

DYRHAM GARDEN CLUB FAQs 2014

1. Q: Do I have to be prepared to show my garden if I become a member?
A: *Yes. That's the only real rule (plus FAQ 12).*
2. Q: Is it a gardening club?
A: *No.*
3. Q: So what's it supposed to be?
A: *Mainly a social group for people who like gardens.*
4. Q: What happens?
A: *Club members meet in members' gardens preferably all nearby, for about 60 – 90 minutes in total, while having a few drinks and then they go home for supper.*
5. Q: How often will it meet?
A: *Once a month –from Spring to Autumn. Dates decided by various means.*
6. Q: Do I have to be an expert gardener?
A: *No, just be interested in gardens.*
7. Q: If I show my garden, do I have to bring it up to Chelsea Flower Show standard?
A: *Absolutely not. Members will be fined if excessive preparations are detected. The Organising Committee's opinion will be final.*
8. Q: If I show my garden, do I have to provide food and wine?
A: *No, members will bring their own wine (spirits will be frowned on unless members have made it from fruit from their own garden). Hosts will provide "nibbles" only (to slow down alcohol absorption).*
9. Q: So, we arrive at a garden, what happens then?
A: *Just have a look around. The host might ask for advice. Praise will be welcomed, no doubt. Have another drink. Move on when the time comes. Smart arses will be fined.*
10. Q: May I bring a friend?

A: Yes, provided they live in Dyrham.

11. **Q:** What happens if it rains?

A: If the day is a washout, don't turn up. For all other pre-meeting rain scenarios, phone the DGC Help Desk on 01179374115 for guidance. For rain expected during a meeting, bring an umbrella. We don't expect hosts to throw their house open to a crowd of wet gardeners in muddy boots.

12. **Q:** What if it is my turn to open my garden and I find I can't for any reason?

A: It's up to you to find a substitute. Then please let the secretary know so he can publish the programme for that meeting.