

# Darlington & District Orchid Society

## June 2019 News Letter

Just a quick note to remind you that there is no meeting next Wednesday because quite a few of us will be travelling down to the International Orchid Show at Malvern.

**Please note:** we would be grateful if any of you are at home looking at nice orchids to have them contributed for the Society display at Malvern. It has been a funny year for plants and we might end up short. Please phone Jean & Chris, Len & Margaret or Chris Tyrie if you can help. Between now and Tuesday, we will be leaving for the show bright and early on the Wednesday of next week.

Len and Margaret tell me that the sale of books and plants etc at the society raised £150 for the Dogs Trust. Barbara Ridgway was delighted that we raised so much in memory of her friend Dennis. Thanks to Len and Margaret for doing this and to all who contributed.

The society did a small display at the North of England Show at Preston on the 1<sup>st</sup> June as a thanks for their support at our Durham show. The society did very well with everyone who contributed orchids getting rosettes –

Bob Cant won Best Coelogyne. Best Society Species, and Best Species in Show for his *Coelogyne dayana*

Chris Tyrie won Best Masdevallia Hybrid for *Masdevallia Cassiope*.

Jean Barker won Best Miltonia Species for *Miltonia spectabilis* and Best Oncidium species for *Oncidium naevium*.

Margaret Gray won Best Society Hybrid for *Oncidium Tiger Brew*.

Five Awards of Merit were spread across the contributors as well.

**Our July meeting** will be Digby's brother, Hugh Angus. He worked for the Forestry Commission, and after working in the production side for the first few years, Hugh went on to Westonbirt Arboretum in Gloucestershire where he was Curator for 25 years. He has a vast knowledge of all types of tree and in particular, the ones that can be grown in this country, Westonbirt Arboretum is around 600 acres of specialist trees first started by Lord Holford in the 1800's. Over the years, as part of his job, Hugh has visited China, Japan, Canada, USA, Chile and Patagonia; these are just the ones that Digby is aware of. The title for the talk is - 'Trees and Plants I have Met During my Travels.'

### Dates for your Diary

**Jun. 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>** Malvern International Orchid Show

**Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>** Harrogate OS, Orchids for Everyone, Harlow Carr Gardens, Harrogate

**Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>** Darlington OS Show at Josephine Butler College, Durham City

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