



Solihull & District Orchid Society

Spring Show *What a wonderful day!*

Firstly, I would like to thank everybody that was involved in making our Spring Show such a wonderfully successful event. It looks like we have made a profit of in excess of £300 which is the most for many years and puts our financial position on a very sound footing.

The hall was abuzz during the day with many new faces eagerly viewing the exhibits and displays. The tombola nearly ran out of prizes, the hourly raffle for an orchid was enthusiastically supported and the food and drinks were being consumed as fast as the servers could provide them.

Many, many thanks to all of you who donated food, tombola prizes and time on the show day itself which made it such a financially successful event and one that was enjoyed by so many.

It could not have been achieved without you – Thank you.

All of those that came would have gone home with a smile on their faces and a great impression of our society and as eight new members were recruited, let's hope that we will see many entries in the novice class in 2019. However, this year it was great that Sam Bridge won the Harry Wilshaw Shirley Goblet for best Novice. Besides Sam's entry there was much to admire down the centre table – so well done and thanks to all those that were able to enter plants.

The list of winners is set out on page 2.

In addition, congratulations to Monica Johnson who was awarded a Cultural Commendation Certificate for her *Ludisia discolor*.

The displays from the visiting societies were as spectacular, as usual, with East Midlands winning the Janet James Trophy for best visiting display.

Finally, many thanks for everybody's help, and hope you all had an enjoyable day.



Stan Taylor's best in show plant

Next Meeting

***There is a change to our Speaker for May ***

Unfortunately, Helen Milner who was planned to visit us in July is now unable to attend on that date but fortunately for us she and Mick Bee, who was our speaker in May, have swapped dates.

So Helen will be our guest speaker on Saturday 5th May where she will talk on "Growing Orchids in a Terrarium".

Helen is an extremely knowledgeable orchid grower who along with her husband David have exhibited their educational displays at our Spring Show over many years and have won numerous gold medals for these wonderful displays at numerous orchid events both within the UK and internationally.

Her talk will open your eyes to the possibilities of what you can grow without the need of a greenhouse.

This is not to be missed.

Malvern Tickets

The next meeting on May 5th is your last chance to order and pay for the special low cost tickets for the Malvern International Orchid Show. These tickets are only £8 each as compared to £19 if purchased from the showground in advance or £23 on the day.

So if you are remotely interested in orchids and you would like to come to the best orchid show in the UK then these tickets are a must.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but want some tickets please ring Malcolm 01295 788159 or email laeliam@aol.com.

We have to place the society's order on Sunday 6th May so next meeting is your last opportunity.

The tickets will be available to pick up at the June Meeting.

Pictures and results on page 2

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Birmingham and Midland Orchid Society



Central Orchid Society



East Midlands Orchid Society

Annual show prize winners 2018

Trophy

Society Cup & Banksian Medal
Society Challenge Cup
Founders Shield
Durant Cup
Harris Challenge Cup
Gloria Cotton Cup
SA Jarrett Cup
Margaret Turton Cup
Trevor Turton Cup
The Challenge Cup
Dendrobium Trophy
Vandaville Trophy
Shirley Goblet
Peter White Trophy
Harry Wilshaw Goblet
Rene Osborne Mem. Trophy
Janet James Trophy

Description

Most Points in the Show
Best Group Display
Best Orchid
Best Laeliinae
Best Windowsill Grown Plant
Best Cymbidium
Best Oncidiinae
Best Phalaenopsis
Best Cyripedioidae
Best Phragmipedium
Best Dendrobium
Best Species
Best Pleione
Best Pleurothallidinae
Best Novice
Floral Art
Best Visiting Display

Winner

Malcolm Moodie
Malcolm Moodie
Stan Taylor
Malcolm Moodie
Janet James
Malcolm Moodie
Malcolm Moodie
Graham Jones
Malcolm Moodie
Malcolm Moodie
Malcolm Moodie
Stan Taylor
Malcolm Moodie
Stan Taylor
Sam Bridge
Janet James
East Midlands

In addition, two trophies are presented for the Best Hybrid and Best Species at our monthly table displays.

The Bedlam Trophy for Best Hybrid was shared between Lina Smalinske for her Paph. Colobelle x bellatulum x niveum and Malcolm Moodie for his Paph. Armeni White.

The Committee Trophy for Best Species was awarded to Malcolm Moodie for Paph. helenae.



Sam Bridge



East Midlands



Janet James

**All show pictures:
Ken Johnson**



Stan Taylor



Maureen Jones



Malcolm Moodie

Winning plants from the table



Jackie Quinn



Malcolm Moodie



Janet James



Graham Jones



Monica Johnson

Wisley Trip

There are still a number of seats available on the coach for our trip to Wisley on Sunday 5th August so if you would like to join us please sign up at the May Meeting. Can all those that have signed up please pay Heike at the meeting.

The coach is booked, the private behind the scenes tour of the orchid collection is arranged and everything is in place for a great day out.

Alpine Flower Show - Saturday 21st April

If you are kicking your heels on Saturday 21st April the Alpine Garden Society is holding its Annual event at Arden School from 11.00 till 3.30 (admission £3.00). Besides an stunning array of exhibits there will also be the opportunity to purchase plants from numerous traders including Laneside Hardy Orchids.



Stan Taylor