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**Christian Home and Bungalow Complex Newsletter** 

Summer/Autumn 2022

# Dear friends

We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and shield. Psalm 33:20

In recent days, we have all been touched by the passing of our Queen, whose life of service and faith was such an example to us all.

Here at the Hall, a few of our staff members have retired and we wish them much happiness in the days to come. We are pleased to welcome new members to the team and trust they will find work here fulfilling.

Also, congratulations to another member of staff on 25 years of service.

The relaxing of the restrictions has allowed events to recommence after a long break. Our residents have been able to enjoy food, fellowship and fun once again, aided by the perfect weather for outdoor activities.

It was also good to quietly celebrate a 105th birthday with our oldest resident.

Stephen Read, Trustee

We are deeply saddened by the news of the Queen's death. As the UK enters a national period of mourning, like many of you, we will be taking a moment to remember Her Majesty and the wonderful impact she had on so many of us, as the UK's longest reigning monarch. Our thoughts are with all of The Royal Family at this very sad time.

# QUEEN ELIZABETH II



# **Jubilee Celebrations**



# **Cream Teas**

We were very blessed with the weather as we celebrated the Jubilee of our Queen's 70th year.

Nearly 60 folk enjoyed some amazing scones and apple vol-au-vents on an afternoon which saw many enjoy group gatherings for the first time since the pandemic. As you can see from the photos it was a very special time of sharing together. We also had special appearances from the miniature donkeys! They spent the afternoon walking around with the residents after they had finished their cream tea. Our thanks to John Kelly and staff who made it a great day.







# **Hog Roast**

Our second day of celebrations was just as good as our first!

A very happy occasion where again we were truly blessed with the weather to be able to have our Hog Roast outside with around 40 folks. Some truly mouth-watering food prepared and cooked by our top chef John Kelly, ably supported by Johanne Fletcher. Staff helping residents were Lynne, Mandy, Julie and Danielle.

Everyone enjoyed the atmosphere and just being together to honour our Queen's 70th year.



#### STAFF NEWS...

## New staff members:

#### Julie Buttle

We apologise that we did not include Julie in the last Newsletter, Julie started at Quebec Hall on 16/11/21.

She is a very valued member of our staff team and we continue to pray that she enjoys working here at Quebec Hall.

#### Karen Smith

Karen started with us here at Quebec Hall on 4/7/22 as a kitchen assistant and cook.

She has quickly become one of the team and we hope she settles into her role quickly and enjoys her time working with us.

## Jane Beesley

Jane joined our staff team on 2/5/22 after having been hairdressing for our residents for some years.

Jane was already a carer at another home and we are blessed to have her permanently with us as carer and hairdresser. We pray she will enjoy her time here working with us.

## **Lesley Hollman**

Lesley started with us at Quebec Hall on 23/5/22 as a carer.

We hope Lesley settles in well here at Quebec Hall and enjoys her time working with us.









#### Alison's retirement

Everyone was sad to see Alison retire at the end of May 22, after having worked at Quebec Hall since 9/6/02 - over 20 years.

We thank her for all she has done for us over the years and shall miss her. We pray that she enjoys this new stage in life. Alison continues to visit us as we care for her mother and so continue to see her regularly.

## Helen celebrates 25 years

One of our staff team, Helen Whitwood, celebrated her 25 years working at Quebec Hall on 13/7/22.

We presented Helen with a gift card and thanked her for her many years working for us. We are very grateful to Helen for her loyalty to Quebec Hall.

## John Kelly retires

Our top chef John, who started with us at Quebec Hall on 24/10/16, retired on 9/09/22.

He has brought to Quebec Hall an amazing high level of culinary delights as many of you are aware. He has also been a very cheerful member of staff and very vocal as we have all heard from our kitchen! We will miss him.

Johanne Fletcher has now taken over the reins in the kitchen. We wish John well in his retirement and Johanne well as she continues the good work in the kitchen.









#### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

## **Resident meets** on parade

"A short note to thank all the staff at Quebec Hall for ensuring Reginald was able to attend the special army parade today. It was above all expectations, with an officer allocated to escort us for the event, a front viewing area of the troops, and attendance at the civic reception afterwards. He had a really memorable time and the army went out of their way to ensure he was treated as a very special 'Old Soldier'. He even met the Regimental 'mascot' ... a Welsh pony called Corporal Jones. He was introduced to General The Lord Dannatt and spent several minutes with him in conversation about his WW2 days. Overall, a great day." Graham Lewis





#### Supper - cost £5

★ OCTOBER: Fri. 14th at 5pm Quiz night with Fish & Chip

**FUTURE EVENTS...** 

★ OCTOBER: Wed. 19th at 6pm Themed Evening Meal (32 places only) Reservations only! - cost £15 This year we are going to Switzerland/Germany/Austria

★ NOVEMBER: Fri. 4th at 6pm Fireworks with soup and hot dogs

★ NOVEMBER: Mon. 28th at 2.30pm **Salvation Army Singers** 

★ DECEMBER: Mon. 5th at 7pm **Cub Pack visit** 

★ DECEMBER: Thurs. 15th at 6pm **Quebec Hall Carol Service** 

See our online gallery for more photos.



#### TRUSTEES:

Martin Boyce (Chairman) · Andrew Bash Stephen Read · Denise Ashton

#### **SENIOR MANAGEMENT:**

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



## Miss Kathleen Bidewell - 105

Miss Bidewell, known as Kay, celebrated her 105th birthday on 8/9/22. What a remarkable achievement!

Kay did not want much fuss but as you can see from the photo, the staff could not resist making a fuss of her.