

THE ANNUAL IOS CHRISTMAS PARTY



5 DECEMBER 2016

Many members of the Society met for the final meeting of 2016. Lots of goodies filled both the food and raffle table, the generosity of the festive season in strong evidence. A free raffle was held for most items with almost everyone bringing home a prize or two. A paid raffle was held for the beautiful oil painting donated by James Donnelly at the encouragement of his mother IOS member Mairead Donnelly. Tickets were sold on the night and at the November meeting also. The painting was won by a member not present on the night. Brendan Sayers tested those who were in attendance on their knowledge of orchid events of the past year along with some topical teasers. At meetings end we were all smiling and ended the year with a chat and a laugh.

Best wishes to all for 2017!

BRENDAN SAYERS



The celebratory cake, lemon drizzle under the icing.
Thanks, Phillipa!



Deirdre McGrane and Mary Bradshaw at the festive food table.



IOS members Mary Flynn, Úna Breathnach
and Laurie Best





Phillipa Thomas with *Pleione praecox* behind the oil painting of *Laelia tenebrosa* by James Donnelly. The painting was raffled off on the night with proceeds to the IOS. Thanks, Mairead!



Lisa Coffey and Tom Doran at the raffle table.



Mairead Donnelly and Deirdre McTiernan

