



NEWSLETTER - March 2023



Congratulations to Barry Openshaw on this stunning **Phrag. caudatum var. sanderae**, native to Mexico, Guatemala, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela. The show team had to carefully unravel the long petals which Barry had wound up for safe transport to the show.

In this issue: reports on two shows:

- Harrogate OS Annual Show
- NEOS March show, with members' plant auction, at Rixton.

Harrogate OS Annual Show 2023

Sunday February 26th, Britannia Hotel, Bramhope, Leeds

Societies present: Harrogate, East Midlands, North of England, Sheffield & District, North East of England and Hinckley & District.

Orchid traders present: Phoenix Orchids, John Keeling, Orchid Alchemy, Equatorial Orchids and Laurence Hobbs.

“I’m in a large car park – Leeds!” replied an exasperated George when I phoned our President on the Saturday afternoon to ask whether he had arrived yet at the Britannia Hotel. Eventually, he made it through the traffic and the show team, comprising George Barnes, David and Lynda Crook, Philippa Illsley and Phil Howard, quickly set about arranging the North of England display for the following day.

North of England display



The North of England displayed a wide range of genera.



Three individual plants took rosettes: Richard and Dorothy Rhodes's *Lycaste Rakuoku*, Barry Openshaw's *Phragmipedium caudatum* var. *sanderae* and Phil Howard's *Cymbidium King Freak* x *devonianum*. In addition, a good number of plants were Highly Commended.

Thanks to Philippa Illsley and Pat Hollings for providing additional photos.



Congratulations to Richard and Dorothy Rhodes on this class-winning *Lycaste Rakuoku*



Phil Howard's peloric* *Cymbidium King Freak* x *devonianum*

*For anyone unfamiliar with the term, *peloria* is the term given to the mutation where the upper petals or, as in this *cymbidium*, the lower half of the sepals take on the colours, patterning or structural characteristics of the labellum (the "lip" petal of the orchid).

The show team is grateful to the following members for lending their plants – more than 50 in total - for the Society display: Tina Stagg, David Crook, Trevor Crook, Philippa Illsley, Richard and Dorothy Rhodes, George Barnes, Keith Hemming, Chas Field, Barry Openshaw and Phil Howard.

Special thanks to Lynda Crook for making all the plant labels.

Just a few of the many fine plants on the North of England stand:

Tina Stagg's *Dendrobium nobile* and *Dendrobium* Berry 'Oda' - both Highly Commended.



Trevor Crook's Highly Commended *Odontioda Keighleyensis* - a primary hybrid first registered with the RHS in 1908 by Charlesworth Ltd



and Trevor's Highly Commended *Coelogyne flaccida*



Richard and Dorothy Rhodes's Brassavola David Sander – Highly Commended



Barry Openshaw's Standard Cymbidium Khan Fury – Highly Commended



George Barnes's *Dendrochilum tenellum*



Philippa Illsley's *Dendrobium atrovioleaceum*



Chas Field's *Oncidium Barrocco* – Highly Commended



David Crook's *Chytroglossa marileoniae*, native to Brazil.



Harrogate OS Annual Show official results:

Class	Plant Name	Exhibitor	Society
Laeliinae Species	<i>Cattleya schroderae</i>	Arthur Deakin	EMOS
Laeliinae Hybrid	Rhyncattleanthe Young-Min Orange"	Hilary Hobbs	HOS
Cymbidium	Cymbidium King Freak x devonianum	Phil Howard	NEOS
Masdevallia Species	Masdevillia cocapatae	Lenny Gray	NEEOS
Masdevallia Hybrid	Masdevallia Tuakau Goldstrike	Robert Cant	NEEOS
Dendrobium Species	Dendrobium kingianum var Silcockii	Richard Evenden	EMOS
Dendrobium Hybrid	Dendrobium Star of Riverdene	Lenny Gray	NEEOS
Lycaste and Allied	Lycaste Rakuhoku	Dorothy Rhodes	NEOS
Oncidinae Species	Oncidium cariniferum	Arthur Deakin	EMOS
Oncidinae Hybrid	Oncidium Anna Clare	Hilary Hobbs	HOS
Coelogyne & Allied	Coelogyne cristata	Charles Ford	SDOS
Paphiopedilum Species	Paphiopedilum venustum	Arthur Deakin	EMOS
Paphiopedilum Hybrid	Paphiopedilum Jersey Freckles	Arthur Deakin	EMOS
Phragmipedium Species	Phragmipedium caudatum var sanderae	Barry Openshaw	NEOS
Phragmipedium Hybrid	Phragmipedium Grande	Ted Croot	SDOS
Miltonia/Miltoniopsis	Miltoniopsis Bleuana	John Gay	HOS
Pleurothallis	Diodonopsis pygmaea	Lenny Gray	NEEOS
Vandaceous	Sarcochilus falcatus	Charles Ford	SDOS
Phalaenopsis Species	Phalaenopsis lobbii	Pat Hollings	HOS
Phalaenopsis Hybrid	Phalaenopsis Luchia Pink	Baccus Paulesu	HOS
Any Other Species	Brasilorchis schunkeana	Robert Cant	NEEOS
Any Other Hybrid	Calanthe William Murray	Arthur Deakin	EMOS
Best Species in Show	Coelogyne cristata	Charles Ford	SDOS
Best Hybrid in Show	Dendrobium Star of Riverdene	Lenny Gray	NEEOS
Best Plant on HOS Stand	Rhyncattleanthe Young Min Orange	Hilary Hobbs	HOS
Best Visiting Society Stand			EMOS

