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of the British Iris Society

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THE OBJECTS OF THE GROUP

1. Communication between members in Great Britain and Overseas.
 2. A means of exchanging ideas, plants, seeds etc.
 3. To assist beginners in growing Iris and to offer help with problems.
 4. To report on Hybridisation.
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EDITORIAL

Once again, many thanks for all the good wishes you have sent for Christmas and the New Year. I hope you all had a Happy and Peaceful time. Perhaps the weather in 1982 will be a little kinder, causing us less worry over our precious Irises.

We welcome a new member, Paul Richardson from New Zealand, who has kindly undertaken to write, as Trevor Nottle from Australia has been doing for some time, about the Irises he grows. Also, any points of interest in New Zealand.

To widen the scope of the Group we are appointing Regional Representatives in different areas. You will find details further on in the Newsletter. In addition, Jack Venner has kindly agreed to become the Show Reporter, so you will not have to endure my poor efforts any longer. The trouble is I meet friends when I look round the Show, then I lose my place..... hopeless!

The Newsletter, as you will have realised, is the 'Life Blood' of the Group. I would like to say a very big thank you to our Printer, Barbara Hanson, who, not only takes a personal interest in our efforts and helps in every way, but also is instrumental in keeping yours truly 'on the rails'.

Due to Industrial Development, our Seed Distribution officer, Eric Elliott, has been deprived of his much-loved allotment. Unless he can grow the plants he feels he cannot carry on. Many of the seeds in the seed bank have been from Eric's plot. Perhaps, in July, when the wrench is less painful, he will change his mind.

Arrangements are being made for an informal 'Get Together' at the Iris Show, which is part of the R.H.S. Summer Show on June 15th and 16th. It is rather difficult to finalise anything at this stage, whether we can 'man' a stand, or have a point at which to meet. We have permission to use a portion of the staging, if we want to. Many of our Members are already committed to helping in the Show. The afternoon would appear to be a most favourable time, to allow

Members to attend, who have long distances to travel. On the back page you will find a slip, to fill in and detach, if you wish to take part. In the event of any further details, there will be a notification in the March issue of the B.I.S. Newsletter, otherwise a S.A.E. please when you write.

Several answers have been received to the query about I. Mirza Citronella, Most detailed accounts have been sent in, for which many thanks. One or two have asked 'what is the parentage'.... Jennifer Hewitt has unearthed a letter from Laurence Neel to Alex Black, in which they say that it was introduced in 1925 by George Yeld as a chance seedling of I. Delavayii. There are other claims, which will be revealed in the July Newsletter.

Meanwhile.... Good Gardening.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Members,

In my message to you a year ago, I remarked on the mild Winter we had experienced to date and the signs of renewed growth in the garden. What a different story this year! The arctic weather which descended on us so suddenly in early December and lasted right over the Christmas period has caused much damage, especially to shrubs and small trees. I have not ventured out yet to inspect the damage, but from my windows I can see that some of my less lardy Species Iris are not looking too happy. The Sibiricas and Spurias are too far from the house for me to comment on their condition at the moment, but I hope that they will not be affected too much, particularly some new plants which were received and set rather late in the season.

The welcome arrival of the B.I.S. Year Book reminded me that the first Show for 1982 is scheduled to take place in a few weeks time on February 17th; we will certainly need some milder weather conditions to bring the Reticulatas along by that date. It is surprising in spite of all the hazards, how many exhibits are usually provided to make an attractive Show... am I being too optimistic this time? We will soon see.

I am so sorry to hear that Eric Elliott our Seed Distribution Officer has lost his allotment and does not feel he can carry on unless he has room to grow Sibirica, Spuria and Japanese Iris. I do hope he will reconsider his decision by July. I would, however, like to take this opportunity of thanking him most sincerely for his work and support during these early pioneering years.

In the meantime Joan's son David has kindly agreed to look after the Seed Distribution. He has been co-opted on to the committee to enable him to do this.

