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Cymbidium Sweet Devon

Best Amateur plant at the SDOS Annual Show at Bakewell

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EDITORIAL

“There” I said pointing excitedly at the telly, “that’s where we have our orchid meetings...”. Well, it could have been any building anywhere, but the Ranmoor Parish Centre just happened to be the place where general election controversies (The Ranmoor Riot?) were taking place. Wouldn’t it be great if we had that number of attendees for our monthly meetings, although we don’t really need the police presence to maintain order (do we?).

There was no actual monthly meeting in May as we held our annual show, so a few regular items are missing from this newsletter – such as “Plant of the Month”, so the covers reflect the best of Bakewell, and a report follows.

THE ANNUAL SHOW AT BAKEWELL

The Society decided to move the annual show away from Chatsworth in 2010 for a number of reasons, and the Bakewell Agricultural Centre was the newly selected venue. Bakewell is a busy tourist village during the summer; with people in the village rather than passing by as was the case at Chatsworth. Day trippers on coaches have the added benefit of parking at the centre, so it was hoped that we would be able to attract a reasonable crowd for the new location. The date was also earlier as the centre (which is in the Bakewell Showground) has other events taking place on the Bank Holiday weekend.

The hall used was very high and reasonably light from a mainly glass side, however, this didn't showcase the plants to their potential, and that was with a mainly sunny day. The hall was chilly, and sometimes quite cool, although the overhead heaters were turned on for a period in the late afternoon. These were high enough to prevent any scorching of the plants.

The hall being much larger than Edensor allowed us to invite additional trade and society displays, as well as a large screen TV showing the Burnham video.

The host display was floor mounted, and possibly lacked a bit of height with some plants not shown off to their best. We just about had enough plants to prevent too much of the floor being on display. We had a fair mix of genera as this time of the year permits, with several decent slippers, with *niveum* and Fumi's Delight winning rosettes in the Paphs., and a quite superb *Cyp. calceolus* with 7 flowers winning the best hardy class.

CANWOS and the Lincolnshire Orchid Group had quite small displays, with the latter showing quite a number of rarely seen UK hardy orchids such as the bee orchids (*Ophrys*), and a reminder of just how small some of these can be. NEEOS picked up several rosettes, and also had the best amateur plant in the show with Jean Barker's *Cym. Sweet Devon* with 13 pendant spikes of brown

flowers. They also had several *Sarcochilus* species on show amongst a good mixed display. Hinckley OS had a good mix of various things and a few rosettes. Harrogate OS had a smaller display than usual, albeit with the usual high quality, with a good number of vandaceous plants to the fore. *Cym. tigrinum* was especially eye catching with several spikes of yellow & brown flowers with a whitish lip.

EMOS once again had their large framed display that allows them to stage plenty of plants at all levels, which allowed several of their specialists to show their plants off to their best and gain rosettes.

The extra floor space meant that the trade could utilise more display space, and they fitted in well around the central display area. Lawrence Hobbs had a good mixed display of ‘cheaper’ plants, David Stead (on his farewell SDOS display) had slightly better plants with some quality Vandas, and Burnhams had some good ‘stuff’, with some very interesting almost black cymbidiums, notably Square Dancer, which contributed to them winning the best professional plant (and runner up). David Parkinson had a good mix of hardies – possibly just a tad too early for them to be at their best.

All in all, a very colourful show ably backed up by Plants Plus (sundries) and Rod Jones (flasks).

The Society thanks all who helped out on the weekend, especially with plants, and congratulations to those who won rosettes. The committee will discuss the show at the next meeting before we can decide how successful the event was, and whether this will be a long term home for the annual show. One definite minus point was a lack of flexibility/understanding from the car park attendant at breakdown time (I’ll say no more!).

