



Newsletter



SEPTEMBER 2021

AGM report

This is when we look to our Members to fill vacant places on the committee. Only 17 members attended which included the committee.

Our treasurer Heike Lilley stepped down and was replaced with our new treasurer Sam Bridge.

Heike has always supported the Society, and helped with other Society roles when needed.

Our chairman gave special thanks to Heike for all her work over the past years.

Our current committee have agreed to stay on for one more year, we will then need some new committee members to continue.

If we do not find new committee members, the society is in danger of having to terminate in September 2022.

Our temporary chairman, Peter White, said he would carry on until March 2022, after which Malcolm Moodie agreed to take over the role, from March to the next AGM in September 2022.

Peter stepped down as president, it was agreed not to elect a new president until the next AGM in 2022.

Our two vice-presidents Janet James and Malcom Moodie both agreed to stay on as the societys vice-presidents.

Peter White gave a special thanks to all our committee for their hard work throughout the year in the current situation.

Also special thanks to Martin Ball who organised our Zoom meetings during the pandemic, keeping our members interested.

On the 2nd October Jean Taylor will be enjoying her 80th birthday – Congratulations Jean, love from us all



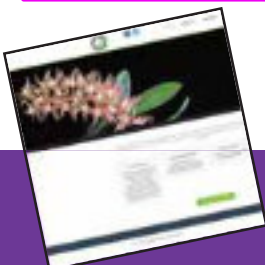
Although there were only 17 people at the AGM the plant auction went very well. With lots of bargains. We also had a very good raffle.

Please support us

A lot has happened since we had our last meeting in 2020, but we hope you are all still keen to show your support for your Society, we as a Committee cannot function without you, our Members.

Next Meeting

Our speaker for your October Meeting is Zsuzsanna Sera of Spiceotic Plants, on the subject of Bulbophyllums and Draculas, they will also be bringing plants for sale. Spiceotics is a family business based in Essex, growing tropical, subtropical, orchids and spice plants. What started out as a hobby is now a business.



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My orchids at home

Monica Johnson



Phal. 'Dame Blanche'

Oncidium - Heaven Scent 'Redolence'



**Janet
James**



Flower's on one of my Pleurothallis, a species with no name.

Wild Orchids

This month we have been to Castlemorton Common, near Malvern, to look for the Ladies Tresses Orchids, (*Spiranthes spiralis*). We were only able to find seven, and they were already going to seed, sadly a wide swathe had been mown, so some had probably been cut off, as they are on the Amber near threatened list, I wrote to Worcestershire Wildlife Trust, who were concerned, and as they don't look after the site they have passed the information on to the Malvern Hills Trust who do. There used to be quite a colony there it would be a shame to lose them.

JANET JAMES



Table points for September

SPECIES

- 1st Malcolm Moodie with Paph. Lowii - 35points
- 2nd Pat Bussy with *Bulbophyllum polystycinin* - 33 points
- 3rd Pat Bussey with *Bulbo' dearii* - 26 points

HYBRIDS

- 1st Malcolm Moodie with Paph. Schaezen

WINDOWSILL GROWN ORCHIDS

HYBRIDS

- 1st Graham Jones with Vanda (not named) - 34 points
- 2nd Graham Jones with Vanda Orange Majestic - 24points

Sorry, no photographs