My good wishes to you all for 1982, and may you have a 'Bumper' Iris season. Looking forward to meeting you if you can attend the Meeting at the June Show.

Hilda Goodwin.

MY IRISES

Bryan Dodsworth

It came as a matter of no small surprise to me when your pertinacious Secretary asked me to write a piece on 'My Irises' for the Newsletter of this select Group of the British Iris Society.

As some of you may know, my interest and energies have been devoted, for the last fifteen years, to the growing and raising of Tall Bearded Irises. This, I was told, in no uncertain terms, was a taboo subject, which could on no account be permitted to contaminate the pages of this exclusive publication.

'Write about the Sibiricas you grow', I was instructed - - - more, I feel sure, to establish my legitimacy, than in the hope that I might add anything to the accumulated store of wisdom on the subject.

So, here goes.... I do grow a number of Marjorie Brummitt's cultivars with some success, and have recently acquired, through Ray Jeffs, six of Currier McEwen's Tetraploids... 'Silver Edge' and the like. Furthermore, I have a number of the early flowering bulbous irises which perform as well as the mice and birds will allow. Several forms of *Iris Stylosa* (*Ungicularis*) which do not flower with me before March, but which always give me great pleasure. In my neglected pond, *Iris Laevigata* and its variegated form romp away with abandon.

That's about it really, or at least it would be if I remained within my brief. However, even the most formidable of Secretaries cannot be allowed to have her way all of the time... so having toed the line so far, I now propose to abandon my remit in order to alert you to developments which should be of profound concern to you and which are taking place under your very noses.

Your Group is evidently deeply interested in and pre-occupied with the raising of Cultivars. This distinguishes you from the Species Group whose maidenly modesty would clearly be scandalised at the very idea.

Few would deny that the major efforts of hybridisers have hitherto been directed into Bearded Irises and the Tall Bearded in particular. This is an area I know well, and I feel it might be instructive to take a brief look at it and see what the raisers have been up to. This could readily give a fore-taste of things to come in areas where hybridising efforts have, so far, been less intense.

In the Tall Bearded world I find that too many raisers have been seduced by the allure of novelty, particularly in the field of unrelated colour, combinations and patterns, but hardly by the quest for ever more massive blooms.

It is a matter of opinion whether these developments constitute any real advance. I personally find many of the new colours vulgar and strident. The giant flowers with their massive overlapping falls and all too frequently open standards, to be a positive eye-sore. Not everyone will share this view,

few, however, will deny that these developments have, all too often, been bought at the expense of the essential qualities such as vigour, bud-count, balance of stem and disease resistance.

The question I now put to you is this..... Are similar trends discernable in areas which have so far escaped the main attentions of the well-intentioned (I'm almost sure) but all too often misguided individuals.

At the Summer Show last year, sated momentarily with the splendour of massed ranks of Tall Bearded, I turned aside for an hour or so, and under the expert instruction of the Secretary and Show Secretary of the British Iris Society 'did' the Species and their hybrids in some detail. I listened attentively, learnt much and soon found that I was beginning to get my eye in. I was quickly struck by the transformation which seemed to have taken place in the Sibiricas. By great good fortune a comparison could readily be made between the older and the newer named cultivars, both being well represented. For obvious reasons I shall mention no names.

I found a balance of form and an overall charge of flower in the older varieties which I looked for in vain among their modern counterparts. The latter were usually 'Cleaner' and their colours 'Clearer' but the flowers were barely recognisable, striking me as 'stunted' and 'ungainly' with their broad, stubby and horizontally flaring falls, out of all proportion to their standards. There were some famous names among them too, with strings of awards and not all were the latest Tetraploids by any means.

This, I found was a distressing experience, matching all too closely what I had observed among the Tall Bearded.

