



# Solihull & District Orchid Society

## What a wonderful start to the New Year!!!

At our first meeting of 2019 we held a judging competition and what a wonderful array of plants we had before us.

The table was absolutely crammed full of plants from numerous genera some of which we seldom, if ever, see on the display table so judging was certainly going to be a challenge.

The plants were divided up into 3 tables with the first table containing a single genus of Masdevallias, all grown by Malcolm Moodie and the other 2 tables were separated into a table of species and a table



of hybrids. The members were then let loose to determine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each table and at the break Lina and Malcolm determined which they thought were the top 3 plants on each table.

Masdevallia Ishbel Kirkwood was chosen as the best plant on Table A (the single genus table), with Masd. decumana coming second and Masd. Fuzzy Navel in third place.

Table B which contained the hybrids was a real challenge with in first place *Holcoglossum flavescens* x

*Rhynchostylis gigantea* grown by Stan Taylor, followed in second place by *Paphiopedilum Maudiae* grown by Bill Carmen and in joint third a *Vanda* grown by Pam Eden and a *Phalaenopsis* grown by Graham Jones.

Table C which contained the species was equally as challenging with some unusual plants. *Chelonestele sulphurea* was judged as the best plant followed by *Eria thua* and in third place an unusual plant *Schoenorchis gemmata* which is a vandaceous species from South East Asia. All of these three plants were grown by Pat Bussy who also brought some other interesting plants.

As it turned out a number of members went a long way to choosing the best plants with Joan Smith and Bill Carmen coming out on top with Bill, on count back, finally being adjudged the winner and a bottle of wine was duly presented.

Lina then judged all of the plants as she would if it was a normal display table.

I think that the afternoon was much enjoyed and hope that everybody learnt something from this interactive afternoon.

Well done!

## Next Meeting

At our next meeting on Saturday 2nd February, one of our own members, Dr. John Page, who has spoken to us before on a range of interesting topics, will this time take us on a journey to sunnier climes when he will present "Flowers of Spain including Orchids".

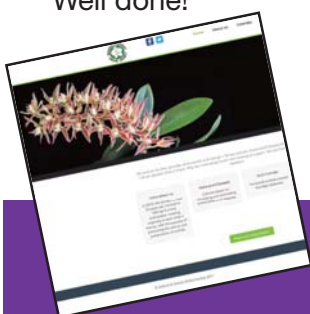
What better way to enjoy a cold and dull day in February.

Look forward to seeing you all.

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## Competition table winners

- 1 - Vanda Pam Eden - 25pts
- 2 - Masdevallia Fuzzy Navel - 25pts
- 3 - Chelonestele sulphirea - 27pts
- 4 - Holcoglossum flavescens X rhy gigantea - 28pts



## BOC Photographic Competition

### Have a look, and have a go!

Please take time to visit [www.british-orchid-council.info](http://www.british-orchid-council.info) and vote. If you go to "Photo Competition" then select "Gallery Slide Show" followed by "Run the Slide Show" you will then be able to see all of the photographs one after the other. Select the ones you like the most and then if you want you can go back and have a detailed look at the pictures you have chosen but this time using "View Current Photo Gallery". This will allow you to see the full picture one at a time. You should then select your top 10 in order of preference and send them to Malcolm ([laeliam@aol.com](mailto:laeliam@aol.com)) who will count up all of our choices and then enter a consolidated vote on behalf our society. We have until end of February to get our votes registered so please send your votes to Malcolm by Friday 23rd February so that a consolidation can be completed before the competition closes.



## Spring Show Trophies

Can everybody that won Trophies at last years Spring Show please return them at the next meeting so that they can all be engraved prior to our 2018 Spring Show on Saturday, April 20th

In addition, the rotas for supplying the refreshments and manning the various activities raffle, tombola, door and refreshments will be circulated again next month so, if you can, please consider volunteering as we always need all the help we can get.

