

Sheffield & District Orchid Society Newsletter April 2015



Business

The April meeting this year was rather a quiet affair with a couple of significant issues. The first was that it conflicted with the EOC in London, and secondly that the Sheffield marathon was taking place meaning traffic passing through the town centre was severely disrupted. Despite that, members did still make the effort and a rather shorter than usual meeting took place - well done to those who made it.

A minimal committee meeting to discuss Chatsworth was held.

As a result the newsletter is greatly reduced in size, but still necessary to advertise the forthcoming annual show at Chatsworth.

These are the major issues/items, but not necessarily in the following order

- Plants are required. Without them we have no display, and get the public through the door under false pretences. We need to put on a good and almost packed exhibit. If your plants have flowers in good condition, please bring them along to the show.
- The show is open on Sunday 10th May between 10am & 4pm. Judging takes place prior to the show opening. Some staging will take place from other Societies and trade even earlier to this, but we are hopeful that the SDOS display will be completed on Saturday afternoon. Please can members get their plants to Chatsworth by 14.00 on Saturday afternoon, or make arrangements with another member to deliver them by this time.
- Jeff Bagnall will once again print labels for the plants to ensure consistency of size and lettering etc. If you have plants to exhibit then please can you let Jeff have their names (correctly spelt) by this coming Tuesday 5th May at the latest (jw.bagnall@ntlworld.com).
- Prior to staging we have to put up the tables etc., so some assistance with the tables will be appreciated by Jim, who will be onsite quite early (but after daybreak). If you have strong muscles and are available then please let Jim know (j.charlesworth261@btinternet.com) Telephone 01773 745591.
- Our renowned catering team will once again be supplying food and drink. A supply of cakes would be much appreciated, and if you can supply one then please let Christine know in advance what you may be able to bring along (email as for Jim above).

The Society mounted a display at the NEEOS annual show at Bowburn at the end of March, and a decent exhibit resulted. First prize rosettes went to Jimmy Grieves with *Ascocentrum ampullaceum* (now *V. ampullacea*), Paph. Mem. Arthur Falk x *Leeanum*, and Phal. *amabilis*. Highly commended cards to Charles Ford with *Den. nobile*, *Den. New Star*, and Psh. *vitellina*. Thanks to John Garner for putting on the display and all those who lent plants for it.

As mentioned the last meeting clashed with the EOC in London. It was quite a good show plants wise, but suffered from low visitor numbers. It will be covered in more detail in the September meeting, but just to whet your appetite, the best in show is on the front page. Sporting an array of rosettes Chantelle displayed this excellent example of *Trichoglottis rosea* var. *breviracema* which dangled to about 5' in depth.

For those members with an insatiable appetite for the internet we are now on facebook (if you don't know what that means don't worry). This is more of advertising our existence, and also that questions and queries can be responded to.

Dates for your diary...

Monthly meetings at Ranmoor – 10am

May No meeting due to the show at Chatsworth.

June 14th Steve Manning: Unpredictable Pleurothallids

shows/exhibits/conferences etc

May 10th SDOS Annual Show, Chatsworth
****PLANTS and support needed ****

June 12-14th Malvern International Orchid Show

Society website - www.sheffieldorchids.org



Above - One side of the SDOS display at Bowburn

Below - The 'Best Amateur Plant' at EOC London 2015 - *Cyp. formosanum*