In Tall Bearded we look, I think for 'style' and 'elegance' and a certain 'statuesque poise'. These qualities are too 'grand' for the Sibiricas, and also, it seems to me, alien to them. What Sibiricas have, and must at all costs retain, is an airy delicacy and charm of flower, which preferably matches their slender, graceful foliage. Lose this and you have lost the very essence of a Sibirica. No gain in colour or in any other aspect can compensate for such a calamity.

There is no law of Genetics which decrees that 'Cleaner' flowers with 'Clearer' colours can only be attained at the expense of the traditional 'flower form'. It is simply a matter of the raisers having the strength of will to persevere, refusing to accept any advance in the former, which involves a sacrifice of the latter. They will get there in the end. It just takes that little bit longer.

Hybridisers are immensely privileged people.... They do nothing... line breeders excepted.... to create the raw material upon which they work. It is either collected from the wild or represents the labours of their predecessors or contemporaries, and they should approach it with reverence and humility. If this is not their suit, if they seek, rather to imprint their own individual mark upon this material, regarding it as a launching pad for their own 'ego-trips', then it would be far better they directed their energies elsewhere.

No one should take up hybridising unless he or she has a genuine empathy for the subject, by this I mean a real love for it... 'as it is' before they even start to work. This pre-supposes the sensitivity to distinguish the essential aspects of it, which give it its unique character, and the 'self discipline' which enables the Hybridiser to pass on a plant 'intact' and 'unimproved' for the benefit of future generations.

If, working within these constraints, they can widen the colour range, increase the weather-resistance, improve the bud-count and branching, and extend the flowering season, they will have achieved quite enough to be remembered by. Variations on an original theme may be an accepted Musical Form, but even here the supreme moment for me is always the triumphant return of the theme, after the Composer has finished 'messaging about' with it and showing us all what a clever chap he is. In the world of Horticulture such 'variations' should be regarded with extreme suspicion. Rarely does the theme emerge unscathed from its experience.

TREVOR NOTTLE'S LETTER FROM AUSTRALIA

Continuing the story of how I deal with my seedlings. This year I was able to buy a dozen polystyrene fruit boxes, about 1' x 9" by 8" deep. All the seed raisers seem to be 'going for them' in a big way here. I am hoping that the extra depth of soil will reduce the need for daily or twice daily watering. Also the plastic foam body of the boxes will have an insulating effect against the mid-summer heat.

We have had a very wet Winter (Trevor wrote this in August), with minor flooding in many of the nearby Villages and Towns, but every sunny day brings out a new crop of *I. Unguicularis*, mostly the purple striped and magenta forms. I have had 4 blooms on *I. Reticulata*, at over £1 per bulb it is most heartening to see.

Daffodils and Jonquils are beginning to flower. In the seedling bed things are looking very cheerful, among the Sibiricas I have the following:- Tetraploids... Blue, Red and White, 'Snowy Egret', 'Echo Two', 'Star Steps', 'White Magnificence', 'Dreaming Spires', sp. Japanese White, early Diploids,

Pink Diploids and Wilsonii Hybrids. Spurias..... 'Mood Music', 'Chai June', 'Mariposa Tarde' also Halophila, Kerneriana, Cartharinae and Mussulmanica.

I have also received a good many Jeno seeds from Dr. Rodionenko (U.S.S.R.) Dr. Boussard (France) and Khaim Rinsky (Israel), they are all doing very well. I can't work out which excites me more, the sight of seedlings emerging from the soil or the rarity of the treasures.

Having written an article for the Pacific Coast Iris Journal, they kindly sent me dozens of packets of seeds, among the most promising are these named varieties:- 'Verdugo', 'Native Warrior', 'Pastoral Charm', 'Hompico', 'Cape Sebastian', 'Roving Eye', 'Paper Boy', 'Western Queen', 2 very good plants of George Stombach's 'Peacock Eye' strain. Also I. Hartwegii collected by John Weiler from the 'Mile High' overlook at Mammoth Pool, Madera County California. They are a selection of lavender-blue forms from an area with cold Winters, so they do very well here.

