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Cattleya Dinard 'Blue Heaven' by Ken Johnson, Solihull & District Orchid Society. First in the BOC Photographic Competition

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26th BOC Show and Congress Holiday Inn, Norwich North, NR6 6JA. 5/6 November 2016

The Venue has been completely refurbished and combines residential accommodation and all activities under one roof. Special daily rates have been negotiated for Congress residents (see Registration below). For the energetic, there is a Health and Fitness Club, indoor swimming pool, sauna and steam room, and a well equipped Gymnasium. A frequent and cheap shuttle bus opposite the hotel can take those wanting a break into Norwich.

The Show will be open on 5th & 6th November 2016 between 10.00 and 16.00. Set-up will be on Friday 4th November followed by a Preview and Buffet for Registrants that evening.

15 Societies have registered to exhibit and 7 specialist orchid nurseries (3 from the UK and 4 from across the EU) will have a wide range of genera to tempt orchid enthusiasts and the general public.

The Congress will run alongside the show throughout Saturday and Sunday with talks by International speakers. The RHS Orchid Committee will meet on Saturday afternoon to consider awards.

Registration opens on 4th January 2016 with an "Early Bird" discount offer available until 30 June.

Watch for latest arrangements and detailed information on the BOC website www.british-orchid-council.info

Direct assistance is available from the Congress Manager by email at BOCCongress2016@ineedbroadband.co.uk

Cultural Pages (more available in the digital version)

Orchids as Houseplants

The types of orchids that we grow in our greenhouses, conservatories or in the home would naturally grow in rainforests all over the world. We try to recreate these conditions to get the best from our plants and this need not be as hard as you think!

TEMPERATURE: Or chids usually fall into 1 of 3 categories - **cool**, **intermediate** or **warm** - here is a guide to the temperatures:

Cool:winter minimum 10°C (50°F)summer maximum 22°C (75°F)Intermediate:winter minimum 12°C (55°F)summer maximum 25°C (80°F)Warm:winter minimum 18°C (65°F)summer maximum 27°C (85°F)

The winter minimum temperatures are more vital for night-time and it is natural for there to be a rise and fall between day and night and between the seasons.

LIGHT: Orchids do not like bright light, in the rainforests only dappled light will reach them through the leafy canopy. Direct sun, especially in summer, can burn their leaves quite easily so keep them in dappled shade during the warmest months. In winter when the sun is not so strong, full light is fine and indeed necessary to help them to flower well the following season.

WATERING & HUMIDITY: Rainforests are naturally humid places so to create this at home you can grow other suitable companion plants such as ferns and air plants with your orchids. Misting the foliage and aerial roots several times a week, especially in warmer conditions will help the humidity. Take care when misting Phalaenopsis however that the water does not collect in the crown of the plant. Stand the pots on damp pebbles and the moisture will evaporate around the plants. When it comes to actually watering the plants, do not rely on them taking up water from underneath the pot as this can lead to the compost becoming too wet. Instead take your plant to the sink and water from above, letting it run through the open bark-based compost. This is usually done 1 - 2 times a week with a little orchid fertiliser every 2nd or 3rd watering.

Avoid standing your orchids anywhere too hot and dry in the home. Directly above a radiator or television can provide a lot of dry heat, which simply dehydrates the plants more quickly. A bathroom or kitchen can often be the best places as these naturally are a little more humid.

Many houses now have conservatories attached to them and these can make ideal orchid growing areas. Shade, ventilation and humidity for summer and insulation and heating for winter are necessary though, so a few adjustments are usually required to make the conservatory "orchid friendly". If these changes are not made then a conservatory can be quite desert-like with hot, bright and dry summers and cold winters, far from ideal for orchids.

Clean your orchids as well as your furniture! Household dust will collect on their leaves so wipe them regularly to keep them healthy and looking good.

By Sara Rittershausen, Burnham Nurseries www.orchids.uk.com

Phalaenopsis

(from www.phalaenopsisandmore.co.uk)

(moth orchids) are Phalaenopsis found mostly in Asia, from India to the Philippines, and to the north of Australia. They are monopodial epiphytes (growing on trees), with thick, leathery leaves and showy produced flowers on long inflorescences. Their ease of care makes them the ideal orchid for growing on a bright, shaded windowsill in your home.



Light: Phalaenopsis like to be grown in bright shade conditions, but their leaves will burn quickly if exposed to strong sunlight. Generally a bright north windowsill, or an east or west windowsill, with a short amount of either early morning or late afternoon sun will be the ideal spot for growing your moth orchid.

Temperature: Most *Phalaenopsis* species and hybrids are warm growers, and need temperatures between $22 - 28^{\circ}$ C during the day, with a nightly drop in temperature to around 15–18°C, although they can tolerate temperatures outside this range for short periods of time without any problems. In winter, when growth rate slows down, a temperature difference of about 5°C between day and night will encourage your plants to initiate flowering.

Water and humidity: Phalaenopsis do not have pseudobulbs to store water, neither do they have a rest period. This means that they need to be watered consistently all year round. Water your plants thoroughly once a week during Spring and Summer, and reduce this to once every 10 to 14 days between Autumn and Summer. Ensure good humidity around your plants by standing them on a tray with pebbles filled with water, or by having foliage plants around them. Never allow water to sit in the crown of your plants, and do not let the roots sit in water. A dilute, balanced fertiliser applied every other watering is recommended for strong growth and flowering.

Potting: *Phalaenopsis* can be repotted at any time of the year, although it is best done in early Spring. Use a mixture of coarse bark with charcoal and perlite, although some species are better grown in pure *Sphagnum* moss. Do not overpot, and replace your potting medium every two or three years if using a bark-based medium, or every year if using *Sphagnum* moss.

By Francis J Quesada-Pallares

Dendrobiums

The genus *Dendrobium* is one of the largest in the orchid family and includes more than 1000 species. Dendrobiums occur naturally from India to Japan, south to Australia and east to some of the Pacific islands. Their altitudinal range is from sea-level to more than 3000m. Plant size covers the full gamut from true miniatures to monsters more than 5m tall. With their mostly colourful and attractive flowers,



dendrobiums have always been popular in cultivation and although commonly available plants tend to be hybrids, many fine species are also propagated and grown.

