



THE FRIEND'S SPRING NEWSLETTER, 2011

DATES FOR DIARIES

The Plant Sale Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd May, each day from 10 to 12am.

Chernobyl Children's Party Wednesday 8th June, from 2 to 4 pm.

The Friends' Garden Party** Saturday 18th June, from 6 to 8pm.

Friend's Autumn Visit to the University of Oxford Botanic Gardens**
Thursday the 15th September

The Friends' Coffee Morning Saturday 3rd December, the Parish Centre, 10-30 to 12-30.

The Next AGM Saturday 26th February 2012, the Parish Centre at 2.30.

**** Booking Forms for both events are included in this Newsletter**

Spring Cover 2011 - by Wendy Osborne

On the front. In the 90's, on a foraging expedition for plants for Crescent Garden, we went to Burncoose Nurseries in Cornwall. The budget was small, so we tended to buy small plants that were much cheaper.

I was looking for a *Magnolia denudata*, brought to England from China in 1789, and awarded the RHS Award of Garden Merit in 1936.

It is a parent of the familiar *M. Soulangeana*, which is flushed with rose-purple. It would be interesting, we thought, to have two different varieties of this lovely plant in Crescent Garden.

The specimen we brought back was tiny, and unlabelled, though Burncoose promised faithfully it was the right *Magnolia*.

It didn't flower for so long, we almost forgot it was there. When we did look, it looked disappointingly like the one we already had - *soulangeana* - but only the flowers would tell us.

This year - five buds!! The suspense, until they opened, after 16 years, has been hard to bear. But now - Taa -Daa! - here it is, a pure white ravishing beauty, poised in a sheltered spot away from scorching cold winds. Behind her, you can just see sunshine on the discreet wall of David Palmer's well designed compost bins, where all good leaves go, come the Autumn.

The back cover. Another treasure! Big investment this; five Trout Lilies, or Erythroniums, were expensive, 5 years ago. Soon after planting, they disappeared! Guilt set in, for wasting Friends' funds. Then they began to reappear - and spread, and spread. The leaves look like trout, stippled underwater, and the flowers are exquisitely delicate. A very early Spring treat, and something special to look for in the Garden. It came from America in 1830 and is also known as the Dog's tooth Violet because the little forked bulbs look like Alsatian's teeth.

THE FRIENDS' 18th A.G.M, 26th February 2011

Welcome and Address from the Chairman – Don Cripps
Don gave a warm welcome to every body especially the guests, His Worshipful the Mayor and Mayoress Councillor Roger and Mrs Jill Allen and Councillor Graham Burgess (Chairman of GBC Community and Environmental Board).

The year 2010 which mark's Gilly Jaynes' first year as an enthusiastic and knowledgeable Curator has seen a continuation of our successful cooperation with the Borough Council in maintaining the life of a truly Regency garden as it would have existed as part of the Crescent – which was of course built ten years before the 18 year old Victoria became Queen.

The Council workers provide professional expertise in areas such as **Tree and Lawn maintenance**, our keen volunteer gardeners concentrate on keeping up the true **character of the Regency garden** and the **detailed work** required to keep to the **high standards of design and maintenance** which have been developed **under Wendy's leadership** over the last 20 years.

I am glad to say that members of our hard working volunteer gardeners were rewarded by a special invitation to join his Worshipful the Mayor for tea in the Mayor's parlour at the end of the season,

The Friends activities during 2010 include the following:
In May the Plant Sale raised £400 for charity, through the NGS.

In June the Friend's annual Garden Party with Pimms, finger buffet and good weather was greatly enjoyed. The children from Chernobyl had great fun at their party later in the month

In September we participated in the Gosport Heritage Open Days, helped 80 visitors to see round our Regency garden which included two lovely Regency ladies with their children strolling across the lawn.

In December the Coffee Morning was well supported and raised a record £732 for the funds.

All these activities are organised and run by members of the Friends to make a positive contribution towards our aim to support and maintain for the community a true replica of a Regency garden. Please do not hesitate to come forward to help us out whenever you can, if you can, even if its just once a year.

