



Newsletter



SEPTEMBER 2022

Solihull OS lives on!

I am pleased to say that 23 members turned up for the AGM with everything that was on the agenda being carried unanimously.

The meeting kicked off with the Chairman's and Treasurer's Reports which both concluded that we had had a good year with physical meetings taking place again and including a very successful Spring Show at our new venue.

The big issues in front of us are the reduction in Membership with the corresponding reduction in subscriptions leaving a hole in the finances and the resignation of 4 members of the committee.

All those committee members standing down have given the Society great service over many years, so a vote of thanks was given that was warmly supported.

Malcolm agreed to stay on for the year ahead as chairman despite only taking it on in April to avoid the society folding.

However, the sticking point was likely to be the Treasurer's role, where we had not received any nominations. I am pleased to report that George Mayes agreed to take over as treasurer, meaning that our two officers are now in place.

Additionally, Lina and David agreed to

continue on the committee and Grace Mayes and Liz Kirk also volunteered to serve meaning that we now have a working committee for the next 12 months.

The financial shortfall reported for last year will be repeated if no action is taken.

Therefore, it was proposed that we reduce the number of meetings per year to 8 and increase the subscriptions £15/Single and £20/Joint Membership.

Both proposals were carried unanimously meaning that our subscriptions almost balance with the cost of the hiring the Hall.

The year ahead now looks bright and over the next couple of months the committee will meet to lay out our plans for the next year.

Our Spring Show at Bentley Heath Community Hall has already been booked for Saturday 25th March and we anticipate the special concessionary tickets for Malvern to continue.

Add that to a full year's programme of speakers and the year ahead looks bright.

The afternoon concluded with our Auction where many members went home with some very nice plants.

I look forward to seeing you all over the coming months.

Malcolm

Next Meeting – Saturday 1st October

The next speaker is not as published in the calendar. Unfortunately, Chris Barker is unable to join us so Malcolm will be giving a Talk on "The Orchids of Thailand" charting his visit to Thailand searching for orchids in the forests of Northern and Eastern Thailand.



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September table display

SPECIES

1st Pat Bussy
2nd Monica Johnson
3rd Pat Bussy

Bulbophyllum polystictum 33 points
Dendrochilum magnum 30 points
Coelogyne speciosa salmonicolor 28 points

HYBRIDS

1st Malcolm Moodie
2nd Pat Bussy
3rd Pat Bussy

Paph. St.Swithin "Olive Moodie" CCC/RHS 36 points
Bulbo "Sagarik" (lobbii x frostii) 32 points
L.C. Love Knot "Blue Heaven" 31 points

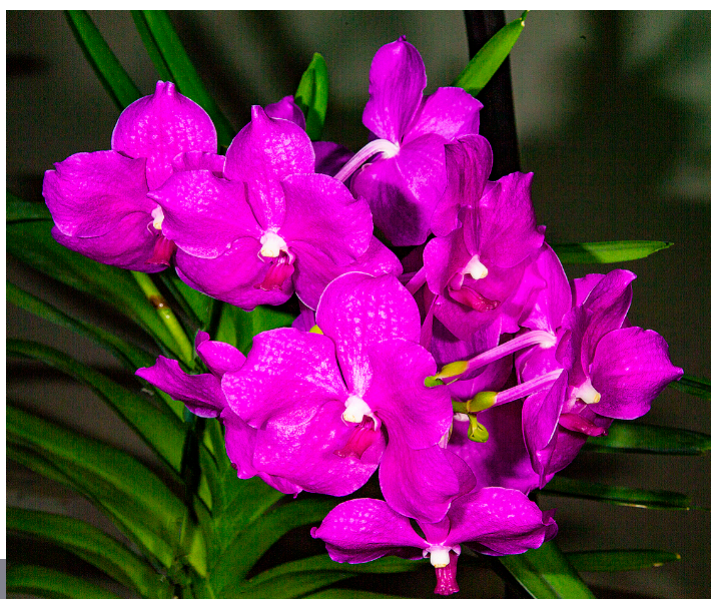
WINDOWSILL GROWN

1st Graham Jones
2nd Graham Jones
3rd Graham Jones

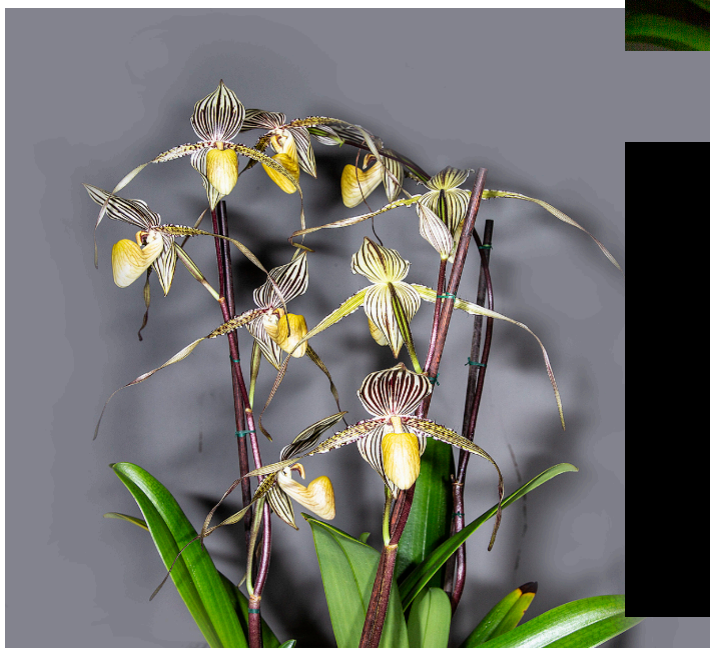
Vanda Gordon Dillon 35 points
Vanda name not known 35 points
Phalaenopsis bellina 27 points



