



NEWSLETTER - September 2023



David Crook's **Dendrobium christyanum** at the front of our display at the Durham Orchid Show

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Dates for your diary:

Saturday 7th October 2023
North of England Orchid Society show

11.00 am Judging - Plants for judging should be in place by this time.

2.00 pm Talk by Helen Millner

BARTON - LANCASHIRE - BARTON VILLAGE HALL PR3 5AA
Barton, A6 north of Preston

Saturday 11th November 2023
North of England Orchid Society show

11.00 am Judging

2.00 pm Members' Plant Auction

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

Saturday 16th December 2023
North of England Orchid Society show
BARTON - LANCASHIRE - BARTON VILLAGE HALL PR3 5AA

11.00 am Judging.

Early finish, followed by Christmas Lunch at Barton Manor Hotel,
746 – 768 Garstang Road, Barton, PR3 5AA – MEMBERS ONLY

On Thursday 7th September 2023 the funeral of John Keeling took place. The North of England Orchid Society was well represented by our members.



North of England Orchid Society members are spread over a wide area from Cumbria to Herefordshire and from North Wales to North Yorkshire.

We would like to see as many members as possible attending our shows and exhibiting their orchids. Four venues are used throughout the year for our monthly meetings: Barton, Hoghton, Rixton and Plumley.

If you would like to attend a show but, for one reason or another, you require a lift, do let a member of the Committee know. There may be another member of the Society who is able to help.

Talks at our Monthly Shows

Would you be willing to give a talk at one of our monthly shows?

Do you have suggestions for talk topics or outside guest speakers?

Let us know!

Repotting?

If you would like to purchase the Society's medium grade (10-15mm) orchid bark, contact Chris Burrows, tel: 01772 431442 (answerphone)

Message from Southport



At Southport, the Society was awarded a Gold medal and also £200 prize money. We have received this message from the organisers:

Many thanks for supporting Southport Flower Show this year with your society stand. The show was very well attended this year and we've had great feedback about it.

Well done on your medal.

We hope that you had a good show and we look forward to seeing you again next year (dates are 15th – 18th August 2024).



Darlington and District Orchid Society Annual Show, Durham

Sunday 3rd September 2023



The English Summer returned for our visit to the Darlington and District OS Annual Show, bathing Durham in warm sunshine.

The show team of David, Lynda, George, Philippa and Phil set up the day before the Sunday show which was attended by seven orchid societies.

The team is grateful to our members who lent over 50 plants for a display featuring, as is our custom, a remarkably broad range of genera.

We were awarded three rosettes for Best in Class, and a number of Highly Commended certificates.

The trade was represented by Phoenix, Orchid Botanics and Equatorial Orchids.



The three rosette winners



Philippa's *Cattleya* Varut Star Track



Richard and Dorothy's *Paphiopedilum helenae*

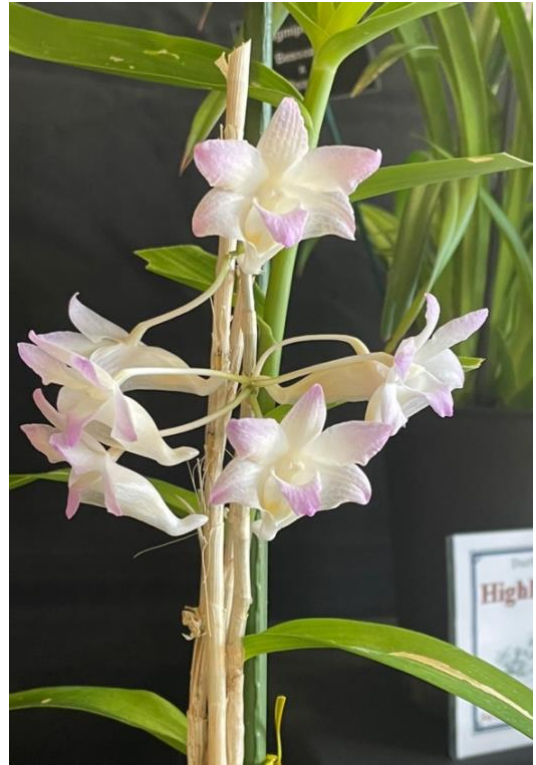


David's *Galeandra baueri* (Cymbidium class)

A closer look at just some of the orchids in our display



Richard and Dorothy's *Catasetum pileatum*



and *Dendrobium fairchildianum*



Trevor's *Stelis nexipous*



Phil's *Oncidium trilobum* 'J.E.M.'



