



British Orchid Council

....promoting orchid growing...

I hope everyone is keeping both well and safe. This new lockdown is causing difficulties and problems for us all, but I hope your orchids are flourishing and you have been taking lots of pictures of them over the summer. More of this later!

First of all do check out the BOC speakers list which has been updated. Perhaps it would be an idea to book a 'speaker' who lives too far away to ask under ordinary circumstances? Zoom does give us the opportunity to do that so this may prove beneficial for your society. A new and different speaker for a change might stimulate some interest and help to keep everyone communicating with one another. Well worth considering.

If you require any help setting up a Zoom meeting, Trish (BOC joint secretary) will be only too happy to help you and will talk you through anything you may be unsure about.

She may be contacted at: secretary@british-orchid-council.info

In the last newsletter I was trying to encourage everyone to keep in touch with their orchid friends, especially those you haven't heard from for a while and again I would repeat this.

For anyone living alone who is now facing another local lock down they will be really happy to hear from someone in their orchid society so please remember to keep in touch with any member you know to be isolated, especially as in a couple of weeks we will be starting the countdown to Christmas.

Do stay well and safe everyone— Helen



Pleurothallis cypripedioides

PHOTO 2020

Do you like the picture?

I always try to include various pictures that I have taken, usually with my iPhone these days I must admit.

This one is one of my favourites and was taken a while ago now.

So why is it here? It is really by way of introducing the BOC Photographic competition this year or Photo2020!

Due to Covid and the difficulties that some societies may have organising the usual competition we have decided to organise things a little differently.

All the details for this year's competition are on the last page after the details of Laurence Hobbs Orchids sale days leading up to Christmas.

So the countdown down is now on for **PHOTO2020**

*Laurence Hobbs
Orchids
sale days ..*



Laurence - happy and smiling as usual!

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Orchid Sale Days :

The nursery is open during lockdown

November

All Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays

December

Friday 4th and Sat 5th :

Fri. 11th Sat. 12th and Sun. 13th

Fri. 18th Sat. 19th and Sun. 20th

*Can't make the weekend open days?
Call Laurence to book another time -
he is available most days currently .*

Dave and I managed to visit just before the new regulations took effect. We were made very welcome, and as always, managed to share a laugh and joke with Laurence, as you can see.

Even when Dave had insisted on taking his own refreshments with him!! It was great to meet up with Gary and Maria Firth who were visiting as well, as we hadn't seen them for ages. And to finish off a great trip the M25 was kind to us both ways!!



social distancing

IF you haven't visited for a while you will be surprised at the wider variety of plants on sale (I got some beautiful Pleuros for instance). So do check out Laurence's website to see what is on offer via his plant list page.

He is now offering a very efficient mail order service—very useful if you are thinking of Christmas presents.

Well— it did say to bring your own refreshments - perhaps this isn't what he had in mind?



PHOTO2020— this year's BOC Photographic competition.

Who can enter?

Anyone who is a member of a BOC affiliated orchid society this includes overseas members.

Also anyone who is associated with BOC or affiliated to a society.

If you're not sure, just ask. Contact details below.

When can I enter?

Right now!! Today if you want to!

Final entries must be emailed by midnight **31st December**—
we won't be able to accept any entries that miss the deadline.

Just warning everyone up front, so nobody will be disappointed and to avoid any misunderstandings!

What sort of pictures can I enter and how many?

The theme for the competition is

'A picture of an orchid or orchids'

So there really is wide scope for everyone.

You can send pictures of orchids in the wild, a studio portrait of an orchid or anything in-between.

The maximum is **TWO** pictures per person



How do I enter?

This year we are asking everyone to enter their own pictures by email.

We know that some societies would have problems organising this in the usual way, and this will ensure that everyone has an equal chance to enter. This is what you do:

1. Email your photographs to:

photo2020@british-orchid-council.info

2. Include the following details: *Your name, name of plant, your society name*

3. Make sure your photographs are in jpeg format. Any problems with that just ask by emailing to the email above.



How will judging be done?

As this is intended to be a photographic competition the emphasis will be placed on the quality of the images.

Please make sure that the images are in focus, with the proper exposure and well balanced/composed. They can be taken on any sort of camera and smart phone pictures are welcome!!

Details of judging will follow in due course, but please note we intend to get results out by the end of January next year.

That's all for now— but if there are any questions or you need any help do get in touch. I am really looking forward to seeing everyone's lovely photographs!