is also good to welcome an old friend, Trevor, as a new Trustee.

Christmas lights are now appearing everywhere, and we shall be celebrating the coming of the Saviour – The Light of the world. As we enjoy the Christmas lights, let us pray at this season that many who walk in darkness shall see a great light – Jesus said that 'he that follows me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.'

Christmas Greetings to you all.

Stephen Read, Trustee

NEW TRUSTEE...



We are pleased to welcome Mr Trevor Handel to the board of trustees. Trevor was Deputy Manager at Quebec Hall a few years ago until his retirement. We trust that he will know much blessing in this new area of service for the Lord.

Miss Lilian Hanson AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL NOTES...

I was born in December 1911 in North East London, on the outskirts of Epping Forest and was one of eight children born to my parents.

My earliest recollections are of the First World War, which commenced in 1914. Although I was only two years old, I clearly remember the sirens going, warning of an air raid and my father coming upstairs to get us up and to take us to safety downstairs.

As we had neighbours next door to us who were members of the Brethren Assembly that was in the next road to ours, we, as children, were taken to Sunday School at Leyton Gospel Hall.

As we grew up we were fortunate in having a good foundation of spiritual teaching. In London there were many gifted, well-known speakers who came to our Gospel and Ministry meetings.

I was converted in April 1927 through the conviction that I was not a Christian and was baptised in October 1929.

I first started to teach in a Sunday School class at the age of 16 in place of teachers who were not available from time to time. A year or two later, I started to teach full time and continued for forty years, finishing up with taking the Girls' Bible Class. For several years I was treasurer of the Sunday School taking the place of a male member of our fellowship who was called up for active service in World War 2. I later took over as Secretary of the Sunday School in place of one of my brothers who moved away from the area.

I worked in London for over 30 years as Secretary to the Chairman of a large group



of companies in the shipping world and retired at the end of 1972.

I moved from Leyton in 1974 and was in fellowship at Alexander Gospel Hall in Westcliffe-on-Sea for 14 years, until I moved to Quebec Hall in Dereham, Norfolk – six years in a bungalow and then in Quebec Hall.

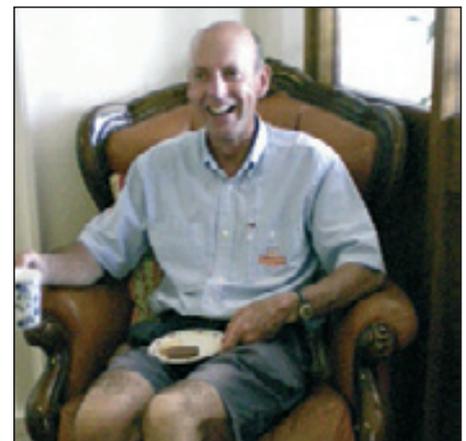
Lilian (Lily as she was affectionately known) came to live in Bungalow No 41 in November 1988 and then into the home in October 1994. Lily was called home 01/10/2008 aged 97 years.

All the staff have many fond memories of Lily's time at Quebec Hall, which totalled almost 20 years.

Richard gets a new posting

Richard Ladell has been a familiar face around Quebec Hall and the bungalows for many years. In fact he has delivered our post for over 12 years always with a smile and a friendly chat.

His wealth of knowledge of the area is phenomenal. Unfortunately, the 'powers that be' have moved Richard to a new delivery area. We'll miss him but wish him well for the future. Our picture shows him, in his favourite chair, enjoying a cup of morning coffee.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE HALL...



Summer Bar-B-Que

On 30th August we held our Summer Bar-B-Que. The weather could not have been better – it was a glorious afternoon.

Some of the staff had prepared food in advance, including kebabs, so it was only left for our cook of the day, top chef, Mark Woodgett, to tenderly barbeque what was given to him. He did well as there were not so many burnt sausages as last year!

Over 50 attended and a great atmosphere enabled a good time of fellowship and socialising to be enjoyed by all. Oh, and the food was delicious too!

Quiz night with fish and chips

These are rapidly becoming favourite events and we held another in October. Six teams battled it out after being suitably fuelled with cod and chips.

There was much fun and laughter, and at times brain ache, as the teams fought through eight rounds of eight questions. The team known as 'Autumn Leaves' won and were given the choice of prizes ranging from a posh carving knife set, His & Hers watches, to the well renowned Philips Teasmade. There were even prizes for the 2nd and 3rd placed teams.



Shoe box appeal

Quebec Hall and bungalow residents have been busy knitting and putting together various items in Christmas wrapped shoeboxes. An amazing 21 have already been delivered to local Dereham Baptist Church in readiness for 'Operation Christmas Child' run by Samaritan's Purse.

Fireworks night

The Lord blessed us with fine weather for this year's fireworks night. Over 60 enjoyed hot soup, hot dogs and a spectacular firework display. For many it was the first time they had held a sparkler in years!

Macmillan coffee morning

We held our annual 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' on Saturday, October 27th. We would like to thank all our guests for taking part and helping to raise **£216.89** in aid of Macmillan Cancer support. All the cakes were homemade and very delicious!

NEW RESIDENTS...

We are pleased to welcome new residents to the Hall. Mrs Pauline Carver and Mr Gerald Pursehouse. We trust that they will know the Lord's blessing while they are with us.



EPC...what does it stand for?

You may well ask! It stands for Environmental Performance Certificate.

And what are these? Well, as of October 2008, it became law that all rented accommodation has to have a certificate showing how environmentally friendly it is, for example is the loft insulated, is double glazing fitted etc. So we are arranging to have all our bungalows surveyed.

Our friends at Eckling Grange, are required to do the same thing, so by giving a combined order we will be able to save costs. The certificates last for 10 years, and once they have been prepared, we will make them available to all our residents.



New guttering

As part of our continuous programme of improvements around the Hall, we have replaced some of the guttering on the south west side of the roof.

This necessitated scaffolding to be erected. Peter Bloomfield carried out the much needed replacement guttering and took the opportunity to paint the bargeboards at the same time.

New street lights

Quebec Hall complex has had nearly all its street lights replaced. As part of our IEE testing, it was found that most of the old street lights were eroded at the top and needed to be replaced for Health and Safety reasons.

The new, energy saving, street lights give extra lighting around the complex and it has been said that, as the lighting is so bright, you may not even need your bedroom lights on!



Planning ahead

The management team and trustees are already planning ahead for next year. We hope to be able to budget for replacement carpets to the hallway, stairs and landings. We also envisage that some major repairs will be required to our lift.

Don't forget!!

Please join us for the Quebec Hall Carol Service on Thursday 18th December at 7p.m. Our guest speaker is former Chairman of the Trustees, David Mash.



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Phil Davey (Chairman) · Colin Wooden
Stephen Read · Trevor Handel

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Mark Woodgett (General Manager)
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