

THE FRIENDS' AUTUMN NEWSLETTER, 2011

<u>Coffee Morning</u> – Saturday the 3rd of December – St. Mary's Church Parish Centre.

1030 - 1230. Entrance fee remains £1.

A Flier will be issued closer to the event giving details on where you can forward your cakes, jams, chutneys, bric-a-brac, books, bottles and raffle prizes. A stunning Original Watercolour Painting raffle prize has recently been donated, some one will go home very happy.

May I thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

Stop Press

Visit to Shrewsbury scheduled for Tuesday 1st May – Thursday 3rd May 2012 staying at the The Best Western Valley Hotel, Ironbridge. All with private facilities. Bookings are being taken **now**. For more details please see pages 11 & 12.

Autumn Cover 2011 - by Wendy Osborne.

On the front

The Front Cover: An enchanted moment.

This 12 year-old guest of the Friends, at their Party for the Children of Chernobyl, had great fun learning to make herself a sparkly Venetian mask.

Like the other young mask-makers, she had to wait patiently for it to dry, before she could try it on.

At last it was ready. Carefully, she slipped the elastic over her head, and steadied the delicious confection with both hands..... Magic!

Suddenly, she's a mysterious and beautiful creature from a fairy tale world, in a sunlit garden full of flowers and friends, laughter and kindly hospitality.

Worlds away from poverty, tragedy and hardship: all the seemingly unending legacy of nuclear contamination.

When all the children left, chattering happily and clutching the spoils of their Treasure Hunt, she was carrying her mask very carefully, to take home. On the 20/21 of November, candles will be lit simultaneously in city squares throughout Europe, to remind young people everywhere of the catastrophe that still continues - even for children yet to be born - 25 years after the worst environmental disaster in history.

The Back cover: Work in Progress!

For a year or so a small team, led by your Curator, has had ongoing thoughtful discussion about this unresolved space: the enclosed strip running alongside Terrace Walk, behind the roses and perennials of the Fountain garden.

At first, it seemed to lend itself to the idea of a Secret Garden, to be discovered as you passed the opening from Terrace Walk.

But secret places in a public garden have obvious drawbacks; besides, being enclosed deprives the space of light and rain, limiting the choice of plants that would thrive there.

Now, thanks to the hard work of the Friends' fundraisers, we can afford to think of a more ambitious scheme; one that will resolve the problems of integrating this space within the overall design and usage of the Garden, and create a special place which will also be one of the prettiest vistas that open out as you stroll down Terrace Walk.

Initial clearances will soon begin, (thanks to the hard work of Volunteers!) which will enable a detailed plan to take shape with estimated costs, for what is proposed should be the **Diamond Jubilee part of Crescent**Garden.

More about the Diamond Jubilee project at the next AGM – don't miss it!

From your Curator

I am sitting at my desk writing this report in October. The sun is streaming through the window, and temperatures far exceed the norm for this time of year. If only the rest of the Summer had been so warm and welcoming! Often we had cold wet days which made working in the garden difficult, and even saw visitors running for shelter at some of our events!

In May we welcomed the judges for the Green Flag Award inspection. Caroline Smith from the Borough's parks department and I walked through Crescent Garden with them. Prior to their visit there had been a flurry of activity. Volunteer Gardeners weeded, pruned, edged, swept and scrubbed whilst the Council's team mowed the lawn and emptied the bins, and I must say the Garden looked immaculate! At the time all seemed to go well, and happily we were awarded another Green Flag in August. The Mayor Councillor Carter and Councillor Burgess were present at the Flag Raising ceremony, as well as many borough officers, friends and volunteers.

Our annual Plant Sale was also in May, but this year it was held for two days, and had the extra bonus of delicious home made cakes and teas which Lesley Flett served with her team of helpers. As usual we had a wonderful array of interesting plants to sell, and in spite of near arctic conditions we were well supported by the Friends and the event raised just over £800.00. The money was sent to the National Garden Scheme to support their many charities which include: Macmillan Cancer Support; Help the Hospices; Marie Curie Cancer Care; Arthritis Research UK; ABF The Soldiers Charity; and many others beside. You might be interested to know that NGS charitable donations in 2011 amounted to £2,600,000.

