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Friends Newsletter

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Dear Friend,

Evening visit to Crescent Road Garden, Alverstoke, 27 June 2002 or 4 July 2002

You are invited to attend a visit to the eighteenth century Crescent Road Garden, Alverstoke on 27 June 2002, weather permitting, or if the weather is bad we will try again on the 4 July 2002. Phone me if in doubt. We shall be meeting at the Hard by the ferry for Gosport at 7.00 pm. Please introduce yourselves. There is no charge to enter the garden.

Portsmouth Historic Dockyard plant sale 17 August 2002

We shall be holding a plant sale on Saturday, 17 August 2002, 11.00 till 4.00, in the Porter's Garden through Victory Gate on the right. Again please introduce yourselves. Plants for sale would be most welcome. As you will probably know, the Tall Ships will be in the Dockyard between 13-17 August 2002.

Garden Maintenance

The next work date for essential garden maintenance and the planting of our Strawberry Tree will be on Sunday 16 June 2002, from about 12.00 till 2.00. Many hands make light work and it is very satisfying and enjoyable to see the results. There are a variety of tasks, from digging to weeding to transplanting young plants.

A garden watering rota has been arranged for the summer but volunteers are always needed for Tuesdays and Saturdays. We have hose-pipes and sprinklers laid around the garden to make the task easier, so please contact me if you have any spare time and can help in any way.

Annual Garden Party

Don't forget our Annual Garden Party on 20 July 2002 from 6.00 till 9.00. This was a great success last year, with one hundred people attending. This year it is being held jointly with the Friends of the *Mary Rose* to launch our Jubilee Seating Appeal. We shall be planting Mary Rose clematis and roses to the strains of Tudor music. The ticket price of £10.00 will include food and drink. We are aiming to achieve the same numbers as last year, so please tell your friends and family about a memorable evening in a beautiful garden.

Porter's Garden Web Site

Please note the address of the Porter's Garden web site at:

<http://www.hants.org.uk/portersgarden>

Yours sincerely,

Ann