These activities have many different needs - planning, organising and practical assistance on the day - and one can choose whatever suits one's own skills or energy. Please help us all to keep them going for the community - **It is enjoyable and fun too.**

Apologies – Secretary - David Merritt

22 members offered their apologies including Mrs Batey and Mrs Hayday both founder and Honorary Life Members.

Treasurer's Report – Pamela Mawby

On the back of your agenda you should find a copy of the 2010 statement of Income and expenditure.

You will see last years figures are in the right hand column for general comparison, you will be relieved to know that I am not going through the statement line by line, but I will make a few points.

Firstly, donations are greater than last year. This is because the figure includes money collected from the Friends' for Wendy Osborne's retirement gift.

The Events all showed a good profit over the year.

The Plant sale was very successful this year allowing us to make a contribution to the National Gardens Yellow book of £400.

The Gosport Borough Council grant for the trainee gardener reflected a full 12 months thus paying for our trainee's time. Hampshire County Council also provided a grant for the repair of the Fountain.

The sale of notelets and cards has been fantastic with most of the sales being made during the Heritage Open Days in September. The event also increased the overall profit by selling plants and prints.

With regard to expenditure, the administration and insurance have remained steady. You will see the costs of notelets and cards is quiet high, but enough have been sold to cover the costs and we still have a large stock of cards left to sell.

The garden expenses are actually down for the year and although there was an increase in the purchase of plants, the cost of both the mulch and equipment and the trainee gardener were less.

The overall financial position is good showing a small surplus of £80.71. The subscriptions are now £4 for the year – and are now due!! Hopefully the rise will help to keep our finances in a healthy position

I commend the acceptance of the accounts which have been audited by Ian Gallett.

If you have any questions I will do my best to answer them.

David Cook asked what we intended to do with the money that we had, did we have any major project in mind. The Chairman explained that it was prudent to keep the money at the level it was to deal with an unexpected large outgoing.

As there were no further questions the Friends' were asked to vote for acceptance of the accounts, a number of Friends' raised their hands and the selected Proposer was Enid Billington and seconded was Jane Harris.

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

When Don asked for support for the re-selection of the Friends' Committee a host of hands were raised. Roy Anderson was chosen as the Proposer and John Dimmock the seconder for the motion to continue with the Committee in its entirety. The following were selected as members of the Committee:

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Pam Mawby was the Acting Hon. Treasurer for a number of months leading up to the AGM. It was a busy time for Pam as she had the task of preparing the Friends' Accounts for the annual Audit, a job she excelled in. It was a joy to work with Pam and very pleasing that she has agreed to remain on the Committee when she is available.

Trip to Holland

Pam Dimmock gave an update on the arrangements for the visit to Holland, which now also includes a three hour stop for sight seeing and lunch in Bruges (Venice of the North)-Belgium on the way home.

Pam was pleased to announce that she now has almost 40 people going on the visit, the number that the original price quoted, was based on.

Don't forget your Passport and put your alarm clocks on, as the coach leaves at 7am.

The Gardening Report: the AGM and beyond

Gilly Jaynes - Friends' Curator

2010 was a busy year in Crescent Garden. As I reported in the Autumn Newsletter, we retrieved a Green Flag (our 6th), won the top mark in SE England-in-Bloom Small Parks Category, and were awarded an "Outstanding" certificate for our Neighbourhood involvement. And, for the twelfth year running, the Garden reached the high standard of excellence required by the

National Scheme for inclusion in the famous "Yellow book", a recognised hallmark for gardens throughout the land.

The Green Flag, as you know, is an award of excellence for public open spaces.

What you may not know is just how thorough these inspections are! Two Judges walk round the Garden with a Council representative and the Friend's Curator, asking searching questions for perhaps two hours, eyes darting everywhere.

We - by "we" I mean the Borough and the Friend's volunteers - were more than determined to retrieve this trophy, and I tell you it was a superb joint effort. We scrubbed the railings twice to make sure, and the new Interpretation Board got there with hours to go. As the Judges admired it, I found myself praying nobody would lean on it, as the concrete was still drying round the uprights. John Dimmock painted the benches, Julian Osborne managed to refix the top of the fountain in the nick of time, and a last-minute working party came early to ensure all was immaculate.