Sadly two of the planned events- Gosport's Big Day Out and the National Childbirth Trusts' Teddy Bear's Picnic had to be called off in June as the weather was indescribably dreadful. However, one event took place in spite of the weather and that of course was our Garden Party. At precisely 6.10pm as the Mayor and Mrs Carter alighted from their car the heavens opened and everyone made a dash for the Pimms tent (to take shelter from the weather, you understand). Those who couldn't find cover under canvas huddled under trees, and the party carried on regardless! We were delighted to welcome our MP Caroline Dineage this year.

RHS Britain in Bloom (South and South East) judging took place later in June and Crescent Garden was spruced up once more in preparation for the big day. This year there were two sets of judges who seemed very pleased with all we had done during the past twelve months. Of course they gave nothing away and we had to wait until the middle of September until we discovered the outcome. (See David Merritt's account of the Awards Ceremony at Fontwell Park on pages 4 & 5).

Finally in September Crescent Garden was represented at English Heritages' Open Days. This year we had a fund raising stall, and sold plants, jam and preserves as well as beautiful cards and a new Christmas card venture which proved very popular with our visitors. During organised tours, Regency ladies, gentlemen and children were seen strolling through the grounds; taking the beneficial sea air.

We have been well supported throughout the year by dedicated volunteer gardeners, friends and our colleagues in the Town Hall who have all gone the extra mile in order for the garden to be at its' best for our numerous visitors, to enjoy. It has been a successful summer, and we go into autumn in good heart.

A special Thank You! - to David Tinling, who - besides hours of deadheading - has spent so many evenings methodically watering the Garden, section by section. His faithful efforts have kept many plants alive and blooming longer during this erratic Summer, and have been greatly appreciated.

Gilly Jaynes

South & South East in Bloom Awards 2011 - 7th September

Fontwell Park (The Racecourse) was the venue chosen for this year's awards ceremony. Four of the Friends' gardeners attended the event which was held in the newly opened Conference Centre (also doubles up as the Premier Grandstand) and a mighty impressive building it is, and capable of holding 500 people at any one time.

The event was hosted by:
Peter Holman – Chairman, South & South East in Bloom
Jim Buttress – Former chairman of Britain in Bloom judges
Chris Collins – Special guest presenter

After coffee on arrival, the awards ceremony started at 11am with Introductions and welcome.

There was certainly an atmosphere, almost tension, in the Premier Grandstand first floor lounge amongst the 400 or so supporters of Gardens large and small throughout the South & South East of England. The hosts kept the visitors entertained during the day with their lively banter and jokes, it really was a good show.

First Award - RHS - Its your Neighbourhood Crescent Garden – Level 5 – Outstanding

Second Award – South & South East in Bloom – Parks Crescent Garden – Small Park of the Year

Third Award – South & South East in Bloom Crescent Garden – Gold

The Chairman's Special Awards St. Marks's Churchyard

The awards from bronze to gold in a wide variety of classes including, small and large park, small and large village. There was also a town's class and many others.

Each award was collected by two people associated with the chosen garden or venue and then had their photograph taken with two of the hosts.

Awards was completed at 3.30pm. Yes there was a break for lunch and a very nice buffet it was too.

Friends Events/Outings during 2011

15^{th -} 17th April - Visit to Holland's Keukenhof Gardens.

Leaving St.Mary's Church Parish Centre at 7am on the Friday we arrived at the Mercure aan de Amstel Hotel nr Amsterdam nearly 12 hours later. The lengthy journey time was partly due to heavy traffic particularly approaching the French/Belgian borders. Finally the slow progress meant the driver had to have a break in driving due to the need for him to comply with the EU laws. Fortunately the driver knew of a nice restaurant which offered refreshments, we just made it before he had to stop.

Arriving at the hotel, and after freshing up, having a quick look around we realised the hotel was really a good choice, very comfortable, smart and spotless. After our first meal pleased to report that there was a good, wide choice to select from and it remained that way for all our visit.

Saturday we headed for the Gardens. The closer we got the more coaches we were seeing appearing from all directions. Within a few hours we arrived. We were advised to carefully note where our coach was and what good advice that was, as there were hundred's of coaches from many parts of Europe.

On entering the Gardens there was a spectacular fountain, one of many to be seen on our visit. We were greeted by ladies and gentlemen dressed in traditional costumes, only too pleased for you to have your photo taken with them.