In general terms dendrobiums like plenty of light and air movement, and when actively growing, a lot of water. At one extreme are those plants such as *D. aphyllum* which are fully deciduous and thus kept mostly dry for part of the year and at the other are those like *D. cuthbertsonii* which come from high altitudes and must never be dry for more than a day or two. As a general rule, plants which bear leaves throughout the year will appreciate regular watering but much less frequently when growth slows down or stops during the winter months.

Small plants may be mounted or grown in free draining pots whereas larger ones whose natural habit is pendulous are better mounted or planted in hanging containers to allow better root development. Most other plants will form compact upright clumps which are most easily accommodated in pots.

Suitable temperatures will depend on the origins of particular plants. Those from tropical montane habitats or temperate regions of Australia will prefer a winter minimum of around 10 C but will tolerate less but with a rise during the day and a few degrees warmer during the growing season. Plants from monsoon climates will experience dry days for part of the year but night time humidity is high as are light levels during the day so some water is required even in winter just to avoid shrivelling.

Popular hybrids derived from *D. nobile*, a monsoon plant, need to grow strongly after spring flowering so that new growths are fully formed by the time winter comes with cooler and drier conditions. These will encourage the formation of the next flower buds which appear in clusters on stem nodes. Hybrids derived from *D. bigibbum* produce sprays of long lasting flat phalaenopsis-type blooms from the upper stem nodes but are truly tropical in their needs which means a winter minimum of 15°C with a day rise and 18°C minimum during growth.

For those who would like to know more, 'Dendrobium and its relatives' by Lavarack, Harris and Stocker and published by Timber Press in 2006 cannot be too highly recommended.

Hardy Orchids

(From www.HeritageOrchids.co.uk, with permission by Maren Talbot)

Definitions: Hardy orchids are those that grow in the ground in temperate climates similar to our own. They are deciduous, i.e., lose their leaves prior to a period of dormancy and they are able to withstand frost provided their roots are not water logged. By this definition, Pleiones are not hardy orchids, as they require a minimum winter temperature of +2°C and therefore would not normally survive winters in the British Isles. British orchids have either **tubers** (like potatoes) or **rhizomes** (an underground, horizontal stem of a plant that often sends out roots and shoots from its nodes, like the Lily of the Valley).

Cultivation - in a Nutshell (quote from the Hardy Orchid Society Website) use an open compost, do not allow plants to dry out, feed them with weak fertiliser, shade them on hot summer days, protect them from slugs and snails.

And a little more detail..

Prepare the ground, ensuring that the soil is not too heavy and does not dry out in the summer. On heavy soil, incorporate large quantities of compost, grit and other materials that promote drainage. Or you could grow them in a raised bed or in a large pot or tub where you can give them more personal attention. Plant them with 3 - 5 cm (1½ inches) of soil above the growing tip. Cover with a layer of mulch. In nature, they would be among grasses and wild flowers, which would protect from direct sunlight that may burn the young shoots, also from wind which would dry out the soil surface. It is therefore best to plant them facing east, west or even north, so

that they don't get scorched by the midday sun. Inspect the soil regularly and water if it appears dry. Hardy orchids must never dry out at the roots or they will die. Most hardy orchids grow happily on any soil, but some require acid soils. If you live in an area with chalky soil, the acid lovers should be potted in large pots or tubs or in specially prepared beds containing ericaceous compost, mixed with horticultural grit, 1 part per volume soil to 1 part per volume grit. In the spring, protect from slugs and snails. As plants increase, you can divide them in late summer, if needed, taking care not to damage the new underground shoots which will be next year's leaves and flowers.



Oncidiums - Dancing Ladies Warm Section

There are several hundred recognised oncidium species, plus a large number of hybrids. The most common oncidiums grow well under normal indoor conditions as well as intermediate to warm greenhouse conditions. They have large pseudobulbs that arise from a mass of thin white roots. The large leaves (up to 2 ft.) emerge from the pseubobulbs. Most species generally flower in autumn although modern hybrids flower all year round.

Light: Oncidiums are much more forgiving of bright, even direct, light than other popular orchids, they can handle direct morning light and prefer bright to very bright conditions. The leaves should be bright green as opposed to dark green or reddish green. Reddish green indicates too much light and dark green too little light.

Water: During the growing season, water every few days, they should however be moderately dry between watering. Be careful, though, drainage is an absolute priority, and the potting media must be



perfectly free draining. Since oncidiums have large, fleshy pseubobulbs and masses of roots, they are very prone to rot. If you see a psuedobulb beginning to rot, cut it out with sterile secateurs and reduce the amount of water. In the winter, reduce watering to monthly or less. They can withstand considerable drought because of their large pseudobulbs. Wrinkled pseudobulbs generally indicate a lack of water.

Fertiliser: During the growing season, feed with a weak or chid fertiliser every 2nd or 3rd watering. Although there are many species and hybrids, in general, the larger the plant, the more heavily it will feed.

Temperature: Warm growing oncidiums can be found in many habitats, from semiarid subtropical lowlands to high mountain region cloud forests. Generally, the most popular oncidiums, which feature small yellow flowers, large pseudobulbs and strappy leaves, are intermediate to warm orchids with minimum temperatures ranging from 13°C, to 25°C.

Humidity: Oncidiums enjoy moist air, requiring a minimum of 40-50% humidity in the immediate vicinity of the plant. Humidity should be increased with higher temperatures. The ideal humidity is between 55 and 75%, with as much ventilation or air movement as possible without any cold drafts.

Flowering: Oncidiums are magnificent in flower. A large, well grown plant may send out six or seven branched sprays of yellow flowers. The effect is very much like a cloud of butterflies each flower resembling dancing ladies.

Potting: Oncidiums do not like root disturbance and should only be repotted when either the compost becomes broken down or the pot becomes too small for the new growth. They like to be slightly under potted in a very free draining bark based potting media. In general only repot when necessary but every two years is ideal when the new growth is 2-3 inches long.

By John Gay

Oncidiums (Syn. Odontoglossum) Cool Section

Oncidium Cambria type hybrids are widely available and relatively easy to grow. Species Oncidium are more challenging and suitable for enthusiasts only.

Light: Oncidiums (cool growing types) grow under filtered subdued light; in the home they do best in a North or North-East facing window. However, do not place them



in the middle of the room as they need to be close to a certain amount of light to do well. In the greenhouse, they need shade from late March until the end of September. We do not recommend putting Oncidiums outside during summer due to the risk of wind and sun damage to the leaves.

