



Malvern Orchid Show Part 3

Bulbophyllum eberhardtii group

Best Species in show

Grown by Arthur Deakin

East Midlands orchid society



This is the final part of the Malvern based newsletter! Phew!

After this one, I will be taking a break for a few weeks to recover, but if there is any special news, you never know.

Apologies if this one seems a little disjointed as it is really just a round up of things that have been left over from the previous Part 1 and Part 2, together with some other items. First of all, here are some of the issues that have cropped up since part 2 came out - Not all of these were down to me this time - which makes a welcome change!

Bulbophyllum longiflorum

I'm sure all of you were impressed by the plant that won the Best Species in the show and grown by Arthur Deakin. This was a spectacular plant labelled as *Bulbophyllum longiflorum* - or was it?

This was the name I went with for the newsletter - but there are some very observant and knowledgeable people out there, who very quickly informed me that the name should be *Bulbophyllum eberhardtii*.

Apparently the stated name on the label was incorrect, and is a synonym. After much discussion, the RHS committee had adopted the following - (*thanks to Clare Hermans for clearing this up*).

The name should be *Bulbophyllum eberhardtii* group.

The species is listed as a synonym of *Bulbophyllum longiflorum* which is a worldwide species, however plants identified as *Bulbophyllum eberhardtii* are common in cultivation and come from Asia only.

The Best Amateur Oncidiinae

In the Newsletter Part 2 - The Best Amateur Oncidiinae, *Oncidium sphacelatum*, was stated as being grown by B. Gould of Bournemouth OS

However this was a clerical error in the results and the actual grower of the plant and winner of the trophy was Marius Grzelik. So belated Congratulations to Marius, it was a beautiful plant and a worthy winner.

Apologies to Cheltenham OS -

This one was my fault, so apologies are due. Although I had taken a photograph of their stand, for some reason I managed to leave it out of the first part of the Newsletter.

So belatedly, I am including a picture of Cheltenham display below. I can only conclude that I was too busy trying to photograph the *Bulbophyllum* species on the front of their display!



Alan Greatwood

A little time before the Malvern show, we heard that Alan Greatwood of Cheltenham OS had passed away. In his time he was an important orchid grower and exhibitor. There is a brief account of his life that follows, for which I have to thank both Rod Wells of Cheltenham OS and Clare Hermans for providing the details.



Clowesetum 'Sheila'

Intergeneric cross of *Catasetum* x *Clowesia*

Grown by George Barnes
North of England orchid society

Alan Greatwood - a brief history

Alan was first introduced to Miss Dinah Albright by Commander Collett, a member of the Orchid Committee. Miss Albright was connected to Albright & Wilson, international chemical manufacturers, from the West Midlands and lived at Bromesberrow Place, Gloucestershire. There was already a commercial nursery on this site, although mainly Fuchsias and Pelargoniums were being grown. Miss Albright, however, had started collecting orchids and needed a grower.

Alan was interviewed for the post by Miss Albright and when, later, Comdr. Collett asked how it went Alan said he didn't think he would get the job because he had told her the best thing to do was dispose of everything and start again. He (apparently) had said that the plants "were poor and needed to go". This was something that Comdr. Collett had been telling her for months! And as they say the rest is history!



Alan Greatwood, Orchid Review 1985

photo: Alan Greatwood

Alan only staged one orchid exhibit for Miss Albright at Chelsea gaining a Silver-Gilt Medal, after judging he was told that at thirty feet it was five foot too short for a Gold!

Undeterred, he encouraged the nursery to stage large exhibits at the Malvern Three Counties Show, which included orchids. In addition, he sold some orchids through the nursery and later they also sold Cyclamens.

Miss Albright never married and lived until ninety and died in 1991. During her life Alan took orchids to the house, and she regularly came to visit the orchid greenhouse with her five Pekinese dogs who would announce her impending arrival by barking. Once there she would try to open the Paphiopedilum flowers to see them, as a result Alan hid any that were in bud. After her death the orchid collection went to RHS Wisley.

