



British Orchid Congress and British Orchid Show

November 2nd-4th 2018
Writhlington School, near Bath BA3 3NQ



August 2018 Welcome to the fourth BOS2018 newsletter

Please share this with anyone you think may be interested.

Things are really coming together for what promises to be a very exciting orchid event this autumn.

In this newsletter we have added information about the science and conservation symposium, hardy orchid day and some of the other activities that will make BOS2018 an event to remember.

Registration for the event is open on-line - Please visit wsbeorchids.org/bos2018/register to register today.

Early bird registration will close on Sep 30th.



Programme

This is the outline programme for the event. Please scroll down for more information on the science and conservation symposium, the hardy orchid day programme and other events.

Set up Thursday 1st Nov and Friday 2nd Nov, The venues will all be open from 9am on Thursday for starting set up and will remain open on Thursday until 7pm. Venues will open again at 8am on Friday and we will need all displays finished by 4.30 to allow cleaning before the preview evening opens at 6pm.

Preview Friday 2nd Nov from 6pm - 9pm we are expecting a good crowd for preview evening with registrants and preview ticket holders (you can buy tickets separately for the preview at www.wsbeorchids.org/bos2018) enjoying an evening with all traders in action, a very nice buffet included and a couple of special events.

Show open to public 3rd and 4th November, from 10am until 5pm each day. Day tickets will be available giving



Book your society display

We are delighted that Orchid Societies from around the UK will be showing at BOS2018. We will be flexible on display sizes so get in touch to book you display space and discuss sizes. Please contact wsbeorchids@gmail.com.

To be more specific we have tables that are 2ftx4ft and you can order 1,2,3,or 4 of these, or you can request a floor display. All the displays will be island displays

Booked so far: East Midlands, Devon, North of England, Sheffield and district, Ron and Kit Lindsay, Phil Seaton, Somerset Dorset and Wilts, British Paphiopedilum Society, Hardy Orchid Society, Cheltenham and District orchid Society, Bournemouth Orchid Society, Darlington Orchid Society, Helen Milner, Orchid Society of Great Britain, Thames Valley Orchid Society and the Hinckley & District Orchid Society.

The following societies may be exhibiting; Cheshire, Harrogate, Wessex, Central and the Scottish Orchid Society as we have the option of providing a small table at short notice.

access to the show, the Writhlington glasshouses, public lectures and refreshment areas.

Science Symposium Sat 3rd Nov with speakers from the UK and abroad. Symposium registrants and Congress registrants will have access to a day of lectures with a focus on science and conservation including practical workshops. Full timetable coming soon.

Hardy Orchid Day Sunday 4th Nov - there will be a series of special lectures and activities for registrants and the public (at an extra cost) focusing on all aspects of hardy orchids including culture, propagation, field observation and travel.

Congress dinner

On Saturday evening there will be a grand congress dinner at the school. The four course dinner with a bar will be prepared by the School's award winning chef and include a number of special extras including a special congress dinner mystery orchid quiz, the congress raffle and live music. The event starts at 6.30 giving people time to freshen up after a long day at the show. Tickets are available

at www.wsbeorchids.org/bos2018



Trade already confirmed

Our list of trade confirmed is growing. Please visit the nursery websites for pre-orders.



Exciting registrants' lecture programme

We are delighted to announce a fascinating series of lecture programmes for the event.

Science and Conservation Symposium - Saturday 3rd November

Our science and conservation lectures will cover a variety of diverse topics including conservation genetics, tropical conservation, photography and practical workshops.

Speakers include Kew scientists Roberta Garguilo and Leif Bersweden with the fascinating insight molecular studies have given to understanding orchid conservation, Phil Seaton and Dino Zelenika providing up to date information on the conservation of some of the world's most iconic orchid species in Colombia and Thailand.