The Gardens are massive, besides all the flowers covering the entire site,

there are plenty of other exhibits for you to explore and admire, including a genuine wooden working windmill. If you fancied a canal boat trip they had that too, but you needed to book early for that, as it was very popular.

Plenty of eateries and a chance to sample Dutch beers. A large lake again with giant fountains, a pleasant place to relax for a while and people watch. The Japanese were all over the place each it seemed wearing a different large hat virtually hiding their faces.

The main attraction of course, was to be the floral floats mounted on large lorries. Given a time when they would be passing by the Gardens, we eagerly awaited their arrival. Had we known we should have started an hour earlier. The roads were packed with people, with hindsight we should have known they would be!

For those of us lucky enough to see the floral floats they were spectacular and well worth the wait.

On our way home on the Sunday we had time to spend three hours in Bruges and what an enchanting city (the old parts) are, its called the Venice of the North due to its canals. After a particularly nice lunch, it was time to board the coach to return home with lots fond memories.

Many thanks go to **Pam Dimmock** once again for organising so well a very enjoyable visit.

15th September - Visit to Oxford Botanic Garden.

50 Friends attended this visit. Before the Botanic Garden was reached the first stop was to the Harcourt Arboretum which dates back to 1835. It started as a Pinetum, and has grown and blossomed. Many took the opportunity to enjoy a unique blend of Garden and Nature. The Arboretum has been part of Oxford University since 1963.

Moving on to the Botanic Garden we learnt that this type of garden is a collection of plants that are grown for purposes other than purely aesthetic reasons, and at Oxford they arrange the plants in attractive, sympathetic and exciting ways.

Furthermore this Garden is a national reference collection of 7,000 different types of plant, making it the most compact yet diverse collection of plants in the World- there is even more biological diversity there than there is in tropical rain forests.

The Garden contains many fine and unusual trees and it was very pleasant wandering amongst them on a perfect day. There was time to

explore Oxford and its ancient buildings and churches. It certainly is a very busy and cosmopolitan place.

A very enjoyable day out thanks to **Enid Billington** who did the organising so well.

18th June - The Friends' Twentieth Garden Party

The Garden Party got off to a wet start, with some rain, umbrellas were going up all over the place, the $9m \times 3m$ tent provided some shelter, but not for all, and those in the shelter were not completely safe as it was found to have several leaks. Fortunately the weather improved and the umbrellas soon came down.

You will be pleased to know that the $9m \times 3m$ tent, which has served us well in the past has been replaced by 2 brand new $6m \times 3m$ tents which are easier to put up and have increased the shelter capacity.

15 invited guests in all attended the Garden Party including the Mayor Cllr. Chris Carter and his wife the Mayoress Julia Carter and Caroline Dinenage MP who decided to join the 'Friends'.

Gosport Borough Councillors and Council employees were well represented.

225 adults paid for tickets the final number of adults being 240 almost the same number as last year. Not all of those that paid attended, probably put off by the anticipated wet weather forecast. The number of youngsters was down on last year.

Gill Comrie has reported that selling tickets went very well, most people followed the instructions published in the Spring Newsletter and she recommends the procedures should be retained, also she is willing to continue to be the sole seller next year if she is available.

Gill is to be congratulated again on her patience, excellent accountability and helpfulness.

A replacement portable PA System is being investigated as the current system cannot be employed in wet weather like we had this year. On this occasion, fortunately, a battery powered megaphone was provided by **Julian Bennett**.

People have been very complimentary about the Party and it's very reassuring to have that feedback, because we want everyone to enjoy the occasion as a large number of people put a lot of time and effort into organising the event and supporting it in a number of ways. Thank you to all those who gave their time, provided the superb food, made the Pimms, acted as greeters, put the tents up (and then down).

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Thanks also to those that cleared away at the Party's end. The Raffle team; and those kind Friends who provided the raffle prizes. Thanks also to those that arranged for the young people who served us so well.

Jill Parry

Jill is retiring from the Garden Party Committee, after 19 Garden Parties! One of the founder Members of the Friends' Committee, Jill not only worked hard for years as a volunteer gardener, but also took on the daunting task of being the Friends' first Hon. Treasurer. We are all so gratefully appreciative of Jill's contribution to the Garden and to the Friends', for over 20 years. **Thank you Jill!**

Chernobyl children's party June 2011

This year the Friends of Crescent garden welcomed another seven children from Chernobyl, to a party in the garden. It is hard to believe that this year was the 25th anniversary of the disaster, and harder still to realise that this generation of children are still experiencing health issues, so many years after the event.

