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# British Orchid Council

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As I'm sending this edition out, we all seem to be looking forward to a very reduced Christmas and some of you will be in the new Tier 4 and facing worse restrictions to the rest of us. But let's look forward to a brighter New Year and to being able to all meet up again sometime next year.



There is news just come in to me about the proposed RHS Hyde Hall Spring & Orchid Show, and you will find all the details I currently have further on in this Newsletter.

The article by Kevin Davies (last newsletter) has sparked a lot of interest and there are several very useful avenues we intend to follow up in the New Year. These range from orchid propagation, plant swapping and collection conservation. If anyone has anything further to add by way of ideas, facilities etc please let us know.

More details will be announced as discussions progress—the ideas so far could prove to be very useful for all of us.

So, please everyone do stay safe and look after yourselves.

And do have a happy Christmas! Enjoy the newsletter—it is really meant to be just a bit of fun!

*With love and best wishes to everyone and their families*

*Helen*

PHOTO 2020

**Reminder: closing date Midnight 31st Dec. 2020**

We don't want anyone to be disappointed so PLEASE - don't forget to send **your** entries in,

**[photo2020@british-orchid-council.info](mailto:photo2020@british-orchid-council.info)**

And do check out the website to see the beautiful photographs entered so far— this link should take you straight there

**<http://www.british-orchid-council.info/BOC2017/GalleryView.php>**





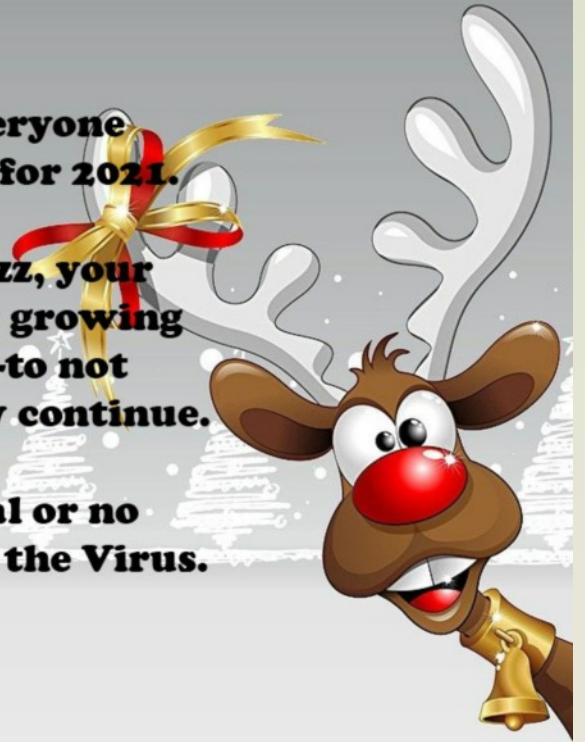
**Christmas greetings to everyone  
and blooming best wishes for 2021.**

**May your windowsill whizz, your  
greenhouse gush and your growing  
room groan. Let your lean-to not  
list and your conservatory continue.**

**Bah humbug to Brexit, deal or no  
deal, and a Victory sign to the Virus.**

**Roll on the New Year!**

**John Rigby**



*I hope you don't find  
Christmas too stressful after  
the year that we have had!*

*Merry Christmas  
and*

*Happy New Year*

*Trish, Ginny and Georgie  
(who was too well-behaved  
to shin up the tree...!)xx*

No prizes—just a bit of fun, but how many can you get right??

Answers on the back page (no cheating firs!!)

### All about Christmas Quiz

1. In what century was Christmas first celebrated?
2. Who first banned Christmas?
3. If you were born on Christmas day, what is your Zodiac sign?
  1. In the carol, which town is known as Royal David's City?
  2. On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas my true love gave to me?
  3. When is Twelfth Night?
  4. In the Church calendar, what is the season from the end of November to Christmas day called?
  8. What is the name for the secular alternative non-commercial Christmas celebrated on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December?
  9. What do you call a wine that has been spiced and heated?
  10. The Poinsettia is native to which country?
  11. Frankincense and myrrh are obtained from what?
  12. Name the two all-time best-selling Christmas songs that came out in the USA in 1949?
  13. How many reindeer did Santa have in the poem?
  14. Name Santa's reindeer!





*2020 has been an unusual and difficult year for most. I've missed seeing all of those that I've come to know from shows, meetings and events but hope to see people again next year.*

*I truly hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and New Year and that 2021 is a better one for all.*

*Looking forward to catching up with all soon, fingers crossed!*

*Sam Bridge*



*Seasons Greetings to everyone and best wishes to you all for the New Year*

*Tjin Ong*

**MERRY**



**The RHS Hyde Hall Spring & Orchid Show  
planned dates 9th—11th (Friday - Sunday) April 2021**

Hyde Hall  
Hilltop Lodge



Hyde Hall  
Clore Learning Centre

## Update on the RHS Hyde Hall Spring & Orchid Show

**Dates: 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> (Friday-Sunday) April 2021**

The Hilltop Lodge at RHS Hyde Hall provides plenty of natural light for the show and the Clore Learning Centre, where the lectures and Orchid Committee meeting will be held, is a short walk across the courtyard. It has plenty of natural light, both were opened in 2018. Aside from the Lecture Programme it is hoped there will be Potting Demos in the centre.

**Access:** There is plenty of parking and entrance to the Show is free for RHS members. Exhibitor vans can drive up to the Hilltop Centre to unload.

**Accommodation:** there are a number of options nearby including Travel Lodge.

**Sponsorship:** Some sponsorship has been obtained from the Singapore Tourist Board.

**Displays:** in addition to larger exhibits it is planned to provide 1m<sup>2</sup> table tops for Orchid Societies

### **Draft Programme**

This is an outline only and may be subject to alteration.

**Set up:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April times tbc

There will be no Preview

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup>**

8 am tbc Stand Judging

13.30 Orchid Committee open meeting tbc (Business 13.00) the Clore Learning Centre

Orchid Talks in the Clore Learning Centre 3-4 a day

Show Opening time: 10-16.00 tbc

### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Orchid Talks in the Clore Learning Centre 3-4 a day

Potting Demos in the Clore Learning Centre?

Opening times: tbc

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30<sup>th</sup> November 2020



### **All about Christmas Quiz - answers**

1. In what century was Christmas first celebrated?.....*4<sup>th</sup> century*
2. Who banned Christmas?.....*Oliver Cromwell in 1652 for heathen practices*
3. If you were born on Christmas day, what is your Zodiac sign?.....*Capricorn*
4. In the carol, which town is known as Royal David's City?.....*Bethlehem*
5. On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas my true love gave to me..... *5 gold rings*
6. When is Twelfth Night?.....*Evening of 5<sup>th</sup> January*
7. In the Church calendar, what is the season from the end of November to Christmas day called. ....*Advent*
8. What is the name for the secular alternative non-commercial Christmas celebrated on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December?.....*Festivus*
9. What do you call a wine that has been spiced and heated?.....*Mulled*
10. The Poinsettia is native to which country? .....*Mexico, named after the first US Minister to Mexico*
11. Frankincense and myrrh are obtained from what?.....*Resin*
12. Name the two all-time best-selling Christmas songs that came out in the USA in 1949?.....*White Christmas and Rudolph the red nosed reindeer*
13. How many reindeer did Santa have in the poem?.....*Eight*
14. Name Santa's reindeer.....*Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen*