Fertiliser: Most hybrids grow continuously all the year round and so feeding should match. From February until August, feed with high nitrogen (20:10:10), using it at half strength at every second watering. From September until February, feed with high potash (4:4:8), using it at half strength at every second watering. Occasionally a foliar feed can be used as a tonic.

Watering and Humidity: Water every 5-7 days, all the year round if they are being grown as house plants. In the greenhouse, water every 4-7 days from the end of February until September, depending on weather conditions. During October and November when not much heat is needed and light is reduced, they may go 10- 14 days between watering. From December until the end of February when heating is on, you will need to water every 7-10 days. The ideal humidity is between 60%-70%, but do not worry if this falls in summer while the ventilators are open. This can be remedied by floor damping in the early evening.

Temperature: Cool growing Oncidium, mainly from the high Andes need a minimum night temperature of 52°F (11°C). This should rise in the daytime by 10°F (6°C) during Autumn and Winter and by 20°F (11°C) during Spring and Summer. Temperatures a little outside these extremes can be tolerated; ventilation should be used from March to September. Oncidiums love fresh, airy conditions and it is a good idea to install a circulating fan, running all the time.

Flowering: Most Oncidiums flower once each year when mature, the blooms lasting six weeks or more. The main flowering time used to be late winter and spring, but modern breeding has given us plants in flower at any time of the year.

Potting: Repotting is best carried out from February to April or late August to early October. The timing depends on the young shoot being between 1 inch and 3 inches in height.

By John Gay

Paphiopedilums Ian Dorman

Paphiopedilum species come from subtropical areas of South East Asia and are essentially humus epiphytes rather than terrestrials which has significant implications for their culture either in a greenhouse or in the home. They are a diverse genus of orchids with a widespread geographic range, from the mountains of the Himalayas to the steaming jungles of Borneo, so any cultural advice can only be given in general terms. It is important to obtain as much information as possible about habitat conditions of individual species. Understanding the recent parentage of some of the hybrids will be useful in ensuring optimum culture of these truly exotic plants.

Growing Media or Compost: Experienced growers experiment with a range of composts; for the novice a good quality bark based compost will give the best chance of success. A good quality mix is as follows: 60% good quality medium grade fir bark, 20% large perlite or sponge rock, 10% medium grade horticultural foam, 10% good quality sphagnum moss. Additionally crushed dolomite lime can be added at the rate of one teaspoon per litre of compost

Potting and Re-potting: If plants are purchased in pots then it is important to check the quality of the root system relative to the size of the pot. Gently ease the plant out of the pot, retaining as much of the compost as possible around the roots. Where the plant comes easily out of the pot with only a few roots being evident then it is likely that the plant has been over potted and it should be transferred to a smaller pot without delay and kept a little drier for a few weeks until evidence of new root growth becomes apparent. Paphiopedilums should never be overpotted and it is important to err on the side of caution when selecting the correct size of pot. Clear pots are now available which enables growers to monitor root development more easily. Re-potting should normally be required every 2 years but other cultural factors such as feeding regimes could affect the re-potting cycle.

Watering, Water Quality and Feeding: Preferably use rain water or Reverse Osmosis water (RO) with a pH approaching neutral for Paphiopedilums. Tap water should only be used where the dissolved salts are very low otherwise the plants will not thrive. It is important that a balanced fertilizer is used with the necessary trace elements for good healthy growth. There are many balanced fertilizers on the market for orchids, however those fertilizers with high levels of urea should be avoided as it is difficult for orchids to take up this type of nitrogen. Watering should normally take place early in the day and plants should always be kept moist and never be allowed to become dry at the roots. Paphiopedilums have no mechanisms for storing water other than plant tissue including roots. Frequency of watering will depend on cultural conditions; usually once a week for mature plants, however plants in smaller pots may need watering every other day.

Light levels/Shading: Paphiopedilums should never be subjected to direct sunlight but good quality indirect light is essential to achieve optimum growth

and regular flowering. If growing in a greenhouse 60% shade cloth should normally be applied in February and remain in place until late September depending on location and presence of large overhanging trees. In the home, plants can be placed in a north facing window all year round. Paphiopedilums can benefit from additional artificial lighting either to extend the day or provide better quality light during the darker months of the year. There are many different types of artificial lighting on the market. Grow Lux tubes with the correct spectrum for plant growth and flowering have become very popular in recent years.

Heating, Temperature Control & Ventilation: Paphiopedilums generally thrive within an average temperature range from a minimum of 14 °C in winter to 30°C in summer depending on where they come from in the wild. Consequently growers usually divide their plants into intermediate and warm sections to facilitate optimum growth. Temperatures are usually controlled by good quality electronic thermostats and efficient ventilation in summer. Plants can benefit from air movement and ventilation fans are useful in creating a gently breeze throughout the growing area.

Humidity: Humidity levels in the range of 70% are vital in order to grow good quality Paphiopedilums. This can be maintained by a variety of methods such as foggers or sprayers. For individual plants grown in the home gravel trays can be useful to provide local humidity, however care should be taken to avoid placing plants near to radiators.

Pests & Diseases: Fortunately there are few pests which are a problem for Paphiopedilums with the exception of mealy bug which can be difficult to eradicate if well-established within a large collection. In this case regular spraying with a systemic insecticide will be necessary; however preventing these pests entering the growing area in the first place is the preferred option. For individual plants several applications of methylated spirits applied by a tooth brush usually has the desired effect. Disease on Paphiopedilums is of much more concern as bacterial or fungal infections can quickly spread throughout a collection. Prompt attention to control the spread of the disease is important by removal of infected leaves and spraying of affected areas with a good quality fungicide. Cinnamon is extremely useful in treating localised areas of rot.

Flowering: Flowering will normally occur when a plant has at least 2 mature growths and has completed the latest growth. Flower spikes should be staked as soon as possible to avoid kinking so that the flowers are presented in the correct attitude. It is important not to tie the opening flower too early otherwise it may hang its head. When exhibiting plants it is important to ensure the foliage is clean and healthy with any detritus and decaying leaves removed.