We had to wait until August for the good news.

Britain in Bloom Judges look at everything, too. Infrastructure, including paths, bins, benches, railings, shed, tools, compost bunkers, health and safety, volunteer set-up, and insurance, the Friends' organisation, the partnership with the Borough, events, training....Plants seem almost secondary, or so it appears to me.

Not so with the National Garden Scheme; Patricia Elkington the County Organiser, does a spot check on her own, with a camera, unheralded - and quite prepared for ruthless rejection if horticultural standards have slipped! For twelve years she's smiled approval for Crescent Garden, its plants and planting. The national publicity our hard-earned entry in the Yellow Book gives us is repaid by our Plant Sale contributions to the millions of pounds the NGS gives annually to Charities.

This year we've been asked to make it a 2-day event, so we'll be holding it on the 21st and 22nd May. Please, please, as I know you will, support this event by bring your spare plants and buying lots of others on the day - we'll need a lot of plants this year!

Wendy Hobson, our excellent WRAGS Trainee Gardener, finished her year with us in September, but fortunately was able to stay with us until her successor, Clare Gatling, was appointed. Clare is settling in very well.

Around mid-summer (Derby Day) the Box Hedge needs its annual cut. This is Bill Rundle's department, and it's a huge job; this year he's starting a little earlier to lessen the pressure. Some of us have volunteered, under his tutelage, to help out, but I suspect it might not be quite so immaculate. Every single Judge has admired and commented on Bill's beautifully tailored Box Hedge, which sets off the entire garden.

Moving into Autumn, the Garden went out with a riotous display of colour, and then settled down into a well-earned sleep. A small, lone badger dug up the lawn several times a week, searching for grubs, and then early snow weighed down branches, but with only minor damage this time.

We're planning to repeat last year's successful and enjoyable participation in Gosport's Heritage Open Days, with more of Rita Rundle's popular preserves to sell, along with cards, posters and plants, in aid of the Friends – and very likely we'll be joined again by time travellers from the 1830!

This Spring we have observed some flaking of the inner wall of the Portland stone pool surround. The cold weather? This could certainly be a factor, but close inspection shows the waterproofing inner coating has deteriorated and may need replacement. The manufacturers will be contacted for advice in case a refit is advisable - not really surprising after 11 years.

It's been a wonderful year, full of laughter, companionship and a little backache. We've had constant help and support from our colleagues in the Council: hard work and commitment from the volunteer gardeners, and the strong foundation of the Friends to underpin the whole.

And this year?

One ambition is to realise the potential of the Eastern corner (leaving the woodpile for insects undisturbed) – and the other is to establish a small, tucked away and secret place, a delightful surprise for visitors to discover from Terrace Walk.

Both these projects need careful research – Dave Stubington, the Council's Arboricultural Officer, has already given us helpful advice on the East corner.

They will dig into our funds, take a lot of hard work, and probably take several years to perfect. But they will complete and enrich a garden still evolving to achieve its full potential, and we hope will give even more pleasure to its many visitors and Friends.

The Mayor – Cllr Roger Allen

Both the Mayor and Councillor Burgess gave a short speech thanking the Friends' for all their good work in Crescent Garden and promising that the Council will continue to maintain the support they currently supply if at all possible.

The AGM being completed it was time for tea and a fine raffle.

Artwork for the Friends – by Wendy Osborne

Cards, as reported, have sold well. We have a few left; if anyone would like some, let David know. As you can see from the cover, there have been plenty of good things to photograph this year already! Many other people come to the Garden, some to take pictures, others to paint them, it's good that they find inspiration here, and we are always interested to see their work. Some is available commercially, but of course their sales don't benefit the Friends.

A Christmas card for the Friends has been tried in the past, and sold out very quickly. I have a very Christmassy one to show the Committee this year - all that snow! - thinking it would be good to organise one well in advance that will be worthy of the wonderful Christmas display Lesley Flett is planning to repeat this year. (I'm going to book one of her Christmas cakes in advance, last year's was brilliant).

