





The British Orchid Council

~ promoting orchid growing ~

Both some good new and some bad news this time. It is great to be able to report on shows again - and not one, but two!!

First up the good news!

The North of England orchid society held the first show this year at Barton, on 24th July.

This was followed the next weekend by Harrogate OS who held their annual "Orchids for Everyone Weekend" at RHS Harlow Carr on 31st July and 1st August. More of both of these later.

For those of you who may be still worried about Covid, most people were wearing masks indoors, people stayed well spaced and in general everyone was very sensible. For any society still unsure about holding their show this year the above may be useful to know. Our advice is still to be cautious about holding your show, not just because of Covid, but because you may not get enough visitors to make the show successful or to be economically viable. You really need enough time both to advertise and to prepare your show so as not to set your society up to fail. The North of England show was well attended but had been well advertised and many orchid people just wanted to meet up again and were hence very eager to go. Even having said that though, it was noticeable that some people had stayed away, mainly due to their ongoing concerns about Covid.

The next show happening is the Orchid Study Group weekend, 4th and 5th September, Aberglasny Gardens, Carmarthenshire, Wales. There promises to be a varied program and some interesting vendors there. Well worth a visit if you are in the area or can travel.

And the bad news - BOC Congress at HIGH CLIFFE CASTLE

Unfortunately since the last newsletter we have had some very disappointing news about the proposed BOC Congress which we had hoped to hold there in 2023.

The venue has had an updated report from their fire officer and the number of visitors now allowed in the venue for safety reasons has been greatly reduced. This means that with such severely limited visitors there is no possible way that either ourselves or Bournemouth OS could hope to cover the costs, so this venture has, reluctantly, had to be abandoned.

Bournemouth are still searching for a suitable venue which at this moment it is proving difficult to find somewhere suitable, cost effective and available!

Sylvia Maunder

We have recently heard the sad news that Sylvia Maunder had passed away recently.

Sylvia together with her husband Cedric ran the BOC judging scheme for many years up until circa 2000. I don't have any more details at the moment, but will publish these in due course. Both Sylvia and Cedric were very well known in the orchid world although it is those of you who are newer may not have known them.

Apology

Apologies to Maren Talbot for misspelling her name in the last newsletter.

My fault entirely, as I really do know better and especially as it is such a distinctive name.

North of England Show

Barton, Preston, 24th July

Since its been a while since we've seen them all -
here's hoping you can all still recognise these guys -
the various orchid traders at the North of England Show

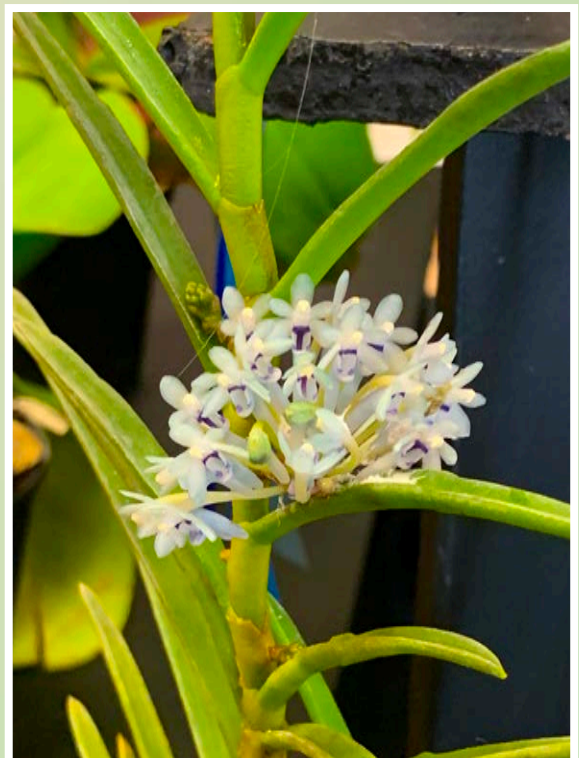


Great to see you all again!

