



## NEWSLETTER - November 2023



The judges placed **Vanda Blue Magic** first – one of George Barnes's three entries in Vandaceous class at Plumley

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**Dates for your diary:**

**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**



**2024**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
**North of England Orchid Society show**

**11.00 am Judging**

**2.00pm. Talk by Nick Gilliam: 'Cymbidiums'**

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

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

## North of England show at Plumley

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Armistice Day began with a frost, and, from a clear blue sky, dazzling sunlight streamed through the windows of Plumley Village Hall.

At 11.00 the President called everyone to order and while the two-minute silence was observed, the strains of the Last Post were heard, courtesy of Ian Eastwood and his sound equipment.

Judging followed, and the large team – I think I counted 8 - of judges and trainee judges had plenty of interesting orchids to assess; the number of members attending the show boosted perhaps by the lure of the plant auction due to be held after lunch. It can be reported that two new members joined the Society on the day.

### Judging results – Class winners

| Class | Plant   | Grower                   | Award             |
|-------|---|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 2     | Small group   | John Gay                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> * |
| 4     | Isabellia virginalis  | David Crook              | 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
| 5     | Maxillaria meleagris  | Trevor Crook             | 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
| 6     | Cymbidium Summer Magic<br>'Pink'                            | Sheila Yates             |                   |
| 7     | Cymbidium dayanum   | Philippa Illsley         | 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
| 8     | Paphiopedilum gratixianum                                   | George Barnes            | 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
| 9     | Phragmipedium Asendorf<br>Rose                              | Pat Hollings             | 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
| 10    | Cattleya nobilior x coerulea<br>x<br>Laelia dayana coerulea | Margaret & John<br>Birks | 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
| 11    | Gomesa praetexta x forbesii                                 | David Crook              | 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
| 13    | Phalaenopsis bellina  | Andrew Bonney            | 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
| 14    | Dendrobium<br>goldschmidtianum alba                         | Nick Gilliam             | 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
| 17    | Miltoniopsis La Folie                                       | Antonia Black            | 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
| 19    | Vanda Blue Magic  | George Barnes            | 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
| 21    | Bratonia Lavender Kiss                                      | Philippa Illsley         | 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
| 22    | Dresslerella lasiocampa                                     | Sean Barton              | 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
| 23    | Phalaenopsis hybrid   | Antonia Black            | 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
|       | *Silver Medal   |                          |                   |

There weren't so many plants on this occasion for the sales duo - John the auctioneer and George the recorder – to auction but there was fierce bidding for some specimens. Philippa provided potential bidders with number paddles that outclassed those used by the Strictly Come Dancing judges.

The auction finishing earlier than usual, John made use of the additional time available to give a potting demonstration. We are accustomed to seeing John's wonderful Miltoniopsis at shows and here he repotted another member's Miltoniopsis in a clear plastic pot and using a mixture of Grodan and extra large perlite.

Those present clearly enjoyed both the auction and the potting demonstration. We are grateful to John for sharing his expertise.

### **Repotting?**

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



## Class winners at Plumley



Class 2.



Class 4. *Isabella virginalis*





**Class 5. *Maxillaria meleagris***



**Class 6. *Cymbidium Summer Magic 'Pink'***



**Class 7. *Cymbidium dayanum***



**Class 8. Paphiopedilum gratixianum**



**Class 9. Phragmipedium Asendorf Rose**





**Class 10. *Cattleya (nobilior x coerulea) x Laelia dayana coerulea.***

Below, the crystalline texture is seen as the blooms sparkle in Saturday morning's brilliant sunlight





