

QuebecNews

The Quebec Hall Christian Eventide Home Newsletter

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Dear friends

'Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.' Psalm 145 v 3

Once again we are thankful to God for His goodness and faithfulness to us at Quebec Hall.

At present both Hall and Bungalows are fully occupied and, as you will read, residents of both are enjoying a number of events proving that life here is far from dull. Thanks to management and staff for organising and assisting to make them so pleasurable.

Some months ago the trustees were considering whether the alarm call system should be improved or replaced. As you will discover, the decision was made for us in a remarkable way!

Already preparations are being made to celebrate Christmas and we hope some of you will be able to join us for the Carol Service. We who are Christians can rejoice as we remember the coming into our world of the Son of God – 'A Saviour who is Christ the Lord'.

Stephen Read, Trustee

Summer storm disabled the alarm points

The summer was quite a mixture of weather. Along with some warm sunny days, we also had several storms.

One of these resulted in a spectacular display of lightning and deafening thunder. One particular flash of lightning struck the field behind the bungalows. Such was its power that it disabled the pull cord emergency alarm system throughout the site, as well as causing damage to some computers and TV's and a street light.

The damage necessitated the replacement of all 193 alarm points throughout the whole of the complex as well as the master control panel. We are grateful for the speed with which both our insurers and suppliers were able to 'get us up and running' again.

Mrs Pauline Carver

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL NOTES...

I was born in Norwich on 25th April 1920 into a family with twin sisters, Joyce and Kathleen. We lived in Cathedral Close in Norwich and had a very happy childhood there.

I met my husband Roy Carver, married him and had two children, Nigel and Anne. We all went as a family to Wensum Chapel. Roy and I stayed there until the last few years before, unfortunately, the fellowship closed and the premises were handed over to the Norwich City Church.

Roy, from very early in his life, was a preacher and went around Norwich and Norfolk preaching wherever he was invited. He was also the preacher for many years with the Norwich Evangel Singers which he very much enjoyed. I entered into this side of his life and supported him as much as I could. However, I felt my main role was as a Mum to our children and, later, a grandmother to our grandchildren.

I loved being a mother and a grandmother and looked after Roy for many years when he became ill. I look back on those days with so many happy memories.



I have now moved to Quebec Hall where I have always said, that when the time was right for me, I would like to live, and am very comfortable here.



Thanks to David Mash

David Mash has had a very keen interest in the work at Quebec Hall for many years. Although he relinquished the role of chairman of the trustees over three years ago, he remained actively involved in managing much of the accounting work for us, which was very much his area of expertise.

He has now found it necessary to 'retire' from this work, but remains busy for the Lord in many other spheres. The trustees wish to publicly express their appreciation for his enormous contribution to the work here at Quebec Hall. Thank you, David.

We wish you and Evelyn every blessing.

OPEN DAY 2010

We are already planning for our next Open Day, which is to be held on Saturday July 17th, 2010. This will be our Golden Anniversary and we wish to celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness to the work over 50 years. The Hall was officially opened on May 25th 1960 by Lt-General Sir William Dobbie. We are delighted that his grandson, Brigadier Ian Dobbie, has accepted our invitation to celebrate this special occasion with us. Please make a note in your diaries – we would love you to join us.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE HALL...



Cream Teas all round

Quebec hall held its second Cream Tea of the year on Wednesday 15th July.

As in previous times it was very well attended, but because of some strong winds, had to be held in the Dining Room. This certainly made it more cosy for everyone. The scones and strawberries were greatly enjoyed (apparently someone set a new record of managing five – and it wasn't a member of staff!!)



Summer Bar-B-Que

Our long awaited Summer Bar-B-Que was held on September 5th.

We were blessed again with dry weather, albeit somewhat breezy. Nearly 50 people attended – residents of Home and Bungalows, visitors and staff. There was on the menu a great selection of sausages, burgers and chicken drumsticks accompanied by various salads. For those who were then tempted to go for a pudding, there were four different trifles to enjoy.

(I think we will have to consider adding some keep fit exercises to follow future Bar-B-Ques! – Ed)



Fish & Chip Supper with Quiz

We'll say it this way round this time as we always have the Fish and Chips first and then the Quiz.

It is said that fish improves brain power and that certainly proved to be the case as 34 battled it out in 7 teams. Much laughter indicated a great time of fellowship and fun. Team 'The Old Salts' won and made off with some excellent prizes. Team 'The Lost Ones' came last but still left with consolation prizes.

Biggest ever Coffee Morning

Quebec Hall held its annual 'Biggest Ever Coffee Morning' in aid of the MacMillan Cancer charity on Saturday 26th September.

We were amazed that this event was so well attended. 55 folk came along and were very generous in raising £311 for



such a worthy cause. It was a great time of fellowship and building relationships.

Not only was a large quantity of coffee enjoyed, the cakes were delicious too! There was a vast array – round ones, square ones, oblong ones, big ones and little ones. Our thanks to all who made the morning such a great success.



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box appeal

The team of the knitting/craft group have been very busy over recent months.

Our picture shows some of them with the 32 boxes that they made. The boxes will be taken to Dereham Baptist Church ready for transport to a central depot and then to countries all around the world. We know they will be a blessing to the children who will receive them.

Treasure Hunt

A very enthusiastic number of residents, friends and staff took part in our first Treasure Hunt on a beautiful Saturday afternoon in August.

The Treasure Hunt itself was cleverly constructed by one of our Trustees – Mr Trevor Handel, and organised on the day by bungalow resident Mr John Coe. We had great fun and needless to say the treasure itself was ultimately found. We had been hoping to show a photograph of the participants.

Unfortunately, it was not just the treasure that was lost on the day. Our official photographer and the rest of her team apparently took a wrong turn at one point and !!!! *We're pleased to report that they did return eventually!*

Events to come

As we go to press we will have enjoyed another grand fireworks display, so you will have to wait until the next issue of Quebec News to find out what happened – unless you were there!

We have various Christmas events planned for December, starting with a visit of the Salvation Army on the 7th at 2.30pm. The following week, on the 14th at 7pm, the local cub pack will be entertaining us with a Christmas programme. The Quebec Hall Carol Service will be on 17th at 7pm.

As with all our events, everyone is welcome.

STAFF NEWS...



We are very pleased to announce the engagement of our cook Lisa Horne to Mr Julian Hudson. We send them our congratulations and best wishes for their future together.

NEW RESIDENT...

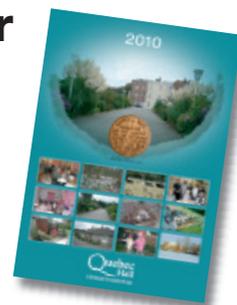
It is always a joy to welcome new residents to Quebec Hall.

Mrs Betty Whitby moved into the Hall in August. We trust that she will know much of the Lord's blessing and peace in her new home.



Calendar

Please contact us for a copy of our very first calendar, to commemorate Quebec Hall's 50th year. The cost is £4.00 each including postage.



Quebec Hall

TRUSTEES:

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

SENIOR MANAGEMENT:

Mark Woodgett (General Manager)
Karen Vertigan (Head of Care and Registered House Manager)
Lynn Kelly (Deputy Head of Care)