No progress on the **Book of the Garden** project. As most of you know, Julian has needed a lot of care. He's recovering very well from months of gruelling treatment, and we would both like to thank the Friends for so many kind wishes and offers of help. The Friends' Volunteer Gardeners were especially amazing, joining with our neighbours and daughters in a rota to drive us cheerfully on the unending trips to QA, often in freezing conditions.

The good-will long associated with Crescent Garden overflowed in our direction, in a way we will never forget. Thank you!

Heritage Open Days, 8-11 September

Free tours of Crescent Garden on offer to visitors, and we also welcome Friends' who might wonder what we get up to at these events, and might like to know more details of the Garden and the Crescent. If you are lucky you might see a Regency dressed lady or two. We also have some stalls where plants, cards, and jams can be purchase, so we raise funds at the same time.

Another anecdote by our regular correspondent – and chief of the compost heaps (bunkers)

CAT IN THE OVEN - by David Palmer

A friend from the north of England had a very superstitious mother, which made for some fun as I had a very superstitious mother. But his Mum had the edge. We concurred on the terrors of spilling salt and crossing knives but his road to becoming a respected doctor was strewn with good luck charms. The rabbit's foot got him through the 11+ but before an exam for his medical degree he felt compelled to phone Mum to ask, "Have you put the cat in the oven?" I have Googled and Yahoo'd to my heart's discontent but can find no explanation so if you come up with one, do let me know. The cat is briefly held in the open oven with no cruelty other than puss's bewilderment. Good fortune is ensured. I acknowledged my friend's educational progress thus:

Cat in the Oven Poem (3 verses)

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<p><i>Oh please, Don't put the cat in the oven, Mother, You polished my shoes, Put my cap on straight, Chatted to the other Mums, As I learnt my letters, And did my sums, You met me at the gate.</i></p>	<p><i>But please, Don't put the cat in the oven, Mother, I know I did you wrong, While you made a song and dance, About matters ruled by chance, I spilt the salt, Walked under ladders, Looked at the moon through glass, Used up the cat's nine lives, Crossing knives, But still managed, Through all the fuss, To pass the 11 plus.</i></p>	<p><i>Don't put the cat in the oven, Mother – please, While you sought to appease, Dark spirits of the ancient wood, Or burnt offerings to a fearful God, I followed another road, The broken mirror, Of which you were never told - a gift of seven years, In which hard work conquered bad luck, But you brushed my gown, And put my cap on straight, So - thank you, For being at the gate.</i></p>

Gardening has its superstitions by the trug load and Crescent Garden is well represented. Bay trees ward off witchcraft which is obviously true as I haven't seen a witch for ages. (I don't know, though; come on a Wednesday you might

see one or two) It also encourages good health which explains why Haslar hospital became redundant.

Rosemary and Sage grow best where a woman is the dominant spouse and where there is no unrighteousness.

So *that's* what my wife had been up to all these years!

Boxwood has its place. Unlike Lilac, which is bad luck to have in the house, Boxwood has been welcomed in the home since the 12th C to ward off evil spirits though damage to the fountain suggests that it doesn't work all of the time.

But the splendid precision of the Boxwood hedge comes at a price. Passers-by in the spring and summer may notice a tall, distinguished gentleman surveying the hedge. He may appear motionless but holding his trusty shears as an artist may a brush or a sculptor a chisel, he will step forward - 'Snip'; an offending leaf is dispatched, or 'Snap'; a suspicion of unevenness is dealt with. The gentleman will pause, looking east towards the rising sun; he is heard to murmur, "Only another 200 metres to go!". Later in the season he looks west and murmurs, "Only another 200 metres to go!" As the poet said: *In my end is my beginning.*

Next time you walk the Garden paths, notice that these are clear and the edges trim. A lady and gentleman have completed their weekly task with rake and brush. Together with Boxwood Bill they are the backbone of the work, which keeps the Garden looking at its best.

And to mention one or two others:

Maids with spades

Forkers and Talkers

Potters-up and Potters-on

Bedders and Dead-Headerers

Sweepers and Heapers

Hedgers and Edgers

Poopers and Scoopers

Nothing interrupts the coming of the coffee cups

A wench on a bench - with lunch

A mum on a seat - a babe at her feet

An elderly couple stop to chat - about this and that

A dog - and his do-in

An empty bottle of Mother's Ruin

Bays - held at bay

And the indispensable: Friends - and their Spends

The Council support from the guys in God's Port

Plant Sale Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd May - both days from 10-12am

Bring and buy, if you can – Bargains galore! Could you help us sell plants? It would be great, as it's a popular event, and the first hour is always very busy. Please ring Rita if you are available.

