

January/February
2023



And to start off this year, we have the closely guarded results of the Photo Competition -

I hope it is not too late to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

The orchid calendar seems to be filling up very quickly and there are lots of shows to look forward to. The first big show is the Wisley Orchid Show in March and followed by the new style Malvern in June. Everyone looks forward to that one!

In between are numerous club shows so do try to support your local show and any local societies that you can!

Without more ado, here are the Photo Competition results. These have been very closely guarded and at this point (Monday evening) not even the winners know they have won!

Photo Competition 2023

There was rather a slow start to entries, and then over Christmas and as the dead line approached everyone seemed to have the same idea and entries started to flood in. And very good they were too!

The photographs this year seemed to be of a higher standard than in previous years. By that I mean that people entering had payed much more attention to detail in the composition, focussing the subject and exposure. It was a real pleasure to look through them all and learn a bit about some of the more unusual entries. The Hardy Orchid Society certainly did us proud with their beautiful pictures of wild orchids, both here and in Europe. Apologies for any misspellings of names in advance, as I had to look a lot of the details up, as you will see.

In total we had 90 images entered and these were judged by a select team organised by Chris Barker. They were asked to chose their ten favourites and then put them in rank order. bl am so glad I didn't have to do this, as I don't think I could have picked ten, let alone put them in order. Judging was completely 'blind' as no-one knew who had taken which picture. They did a very good job and the results are fairly evenly spread across different types of pictures and orchids. So thank you to the judges for performing such a difficult task.

There was a tie for second place, which we decided to leave and not try to do any sort of 'tie-breaker' as they were both worthy place-winners.

And congratulations to the winner - Ian Fuller of Central Orchid Society for his careful stacked image of *Lepanthes terborchii* - very well done Ian!!

So here are the top ten in full - I hope you will all enjoy them as much as I did



	<u>Entry number</u>	<u>Plant name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Orchid Society</u>
1st	108	Lepanthes terborchii	Ian Fuller	Central
2nd	123	Paph. Rosy Dawn	Karen Senior	Bournemouth
2nd	208	Phragmipedium pearcei	Mike Bull	Central
4th	131	Pleione Kilauea Hoopoe	Derek Armstrong	Darlington
5th	171	Ophrys aveyronensis	Eric Ferbrache	Hardy Orchid Society
6th	212	Bulbophyllum romyi	Christine Nicholson	Scottish
7th	199	Ophrys rhodia	Ian Hadlington	Hardy Orchid Society
8th	113	Cypripedium Wim	Stuart Meeson	OSGB
9th	136	Dactylorhiza foliosa	Tony Britton	Scottish
10th	178	Orchis purpurea	Christopher Hoskin	Hardy Orchid Society



Ian Fuller, Central Orchid Society

FIRST PLACE

Lepanthes terborchii

A lovely, beautifully sharp image of this miniature orchid.

For the technically minded, this image was focus stacked so that the whole of the image is in focus. Well done Ian, hope you are pleased with the win!

Lepanthes is a large Pleurothallid genus with between 800 to 1000 species. They all come from montane forests and require high humidity to grow well. Some species are difficult in cultivation and many do better in terraria where it is easier to maintain ideal conditions.



Karen Senior, Bournemouth Orchid Society

SECOND PLACE

Paph. Rosy Dawn

A well composed and sharp image of this hybrid Paphiopedilum.

White flowers are notoriously difficult to photograph as they can be easily over exposed and the white areas become 'burnt out', with no detail. This certainly hasn't happened here - it is a lovely photograph, well done!!



Mike Bull, Central Orchid Society

THIRD PLACE

Phragmipedium pearcei

A stunning image of this species Phragmipedium.

Congratulations Mike, a great picture.

Phragmipedium pearcei is a smaller growing Phrag. with a range from Ecuador to NE Peru. It can grow either as an epiphyte or lithophyte (on rocks) usually near rivers or streams.



Derek Armstrong, Darlington Orchid Society

FOURTH PLACE

Pleione Kilauea Hoopoe

Derek always enters gorgeous pictures of Pleiones, and this one is no exception.

He won with a beautiful picture last year - this one hasn't done quite as well!

There are some lovely new hybrids about this year, so next year's photographs of Pleiones could be very interesting.



Eric Ferbrache, Hardy Orchid Society

FIFTH PLACE

Ophrys aveyronensis

A great picture of this rare native orchid.

After looking it up on the Kew website:

Ophrys aveyronensis (J.J.Wood)

P.Delforge

It was first published in Guide Orchid.

