

# **Sheffield & District Orchid Society**

## **Newsletter**

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**December plant of the Month  
*Calanthe vestita* 'Tokyo'**

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## Editorial

Happy new year to you all. There is a minor change to the design this month, enforced by the change of computer (my old one just about died after 5 years of hard slog). The typeface I was using looks awful now on Windows 8, so I've changed it for something more normal.

## Business

With this being the AGM there wasn't too much to cover with various changes to the committee due - see list of officers above.

Our next show will be at Bramhope for Harrogate, with further details in due course.

The meeting today concluded with a DIY buffet, and thanks are due to all who supplied some delicious & tasty morsels.

# The Table Show

Charles volunteered to give this month's table show commentary, and started with *Epi. alata* which was now fully open and looking at its best. The flowers are small and brownish with a hint of fragrance. *Asca. Daryl Venables* is a frequent show table plant with small yellowy orange flowers. *Neof. falcata* 'Kibana' is a rare yellow form of this Japanese species. The leaves were badly marked black, which was probably due to it being grown above intermediate temperatures whereas it requires cool conditions. *Rhyntonleya Hwa Yuan Bay* was a compact plant with 3 flowers of mainly pink with a yellow centre and some fragrance (see back cover).

*Onc. sotoanum* is now what the pink form of *Onc. ornithorhyncum* used to be. *ornithorhyncum* now just contains the yellow/brown flowered forms (previously called *venustum* and *trulliferum* - ed). *Rst. Violetta Von Holm* was a small plant that was brought to demonstrate its recovery from almost being frozen 2 years ago. It had 4 quite small bulbs, one of which produced a short spike with just 3 flowers on it. All being well it should grow a bit bigger over the coming growth period and start to be more like it should be. *Rst. Vexativum* was a very nice flower of yellow and brown that needs to be grown cool.

In the slippers *Paph. Nitens* had 2 medium sized flowers intermediate to its 2 species parents (*insigne x villosum*). *Cocoa Green* was a large flowered green with a large dimple on the pouch. *Borrowed Time* was a dark spotted flower whereas *Botan 'Banbury'* was more of a brushed pink.

A large *Phal* (JJ) was growing well through remote control and had produced a branched spike of white flowers. Another *Phal* was *Tom Boy* which was also a large white, but this time with a pretty red lip. *Planet Whiteout* was a large pure white that grows better a bit cooler. *Calanthe vestita* 'Tokyo' had 3 very large bulbs and 3 arching spikes over a metre long with lots of pink and white flowers. This was adjudged to be the 'Plant of the Month' (see front cover). *Den. Remy Hartmann* was an antelope type with purple flowers that could develop into a huge plant over time. 3 plants of *Habenaria myriotricha* were present, only 2 of which were in flower. This was

the result of an experiment using 3 sizes of bulbs and 3 compost mixes. The largest tuber produced the largest flower and was in a bark coir mix. The medium sized tuber was in a terrestrial mix, and was still to open its flowers. The smallest (size of a pea) was in just coir, and was almost the size of the terrestrial mix, but with only 3 flowers. The conclusion was that a large tuber is better, and that a terrestrial mix maybe wasn't the best media. The final plant was *Stenoglottis longifolia* with a smallish spike of tiny pink flowers. Eventually it will bulk up into a large plant. Thank you Charles.

## **December plant of the Month**

### ***Calanthe vestita* 'Tokyo'**

The bulb of this *Calanthe Vestita* 'Tokyo' was given to me by Ted 2 years ago. I potted it in a mixture of coir leaf mould and coconut chips with a sprinkling of cow manure. This year it has really taken off. It has been in flower for 2 months already and I expect it to continue until February. It lives in a south-facing conservatory minimum temperature 20C and humidity at least 60%. Val Minogue.

## **The AGM**

This was held at 10:00a.m. on Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> 2012 in the Ranmoor Parish Centre.

**1.Apologies for absence.** These were received from Brian Woodward, Jim Charlesworth, Janet Kirk and Jeff Williams.

**2.Minutes of Previous A.G.M. held on December 11<sup>th</sup> 2011.** These were signed as a correct record.

**3.Matters Arising.** The Davidson Rose-bowl, one of the society's trophies, had been valued at £2,000.50. All efforts to track down the Davidson family or their descendants have proved fruitless. Being unable to consult them or return the trophy to them the Trustees enquired about selling it. At this point we were offered £200 and decided to keep the trophy.

