

West & Midlands Iris Group Annual Show Results
26th 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** 1st & the **Gloucester Cup** to Novices Alison Gregory & Andy Ellis showing yellow bearded seedling and 'Bishop's Robe'
2nd Alison Gregory & Andy Ellis with 'Benton Old Madrid' & *I. pallida*.
- Class 2** 1st Fred Raines with a stunning range of blue & orange bearded which also won Fred the **Worcester Cup**.
- Class 3** 1st Tony Watson with a pale & deeper blue bearded.
2nd Jeremy Handy with 'Loop the Loop' & 'Godfrey Owen'.
3rd Brenda Nickels with a neat orange spike.
- Class 4** 1st Alison & Andy showing the navy to mid blue 'Benton Nigel'.
2nd Brenda Nickels with spike of white standards and buff falls.
3rd Jeremy Handy with the mauve 'Change of Pace'.
- Class 5** 1st Brenda Nickels with an attractive white fading to lemon nonTB.
- Class 7** Joint 1st Fred Raines showing 'Classic Look', 'Big Squeeze', 'Gypsy Lord' and two seedlings.
=1st Jeremy Handy with 'Andalou', 'Godfrey Owen', 'Drambuie'
2nd Alison & Andy displaying 'Bishop's Robe', 'Benton Susan', 'Benton Nigel', 'Frost and Flame' & 'Benton Old Madrid'.
- Class 8** 1st Fred Raines with seedlings from pale pink to mauve wining the **Rainbow Trophy**.
=2nd Jeremy Handy with a range of blue blooms 'Best Bet', 'Exotic Isle' & 'Midnight Treat'.
=2nd Jeremy Handy with buff to copper blooms of 'Patina', 'Cable Car' & 'Cheap Thrills'.
- Class 9** 1st Fred Raines with lemon to white Siberians.
- Class 10** 1st Fred Raines with pale pink through mauve and deep purple.
- Class 11** = 1st Jeremy Handy with five spikes of Dutch Iris.
= 1st Sue Bedwell with more Dutch iris including 'Bronze Beauty'.
- Class 12** 1st Alison & Andy with a Spuria making a rare appearance at the Show.
2nd Sue Bedwell with a dainty Iris 'Carmen'.
3rd Alun Whitehead a quaint mauve PCI seedling another Iris making a rare appearance.

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

Ian Powell
 Show Secretary