Leon's **Paphiopedilum Wossner Goldegg**



Antonia's **Phalaenopsis tetraspis**



David brought some lovely Cattleyas.
Cattleya loddigesii was in bud on Saturday but opened in time for Sunday's show



George's **Phragmipedium Cirila Alca**

Judging Results

Class	Orchid	Society	Grower
Phalaenopsis Hybrid	Pleasure x Kat Mathison	North East of England	George Hall
Phalaenopsis species	fasciata	East Midlands	Arthur Deakin
Laeliinae hybrid	Cattleya Varuk Star Track	North of England	Philippa Illsley
Laeliinae species	Prosthechia brassavolae	Hinckley	Noel Cope
Pleurothallis species/hybrid	Dryadella hirtzii	Darlington	Chris Tyrie
Masdevallia hybrid	Falcon's Gold x Aquarius	Darlington	Jean Barker
Masdevallia species	floribunda	North East of England	Pat McLean
Phragmipedium hybrid	Carol Kanzer	East Midlands	Arthur Deakin
Phragmipedium species	boissierianum	Scottish	Alan Mackenzie
Cymbidium species/hybrid	Galeandra baueri	North of England	David Crook
Paphiopedilum hybrid	Magic Lantern	Hinckley	Mick Bee
Paphiopedilum species	helenae	North of England	Richard Rhodes
Dendrobium hybrid	Swiss Mountain Palace	Darlington	Jean Barker
Dendrobium species	lawsii	Darlington	Jean Barker
Vanda hybrid	Little Blossom	North East of England	Robert Cant
Vanda species	falcata	Darlington	Lenny Gray
Oncidiinae hybrid	Rossioglossum Rawdon Jester	Harrogate	(unknown)
Oncidiinae species	Miltonia spectabilis var moreliana	Darlington	Jean Barker
Any other species	Stenoglottis woodii	Scottish	David Menzies
Any other hybrid	Not awarded		
Best plant in show	Prosthechia brassavolae	Hinckley	Noel Cope
Best Society Display		Darlington	

Other Society displays



Darlington & District OS won Best Society Display



North East of England OS



Scottish OS



East Midlands OS



Harrogate OS



Hinckley & District OS featuring 'Best Orchid in Show': *Prosthechea brassavolae*

North of England show at Hoghton
Saturday 9th September 2023
(Report and photos by Trevor Crook)

We were pleased on the day to see a welcome increase in members attending and more plants for judging on the table display. Amongst those attending were several new members who were extended a warm welcome.

Phoenix Orchids had a table of quality plants for sale, with our new members taking full advantage.

There were still some notable absences on the day but even those members who 'eat, sleep and breath' orchids need to take a holiday.

We had the promise of a full day event, with the usual pub lunch, and **Jean Barker** due to deliver a talk in the afternoon.

Judging results, 1st and notable 2nd *

***writer's choice**

Class	Plant	Grower	Award	
4	Stenoglottis longifolia	Sheila Yates	1 st	
5	Maxillaria hematoglossa	Trevor Crook	1 st	
5	Stanhopea wardii	Keith Hemmings	2 nd	
5	Bulbophyllum lobbii	Philippa Illsley	3 rd	
9	Phrag. longifolia	Trevor Crook	1 st	
9	Phrag. Carol Kanzer	Denys Morten	2 nd	
10	Cattleya Varut Star Track	Philippa Illsley	1 st	
12	Oncidium Sweet Sugar	Antonia Black	1 st	
13	Phal. tetraspis 'Livida'	Ian Eastwood	1 st	
13	Phal. tetraspis	Antonia Black	2 nd	
15	Coelogyne Louis Forget	Nick Gilliam	1 st	
17	Miltonia Queen Anne	Trevor Crook	1 st	
18	Stenoglottis longifolia	Keith Hemmings	1 st	
19	Neofinetia falcata	Trevor Crook	1 st	
19	Schoenorchis gemmata	Sheila Yates	2 nd	
22	Scaphosepalum verrucosum	Sheila Yates	1 st	
22	Stelis nexipous	Trevor Crook	2 nd	
23	Phal. NoID	Antonia Black	1 st	