This was to be my last year as organiser, as Helen Feculak, a teacher and busy mum of three, has volunteered to take over from 2012.

As always, change brings great new ideas, and Helen organised a party with a craft theme. The main event being the making of wonderful Venetian masks. The six girls and one boy were soon 'getting creative' with sequins, glitter, feather and ribbons. Helen had also organised for face painting, nail art and jewellery making. This year under the supervision of Gilly Jaynes and Clare Cattling, the children planted some extra hazel plants into the new(ish) hedge on terrace walk. It's lovely to think that they have contributed to the garden.

As always the tea table groaned under the weight of food. Helen's Polish platter of salami and pickles, being an instant hit with the children. It has become tradition for the party to end with a treasure hunt, followed by Felicity Anderson's delicious chocolate cake. Helen even managed to get sponsorship of the children's party bags from a friend, Sandra Adar who runs an on-line party bag company www.littlecherry.co.uk. A big thanks to Sandra for such generosity.

As the afternoon wore on, many local children arrived home from school and joined in, helping to welcome, entertain and befriend and play with the children from Belarus. It was a real international gathering.

Pat Unwin, the local organiser of the charity, Chernobyl Childrens' Lifeline, came along with some of the host mums. They really struggled this year to find families to host the children, hence the numbers being so low. They are holding an annual fundraising event on the 4th November and Pat was wondering if any of the Friends would like tickets. It is a 70s and 80s disco, to be held at the Community center at Lee on Solent and the tickets are £4 each. If you are interested please ring Pat Unwin now on 01329 319151

Thank you to all the Friends who help to make this such a special afternoon. Thank you to everyone who brought food and helped to befriend and entertain the children. Thank you to Cynthia Barrett for donating such a range of pre-loved cuddly toys, and to Clare for donating the books that had been illustrated by her husband. Everything is so appreciated by the kids from Chernobyl, and that is what makes it such a special party.

If any Friends would like to make a donation in money or their time, for next year's party, please contact me, Lesley Flett on 02392613907 or Helen Feculak on 0790338239.

Lesley Flett

Many thanks to Lesley for all her endeavours over a number of years in making the Party for the children so wonderful.

Welcome to **Helen Feculak**. We are sure that any help she might need will be forthcoming.

Another short anecdote by one of our regular gardeners

GREEN FLAG FILLIES

I've never got the hang of how to please the ladies. I try to do the right things: opening doors, giving up my seat on the bus and so on but things seem to go wrong. Somehow or another I manage to rub them up the wrong way, er, metaphorically speaking. Take anniversaries for instance. In our house you won't hear pink-padded cards plopping onto the door mat.

For cards and presents we seek to focus on the centrality of each other's worth; to capture those quintessential elements that represent a long term relationship. My missus loves her garden; out there all day and every day, night time too, if the moons up. So come Valentine's Day I bought her a wheelbarrow.

That didn't seem to work. Things were a bit sticky for a while but I'm pleased to say they are getting back to normal. Like, I'm no longer

cooking my own meals. I tell you - I don't want to see another boiled egg for the rest of my life.

What! Which one of you shouted, "The way you're going matey, it won't be a long one."? How very dare you!

Things aren't much better down at the Gardens. You may recall the unfortunate incident when inadvertently, and without malice aforethought, I chopped down the Curator Emeritus' favourite holly bush and found myself banished long term to Compost Corner, there side-lined, so to speak, from the Green Team.

You know about the Green Team of course; an indispensable band of volunteers. Its membership has the odd male, like me, floating around searching for life's meaning, but the bulk, perhaps I should say, core of the team is the Ladies, known locally since last year's success, as the Green Flag Fillies.

Now you don't want to get on the wrong side oF these Ladies. Singularly or *en masse* they are a pretty tough antidote to any errant goings-on in the Gardens. One glance from a Filly and bay shoots wilt and die. Dogs run yelping into bushes, picking up their poo as they go. At a whiff of the Fillies' martial presence youths intent on mischief gather up their beers and fags and flee for the hills crying for their mummies. If hands are ever laid on these heroes it will bring a whole new meaning to the term 'Dead Heading'.

