

British Orchid Council Judging Symposium: Burnham Nurseries, Devon 15th September 2024 – Report by Philippa (Photos: Burnham Nurseries)

The weather for our visit to Burnham Nurseries on the Sunday morning was excellent. Sara, Arthur and the team at Café Vanilla were waiting to greet the 40+ delegates.



Many of the delegates are experienced judges who are mentoring the trainees, and some were attending to keep their skills up to date and fulfil the BOC Judging requirements. John Gay is mentoring Trevor Crook and Antonia Black; George Barnes is mentoring me.



This year is a special year for Burnham Nurseries, as they are celebrating 75 years of the Rittershausen family growing and selling orchids to the public. Between 1958 and 2009, they achieved 20 RHS Chelsea Gold Medals. Sara is the granddaughter of the founder, Percy Rittershausen.

Most of us started our morning in the café, discussing our previous judging experiences and our current scores/percentage for the tables we have judged so far. Chris Barker records our results for every single table we judge and emails the trainees after each symposium with the ongoing percentage. The aim of this process is to maintain judging standards across the UK in all orchid societies and ensure judgements about plants we present are fair and up to date. As we all take part in this training process at our own expense, the weather plays an important role; many of us are stay in caravans, camper vans or tents. Fortunately, it was bright and dry during the day but quite cool of an evening.

The North of England Orchid Society will be hosting the BOC Spring 2025 Judging Symposium on Sunday 30th March at Barton Village Hall. We shall prepare tea/coffee for the visitors. Everything is paid for by the BOC.

Sad news from BOC...

John Rigby

On behalf of the President and the Committee, I am writing to inform everyone of the sad news that John Rigby, our BOC secretary, died very recently.

He had been suffering from cancer in the last few months, which unfortunately proved to be very aggressive and he passed away peacefully, at home, on Monday evening. He leaves his wife, Judith, and family.

John was well loved by everyone at BOC and at Central Orchid Society, where he was secretary. His talents at organisation and attention to detail were second to none.

If not for John, it is doubtful if BOC would have been able to continue during the COVID years and he leaves a big hole which will prove very difficult to fill.

Much more importantly though, to those of us who knew him personally, it is John, as a valued friend, with his wry sense of humour and good nature that we will miss most of all.

Everyone at BOC sends their deepest condolences to John's wife and family at this difficult and sad time.



*Helen Millner ...former Chair
Ian Parsons ...President*

East Midlands OS Annual Show
Sunday 29th September
Bottesford Village Hall



George's **Dendrochilum magnum** sits atop the North of England display and gains an Award of Merit Certificate.

The orchids in our display, which gained two Best in Show rosettes and many 'Award of Merit' certificates, were provided by the show team (Ian, David, Lynda, and Philippa) and Richard and Dorothy, Eddie, Antonia, George and Judith. A big thank you to all of them!

There were six society displays. The trade was represented by Orchid Botanics, Orchid Accessories, Laurence Hobbs, and Burnham Nurseries who had a busy weekend, attending the Bournemouth show the previous day.



Rosette for Best Laeliinae hybrid: David's **Cattleya Siam Jade**



Rosette for Best Vandaceous hybrid: Richard and Dorothy's
Rhynchosyilis coelestis Blue Ocean x Lou Sneary



Award of Merit certificate: Ian's **Encyola Jairak Treasure 'Kakapo Bird'**



Award of Merit certificate: Philippa's **Cattleya Alma Kee 'Tipmalee'**



The two plants of **Phrag. Carol Kanzer** won Award of Merit certificates for Eddie and for Richard and Dorothy



Richard and Dorothy's two plants of **Paph. helenae** gained two Award of Merit certificates



Two Award of Merit certificates: Above, David's *Aerangis mystacidii* and, below, Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice





Two Award of Merit Certificates: Richard and Dorothy's two plants of **Phrag. Fritz Schomburg**





Two Award of Merit Certificates: Above, Judith's **Dendrobium Hibiki**
Below, her **Phalaenopsis Manta Penida**



Other Society displays



Sheffield & District



Hinckley & District



Our hosts: East Midlands



Best Species in Show: *Ornithophora radicans* (East Midlands)