Masdevallia

Light During the winter months, end of October until March, I do not use any shading on my greenhouses. I use the 50% aluminium shade cloth which is fixed to a central ridge bar about 12 inches from the glass, this allows me to pull the shading up or down as required; i.e. down when the sun is out and up when it's cloudy, it only takes a few minutes.

Temperature I aim for a minimum night temperature of 10°C and daytime 15°C. This is not always possible in the summer months and I do the best I can using extractor fans and aluminium shade cloth.



Water I only use reverse osmosis water because I live close to two power stations and my rainwater is very acidic. I water the larger pots about every two weeks depending on the weather, and the smaller pots are watered every week, again depending on the weather. I do not grow many plants on tree fern slabs; the ones I have get sprayed twice daily and soaked once a week. My plants are checked regularly and extra water is provided if needed.

Humidity I have an automatic system that sprays under the benches and is controlled by a sensor. I aim to keep the humidity at 80% but this is not possible during hot summer days when a 12 inch extractor fan is working; even then it usually stays above 50%. I also use net screens that fit the door frames, this allows me to leave the doors open day and night from April through to November, weather permitting. All pleurothadinae love fresh air.

Fertiliser I recently started to use Akerne's Rain Mix fertiliser at 300ppm from March until the end of May, increasing it to 600ppm in the longer summer days and then I drop down to zero feed from the end of October to the end of February. I also flush the pots with clean R.O. water about once a month.

Potting My potting mix at the moment is 60% New Zealand sphagnum moss, 20% sponge foam, and 20% sponge rock. I have stopped using my normal mix of 40% small bark, 20% foam sponge, 20% sponge rock, and 20% chopped sphagnum moss; although it worked for me, I am always trying to get a better growing medium. I am also experimenting with another couple of mixes will hopefully report back on their success in a later article.

Pests and diseases

I aim for early intervention when controlling pests and diseases and spend a lot of time checking each individual plant and quickly deal with any problem before they become serious. Being constantly vigilant keeps any damage to my orchids to an absolute minimum.

Orchid Pests and Infections

Orchid Pests and Diseases

Pests and diseases cause serious damage, reduce plant vigour, flower count and quality. The plant may die.

Prevention

Optimum culture creates healthy orchids that are more resistant to infection. Prevention is preferable to eradication. Cultural dos and don'ts include: good greenhouse hygiene (sterile tools – pots etc.). avoidance of overcrowding, morning watering, ensuring plants are dry for nightfall, segregation of new plants, constant vigilance - early detection, treatment and quarantine/disposal of infected plants.

Yellow patches from Boisduval scale



Boisduval scale developmental

Common pests

Scale Insect

Boisduval is a hard scale from tropical America commonly found in collections. It can seriously debilitate or kill if not controlled quickly. It mainly attacks Cattleyas, Phragmipediums and Oncidiums. Early detection is difficult as it is concealed under sheaths, leaves and pseudobulbs. First indication is yellow patches on the leaf caused

by the adult female feeding, with corresponding circular cream coloured scale on the underside of the leaf. Eggs are laid under the scale which protects them from insecticides and predators. These hatch into mobile nymphs/crawlers which are vulnerable to sprays. Immature males form a cottony mass, often mistaken for mealy bugs, although quite different in appearance- white, narrow and elongate.

Brown scale also attacks orchids but is easier to eradicate

Control methods are most effective against crawlers for about 2 weeks. Horticultural oils and

stages: 1. crawlers, **Control and Eradication of Scale Insect** 2. mature females, 3. immature males, 4. mature males

insecticidal soaps are effective for suppression but are unlikely to eradicate. Light infestation – remove visible scales with methylated spirit and cotton wool bud. Remove all sheaths to check for scale underneath.

Severe infestation – spray with systemic insecticide or Plant Invigorator and Bug Killer (SBPI) at 7-14 day intervals at least 3x, to eliminate nymphs as they hatch. Repot and isolate.

Available systemic insecticides are Bug Clear Ultra (Acetamiprid), and Provado Ultimate Bug Killer aerosol (Thiacloprid and Methiocarb) and Plant Vitality Killermite (Abamectin)

Resistance to insecticides is an increasing problem. Changes of insecticide and treatment methods are recommended. SBPI has a physical mode of action and is unlikely to cause resistance.





NB Laws for insecticides are changing rapidly and insecticides available now may be banned in the future.

Despite regular scheduling of control methods eradication is often unsuccessful and the only option is disposal of the plant.

Mealy Bug

This is a soft scale, a common serious pest resembling a small white woodlouse. It attacks all orchids, especially Phalaenopsis and Paphiophedilum and seriously weakens them. The main signs are fluffy white wax, honey dew and sooty moulds on leaves. It has a white waxy protective coating and is concealed under leaves, sheaths, flowers and compost. Unlike hard scale it is very mobile and can spread rapidly.

Treatment As for Scale.

If **SBPI** is used spray once and again one day later, then at weekly intervals.

Spider Mite

Very small, sap sucking mite. It is Invisible to the naked eye, but can be seen with a magnifying glass. Causes mottled leaves and a silvery appearance underneath. It progresses to webs if a severe infestation and particularly affects Cymbidiums and Oncidiums.

Treatment

Increase humidity. Mites like hot, dry conditions. Use SB Plant Invigorator. Spray 2 or 3 times at 2 or 3 day intervals followed by a few re-applications at weekly intervals. If persistent use Plant Vitality Killermite (Abamectin).

Biological control - Phytoseiulus is an alternative (used without insecticide) but is variably effective.

Aphids

These are not a serious pest except on Masdevallia, where they can spread virus. Treat with contact insecticide.

Thrips

Very small black sap sucking insects, easily overlooked but cause serious damage. They are very mobile and most likely



seen on the flowers. They cause orange/ brown marks on leaves and disfigure flowers especially Phragmipedium and Cattleya.

Another sign is blackish specks of excrement on leaves. They are difficult to eradicate

as they have six stages in their life cycle and are only easily killed in the adult flying insect stage.

Treatment

Spray with a systemic insecticide or use Provado Vegetable and Fruit Insect Killer (Deltamethrin) or an insecticide containing Spinosad or Westland Resolva Bug Killer (Lambda Cyhalothrin). Blue sticky traps are also useful.

Diseases caused by Bacteria and Fungi. Black Rot.

Fungal rot affects all orchids especially Cattleyas. Infected areas appear black and watery.