The other Society displays

Best visiting Society stand: East Midlands



Our hosts: Harrogate



Sheffield & District



Hinckley & District



The North East of England



Just few of the many plants that caught the eye on other Societies' stands:

Charles Ford's *Coelogyne cristata* won Best Species in Show (Sheffield)



Lenny Gray's *Dendrobium Star of Riverdene* took the award for Best Hybrid in the Show (North East of England)



Pat Holling's *Phalaenopsis lobbii* (Harrogate)



John Gay's *Miltoniopsis Bleuana* (Harrogate)



Hilary Hobbs's Rhyncattleanthe Young Min Orange (Harrogate)



Here are three of Arthur Deakin's *five* rosette-winning plants on the East Midlands stand:

Paphiopedilum Jersey Freckles



Cattleya schroderae



Paphiopedilum venustum



We are delighted that Arthur Deakin will be the guest speaker at the North of England monthly show at Hoghton on June 3rd. Make a note of the date in your diary!

The full list of speakers and events at this year's monthly meetings can be found, along with directions to each venue, on the North of England Orchid Society website: www.orchid.org.uk

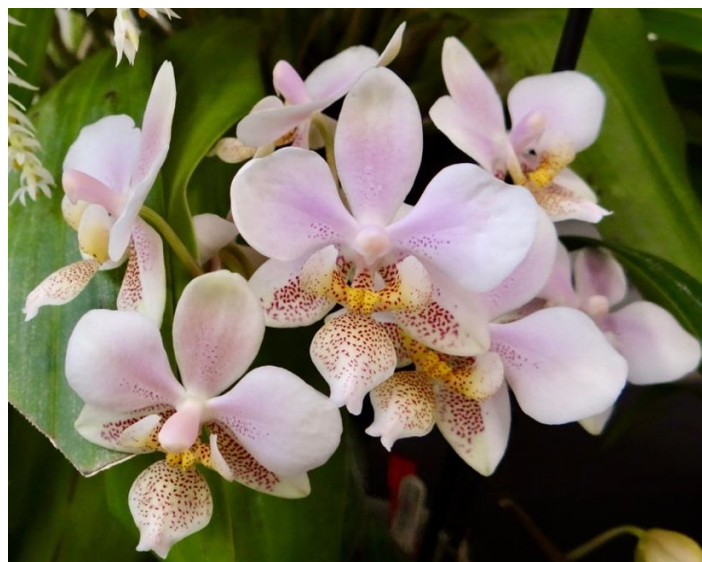
North of England OS Show, Saturday 11th March 2023

Community Hall, Rixton with Glazebrook

Phoenix Orchids



In close-up: Phoenix's Phalaenopsis Philadelphia



Our March show at Rixton came at the end of a week which had seen snowfalls and freezing temperatures outside; yet members reported that, when the sun came out, temperatures had risen to up to 30C under glass.

Following the election of officers and committee agreed at the February AGM, the members of the 2023 Committee met for the first time and had some initial discussion about the busy show schedule for the year ahead.

Once the meeting had closed, the judging of exhibits was able take place.

This was followed by the raffle, which had splendid prizes - thanks go to Trevor Crook, and thanks also to Leon and Hazel Skorczewski for assisting – and then it was time for the lunch break, some members nipping across the road to sample the menu at The Black Swan.