How should I ingratiate myself with these formidable females? I have a cunning plan. Up in Compost Corner I am not alone. Me and the robin chat away quite happily and if you want to achieve tranquillity, chum up with a couple of slow worms and a hedgehog. But, and here's the trick, I have worms.

There is not greater joy to a gardener than to open a compost bin and discover churning away in a half eaten marrow a composition of writhing and wriggling Brandling worms, beloved by fishermen, the size of a cricket ball and doing their stuff.

Now all the Green Flag Fillies are keen gardeners. So that's my solution: *give 'em worms!*

And this I have done on two very successful occasions. Take a container, line with nice rich compost, add a handful of worms and

kitchen scraps to keep 'em sweet, cover and leave on the Filly's doorstep. I anticipate a flood of requests.

Well Gentlemen, what do you think of it so far? What! I hear you chorus, "Rubbish!" How very dare you! If that's yer attitude I suggest you leap on the old bike and wing it down to the nearest florist, there to buy for your good lady and girl of your dreams (trusting that they are co terminus), a lovely array of red, white and cream roses. On the way home slip into Waitrose and pick up that bar of Green & Blacks you know she can't resist; now slide round to the wines - you get my drift.

By the way. About those roses. Don't forget that they've been standing with their feet in delicious rich compost. And you know what's been tickling their toes!

There may be sceptics among you who suspect that a bit of my writing owes more to fantasy than fact. Well, here's a true story. In Compost Corner the bins are identified by names and the main bin for the year's leaves is named 'JULIAN', the master bin if you will. I called at No. 21 as Wendy and Julian were preparing breakfast to ask Wendy to pass on a message which involved transferring leaf mould to a compost bin. "But where do they get the leaf mould?", asked Wendy. "From Julian", I replied, referring to the eponymous container. "From Julian?!", cried Wendy, "But he's making the porridge!".

David Palmer (Compost Specialist)

(More about the bins in next year's Spring Newsletter)

Visit to Shrewsbury on Tuesday 1st - 3rd May 2012

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Depart St. Mary' Church Parish Centre at 9am on Tuesday 1st May 2012. Return to Gosport around 8pm on Thursday 3rd May.

49 seater coach equipped with reclining seats, seat belts, Toilet and DVD.

Hot and cold drinks facilities.

Hotel accommodation – 2 nights Dinner, bed and breakfast at 3* Best Western Valley Hotel, Ironbridge. All rooms with private facilities.

Entrance to Powis Castle (NT property) on Wednesday & Hampton Court Castle included (not NT) on the return journey (Thursday).

Drivers accommodation included.

The coach will be available for local journeys throughout your stay subject to EU drivers hours regulations.

PRICE per person - NT Members - £195.60

PRICE per person - Non NT Member - £207.60

Single supplement £20 (maximum 8 singles)

Please telephone Pam Dimmock on 02392 526761 to indicate interest. This will not totally commit you at this stage.

You will be contacted in the New Year when commitment will be asked for.

Full payment will be required 8 weeks prior to departure.

Gosport Heritage Open Days - 8th -11th September 2011

For the second time the Friends' of Crescent Garden were invited to provide an event that would be of interest to both the local and wider communities. In all there were 31 events being put together in Gosport, we were the only Garden to be included.

Altogether sixteen volunteers mostly gardeners and a few friends were employed in putting on our events.

Some of volunteers were in the preparations team, putting up the tent and stalls and laying out the tables, chairs and filling the stalls with plants, preserves and our very own new designed Christmas cards available for the first time, and sold well. All of which had to be stowed away somewhere at the end of each day.

Four were employed as Tour Guides.

Seven ladies took it in turn to dress up in Regency style costumes and one gentleman, and on the last day of our event were joined by 3 young girls.

A number of volunteers manned the stalls.

Some of the volunteers were involved in more than one of the subjects just described.

Three rosters were necessary to ensure that the right people were in the right place at the right time.

Of course English Heritage do like information about visitors so a visitors book has to be kept, and visitors were to be requested to write comments and answer questions in a Feedback form. The Organiser of our event has a separate form to fill in at the end of the events. All of these documents have to be collected and returned to English Heritage HQ in London.

Visitor numbers were up from 80 adults last year to 117 adults this year. Children numbers were much the same between 6 and 8.