*A J Keeling and Sons were also there - apologies
for not getting their photograph.*



Eulophia euglossa x guinensis



Cleisocentron merrillianum

As usual for Harrogate OS, their plants were so well grown and in fantastic condition, as you can see. The *Eulophia* was in great condition and a lovely plant - very unusual.

There were some very nice *Phragmipediums* - sorry I didn't get the names.

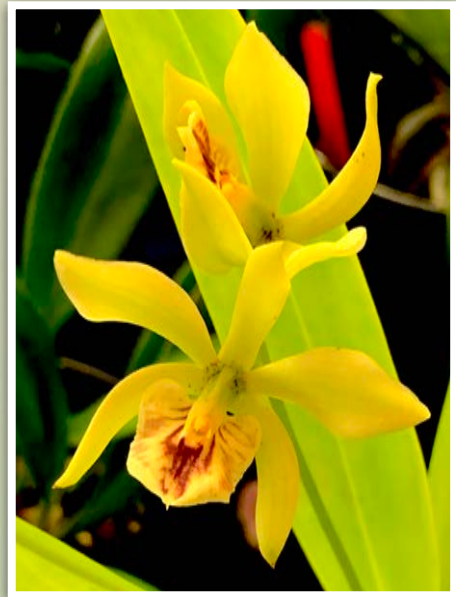


It's always good to see these guys south of the border as it's such a long journey for them.

*They always bring some good plants and this time was no exception. The *Stenoglottis* plants, in particular, were wonderful examples of the the genus.*