I also bought 20 selected cultivars from Local Growers, 10 from Bill Hargraves breeding stock. He sadly, is dead now, but his plants live on and they are superb. They look like Miniature Japs. with wide falls and flat wide standards, the 'claws' are often broad too, so this creates a rosette effect at the top of the bloom. The others are widely diverse, some narrow and spidery with tapestry markings, others miniatures and others yet again very large and tall.

PAUL RICHARDSON'S INTRODUCTORY LETTER FROM NEW ZEALAND

Growing Spurias in a very ordinary suburban garden near Wellington is easy. Getting the best out of Sibiricas and Japanese takes a little preparation. Upper Hutt, a dormitory suburb of the Capital with some manufacturing businesses of its own lies some 20 miles north of Wellington and close to the local mountain ranges of up to 5000 ft.. Annual rainfall averages 50 to 60 inches a year and frosts of around 12 degrees occur fairly frequently. The valley is sheltered from the worst of the cold southerly winds but is open to the prevailing westerlies. Upper Hutt's growth as a dormitory started in earnest about 30 years ago so that most of the land blocks opened up about that time are now reasonably well sheltered by hedges and established trees. The area in which I live is close to remnants of native bush a half mile distant, to receive visits from native birds, particularly the Tui and Fantail. The climate ranges roughly from a cold 5 degrees Celsius in winter to a warm summer of around 20 degrees with, usually a pleasant spring and a comfortable autumn. Theoretically, equinoctial gales are expected in October, but frequently these come at other times. Growing tall

bearded irises is a hazardous business - the winter is too set and spring is too windy. Growing Oncos, Regelias and Junos is even more difficult because of the moist summers.

There are of course compensations. Probably my greatest satisfaction comes from watching *Fritillaria imperialis* push through and grow almost visibly in early spring - they can't do that in Auckland. Roses and lilies thrive (in other gardens) and *hemerocallis* and fuchsias extend the flowering season into winter when the 'stylosas' (*Unguicularis*) take over.

In my quarter acre I grow a few Japanese and a lot of Sibiricas in plastic lined plots filled partly with sewage sludge which is processed locally and available for the taking. 'Caesar's Brother' flourishes in the border. I counted 140 flower stems last season before the clump was divided. I have several hybrid *Spurias* and a few species such as *graminea* and *maritima*. *Lilacina* I have failed with twice although it grows happily not far away.

Hybridising of the Japanese I have not tried for space reasons. *I. delavayi* X *Clarkei* is a two foot clump in its second year and further crosses with *Forrestii* might bloom this year.

Being recently retired, I have attempted serious hybridisation only in the last year or so and it seems to take ages to establish a breeding stock and raise it to the point where one can select suitable parents. I bought 'Butter and Sugar' last autumn for \$20 and it is only now showing the slightest signs of life. Far from hybridising from it this year, I will be happy if it stays alive.

The *Spurias* grow quite happily in the border and bloom regularly without special attention. I have looked tentatively at them with a view to hybridising but so far their strong substance is rather offputting - it seems almost a sort of rape to even find the anthers.

PAUL RICHARDSON'S ADDITIONAL LETTER FROM NEW ZEALAND

As a result of a cold wet Spring, all irises flowered later than usual and no *Spurias* or *Sibiricas* were seen at our annual convention in Hastings. However as the weather improved to a very pleasant early Summer, the later flowering irises really excelled themselves. Japanese irises have been widely reported as flowering particularly well. Certainly my own have been better than usual. In fact one clump that earlier suffered badly from weak neck, put on such a good show that I was forced to reprove it. This was awkward as a replacement had already been ordered and I had to prepare a new bed - again on a base of our local 'free' sewage sludge. I have recently obtained papers on this material

from our Soil Bureau and am pleased to see that it has been tested exhaustively. It is a neutral substance with no harmful contents and quite a few useful trace elements. It also has a significant phosphorus content and acts as a mild phosphatic fertiliser, useful on our soils which tend to be deficient in this element. However its main use in my garden is as a moisture retainer and soil conditioner. The soil scientists report that subsoil reinforced with 15% of sludge equates with a normal topsoil.

