



Solihull & District Orchid Society

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



At the December meeting we all enjoyed a lovely afternoon sharing the wonderful feast provided by the members.

As always this is a really friendly meeting much enjoyed by all.

Besides the refreshments

we had a beautiful table full of orchids which filled every inch of space with so many plants entered.



Epidendrum peperomia



Phrag. Fritz Schomburg

For the fourth year in succession Malcolm walked off with all 4 Trophies. The Mary Griffith Trophy for Best Species for his Epidendrum peperomia which also won the Bob Harris Bowl for Best Plant in the Show along with a Cultural Commendation Certificate.

Malcolm also picked up the Jack Pettit Trophy for the Best Hybrid for his Phragmipedium Jason Fischer and finally the Gloria Cotton Trophy for the most points in the show.

Unfortunately, nobody entered the Novice Class so the BOC Tankard was not presented this year. Maybe 2018 will see a couple of members who have not entered before bringing some plants along. P.T.O.



Christmas show pictures: Ken Johnson



You can follow Solihull & District Orchid Society on Facebook and Twitter



Chairman: Malcolm Moodie
01295 788159

If you have any pictures or information you would like to put on our website please email: caroline.reid1@blueyonder.co.uk or copy and pictures for newsletter: ballm1@mac.com



The last trophy to be presented was the Trish Carney Memorial Trophy for an unsung hero and this year it was awarded to Stan Taylor who received a long and warm round of applause for his contribution to the society. Well done Stan.

Finally, well done to our Show Secretary Margaret Cressy for a great show.



Beallaria Tahoma "Glacier Green"



Doritonopsis Apoya



Masdevallia Linda



Phrag. schlimii "Birchwood"



Malcolm's Christmas sweep



Christmas hamper

Once again we had a wonderful Hamper put together by our Treasurer Heike that everyone would have been pleased to have won.

Unfortunately for most of us only one winning ticket is going to take the top prize and this year the hamper was won by Joan Smith.

Fortunately, so many items were donated that Heike was able to put together a second smaller hamper which was won by Sam Bridge.

Well done to Joan and Sam and many thanks to Heike for putting together this superb prize and thanks to everyone that donated the wonderful array of goodies.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 6th January when the subject will be "Repotting" led by Malcolm but this will include a broader talk on orchid culture.

He will also be bringing various items from "Orchid Accessories" so if you require any bark, fertiliser, accessories etc please let Malcolm know so that he can ensure he collects your requirements from Peter.

If you have any plants that you feel need some love and care and are not quite sure what they require please bring them along.

Subscriptions

Your subscriptions are now due (£12 Individual or £16 Couple). Please see Heike who will give you your 2018 Programme of Events and your BOC Year Book which contains every event during the year ahead plus countless elements of useful information on everything to do with orchids.

BOC Photographic Competition

Thank you to everybody who entered their photos in this years competition which made for some difficult decisions as there were 23 very good photographs to choose from. After a great deal of thought the 5 best were selected.

1st **Macradenia muliflora**

2nd **Phragmipedium Sunset Glow**

3rd **Restrepia elegans**

4th **Paphiopedilum Clair de Lune "Edgar van Belle"**

5th **BLC Alma Kee "Tipmale"**

Ken Johnson

Ken Johnson

Stan Taylor

Ken Johnson

Stan Taylor

These 5 photos will now be entered into the BOC Competition and at some time in early 2018 you will get the chance to select your favourites from all those entered from all the orchid societies.