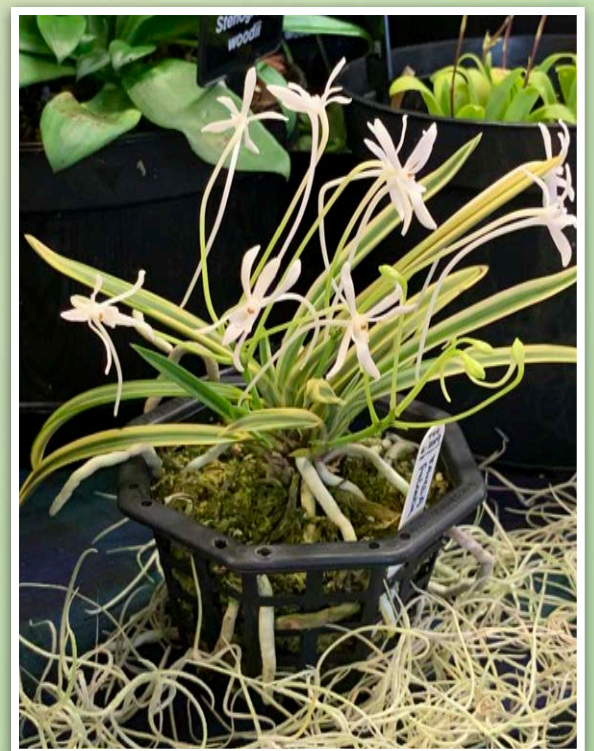
*Hybrid *Phalaenopsis**



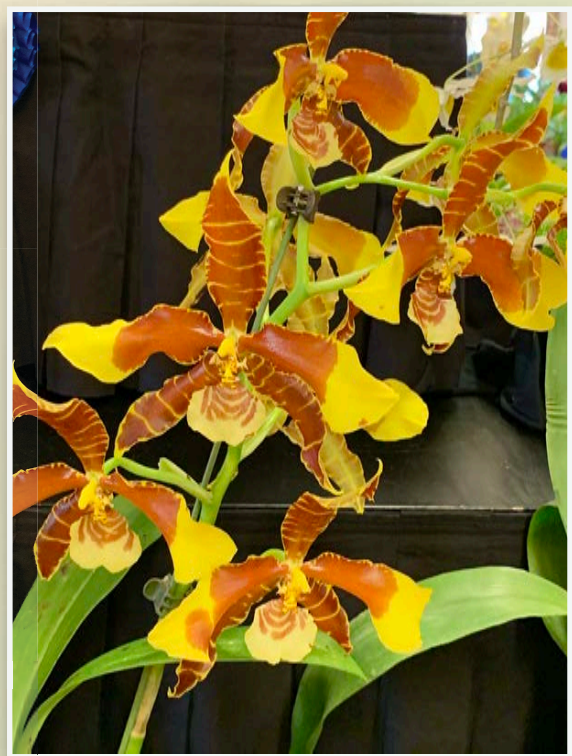
Prosthechia Edith Arakawa



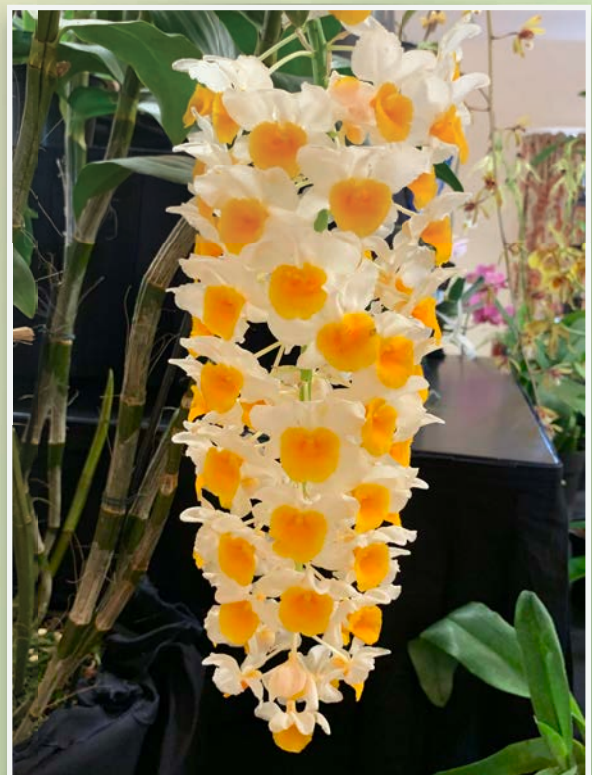
Stenoglottis woodii



Vanda (Neofinetia) falcata



Rossioglossum Royden Jester

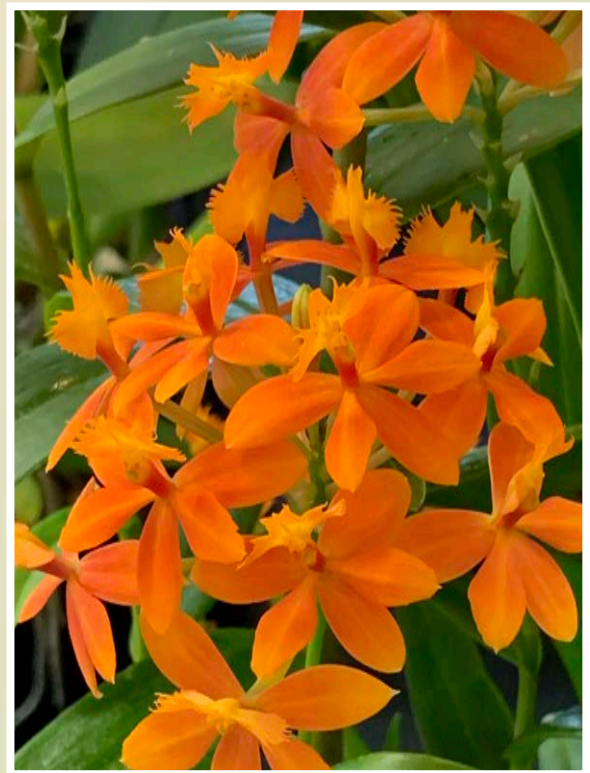


Dendrobium thysiflorum

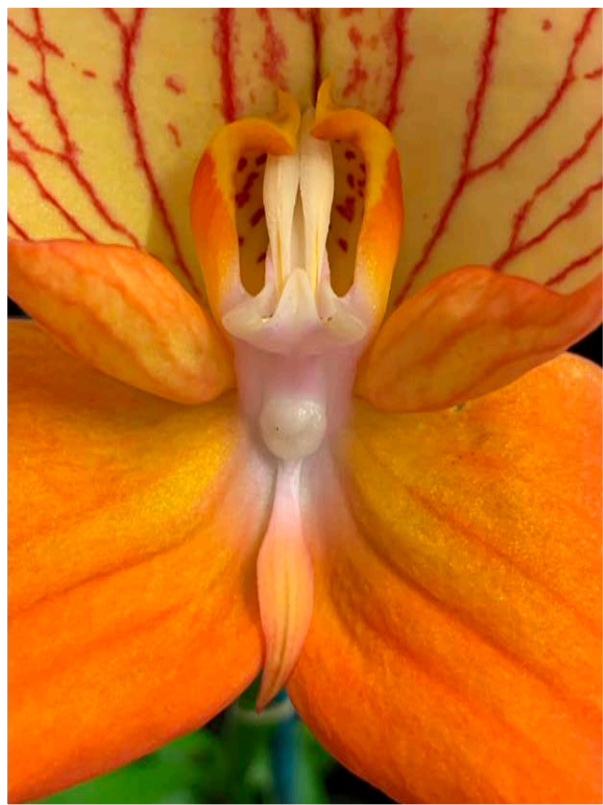


Oncidium species

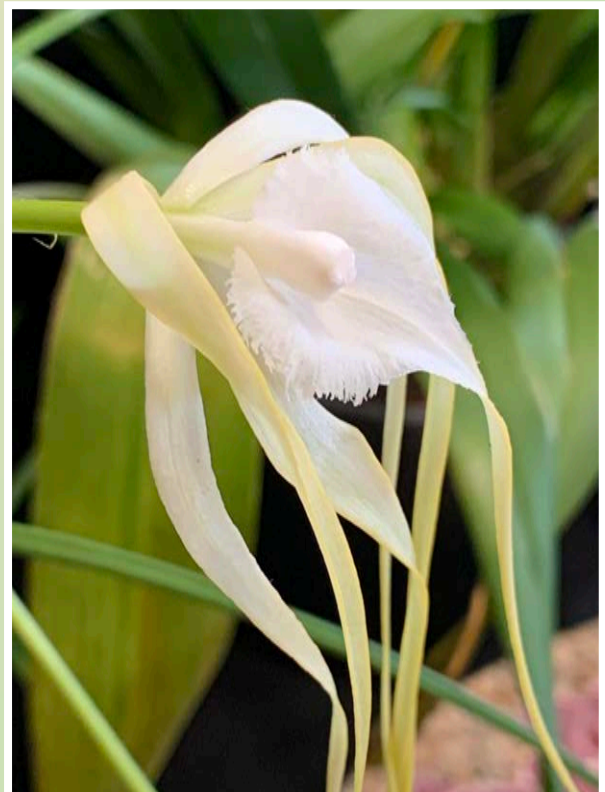
East Midlands staged a lovely display with some amazing plants - check out the Oncidium in the photograph. This cloud of bloom was easily 3 foot across. The identification of this species was questioned by the RHS committee the following week - apparently it is a Miltonia???



Epidendrum ibaguense



Disa hybrid



Brassavola cucullata

*The Hinckley Musketeers were out in force!
Some wonderful Disas and other lovely orchids
on display - the colours of the Disas caught the
eye from across the room*



Dendrobium Sweet Dawn (hybrid)

The host society North of England staged a really wonderful display. It was amazing to see such lovely orchids after missing shows for so long. Two of the best plants on display - one a species Dendrobium and the other a hybrid. I was part of the judging team who had the unfortunate task of deciding between these two - no easy matter. It could have gone to either one. The next week end at Harrogate the following happened (see below) -

I was so pleased for the owners of these plants. The species is one I hadn't seen before and the hybrid was a superb specimen. Very well done to both plants (and their growers) and very well deserved!



