



# Newsletter



JULY 2021

## August meeting back to normal, nearly!

Our meeting for the 7<sup>th</sup> August is going ahead. We hope to see you all there.

It will be a short meeting from 1.30pm until 4pm.

Pete and Malcolm will be dealing with your orchid problems. Please bring along any plants you are having problems with.

We are not able to use the kitchen, so bring your own refreshments (whisky and gin excluded).



Colin and Jean will be doing the raffle as usual.



### Lina's Covid recovery

Lina and family are now make good progress having all had Covid.

Lina send her best wishes to all, and will see you at the AGM in September.

### Help still needed

We are still desperately seeking new committee members.

With out your help the society cannot progress.

You do not have to be an orchid expert for this positions.

As you know, the current committee are very helpful and would give you all the help you may need.

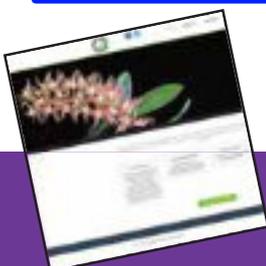
## Devastating fire for Keith

You will be very sorry to hear that Keith Bates, chairman of Hinckley Orchid Society, and one of our members has had a fire in his Cattleya and Phalaenopsis greenhouse, causing complete devastation.

All of his orchids have been destroyed.

It would appear to have been caused by a fan burning out. Keith had only gone into town to do some shopping, one of his neighbours called the fire brigade.

Keith is ok, and already talking about his new greenhouse.



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# Lockdown Pictures

**Colin Clay**

**Three habitats for the Pyramidal Orchid**



**Meadow (Lighthorne) 2nd July**



**Sand Dune (Harlech) 27th June**



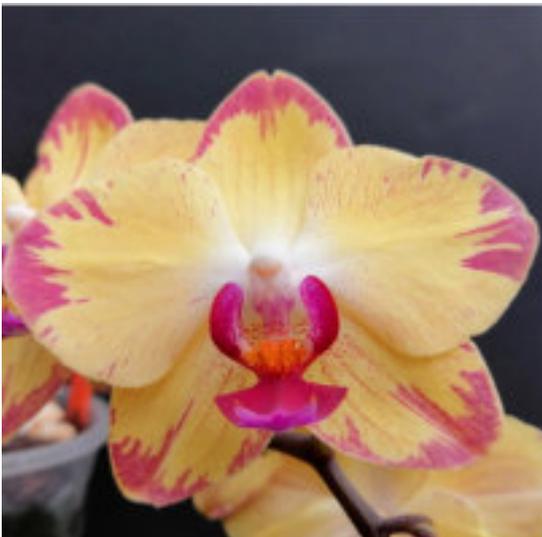
**Roadside Verge (JLR Gaydon) 8th July**



**Phalaenopsis Magic Art close up**



**Phalaenopsis Magic Art**



**Phalaenopsis Papagayo close up**



**Phalaenopsis Papagayo**

**Neofinettia Peach**



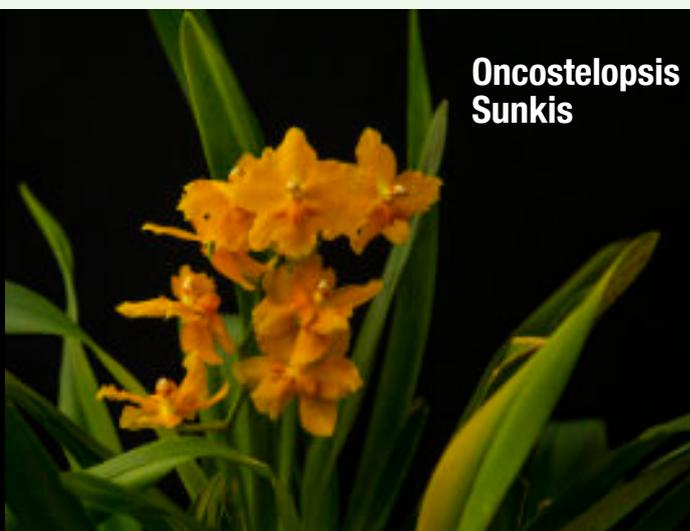
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Pictures

**Monica  
Johnson**

**Phal. Harlequin type**



**Oncostelopsis  
Sunkis**



**Vanda falcata**



# orchid walks this month

## With some interesting finds - by Janet and Martin

At Ettington Cutting absolutely masses of Pyramids Orchids, but only a handful of Bee Orchids, Butterfly Conservation manage the site, so there are lots of other wild flowers too, though with no sun when we were there we didn't see many Butterflies, there's hardly any Ragwort so only a few Cinnabar Moths, on the way back we saw a huge Bracket Fungi.

On a visit on my own to Moathouse Reserve I found Common Spotted and Heath Spotted Orchids growing within yards of each other, a place to look for hybrids in the future.

A quick pop into Hillfield Park and a surprise meeting with Margaret Dale, who showed me where the pale pink Pyramid Orchids were.

At Cuttlebrook Martin and I found more Common Spotted, there was a single Pyramid there last year, but no sign of it and the area appeared to have been cut.

This was followed by a visit to Windmill Hill where just one Bee Orchid had escaped the mowing of the grass verge, lots of Pyramid Orchids on the hill, more wild flowers and Butterflies, so lively in the heat it was hard to get photo's.

And on our latest outing we nearly missed seeing Warwickshires Dune Helleborines, after seeing them in growth, the hot weather meant they had developed very quickly and most were going over when we went back.

Photos Janet and Martin



Heath Spotted Orchid  
Moathouse Reserve



Bee Orchid Windmill Hill



Bracket Fungi



Cinnabar Moth Caterpillars  
Cuttlebrook



Pyramid Orchid  
Windmill Hill



Pyramid Orchids  
Hillfield Park



Common Spotted Orchids  
Cuttlebrook Reserve



Common Spotted  
Orchids Moathouse  
Reserve

# orchid walks this month cont.



**Pyramid Orchid and  
Cinnabar Moth Ettington**



**Pyramid Orchid  
Ettington**



**Dune Helleborine**



**Marbled White Butterfly  
Ettington**



**Bee Orchid Ettington Cutting**

# Lockdown Pictures



**Malaxis porphyrea**



**Janet  
James**

**Malaxis  
porphyrea close  
up of flowers  
they are so tiny.**



**Epipactis palustris**



**Disa Louise Bee**



**Disa Unilangley**



**Disa Kewdior**