



The Joanna Leach Foundation Easter Newsletter 2013

An anniversary date to remember - 8th April

January Snow at Shute



Snowdrops herald the Spring



Jo loved to see her Fritillaries come into bloom



Foundation AGM



Our AGM, postponed from September in London last year, was held at Shute on 23rd March 2013. It was attended by fifteen members and enabled us to conduct essential business:

- We formally elected our six Trustees
- Modified our Memorandum & Articles so that our Aims & Objects meet the formal requirements of the Charities Commission. We expect to have their approval shortly.
- Elected Mike Beville as Treasurer
- Approved the Accounts 2011-2012



At the conclusion of business, we enjoyed being entertained by Jilly Spencer and Andrew Carter, who reprised their performance of Jilly's perceptive and humorous version, in words and music, of the Windsor Diaries of Fanny Burney, recalling her relationship with George III and Queen Caroline.



It was wonderful to hear Jo's beloved Stodart piano, played with elegance and sensitivity, in the Music Room she had so lovingly created, and especially poignant was Andrew's opening piece, taken from a music manuscript that was written in 1823, the year Jo's Stodart was built.

'The Beehive' Community Centre



Work has really started !



Completion of the build is promised for 20th Dec 2013
Town Mayor David Foster said, "It is fantastic that after all the years of talk and discussion we are at last about to turn dreams into reality. The Beehive will be a much needed facility for the whole community and for future generations".

Besides the main auditorium there are meeting rooms and a cafe. There is also a main function room to be used for Council Meetings and by the Registrar for Weddings. This seats 100 and might also be suitable for smaller recitals.

The Beehive Fund

Our Beehive Fundraising for £10,000 to donate to the Beehive fitting out costs has so far raised £5,334. I know there are others who want to be associated and donate, so the fund will remain open until the naming of the main auditorium as the **Joanna Leach Hall** at our celebratory concert on **15th February 2014**.