One event (2pm Thursday) saw 15 mobility-impaired visitors, three of which were in wheelchairs arriving by using the Jolly bus. Many of these visitors required frequent stops during their tour round the Garden and so the tour guide and others manning the stalls provided chairs. Needs of the disabled were taken into account with the provision of details about the garden in a 50% enlarged pamphlet of information, also a set of Braille cards carried the same information

Kate Barnard, one of our gardeners was particularly interested in the visitor feedback and carried out her own 'Visitor Analysis', the results of which were as follows:

Of those visitors who signed the registration form (Visitors book) we know that:

75% came from Gosport (of which a quarter were from Alverstoke)

25% came from further field:

⅔ from other parts of Hampshire (as far away as East Meon)
⅓ from outside the county with the furthest from Cambridge and Yorkshire (both brought back to the area through family ties).

Their main form of publicity were the Gosport Flier, Posters, word of mouth and the internet.

Not all of those who booked showed up.

A lot of people already knew the garden but were keen to learn more about its history and plants.

Those who commented were very complimentary about the tour guides.

In all £450.30 was raised for the Friends' funds.

Next year will be the 25 Anniversary of Gosport HOD'S and the Gosport Heritage Committee are hoping to put on 50 events as a way of celebrating this occasion.

The Peoples Choice Award

In August 2011 'The Greenflag' Organisation introduced a new Award called The Peoples Choice. All those who had been awarded a greenflag this year were eligible to enter for this Award.

The Friends' of Crescent Garden agreed to enter into the spirit of the competition, as a bit of fun and to see how it pans out.

The Greenflag Organisation covers the whole of England.

A website was introduced (<u>www.greenflagaward.org.uk</u>). By following the website links to the site of your choice allowed supporters to vote for the site of their choice, but their terminal can only be used once for this purpose.

As the number of greenflags awarded annually amount to many hundreds, it's a big competition.

In Hampshire there are 16 areas who have a total of 24 sites each of which have been awarded a Greenflag this year.

Gosport is an area and one site, Crescent Garden, was awarded a greenflag this year.

Portsmouth is another area and two sites Baffins Pond and Hilsea Lines each won a greenflag.

Some sites are much larger than others and are able to attract vastly more numbers of supporters than others

Crescent Garden attracted 120 voters, which was very good, and I would like to thank each and everyone for their support. This put us in second spot in Hampshire for number of votes cast.

Winners of Peoples choice awards were recently announced on 21st September, amongst them was Queen Elizabeth Country Park who came fifth in the Parks section – very well done to them with 429 voters.

5 sites did not get any votes.

Vast majority of sites in Hampshire got less than 10 votes which leaves one thinking that they might not have been aware of the competition, or not interested?

St. Mary's Church, Alverstoke Christmas Tree Festival

The Church will be decorated with Christmas trees, music will provide a festival atmosphere and seasonal refreshments will be available.

Once again the Friends are supporting this very popular event by sponsoring a tree and we will be attractively decorating our tree on Thursday the 8th December. Our tree will be labelled "Crescent Garden". From Friday 9th December the event will be open to the public for a small donation.

Last year's event was spectacular especially at night when all of the Christmas tree lights are a blaze of twinkling lights.

Contact Sue Simpson in the Parish Centre on 023 92580551 if you would like to help preparing the trees for fitting in the church on Thursday 8th December. **Thank you**.

"An Alverstoke Alphabet"

The recently launched, absolutely fascinating book, which tells the story of our village – its People, and its Past – is now on sale at all the local Bookshops; Gosport Tourist Information Centre and the Local Studies Centre, as well as at St. Mary's Parish Centre, Green Road, Alverstoke on weekday mornings. The book has a hard cover and a delightful dust jacket, the contents are in full colour and it costs £15. It is absolutely super and it will make the MOST PERFECT Christmas present EVER!!

Richard Thorne

<u>Your views and suggestions</u> on both Garden and Friends' activites are always welcome, either though our Chairman Don Cripps whose e-mail address is – <u>bandcripps@btinternet.com</u> or the Curator – <u>gillyis@hotmail.co.uk</u>

or

Any of the committee members, their email address's were described in the Friends Spring Newsletter, 2011 (pages 4 & 5)

Next Annual General Meeting

Saturday 25th February 2012 – St. Mary's Church Parish Centre, 2-30 – 5pm. Hope to see you there.

David Marritt

Friend's Hon. Secretary

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