



# Newsletter



APRIL 2021

## The role of chairman

Members may be aware that Peter White is only standing in as chairman until September of this year.

It is imperative we find someone else to take on this role for the continuance of the society.

If you feel you can help please contact Peter White.

## Next year's show date

We have changed the date of our show next year to the Saturday, 19th March, 2022.

This was due to the fact it coincided with RHS Show in Glasgow, which Peter White, our chairman/president has to attend.

The booking has now been made for this date

A new treasurer has been found, also two members have offered to help with displays at regional shows.

### Speedy recovery Joan

Best wishes to Joan Smith one of our members, who is having a hip operation next Friday, 30th April



### Monica Johnson's Calanthe discolor

A plant that many people don't grow has flowered beautifully this year for her.

### You might want to watch

On BBC iPlayer, Gardener's World, Episode 5, about 6 minutes into the recording, Jim Durrant of McBean's Orchids talking about his time of 50 year's breeding mainly Cymbidiums

## Our next meeting

Central Orchid Society and Hinckley Orchid Society have been invited to join our Zoom meeting on Saturday, 1st May, when Chris Purver



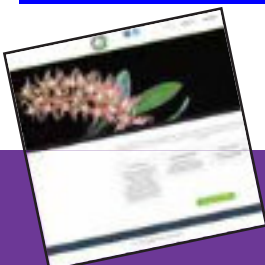
will be giving us a talk about the Eric Young Orchid Foundation based in Jersey.

A link for the Zoom meeting will be sent to members a few days before the date.

We are hoping to have our first open meeting in July at the church hall.

The speaker for that date is Michael Radley talking on Orchid Treks in Costa Rica.

You can follow Solihull & District Orchid Society on Facebook and Twitter



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# Lockdown Pictures

**Anne Haines**



**Pleione Ueli 'Wackernagel Pearl' (originally from Janet)**



**Pleione Shantung 'Ducat'**

**Pleione grandiflora - my favourite species**

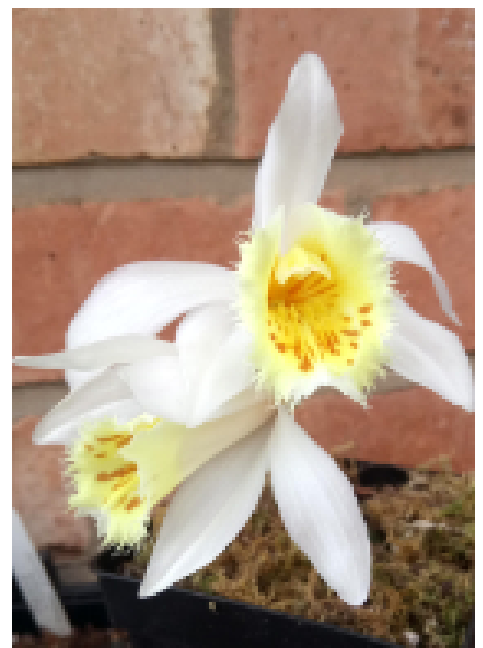
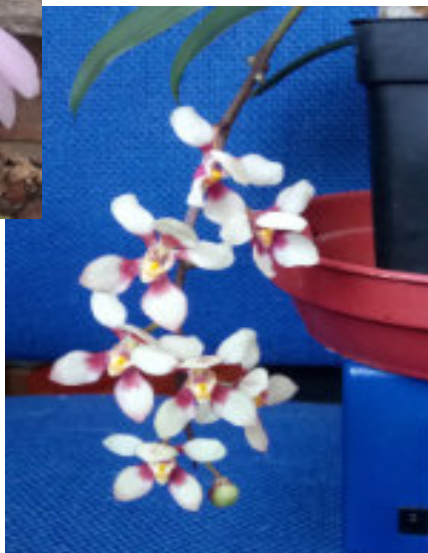