The orchids in pictures



Stenoglottis longifolia



Maxillaria hematoglossa



Stanhopea wardii



Phrag. Longifolium



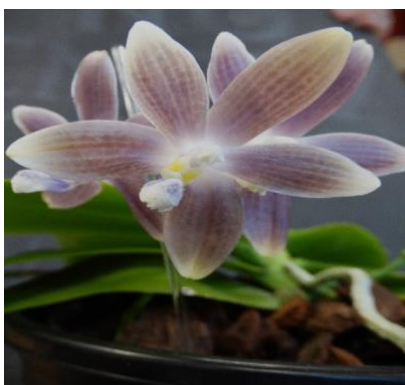
Phrag. Carol Kanzer



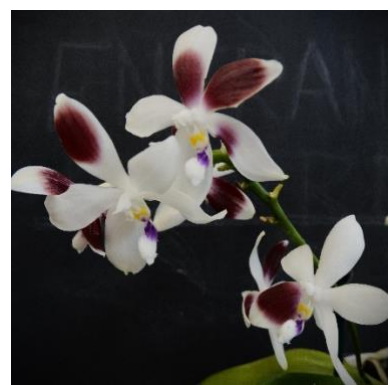
Cattleya Varut Star Track



Oncidium Sweet Sugar



Phal. tetraspis 'livida'



Phal. testraspis



Coelogyne Louis Forget



Miltonia Queen Anne



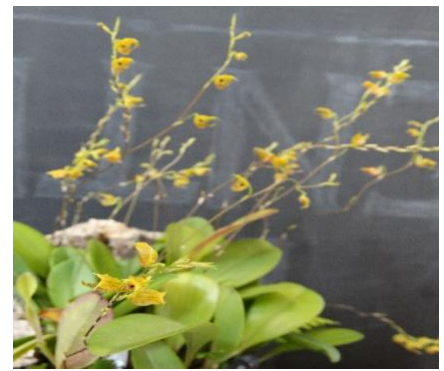
Stenoglottis longifolia



Neofinetia falcata



Schoenorchis gemmata



Scaphosepalum verrucosum



Stelis nexipous



Phal. NoID



Bulbophyllum lobbii

After lunch, members gathered to listen to a talk presented by Jean Barker. Jean is an R.H.S. judge and runs the B.O.C. judging scheme. Jean and husband Chris are members of Darlington Orchid Society and are highly respected members of the Orchid community.

Jean presented a talk on the orchid growing calendar supported by a Power Point presentation showing pictures of her flowering orchids as they flower in sequence with the months of the year. Jean supported the pictures with cultural information on some rare and unusual plants.

It was remarked upon by a member how impressive it was to see such a variety of orchid genera in a mixed collection.



East Midlands OS Annual Show

Bottesford

Sunday 24th September 2023



For this, our final multi-society show of 2023, the show team, comprising David, Lynda, George, Philippa and Ian, set up the island display on the Saturday.

Some 50 North of England display plants were provided by the show team, plus Sheila Yates, Antonia, Richard and Dorothy. We received a number of Rosettes and Award of Merit certificates.





A 1st Place rosette for Richard and Dorothy's *Paphiopedilum helenae*



Best NEOS Species and Best Any Other Species in the show: Sheila's *Ceratostylis rubra*



With the Rosette for Best NEOS Hybrid : Philippa's **Dendrobium Starburst Firebird**



