



The Summer Gathering at Shute Saturday 20th July

Around 40 friends joined us on a gloriously sunny day, bringing picnic lunches and taking advantage of the chance to explore 6 out of the 8 gardens here at Shute House. Fortunately temperatures had dropped a little with a cool breeze moderating the fierce almost tropical heat of earlier in the week.



A view of Annie's Garden

photo: Liz

There was an opportunity to visit Annie's Memorial to Jo and see the garden she has tended so lovingly with the cast-iron commemoration plaque which she generously has had made:-



Everyone gathered in Jo's Music Room at 2pm for a delightful hour's entertainment provided by The Dorvon Duo, (4 hands at the piano).

Mike was then accompanied by Andrew Carter singing a Flanders and Swann classic, "Have some Madeira, m'dear". This was very well received being delivered with great gusto and maverick humour. The programme concluded with Tom Ballantyne performing Songs from the Shows, again accompanied by Andrew.

After this we went over to The Old Playhouse, No.1, for a delicious cream tea. Our thanks to our hosts, Sam and Bijan Omrani and to Michael and Judy Knights who manfully wielded kettles and teapots to make sure no-one was left gasping in the heat of the day.

Andreas Boyde and the TJLF link with Tiffin School in Kingston



The **Artist in Residence** year at Tiffin School concluded with Andreas holding Master Classes and a second Recital just before the end of the Summer term.

The TJLF Bursaries have been awarded to **Jonghyeon Lee** and **Ryan Ung**, both students in Year 9. We hope to bring you some more information about these young men in the next Newsletter.

"The Beehive" Progress

The Beehive has grown apace and construction is on schedule. The roof is on and the building's considerable size is clearly apparent for all to see; proclaiming itself to be a venue of great import, adding greatly to Honiton's cultural opportunities.



The Beehive under construction

photo: Liz

15th February 2014: A Celebratory Concert presented by TJLF for **The Opening of The Beehive** and the naming of the main auditorium as **The Joanna Leach Hall**.

We have a London Orchestra, **The Brandenburg Sinfonia**, with **Andreas Boyde**, piano, (together they thrilled us at the Tiffin concert last year), who will be joined this time by the **Axminster Choral Society & Chamber Choir**. The programme includes the **Beethoven Piano Concerto No.5 "The Emperor"**, **Mozart Missa Brevis** in D and the **Beethoven Choral Fantasia**.

This concert is to be the first event in a week of celebrations and promises to be unmissable! Tickets, £10, £15 or £25, will be available in early January, via the Honiton TIC who will also be able to advise on overnight accommodation for those coming a distance.

5th October, 2014: **Emmanuel Bach**, violin, will be appearing at The Beehive with **Roger Hendy's Isca Ensemble**, a local orchestra. Programme details still have to be confirmed. Emmanuel is a highly talented violinist, an Oxford undergraduate who has an impressive number of concerts already under his belt, both in the UK and abroad. He is the son of Jenny Bach, who for many years was Jo's duet partner.



The Western approach to Shute House

Photo: Anna Ralph

Activities this year have been somewhat sparse as Liz was diagnosed with cervical cancer in March and had to begin an aggressive regime of radiotherapy and Chemo in late April, which continued until 4th June. We are glad to say that despite being completely flattened by the treatment she is now coming back to health and strength. We haven't had the "All Clear" yet but the doctors are pleased with her progress which, they say, is going in the right direction.

Trustee News

Following the AGM in March, Susan Parker, Jo's elder daughter, sadly has indicated that she feels unable to fulfil the role of Trustee at this time due to family commitments.