

NORTH OF ENGLAND ORCHID SOCIETY 1897-2023

NEWSLETTER February 2023

Barton Village Hall, 11th Feb. NEOS meeting and AGM.

We are very fortunate to have some outstanding orchid growers in our midst, this was my first thought when Barry Openshaw arrived with a magnificent array of plants including several Cymbidium, and a Lycaste fimbriata. My second thought (and probably everyone else's) was "abandon all Hope", but then we are there to display and not to compete? Well done Barry and everyone else who contributed to a splendid display of orchids.

There was a good turnout of members and visitors which always makes for an enjoyable event, and we welcomed 7 new members who joined the society on the day, we extend a special welcome to all our new members.

Judging results

***cultural commendation**

Class winners with a few of my favourite runners up.

Class	Exhibit	Grower	Award
3	Group of 6 plants	Philip Howard	1 st *
4	Epidendrum Panama Centrapetalum	Valerie Jackson	1 st
5	Lycaste fimbriata	Barry Openshaw	1 st
6	Cymbidium Khan fury	Barry Openshaw	1 st
7	Cymbidium Rubies and Emeralds	Barry Openshaw	1 st *
7	Cymbidium Devon flyaway	Barry Openshaw	2 nd
8	Paph. Maudiae	Valerie Jackson	1 st
9	Phrag. longifolium	Pat Hollings	1 st
9	Phrag Millbrook	Pat Hollings	2 nd
10	Laelia anceps	David Crook	1 st
11	Oncidium Twinkle	Valerie Jackson	1 st
12	Odontioda Keithleyensis	Trevor Crook	1 st
13	Phal. Lobbii	Pat Hollings	1 st
14	Dendrobium Emma White	George Barnes	1 st
19	Rhynchostylis Gigantica 'orange'	Margaret Birks	1 st
19	Rhynchostylis gigantea	Ian Eastwood	2 nd
22	Masdevallia regina	David Crook	1 st
23	Cymbidium Hybrid	Chas Field	1 st



Philip Howard's group of 6 plants.
Received a cultural commendation.

(My apologies for the poor photo
quality Phil.).



Epi. Panama
centrapetalum



Lycastefimbriata



Cymbidium Khan Fury



Cym. Rubies and
Emeralds



Paph. Maudiae



Phrag. longifolium



Laelia anceps



Oncidium Twinkle



Odontioda keithleyensis



Phal. Lobbii



Dendrobium Emma White



Rhynchostilis Gigantea
'Orange'



Masdevallia regina



Cymbidium Hybrid



Phrag. Millbrook



Cymbidium Devon Flyaway



Rhynchostilis Gigantea

The day so far had been extremely hectic, as it always tends to be at the A.G.M. We were very grateful for the refreshments and bacon sandwiches provided throughout the morning as there was very little time for lunch before the start of the afternoon's proceedings.

Minutes of the AGM will eventually be available to members, so there is no reason for me to go into detail although there were some important decisions made.

*Eddie Oates had decided to step down from his duties as treasurer and was thanked by our president for his work for the society.

*Committee members and officers were re-elected.

*Philippa Illsley was officially appointed to her dual role as secretary and membership secretary, Philippa was seconded to the vacant role of membership secretary earlier in the year and is doing a terrific job in both roles keeping George and David under control.

*I was elected to take over the role of treasurer. I feel, I have arrived!

*We were updated on the list of external shows in which the away team would be exhibiting. The venues would be the same as in 2022 but with the addition of Sheffield O.S. Ten venues in all.

It was highlighted during the meeting that some of our new members were finding difficulty in knowing who to ask for information, best plants to buy, how to care for them, etc. Our more experienced growers are determined to address these issues, starting with this newsletter.

I'm developing writer's cramp so let's have some pictures of the trophy presentations.



Martin Palin, Denys Morten, Sean Barton were unable to attend the presentation so sadly no pictures.

