



Solihull & District Orchid Society

Wonderful Spring Show

Once again our show at Arden School was a tremendous success although the number of entries was well down on last year - 45 versus 65.

Even so there were some really nice plants on the table plus 4 fantastic displays from our friends at Hinckley, Central, BMOS and EMOS which were a feast of colour.

Hinckley walked off with the Janet James Trophy for the Best Display and East Midlands received the largest number of rosettes for some truly fantastic individual plants.

Malcolm Moodie had an extremely successful day winning 9 Trophies including Most Points in the Show (Society Cup) and Best Plant (Founders Shield) with his *Sophranitis coccinea*.

Rita Cordwell had a superb day with 3 Trophies to her name - the Gloria Cotton Cup for Best Cymbidium, the Harris Challenge Cup for Best Windowsill grown plant and the Harry Wilshaw Shirley Goblet for Best Novice. Well done Rita.

Stan Taylor won 2 Trophies plus a Cultural Commendation Certificate for his *dinema polybulbon*.

Martin Mitchell won two trophies with Janet James and John Clarke winning one each. It was also very pleasing to see Brian Cope winning the Committee Trophy for Best Species on our monthly Table Displays for his *Sarcochilus hartmannii*.

The hourly raffle proved to be very popular with a lovely *Phalaenopsis* to be won each hour and a very large *Cymbidium* as the prize for the last hour.

Notably the refreshments made more money than last year despite there being less people through the door. Unfortunately, the weather in the afternoon was miserable in the extreme and despite all of our advertising I am sure a lot of people were put off by the wind and driving rain. So a great big thank you to all of you who worked so hard on the refreshments table and also to everybody who donated sandwiches, cakes and scones etc. This was key in ensuring that we made an overall profit on the day.

Next year the Show will be on Saturday 15 April and let's hope that the weather is a little kinder and that more plants are in flower.

PRIZE WINNERS



JANET JAMES



JOHN CLARKE



HINCKLEY ORCHID SOC



STAN TAYLOR



MARTIN MITCHELL



RITA CORDWELL

Chairman:
Malcolm Moodie
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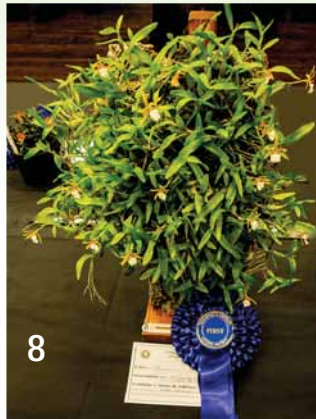
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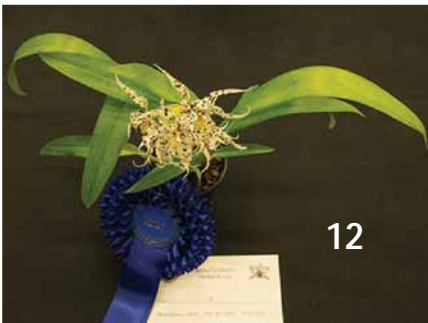


Show pictures:
Ken Johnson

- 1 - Best Cymbidium – Rita Cordwell
- 2 - Best Dendrobium – Stan Taylor
- 3 - Best Group Display – Malcolm Moodie
- 4 - Best in Show Sophronitis – Malcolm Moodie
- 5 - Best Phalaenopsis – John Clarke
- 6 - Bowl of Pleonies – Malcolm Moodie
- 7 - Clowesia rosea – Lina Smalinske
- 8 - dinema polybulbon – Stan Taylor
- 9 - Floral Art – Janet James
- 10 - LC Goldigger Orchidglade – Malcolm Moodie
- 11 - Masd. Prince Charming – Malcolm Moodie
- 12 - Species Oncidium – Malcolm Moodie



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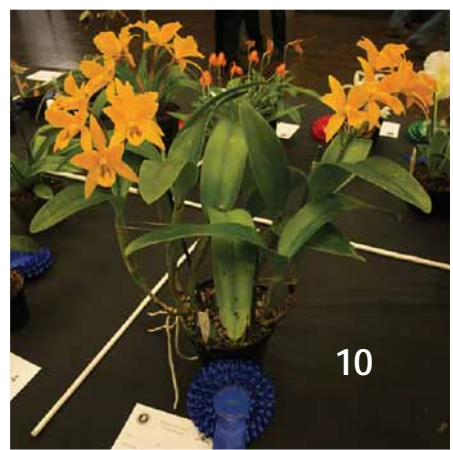
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More show pictures



Other awards not mentioned above:

Society Challenge Cup	Best Group Display	Malcolm Moodie
Bedlam Trophy	Best Monopodial	Stan Taylor
Durant Cup	Best Laeliinae	Malcolm Moodie
SA Jarrett Cup	Best Oncidiinae	Malcolm Moodie
Margaret Turton Cup	Best Phalaenopsis	John Clarke
Trevor Turton Cup	Best Cypripedioideae	Malcolm Moodie
Dendrobium Trophy	Best Dendrobium	Stan Taylor
Vandaville Trophy	Best Species	Malcolm Moodie
Wyld Court Cup	Best Lycaste	Martin Mitchell
Shirley Goblet	Best Pleione	Martin Mitchell
Peter White Trophy	Best Pleurothallidinae	Malcolm Moodie
Rene Osborne Trophy	Floral Art	Janet James
Bedlam Trophy	Best Hybrid (Table Displays)	Malcolm Moodie



Malcolm's silverware



Birmingham & Midland OS



Central Orchid Society



East Midlands Orchid Society



Hinckley Orchid Society

Hinckley Show

Please make every effort to visit Hinckley's Annual Show on Saturday 23rd April.

It is at a new venue – Stoke Golding Club, 42, Hinckley Rd., Stoke Golding CV13 6DT from 10.00 till 4.00. Janet and Martin will be putting up a display on behalf of Solihull so if you have any plants please let Janet know (01564 822897) and come along to support them and our friends at Hinckley.

Central Orchid Show 60th Anniversary

Congratulations to Central for achieving this wonderful milestone and continuing to be a thriving society for their members to enjoy. Every year Central support us at our show so I hope that many of you will visit their show at Perton Community Centre, Church Rd., Perton, Wolverhampton WV6 7PD from 11.00 till 4.00. Solihull will be putting up a stand so Janet and Martin would welcome the offer any plants and be pleased to see you on the day.

Malvern Show Tickets

Don't forget to ensure that you have paid for your tickets no later than at the May Meeting on Saturday 7th May. Only those that have been paid for will be ordered.

Coach Trip to Burnham's Nursery

We now have 27 people booked onto the coach (29 Seater) and if you haven't yet paid please do so at the May Meeting. After that any spare seats will be offered to our friends at other Orchid Societies. So if you want to go but haven't so far booked, May's meeting will be your last chance.

Next Meeting

At our Meeting on Saturday May 7th we will be welcoming Bernard McDonald who is travelling down from Yorkshire to share his tremendous knowledge of Bulbophyllums and Orchid Hunting in the Golden Triangle – if you don't know where that is then coming to the next meeting will be a journey of discovery.