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## Call to Prayer...New Year Appeal

Dear Friends of Quiet Waters,

At this time of year we tend to remember the past 12 months and also look forward to the coming year. Perhaps more than ever this January we will be expecting the future to be considerably brighter than the recent past.

Here at QW we're approaching our 50th birthday and looking back over nearly five decades we are overwhelmed at what God has been doing with everyday people in this sleepy corner of East Anglia. It is such a privilege to be a small part of His plan.

Over the years, many thousands have walked through our door to receive God's love and peace, find spiritual nourishment, share deep conversations with fellow Christians and draw close to our loving Father. Some arrive broken, tired and weary and yet, often within hours, their burden is lifted and joy returns. Others experience healing, both physical and spiritual and shed tears at their close encounter with their loving God. Strolling around the gardens guests are uplifted and revitalised by the astonishing beauty and variety of His amazing creation and end up spending hours by the river simply revelling in His abundance, imagination and all-embracing peace.

We sadly waved farewell to Ruth and Bryan last summer as they headed west for new challenges. They are greatly missed. However, with one door closing another often gently opens and we are now putting the finishing touches on refreshing their apartment in readiness for a new chapter in QW history. We have been aware for some time that those individuals and couples involved in Church leadership and the mission field are often in need of refreshment or are tired and weary and require a longer term break. Therefore the apartment will soon be ready for self-catering guests to stay for longer periods of time. These longer term guests will be completely independent yet able to share in as many of the house activities as they want. The gardens and river will of course be available for them too, and we trust this extended period of stay will be both restorative and uplifting and enable an expansion of those people QW can serve.

However, we are increasingly aware of some major structural work that the house requires to ensure it can serve God for the next 50 years. Of course, being a listed building we have to consider compliance as well as our environmental responsibilities.

A number of issues need urgent attention to repair and restore the structure and prevent further deterioration. This includes the sash windows, guttering to the main house, roof repairs at the rear - and a list of other items that will need attention in the mid-term. Additionally there are a number of things inside the house that need attention including a recently-failed stairlift, an upgrade to the fire alarms and work on the central heating system. We also plan to make the garden and riverside more accessible to guests with limited mobility. To achieve all of this would require in the region of £100,000, a huge amount... but, our God

*“is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us”.* Ephesians 3:20

So, would you prayerfully consider these issues and whether you can financially contribute to this ongoing ministry, to invest for the next 50 years. Many past guests have felt led to support us financially as well as lifting the house in prayer, and we want to put on record our deepest appreciation that you were obedient to God’s calling. With these things in mind, we are arranging a day of prayer when we as team and trustees will be praying and we invite you to pray with us on Sunday 7th February. Sadly, current restrictions prevent us from inviting you to Quiet Waters to pray.

*“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”*  
2 Corinthians 9:7-8

If you would like to speak to us about this appeal please email ([mail@quietwaters.org.uk](mailto:mail@quietwaters.org.uk)) or phone (01986 893201). You may feel led to donate towards a particular need and we could say a little more about that.

If you would like to donate by bank transfer our bank details are:

Account Name: Quiet Waters Christian Retreat House. Sort Code: 40-15-15. Account No.: 41066919.

If you are a tax payer and would like to Gift Aid your donation we can send you the appropriate form or you may have already completed one, we could confirm that if you wish.

Yours in Him,  
The Team and Trustees



Photographs left to right: Phil Perry Chair of Trustees, Pam Glover trustee, Janet and Steve Harris trustees, Sue and Trefor Cook trustees, Jonathan and Vanessa Griffiths Quiet Waters team members, Debbie and Andy Jackman Quiet Waters team members.

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