David's **Gastrochilus japonicus**



Antonia's *Oncidesa Sweet Sugar*



George's *Dendrochilum magnum*

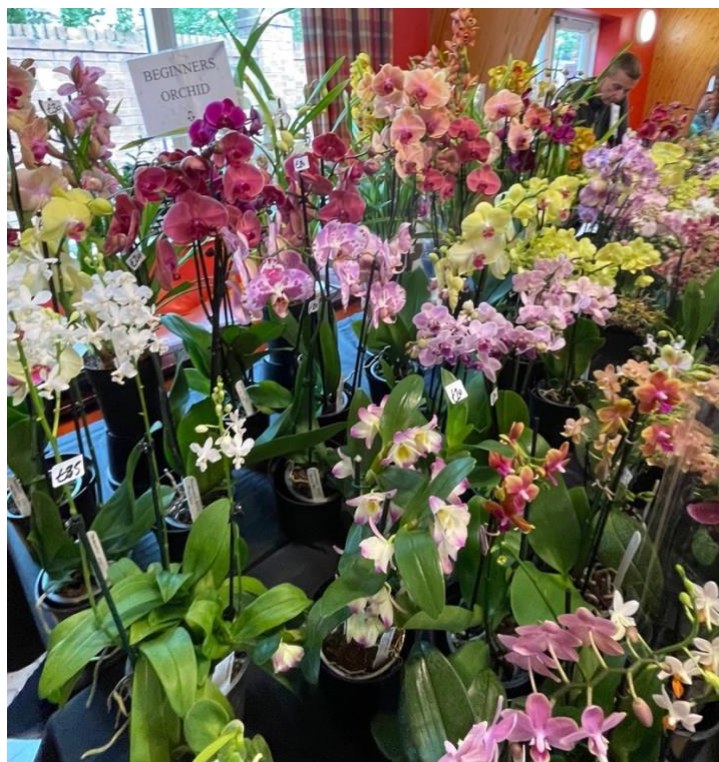


Sheila's *Stenoglottis longiflora*



Ian's *Phalaenopsis pantherina*

In addition to Phoenix Orchids, the Trade was represented by Burnham Nurseries, Orchid Alchemy, Laurence Hobbs and Peter White



Judging Results

	Class	Orchid	Society	Grower
1	Laeliinae species	Guarianthe bowringiana	Harrogate	Ivor Pawson
2	Laeliinae hybrids	Rlc. Gisele Bündchen	Sheffield & District	Peter Battle
3	Cymbidium (species & hybrids)	Galeandra bauerii	Sheffield & District	Ted Croot
4	Dendrobium species	Dendrobium lineale	East Midlands	Mel Stephen
5	Dendrobium hybrids	Dendrobium Swiss Mountain Palace	North East of England	Jean Barker
6	Paphiopedilum species	Paphiopedilum helenae	North of England	Richard Rhodes
7	Paphiopedilum hybrids	Paphiopedilum Ken's Festive	Sheffield & District	Ted Croot
8	Phragmipedium species	Not Awarded		
9	Phragmipedium hybrids	Phragmipedium Ivan Portilla	Harrogate	Pat Hollins
10	Lycastiinae (species & hybrids)	Lycaste Edward	East Midlands	Richard Evenden
11	Phalaenopsis species	Phalaenopsis pulcherrima	East Midlands	Kim Pask
12	Phalaenopsis hybrids	Phalaenopsis Pink Perfection	North East of England	Brian Coulson
13	Vandaceous species	Holcoglossum kimballiana	North East of England	Chris Tyrie
14	Vandaceous hybrids	Vanda Hiroshima Choice	North East of England	Robert Cant
15	Pleurothallidinae	Dryadella hirtzii	North East of England	Chris Tyrie
16	Masdevallia species	Not Awarded		
17	Masdevallia hybrids	Masdevallia Falcon's Gold x Aquarius	North East of England	Jean Barker
18	Oncidiinae species	Miltoniopsis roezlii var. xanthina	Harrogate	John Gay
19	Oncidiinae hybrids	Gombrassiltonia Sweetheat Jonel 'Gemini Girl'	Harrogate	Hilary Hobbs
20	Any other species	Ceratostylis rubra	North of England	Sheila Yates
21	Any other hybrid	Bulbophyllum Fireworks	North East of England	Robert Cant
	Best Amateur Plant	Holcoglossum kimballiana	North East of England	Chris Tyrie
	Best Society Display		North East of England	