List of class winners 2022

	Class	Winner	points	plants
1	large roup	John Gay	69	39
2	Group of 7-14 Plants	Martin Palin	79	32
3	Group of 6 Plants	Sean Barton	7	6
4	Small Species	David Crook	56	10
5	large Species	Trevor Crook	49	8
6	Standard Cymbidium	Philip Howard	49	8
7	Miniature Cymbidium	Philip Howard	69	14
8	Paphiopedilum	George Barnes	26	4
9	Phragmipedium	Pat Hollings	72	14
10	Cattleya	David crook	71	16
11	Oncidinae	Denys Morten	24	4
12	Odontoglossum	Philip Howard	69	13
13	Phalaenopsis	Pat Hollings	44	7
14	Dendrobium	Denys Morten	55	11
15	Any other Hybrid	George Barnes	21	3
16	Novice Class	Ian Eastwood	21	3
17	Miltonia & Miltoniopsis	Leon Scorzewski	7	1
18	Terrestrial	Reg Harrison	28	6
19	Vandaceous	George Barnes	24	6
20	Intermediate	Ian Eastwood	7	1
21	Oncidiinae containing Miltonia	Eddie Oates	7	1
		Philip Howard	7	1
22	Pleurothallidinae	Trevor Crook	80	16
23	Unnamed Plants of Merit	Liz Rosenfield	14	3

The total number of plants exhibited throughout the year is 517 plants.



Eddie Oates was awarded the **Alice Walkden trophy** for services to the society

Pat Hollings offers the following tips for our new members

WHEN BUYING AN ORCHID YOU NEED TO CONSIDER A FEW THINGS FIRST:

- * What kind of orchid (Genre) is it?
- * Is it warm, intermediate or cool growing?
- * Where did it originate from and what type of environment did it live in?
- * Is it a Species (which is usually harder to grow) or a Hybrid?
- * Is it a young plant or a mature one (has it ever flowered)?
- * Can I provide the correct environment and needs?

Once you have decided what type of orchid you would like to purchase, if possible, check the website beforehand to gain information on how to grow that particular genre.

It's good to remember that the more closely you can replicate the orchids' natural environment the better your orchid will flourish.

Another very valuable source of information can be gained from your own Orchid Society Members - don't be afraid to ask for advice and any tips they may have on the orchid that you are thinking of growing.

WARM, INTERMEDIATE OR COOL!

Orchids are classified into 3 main different categories - Warm, Intermediate and Cool and as mentioned previously it is important to know which category your orchid falls into so that you can provide the necessary requirements. Some actually fall into two categories for example cool to intermediate or intermediate to warm.

Most orchids will adapt to varying temperatures within a certain range. Even so, there are limits. If a warm-growing orchid is cared for in a cool-growing environment, the orchid will not bloom as it should and the plant will be weak and slowly decline. The same is true for a cool-growing orchid growing in a warm environment.

Warm Growing Orchids usually enjoy a daytime temperature range between 26-32C (80-90F) and a minimum winter night temperature of 18C (65F).

Intermediate Growing Orchids thrive on a daytime temperature range between 21-26C (70-80F) and a minimum winter night temperature of 12C (55F).

Cool Growing Orchids like a daytime temperature range between 15-21C (60F) and a minimum winter night temperature of 10C (50F).

As you can see from the above daytime temperature ranges all three categories require a night time drop in temperature to ensure good growth and the best possible culture.

Warm Growing Orchids as a general rule include: Cattleyas, Stanhopea, Phaleonopsis, Catasetum, Aerangis, Vandas, Bulbophyllum, Angraceum, certain Dendrobiums and some Paphiopedilums plus many others.

Intermediate Growing Orchids again as a general rule include: Phragmipediums, Paphiopedilums, Oncidium, Disa, Angraceum, Cymbidiums, Miltoniopsis, some Dendrobiums plus many others.

Cool Growing Orchids again as a general rule include: Draculas, Cypripedium, Dendrobium, Odontoglossum, Oncidium, Bletilla Striata, Pleione, Hardy Orchids and many others.

THE MAIN THING WE NEED TO REMEMBER WHEN CHOOSING ANY ORCHID IS THAT THERE CAN BE A LOT OF VARIATIONS WITHIN ANY ORCHID GENERA, FOR EXAMPLE YOU COULD PURCHASE A WARM GROWING PAPHIOPEDILUM AND ALSO OWN ONE THAT REQUIRES INTERMEDIATE TO COOL TEMPERATURES.

THIS IS WHY IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU IDENTIFY WHICH CATEGORY YOUR ORCHID FITS INTO.

Hope this information helps you when choosing an orchid.

Happy growing.

Pat

Thanks for providing this contribution Pat. I hope this will encourage other experienced growers in the society to share some of their knowledge and experience in the newsletter.

And finally The society will be exhibiting at Harrogate Orchid Society Annual Show on Sunday 26th February, the team will be needing plant exhibits for the display, contact George or David for details. If you feel like visiting the show, I can tell you, it's a good day out.

Check the H.O.S. website for details.

My regards to all our members,

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