All plants brought should be clearly labelled as some buyers and sellers may not have met them before!

Have plants, can't deliver on the 21st May? Please let Rita Rundle know and she will come to some arrangement. (It would be a great help if you could tell Rita (tel. no 02392 587311) in advance what plants you're thinking of bringing, so she can be sure of a storage place.)

Last year, lots of Friends provided a wide mixture of highly desirable plants: it would be excellent if we could repeat the handsome donation we raised for the National Gardens Scheme Charities. This donation – together with our essential high standard of maintenance – keeps Crescent Garden featured in the famous Yellow Book nationwide, bringing many visitors to see it.

Chernobyl Children's Party Wednesday 8th June, from 2 to 4 pm.

If anyone would like to help with the Party, please contact Lesley Flett on 023 92 613907 she'll be delighted to hear from you. It's a real joy – you won't regret it.

For the record, the Chernobyl children are accompanied by their, Teacher /interpreter and some of their host families come with them.)

Visit to the University of Oxford Botanic Gardens

It is the home of 7000 types of plants, it is the most compact and diverse collection of plants in the World. The Garden consists of 3 sections. The glasshouses which contain plants which need protection, from extreme weather conditions. The Walled Garden, and the area outside of the Walled Garden which incorporates a Water Garden, Rock Garden, Black and Autumn Borders.

This should prove an interesting visit and if the weather fails us there is always so much to do and see in Oxford. Light refreshments can be obtained in the Gardens, and the High Street is only 5 minutes away which gives ample scope for eateries.

A separate booking form is enclosed with this Newsletter, please read carefully. Bookings can be made at any time, but not accepted after 1st August.

If you didn't receive a form and want one please contact the Secretary.

Renewing Annual Membership Subscriptions

The subscription year and payment is from the date of the AGM (February) to the next AGM. Typically about 25% to 30% of Friends are able to attend the AGM. Therefore the rest of the Friend' pay on other dates, here is how you do it:

Renewal of Subscriptions, currently £4 per person should now be paid to David Wardle the Friends' Hon. Treasurer whose address is:

2, St. Mary's Avenue, Alverstoke, Gosport, Hants PO12 3PY. T. 02392 582737
Please make cheque payable to "Friends of Crescent Garden".

Queries about membership, new members and those wishing to find out if their subscriptions are out of date should contact the Membership Secretary whose address is: Mrs V Whelan, 1 Pembroke Crescent, Hill Head, Fareham, Hants, PO14 3PP. T. 01329 661849 or, email gedandginny@fridaywhelan.plus.com

We are updating our Membership database (isn't everybody), so please forward your telephone number and e-mail address if you not already done so, to the Membership Secretary, unless you prefer not to.

For those of you who were good enough to leave your details with your subs at the AGM, I'm afraid they have been shredded by mistake. We would be most grateful, in time, to pass them on to the Membership Secretary. Many Thanks.

Tickets for The Friends' Garden Party - Saturday 18th June 6-8pm

Gill Comrie has agreed to sell tickets and once again will be the sole provider
Gill's address and telephone details are:

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Alverstoke
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Tickets will be available for the annual Garden Party between Wednesday 12th May and Saturday 12th June. Applications for tickets may be forwarded early and will be dispatched when available but not before 12th May – please mark envelope GP.

Ticket prices (same as last year) -

Adults (18 & over)	£9	} Names will be on reverse of parents/ } guardians tickets
Aged 6 – 17yrs	£4.50	
Aged 5yrs and under	free	

Friend's are reminded that parents and guardians are responsible for the safety of their children during the Garden Party.

As always, each household may invite two adults as guests. Should they wish for more, they can identify other Friends who aren't bringing any, or can't come - and have their quota.