The newer branched Japanese irises make a much improved showing with their superior blooming capabilities. 'Enchanting Melody', 'Ruby Ruffles', 'Distant Echo' and 'Housah' have been especially fine. Stems, depending on variety, ranged up to a good four feet and several blooms exceeded 8 inches in diameter. One of our specialist nurseries has introduced a plant this season with claimed 10 inch blooms.

Sibiricas also provided a fine display and all blooms seemed to be bigger than previously. 'Nelson Blue', one of Lucy Delany's introductions was particularly effective. Disappointing was 'Steve' which appears to be developing new characteristics that do not improve it. This has been noticed in other gardens besides mine. My first tetraploids bloomed and I like them. My newest ones are well. 'Harpwell Haze' and 'Silver Edge' both produced very attractive flowers. My new diploid, 'Butter and Sugar' did not flower but is very much alive. The 40's flowered profusely as they always do. Unfortunately Spring showers disrupted somewhat my hybridising attempts. I was particularly trying for a cross between a Clarkei X Forrestii and a small Pacific Coaster and have two pods thanks to a conveniently reblooming P.C. hybrid. The use of stored pollen had me a bit bluffed. I have been accustomed to applying another to stigma using fine tweezers and this works fine with all bearded irises irrespective of the length of time in storage. However I found that stored P.C. anthers drop their pollen at the slightest touch so that I will have to work out a better method using a brush.

The main interest of the season was the blooming of 3 plants, all from the same cross - (Delavayi X Clarkei) X Forrestii. I discovered that these three plants are all that remain of the original work carried out by Frances Love. One plant produced a feeble bloom consisting virtually of style arms only on a 12 inch stem. Another plant produced two large yellow flowers on a 3 foot stem. Flower form was typically Delavayi type, colour rather dull with few insignificant markings. I have two pods from selfing this plant.. The third plant which flowered first and was picked for photographing, also produced a three foot stem with one branch. The blooms were large and attractive showing elements of all three of its 'Parents' - a suggestion of the Clarkei 'Butterfly' motif, the Delavayi deeply coloured flash at the point of each fall, and a bright yellow suffusing on the falls from Forrestii. This one is certainly worth keeping and working with.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY (or, an iris by any other name...)

Jennifer Hewitt.

A blonde wig and dark glasses may change a person's appearance but, or so you might think, an iris cannot assume such a disguise. We are all familiar with temporary changes due to weather, or the plant having been moved the previous year; permanent changes we do not expect.

Unfortunately this does happen; unfortunately, also, mistakes can be made. Two irises which I have distributed to some Group members are examples of both occurrences. In the first, an iris I received and sent out as "sibling of ORVILLE FAY" showed, when it flowered, a white rim to the falls. After checking with the raiser, Dr. Currier McEwen, I put a note in the Newsletter saying that I thought this plant should be the variety SILVER EDGE. But this year several plants have had prolonged and careful scrutiny and as a result it has been decided that, whether because of something in the air or soil of this country or just to be awkward, ORVILLE FAY in Britain, if not in its native America, produces flowers with a white rim to the falls and if you had one of these plants and have changed its name to 'SILVER EDGER, you will now have to change it to 'ORVILLE FAY'. I hope that this is the final word on the subject and offer my apologies to those whom I misled.

The second case is definitely one of mis-identification; the iris distributed as 'DARK DESIRE' is not the dark purple it should be, but a pleasant mid-blue. At the time the plants were sent out it had not flowered here. I make no guesses (not in public, anyway!) as to its real name. But if you have it, please don't call it 'DARK DESIRE'.

OBITUARY

On behalf of the S.S. & J. Group I would like to send our most sincere sympathy to Marjorie Brummitt, whose husband Leonard died on the 31st August 1981. Marjorie herself is not well, so our thoughts and prayers go out to her at this time.

