



Newsletter

August 2024



A big thank you . . .

On 27th July, Pat and his wife kindly welcomed 15 members of the club to their garden.

We were able to enjoy Pat's beautiful garden as well as view his three orchid greenhouses.

For once, the British weather was kind and it was a lovely

sunny day to sit out on the lawn catching up with fellow club members.

Pat keeps his greenhouses at different temperatures to enable him to grow a range of different orchid species in optimal conditions.

A range of Pat's orchids were in flower including some lovely vandas and coelogynes.

It was very inspiring to



see how Pat had used the space in his garden effectively to incorporate his greenhouses.

Seeing what Pat had achieved in a residential garden has certainly inspired a certain Club Treasurer who has since dismantled our pond ready for the installation of our own orchid greenhouse hopefully in months to come.

Pat and his family were

on hand throughout the visit to provide tea and biscuits which went down well with everyone.

Our thanks are extended to Pat and his family for a wonderful visit which everyone enjoyed hugely.

**NEXT
MEETING
AGM**



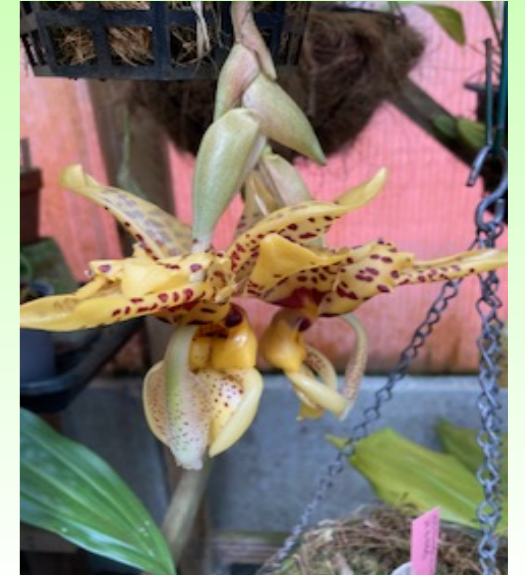
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Pat for a lovely . . .

. . . day in your garden



Next Meeting – AGM

Our next meeting is on Saturday 7th September which will be the Annual General Meeting, the display table and the popular Plant Auction.

Timings are a bit different from our usual meetings due to this and the hall opens at 1pm for plants to be booked in for the Auction.

Please ensure this is completed by about 1.45pm so that the AGM can begin promptly at 2pm.

Please check all plants for bugs before you bring them to Auction.

The Plant Auction is a lot of fun and a great chance to share spare plants you have with other members of the Society, including new growers. 10% of the sale price of each plant goes to the Society too so it helps boost club funds for the coming year.

The Agenda will be a 12 month review, election of the committee for the year ahead and an opportunity for members to raise any issues that they feel have not been addressed elsewhere in the Agenda.

The AGM part tends to be quite quick and then we can get on to the fun part of the Plant Auction and Display Table.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone after the summer hiatus.