For the record, here are the class winners and runners up.

| Class | | Plant name | Owner | Society/ Trader |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Phalaenopsis species | 1 | Phal. <i>amabilis</i> | M Rutter | CANWOS |
| | 2 | Phal. <i>chibae</i> | J. Barker | NEEOS |
| Phalaenopsis - white | 1 | Phal. Andrew | J.Clark | HiOS |
| | 2 | Phal. Soroa Delight | M.Fryer | EMOS |
| Phalaenopsis - any other | 1 | Phal. Hwu-Ann Buddha x Brother Irene | C.Jones | NEEOS |

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| | 2 | Dtps. Brother Papa x Brother Precious Stones | J.Barker | NEEOS |
| Any other species | 1 | Coel. <i>rumphii</i> | M.Green | EMOS |
| | 2 | Maxillaria <i>jeurgensii</i> | R.Evenden | EMOS |
| Any other hybrid | 1 | Coel. Intermedia | S.Pask | EMOS |
| | 2 | Not awarded | | |
| Miltonia & Miltoniopsis | 1 | Milt. Ouaisne | R.Fowler | HaOS |
| | 2 | Milt. <i>spectabilis</i> | B.Marsh | HaOS |
| Paphiopedilum species | 1 | Paph. <i>rothschildianum</i> | A Sargeant | HiOS |
| | 2 | Paph. <i>niveum</i> | I Dorman | SDOS |
| Paphiopedilum hybrids | 1 | Paph. Fumi's Delight | I.Dorman | SDOS |
| | 2 | Paph. William Ambler | | EMOS |
| Phragmipedium species | 1 | Phrag. <i>longifolium</i> | I.Dorman | SDOS |
| | 2 | Not awarded | | |
| Phragmipedium hybrids | 1 | Phrag. Grande 'Macreanthum' | B.Marsh | HaOS |
| | 2 | Phrag. Augres | H.Hobbs | SDOS |
| Dendrobinae & Allied species | 1 | Den. <i>thyriflorum</i> | K.Kent | EMOS |
| | 2 | Den. <i>kingianum</i> | K.Kent | EMOS |
| Dendrobinae & Allied hybrids | 1 | Den. Second Love | K.Kent | EMOS |
| | 2 | Den. Stardust | J.Cleavelly | EMOS |
| Cymbidiums | 1 | Cym. Sweet Devon | J.Barker | NEEOS |
| | 2 | Cym. <i>tigrinum</i> | I.Dorman | HOS |
| Lycaste & Allied | 1 | Lyc. <i>cruenta</i> | T.Stagg | CANWOS |
| | 2 | Lyc. <i>dowiana x cruenta</i> | D.Hartley | EMOS |
| Oncidinae Species | 1 | (Onc. <i>phymatochilum</i>) Milt. <i>phymatochila</i> | A.Deakin | EMOS |
| | 2 | Onc. <i>marshallianum</i> | C.Tyrie | NEEOS |
| Odont. Hybrids (no Oncid.) | 1 | Oda. Durham Pride x (Oda. Mena x Odm. Cristor) x Milt. Les Chines | | HaOS |
| | 2 | Oda. Durham Pride x Odm. Pumistor | I.Higson | EMOS |
| Oncid. Hybrids (incl. Oncid.) | 1 | Wils. Mivadeal | M.Bee | HiOS |
| | 2 | Colm. Wildcat | K.Kent | EMOS |
| Vandaceaceous species | 1 | Ren. <i>storei</i> | D.Johnston | HaOS |
| | 2 | Asctm. <i>miniatum</i> | D.Johnston | HaOS |
| Vandaceaceous hybrids | 1 | Vasco. Thai Sky x V. Meechai Blue | D.Johnston | HaOS |
| | 2 | Sarc. Fitzhart | C.Tyrie | NEEOS |
| Species Cattleya & allied | 1 | C. <i>harpophylla</i> | K.Kent | EMOS |
| | 2 | Gur. <i>skinnerii</i> | S.Maltby | EMOS |
| Hybrid Cattleya & allied | 1 | Ctt. Jewel Box 'Sheherazade' | T.Houghton | NEEOS |
| | 2 | C. Irene Holguin 'Spring Glory' | A.Deakin | EMOS |
| Masdevallia species | 1 | Masd. <i>cordata</i> | K.Kent | EMOS |
| | 2 | Masd. <i>veitchiana</i> | H.Hobbs | SDOS |

