

Newsletter – April 2005

Welcome to our latest newsletter which we hope you will enjoy.

Sadly for the Society this month has seen the departure of the Society's Treasurer who had been with us for over 24 years. Mike Penn started as Treasurer at a time when we were two separate Societies and was responsible for much of the work which made the merger possible. The Society are very grateful for all of his hard work and his departure was marked by the presentation of a small token of the Executive's appreciation at a recent meeting of the Executive committee.

St. Mary's House



St. Mary's have had a very busy programme of events over the last month with entertainment from both Tony Ogden and Ralph Warwick as well as a number of guest speakers at their Wednesday morning coffee mornings. One such guest recently was committee member Alan Meadowcroft who gave a poetry reading. In May the Wednesday coffee morning will play host to a speaker from BBC radio who will be coming to talk to the residents about the 'People's War' project which the BBC is currently undertaking. Residents from all three of our houses will be invited along to hear about the project and it is hoped that some of our residents will take part in making recordings.



Residents, staff and committee were sad recently when a previous resident of the house, Mrs Eve Porter, passed away and many of them attended the funeral. The house is most grateful to Jan and Mike Porter for their generous gift in her memory and this is being used to purchase additional items for the new conservatory.

A recent addition to the office at St. Mary's House is a computer which when not in use by the staff will be available to residents and volunteers; those who are not familiar with computers will be able to take advantage of one to one sessions to explain the basics.

Annett House

Annett House will be holding a coffee morning on Wednesday 4th May which is open to all. As always there will be a raffle and a bring and buy as well as the chance to enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat with the residents and volunteers. If you would like to attend but need directions please do not hesitate to contact me using the details at the bottom of the page.

For those who have been following the progress of the building works the only remaining item is the new porch which should be in place shortly and a grand opening is planned for early summer so look out for pictures in the July newsletter.

Sibleys Orchard

Sibleys Orchard are very grateful to have recently received a bequest from a previous resident Mrs Ann May who left us some time ago as she needed a higher level of care than we were able to provide and who has now passed on. The money has been put aside and will be used to benefit the residents of Sibleys Orchard.

Following our announcement of the retirement shortly of the existing housekeeper at Sibleys Orchard, the recruitment process is now underway. Members of the committee will be interviewing candidates shortly and an announcement will be made in due course.



Help us and win a prize!

We will shortly be relaunching our newsletter with a new format and a new name and we would like your help. If you can think of a suitable title just let me know (contact details at bottom of newsletter) together with your name and address. If your suggestion is used you will win a small prize—in the event of more than one person submitting the same suggestion there will be a draw to decide the winner.

If you have any questions about Abbeyfield or would like more information about any of our Houses please do not hesitate to contact me using the details below.

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