**North East of England: Best Society Display
and Best Amateur Plant: *Holcoglossum kimbballiana***





Hinckley and District OS



Our hosts - East Midlands OS



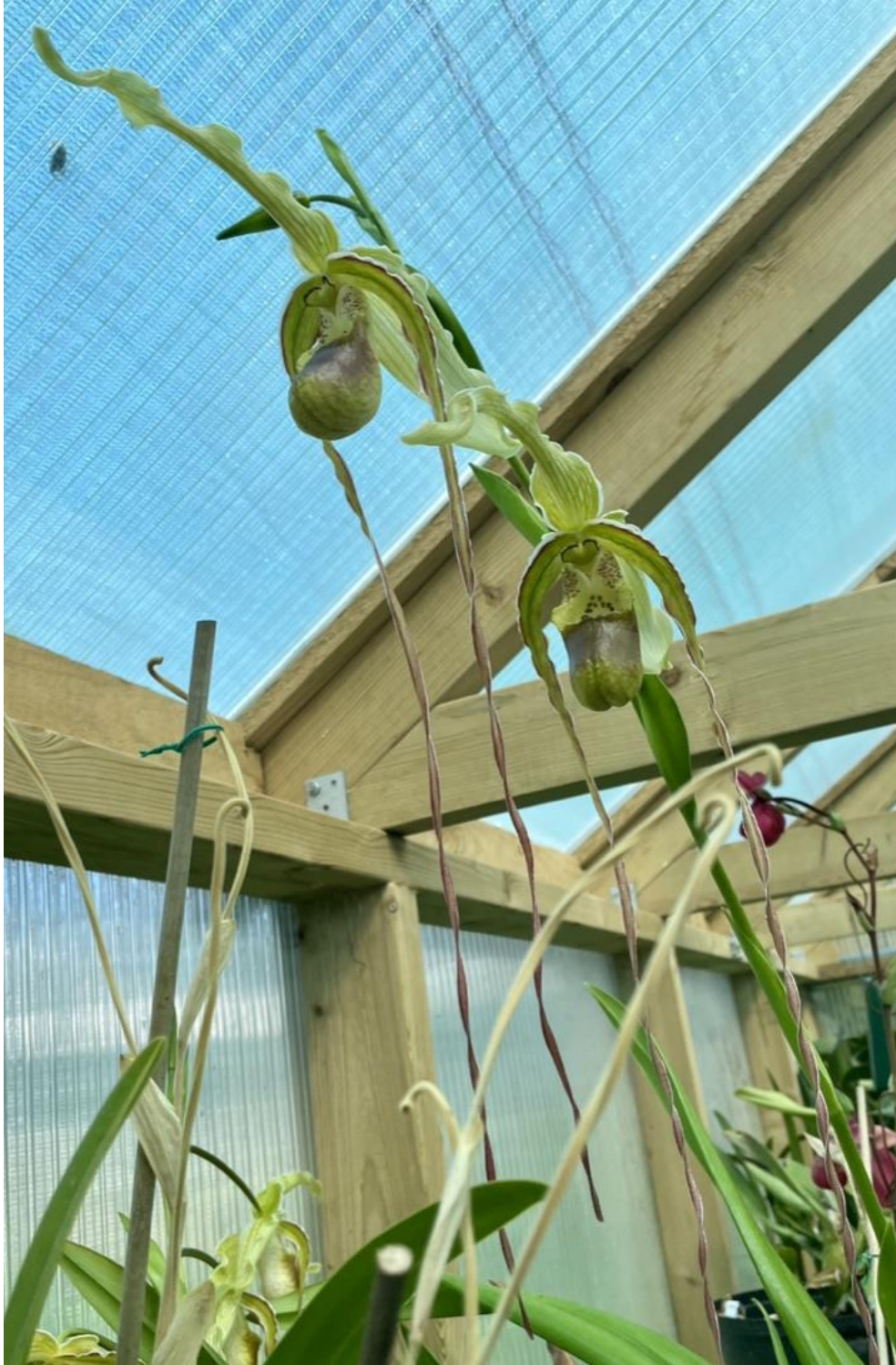
Harrogate OS



Sheffield & District OS

And finally...

A couple of phragmipediums grown by Barry Openshaw but which didn't make it to a show.



Phrag Grande 4n *

*For anyone unfamiliar with the designation, 4n indicates that this plant is a tetraploid, i.e. has four sets of chromosomes.



The sequential flowering and branching spike habit of **Phrag Cardinale**. Note the new flower spikes emerging. Barry says the lush growth is due to the plant being watered by continuous drip.

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