**Janet James**



**Pleione grandiflora - my favourite species**

**Sarcochilus Fitzgeraldii  
hemsrainbow x  
weinthalii**



**Pleione grandiflora**

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Cattleya Hybrid

**Monica  
Johnson**



Phalanopsis Hybrid

**Stan Taylor**

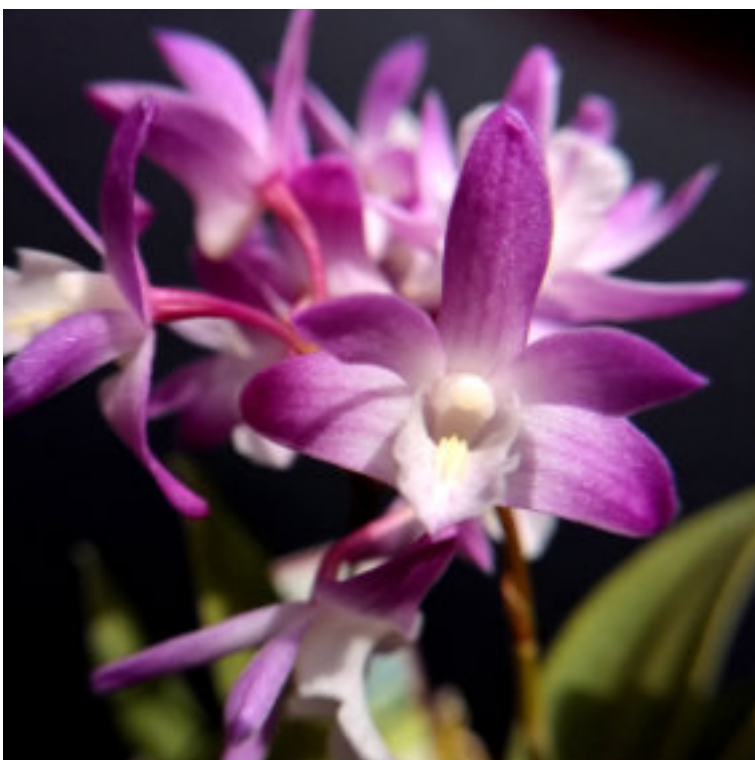
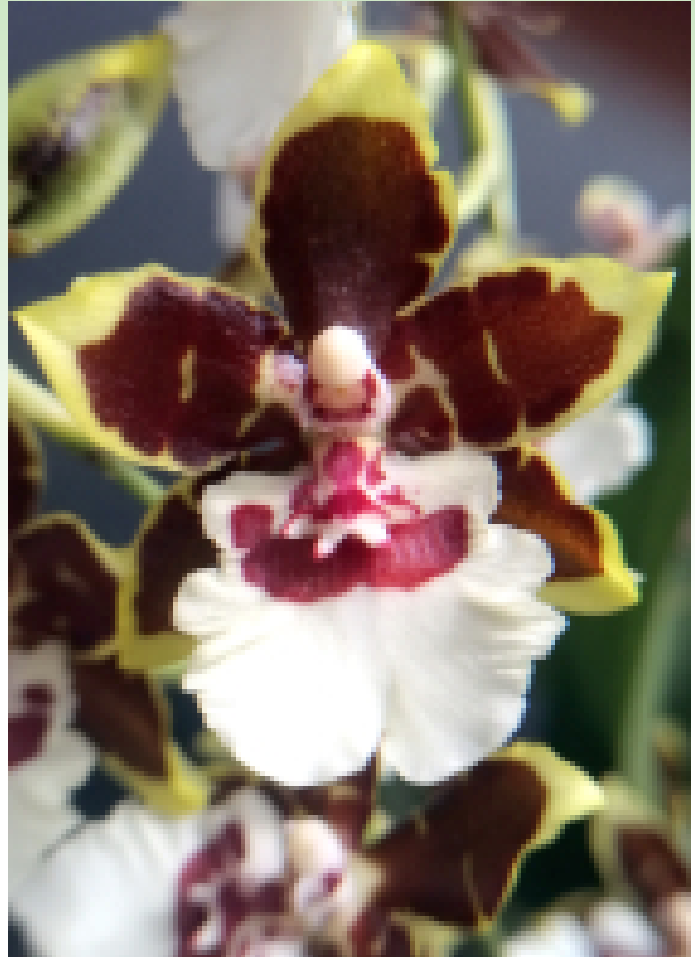
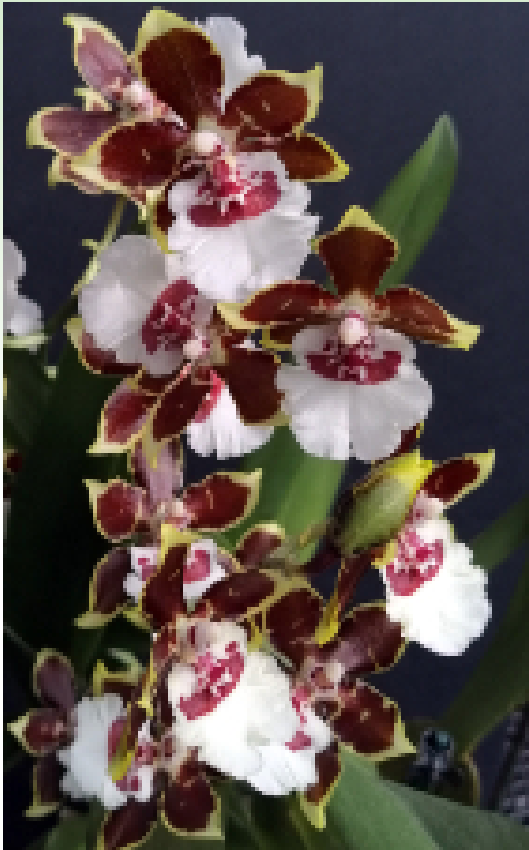
Stan has sent in two beautiful pictures from his nest box camera. Blue Tits laid a clutch of six eggs, and patiently sit and brood them



# Lockdown Pictures

## Colin Clay

**Oncidium Colmanara  
'Jungle Monarch'**



## Cool growing Dendrobiums

Shortage of space five years ago, led to four pots of *Dendrobium kingianum* being put into my unheated glasshouse. The pots were plunged into a sand/perlite mixture and receive little or no water through the Winter months. The plants will have endured temperatures below freezing on many occasions but have all just flowered. This East Australian, 'frost sensitive', lithophyte may be tougher than described?

Colin Clay