Over the years Alan was a great supporter of the Cheltenham & District Orchid Society. He was their President for many years and was also their Chairman for a couple of terms. At one time if you mentioned you were a member of the Cheltenham Society, people would say 'Alan Greatwoods society' and if you mentioned Alan they would know you were a member of Cheltenham! He was a member until his death, some 47 years (and the last of their Vice Presidents).

Although not a founding member he did attend the second meeting (in 1975) to give a talk and in 1976 was elected President, with that Miss Dinah Albright became the Society Patron! At one time Miss Albright's collection was the largest private collection in Europe. Alan's passing marks the loss of one of the last links to the days of large orchid collections.

Many thanks to Rod Wells from Cheltenham and Clare Hermans for providing the information and details above, and supplying the photograph



Masdevallia Brian Charles 'Ellis'

RHS Cultural Certificate

Jean Barker
Darlington orchid society

Chris Barker's final report on the Malvern Show this year, in case any of you have not seen it.

Malvern Orchid Show 2023

Dear All,

I hope you have recovered from this year's Malvern International Orchid Show. It was a very successful show and for a second time the Severn Hall proved to be an ideal place to hold the event. There were lots of wonderful displays, plenty of visitors admiring and buying the orchids. Everyone that I managed to talk with on the Sunday afternoon enjoyed the three days and they are looking forward to returning next year. The weather was glorious and the Head of Shows at the showground informed me that – "A record number of visitors attended the show."

I am pleased to say that the Show will go on. Most of you knew that I planned to step down at the end of this show; it would have been sad if this was to be the last show. I am relieved and pleased to say that Clive Lloyd from the Devon Orchid Society has agreed to take over my role. I will not be disappearing and will be around to make sure we have a smooth transition. Jean and I will enjoy the Orchid Show and the Three Counties Show for many years to come. The staff at the showground are also delighted that the show will go on; to quote one show executive – "We wouldn't want to lose such a huge feature!"



Photo by -Rob Jones Scottish O.S.

Malvern International

Orchid Show

2024

14th, 15th, and 16th June

**Get the dates in your diary
and support Clive next year!**

I have updated the opening page of Show website - <http://www.malvern-ios.org/index.html> Links to all the judging results from the show can be found there. If you notice any errors, please let me know at - cjbandjb@ntlworld.com

We aim for perfection when recording the results, but life would be boring if we were perfect all the time.

My thanks to all those who have supported and helped me over the years, many of you going right back to the Peterborough shows. I am sure Clive will receive the same support and the future of the show is in safe hands. Best wishes and I look forward to seeing you all at the show next year.

Chris



Thank you!

A very big thank you to the wonderful ladies of the Gloucestershire Federation of WI's for providing us with what was very possibly the best deal of the show! A bottomless coffee cup for £3 - amazing! Not to mention their company throughout the show.

It really made such a difference having them in the hall next to us, with refreshments on hand all day. Not to mention how nice it was to have somewhere to go and sit down. The bacon baps were to die for, so I've been told.

However, there is no truth to the rumour that if you take your mugs back next year you will get the same deal! Wonder who started that one?



The ladies of the Gloucestershire Federation of WIs

They opened the cafe at 6 or 6.30 and were really busy all day

The cakes looked wonderful!

The cafe during the day.

Look very carefully and you might spot one or two renegades at one of the far tables!



Online survey about orchid growing and societies- please fill it in!

This survey is being organised by Wayne Heywood of Devon OS and aims to gauge the well-being of orchid growing both now and into the future in the UK.

The survey takes about 2 minutes to complete, and is very easy to complete.

I have filled it in and found it took very little time, the link is below.

For the results to be as meaningful as possible, it needs as many people as possible to take part. The survey is anonymous, and the closing date is

31st August 2023

<https://6oef0hl8r2i.typeform.com/to/XOpyXsLu>

Unfortunately, we can't make the link clickable directly from this PDF version of the Newsletter, so you will have to either copy and paste the link into your browser, or failing that type the link into your browser.

