



Newsletter

January 2025



Spring Show

Please can any member who won a trophy at last year's Spring Show bring it along to the February meeting so that Malcolm can get these engraved prior to our show on Saturday 22nd March 2025.

If you would like the trophy engraving with your name, please bring a £10 contribution to help cover the costs of this.

of excellent entries for the Christmas Show and we concluded with the presentation of trophies and awards from both the Show table and from 2024 as a whole.



Thanks to everyone for their efforts in making this event a success.

Christmas Party

The Christmas party in December was a lovely event once again.



We enjoyed a delicious buffet with an abundance of contributions from club members.

We also had the annual hamper raffle – thanks to Janet for all her efforts in putting together



not one but two hampers for this event.

We had plenty

February Meeting

Happy New Year to all members of the club – I hope that you had a fantastic Christmas and New Year.

Our next meeting kickstarting our programme for the year is on Saturday 1st February.

We will be joined by Simon Pugh-Jones (well known for his success in establishing the Writhlington School Orchid Project) who will be giving us a talk on the new orchid nursery he has established with his wife on the Dorset coast.

He will also be bringing along a plant table with some interesting specimens for sale so please do think of treating yourself to a nice new orchid to blow away the January blues.

BRIAN JOHN SLATER

20th June 1947
16th November 2024

Brian died on 16th November 2024 after a long fight against pancreatic cancer. He had been a Member of Solihull Orchid Society for many years, and was an excellent grower of Pleiones, and was also a member of Hinckley Orchid Society.

Brian's orchid collection has gone to Hinckley Orchid Society to be auctioned, the proceeds of which will go to Cancer Research UK and Mary Ann Evans Hospice.

He leaves behind his Wife Ann, two daughters and a son.

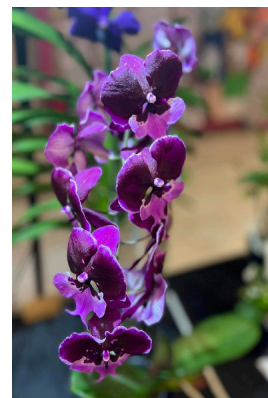
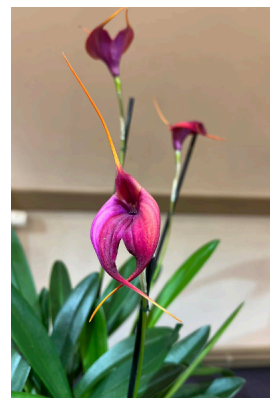
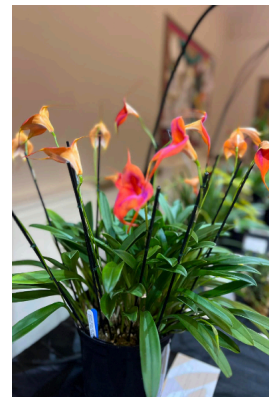
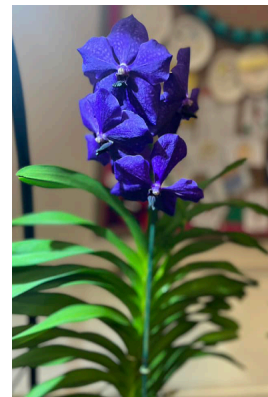
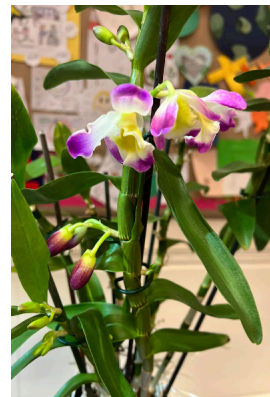
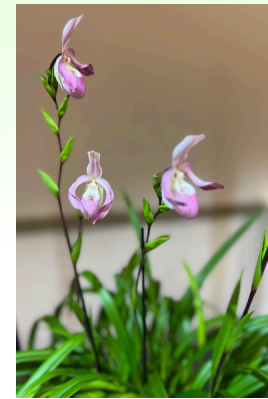
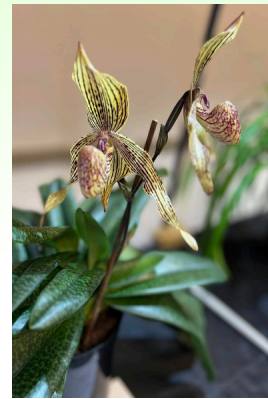
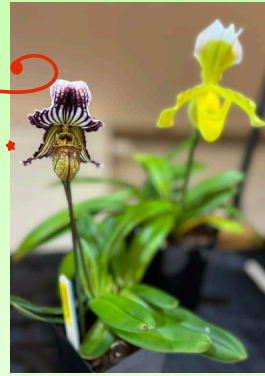
The funeral was held at All Saints Chilvers Coton Church, Nuneaton. Keith and David, Ken & Monica attended the funeral representing the two Orchid Societies.

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Christmas Table



Christmas Winners

Best Species: Mary Griffiths Trophy - Steve Wade - *Dendrochilum latifolium*

Best Hybrid: Jack Pettit Trophy - Malcolm Moodie - *Masdevallia Susy de Bermeo Mem Eyre Ellis CCC/RHS*

Best in Show: Bob Harris Bowl & Rosette - Malcolm Moodie - ditto best hybrid

Most points in Show: Cotton Trophy - Malcolm Moodie

Best Novice: B.O.C Tankard - Carol Evans

Bedlam Trophy: Best Hybrid in the year - Monica Johnson

Committee Trophy: Best Species in the year - Malcolm Moodie

Bob Harris Vase: Best Windowsill plant in the year - joint winners and shared trophy

- Graham Jones & John Choong

Trish Carney Memorial trophy:

Colin & Jean Whitnall

John Choong was also awarded the RHS Banksian Medal for horticultural excellence awarded on behalf of Solihull and District Orchid Society.

