

West & Midlands Iris Group - 2025 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.uk

Saturday 22 February: AGS Pershore Show 11 - 3.30pm Refreshments available. Pershore High School, Station Road, Pershore WR10 2BX

Saturday 1 March: Spring Lunch 1pm at The Plough & Harrow, Guarlford, Malvern WR13 6NY

Tuesday 25 March 2pm: A tour of Melcourt Industries Ltd, Boldridge Brake, Long Newnton, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8RT. There is no charge for this visit, tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided. We will be meeting for an optional pub lunch beforehand.

Saturday 5 Apr 11am: AGM Batsford Arboretum, Batsford, Moreton-in-Marsh Gloucestershire GL56 9AT Coffee & biscuits available from 10.30. Further details will be in our *Newsletter*.

Thursday 8 May - Sunday 11 May: RHS Malvern Spring Festival, Three Counties Showground, Malvern WR13 6NW

Wednesday 21 May 10.30am: Museum in the Park, Stratford Park, Stratford Rd, Stroud GL5 4AF. A chance to view the Museum and to see the walled garden, which does feature irises. Tea/coffee and cake will be provided. Optional pub lunch afterwards. There is no charge for members but non-members would be most welcome to join us – cost £5.

Sunday 25 May 1 - 4pm: W&MIG Annual Show. Highnam Community Centre, Newent Rd, Highnam, Gloucester GL2 8DG. Plants for sale and refreshments available.

Saturday 28 June 10.30am: Aulden Farm, Aulden, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 0JT. Tea/coffee and cake. A three acre garden planted with wild life in mind. There is no charge for members and visitors would be very welcome to join us, the cost for them is £5.

12 noon Lunch at The Cattle Shed, Penrhos Court, Kington (self-funded) followed by a visit to Rhodds Farm, Lyonshall, Kington HR5 3LW. Entrance is £8.00. The garden extends to some two acres and there is also an extensive woodland area. The dovecot forms a distinctive feature in a more formal area, the wildlife pond is surrounded with moisture loving plants and there is also a gravel area.

Friday 1 August – Thursday 14 August Entries for the Virtual Show would be very welcome!

Tuesday 19 August 2pm: Ridgeway Barn, Evesham Rd, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5LJ

A three acre garden, started in 1995. Which includes a woodland garden, three courtyard gardens and a large pond. The garden is not normally open to the public, so this is a rare opportunity to visit. Cost:£10 to include tea/coffee and cake, all monies will be donated to the charity Perennial.

Sunday 14 September 2.30pm: The Rhydd, Worcester Road, Hanley Castle, Worcester WR8 0AB

Two walled gardens and a 60 ft greenhouse from the early 1800s set in six acres with wonderful views of the entire length of the Malvern ridge.

Cost:£12 to include tea/coffee and cake, all monies will be donated to the National Garden Scheme.

Sunday 19 October: Talk & Lunch Highnam Community Centre, Newent Rd, Highnam, Gloucester GL2 8DG.

10.30 Coffee & Biscuits 11.00 Talk: 'Some of my favourite irises and how I grow them' by Claire Austin. This will be followed by lunch. There is no charge for members and visitors would be very welcome to join us, the cost for them is £5 for the talk or £10 for the lunch and talk.