

Harrogate Orchid Society

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Newsletter June 2026



Dear Members,

As months go by it gets ever more difficult to come up with something interesting to start the Newsletter with. Totally stumped this month, I've succumbed to sitting in the garden with a coffee watching the myriad of insects collecting nectar, including a Painted Lady butterfly (apparently, it's an excellent year for them). But now onwards and upwards.

The last meeting saw Helen Millner give her talk about terrariums, despite recovering from a broken leg. Terrarium growing is becoming very popular, along with the resurgence of houseplants so this is another way for people to get into orchids.

The next meeting at Pool on the 28th June will see Nick Gillian talking about Coelogynes. There is no meeting in July as it is our Annual Show on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd August at Harlow Carr.

Anne and Trevor have asked me to say: "Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help at the Annual Show. Sorry, we won't be at the next meeting but will be in touch with you all soon."

I hope members are checking out our website. If anyone has any comments about it or photos they'd be willing to share for the Gallery, do please get in touch with me.

My thanks go out to this month's contributors. PLEASE keep sending me your photos, and/or articles.

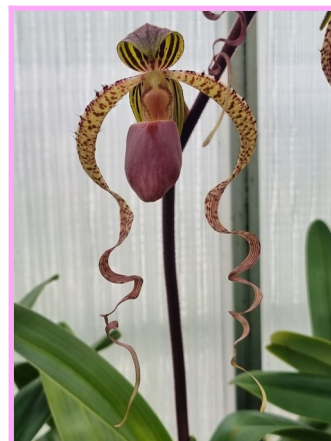
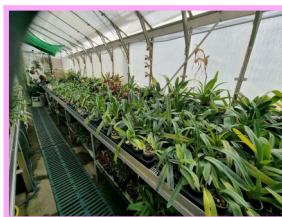
Best wishes,

Liz, Editor

A report from Pat Hunter of a visit to Elite Orchids at the end of April.

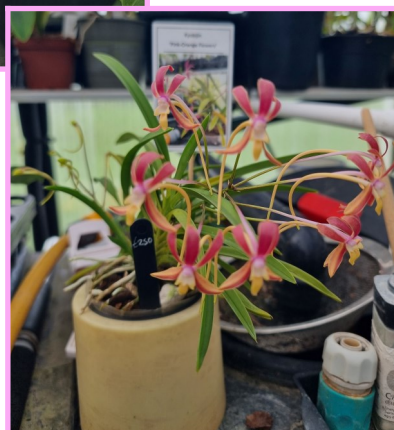


A view of the greenhouses whilst having coffee and cake on the lawn. *Paulownia tomentosa* (the foxglove tree) and a superb wisteria, very tidy orchard and mini vineyard beside the greenhouses made up a smart outside.



Paph 'Salty Val' is an historic variety.

This *Neofinetia* 'Kyobijiu' could be yours for the princely sum of £250!!



A few of Trevor's plants.



Encyclia 'Green Hornet'

Bulbophyllum
Ornatissimumx
Careyanum
(right)



And this stunner (left) is Gaurechea 'Black Comet'. Comparing it to the Encyclia above, you would think it would be the same genus. But apparently it is a highly prized hybrid.

And a couple seen in the Palm House at the Botanical Gardens of Wales.



Dendrobium chrysotoxum.



Right is my
Neofinetia falcata
which will be past its
best by the next
meeting. 41 flowers
this year and a
wonderful scent in
the evenings.

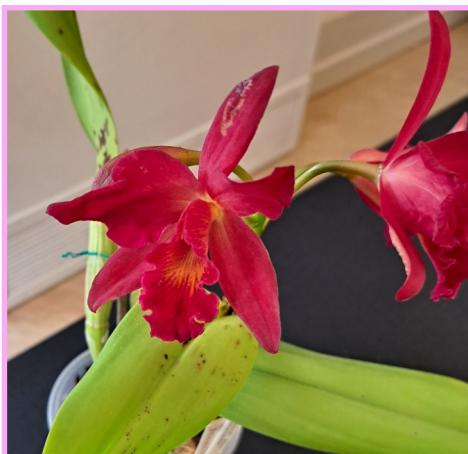
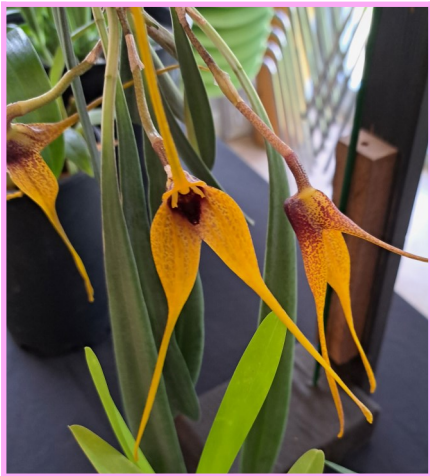
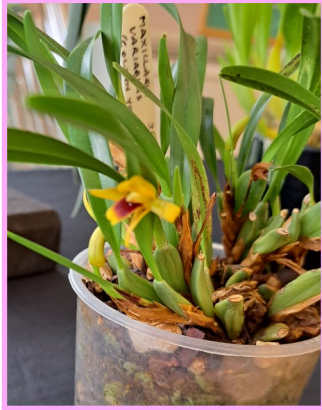


Brassia maculata



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TABLE DISPLAY



Look closely (left), the flowers are around the base of the plant.

