West & Midlands Iris Group - 2026 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 17 January 1pm 'Cheer up January' lunch at The Plough & Harrow, Guarlford, Malvern WR13 6NY. This is a self-funded lunch and all are welcome!

Tuesday 10 February 2pm The Lyndalls, Sollers Hope, Herefordshire HR1 4RL Cost: £8 which will be donated to the local church. Refreshments to be advised. **what3words:** confetti.unite.vaccines

Saturday 21 February: AGS Pershore Show 11-3.30pm Refreshments available. Pershore High School, Station Road, Pershore WR10 2BX. Offers of help to 'man' the stand would be much appreciated!

Saturday 21 March 11.30am AGM Hill Close Gardens, Bread and Meat Close, Warwick CV34 6HF. Coffee & biscuits available from 11am with a Ploughman's Lunch to follow the AGM. There is no charge for members and £5 for non-members.

Thursday 7 May - Sunday 10 May: RHS Malvern Spring Festival, Three Counties Showground, Malvern WR13 6NW. Offers of help to 'man' the stand would be much appreciated!

Sunday 24 May 1 - 4pm: W&MIG Annual Show. Highnam Community Centre, Newent Rd, Highnam, Gloucester GL2 8DG. Plants for sale and refreshments available.

Late May or early June Jeremy Handy, our Chairman has invited us to view his new Iris Field, the date will be dependent on the flowering time - so watch this space! We will also have a pub lunch.

TBC - Wednesday 8 July - Sunday 12 July: RHS Badminton Flower Show, Gloucestershire GL9 1DD

Wednesday 22 July 11.00: The Stables, Hyde Lane, Swindon Village, nr Cheltenham GL51 9QN Cost: £5 to members and £10 for visitors, this includes tea & cake. All monies will go to charity.

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

Sunday 16 August 11.00am. Yew Trees, Whitley Eaves, Eccleshall, Staffordshire ST21 6HR Cost: £10 to include coffee & cake, all monies will go to the NGS. We will then travel onto Sue Bramall's for lunch. Church View Farmhouse, Slindon, Eccleshall, Staffordshire ST21 6LX. Some of us may also want to visit the Dorothy Clive Garden, which is just 7 miles away from Sue: see https://dorothyclivegarden.co.uk

Saturday 12 September pm. Hawkley Cottage, Eastcombe, Stroud GL6 7DQ. Cost: £10 to include coffee & cake. We will meeting for a pub lunch beforehand, further details to follow.

Sunday 18 October: Talk & Lunch Highnam Community Centre, Highnam, Gloucester GL2 8DG. 10.30 Coffee & Biscuits 11.00 Talk - 'Irises of Oregon' by Jake Croft. 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.

We will also be attending the following two Rare Plant Fairs: Sunday 12 April - The Old Rectory, Quenington, Nr. Cirencester, GL7 5BN Sunday 20 September - Llanover House, Nr. Abergavenny, NP7 9EF

For further information, including entry fees see www.rareplantfair.co.uk