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Warning -

not for the squeamish!

I hope everyone is keeping well and not bored as yet in lockdown. We are probably very lucky as we do have such a wonderful interest, our orchids, to keep us going and busy!!

Everyone seems to be making good use of social media, there seem to be so many orchid societies with Facebook groups that I have lost count! It is such a great way to keep in touch and still share your plants with each other, ask questions, give advice etc.

Remember that you don't have to make your Facebook group public, you can always restrict it to members only, so only members will be able to see posts. It just gives your society another option should they want it.

Please give each other a ring now and then as well. Not all members are on line and there is nothing quite like a chat after all. Perhaps there is someone you haven't seen at meetings for a while? Now would be a good time to give them a ring and let them know that the society is thinking about them.

Thank you to the people who have ring me, and for everyone who has been in touch. The orchid world is a very friendly and caring community and we want to continue to build it and keep it just like!

It will be great when we can meet and have chats again, person to person.

Stay safe and well— have a happy Easter and enjoy any sunshine!

Helen



From last time - the plant was

Calanthe vestita or one of the plants that goes by the old 'hybrid' name, but are effectively line bred *Calanthe vestita* eg Bryan, Baron Schroeder
Many thanks to Chris Purver from the Eric Young Orchid foundation



And this week's puzzle -

This is one of the *Restrepia* hybrids from the Eric Young Orchid Foundation. But which one is it ??
chairman@british-orchid-council.org

the email should work this time!

News flash!



Further
information

NEXT TIME!!

all will be revealed

PHRAGMIPEDIUMS

These plants are very rewarding if a few basic principles are followed

WATERING-

keep the compost moist at all times.
water every two or three days in summer
Ph between 6.2 and 6.8,
rainwater is good

FERTILISER-

use a balanced feed at a
maximum strength of 300ppm.
About 1/4 recommended strength
No feed required in Winter.

TEMPERATURES-

minimum night time temperature
13 degrees C or a maximum of
30 degrees C

HUMIDITY

between 50-70 per cent.

LIGHT- 1500 -2000 foot candles.
that is about 70% shade in summer.



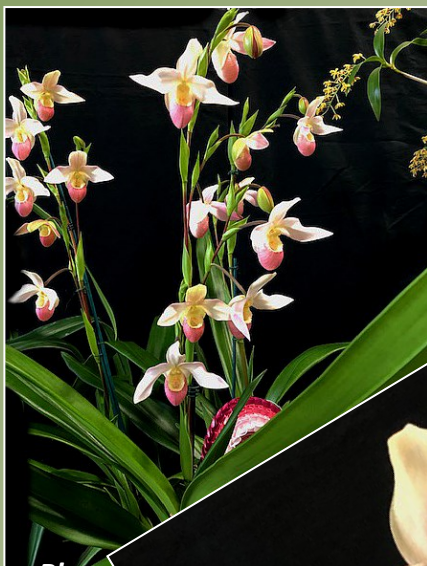
Phrag. longifolium



Phrag. Peruflora's Spirit



Phrag. Eric Young



Phrag.

Elizabeth March



REPOTTING - usually required annually.

Do it when the new growth appears.

COMPOST- a free draining, but moisture retentive mix

Bark or rockwool based mixes work well.

EXCEPTIONS- *kovachii* needs alkaline water, pH7+

caudatum needs higher light levels (3/3500ft candles)

pearcei, *schlimii* and other fine leaved species need

less feed and regular rinsing with rainwater.

OBSERVE- leaves should be mid to light green and

black tips mean too much feed.

*Try growing some Phragmipedium,
start with hybrids to get used to them.*

Arthur Deakin.

Burnham Nurseries

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Now sadly closed to visitors and only doing mail order by online sales and phone. The office is not always staffed at present so leave a message or email and they will get back to you.

Their excellent Mail Order service is a great way to add orchids to your collection with many shows now cancelled. Please continue to place orders, there may be a slight delay in despatch but orders will be despatched as quickly as possible.

They would like to thank all the customers who have supported



70th Anniversary celebrations.
Plaque presented to Sarah on behalf
of Devon OS by Nicola Wakley



Faces from Burnham
you may recognise!



All our orchid nurseries are all going through a difficult few months at the moment. If we want to help keep them going they need us to support them.

Check out any mail order your favourite nursery may be doing and order on line or by telephone.



It may be quite a while before
we are able to do this again!!
Trish at Burham's last year!!

OSGB Spring Show

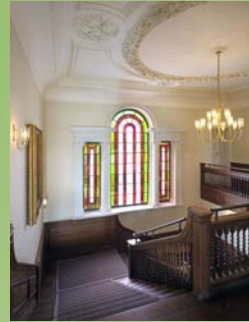


Valentine Mansions, Ilford

- set in beautiful grounds



and elegant interior



Lea Valley OS display



Best in show



Cambridge OS display

Congratulations guys on getting the date right - even a week later would have made such a difference to numbers.

Sad to think that this may be the last show for the foreseeable future few months at least!



A very successful show with over 400 visitors, including this very handsome trainee guide



stunning cattleya in the entrance hall

and finally—Victor!!

Not at all what you were expecting



Victor is a

Wandering Violin mantis

aka *Gongylus gongylodes*



Victor in action -
eating a house fly
I think!



and the green one is a

Hierodula species from Peru



Two exquisite miniature terrariums exhibited by
Diana Petrokaite of OSGB

They both contain a Praying Mantis! If you look
carefully you can see them in the terraria





All will be revealed next time .

An interesting and exciting event to keep us in touch until we are finally let loose again!