**Class 11. *Gomesa praetexta* x *forbesii***

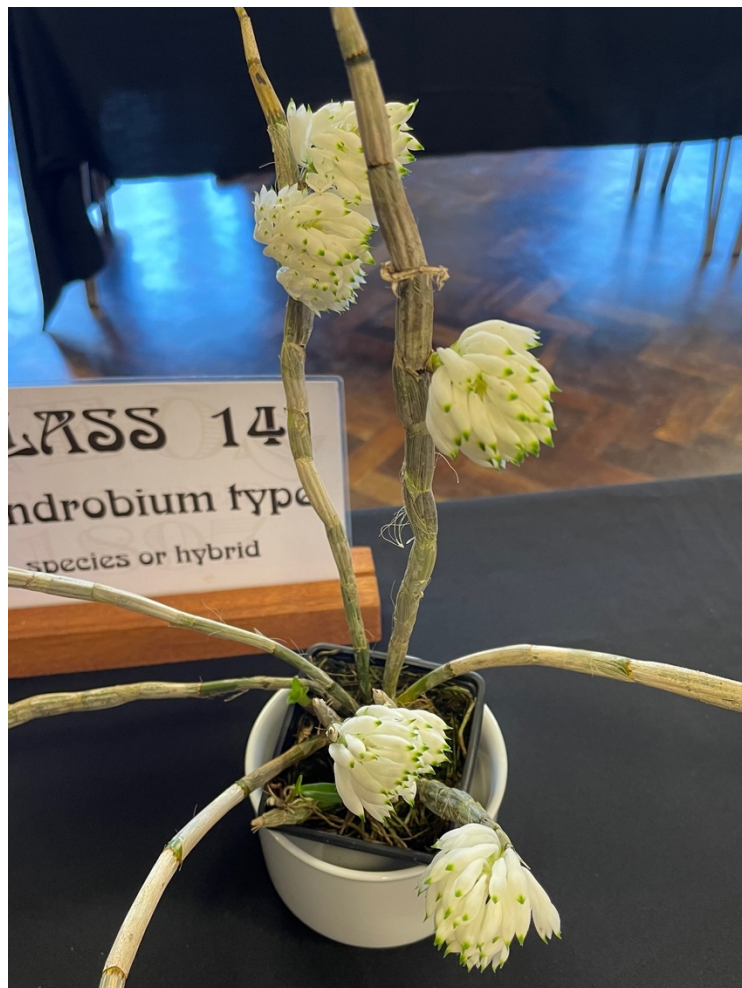


**Class 13. *Phalaenopsis bellina***





**Class 14. Dendrobium goldschmidtianum alba**







**Class 17. Miltoniopsis La Folie**



**Class 19. Bratonia Lavender Kiss**



**Class 22. Dresslerella lasiocampa**



**Class 23. Phalaenopsis hybrid**



And a few others...



The Phoenix Orchids display gained a **Silver Medal**





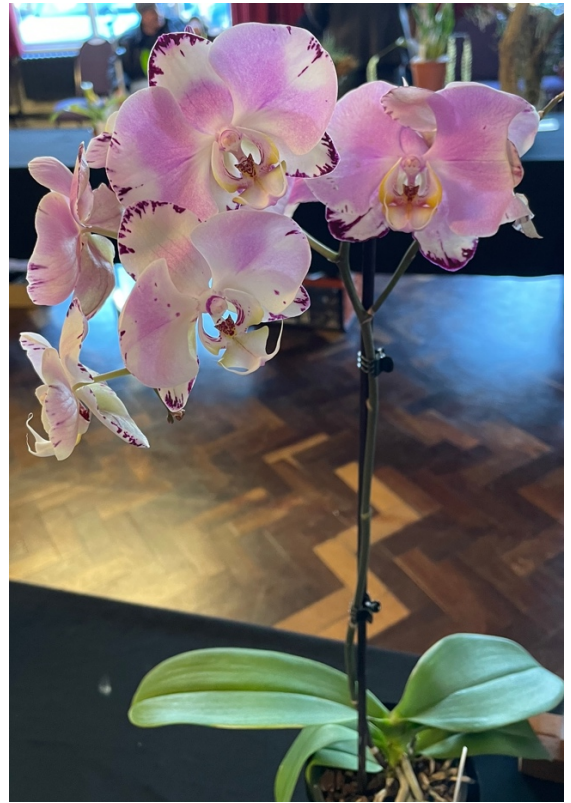


Ian Eastwood's *Phalaenopsis Sogo Yenlin*



Leon Skorczewski's *Paphiopedilum Winston Churchill 'Indomitable'*





Chas Field's *Phalaenopsis* hybrids



Robyn Gee's *Phalaenopsis* hybrid

## And finally...

Our first show of 2024 will be at Plumley on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January when Nick Gilliam will be giving a talk on **Cymbidiums**.

### Talks at our Monthly Shows

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

You don't have to have a Powerpoint presentation to support your talk but if you would like help to make one, just ask a member of the Committee.

Do you have suggestions for talk topics or outside guest speakers?  
Please let us know.



Barry Openshaw's **Cymbidium sinense** at Barton in October, thriving in *bonsai* compost!

Photos and other items for the newsletter should be sent to [neosubmissions@gmail.com](mailto:neosubmissions@gmail.com)