

Notes about a meeting of the Garden Club 20/5/12

On a cold wet day the first meeting was held for the brave!

First a Questions and Answer session was held

- A discussion on the need for a **subscription** and it was agreed that **5€ per annum** for a family and **2.50€ for single** people. Please pay David Stansfield in cash or by cheque made payable to him personally. He will be at the June teas in Mayenne if that helps. Also of course at the Parc Floral.
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- We then discussed going to the **Parc Floral de Haute Bretagne on Sunday 8th July**. We agreed the picnic area was to be booked for 12.30 for a bring and share picnic for those who would like to join in and for those who prefer to just do the garden visit to arrive at the car park at 13.45 hrs so that we can enter the grounds as a group at 14.00 hrs as providing we are more than 20 persons the entrance fee is 8.80€ per person. *If you wish to go please let me know together with a **cheque for 8.80€ made payable to Euromayenne***. Please can you also let me know if you hope to join us for the Bring and Share. If you do not let me know then you will have to pay full price and not take advantage of the group discount.
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- We agreed to have a village style- **Vegetable, Fruit, Flower and Produce Show** to be held on **Sunday 23rd September** at the best of venues "Chris and Paul Marshall's home." David is preparing a show schedule which will be put on line in due course, for you to download. Briefly entries will be brought in between 10.30 and 12. Judging will then take place and the show will open for viewing from 14.00 – 16.00 for us all to enjoy all the exhibits and to see who won which section. There will be no entry fee this year and no prizes just certificates – however it was agreed the show would be open for entries from all Euromayenne members as it is for everyone to enjoy.
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- There was some discussion about having a day to open gardens for a **Garden trail** day but we agreed to postpone this until 2013.
- Janet Greatorex agreed to prepare a full list of recommended **companion plants** to be posted on the website and downloadable for all interested members.
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- Fred Greatorex will hold a **workshop** in September on **hard and softwood cuttings and pruning**.
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- The club will have its own **webpage on the Euromayenne website** and will eventually be able to post club news and hopefully a request for information and response area. Please send all this sort of item to David Stansfield for processing.
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- **Flower Arranging Demonstration Evening** members agreed it would be a good idea to have one during the winter. Maryke is a retired N.A.F.A.S. demonstrator and would be willing to do so. There would need to be a small charge for this event to cover the cost of materials.

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- **Garden Centres** – Mention was made of a very good one in Chateau Gontier and one in Laval off the Fougères road after the Buffalo Grill roundabout. Also the “Atelier de Colmont” at Gorrion behind Gamm Vert on the Brécé road.
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- **Plant table** we would like to have a table available for members to bring along surplus plants, magazines or seeds to give away at all our meetings.

I have tried to mention all the points raised at the meeting any omissions are my fault, please do raise any queries with me.

David Stansfield