Hardy Orchid Symposium - Sunday 4th November

On Sunday the lecture programme for registrants focuses on hardy orchids with lectures on British orchids, Mediterranean orchids, orchid conservation and

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www.orchids.uk.com

Akerne Orchids (Belgium) www.akerne-orchids.com

Roellke Orchids (Germany) www.roellke-orchideen.de

Laneside Hardy Orchids (UK) www.lanesidehardyorchids.com

Laurence Hobbs Orchids (UK) www.laurencehobbsorchids.co.uk

Royden Orchids (UK)

Assendorfer Orchideenzucht (Germany) www.asendorfer-orchideenzucht.com

Orchid Alchemy (UK) www.orchidalchemy.com

Real Escape

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Leif Bersweden at BOS2018

We are delighted that Leif Bersweden will be talking on 'Species Integrity and Gene Flow in Anthropomorphic Orchid species' as part of the Science Symposium on Saturday 3rd November.

Leif is a leading light amongst a new generation of scientists and orchid enthusiasts passionate to put plants back onto the map through education, communication and research.

Many of you will have come across his inspiring book 'The Orchid Hunter - a young botanist's search for happiness' and can't wait to hear him speak.

Find out more about Leif from his website www.leifbersweden.com

reintroduction in the UK and Europe, cultivating hardy orchids in the UK and practical propagation workshops.

Speakers include Richard Laurence, Jeff Hutchins, Celia Wright, Andrew Bannister and Simon Tarrant.

Public Lectures - Saturday and Sunday 3rd and 4th November

There will also be a full programme of lectures to suit beginners and experts alike on orchid cultivation, orchid genera of interest and orchid history.



Great accommodation in local historic towns and cities

Writhlington School is on the edge of the Mendip Towns of Radstock and Midsommer Norton, seven miles from the Historic Town of Frome and just nine miles from the Georgian City of Bath. As a result there are hundreds of great hotels within easy reach and an opportunity to turn your BOS2018 visit into an Autumn mini break in the West Country.



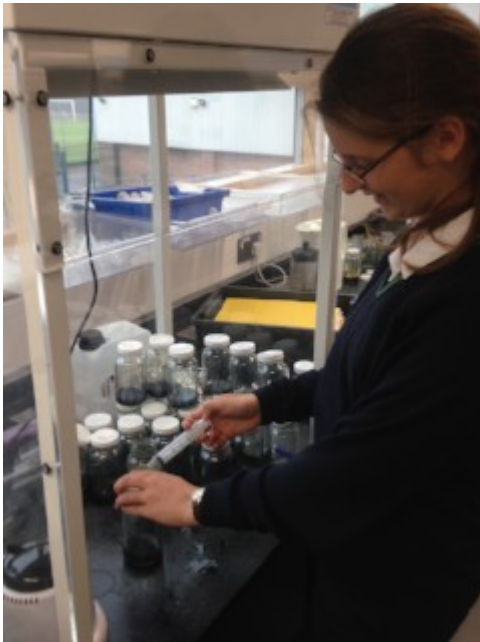
Garden Society Special Offer

We are delighted to welcome orchid societies and garden societies to the show and already have several booked in. We are offering a 20% discount on public entry (£4 a head instead of the standard £5) to garden societies who bring twenty people or more to the show. Please contact wsbeorchids@gmail.com to book your group. (Please do share this newsletter with your local garden societies.)



Treasure hunt and other activities for children aged 5 to 105

We have planned a range of activities at the show aimed at children, from the ages of 5 to 105, that will add some fun and learning to the event and draw on the school's experience of developing engaging educational activities around orchids in schools as far afield as Rwanda, Canada and Sikkim. Local primary schools are involved too, so if you are thinking of bringing future children and grandchildren along to the event you can be confident that they will have a memorable day out.



Grow your own orchid flasks

A number of special events have been arranged over the event to give registrants a weekend to remember and these include grow your own flasks where visitors will be able to transfer orchid seedlings in vitro to grow on at home. Propagation laboratory manager Chloe McGiveron described the plan as the nearest orchids can get to 'pick your own' and a great chance to develop propagation expertise across the UK's orchid growers.



What would you like to hear about in our newsletters?

Do let us know if there is anything in particular you would like to hear about in our newsletter by contacting us on wsbeorchids@gmail.com



Some more highlights

Other highlights include full access to the Writhlington Orchid Project glasshouses with students on hand to describe their culture of more than a thousand orchid species in six climate zones. This offers a great opportunity to see plants in the conditions that they grow and a starting point to many interesting conversations about growing the plants we love. There will be a repotting service in operation, the Mendip Wood Carvers that proved so popular at the 2012 congress and a number of refreshment options including a registrants lounge.