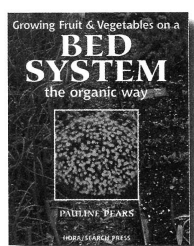


## Book Reviews



**GROWING FRUIT & VEGETABLES ON A BED SYSTEM: THE ORGANIC WAY**  
Pauline Pears  
HDRA / Search Press  
£7.95

An excellent, clearly written book that guides the novice through each section with ease. It covers all aspects of bed gardening, from planning and construction stages, to which crops to choose for your particular taste, even down to which variety would be best for your soil & weather conditions. The information is set out with clear,

attractive photographs, charts and diagrams. There is also information on crop rotation, mixed planting and intercropping with explanations as to why you should do some things and avoid others.

**SAINT-MARTIAL VIVEYROLS : ANCIENNE POSSESSION TEMPLIÈRE**

Lisa Giraud-Taylor  
approx 23Euros

Lisa GT has spent several years researching *St M.deV.*, where her paternal grandfather had his roots & where she spent much of her childhood. This illustrated history (14 plates) takes us from Roman times, through

the Middle Ages up to & including WW1 & WW2, with notes on the local soldiers who died in these. There are chapters on the village church, and a history of local family names & properties since the 13C. Finally, there are extensive notes on local areas of historical interest to be visited. This is a fascinating picture of the area we have chosen to live in & the community we have chosen to live with. The bad news is that it will only be available in *French* - and then only if Lisa has sufficient pre-sales. If you are interested, contact Lisa at [lisagiraudtaylor@aol.com](mailto:lisagiraudtaylor@aol.com) and she will send you a pre-sale card.



## Film: An Inconvenient Truth

This Oscar award winning documentary is researched and presented (in his own words) by the almost President-elect - Al Gore - is a visual wake-up-call on Global Warming. It certainly falls into the category of 'must see'. For the well informed there are few factual surprises - but even for those who think that they are up to date with the effects of global warming, the impact of the film is tremendous. It graphically impacts the frightening truth that this is really happening - now - not might happen in the future. The inconvenience of recognition of these facts and the negative reception by major politicians who are in the thrall of big business is a serious problem in the *US* and some other countries, not least because as Al Gore points out the *US* is by far the worst offender in the pollution stakes. Global warming is a political 'hot potato' and even Al Gore who has been involved with the subject for a very long time would not have sought to stake a political career on such a volatile subject.

The impact of the film builds on a series

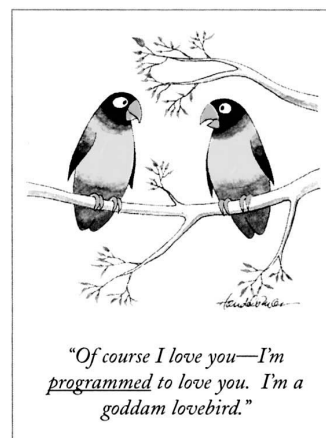
of factual points very graphically supported by film and still photographic images, charts and graphs. There are photos of important glaciers diminishing in size and actually completely disappearing; the snows of Mount Kilimanjaro no longer there. There is film of falling ice as the polar cap recedes. All of these things we have heard about, but to see the bare facts on film is quite a chilling spectacle. The film did impart an enormous amount of fact and researched information very ably presented by a man who, perhaps, would have made a more articulate, globally aware and thoughtful President of a very powerful country. Gore pulls no punches in his condemnation of the unhelpful policies on global warming awareness by the present administration; the participation of global powers in trying to reduce the effects of global warming is bleakly portrayed. The film itself, although rich in information and a graphic portrayal of the facts, fell short of enhancing the real cause of this global catastrophe - population explosion. Though it ends with a pop-

ulation explosion graph, it does not elaborate and to some extent this resounding fact did not have the impact it justly deserves.

The film did its job. Everyone should see this documentary and become more aware. What to do about it is another matter entirely.

**Gay French**

- the IGC has a copy of the DVD to lend -



## Shopping: New pépinière on the block

*ESPACE VIVACE*, is the new nursery opening in *St Martial de Viveyrols*, 3kms from *Verteillac*, sometime between 15th May and the 1st June. The owner, Paul Delisle, grew up in *Picardie* where his passion for gardening developed as a youngster in his parents' large garden. He studied at *l'école d'horticulteur* for five years before moving to *Paris* where he worked for *Un Jardin en Plus* organising and maintaining indoor planting for airports, train stations, conference rooms etc. Wishing to get away from the hustle and bustle of *Paris*, Paul scoured the net looking for somewhere tranquil in the countryside, with fresh air and sunshine, where he could pursue his passion for plants. He, and his partner, Bruno, then spent two months visiting several areas and finally fell in love with the *Dordogne* where they have found the perfect spot for a

nursery. So far, *ESPACE VIVACE* has one large tunnel with another on the way, and plans for an outdoor planting area. He has also realised that as a result of reduced funding for, and support of, annual gardens the introduction of perennial "mixed borders", rockeries etc. - long a feature of UK



gardens - is becoming much more popular here with *mairies* and municipal gardens. He hopes to support and develop this trend among the local *French*, but also to cater for collectors - both English and *French* - of

rare and unusual plants by tracking down special orders. His particular interest is to develop a collection of plants with unusual coloured and shaped leaves (e.g. *hostas*, *gunneras* etc.) together with plants that flower in winter (e.g. *sarcococa humilis* or "sweet box"). He will be pleased to give advice on planting conditions & advise on suitable plants. He and Bruno would also like to provide 'un coin' at their nursery during the long winter months, where one will be able to find decorative and interesting objects for interiors, garden furniture and hand woven fabrics (a speciality of Bruno's).

**Karin Weber**

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