

West & Midlands Iris Group 2022 Programme

If you hope to come to any of these gatherings please let Jill, our secretary know either by phone 01568 720129 or email info@westandmidlandsirisgroup.org Obviously, all events are still subject to any COVID restrictions but we are keeping our fingers crossed!

Please note those marked * do need to be booked in advance

***Sunday February 27th 11.0am:** Winterbourne House & Garden, 58 Edgbaston Park Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2RT. We will be meeting at 11.00am to allow us to purchase our coffee from the café, before we have our AGM at 11.30 which will be held in this splendid Edwardian house. Following this, Sue Griffith has kindly offered to give us a talk on 'Birmingham's Horticultural Gems - some people and places' which is bound to be both fascinating and informative. We will also be able to visit the garden, weather depending or the Barber Institute of Fine Art. W&MIG members will be able gain free entrance to the garden and house, but we do need to know if you are attending. www.winterbourne.org.uk

Wednesday 13th April 2pm: White Cottage, Earls Common Road, Stock Green, Worcestershire B96 6SZ A two-acre garden full of Spring interest, with Erythronium, Pulmonaria and drifts of 'Snakes head fritillaries.

Cost: £9.50 including refreshments

Sunday 29th May 1 - 4pm: WMIG Annual Show and Sale, Highnam Community Centre, Newent Rd, Highnam, Gloucester GL2 8DG. Our shows are always a very friendly affair, judging is undertaken by the exhibitors but of course you are not allowed to judge any class you have entered – that would be cheating! If you fancy exhibiting the show schedule is on the website or I am sure Ian, our Show Secretary would be pleased to hear from you – the more the merrier! The day is also a great chance to meet fellow enthusiasts, so why not come along and even bring a friend or two! There will also be plants for sale and of course cake and teas etc.

***Tuesday 26th July 2.30pm:** Summer Garden Party, celebrating the centenary of the British Iris Society. Birtsmorton Court, near Malvern, Worcestershire WR13 6JS.

W&MIG members visited Birtsmorton in 2015 and we were enthralled then by the garden and the setting with its moats and wonderful white garden. The medieval manor house has a rich history and seems a very fitting place to celebrate this special BIS birthday. We are also planning a traditional afternoon tea; you might even get scones and clotted cream!

Cost: £10 to include garden entrance, afternoon tea and a donation to St Richard's hospice.

Thursday 1st September 2.30pm: The Old Rectory, Upper Road, Eastnor, Herefordshire HR8 1RB
An evolving garden of about 3½ acres which has recently been extended to create a woodland area with many new trees and wildlife pond. The walled kitchen garden is a delight as are the herbaceous beds with dahlias in abundance. To cap it all there are two greenhouses and a croquet lawn! Juliet is kindly allowing us to visit as the garden is not normally open.

Cost: £8 to include tea/cake. The monies will go to help maintain/repair the stained-glass windows in the Church at Eastnor.

***Sunday 16th October:** Lunch, Tea and Talk at Highnam Community Centre, Newent Rd, Highnam, Gloucester GL2 8DG 12noon for members' lunch.

2pm: Talk Jim Almond - 'The Juno Iris Collection'

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