



NEWSLETTER - December 2023

*Best wishes for Christmas and
the New Year to all our members!*



Congratulations to Phoenix Orchids. **Dendrobium Kuniko** (Den. goldschmidtianum x Den. victoriae-reginae) gained a Cultural Commendation at the December show.

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Dates for your diary

2024

Check our website: <https://www.orchid.org.uk> for details of all the North of England monthly shows and the external shows where we shall be putting on a display in 2024.

Saturday 6th January 2024

North of England Orchid Society show at Plumley

11.00 am Judging

2.00pm. Presentation by Nick Gilliam: *'Cymbidiums and their culture'*

**PLUMLEY VILLAGE HALL, Plumley Moor Road,
PLUMLEY, Nr Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 0TR**

Saturday 10th February 2024

**North of England Orchid Society Annual General Meeting and Show at
Barton**

A message from our President, George Barnes

As many of you know, I have been an active member of the Society for the last 40 years or so, holding various positions during that period, including Vice President and, in more recent times, as President.

I now believe it is the time for someone else to take the North of England Orchid Society forward, so I do not seek re-election to the position of President at our AGM.

*If you wish to nominate someone for the position of President, you must firstly have their permission and submit that nomination to the Secretary :
philippa.illsley@btinternet.com prior to the meeting.*

If no nominations are made prior to the AGM, then nominations will be accepted at the meeting.

I am not vanishing into the sunset and will still be at the meetings, judging the shows etc.

George

11.00am Judging

**1.30pm Annual General Meeting,
followed by the Presentation of Trophies**

N.B. If you hold any of the trophies, please bring them, cleaned and polished, to the AGM on 10th February, for presentation to this year's winners.

BARTON - LANCASHIRE - BARTON VILLAGE HALL PR3 5AA

North of England show at Barton Saturday 26th December 2023

And so to the final show of 2023. What a busy year it has been in the society (Spoiler alert: 2024 will be very busy too!).

The number of exhibits tends to be smaller for the December show – people are busy at this time of year and the weather can be inclement, though not on this occasion when once again the sun shone brightly.

The judging therefore did not take long – just as well since there was a Committee Meeting beforehand and a raffle, well, two actually: a raffle for a Christmas hamper in addition to the usual raffle. Thank you to Karen for assisting on Saturday and thank you to members who have donated raffle prizes.

You can see in the photos which follow that there were some lovely orchids to admire. Congratulations to Dorothy Rhodes whose *Dendrobium Kuniko* was awarded a Cultural Commendation.

We shall be back at Barton in February for the Annual General Meeting and show.

Judging results – Class winners

Class	Plant	Grower	Award
3	Group of 6 orchids	Trevor Crook	1 st
4	<i>Doritis pulcherrima</i> album	John Procter	1 st
5	<i>Angraecum eburneum</i>	Denys Morten	1 st
8	<i>Paphiopedilum gratixianum</i>	George Barnes	1 st
10	<i>Laelia gouldiana</i>	David Crook	1 st
11	<i>Oncidium Barocca</i>	Lynda Woodburn	1 st
13	<i>Phalaenopsis Tzu Chiang</i> Sapphire	Philippa Illsley	1 st
14	<i>Dendrobium findlayanum</i>	Denys Morten	1 st
15	<i>Lueddemannia striata</i> x <i>Acineta superba</i>	Leon Skorczewski	1 st
19	<i>Rhynchostylis gigantea</i> Orange	Margaret and John Birks	1 st
21	Aliceara Renaissance White	Philippa Illsley	1 st
22	<i>Masdevallia lehmanii</i>	Trevor Crook	1 st
23	<i>Dendrobium hybrid</i> White	Philippa Illsley	1 st

Class winners at Barton



Class 3. Group of six orchids



Class 4. *Doritis pulcerrima album*



Class 5. *Angraecum eburneum*



Class 8. *Paphiopedilum gratrixianum*



Class 10. *Laelia gouldiana*



Class 11. With nine spikes, *Oncidium Barocca* evidently enjoys life in Lynda Woodburn's kitchen.



Class 13. Phalaenopsis Tzu Chiang Sapphire



Class 14. Dendrobium findlayanum



Class 15. Suspended beneath a splendid tripod, *Lueddemannia striata* x *Acineta superba*



Class 19. *Rhynchostylis gigantea* Orange



Class 21. Aliceara Renaissance White



Class 22. Masdevallia lehmanii



Class 23. Dendrobium hybrid White

And a few others...



