

Newsletter Spring/Summer 2006

Greetings to you all.

Winter has drawn to a close. The first flush of spring has passed and plans are well in hand for getting the garden ready for the new season.

We are pleased to announce that the garden is going to host a Poetry event during the 6th Annual Ryde Arts Festival Week, which this year runs from Friday 7th June until Saturday 15th June.

The Poetry reading is held by the University of the Third Age (U3A) members explore the theme of this year's Arts Festival Parade with poetry in a picturesque setting. U3A poetry reading session in the delightful setting of Vernon Square Gardens, courtesy of the Vernon Square Preservation Society. Please bring a garden chair or a blanket to spread on the ground for your comfort on Thursday, July 13, 2.30pm. This unique event is Free to all.



The main news is that we now have our own web site. Claire Gamble-Kay has produced a most splendid site for us. For those of you with a computer the site can be found at [www.vernonsquare.co.uk](http://www.vernonsquare.co.uk) or alternatively [www.vernonsquarepreservationsociety.co.uk](http://www.vernonsquarepreservationsociety.co.uk).

The web site will be updated regularly and details of events concerning the garden will be available on line.

We held two very successful events during 2005. The Cheese & Wine and Carols in the Park were very well attended. Thank you all for your support.

The Society has been offered the chance to purchase the leasehold of the Garden. This opportunity is now being investigated. Further details will be available at the AGM.

Our membership number for 2005 was 57. It is hoped that more members will be forthcoming this year.

You may have also been aware of some articles in the County Press concerning the fact that for much of the winter the gates to the garden have remained locked. Unfortunately these steps had to be taken due to cases of vandalism and anti-social activity, with the safety of young children being a concern to the committee, the decision was made to keep the gates locked in the winter. Steps are now being taken

to increase security of the garden, thus allowing the gates to remain open at all times in the future.

Membership subscription for 2006 is £10.00 per household.