Eur.: 189 (1984)

And the name is a synonym of *Ophrys sphegodes* subsp. *aveyronensis*



SIXTH PLACE

Bulbophyllum romyi

A great picture as it captures the intricate detail of the dorsal sepal of these flowers.

Bulbophyllums have become very popular in the last few years, possibly because their flowers are so bizarre and unique.

This species certainly does not disappoint in that respect.

Christine Nicholson, Scottish Orchid Society



SEVENTH PLACE

Ophrys rhodia

The details that have been captured in this photograph are wonderful, it needs to be studied in close-up to really appreciate them.

O. rhodia was described as a subspecies in 1986 from the island of Rhodes (Baumann and Kunkele) but only gained full species status in 1990.

Habitat requirements are quite undemanding and it may be found in most alkaline environments up to about 600m

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Ian Hadlington, Hardy Orchid Society



Stuart Meeson, OSGB

EIGHTH PLACE

Cypripedium Wim

A lovely elegant picture of this hybrid in which its colours are particularly striking. A well composed and very good photograph.



NINTH PLACE

Dactylorhiza foliosa

What an incredible plant! These were photographed growing outside in a raised bed. A great picture of beautiful orchids - very well done for the culture AND the photograph!

Tony Britton, Scottish Orchid Society



TENTH PLACE

Orchis purpurea - pollinium drop!

An extraordinary image, look very carefully or you will miss it, as I nearly did.

As the insect approaches the flower a pollinium can be seen falling onto the ground. Amazing to catch the picture at that precise moment. For the plant, however, lost opportunities for pollination and to set seed.

Christopher Hoskin, Hardy Orchid Society

What's on?

I've only included the date and event below and not any other details. If you want to know more details about any of the events please consult the society's webpage as details can change (which is why I haven't included them). This list is not exhaustive by any means.

If you have a flyer for your show (such as the Bournemouth one) just send it to me and I will include it in the newsletter.

An excellent diary of events which includes all kinds of things that you might be interested in has been compiled by Beth Otway, otherwise known as Pumpkin Beth who is an OSGB member. You might like to have a look at www.pumpkinbeth.com, which is a fascinating website in other ways as well.

February 2023

Saturday 4th February: Solihull & District Orchid Society meeting

Wednesday 8 February: British Paphiopedilum Society Zoom Talk: 'Sanderianum part 1' by Deb Boersma. Members only

Friday 10 February: Lea Valley Orchid Society Zoom Talk: Orchid Hunting in Sumatra by Trey Sanders

Saturday 11 February: The Mathers Foundation Guided Tour

Saturday 11 February: Orchid Study Group Meeting: Where Have All the Flowers Gone? Revisiting some of those orchid species once popular, but now seldom seen in collections: a talk by Kevin L. Davies

Saturday 11 February: North of England Orchid Society AGM

Saturday 11 February: Orchid Society of Great Britain visit to The Mathers Foundation

Saturday 18 February - Sunday 19 February: Burnham Nurseries & Orchid Paradise Open Weekend

Sunday 19 February: Devon Orchid Society Meeting: A chat with Ron Woolway

Saturday 25 February: The Bournemouth Orchid Society Spring Show

Sunday 26 February: Harrogate Orchid Society Annual Show

Tuesday 28th February - Cheltenham & District Orchid Society meeting

March 2023

Wednesday 1 March: British Paphiopedilum Society Zoom Talk: 'Sanderianum part 2' by Deb Boersma. Members only

Saturday 4 March: The Mathers Foundation Guided Tour

Saturday 4th March: Solihull & District Orchid Society meeting

Saturday 4 March: Wessex Orchid Society Spring Show

Saturday 4 March: Orchid Society of Great Britain Zoom Talk: Wild Orchids of the British Isles by Celia Wright

Friday 10 March 2023: Lea Valley Orchid Society Spring Orchid Show

Saturday 11 March 2023 - Sunday 12 March 2023: Burnham Nurseries & Orchid Paradise Open Weekend

Saturday 11 March: Orchid Study Group Meeting: The Cloud Forest: a talk by Phil Seaton

Saturday 11 March 2023: North of England Orchid Society Members' Auction

Sunday 12 March: Devon Orchid Society Meeting: Orchid travels in Australia: a talk by Dr Jonathan Hutchinson

**Friday 17th - Sunday 19th March:
Royal Horticultural Society Orchid Show at Wisley**

An Orchid grower's worst nightmare!

I came across this on You Tube the other day, and at first I thought it was a scam, but when I looked it up..... I have been having nightmares ever since!

Its Huge! Giant Black Slug. You Tube video Sorry I cannot include the screen shot as its against copyright.

These things can get to over 1 FOOT in length and weigh several pounds - just think of one of those in the greenhouse!

Guinness Book of Records says -

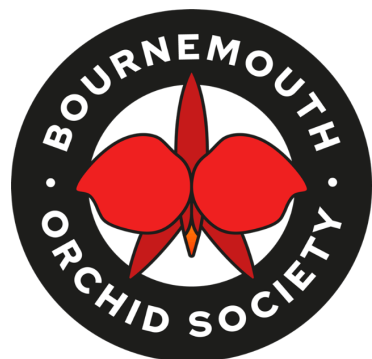
*The world's largest species of terrestrial slug is the ash-black slug *Limax cinereoniger*. Found in ancient woodlands throughout all but the most northerly regions of Europe, it can grow to a length of up to 30 cm, and eats fungi.*

That didn't help me a bit! It's actually found in Europe and its terrestrial, so it could be somewhere in the UK. OK, so it eats fungi and not green plants? I still think it wouldn't turn its nose up at a juicy orchid house if it got the chance...

So get out those flashlights, beer traps, or whatever you use and be on the lookout, because you never know.....

For those of you of a weak disposition who hate slugs (like me) the above was tongue cheek - but as they say in all good horror moviesor was it? You never know!





ORCHID SHOW AND TRADE FAIR

Saturday 25th February 2023

12.00 Noon - 4.30 pm

Entrance £4.00 per person

All Under 18's enter FREE with a paying adult

RHS Open Public Meeting From 1 pm

- Exquisite and intriguing orchids on display.
- Refreshments available at cost.
- **Free** high quality cultural advice and orchid clinic.
- Substantial variety of orchids and other quality items for sale.
- **FREE** potting demonstrations - bring your plants for **FREE** advice.
- **RE-POTTING SERVICE** from £2.00.
- **Educational materials & exhibitions, Orchid learning zone & activities.**

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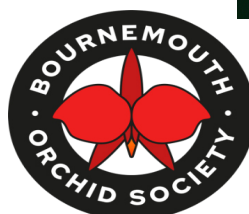
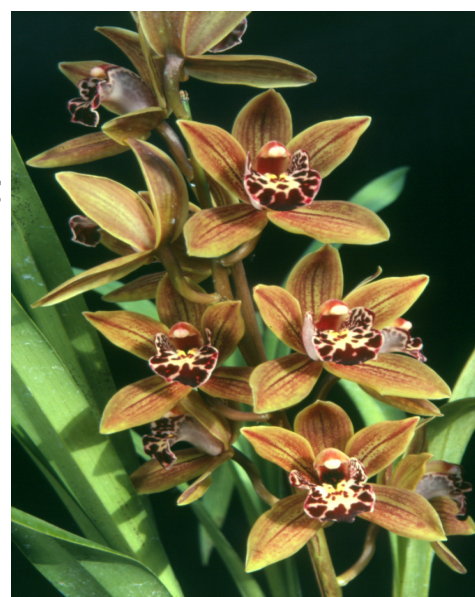
- **Trade attraction**
Burnham Nurseries, Laurence Hobbs Orchids,
Orchid Botanics. Writhlington School Orchid Project

**Show Venue:
Allendale Community Centre
Hanham Road,
Wimborne, Dorset BH21 1AS**

**Contact: Chris Broomfield, Show Manager,
on 07712 479 056 or
chrisbroomfield@ntlworld.com.**

Visit our website.

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B.E.T.O.C - accepting applications for funding.

The Barbara Everard Trust for Orchid Conservation



The Barbara Everard Trust for Orchid Conservation (B.E.T.O.C.) is managed by the Orchid Society of Great Britain.

Barbara Everard (1910-1990) was a talented painter who was inspired to encourage orchid growing and assist in the conservation of all orchids. She provided the initial funding for the Trust, which exists today for the following purpose:

Money held on trust by B.E.T.O.C. may be granted for the purposes of conservation of all orchids and of encouraging orchid growing by:

- 1) providing education in any form regarding orchid growing including shows, publications and supporting research;
- 2) placing endangered orchids and specialist collections of orchids with suitable collectors / collections; or
- 3) supporting ex-situ conservation of orchids by seed raising and ex-situ propagation both for in-situ reintroduction and introduction into cultivation in the United Kingdom.

Recent funding by B.E.T.O.C has been given to the following:

In 2021; to the OSGB to help with the cost of an educational display at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show

In 2022; to The Mathers Foundation to assist with the conservation of a collection of Stanhopeas'

If you would like to apply to the Trust for funding or donate to the cause, please contact the OSGB secretary Amy Malin at secretary@osgb.org.uk.