

***Agapanthus* 'Jonny's White'**

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One of the perks of being on the judging panel of the RHS Wisley trial of *Echinacea* was that I was able to view other trial beds nearby. The bed for the *Agapanthus* trial was close by, and in July 2019 amidst all the look-alike blues was a lovely clean white variety, significantly shorter than most, and which immediately caught my eye. It had been entered by Christine Skelmersdale of Broadleigh Gardens and I made a note of the cultivar name, 'Jonny's White' so that I could research its origin and maybe acquire a plant.

It apparently arose at Broadleigh Gardens and their website describes it as '*an excellent short variety with waxy white flowers - it stood out among our seedlings as very distinct*'. Getting hold of a plant proved to be very easy, as on 2nd August 2019 Christine was giving a talk at an *Agapanthus* Day being held at Coaley, for which I had already booked a place. I emailed Christine and ordered three plants, which she brought along to the meeting for me.

All three plants grew away well after repotting, and we brought them with us to our new garden in Salford Priors where we planted all three as a group. They have thrived, and the accompanying photo shows them in full bloom on 22nd July this year.

I have some seedlings now, sown in early March this year, but it will be a year or two before they flower - it will be interesting to see how they compare with the original.

