

British Orchid Congress - Hardy Orchid Day

Writhlington School, 4rd November 2018

A highlight of the British Orchid Congress is a Hardy Orchid Day that includes lectures exploring a broad range of relevant topics. Speakers include experts in a number of fields and should provide an enlightening insight into hardy orchids.

The Congress runs from Friday 2nd November to Sunday 4th November and features orchid displays and sales from across Europe as well as a separate public lecture programme, a Science and Conservation Symposium 3rd November, tours of the Writhlington School Orchid Project facilities, refreshments and other activities.

Registrants for the Hardy Orchid Day will have free entry to the British Orchid Congress and Show throughout Sunday 4th November.

Registration for the Science and Conservation Symposium costs £10, Registration for the full three day congress (including the symposium and many other events) costs £35 single and £55 joint. Further details and an online registration forms can be found at www.wsbeorchids.org/bos2018

Hardy Orchid Day programme - Sunday 4th November 2018

Time	speaker	title
10.10-10.50	Richard Laurence	A selection of wild British orchids
10.50-11.30	Jeff Hutchins	Reintroduction of local native orchids to a Cumbrian valley meadow
11.30-11.50	Coffee	
11.50-12.30	Andrew Bannister	Growing your range of hardy orchids
12.30-1.10	Celia Wright	Orchids round the Mediterranean
1.10-2.00	Lunch	
2.00-2.40	Simon Tarrant	Orchids and Conservation in Estonia
2.40-3.20	Writhlington team	Hardy orchids from seed propagation workshop

Speaker Information

Richard Laurence - A selection of wild British orchids



Richard Laurence who has spent much of his life photographing British Orchids will be starting the days lecture programme with a talk about UK Orchids with his fantastic photographs. Richard who has been a long term friend and supporter of the Orchid Project will be including many of the beautiful variations he has recorded in UK populations such as the dark petalled forms of the Early Spider Orchid shown here.

Jeff Hutchins - Reintroduction of local native orchids to a Cumbrian valley meadow



Jeff is well known as a nurseryman with Laneside Hardy Orchids and has experience of both growing hardy orchids commercially and working on reintroduction programmes.

Andrew Bannister - Growing your range of hardy orchids



The growing popularity of hardy orchids can be measured by the increasing number being used in orchid displays. This trend can be explained by the greater appreciation and availability of hardy orchids, also the increasing energy costs associated with growing a large collection of tropical orchids. However, the accessibility of information to help growers has lagged behind the demand for hardy orchids, especially for some of the new species now being introduced.

Andrew has been growing hardy and tropical orchids for over 25 years. Through a large part of that time he has been growing them from seed, which is a very good way to develop and refine cultural techniques. "Growing Your Range of Hardy Orchids" will highlight some of the best methods for growing the hardy orchids that are already established favourites and introduce some new varieties being brought into the market.

Celia Wright - Orchids round the Mediterranean



Celia is a past Chairman of the Hardy Orchid Society and currently their Speaker Secretary. For many years she has travelled widely on holidays in search of orchids and other flowers in their natural habitats, most often around Europe in the Spring. Countries around the Mediterranean, especially Italy and Greece, are favourite hunting grounds. In her talk she will describe the places where orchids are to be found and show pictures of many of her favourites.

Simon Tarrant - Orchids and Conservation in Estonia



Simon Tarrant is an amateur orchid enthusiast and photographer. He is also the Publicity Officer for the UK-based Hardy Orchid Society. Simon has spent many years exploring different parts of Europe in search of orchids. Over the years his travels have focussed increasingly on East European countries as travel to them has become easier and Simon has visited Estonia several times at different seasons. Estonia has a rich orchid flora, with around 35 species to be found. The best populations of orchids are in the west of the country, especially on the island of Saaremaa in the Baltic. Most recently he has led a group of British orchid enthusiasts to western Estonia in conjunction with a local tour operator to visit orchid hotspots in the company of local orchid experts, and there are plans for a similar trip in 2019.