Liz Rosenfield's Class 23 Phalaenopsis hybrid



Allan Brown's Class 21 *Oncidium varicosum*

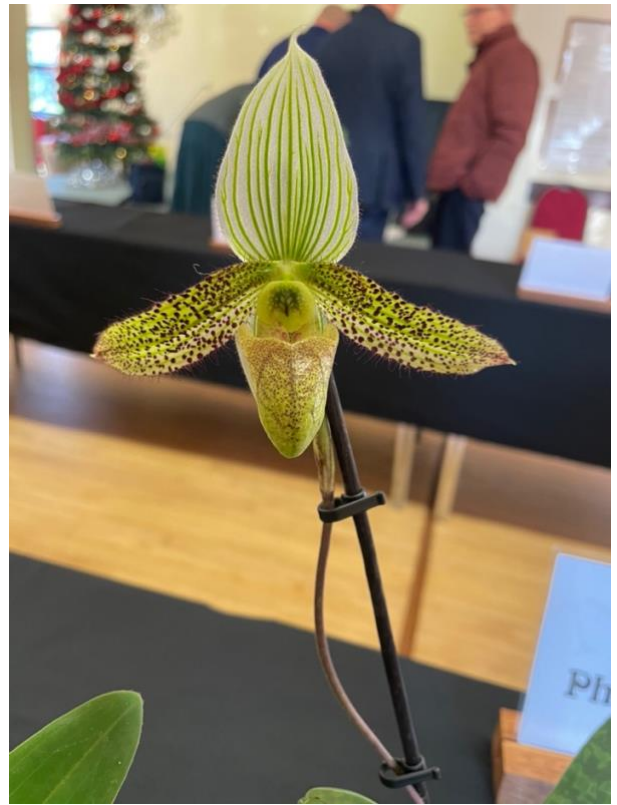


Ian Eastwood's Class 10 *Cattleya Chocolate Drop*

John Procter's three Class 8 Paphiopedilums



Paph venustum fma. album



Paph. wardii



Paph. Pinocchio



The Phoenix Orchids display.



***Phragmipedium besseae* var *flavum*.** In the recent zoom presentation from the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Mariano Medda informed us that their attempts to raise plants from selfings have so far proved unsuccessful.

Christmas lunch at the Barton Manor Hotel.

(Thank you to Karen Eastwood for the photos.)

Having closed the show early at the village hall, we then made the short journey down the road to the Barton Manor Hotel for our Christmas lunch.

It was a most enjoyable occasion and a great way to celebrate the end of our year. The hotel was warm and beautifully decorated for the festive season, the staff were welcoming and efficient, and the meal was excellent.



NEOS Show dates 2024

Please note: A full programme of afternoon activities is being drawn up for our monthly shows. We are most grateful to those members who have offered to give a talk.*

Date	Venue	External shows
Jan 6 th (1st Saturday)	Plumley *Talk: Nick Gilliam: <i>'Cymbidiums and their Culture'</i>	
Feb 10 th (2nd Saturday)	Barton (AGM)	
March 9 th (2nd Saturday)	Rixton	Sheffield & District Show 2 nd March 2024
April 13 th (2nd Saturday)	Hoghton	Hinckley Show 6 th April 2024
May 11 th (2nd Saturday)	Rixton	
June 1 st (1st Saturday)	Hoghton	Malvern International Orchid Show Friday 14 th – Sunday 16 th June 2024
July 5 th /6 th (Friday and 1st Saturday)	Barton (Annual show)	
August 10 th (2nd Saturday)	Rixton	Harrogate show Saturday 3 rd /Sunday 4 th August 2024 Southport Flower Show - 100th Anniversary Thursday 15 th – Sunday 18 th August 2024
September 7 th (1 st Saturday)	Hoghton	Durham Annual Show Sunday 1 st September 2024 East Midlands Show Sunday 29 th September 2024
October 5 th 1st Saturday)	Barton	
November 9 th (2nd Saturday)	Plumley	
December 7 th (1st Saturday)	New show venue: Broughton tennis club (Christmas dinner venue to be decided)	



Instagram

We are always looking for ways to share news about the society and to attract new members. Our thanks go to Antonia Black for setting up a North of England Orchid Society Instagram account.

Our Instagram is [northofenglandorchidsociety](#)

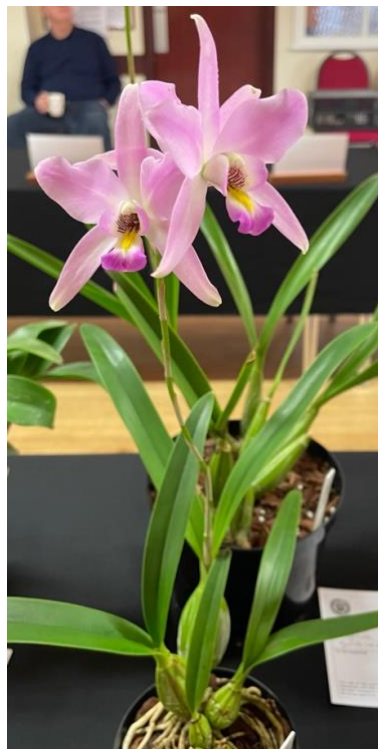
Email is northofenglandorchidsociety@gmail.com

You can scan this QR code:



And finally...

Laelia Finckeniana, a primary hybrid between **Laelia anceps** and **Laelia albida**, was first registered with the RHS in 1893. This plant, shown at Barton, was bred and raised from seed by David Crook – a wonderful achievement!



Photos and other items for the newsletter should be sent to neosubmissions@gmail.com