Analysis will be published in September. Please have your say and help us understand the health of orchid growing in the UK.

This survey should provide some very useful and much needed information regarding orchid growing that will be of use to the BOC, societies in general and perhaps orchid growers directly - so please spend a few minutes (it really only is a very few minutes as well) and take part.

And finally....

Both Clive and Nicky look very happy about taking over the Malvern show next year! I'm sure Clive will do a wonderful job, ably helped by Nicky.

It was brilliant news that someone had come forward to take over the running of the show, and they will need everyone's support and help next year.

We all want the Malvern Show to continue - So a big thank you to Clive and Nicky.



Clive Lloyd and Nicky Wakley from Devon OS



Disa aurata
Mick Bee
Hinckley and District
Orchid Society



Disa hybrid
Mick Bee
Hickley and District
Orchid society



Laurence Hobbs orchids, Silver-gilt award

Hampton Court flower Show

No sooner than Malvern was over, than Hampton Court Flower show came around.

There were not many displays but the ones that were there are worth mentioning.

Laurence Hobbs Orchids staged an exhibit of mainly hybrid Phalaenopsis, with some unusual coloured varieties, and was awarded a Silver-gilt medal by the RHS judges.

There is a flyer at the end of the Newsletter about his next Open Day at the nursery, for anyone interested in going.



OSGB, Silver-gilt award

The other orchid display(s) was staged by the Orchid Society of Great Britain.

Their display was in two parts. The first which was the smaller of the two, contained a general arrangement of members' plants, and it earned a Silver-gilt award for the Society from the judges.

The second part of the display was very different, it contained only one genus of orchid - namely *Anguloa*.

These orchids were grown by Dr. Henry Oakley and form part of his extensive collection which he had built up over the last 60 years.

An extraordinary and beautiful display, which we may not see again, but we can hope!

These magnificent plants earned a well deserved Gold from the judges



Photo: Stuart Meeson



Anguloa Wyld Chalice



Close-up of an *Anguloa* flower

Open Weekend

AT

LAURENCE HOBBS ORCHIDS

*BAILIFFS COTTAGE NURSERY
HOPHURST LANE
CRAWLEY DOWN WEST SUSSEX RH10 4LN*

*MOBILE: 07961 350053
email: lhorchids1@btinternet.com
website: www.laurencehobbsorchids.co.uk*

10% DISCOUNT ON ALL PLANTS

PLUS MANY SPECIES AND HYBRIDS

PLUS OTHER SPECIAL OFFERS

SATURDAY 29th JULY

and

SUNDAY 30th JULY 2023

10 am to 5 pm

FREE REFRESHMENTS SUPPLIED



The ORCHID STUDY GROUP
presents its
WELSH ORCHID FESTIVAL

to be held at
Aberglasney Gardens, Llangathen, Carmarthenshire SA32 8QH

2nd - 3rd September 2023

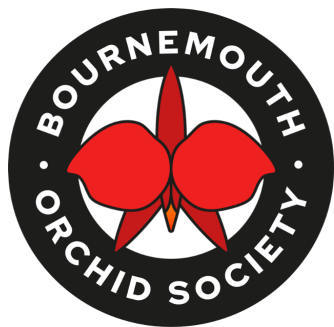
We are proud once more to announce our forthcoming Welsh Orchid Festival. Two exciting days of orchids at Aberglasney Gardens. The weekend will be an opportunity for all orchid lovers to enjoy the very best of the UK's orchid nurseries. With colourful and unusual species and popular hybrids for sale, as well as carnivorous plants, botanical paintings etc, there is sure to be something for everyone.

There will also be experienced orchid growers on hand to provide advice and to help you with any cultivation problems you may have.

Festival opening hours: Saturday: 10.00am – 5.00pm, Sunday: 10.00am – 4.00pm. Normal admission fees to the Gardens apply. Entry into the Orchid Festival and demonstrations is free.

For a full list of attendees, please visit www.orchidstudygroup.org.uk (which will be updated regularly).