Judging results

Class	Exhibit	Grower	Award
2	Group display 7-14 plants	John Gay	*1st
		David Crook	*2nd
4	Ludisia discolor	Leon Skorczewski	1st
5	Coelogyne flaccida	Trevor Cook	1st
6	Cymbidium wenshanense	Phil Howard	1st
7	Cymbidium Lovely Rain	Phil Howard	1st
8	Paphiopedilum Maudiae	Denys Morten	1st
9	Phragmipedium Lemoinerianum	Sheila Yates	1st
10	Laeliocattleya Sylvan Sprite 'Blythe Spirit'	Phil Howard	1st
11	Odontocidium Tiger Butter 'Caroline Dalwood'	Phil Howard	1st
12	Odontioda Shibory x Odontioda Portentosa	Phil Howard	1st
13	Phalaenopsis venosa	Leon Skorczewski	1st
14	Dendrobium nobile	Antonia Black	1st
15	Pleione Tongariro	Mark Anders	1st
21	Oncidium Margaret Holm 'Larkspur'	Denys Morten	1st
22	Masdevallia Colossus	Trevor Crook	1st
23	Phalaenopsis	Ian Eastwood	1st
* Silver medal awarded			

The afternoon activity was an auction of members' plants. Special thanks are due to Membership Secretary Philippa Illsley, auctioneer 'the man with the gavel' John Gay, and 'on keyboards' (laptop!) George Barnes. The whole affair was highly entertaining. 42 plants, including many species, were sold at bargain prices. Members were able to add to their collections plants you normally can't get hold of these days, and in the process, money was raised for Society funds.

David Crook's silver medal winning group display



In close-up: David's *aerangis luteo-alba* var. *rhodosticta*



There were *Coelogyne*s in abundance at Rixton. This is Betty Bray's *Coelogyne cristata*



Denys Morten's Oncidium
Margaret Holm 'Larkspur'



...and his Dendrobium lituiflorum



Antonia Black's Dendrobium Star Cross



Leon Skorczewski's *Phalaenopsis venosa*



...and *Ludisia discolor*



John and Margaret Birks's *Brassolaeliocattleya* Village Chief 'Green Genius'



Mark Anders's pan of *Pleione Tongariro*



Phil Howard's *Laeliocattleya* *Sylvan Sprite* 'Blythe Spirit' and *Cymbidium wenshanense* 4N



Sheila Yates's Phragmipedium Lemoinerianum



Ian Eastwood and Chas Field shared the awards in Class 23



Raffle Prizes – Please note

Donations of prizes for the monthly raffle are welcome providing they are good quality items that members would like to win; so, please, no bric-a-brac.

If in any doubt, please have a word with Trevor Crook who is doing such a sterling job.

Forthcoming events

Please note: Where we are invited to attend **shows other than our own NEOS monthly shows**, we request that you support your society by lending your plants for our North of England displays at these shows. The show team will carefully look after your plants and will, if necessary, collect plants from you where possible, but it makes life easier if you could deliver them to one of our addresses or perhaps bring them to the show in time for setting up.

Saturday 1st APRIL 2023 - Hinckley and District Annual Show

Stoke Golding Club,
Stoke Golding, CV13 6DZ

Saturday 8th APRIL 2023 – North of England monthly show

HOGHTON VILLAGE HALL
Blackburn Old Road, Hoghton Nr. Preston

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***Saturday 13th MAY 2023 - North of England monthly show**

Community Hall Rixton with Glazebrook .
Hollins Green Warrington. WA3 6JZ.

NB. Philippa Illsley and Ian Eastwood will be overseeing the show.

***This show coincides with the **Orchid Fair hosted by the Scottish Orchid Society** which takes place in the Glasgow Botanic Gardens over the weekend of the 13th - 14th May. Our President George Barnes and Vice-President David Crooks will be representing us, staging a North of England OS display at this event.**

Sunday 28th MAY 2023 - Sheffield & District Annual Show

St. John's Church Hall, Abbeydale Road South,
Sheffield, S17 3LE

Saturday 3rd JUNE 2023 – North of England monthly show

HOGHTON VILLAGE HALL
Blackburn Old Road, Hoghton Nr. Preston

SPEAKER : ARTHUR DEAKIN

'The challenges and rewards of growing a mixed orchid collection'

Friday 16th to Sunday 18th June 2023 - Malvern Orchid Show, Malvern Showground

And finally:

Take a look! The Eric Young Orchid Foundation is posting on [Twitter](#) brief videos with tips on orchid culture.



On the Phoenix stand at Rixton: The strikingly marked Eric Young Foundation hybrid *Oncidium Vieux Presbytere*