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| Masdevallia hybrids | 1 | Masd. Cassiope | J.Barker | NEEOS |
| | 2 | Masd. Tuakau Goldstrike | A.Deakin | EMOS |
| Pleurothallidinae | 1 | Dryadella <i>edwallii</i> | B.Redman | LOG |
| | 2 | Pths. <i>grobyi</i> var. <i>triliniata</i> | E.Tilling | NEEOS |
| Miniature | 1 | Dryadella <i>edwallii</i> | B.Redman | LOG |
| | 2 | Den. <i>dichaeoides</i> | M.Steven | EMOS |
| Hardy | 1 | Cyp. <i>calceolus</i> | I.Dorman | SDOS |
| | 2 | Cyp. <i>macranthos</i> | B.Redman | LOS |
| Professional | 1 | Cym. Square Dancer | Burnham | |
| | 2 | Cym. Muffet touch | Burnham | |
| Best Amateur plant | | Cym. Sweet Devon | J.Barker | NEEOS |

NB. HaOS is Harrogate, HiOS is Hinckley, and Los is the Lincoln group.

BOC/PIOS – JUNE 18-20TH

This is the venue for our next show/display. The BOC is taking place at the Peterborough International Orchid Show on these dates. Friday June 18th is set up day for the Society displays, although the trade will set on Thursday and sell to the public on Friday.

Ted is co-ordinating the display, and would appreciate as many plants as possible. Please liaise with Ted about delivery/collection if you aren't attending. Also, please let John Williams have the names for the labels by Tuesday 15th so that it won't all be a last minute rush.

CHANGES TO THE NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

At the AGM (eventually held in February) control of costs was very much at the forefront of members' thoughts following the substantial loss over the preceding 12 months. One of the biggest costs is the newsletter which the Editor was able to break down some of the associated costs. Each envelope is about 5p, and a stamp is now 32p (from 1/4/2010), meaning that it costs around £4.50 pa. per member before any printing costs. A4 is about 1p per sheet, but it is the ink which is expensive, especially with photos of plants with a dark or deep coloured background (eg, on the back cover, the *calceolus* picture will use almost double the ink of the general view). A proposal was made (and agreed) to use email to distribute the newsletter to as many members as possible.

Approximately half of the newsletters are now issued electronically, and we would like to get the figure much higher to further reduce the cost.

If you are web connected, please let the editor (denise.hosker@virgin.net) have your email address, and you will get the electronic version each month (nb. None of the recipient's email addresses are displayed on the email itself). There is an advantage to this in that you can save them all in the same place which should be easier to search through in the future.
Thank you, John

VISIT TO JOHN GARNER ON JUNE 13TH

The next monthly meeting is a road trip to visit the editor's greenhouse. The greenhouse is home designed and built, to show that it needn't cost the earth to put up a reasonable sized greenhouse. It isn't perfect of course – there is only a single temperate zone, and plants still die....

The 'meeting' will be at the usual 2pm, with a committee meeting beforehand at 1pm. We're hoping that the weather will be good to us, and a light buffet will be served on the lawn (well, on a table actually...).

Directions to the venue are included on a separate insert.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

MONTHLY MEETINGS AT RANMOOR – 2PM

July 4th Guido Braem. Subject TBA

August 8th John Gay - Phrag Kovachii – a Peruvian experience.
An enticing subject on one of the most fascinating discoveries of recent years

OTHER SHOWS

June 5-6th BOGA Show at Tatton Park

June 18-20th Peterborough International Orchid Show
Incorporating BOC
SDOS Exhibiting



Above; The crisp lines of the SDOS display at Bakewell

Below; The 7 flowered *Cyp. calceolus*

