



Newsletter



OCTOBER 2021

Christmas hampers and food for our Christmas Lunch appeal

Once again, we will all have the opportunity to win two hampers, the draw will take place at our Christmas party. Janet James has kindly offered to collect your food gifts and prepare the hampers.

For every food item you donate you will receive a raffle ticket, which gives you the opportunity to win, which means the more you donate the more opportunities you have.

In addition you can purchase more tickets increasing your chances further.

This is a great chance to start your Christmas celebrations

Our further tradition of sharing food at our Christmas lunch, may we please ask Members who are attending to bring along food for sharing, such as savouries,

sandwiches, sausage rolls, cakes, mince pies, etc, wrapped please.

As usual tea and coffee will be available.



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Welcome Richard



The Speaker for our November meeting will be Richard Fleming on Oncidiums.

Richard will be giving us a talk & Slide show.

Richard is the president of Hinckley Orchid Society and has a wonderful collection of Oncidiums.

Please try and come this will be a great afternoon.

MY LOVELY CAKE

Last Wednesday 27th October was my 70th Birthday and my thanks to all those that sent me their kind wishes.

On the morning of the big day two of our friends turned up with a parcel which turned out to be this cake wonderfully made by their daughter. We marvelled at the quality of the decoration because it looked exactly like a Phalaenopsis.

These might not be my passion (much prefer to see a Paphiopedilum) but what a wonderfully skilled girl she is

Malcolm Moodie



CHRISTMAS SHOW SCHEDULES WILL BE SENT OUT AT A LATER DATE

My orchids at home

Monica Johnson



Phal Harlequin type



Cattleya Platinum Charm

Colin Clay

Stenoglottis longifolia



Stenoglottis orchids are native to South Africa but can be grown in the UK, in an unheated glasshouse (offering protection from Winter rain).

My plants flower in October and then go into Winter-dormancy, with very little watering.

The fleshy tubers can be divided up in Spring, as new rosettes form and potted into a mixture of bark with sphagnum moss, with additional perlite or vermiculite.

The flowering images are *Stenoglottis longifolia* and the plant showing 'fleshy' roots is *S. fimbriata*.



October Table Show



Vanda Hybrid

Vanda Hybrid Graham Jones



Paph. Doll's Kobold

Paph Dolls Kobold 31pts Malcolm Moodie



Masd Magic Dragon
Pink Dragon

**Masd Magic Dragon Pink Dragon 30pts
Malcolm Moodie**



Coelogyne Pat Bussy X orchid

Coelogyne Pat Bussy 28 pts



Oncidium Heaven Scent

Oncidium Heaven Scent 28pts Monica Johnson

Spiceotic Plants

Lina Smalinske

This is a partnership that runs a company that sells orchids.

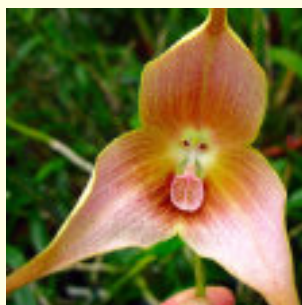
They both come from Hungary and have training in horticulture. First, it was the passion of collecting plants, then growing them from seed that naturally evolved into a plant selling business.

Initially, it was all about herbs and tropical spices therefore the name has stuck, and later it rolled into orchids.

Most of their tropical plants and orchids grown in house come from seeds or cuttings produced by the couple themselves, therefore plants are better acclimated for UK weather. They also import a lot from Asia and Equagenera.

The talk consisted mainly focusing on *Draculas* and *Bulbophyllums*.

There were a few plants to purchase and to look at close up.



Draculas were passed around to look at and *Zusana* has advised to grow them in basket pots because many of them produce flowers growing downwards.

The conditions required are very humid with lots of air movement. The growing medium is moss and very little to no fertiliser.

Bulbophyllums was another plant group in focus. These are grown on the dry side and most of them are mounted because of their small root structure and observing their growing conditions in situ.

All plants are watered by spraying or misting only and just using rain water and very little fertiliser in general.

Due to the lack of shows in the last two years, topped up with Brexit problems of buying plants, it was great to be able to purchase interesting orchids locally without any worries about import documents or extra delivery costs.

My orchids at home



I rescued the White *Phalaenopsis* from a friend's garden, not being an Orchid lover she put it out when the flowers were going over, this is the second lot of flowers, now flowering on old stems.



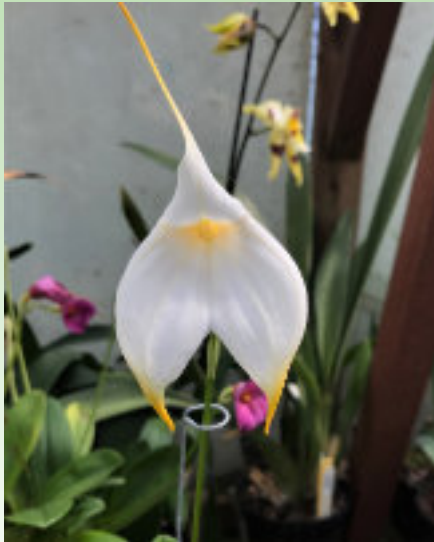
Janet James

Stenoglottis longifolia (left)
And, not an orchid, I thought this huge *Anthurium spathe* deserved a photo



Malcolm Moodie

My orchids at home



Masd. Denis Roessiger



Masd. Chinese New Year AM AOS



Phrag. Don Wimber



Masd. caudata



Paph. tigrinum



Phrag. Grande La Tuilerie



Propetalum Malcolm Moodie