Bacterial Soft Rot (Erwinia carotovara)

This affects most orchids.

Bacterial brown rot (Erwinia cypripedii)

This affects Phalaenopsis, Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium.

These infections spread rapidly and if they reach the crown or the stem can kill the plant. If treated early plants can be saved, so vigilance is essential. Rot appears brown/black, watery and may smell. Infection can become systemic and therefore incurable.



Good air movement, ensure leaves and growths dry at night. Calcium is a key nutrient in prevention of bacterial/fungal problems. Always use a fertiliser that contains Calcium and top dress the compost with Oyster Shell.

Treatment

Remove infected leaf or whole growth for basal rot. Keep plant drier and place under a fan. Repot if infection is severe.

Fungal Infection

Spray with Fungicide.

Bacterial Infection – treat with cinnamon. If unsure of cause of infection use fungicide and cinnamon.

Slugs and snails

Treatment - Slug pellets or Slugit. Vigilance and removal after dark.

Virus

Common in collections. Cymbidium mosaic (CyMV) affects 1 in 5 plants. Odontoglossum ringspot (ORSV) occurs 1 in 100.

The most frequent symptoms are necrotic or chlorotic spots and streaks. Flowers may show colour break. It is difficult to diagnose virus by appearance alone, as there are many other causes for these symptoms .The plant appears unhealthy. Diagnosis is confirmed by a laboratory Enzyme –linked immunosorbent assay test (ELISA). Many orchids that carry virus show no symptoms but can infect other plants. There is no effective treatment, discard or isolate. CyMV and ORSV Viruses are not spread by insects. Masdevallia can be infected by aphids. Viruses are spread by infected cutting tools, pots etc. Sterilisation of all tools and good greenhouse hygiene is



An example of rot found on a *Paphiopedilum parishii*

essential. Avoid overcrowding and assume all plants could be infected.

NB. All Pesticides recommended in this article are available at the time of writing.

By Hilary Hobbs

Which Spray To Use With Which Pest

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Active Ingredient	Product Name	Aphids	Red Spider Mite	Mealy Bug	Scale	Thrips	
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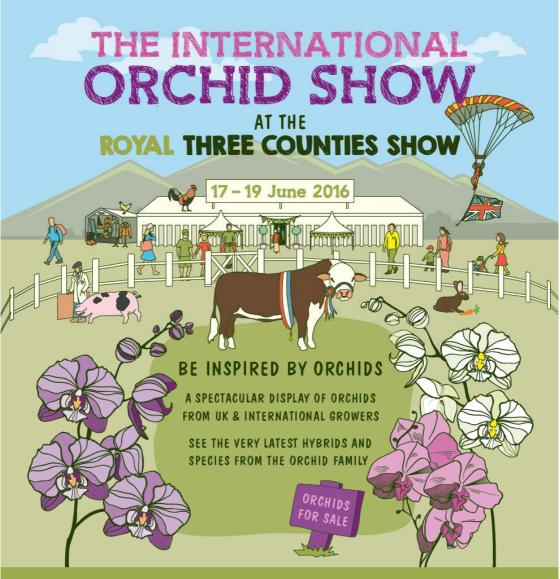
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Feb. 6th Orchid Society of Great Britain OSGB Open Spring Show Napier Hall, Hide Place, Westminster SW1P 4NJ 11.00 - 16.00 [10.00 for exhibitors] Contact: Francis Quesada-Pallares 07951 070637 ols_francisjquesadapallares@hotmail.com

Feb. 20th South West Orchid Society - Annual Show 10:30 am - 4:00 pm West Monkton Village Hall, Monkton Heathfield Nr. Taunton TA2 8NE Contact: Marian Saunders 01278 455170 msaunders1@mail105.co.uk

Feb. 27th Bournemouth Orchid Society Spring Show, Allendale Centre, Hanham Road, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 1AS 12.00 - 16.30 Contact: Chris Broomfield 07712 479056 chrisbroomfield@ntlworld.com

Feb. 28th Harrogate Orchid Society Annual Show Britannia Hotel, Bramhope, Leeds. 10.30am - 4.00pm

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Mar. 5th Cheltenham & District Orchid Society Annual Show Churchdown Community Centre, Parton Road, Churchdown, Gloucester, GL3 2JH 1030 hours - 1600 hours

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Mar. 5th Wessex Orchid Society Annual Spring Show 12 noon - 4.30 pm, Porchester Community School. Whitehart Lane PO16 9BD Contact: Grahame Coleman 02380760509, lazybones36@hotmail.co.uk

Mar. 5th Suffolk Orchid Society Spring Show, 10am - 4pm St Michaels Church Centre, The Drift, Martlesham, Nr Ipswich, IP5 3UY Contact: Mrs Jenny Gage 01473 822569 roystongage@btinternet.com

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Mar. 13th Mid Sussex Orchid Society Display Garden Paradise Park, Newhaven 11.00-16.30 Contact: Dr M Firth drmfirth@hotmail.com March Birmingham & Midlands Orchid Society Show to be announced. Visit the BOC website or the BMOS website for details.

Mar. 13th East Midlands Orchid Society Annual Show 10:00 - 16:00 Lowdham Village Hall, Main Street, Lowdham. NG14 7BD Contact: Melv. Stephen 01159 198124 melv and hil@hotmail.com

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Apr. 4th West Cornwall Orchid Society Spring Show 11.00am – 5.30pm Camborne Community Centre, Annex, South Terrace, TR14 8SU Contact: Mrs Kit Lindsay 01209 717947 r.lindsay672@btinternet.com

Apr. 10th North East of England Show, Bowburn Community Centre, Durham Road, DH6 5AT 11.00am - 4.00pm

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Apr. 30th Central Orchid Society 60th Anniversary Show 11.00 am - 4.00 pm Perton Community Centre, Church Rd., Perton, Wolverhampton, WV6 7PD Contact: Martin Holland 01902562568 administrator@tlaloc.demon.co.uk

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May 14th Cambridge Orchid Society Annual Show will be part of Cambridge Botanic Garden's Festival of Plants. Further details regarding the Show, its times, the venue and the Festival of Plants will be available on the Society's web site www.cambridgeorchidsociety.org.uk.

