

Darlington & District Orchid Society

May 2019 News Letter

A newsletter to cover both our meeting and the Raby Show

Next meeting 8th May Our guest speaker will be Bernard McDonald of the Harrogate society and he will be talking about - 'Orchid Hunting in Northern Thailand.' Bernard has visited the society in the past and he is always an entertaining speaker. Sadly, Jean and I will not be at the meeting because we are visiting the RHS Malvern spring Show to collect all the passes and tickets for the Orchid show. We leave you in the safe hands of Digby and Lenny & Margaret.

Raby Castle Orchid Show The show takes place on the Sunday and Monday of the May Bank holiday weekend, 5th & 6th May. The exhibitors at the show will be –

Peter White Orchids	Laneside Hardy Orchids	Spiceotics Orchids
Orchid Alchemy	Darlington Orchid Society	NE of England Orchid Society
Janet Orme Botanic Artist	Pretty Pots by Carmen Hodgson	Wood Turning
Flower arranging	Equatorial Plants & books	Utility Warehouse
Middy slide show each day	Repotting/cultural demonstrations	morning and afternoon

Setting up for the show will be on the Saturday afternoon 1.00pm to 5.00pm and 8.00 - 10.00am on Sunday. The show is open on the Sunday and Monday 10.00am to 5.00pm and support from members to help with the setting up, to look after and guard the stand will be appreciated. Plants are always needed for the display; if you cannot make the setup times please get in touch with Chris and Jean and we can work out a way of getting them to the show. **Will 2018 trophy winners please remember to bring them to the show before it opens to the public at 10.00am Sunday.**

Malvern International Orchid Show June 14th – 16th. Since the last newsletter BREXIT has been delayed and we now have an excellent selection of international trade at the show. New additions for 2019 are Akerne Orchids from Belgium, BR Orquidea from Brazil and Orchid House Asia from the Philippines. This is by far biggest annual orchid show in the UK with 42 exhibitors from around the world, the RHS London Orchid Show is the second with 7 orchid exhibitors in April. It is part of the Royal Three Counties Show and the combination of the two shows makes for a great long weekend for any orchid enthusiast. We always need a team of helpers over the weekend and if you want to join us, free exhibitor passes are provided for the duration of the show for helpers. Most of you know that I am show secretary of this show and I could not do the job without all the support from our members. For those who just want to visit and enjoy the joint shows, I can offer special discounted tickets for £8 a day (normal gate price £25) and these are for society members plus family and friends, under 16s get free admission tickets. The signing up sheets will be at the coming meeting. It is not too late to join us, if you are tempted. I keep reminding people that BREXIT might make this the last international orchid show in the UK.

Future Meetings Please note that there will be no meeting in June because of the clash with Malvern. We do follow this by having two special meetings.

Our July meeting will be Digby's brother, Hugh Angus. He worked for the Forestry Commission, and after working in the production side for the first few years, Hugh went on to Westonbirt Arboretum in Gloucestershire where he was Curator for 25 years. He has a vast knowledge of all types of tree and in

particular, the ones that can be grown in this country, Westonbirt Arboretum is around 600 acres of specialist trees first started by Lord Holford in the 1800's. Over the years, as part of his job, Hugh has visited China, Japan, Canada, USA, Chile and Patagonia; these are just the ones that Digby is aware of. The title for the talk is - 'Trees and Plants I have Met During my Travels.'

The August meeting is now confirmed as Jess Buckle, a 6th Form student, who has been a member of the Writhlington School Orchid Project for over 6 years. The conservation work done by the school students is highly respected around the world. Jess was a finalist in the RHS Young Gardener of the Year competition in 2016, when only 14. She has given talks at a BOC Congress, the Eden Project Orchid weekend, Kew Gardens and at many orchid shows and meetings in the SW.

Dates for your Diary

May 5th & 6th Raby Castle Show, Staindrop, Darlington

Jun. 14th – 16th Malvern International Orchid Show

Aug. 3rd & 4th Harrogate OS, Orchids for Everyone, Harlow Carr Gardens, Harrogate

Sept. 8th Darlington OS Show at Josephine Butler College, Durham City

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Paraphalaenopsis serpentilingua

