



Appreciation of a Bamboiserie

Elaine. Well one person who was very impressed by our visit to this Bamboiserie today is Jan Tyacke who is responsible for all our transcriptions. So, Jan, can you tell me what you thought of today's little meander round this wonderful place ?

Jan. Well I've always been fascinated by plants, uh, got that from my grandmother. Um, but it was just a magical place. You, you get no idea from the outside what you're going to find and then you walk in through the gate and there are just bamboos absolutely everywhere interspersed with trees, banana plants, loads and loads of Dicksonia tree ferns. Apparently Gilbert can't walk past a tree fern without buying it. So we had our walk round the garden, saw all the ducks which were lovely 'cos I like birds too, peacocks, all sorts of things. And then we were talking about Eucalyptus which are one of my favourite trees and Maples as well and, uh, he took us across the road to another part of his *eight hectares* where, uh, he had a lot of Eucalyptus and, uh, trees that have fragrant blossom and all that sort of thing. It was just fascinating.

He also had areas with, with ferns, a lot of ferns that I'd never seen before and Heucheras, shade loving plants like Brunneras. It was really fascinating.

Elaine. I know we had to drag you away kicking and screaming. You're, you're ready to go back.

Jan. Oh yes, I'd love to go back for another visit because it was a, a nasty wet day and we didn't have a chance to see everything, obviously, being eight hectares but I think I'll take my hiking boots next time.

Elaine. Thank you very much.

