



# Newsletter

## January 2024



# Spring Show Trophies

Please return any Trophies that you won last year to the February meeting so that I can get them engraved prior to the Show on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

Please remember that if you want the Trophy engraved, we need to make a £10

contribution for each trophy to help cover the costs.

Our Spring Show last year was a fantastic event thanks to all your help which I hope you will be able to provide, once again, this coming March. **Malcolm Moodie**

## February Meeting

I am sure that you are all looking forward to our meetings starting again in February.

The meeting is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February when I will be giving a talk titled "Orchid Culture including Repotting"

This will be an opportunity to talk about all elements of orchid culture and give you the opportunity to address any orchid problems you wish to discuss.

Please bring along any orchids that have cultural problems and/or need repotting or you just need some advice on.

I will use these plants to illustrate my talk + choose one or two to repot.

However, please don't bring any plants with pests as we don't want to pass that pest onto anybody else's plants.

Look forward to seeing you all in February.

**Malcolm Moodie**

**An update on 2023 BOC Photographic Competition it now has resumed to a pre-Covid set up:**

\* Submissions to begin in January 2024 via BOC website, we did not hold a meeting in January therefore please send your top 5 choices to Lina via email [lina\\_sala@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lina_sala@yahoo.co.uk)

\* Submissions to close end March\*

Judging by 15 June Results will be announced in July

**Sheffield Orchid Society**  
**Orchid Show**

St. John's Church Hall,  
Abbydale Road South,  
Sheffield, S17 3LE

Saturday March 2nd  
2024  
10am to 4 pm

Entry £5  
Tickets from Eventbrite  
Carnivorous plant display  
Amazing displays by seven  
different societies  
Buy plants from Britain's leading orchid  
and house plant vendor - Spiceotics

**You can follow Solihull & District Orchid Society on**



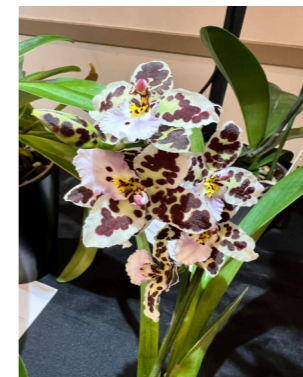
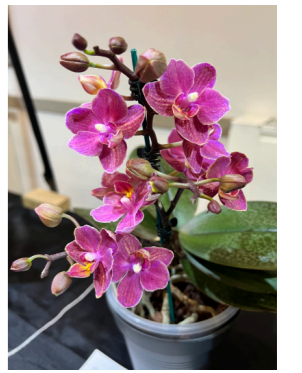
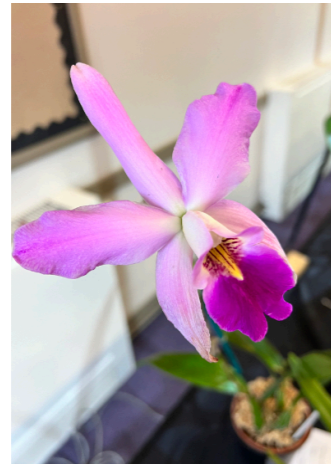
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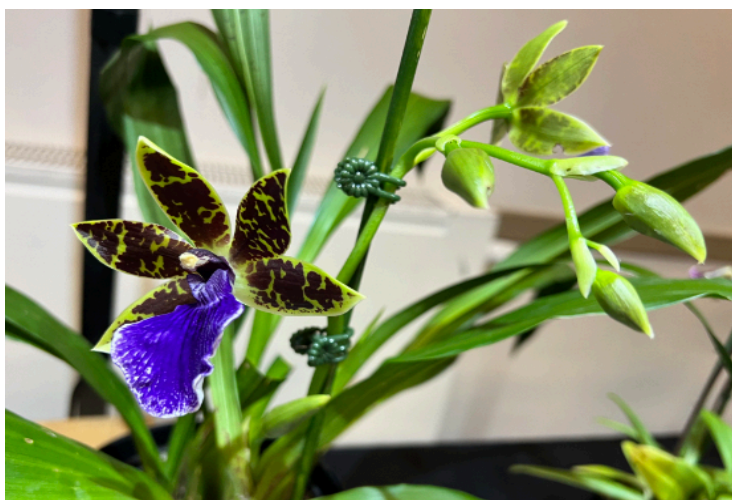


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# CHRISTMAS RESULTS

We hosted another extremely successful Christmas Show and party on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023. The meeting was very well attended by our members and it was an excellent chance to socialise before the end of the year. It was fantastic to see some new faces there who we welcome to our society.

The Show table was very impressive with lots of lovely plants on display. The trophy winners were as follows:

**Best Species – Mary Griffiths Trophy – Malcolm Moodie**

**Best Hybrid – Jack Pettit Trophy – Malcolm Moodie**

**Best in Show – Bob Harris Bowl – Malcolm Moodie**

**Most Points in Show – Gloria Cotton Trophy – Malcolm Moodie**

**Best Novice – BOC Tankard – John Choong**

In addition, Janet James presented the trophies for the best plants featured on the display table over the course of 2023:

**Best Hybrid – Bedlam Trophy – Malcolm Moodie**

**Best Species – Committee Trophy – Malcolm Moodie**

**Best Windowsill Plant – Bob Harris Vase – Graham Jones**

Pat also brought along a number of very interesting plants for display only which members greatly enjoyed viewing.

Finally, the very special Trish Carney Memorial Trophy for the unsung hero of the year was presented to Andrea Moodie in recognition for her contribution to the society over a number of years and her role in catering for our excellent Spring Show.

Thank you to everyone who entered plants in the show or brought them along for general viewing.

We then enjoyed a festive buffet with



contributions from members which was very successful. We were able to put together two full hampers this year thanks to generous donations from members.

Thank you to Janet James for once again putting together such excellent hampers. We also had our normal raffle with a number of prizes shared out amongst the club.

**Grace Mayes**

## Subscriptions Reminder

The majority of our members renewed their membership at the Christmas Show and we have also had several new members join. If you were unable to join us at the Show, I hope to see you there at the February meeting where Treasurer George Mayes will be taking any final subscriptions for 2024.

If you are unable to attend, send your cheques (£15 for single and £20 for a couple) to George at 3 Jackdaw Lane, Droitwich, WR9 7HE.