Dendrobium stratiotes (species)

THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ORCHID COMMITTEE 13

RECOMMENDS A CERTIFICATE OF CULTURAL COMMENDATION

Name of Plant Dendrobium Sweet Dawn

Particulars of Plant Dawn Martae x Scaberrimove

Country of Origin or Parentage Shula Yate

Exhibited by Shula Yate

Address Shula Yate

Gardener's Name Shula Yate

Date 31/7/21 Chairman Miriam

THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ORCHID COMMITTEE 12

RECOMMENDS A CERTIFICATE OF CULTURAL COMMENDATION

Name of Plant Dendrobium Stratiotes 'T&C'

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Country of Origin or Parentage Shula Yate

Exhibited by Bobby Penshaw

Address Shula Yate

Gardener's Name Bobby Penshaw

Date 31/7/21 Chairman Miriam



Harrogate Orchid Society

“Orchids for All Weekend”

RHS Harlow Carr

31st July and 1st August

The very beautiful Harlow Carr Gardens

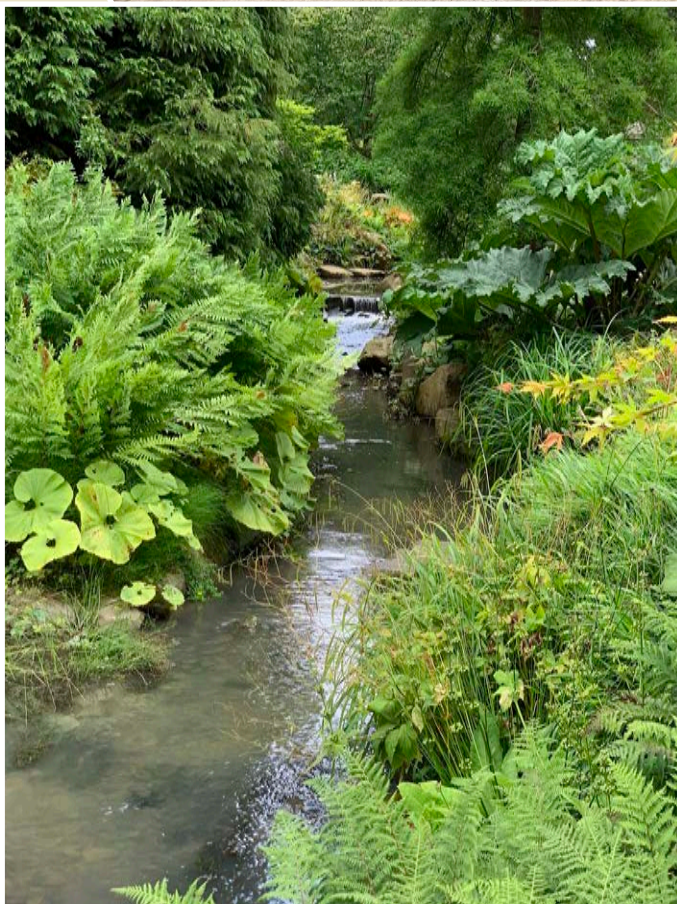


A typical Sunday -

compete with the traditional brass band!

They sounded extremely good

- not that I'm any judge.



A more tranquil part of the gardens.

The giant Gunnera manicata can just be seen in the background. A pity that there was no way I could show

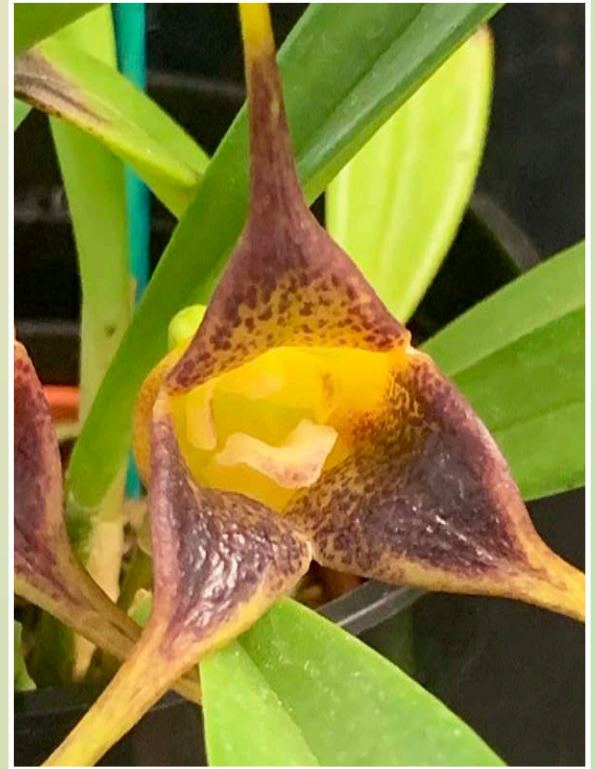
The Saturday and Sunday in the Gardens were quieter than in previous years, but overall there was still good attendance with lots of people about outside. The Sunday saw the last of the Covid restrictions on visitor numbers being lifted by the RHS, however many people still seemed unsure about venturing indoors, even though the majority were wearing masks.

