

**West & Midlands Iris Group Annual Show Results**  
**26<sup>th</sup> May 2019**  
**Highnam Community Centre**

This was the tenth annual Show under the current secretary tenure and the least reliable part of the Show is the weather beforehand. This year being no exception with the Spring alternating between dry and cool, and dry and warm. This resulting in the sibs being under represented, as these have made substantial part of the entries in recent years. There were however a number of newbies including Alison Gregory and Andy Ellis who brought a good range of bearded and a Spuria. Checking the record books these have not made an entry for a very long time. Not to be out done a PCI was shown by Alun Whitehead. There was also a range of the Iridaceae species making up a good range of the Iris family on show.

- Class 1**            1<sup>st</sup> & the **Gloucester Cup** to Novices Alison Gregory & Andy Ellis showing yellow bearded seedling and 'Bishop's Robe'  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alison Gregory & Andy Ellis with 'Benton Old Madrid' & *I. pallida*.
- Class 2**            1<sup>st</sup> Fred Raines with a stunning range of blue & orange bearded which also won Fred the **Worcester Cup**.
- Class 3**            1<sup>st</sup> Tony Watson with a pale & deeper blue bearded.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jeremy Handy with 'Loop the Loop' & 'Godfrey Owen'.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Brenda Nickels with a neat orange spike.
- Class 4**            1<sup>st</sup> Alison & Andy showing the navy to mid blue 'Benton Nigel'.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Brenda Nickels with spike of white standards and buff falls.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jeremy Handy with the mauve 'Change of Pace'.
- Class 5**            1<sup>st</sup> Brenda Nickels with an attractive white fading to lemon nonTB.
- Class 7**            Joint 1<sup>st</sup> Fred Raines showing 'Classic Look', 'Big Squeeze', 'Gypsy Lord' and two seedlings.  
=1<sup>st</sup> Jeremy Handy with 'Andalou', 'Godfrey Owen', 'Drambuie'  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alison & Andy displaying 'Bishop's Robe', 'Benton Susan', 'Benton Nigel', 'Frost and Flame' & 'Benton Old Madrid'.
- Class 8**            1<sup>st</sup> Fred Raines with seedlings from pale pink to mauve wining the **Rainbow Trophy**.  
=2<sup>nd</sup> Jeremy Handy with a range of blue blooms 'Best Bet', 'Exotic Isle' & 'Midnight Treat'.  
=2<sup>nd</sup> Jeremy Handy with buff to copper blooms of 'Patina', 'Cable Car' & 'Cheap Thrills'.
- Class 9**            1<sup>st</sup> Fred Raines with lemon to white Siberians.
- Class 10**           1<sup>st</sup> Fred Raines with pale pink through mauve and deep purple.
- Class 11**           = 1<sup>st</sup> Jeremy Handy with five spikes of Dutch Iris.  
= 1<sup>st</sup> Sue Bedwell with more Dutch iris including 'Bronze Beauty'.
- Class 12**           1<sup>st</sup> Alison & Andy with a Spuria making a rare appearance at the Show.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Bedwell with a dainty Iris 'Carmen'.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Alun Whitehead a quaint mauve PCI seedling another Iris making a rare appearance.

- Class 13**      1<sup>st</sup> Jeremy Handy with a second appearance of an *Ixia* for a number of years.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Bedwell with the lovely lemon *Moraea huttonii*.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Bedwell very delicate coral coloured *Gladiolus cunonius*
- Class 14**      1<sup>st</sup> Sue Bedwell with the delicate *Sisyrinchium* 'Summer Skies' winning the **Hereford Bowl**.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Watson with the deep blue bearded 'Circle of light'.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Brenda Nickels with white and lemon the aril bred 'Domingo'.
- Class 15**      1<sup>st</sup> Fred Raines with a display of Seed to seedlings and flowering bearded Iris also winning  
 Fred the **Shrubland Trophy**
- Class 16**      1<sup>st</sup> Sue Bedwell with a modern arrangement of bearded and Dutch iris contrasted by Hosta  
 leaves.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Christine Duke with allium, Dutch iris and bearded spikes.
- Class 17**      =1<sup>st</sup> Tony Watson pictured an aerial photo of bearded iris.  
 =1<sup>st</sup> Brenda Nickels with a mauve bearded close up.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Bedwell featuring a close up of a bearded iris.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Bedwell with an aerial photo of a bearded iris.
- Class 18**      1<sup>st</sup> Brenda Nickels picture of bearded iris in the garden.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Watson a group of iris plants in flower.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Tony Watson s feature of a bearded iris plant in the garden.
- Class 19**      1<sup>st</sup> Fred Raines showing a remarkable seedling much admired and of a very high standard  
 which also won the **Shropshire Cup** for Best in Show.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Brenda Nickels showing a bearded with mauve falls and pale pink standards.
- Class 20**      2<sup>nd</sup> Fred Raines with a lemon-yellow Siberian.

A good entry this year down slightly on the previous year's entries but a high standard with Fred Raines seedling very much admired. No surprise that Fred also won the **Somerset Bowl** for most points in the Show.

The success of the Show is down to the team made up of the committee ably supported by John in the kitchen, as Gill was unable to attend, to keep us suitable refreshed. Many thanks to those who helped on the day.

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 Show Secretary