



Newsletter

January 2026



Successful Christmas Show

A wonderful event was enjoyed by a large number of members who enjoyed the spectacular entries in the Show, took part in the various raffles and enjoyed a superb spread provided by all those that attended.

There were many extremely nice plants entered with three of them receiving Cultural

Commendation Certificates from the judge, Peter White. In addition, the Trophy winners were nicely spread across 5 members.

Overall, there were 35 plants entered which is a credit to all those that brought their plants along. Without these wonderful entries we wouldn't have a show so well done and thank you.

Janet James put together the two Hampers thanks to the array of donations from members.

The winners were -

Large Hamper - Bob & Jill Gauder

Small Hamper - Maureen & Graham Jones

What a superb prize to receive just before Christmas which I trust was not only enjoyed by the winners but also by all members.



SPRING SHOW TROPHIES

Can everybody that won Trophies at last year's Spring Show please return them at the next meeting so that they can all be engraved prior to our 2026 Spring Show on Saturday, 21st March. In addition, the rotas for supplying the refreshments and manning the various activities raffle, tombola, door and refreshments will be circulated again next month so, if you can, please consider volunteering as we always need all the help we can get.

Calendar Correction

Please note there is an error on the printed calendar for 2026 referring to a meeting taking place on 1st March 2026. This is a misprint so please do not attend on this date.

Next Meeting

Our first meeting of the year takes place on Saturday 7th February 2026. Phil Seaton will be joining us to talk about 'Stories of orchid conservation from around the world'. This is based on Phil's new book which is published jointly with fellow biologist Larry Zettler. Phil will be bringing copies of his book for sale after the talk. I have recently started reading it after buying it last year and can confirm it is worth buying.

March 2026 Meeting

Our March meeting this year on 7th March 2026 will be a bit different as we are trialling doing a practical session. The session will be a hands on experience to learn about repotting orchids appropriately. Repotting materials will be provided but members will need to bring along plants to repot to ensure that a success is made of this session. Further details will be made available about this at the start of our February meeting and also in our March newsletter.

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CHRISTMAS SHOW TABLE



Cymbidiums - Class 1 - Cymbidium Kusada Shining (left), and Cymbidium Show Girl - Steve Wade



**Dendrobium
Class 6 -
Dendrobium
Cassiope -
Steve Wade**



**Masdevallia
polysticta ssp
spathulifolia
- Class 8 -
Malcolm
Moodie**

**Oncidium
Twinkle
Class 5 -
George
Mayes**



**Paphiopedilum
De Devant -
Class 3 -
Malcolm
Moodie**



John, Pat, Steve, George, Malcolm and David received their awards



Winners

Malcolm Moodie
Steve Wade
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George Mayes
John Choong
Pat Bussy
Malcolm Moodie
Best in Show Rosette:

Best Species
Best Hybrid
Best in Show
Most Points
Best Novice
Best Windowsill Plant
Best Hybrid of the year *
Best Species of the year *
Malcolm Moodie

Mary Griffiths Trophy
Jack Pettit Trophy
Bob Harris Trophy
Gloria Cotton Trophy
BOC Tankard
Bob Harris Vase
Bedlam Trophy
Committee Trophy

Cultural Commendations

Malcolm Moodie - Masdevallia polysticta ssp spathulifolia CC/RHS
Steve Wade - Cymbidium Kusada Shining and Cymbidium Show Girl
Banksian Medal - Malcolm Moodie

In addition, David Wray was awarded the Trish Carney Memorial Trophy which is presented each year to the unsung hero of the year – Well done David.



**NB. The best Hybrid exhibited during the year was Bulbophyllum Sagarik (lobbii x frostii) & the best Species was Paphiopedilum tranlienianum.*