May 21st The Devon Orchid Society 41st Annual Show 10.30am - 4.00pm Budleigh Salterton Public Hall, Station Rd, Budleigh Salterton, Devon EX9 6RJ

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May 21st Lea Valley Orchid Society Show, 10am - 4pm. Ware Drill Hall, 17 Amwell End, Ware, Hertfordshire SG12 9HP, Contact: Gill Radley 01992 550897 Gillian.radley@yahoo.co.uk

May 29th Sheffield & District Orchid Society Annual Orchid Show Chatsworth, Cavendish Hall, Edensor, Derbyshire DE45 1PJ 10.00am - 4.00pm Contact: James Charlesworth 01773745591 j.charlesworth261@btinternet.com

June 5th North of England Orchid Society Annual Show The Tenants Hall, Tatton Park, Knutsford Cheshire. 10.30am - 6.30pm Contact: George Barnes 01942 810958 or via website form on http://orchid.org.uk/email.htm

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Sat. 18 th June 1.30pm	Malvern Royal Three Counties Show			
Tues. July 12 th 11.30am	Vincent Square			
Sat. Aug. 6 th 1.00pm Business 1.30pm Public	RHS Harlow Carr Gardens with Harrogate OS & North of England OS			
Tues. Sept. 13 th 11.30am	Vincent Square			
Fri. October 28 th 11.30am	RHS London Shades of Autumn Show			
Sat. Nov.5 th 1.30pm Business 2.00pm Public	BOC Congress at the Holiday Inn, Cromer Road, Norwich North NR6 6JA			
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Web Site: www.devon.ukos.com

Venue: Burnham Nurseries, Forches Cross, Newton Abbott, Devon

On: 3rd Sunday of the month (with exceptions)

1.30 for 2.00pm until 4.00pm

The Orchid Society of East Anglia Contact: Mr Colin Thorburn

3 Partridge Walk, Brandon, Suffolk, , IP27 0YF

Tel: 01842 810520 Email: colin thorburn@hotmail.com

Web Site: www.osea.org.uk

Venue: St Mary's Church Community Room Low Rd, Hellesdon,

Norwich NR6 5AT

On: 3rd Friday each month at 19.30

East Midlands Orchid Society Contact: Mrs Kim Pask

Gleakirk, Bathley Lane, Little Carlton, Newark, Notts NG23 6BY

Tel: 01636 701311 Email: kim.pask@btinternet.com

Web Site: www.eastmidlandsorchidsociety.org

Venue: Bottesford Village Hall, Bottesford, Nottinghamshire.

On: Third Sunday of the month at 1400 to 1630 (No meeting in August)

Eric Young Orchid Foundation

Victoria Village, Trinity, Jersey JE3 5HH

Web Site: www.ericyoungorchidfoundation.co.uk Tel: 01534 861963

Further Information: Please phone with reference to opening.

Essex Orchid Society Contact: Moira Tarrant

Bumby's, Fox Road, Mashbury, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 4TJ

Tel: 01245 231437 Email: moira.tarrant@outlook.com Billericay South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road,

Billericay CM11 2PR

On: 2nd Saturday Monthly at 1.30pm to 4.00pm. Not July, Aug., Dec.

Fenland Orchid Society Contact: Mrs Pat Sones

97 Sluice Road, Denver, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 0DZ

Tel: 01366 388421 Web Site: www.fenland-os.org.uk
Venue: Terrington St. Clement Village Hall, Churchgate Way,

Terrington St. Clement Nr. Kings Lynn PE34 4LZ

On: First Wednesday of each month (Except January), starts at 7.30pm

Glasgow Botanic Gardens

Contact: Mr Ewen Donaldson, General Manager Glasgow Botanic Gdn,

730 Great Western Road, Glasgow, G12 0UE

Tel: 0141 276 1614 Email: gbg@land.glasgow.gov.uk

Web Site: www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/residents/parks outdo Open every day

The Hardy Orchid Society Contact: Mrs M Tarrant

Bumbys, Fox Road, Mashbury, Chelmsford CM1 4TJ

Email: moira.tarrant@outlook.com Website: www.hardyorchidsociety.org.uk

Further Information: Contact secretary for details of meetings.

Harrogate Orchid Society Contact: Dr Richard Collin

Ceres, Sandhutton, Thirsk, , YO7 4RW

Tel: 01845 587478 Email: richard.collin12@btinternet.com

Website: www.harrogateorchidsociety.co.uk

Venue: RHS Garden Harlow Carr Harrogate or Beckwithshaw Village Hall

See website for dates and times

Hinckley & District Orchid Society Contact: Keith Bates

79 Hereford Close, Barwell, Leicestershire LE9 8HU

Tel: 01455 446793 Email: orchids1941@yahoo.com

Website: http://hinckleydistrictorchidsociety.com

Venue: Constitutional Club Chapel St., Barwell, Leicestershire

On: 1st Weds in the month except July & Aug. Start time 20.00 hrs

King Charles I School Contact: Mr Philip Seaton

King Charles I School, Comberton Rd., Kidderminster, Worcs.

Email: philipseaton@gmail.com

Tel:

Venue: Kidderminster, Worcestershire

Lea Valley Orchid Society Contact: Mrs Gillian Radley

3 Burleigh Road, Hertford, Hertfordshire SG13 7HA 01992 550897 Email: gillian.radley@yahoo.co.uk

Website: www.wix.com/leavalleyos/lvos

Waterford Village Hall, Waterford, nr. Hertford, Venue:

A602 - Stevenage to Hertford.

On: Third Wednesday of each month at 7.45 pm.

