

Harrogate Orchid Society

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EDITORS NOTE

Like the White Rabbit in Alice in Wonderland, I'm late ! ,I'm late ! I'm late !. Because ,time wise, things have been a bit hairy to say the least . What with Christmas, New Year and the show to plan plus trying to grow orchids to enter in it ,I have been chasing my tail a bit. There isn't much to report on for the last 3 months so this edition is a little small.

Well ! I thought last years calendar was a bit congested till I SAW THIS YEARS. Around March through to April it is wall to wall shows and meetings. Don't get me wrong ,it can be managed ,just! but it tests members enthusiasm to the limit. Bob Marsh and myself as joint show secs will have to miss our own AGM in order to fulfil our commitments to the North East of England i.e. Bowburn and I will have to put something together for Hinckley. Bob and I work on the principle that if they come to our show we go to there's. As HOS annual show organiser, I know how important it is for us that we have as many societies as we can attend each show. As a group of societies that regularly meet and mix it seems we are making a rod for our own back by not coordinating better.

To keep changing the dates from year to year and at relatively the last minute seems like a recipe for long term disaster. In our defence i.e. HOS ,we have kept ours stable on the same day for as long as I have been a member. For some this is not always possible but it doesn't take a genius to work out that we need to get together on choosing dates much sooner and not act alone or without thought for the consequences to other societies. Societies are folding all the time but people are buying orchids in the millions, are we missing the point somewhere?

Matt Richardson has got our open face book page up and running and we are now spending some money on boosting the show but it needs people ,especially members to post pictures and comments on it to help boost it up and create interest so, if you can do this it would be great If you don't have any pictures just comment on other peoples post ,it all helps

21 st OCTOBER MEETING

AT HARLOW CARR

PHRAGMIPEDIUM kovachii AND ITS INFLUENCE ON HYBRIDISING

A TALK GIVEN BY JOHN GAY

John explained that this talk had come a bit soon for his backroom staff who were on holiday and hadn't fine tuned his power point show and was heard to mutter "you just can't get the staff." That bit of fun aside it was a great talk with lots of pictures illustrating what he was talking about. This subject is obviously close to John's heart and he is very comfortable and knowledgeable when talking about it. This came across as he spoke about the vagaries, excitement, disappointment and sometimes skulduggery that happened as growers used this species to create many hybrids. Everything was covered by 2 or 3 pictures showing the changes achieved and lots of questions were asked. It was a well received talk by old and new members alike with detail ranging from down right technical to very light hearted. Thanks John.

The usual refreshments were taken along with the now, very successful raffle. The table talk followed as usual and was presented by Ian Dorman but for some reason there were very few plants on the display. This didn't detract from the interest because more time was spent on each plant and lots of cross talk ensued because of it. Discussion then centred round how to treat red spider mite and then moved on to growing *Phragmipedium* on the windowsill. It was all useful info. The meeting ended on time and we all went home happy or in our case to Betty's.

PICTURES FROM THE TABLE

Cattleya bowringiana



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Trias dentifolia

This small genus of about 10 epiphytic species comes from southeast Asia. It is closely related to bulbophyllum but has triangular flowers with fleshy spreading sepals that are much larger than the petals and lip. The anther cap is elongated and often cleft. The plants are small. With a creeping rhizome, almost round single leafed pseudobulbs and solitary flowers, usually relatively large for the size of the plant. The inflorescences arise from the base of the pseudobulb. The name comes from the Greek trias, meaning three, referring to the triangular shape of the flowers



Paphiopedilum tonsum var cupreum

Paphiopedilum tonsum is endemic to north and west Sumatra (from Merek to Sidikalang road) between 900 and 1800 meters above sea level. It grows in leafy humus on the forest floor or in humus-filled cracks in limestone rocks and cliffs and sometimes near water seepages.

It is a small to medium sized, cool growing herbaceous humus epiphyte with oblong-elliptic, deep green mottled with gray green, up to 20 cm long, 5 cm wide leaves with purple undersides.