This year to assist with the efficiency of ticket sales, members are requested to complete the application form (see page 15) and post or deliver it to Gill with payment, enclosing a stamped address envelope (not smaller than 220mm x 110mm which is ideal to accommodate the size/shape of the tickets'. Payment for tickets by cheque only please and should be made payable to "Friends of Crescent Garden" (if SAE is not provided, tickets will be available for collection at the entrance gate on the evening of the Garden Party).

Gill is happy to accept any outstanding annual subscriptions for this year (2010-2011) please forward a separate cheque (made payable to "Friends of Crescent Garden") or cash (annual subscription is £4). If members are unsure about being up-to-date for subs they can phone Gill.

To avoid disappointment please obtain your tickets as soon as possible.

I Pruned The Roses At Hampton Court Palace – by Gilly Jaynes

On a cold but sunny day in January I pruned the roses at Hampton Court Palace. Not all of them you understand, but under the watchful eye of Gary the Head Gardener, I and six other gardeners were privileged to be allowed to prune some of the 1 acre of roses in the walled rose garden.

I had arrived very early - too early, in fact in my worry to get there on time. So I spent a while waiting for the other members of the team to arrive, sitting in the staff room for the Hampton Court gardeners. I can't tell you how welcoming all the staff were. Everyone had a pleasant word to say: "Oh, you must be the lady who is rose pruning today"; "they are filming Sherlock Holmes on the far side of the Palace today".

I am a member of the Women's' Farm and Garden Association which is the organisation that looks after our trainee gardener, Clare. As well as the training aspect of the association, it also arranges the most amazing courses, work days and holidays for members interested in gardening and horticulture. My trip to Hampton Court Palace was one of the work days.

We were given a demonstration of how to prune shrub, specie, hybrid teas and climbing roses by Gary, and then we were left to do the work. We all felt rather special as we were standing in the middle of the rose beds, whilst the public walked past and watched our work with interest. It takes four weeks of pruning to complete the rose garden, we were told.

In Henry VIII's day this walled space was the tilting yard, where young men jousted and took part in other similar sporting events. During the afternoon the walls warmed up in the sun, and soon we were feeling quite hot with our excursions. I found it difficult to believe I was really at Hampton Court Palace, pruning the roses! Gary was pleased with our work, and several people asked us whether we would return on the next day to complete the task. Yes please!

Should any of you be interested in joining the WFGA (you don't have to be female to join, by the way) Please don't hesitate to contact me - Gilly Jaynes 02392 422467 and I will be happy to give you the necessary information.
Gilly's e-mail address is:- gillyis@hotmail.co.uk

Garden Party Tents

Gilly's husband Peter has kindly agreed to take on the role, this year, of organising the setting up and taking down of the tents. A number of Friends have already volunteered to help, but we could do with a few more. We are also looking for someone with a trailer to collect the three tents and return them to

their storage site at 3 Clayhall Road. Please let the Secretary know if you are able to help. Thank you.

From a former resident of Crescent Rd

The Secretary recently received a letter from Mrs Dickie Finucone (nee Bird) of Liss. She had just been reading an article in the March edition of the "Country Gardener" about Crescent Garden, written by Wendy Osborne. Dickie is 89, disabled and widowed. In 1935 she lived in either No, 17 or 22 Crescent Rd she's not certain. She attended a pre- prep school in the Crescent. Dickie remembers Crescent Garden as a sort of gorse and shrubby common.

Dickie remembers standing near to the pier at Stokes Bay and watched Mitchell's plane (seaplane prototype of the spitfire) win the Schneider Trophy air race in, she thinks 1936. Very exciting. Dickie had no idea that Crescent Garden was a Garden. She was amazed how it now looks. Dickie has been sent some details of the Garden, including a photograph, Newsletter, the Friends' notelets and a pamphlet about the Garden. If anyone knew Dickie please get in touch with the Secretary.

I'd like to thank all those who have contributed to this Newsletter, provided ideas and vetted (yes the Newsletter does get vetted).

And finally, anyone who feels they would like to say something in our Newsletters, or who has a picture/photograph of the Garden to show us – please, get in touch! The Friends' Committee are always open to suggestions, and welcome your input and ideas on any aspect of Crescent Garden or the Friends.

David Merritt - 12th April 2011

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