North East of England



Best Society Display: Harrogate

East Midlands OS Annual Show 2024 Awards

Class 1	Laeliinae Species	Cattleya maxima	John Gay	Harrogate
Class 2	Laeliinae Hybrid	Cattleya Siam Jade	David Crook	North of England
Class 3	Cymbidium, Species & Hybrid	Galeandra leptoceras	Ted Croot	Sheffield
Class 4	Dendrobium Species	Dendrobium venustum	Ted Croot	Sheffield
Class 5	Dendrobium Hybrid	Dendrobium limpidum x alaticaulinum	Jean Barker	North East of England
Class 6	Paphiopedilum Species	Paphiopedilum henryanum	Alejandro Caro	EMOS
Class 7	Paphiopedilum Hybrid	Paphiopedilum Pinocchio	John Garner	Sheffield
Class 8	Phragmipedium Species	Phragmipedium longifolium	Ted Croot	Sheffield
Class 9	Phragmipedium Hybrid	Phragmipedium Fritz Schomberg	Arthur Deakin	EMOS
Class 10	Lycastiinae Species and Hybrid	Sudamerleycaste ariasii	Mel Stephen	EMOS
Class 11	Phalaenopsis Species	Phalaenopsis pulcherrima	Baccus Paulesu	Harrogate
Class 12	Phalaenopsis Hybrid	Phalaenopsis Hausermann's Charity	Brian Coulson	North East of England
Class 13	Vandaceous Species	Chilochista viridiflora	Robert Cant	North East of England
Class 14	Vandaceous Hybrid	Rhynchostylis coelestis Blue Ocean x Lou Sneary	Dorothy Rhodes	North of England
Class 15	Pleurothallidinae	Platystele misera	Richard Evenden	EMOS
Class 16	Masdevallia Species	Masdevallia paiveana	Arthur Deakin	EMOS
Class 17	Masdevallia Hybrid	Masdevallia Angel Heart	Hilary Hobbs	Harrogate
Class 18	Oncidiinae Species	Gomesa radicans	Richard Evenden	EMOS
Class 19	Oncidiinae Hybrid	Aliceara Tahoma Glacier	Charles Ford	Sheffield
Class 20	Any Other Species	Dendrochilum magnum	Charles Ford	Sheffield
Class 21	Any Other Hybrid	Cycnodes Wine Delight	Alejandro Caro	EMOS
	Best Amateur Plant	Gomesa radicans	Richard Evenden	EMOS
Best Amateur Display excluding EMOS				Harrogate

Dates for your diary



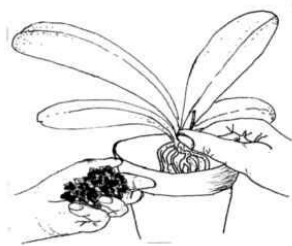
Saturday 5th October 2024

North of England show at Barton

BARTON - LANCASHIRE - BARTON VILLAGE HALL PR3 5AA

11.00am Judging

1.30pm Members' Plant Auction



Repotting?

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

Saturday 9th November 2024

North of England show at Plumley

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

11.00 am Judging

2.00 Presentation. Ian Eastwood: 'Porroglossums'

Saturday 7th December 2024

North of England show at Broughton

**Broughton & District Tennis Club
Whittingham Lane, Broughton, Preston. PR3 5DA.**

11.00 am Judging.

Followed by:

**Christmas Lunch at Barton Manor Hotel,
746 – 768 Garstang Road, Barton, PR3 5AA – MEMBERS ONLY**



Reminder

At the September Hoghton show, 21 members signed up for the **Christmas lunch**.

This will take place, once again, at the **Barton Manor Hotel on Saturday 7th December 2024** (time to be arranged) after our show at nearby Broughton Tennis Club, Barton.

Those who attended last year can vouch that the hotel was warm and beautifully decorated for the festive season, the staff were welcoming and efficient, and the meal was excellent.

The price is likely to be £36, based on a minimum of 25 people attending. Philippa is collecting £10 deposits.

Full Programme 2024

Jan. 6th Plumley Village Hall, Plumley

Feb. 10th Barton Village Hall, Barton, Lancs. **Annual General Meeting**

Mar. 2nd Sheffield & District O.S. Annual Show

Mar. 9th Rixton Community Centre

Apr. 6th Hinckley & District O.S. Annual Show

Apr. 13th Hoghton Village Hall

May 11th Rixton Community Centre

June 1st Hoghton Village Hall

June 13th – 16th The UK International Orchid Show, Gardeners' World Live, Birmingham NEC

July 5th/6th **North of England OS Annual Show** Barton Village Hall, Barton

Aug. 3rd/4th Joint Meeting with Harrogate O.S. Harlow Carr, Yorkshire

Aug. 10th Rixton Community Centre

Aug. 15th – 18th Southport Flower Show

Sep. 1st Durham Annual Orchid Show

Sep. 7th Hoghton Village Hall

Sep. 29th East Midlands O.S. Annual Show

Oct. 5th Barton Village Hall, Barton Lancs.

Nov. 9th Plumley Village Hall Plumley

Dec. 7th Broughton Tennis Club, Barton Lancs. **Christmas lunch – Members Only**



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And finally...

The East Midlands show being our last outside show of 2024, the show team can now take a well-earned break for the next five months.

We thank them for the time and effort (not to mention the personal expense involved) they have put into growing, collecting and transporting plants, and creating, over the last seven months, displays which have been admired by orchidists and non-specialist members of the public.

Wearing their distinctive shirts and displaying members' orchids, they have promoted the North of England Orchid Society and raised awareness of the fascinating history of our illustrious Society.

They have had the pleasure of meeting up with old friends, and making new ones, around the country.

Our Society's attendance at these shows has provided much appreciated support to other orchid societies.

And they've done all this in addition to attending our Society's monthly shows.



A reminder of the Sheffield show last March: Some members of the show team

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