Lincolnshire Orchid Group Contact: Mr Richard Baxter

Hall Farm House, Shelton, Newark-on-Trent NG23 5JG

Tel: 01949850713 **Email:** richardandsueb@ineedbroadband.co.uk Venue: Leasingham Village Hall Nr. Sleaford Website: log-on.org.uk

On: 1st Friday of every month (except January) 7.30pm

Mid Sussex Orchid Society Contact: Dr Maria Firth

9 Harlands Close, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1PS

Email: drmfirth@gmail.com Tel: 01444 413626 Town Hall, 40 Boltro Rd, Haywards Heath, Venue:

West Sussex RH16 1BA

On: Second Sunday each month at 2.30pm

North Bucks Orchid Society Contact: Mrs G Bramham

25 Leon Avenue, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, Bucks. MK2 2HL

Tel: 01908 373880

Rectory Cottages, Church Green Rd, Bletchley MK3 6BJ Venue:

On: First Wednesday each month at 19.45hrs. No Meeting in August North East of England Orchid Society Contact: Pat McLean

3 Springfield Avenue, Eighton Banks, Gateshead NE9 7HL 0191 4879515 Email: mcleanpatriciaw@yahoo.co.uk

Website: tinyurl.com/NE-of-England-Orchid-Soc

Venue: Bowburn Community Centre, Durham Road(A177) DH6 5AT

On: Last Tuesday of the Month, 19.00-21.30

North Hampshire Orchid Society Contact: Mr S Langston

17 Upper Evingare Road, Whitchurch, Hants, , RG28 7EY

Tel: 01256893174

Email: vice.chairman@north-hampshire-orchid-society.org.uk

Website: www.north-hampshire-orchid-society.org.uk **Venue:** East Oakley Village Hall, Hill Rd, East Oakley,

Basingstoke RG23 7JJ

On: Third Sunday at 1400 - 1500 (exceptions, see details on website)

The North of England Orchid Society Contact: Mr George Barnes

64, Green Meadows, Westhoughton, Bolton BL5 2BN

Tel: 01942 810958 Email: orchidinfo@orchid.org.uk

Website: www.orchid.org.uk

Venue: Variable, monthly meetings usually on the Saturday of the 2nd

weekend of the month. Staging finished by 11.00am, show closes

15.00hrs, For variations consult website or contact us.

Orchid Society of Great Britain Contact: Mrs Val Micklewright

103 North Rd, Three Bridges, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 1SQ

Email: val@micklewright.com Website: www.osgb.org.uk

Venue: Napier Hall, Hide Place, Westminster, London SW1P 4NJ

On: On the first Saturday of each month, 13.30 - 16.30,

13.45 -14.15 Introductory beginners session, 14.40 Guest Speaker

Orchid Society of Great Britain - Croydon Group

Contact: Mr Michael Penney 43 Meopham Road, Mitcham,

Surrey CR4 1BH

Tel: 020 8648 7295 Email: michael@penneyorchid.fsnet.co.uk Venue: Wallington Reformed Church, Stanley Park Road, Wallington,

Surrey, SM6 0EU

On: 1st Tuesday Monthly at 19.30 NO MEETINGS in January

Pleurothallid Alliance - UK Contact: Mr D Smallman

10 Willoughby Close, Helpringham, Sleaford NG34 0RX

Tel: 01529 421521

Email: donaldsmallman234@btinternet.com

Website: www.pleurouk.co.uk

Venue: Wilnecote Parish Hall, Watling Street, Two Gates, Staffs B77 5AD **On:** 20th Sept 10.00am - 4.00pm Contact Secretary for meeting details.



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Royal Horticultural Society Orchid Committee Contact: Jill Otway

RHS Orchid Committee, Horticultural Halls, Vincent Sq., London

Committee Secretary, jillotway@rhs.org.uk

On: See Diary of Events, Page 26.

Venue: RHS Orchid Committee meets at most RHS flower shows, the

Chelsea Flower Show, selected society shows and BOC Congress.

Scottish Orchid Society Contact: Mr Alan MacKenzie (General Secretary)
7 Dunlin Crescent, Houston, Johnstone, Renfrewshire PA6 7JX

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Email: gen.secretary@scottishorchid.info

Website: www.scottishorchid.org

Scottish Orchid Society EDINBURGH Contact: Miss Naomi Norman

41 Hawthorn Road, Galashiels, TD1 2LR

Tel: 07570 575867 Email: naominorm@bigpond.com

Website: www.scottishorchid.org

Venue: Toby Carvery, 41 Howden Hall Road, Edinburgh, EH16 6PG

On: Last Wednesday monthly at 19.30, NO MEETINGS in July or August

Scottish Orchid Society GLASGOW Contact: Mr Alan MacKenzie

7 Dunlin Crescent, Houston, Johnstone, Renfrewshire PA6 7JX 01505 614756 Email: gen.secretary@scottishorchid.info

Website: www.scottishorchid.org

Venue: Hopkirk building, Glasgow Botanic Gardens, Glasgow

On: 3rd Monday Monthly at 19.30 NO MEETINGS June, July, or Aug.

Scottish Orchid Society PERTH Contact: Mr Brian Brocklehurst

146 Balgillo Road, Broughty Ferry, Dundee DD5 3EB

Tel: 01382 778348 Email: brian.brocklehurst1@btinternet.com

Website: www.scottishorchid.org

Venue: Village Hall, Pitcairngreen, Nrth Perth PH1 3LR

On: 4th Wednesday Monthly Jan., Feb., March & November at 1.30pm,

Apr., May, Aug., Sept., & Oct. at 7.30pm.

No meetings June, July & Dec.

Scottish Country Members Contact: Mr Colin Avery

Dunjop Brae, Bridge of Dee, Castle Douglas DG7 2AE 01556 680452 **Website:** www.scottishorchid.org

Email: colin.avery1999@btinternet.com

The Sheffield & District Orchid Society Contact: Mrs Carolyn McQueen

3 Milton Court, Swinton, Rotherham, S64 8RE

Tel: 01709 587208 Email: carolyn.m.mcqueen@gmail.com

Website: www.sheffieldorchids.org

Venue: Ranmoor Parish Centre, Ranmoor Park Road, Sheffield S10 3GX **On:** Usually Second Sunday of each month, 10.00am to 12.30pm

Solihull and District Orchid Society Contact: Mr Malcolm Moodie

16 Old Glebe, Tadmarton, Banbury, Oxfordshire OX15 5TH

Tel: 01295 788159 Email: LaeliaM@aol.com

Website: www.solihullorchidsociety.org

Venue: St George and Teresa Parish Centre, Dorridge, B93 8EZ
On: First Saturday of the Month open 1.00pm. Speaker 2.30pm

No August meeting.