The Bald *Paphiopedilum* blooms in winter and the fall on an erect, terminal, 30 to 37.5 cm long, purple marked, single flowered inflorescence with an elliptic-lanceolate floral bract. The flower has a pinkish white

dorsal sepal veined green and dark purple. The outstretched petals are olive to pale yellow-green with darker green veins and may sometimes be flushed dull purple, with a few black warts in the inner surface. The lip is green to olive-brown with pink flushing and has darker brown or maroon veining.

MEMBERS PLANT FOCUS



Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis is the largest of the *Bulbophyllums*, it is native to Irian Jaya. Mature plants can be very large. The basal inflorescences are 7 – 15cm long. Each produces 6-20 flowers. Individual flowers are 5 – 7cm long. The sepals are of a cup and lid form. The lateral sepals are fused and the dorsal sepal cups over them. The flowers are white or cream heavily spotted dark red-purple. Some are solid red-purple. A unique quality and the biggest draw to this unusual plant is that they STINK. Flowers will last 5-6 weeks or more. These prefer to be grown warm (perhaps intermediate) like *Cattleya* with stronger light.



and when I lifted up the large leaf you can see ,there it was the most unusual bunch of flowers you could imagine , waiting for the flies to arrive. LOVELY! The leaf in the picture is one of many that you can't see and measure 1.2mts so its fairly long. The flowers lasted about 6 weeks.

HOS MEMBERS ANNUAL LUNCHEON

AT THE NEW VENUE

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ARRIVAL 11.00AM LUNCH 12PM

COST PER HEAD £20.95 2 COURSES £25.95 3 COURSES

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18th NOVEMBER MEETING AT HARLOW CARR

TWO CULTIVATED LADIES

That was the title of the talks given by Hilary Hobbs and Jean Barker and very good talks they were from two obviously very cultured ladies. They took turns to go through a power point, showing the plants they had grown and won awards with over the years and the list was long. Each plant had different and interesting story about how they had acquired it and whom ,in the case of hybrids, had made the cross. Some had been bought and some had been given from various sources. They both explained how each plant had been grow and what problems had been encountered in getting them to rosette winning and with some, RHS award winning quality. The achievements that Hilary & Jean have had ,is a tribute to their patience and dedication over the years to their chosen hobby. Sadly because it was a PowerPoint talk and there were a lot of frames, I am unable to show you any of the plants . The attendance was high at this meeting so many of you will have seen them. There were many questions asked and the talks were very well received at the end . Many thanks to Hilary & Jean.

Tea, coffee and delicious buns and biscuits were then taken, served by the ever reliable David and Pat Mitchell. The raffle was drawn then we all settled down to the table talk presented by Ian Dorman and this time the table was full of interesting plants .Because this is a relatively short edition I have decided to put in a few more table plants for your enjoyment. Malcolm White very kindly took the pictures so enjoy



Bulbophyllum gigantea



Cattleya
bowringiana



Ceologyne messengiana



Cymbidium tracyanum



Oncidium hastalabium

CONTINUED PLANTS FROM TABLE



Paphiopedilum novum



Paphiopedilum vietnamense menston



Pseudocypripedium palidum



paphiopedilum

insignie
Harfield hall

MEETING & SHOW DATES FOR 2019

SHOW DATES	MEETING DATES
HARROGATE ORCHID SOCIETY / SUNDAY 24th FEBRUARY	HOS SUNDAY 24th MARCH 10am
EAST MIDLAND ORCHID SOCIETY / SUNDAY 17th MARCH	HOS SUNDAY 25th APRIL 10am
NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND ORCH ID SOCETY / SUNDAY 24th MARCH	HOS SUNDAY 26th MAY 10am
HINCKLEY ORCHID SOCIETY / SATURDAY 6th APRIL	HOS SUNDAY 21st JULY 10am
NORTH OF ENGLAND ORCHID SOCIETY/ SATURDAY 1st JUNE	HOS SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 10am
MALVERN INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW /14th-16th JUNE	HOS SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER 10am
HARROGATE ORCHID SOCIETY / HARLOW CARR 1 DAY EVENT 23rd JUNE	HOS SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER 10am
HARROGATE ORCHID SOCIETY/HARLOW CARR 2 DAY EVENT 3rd-4th AUGUST	
DURHAM ORCHID SOCIETY/ SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER	