



Malvern 2023
Part 1!



Malvern Orchid Show - Part 1

Well the Malvern week end was a wonderful one yet again. Three days looking at plants, talking about orchids, meeting up with old friends and making new ones, what more could anyone want?

This section of the newsletter is all about the different stands and their awards. My apologies in advance if any of these are incorrect, please excuse any mistakes.

The weather was blistering hot for the first two days when we were all trying to set-up stands, which can make life difficult, but then was somewhat cooler for the rest of the time. It was wonderful to be inside again, a great improvement on the marquee, and so much easier to look after plants and flowers.

One important thing that I would like to do in this Newsletter is to thank both Chris and Mel, on behalf of everyone. They have both worked tirelessly over the years to keep the show going and make improvements.

Chris was responsible initially for not letting the show close after several years at Peterborough. It hasn't all been plain sailing either - who of you can forget the last Peterborough when the rain came down and we (and everyone else on the showground) were flooded out?

A new home then had to be found for the show, and so it moved to Malvern. Since then due to the efforts of both Chris and Mel it has gone on from strength to strength.



So after some sixteen years they have both decided it is time to take a well earned break.

Thank you Guys from everyone, you have done all of us proud over the years. If not for both of you, we would not have had a show at all and the orchid world in the UK would have been a lot poorer as a result.

So what is going to happen to the show now?

During the show, Clive Lloyd from Devon OS volunteered to take up the challenge to keep the show going. Nicola Wakely, also from Devon OS, has offered to help - so we will have a show next year! Start planning exhibits now!

See more about Clive in the part 2 of the Malvern Newsletter. The show will be in safe hands, so we can all breathe a sigh of relief, and Chris and Mel can happily have a well earned rest.



Rita - Cheltenham show, 2022

Sad News

Just before the Malvern show we received the sad news that Rita Clevely had passed away, aged 91.

She and Arnold were well known and much loved visitors to orchid shows. They would mainly visit shows around Cheltenham at one time the London orchid show.

Although Arnold was the orchid grower, he was never without Rita, who always said she had seen quite enough of orchids!

They celebrated their one Wedding Anniversary at the Burnham Nurseries' 70th birthday celebrations, some five years ago now, and were married in total for seventy two years.

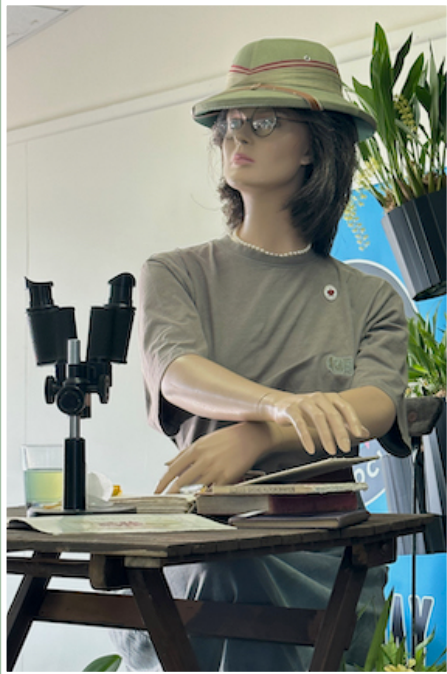
A wonderful character who will be greatly missed - Dave and I knew them for over thirty years and always looked forward to seeing them both at shows.

Rita and Arnold
Burnham Nurseries 2019





GOLD award and Best Amateur Display East Midlands Orchid Society



How ever did they get someone to sit there all weekend?



GOLD award Bournemouth Orchid Society



GOLD award Helen Millner



GOLD award North of England Orchid Society



GOLD award Devon Orchid Society



GOLD award Orchid Society of Great Britain



GOLD award Darlington Orchid Society



GOLD award Best Trade Stand
Burnham Nurseries

Apologies as this was the one stand I failed to get a picture of!

So you will all have to make do instead with this picture of Arthur looking as happy and cheerful as always!

Pictures of the remainder of the stands follow, in no particular order (as they say) - so have a good look and enjoy all the different displays.

There really were some gorgeous orchids on them, more details about the individual plants and their awards will follow in part two.



Silver Gilt award North of England Orchid Society



Here it is again! No clones were spotted during the show, but give it time!

But look carefully - the culprit is lurking in the background!



Silver award Thames Valley Orchid Society



Silver award Cheshire and North Wales Orchid Society



Although the weather was warm all weekend, the wind was sometimes a problem especially here



Silver award Hardy Orchid Society



Silver Gilt award Central Orchid Society



Silver award Sheffield Orchid Society



Silver Gilt award Scottish Orchid Society



Silver Gilt award Wessex Orchid Society



Silver Gilt award Cornwall Orchid Society



Silver Gilt award Hinckley and District Orchid Society



Silver Gilt award trade Elite Orchids



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Silver award trade Spicesotics



Silver Gilt award Trade Orchid Alchemy



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