ORCHID SHOW AND TRADE FAIR

Saturday 30th September 2023

12.00 Noon - 4.30 pm

Entrance £4.00 per person

All Under 18's enter FREE with a paying adult

- 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.
- **Orchid learning zone including Kids and Family craft activities.**
See our FB Page.
- **Trade attractions:**
Burnham Nurseries, Laurence Hobbs Orchids,
Orchid Botanics. Steve Neville Ceramics



**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.

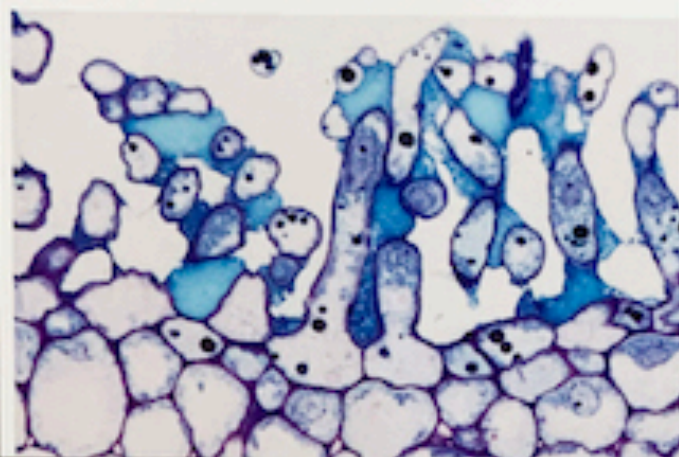
www.bournemouthorchidsociety.org.uk





The ORCHID STUDY GROUP presents its **ORCHID EDUCATIONAL WEEKEND**

comprising a range of specialist orchid courses taught in parallel by qualified tutors and held at Aberglasney Gardens, Llangathen, Carmarthenshire SA32 8QH on 11th – 12th November 2023



ORCHID FORM AND FUNCTION

Day 1: Orchid Vegetative Morphology, Anatomy, Specialized Tissues and Aspects of Physiology.

Day 2: Orchid Floral Morphology, Pollination and Pollinators, Pollination Strategies and Mechanisms.

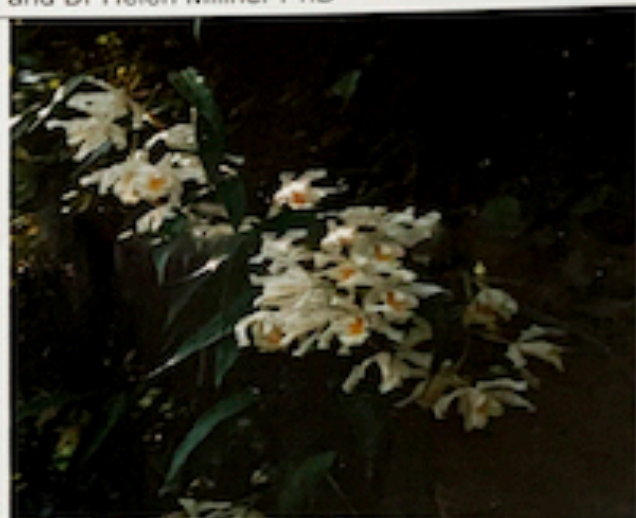
Tutors: Dr Kevin L. Davies MSc, PhD, FRSB, C. Biol.
and Dr Helen Millner PhD

ORCHID CONSERVATION AND ECOLOGY

Day 1: In situ Orchid Conservation and Ecology around the world.

Day 2: Ex situ Orchid Conservation and Ecology around the world.

Tutor: Phil Seaton BSc, MPhil, DipEd, MRSB, CF



SCIENTIFIC ORCHID ILLUSTRATION

Day 1: Instruction, Observation, Measuring, Accurate Drawing and Preparatory Work. Tone. Watercolour Techniques used in Botanical Illustration.

Day 2: Adding Substance and Fine Detail to a Painting. Completion of an Orchid Painting.

Tutor: Polly O'Leary SBA Fellow