This meant that visitors to the orchid event were reduced, and it was felt that this was mainly due to the ongoing concerns about Covid affecting the numbers.

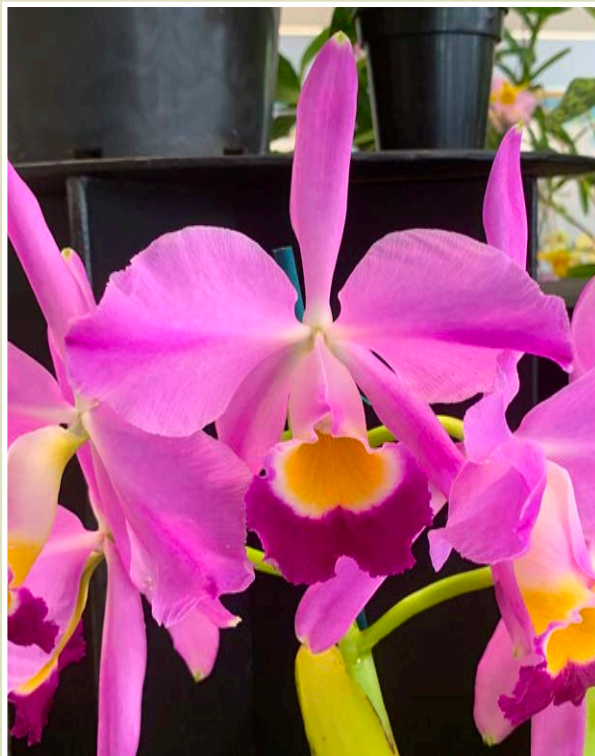
It is difficult to predict at this point how much this reluctance of people to attend events inside may affect other shows in the near future.



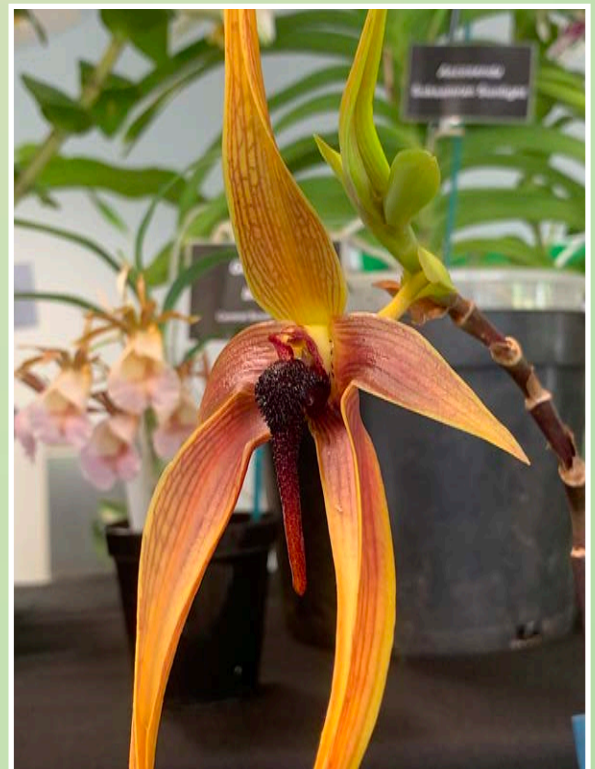
Congratulations to Hilary Hobbs of Harrogate OS who also was awarded a CC by the RHS orchid committee for her wonderfully flowered plant of *Epidendrum capricornu* 'Amelie' (left)



