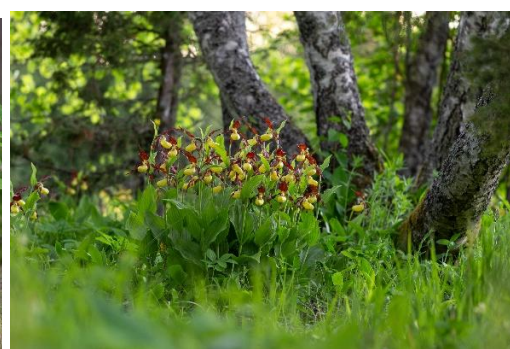
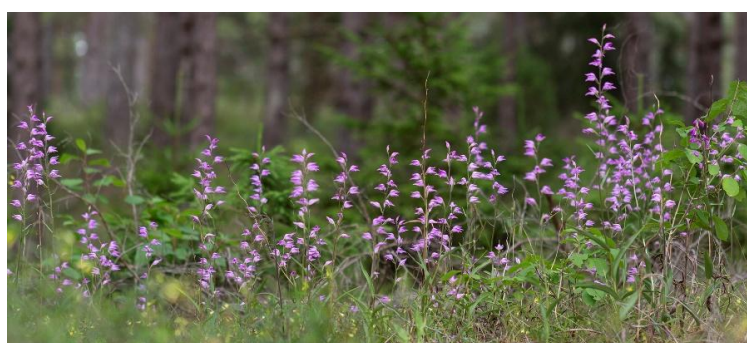


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| 09:00 | Set up trade and members stands                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 09:30 | Doors open to members and guests and sales begin. Tea and coffee available                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 10:30 | Simon Tarrant - Chairman's introduction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10:35 | <p><b>Paul Harcourt Davies – A Passion ....For Orchids, Alpines, Butterflies</b></p> <p>Paul's first talk to us today is the account of a journey from childhood to present day life in Italy. Paul writes "...in which orchids have featured strongly and have been a determining factor of directions taken (not always sensibly)...whether depicting them photographically, searching them out from old records or just enjoying the endless fascination they provide. I hope in this talk to give some of the highlights and show some of the interesting species found".</p> <p><b>About Paul:</b> Paul writes about himself " I was involved with the HOS since its inception being the first Chairman. I am delighted with the way things have grown and how many dedicated people are involved. It is almost 24 years since I left the UK and, in that time, I have given one talk to the HOS at Wisley. This, for me is a great opportunity to meet old friends and put a little something back...a bit more than I can through the various articles I have written over these years. I offered to do two talks on the basis that given the way life goes I'm not sure I will be back again to give others.... Some may think that's a good thing! Being able to talk in my own language will be a novelty...I am quite a different person from when I give talks in Italian with all my grammatical mistakes".</p> <p>He wrote his first book in 1983 (Wild Orchids of Britain and Europe) with 19 other publications following, including guide books and several on photography and techniques particularly 'macro'. Not yet retired and still passionate about the natural world, fusing a passion for nature, photography, experimentation, education and conservation. Winner of Garden Photographer of the year Portfolio (2013), Judge at Wildlife Photographer of the Year (2015), a lecturer at WildPhotos (3 times).... His hobbies include furniture making, Guitar Playing and his work!</p> <div data-bbox="221 976 850 1447" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="855 976 1477 1447" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="221 1453 810 1892" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="815 1453 1477 1892" data-label="Image"> </div> |
| 11:30 | Short break to allow for the change of speakers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 11:35 | <p><b>Rainar Kurbel – Interesting Orchid finds from Estonia and Latvia</b></p> <p>In his talk Rainar will focus on the rare orchids that can be found in the UK, that are more abundant in Estonia (with some in Latvia) including; <i>Epipogium aphyllum</i> (Ghost orchid), <i>Cypripedium calceolus</i> (Lady slipper orchid), <i>Cephalanthera rubra</i> (Red helleborine) and <i>Orchis militaris</i>, plus a few others.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

**About Rainar:** Rainar has looked and searched, photographed, investigated Estonian (and European) native orchids for more than 30 years. Along the way he has published 4 orchid books, all in the Estonian language. Thankfully today he will talk to us in English. He has also written some articles for the HOS Journal. It's both his hobby and work. His priority currently is nature protection and orchid conservation along with the education of the public.



**12:35**      **Winning film from Video Competition held at Leeds meeting**

**12:45**      **Lunch**

**13.45**      **Photographic competition judging and results**

**14:20**      **Paul Harcourt Davies – In Praise of Orchids**

Each year Paul take thousands of images, often adding to the many he has on his hard drives. He writes " ...but being completely unable to resist and maybe revealing something more of the character of the flowers and the places they grow. I like to feel that those of us who love orchids want to do justice to these wonderful plants. The difference between a record shot and something special is not nearly as much as one might think".

**More about Paul:** Paul writes " I have a passion for virtually all aspects of orchids. Their morphology, a chemistry of pollination, study of the genetics, how and where they grow and then those photographically related...capturing the beautiful orchids both in the surroundings and close-up as detailed in the various articles written for the HOS. My interest is not restricted to orchids but extends to all plants where I can turn them into images that capture the imagination and maybe convey the importance of conservation and protection. I'm also fascinated by insect pollinators and much more. In short it is an holistic appreciation. In taxonomic terms I am a confirmed lumper but enjoy occasionally puncturing the bubbles of those who feel that complexity through a proliferation of names leads

to understanding. Part of my background is in philosophy of science and thus elegance is important as it has proved to be throughout the history of discovery”.



15:15

Tea break

15.35

### Sean Cole – New Orchid Species in Britain in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

It is very appropriate after a very hot dry summer in many parts of the country, that we reflect on the species that have appeared in recent years. Sean will give a summary of the new species recorded in Britain and Ireland in the 21<sup>st</sup> century with discussions on origins of these adventives.

**About Sean** : Sean writes “ I’m still working but in my spare time lead orchid and other wildlife trips for Greenwings Wildlife holidays. All wildlife is a passion, but orchids and birds are my main areas of interest. I love to travel to wildlife-rich places to see what they have. I am Co-author of the most recent orchid UK/IE Field Guide, with Mike Waller, with a photographic guide on the way soon!”.

The pictures below are: *Serapias parviflora* and *Himantoglossum robertianum*



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| 16.20 | Simon Tarrant Chairman's closing remarks       |
| 16.30 | Meeting ends. Hall must be vacated by 17:00hrs |