**4.Chairman's Report.** This has been a year of achievement. Although our numbers are slightly reduced, those who attend our meetings enjoyed them. John Williams was thanked for all his help and support over the years. John Garner was thanked for his excellent newsletters which have just got better and better. Ted Croot was thanked for finding interesting speakers who have given talks on a wide variety of topics. The Society was saddened by the loss of Cedric Maunder, we had gained a lot from him. We had competed and been successful at other Societies' shows and had an overseas trip to Budapest. Charles Ford devised a novel display for our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show at Chatsworth. It was very well received. The raffle that he devised produced 160 new names and addresses. We had a most enjoyable visit to Ted and Annette's and once again put on a display at Sheffield Fayre. We attended the BOC Congress at Writhlington and experienced some successes with our entries. We still need someone to co-ordinates our display at Chatsworth in 2013.

**5.Treasurer's report.** Ted Greaves and Derek Havenhand were thanked for auditing the books. We lost £204 this year. We didn't have to pay subs or insurance to the RHS this year otherwise it would have been another £150. This is our first year with a subscription costing £15. We have 45 members. Some standing orders still remain unaltered. The plant sale brought in £89. Refreshments and the raffle remain our regular source of income along with the Annual Show. Expenses remain much the same although we have spent less on speakers, making use of in house expertise and other events. Our Show remains our main source of income and we need visitors, last year there were 450 less than the previous year.

John Williams thanked Richard for the many roles that he has carried out for the Society.

**6.Auditor's report.** Ted Greaves stated that the accountancy is always immaculate. He commended the accounts and the members voted to accept them.

**7.Election of Trustees and Management Committee.** As there was only one nomination for each position each nominee was voted in.

**9.Election of Auditors.** A vote to elect Ted Greaves and Derek Havenhand as auditors was carried.

**10.Any Other Business.** There was none.

**11.The Presentation of Trophies** brought the proceedings to a close.

**N.B. There was no item 8 on the agenda.**

## **2011-2012 Prize winners**

Cattleya & allied Species	Charles Ford	Bill Holmes Cup
Cattleya & allied Hybrids	Charles Ford & Carolyn Mcqueen	Edna Williams Trophy
Cymbidium Species & Hybrids	Ted Croot	Bill Holmes Cup
Dendrobinae Species	Ted Croot	Bill Wordsworth Vase
Dendrobinae Hybrids	Val Minogue	Bill Wordsworth Plaque
Terrestrials	Jeff Bagnall	Disa painting
Masdevallias	Ted Croot	Theo Dengel Plaque
Miltonia/opsis Species & Hybrids	Val Minogue	Paperweight
Novices	Jim Charlesworth	Ken Gill Trophy
Oncidinae Species	Ted Croot	Davidson Rosebowl
Oncidinae Hybrids excl. Oncidium	-	Maunder Painting
Oncidinae Hybrids incl. Oncidium	-	Mrs Gregson's Cup
Paphiopedilum Species	Derek Jackson	David Danks Trophy
Paphiopedilum Hybrids	John Garner	AT Moss Trophy
Phragmipedium Species	Ted Croot	
Phragmipedium Hybrids	Derek Jackson	Denis Taylor Trophy
Phalaenopsis Species & Hybrids	Val Minogue	Ann Shelley Lloyd Painting
Pleurothallidinae	Jeff Bagnall	BOC Jubilee Cup
Vandaceous exc. Phalaenopsis	Charles Ford	RA Barker Trophy
Any other Species	Ted Croot	President's Cup
Any other Hybrid	Jeff Bagnall	Basil Nicholson Trophy
Best Individual Plant	Ted Croot	Nunwick Rosebowl

# **Dates for your diary...**

## **Monthly meetings at Ranmoor – 10am**

**Jan 13<sup>th</sup>** Gianpiero Ferrari – Australian Orchids

### **Other shows**

**12-13<sup>th</sup> Jan** CANWOS at Gordale Garden Centre, Burton, Wirral

**Feb 24<sup>th</sup>** Harrogate OS annual show, Bramhope  
\*\* SDOS exhibiting \*\*

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Above:- *Onc. sotoanum*

Below: - Rhyntonleya Hwa Yuan Bay