Masdevallia picea



Cattleya eldorado 'Flamea'



Bulbophyllum hybrid



Aberglasney House and Gardens

*The beautiful and well kept grounds.
Idyllic on a gorgeous weekend in 2019.
So worth a visit if you can make it.*



The ORCHID STUDY GROUP
presents its

WELSH ORCHID FESTIVAL

to be held at:

Aberglasney Gardens Llangathen, Carmarthenshire SA32 8QH

4th and 5th September 2021

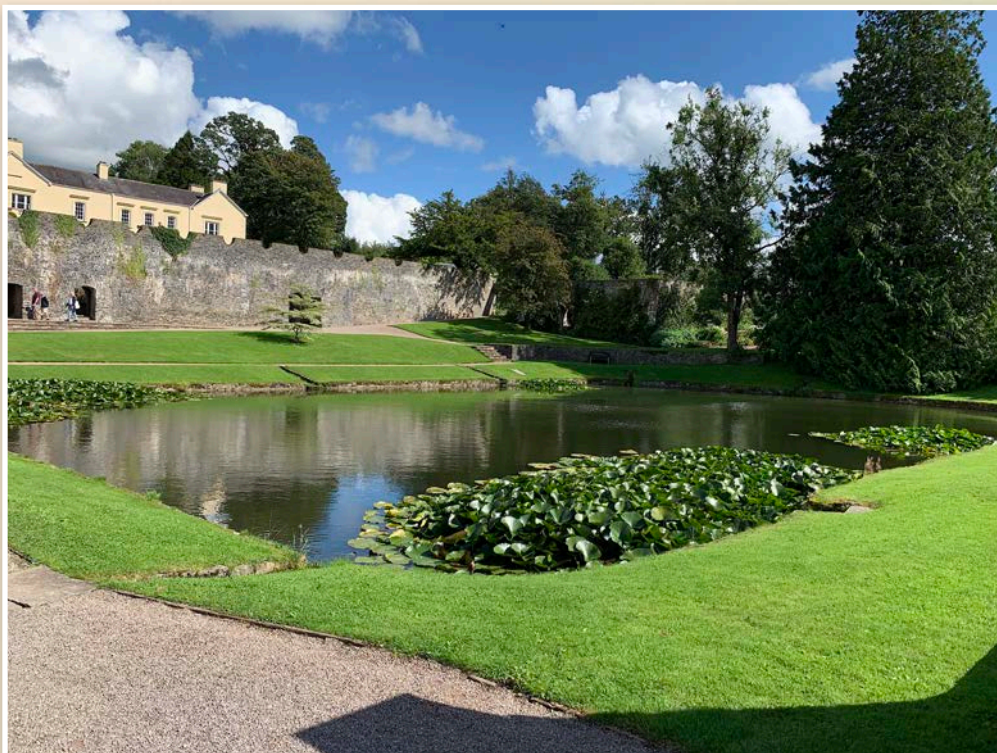
We are proud to announce our forthcoming Welsh Orchid Festival. Two exciting days of orchids for everyone. There will be rare species and popular hybrids for sale, as well as stalls selling carnivorous plants, orchid companion plants and botanical paintings.

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 is free.

For enquiries regarding trade/exhibitors, please telephone the Secretary on:
01269 498002, or email: lynne.harrendence@resqnet.co.uk.

NB. Given the ongoing nature of Covid-19 we urge all those intending to travel to the Festival to check our website: www.orchidstudygroup.org.uk and Aberglasney's website: www.aberglasney.org for regular updates before embarking on their journey.



I hope you have enjoyed all the pictures this time - and I will leave you with these last two of Aberglasny. Have your society got a show coming up? Please let me know and I will do my best to give it a mention and perhaps come and take some pictures for the news letter. - Helen

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