



Quebec News

The Quebec Hall Christian Eventide Home Newsletter

Winter 2010

Dear friends

It is hard to believe that another Christmas Season is upon us and that 2010 is almost over. Yet we can look back with thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness to us through the year.

As promised, He has provided all our needs and the Home and bungalows have been full throughout the year. The highlight was our Golden Anniversary Open Day and the visit of Brigadier Ian Dobbie, which was a precious time for us all.

Everyone at Quebec Hall thanks you for your prayers and support throughout the year and trust that you will know God's blessing and peace this Christmas.

'The Son of God became a man to enable men to become the sons of God.' (C. S. Lewis in Mere Christianity)

Phil Davey, Trustee

Milestones

A recent count has revealed that we have reached the half way mark in our bungalow refurbishment programme.

24 of our 44 bungalows have been modernised with new kitchens and bathrooms during the last 4 years. That makes an average of 6 per year! The Hall itself has required significant investment with repairs to the lift. Recent changes to Fire Regulations will also require most of the doors in the Hall needing to be replaced. As you can see from the photo below, which we use as a header on our correspondence, we really do cherish what God has entrusted into our care.



New email address – please be aware that if you contact us via email, our new address is info@quebechall.co.uk

Kath Jaap – a Biography

I was born in Kidderminster in 1922 and had a twin brother. Eventually there were five of us – a happy family.

After attending High School, on a scholarship, I worked first as a clerk, and then a clerk typist in various firms, finishing up in the Inland Revenue, where I met my husband, Murray.

We married in 1949 and subsequently had our children, Susan and John.

We were Methodists – Murray was a

local preacher and I taught in Sunday School. In 1963 we moved to Barnsley for his work and in 1968 we moved to Pudsey where he worked in Leeds and then Bradford.

My main interest in life has been singing and I have sung solos and been in choirs from when I was at school.

My husband died in 1997 and I moved to Quebec Hall this year. It certainly is a lovely, happy place.



Kath is in the green jumper in the window!

ABOUT QUEBEC HALL...

Quebec Hall is now over 250 years old and we are always on the lookout for information about its history.

Mrs Gwyneth Robinson and her husband John kindly provided us with some very interesting facts concerning the late 1940s and early 1950s when Quebec Hall was a 'Parents National Education Union' school.

In 1950, still in her teenage years, Miss Brown as Gwyneth then was, found employment as a teacher at the school, with responsibility for the younger children between five and six years of age. There were occasions, however, when classes of twelve years and upwards were placed in her care. The total number of pupils at the school was in the region of forty, mainly girls who were taken in until the age of sixteen.

There were also some boys who stayed to the age of eleven. Pupils were mainly the children of local business people, farmers and clergymen. The boarders, who were mainly boys, slept at the very top of Quebec Hall in an area which is now a loft. Fees were in the region of twelve pounds a term and Gwyneth started on a salary of thirty shillings a week, which was later increased to two pounds.

She recalls that the school was run by two rather strict principals and teachers, Miss Tomlin and Miss Hilton. They were assisted by Gwyneth and a young French mistress who had come over from France. Fond memories were evoked of how much the children particularly enjoyed the weekly radio broadcast, 'Music and Movement for Schools.'

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE HALL...

Summer barbecue

It seems a long while ago, but a great barbecue was enjoyed by many during August.

The weather, whilst not particularly sunny, did not prevent everyone sitting outside. A large quantity of sausages, burgers and chicken drumsticks were consumed – not to mention all the strawberries and cream that followed!

Once again, our sincere thanks go to the staff who helped to prepare and cook all the food – not to mention the clearing up afterwards!

Coffee and cakes

On 25th September we held our annual coffee morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Care, as part of their 'Biggest Ever Coffee Morning' appeal.

Plenty of folk came along to help eat all the delicious cakes that had been prepared.

It was a great time for fellowship and almost £300 was raised for the charity. See the pictures...



Shoebox Appeal

Our ladies knitting group have once again been hard at work knitting and filling 30 boxes for the Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Appeal.

30 shoe boxes were filled full of toys, pens, knit wear and sweets. Their mission is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We pray that God will get these very special shoe boxes to the children He wants to bless.



Fish & Chip Supper with Quiz

On 15th October, we had a record 51 people in our dining room enjoying one of our favourite pastimes! Eating!

We had some great fish and chips and then had fun trying to answer the eight rounds of quiz questions. Ten teams battled it out, but only one could win.

This time it was a team called 'Pointless' whilst not exactly living up to their name, received the top prizes. Consolation prizes were also given to the team which came last. 'It was great fun – it always is,' said General Manager Mark Woodgett, who is yet to play on the winning team. (Ed – Don't forget, Mark, it's the taking part that counts!)

Fireworks

We were very fortunate this year to hold our fireworks evening on November 5th itself. However we were not so fortunate with the weather!

Like last year's event, rain dominated the evening. Nevertheless a spectacular display was put on by General Manager, Mark Woodgett, who, along with son-in-law Mark, braved the elements for us!

The soup and hotdogs helped to keep the winter cold out – thanks to all who helped.

The rain didn't deter some young people enjoying the sparklers as our photo shows or some hardy spectators – left to right Elsie Skinner, Ruth and Eric Charman!



More new arrivals at Quebec Hall

Pigeons aren't the most popular of all garden birds, but you have to admire the daring and tenacity of this Mum.

In a newsletter last year we showed a picture of a pigeon rearing her chick in a makeshift nest on a small ledge which makes up part of the fire escapes at Quebec Hall.

This year, if it's the same one, she's gone one better! Two bundles of fluff could be found on that same ledge near the top floor. Well done, Mum, but please keep away from my vegetables!

NEW TRUSTEE...

We are very pleased to welcome to our board of trustees, Mr Martin Boyce.

Martin, a committed Christian, has been involved in the Lord's work in many spheres and in various places.

He is our first trustee to actually live on site in one of the bungalows and will provide valuable help and support to all our residents. We trust that he will find much blessing in this new role.



FUTURE EVENTS...

- ★ The Christmas programme starts with a visit of the Salvation Army on Monday 6th December at 2.30pm.
- ★ The local cub pack will be with us on Monday 13th December at 7pm.
- ★ Our Carol Service will be held on Thursday 16th December and conducted by former chairman of the trustees, David Mash.

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TRUSTEES:

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

SENIOR MANAGEMENT:

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