Somerset, Wiltshire & Dorset Orchid Society Contact: Mr Geoff Hobson

30 Leigh Road, Westbury, BA13 3QL

Tel: 01373823820 Email: m5eay.geoff@btinternet.com

Website: swdos.webeden.co.uk

Venue: Pen Selwood Village Hall, Wincanton, Somerset

On: 1st Sunday of each month at 14.30hrs. Visitors welcome, £2 charge

South East Orchid Society Contact: Mrs Karina Sellers

Wildwood, Knoll Hill, Aldington, Kent TN25 7BZ

Tel: 01233 720238

Email: karinasellers@btinternet.com
Website: www.southeastorchidsocietyuk.org

Venue: Ashford Rail Staff Hall, Beaver Road, Ashford, Kent. TN23 7RR **On:** Generally the last Sunday in the month from 2:30pm. Go to the

Website for full information.

South Wales Orchid Study Group Contact: Mrs Lynne Harrendence

Preswylfa, Milo, Llandybie, Llanarthey, Ammanford,

Carmarthenshire SA18 3NX

Tel: 01269 269847 Email: lynne.harrendence@resquet.co.uk

Website: www.orchidstudygroup.org.uk
Venue: National Botanic Garden of Wales

On: Saturday, once a month 11.00am to 1.00pm.

Check website for details.

The South West Orchid Society Contact: Mrs Marian Saunders

105 Wembdon Hill, Wembdon, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 7QB **Tel:** 01278 - 455170 **Email:** msaunders1@mail105.co.uk

Venue: West Monkton Village Hall, Monkton Heathfield, Near,

Taunton TA2 8NE

On: 2nd Sunday of the month 2:30 to 5:00 pm

Southern Counties Orchid Society Contact: Mr Peter Mottershead

33 Kingston Lane, Southwick, Brighton, East Sussex BN42 4SJ

Tel: 01273 597921 Email: pp.mottershead@ntlworld.com

Website: www.SouthernCountiesOrchidSociety.com

Venue: Lancing Leisure Centre, Brighton Rd. (A27) Lancing, West Sussex

On: Second Wednesday each month at 19.30 Suffolk Orchid Society Contact: Mrs Jenny Gage

Honeysuckle Cottage, Church Lane, Aldham, Suffolk IP7 6NP

Tel: 01473 822569

Email: roystongage@btinternet.com Website: http://suffolkorchid.co.uk

Venue: St Michaels Church Centre, The Drift, Martlesham,

Nr Ipswich, IP5 3UY

On: Last Wed. of month (not Dec, July, or Aug.) 7.30pm - 9.45pm

Sussex Orchid Group Contact: Mrs Val Micklewright

103 North Road, Three Bridges, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 1SQ

Email: val@micklewright.com

Venue: Crawley Horticultural Hall, Ifield Ave., Crawley, RH11 7AJ **On:** 3rd Sunday in the month at 2.30. (May and June, no meetings)

Thames Valley Orchid Society Contact: Mr Barry Cook

1 Fontwell Drive, Reading, Berkshire RG30 4QR

Tel: 0118 958 0448 Email: barrycookdesign@talktalk.net Venue: St. Peters Church Hall, St. Peters Street, Marlow SL7 1NQ

On: Generally 3rd. Friday each month 8.00pm start.

Wessex Orchid Society Contact: Dr Grahame Coleman

13 Glen Eyre Drive, Bassett, Southampton SO16 3NQ 02380760509 Email: lazybones36@hotmail.co.uk

Website: wessexorchidsociety.org.uk

Tel:

Venue: Shawford Village Hall, nr Winchester

On: Second Sat. of month (except March & Aug), 2.00 for 2.30 p.m.

West Cornwall Orchid Society Contact: Mrs Kit Lindsay

St Martins Villa, 13 Pendarves Rd, Camborne, Cornwall TR14 7QB

Tel: 01209 717947 Email: r.lindsay672@btinternet.com

Website: www.westcornwallorchidsociety.btck.co.uk

Venue: Camborne Community Centre, Pendarves Rd, Camborne

On: 2nd Sunday of month at 2.00pm except August and December

Writhlington School Orchid Project Contact: Mr Simon Pugh-Jones MBE

6 Park Hill Drive, Frome, Somerset BA11 2LE

Tel: 01373 466736 Email: spugh-jones@tiscali.co.uk

Website: http://wsbeorchids.org

York and District Orchid Society Contact: Mr Duncan Kaye

Pamandus,, West Lane,, Burn, Selby, YO8 8LR

Tel: 01757 270825 **Email:**

Venue: Reading Rooms, Dunnington, York

On: Second Sunday each month 10am to 12.30pm

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Cattleya spp. & Guarianthe Mike Armstrong

Auld Reekie, 25 Church Lane, Muston, Notts NG13 0FD

Email: mikandra@tiscali.co.uk Tel: 01949 842668

Dendrobium The Curator, Glasgow Botanic Garden, Glasgow G12 0UE Scotland. Tel: 0141 334 2422 Fax: 0141 339 6964

Email: gbg@land.glasgow.gov.uk

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9 Harlands Close, Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 1PS

Open by appointment garyfirth@uwclub.net No of spp: 31

Maxillaria spp. Dr M McIllmurray

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Phragmipedium spp. including Mexipedium Arthur L Deakin

Pomarium Cottage, Back Lane, Halam, Nottingham NG22 8AG

Tel: 01636 819974 Email: arthurlomasdeakin@yahoo.co.uk

Pleurothallidinae spp. Steve & Frances Manning

New Estover, 4, The Cedars, Nantwich, CW5 5GZ

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Note: Part of this Collection is held at Chester Zoo.

Contact: Phil Esseen, Upton-by-Chester CH2 1LH

Tel: 01244 650236 Fax: 01244 371273 p.esseen@chesterzoo.org

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Web Site: www.geocities.com/foxdaleorchidsuk

Further details are available from -

NCCPG, 12, Home Farm, Loseley Park, Guilford, Surrey GU3 1HS.

Tel: 01483 447540 Website: www.nccpg.com

Email: info@nccpg.org.uk

BOC Photographic Competition (continued)



3rd *Dactylorhiza cordigera subsp. bosniaca* Sam Hurley, the OSGB.



4th *Dactylorhiza maculata* Alan Parfitt HOS Hardy Orchid Society



5th *BLC* Bryce Canyon 'Splendiferous' Ken Johnson, Solihull OS



6th(joint) Ophrys speculum David Arkley, Darlington OS



6th (joint) *Dendrobium* Nagomi Chris Barker North East OS



8th Paph. tranlienianum Chris Barker North East OS



9th Paphiopedilum sukhakulii John Rigby Central OS



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