Your names and work will go down in Iris History, and your lovely cultivars a permanent memory.

Ed.

NEW BOOKS ON IRIS

At last some new Books on Iris to add to that old faithful - 'The Iris' by N. Leslie Cve Faber and Faber, 24 Russell Sq. London.

Here are the new ones :-

'The Iris' by Brian Mathew..... B. T. Batsford Ltd.

Price £17.50.

4 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 0AH.

'Growing Irises' by G. E. Cassidy and S. Linnegar

published in April 1982 approx. £6.95p.

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x Jacquinst Boy x Surf Beach

x Russet Flam x Violet Vale)

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Copies of the following American publications are obtained from the Hon. Librarian, Mrs. J. Hewitt, Haygarth, Cleeton St. Mary, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster :-

Newsletter of the Spuria Iris Society

Reviews of the Society for Japanese Irises

Journals of the Siberian Iris

The Genus Iris subsection Sibiricae - B.I.S.

Alphabetical Table and Cultivation Guide to the Species ... B.I.S.

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There is absolutely no 'must' about this effort, if nothing is happening, there is nothing to report. The idea is to spread the message a little further afield. No doubt there are many Local Shows who could be encouraged to include an Iris Class in their schedule. If they already have, it would be nice to hear about it. Good hunting

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st DECEMBER 1981

	£		£
28.1.81 News/Letter and Postage	22.00	Subscriptions	35.75
5.8.81 News/Letter and Postage	24.00	Donations	7.62
Surplus	22.77	Sale of seeds and plants	25.40
	<u>68.77</u>		<u>68.77</u>

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 1981

Accumulated Fund	30.39	Interest for 1981	2.88
Surplus for Year	22.77	Cash in Bank	50.28
	<u>53.16</u>		<u>53.16</u>
		Total cash in Bank	<u>53.16</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT

That we are now able to show a profit for the year is due to the generous sum that Anne Blanco White sent for the Sale of Plants. Jennifer has been selling her plants and also Members' donations as well as subscriptions.

One or two more subscriptions are outstanding.

The subscription for 1981/82 is...75p (80/81...50p... 79/80...50p)
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GROUP 'GET TOGETHER' at the IRIS SHOW on Tuesday and Wednesday 15th and 16th June 1982

Adrian Whittaker and Jennifer Hewitt thought it would be a good idea to make this year the one for an 'Informal Meeting' or 'Get Together' of the Group. Unfortunately the Christmas period and Railway Strike have made it rather difficult to make detailed arrangements and verify them at this time. The concept was agreed in principle, the big question is, how is it to be carried out... We have permission to use a corner of the Show Benching... Setting it up, is the problem ... we will have to have volunteers, who are prepared to help with Materials, Photographs of S.S. & J. Flowers etc. and finally to 'man the stand' for the 2 days.... Can we do it?

The alternative is a Meeting on each day in the afternoons at around 2.30 p.m. with one or two Members confirming that they will be there. I myself will do my best to attend on the first day.

If you are interested in this suggestion or are prepared to help, please return the attached slip to the Secretary not later than 31st May 1982.

Identification is a problem in our postally orientated Group, so we have set out a 'slip' at the bottom of this page. Hold it aloft... pin it to your lapel.. put it in your hat. Anything, as long as we know one another.

MY NAME IS _____

I AM A MEMBER OF THE SIBIRICA,
SPURIA and JAPANESE GROUP.

GROUP 'GET TOGETHER' ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, 15th and 16th JUNE 1982

I am interested in attending the Meeting(s) at the Iris Show -

on June 15th at 2.30 p.m.

on June 16th at 2.30 p.m.

I am prepared to offer help in Manning a Stand

I have Material, Iris Flowers (S.S. & J.) Blown-up Photographs,
which I am prepared to lend and bring

Signed _____

Address _____
