



# Newsletter

April 2024



## Spring Show 2024

**Our show took place again this year at the Bentley Heath Community Centre with over 60 paying guests through the door in addition to members of the club and exhibitors.**

Our traders Spiceotic returned from last year and reported very good sales throughout the day. In addition, Orchid Alchemy exhibited which proved very popular with paying guests and club members alike. We also attracted several new club members who signed up following their enjoyment of the show.

The numbers through the door were a little bit down on last year, perhaps due to the rainy weather which may have put some people off. However, takings were pleasingly up on last year due to the immense success of the book stall, the tombola and the catering.

Our new pricing structure on the tombola worked very well and takings were over double that of last year. There were excellent prizes up for grabs kindly donated by members of the club and prizes even included three orchids kindly donated by our exhibitors.

The book stall featured a good range of fiction and targeted orchid books in addition to old editions of orchid magazines.

The Kitchen, ably headed by Shirley Diaper, proved extremely popular with many positive comments throughout the day on the quality of the food provided.

The seating area again worked well at the venue and tables were well occupied throughout the day with members enjoying sausage and bacon baps, homemade cakes and copious cups of tea.

The entries this year for the display table were particularly impressive and the Judges passed on their congratulations to all exhibitors.

Notably, three club members were awarded prestigious Cultural Commendation certificates – congratulations to Malcolm Moodie, John Choong and Pat Bussy.

The success of this event is entirely dependent on all of the volunteers who worked very hard throughout the whole day so a huge thanks to everyone who donated food, tombola prizes and most importantly, their time in making the show such a successful and enjoyable event.

The overall profit looks to be around £400 which will contribute significantly to making the club run successfully over the next financial year. We look forward to hosting the

event again next year at Bentley Heath.

**Grace Mayes**



### NEXT MEETING

At our next meeting on Saturday 4th May, we will enjoy a talk from Simon Tarrant entitled 'An Austrian Orchid Adventure'. Simon is a well respected speaker and a member of both the Essex Orchid Society and the Hardy Orchid Society. Many members of our club have enjoyed travels in Austria in the past and so hopefully Simon's talk will inspire some future itineraries.

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**Classes:** 1) Patrick Bussy - 2) Graham Jones - 3) Malcolm Moodie - 4) Monica Johnson - 5) Malcolm Moodie - 6) Malcolm Moodie - [no entry in class 7] - 8) John Choong - 9) Janet James - 10) John Choong - 11) John Choong - 12) Malcolm Moodie - 13) Malcolm Moodie - 14) Janet James - 15) George Mayes - 16) Patrick Bussy - 17) Patrick Bussy - 18) Malcolm Moodie [no entry in class 19] - 20) Patrick Bussy - 21) Malcolm Moodie - 22) Malcolm Moodie - 23) Graham Jones.

**Classes B:** B1) John Choong - B2) George Mayes

**Trophies & Cups:**

Society Cup	(most points in show)	Malcolm Moodie
Founders Shield	(best orchid)	Malcolm Moodie
Bedlam Trophy	(best monopodial)	Patrick Bussy
Durant Cup	(best laeliinae)	Malcolm Moodie
Harris Challenge Cup	(best windowsill grown plant)	Graham Jones
Gloria Cotton Cup	(best cymbidium)	Patrick Bussy
S.A. Jarrett Cup	(best onciidiinae)	John Choong
Margaret Turton Cup	(best phalaenopsis)	John Choong
Trevor Turton Cup	(best cyripedioideae)	Malcolm Moodie
The Challenge Cup	(best phragmipedium)	Malcolm Moodie
Dendrobium Trophy	(best dendrobium)	John Choong
Vandaville Trophy	{best species)	Malcolm Moodie
Shirley Goblet	(best pleione)	Patrick Bussy
Peter White Trophy	(best pleurothallidinae)	Malcolm Moodie
Harry Wilshaw		
Shirley Trophy	(best novice section B)	George Mayes
Janet James Trophy	(best visiting display)	Hinckley & District O/S

**There were also 3 Certificates of Cultural Merits awarded to:**

- a) Best Species - Dinema polybulbon "Austin Falin" CCC/RHS - Malcolm Moodie
- b) Best Phalaenopsis - Sedirea japonica John Choong.
- c) Best Monopodial - Schoenorchis gemmata Patrick Bussy



PAT BUSSY



GRAHAM JONES



KEITH BATES



GRACE RECEIVING GEORGE'S TROPHY



GRACE WRIGHT



MALCOLM MOODIE



JOHN CHOONG





**CENTRAL ORCHID SOCIETY**

**HINCKLEY ORCHID SOCIETY**



**Dinema polybulbon  
Best in Show -  
Malcolm Moodie**



**Phrag Grande La  
Tuilerie -  
Malcolm Moodie**



**Den. Sunny Eye -  
John Choong**



**Masd. Ignea -  
Malcolm Moodie**



**Cymbidium Sensation -  
Pat Bussy**

**Hinckley  
Show**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

When we arrived at the Stoke Golding Club the hall was heaving with people. Whether these had paid at the door or were members of the various orchid societies who had put up displays we'll never know but heaving it was.

Hinckley Orchid Society have a different format to our own show whereby they put up a display as do several visiting Societies.

This year there were displays from Central, Sheffield, Harrogate and a large display from the North of England. In addition, Hinckley also had numerous plants on the front of the stage which were very impressive and added to the volume of plants displayed by Hinckley members.

There were 3 traders in the centre of the hall with Spicesotic, Peter White and Frances Quesada-Pallares who was also selling Arisaemas as well Orchids.

The North of England display contained a large plant of Phragmipedium caudatum which was awarded Best in Show and looked very impressive amongst some other nice specimens from this society.

Needless to say we sampled the food put on by the society and purchased raffle tickets and played the Tombola but just as at our own show I failed to find a ticket ending with 5 or 0. Anyway, there is always another year.

Well done Hinckley Orchid Society.

**Malcolm Moodie**