**Vanda Gordon Dillon 35pts
Graham Jones**



Vanda Hybrid 35pts Graham Jones



**Paph St Swithin 'Olive Moodie'
36pts Malcolm Moodie**



**Dendrochilum magnum 30pts
Monica Johnson**

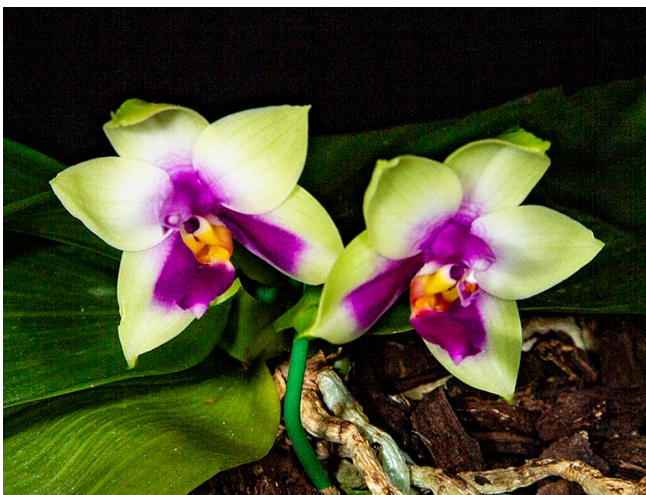
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Coelogyne speciosa var. salmonicolor
28pts Pat Bussy



Bulbophyllum polystictum 33pts Pat Bussy



Phalaenopsis bellina



LC Love Knot Blue Heaven 31pts Pat Bussy

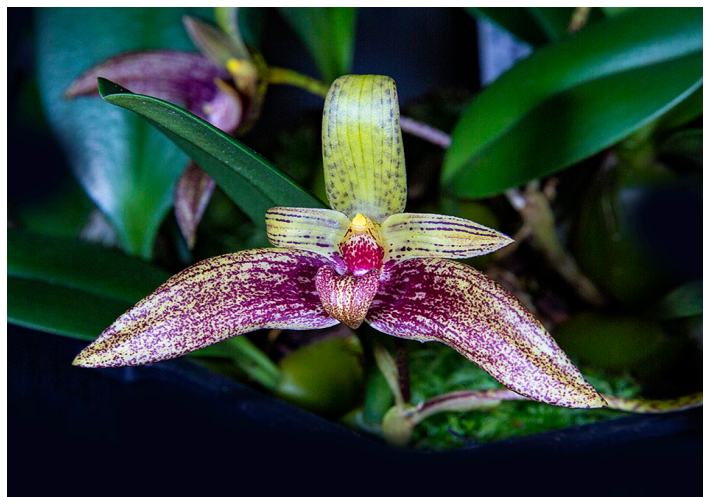
Opportunity

Janet James has decided to give up growing Cymbidiums. They have not received much attention this year and have spent the whole summer in the greenhouse, so they are looking a little worse for wear.

However, anybody is welcome to take whatever they want.

Janet just wants them to go to a good home.

Contact Janet on 01564 822897 or email janetjames13@outlook.com



Bulbophyllum "Sagarik" (lobbii x frostii)

Before the RHS Orchid committee



On Tuesday 16th August we set out at 8.00 am to drive to Wisley to take two plants for consideration at the RHS Orchid Judging Committee.

However, this does not cover the whole story as the day before I received an email informing me that any plant entering the RHS garden at Wisley must be boxed or securely wrapped with the plant only being unwrapped when it is in the judging room. In addition, this process needs to be repeated when the plant is removed for transportation through the garden. As a result I spent an hour before leaving home doing my best to achieve this requirement - what a good start to the day!!!

Anyway, we duly arrived with 2

plants and with all flowers intact - a relief.

Unfortunately, the *Paphiopedilum lowii* was not deemed good enough to be awarded but I am very pleased that my *Paphiopedilum* St. Swithin "Olive Moodie" CCC/RHS was awarded a Certificate of Cultural Commendation. It is named after my mother who, unfortunately, is no longer with us, but she was always a great supporter and lover of orchids.

It is an honour to name this plant after her.

I am also pleased to report that we arrived back at home with no significant damage although the top flower bud on one of the *lowii* spikes did fall off.

Malcolm Moodie