

Harrogate Orchid Society

NEWS

For everyone with one orchid or a thousand!

MARCH 2019

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For your diary

EDITOR'S NOTES

Well! Bob Marsh & I, as show sec's knew the beginning of this year was going to be hectic but that turned out to be the understatement of the year to say the least. The lunch and the show were o/k just nicely spaced out but after that ,half the annual show calendar took place in 5 weeks and throw in a voluntary one in Bournemouth and it was one every week. We, meaning our team of 3+ wives did manage to put on a good display at all three events. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Baccus Paulesu for going out of his way to help us with plants for the first 2 shows and his reward was a rosette for one of the plants, so thanks mate. Hinckley! Tony Garthwaite and I managed to put on a full table display from our own greenhouses ,something we are rather proud of. The dampener though ,was Tony didn't got to eat one of the famous pies from the local pub. Something he had waited all year for. The sad look on his face when the Maitre d' told him it was a pie free day and just for that day, to see how it went .

I understand now that East Midlands & North East of England are moving their shows to the back end next

year so that should make things a whole lot easier and have a much better balanced calendar.

I would just like to add, a comment from a show secretary's perspective. The society shows are one aspect of the orchid community that binds it all together. Without them ,each society would be to a degree isolated ,so I think its important that we reciprocate when other society's make the effort to attend the HOS show, because without this mutual help we would not be able to put on a show. I know life gets in the way and its not always easy to fit things in ,especially this year! But a good table display is a very rewarding sight .We did get plants sent by some new members and that's a step in the right direction so lets hope we can build on this and persuade more members to exhibit at shows. Nothing is impossible!!

THE HOS 2019 ANNUAL LUNCH

The annual lunch was held at the new venue ,the Square & Compass in North Leeds. Although there were a few of the regulars absent for various reasons the new members more than made up for this. It was a lot livelier than usual because the room was just off a busy bar but still private and the tables were closer together. This gave more of a feeling of a party ,which its supposed to be and I personally thought it was very enjoyable. The table display was probably not in the best place with the bright light behind it and was definitely not good for taking pictures and seeing the colours but hey! That don't matter ,we were there to enjoy ourselves and we did. Proceedings included the table display a good raffle, the meal and a quiz . The table talk as you will know requires members who bring plants to tell us about them and this was great because several members had not done this before and had brought some cracking plants to show us. As raffle's go this was a good one with prizes ranging from a Chinese lantern to a bottle of (if I remember right) posh gin , so tickets were sought after but when the chairman won the bottle the mood changed and was getting a bit ugly until the meal arrived which saved the day . John Gay ,by tradition , did the quiz and it was good fun. Its strange but you always set off at the beginning of a quiz with lots of optimism but by the end realize your memory is not as good as you think it is. Tony Garthwaite was deputised to take in subscriptions because the treasurer was absent and this worked well after he got his office staff organised.

The new venue might struggle a bit for room if the absent members come next year but a bit of jiggling might just do the trick and it was a much better meal than last year so all in all, a very enjoyable annual lunch . Thanks must go to Graham & Sylvia Lawson for making the effort to change the venue and arranging the meal



HOS 2019 ANNUAL SHOW



HOS TABLE DISPLAY



NORTH OF ENGLAND
ORCHID SOCIETY



SHEFFIELD ORCHID
SOCIETY

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The North East of England
Orchid Society



HINCKLEY ORCHID SOCIETY

The second annual event at the Pavilions exhibition centre ran well and had a bit more to offer than the first one . People through the door was about the same as last year and everyone said they had enjoyed coming so I guess we can count it as a success. From the joint show secretary's point of view there are some changes that can be made to floor layout that should improve things and coming to terms with modern digital advertising is taking time to learn. Thanks to all you members who came and helped on the day to make it work. I would also like to thank our little team that helped Bob & myself plan the event . They all took on a task each through out the year, they know who they are without me naming them, thanks again ! I would also like to say that the Pavilions staff are brilliant . They gave me so much help with setting things up and getting equipment .Basically anything I wanted I got. Thanks Pavilions!

JUDGING RESULTS FOR ANNUAL SHOW



CLASS	PLANT NAME	EXHIBITOR
Laeliinae Hybrid	Rhyncattleanthe young min orange	Hilary Hobbs
Dendrobium Hybrid	Dendrobium x Delicantum	Hilary Hobbs
Oncidinae Hybrid	OncidiumAvranches x Alexandra var xanthotes	Ian Dorman
Coelogyne & allied	Coelogyne cristata var lemoniana	Baccus Paulesu
Pragmipedium Hybrid	Phragmipedium Allison	Pat Hollis
Phalaenopsis hybrid	phalaenopsis Nobbys Amy	Baccus Paulesu
Any other Hybrid	Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry	Baccus Paulseu
Best Hybrid in show	Rhyncattleanthe Young min Orange	Hilary Hobbs
Best plant on HOS stand	Rhyncattleanthe Young min Orange	Hilary Hobbs
Best visiting stand	North East Of England orchid society	

SOME OF THE PLANTS ON DISPLAY



RHYNCAATLEANTHE YOUNG MIN ORANGE



BULBOPHYLLUM ELIZABETH ANN BUCKLEBERRY



COELOGYNE CRISTATA VAR
LEMONIANA



DENDROBIUM RUPPIANUM



PHALAENOPSIS SAGOTRANNY



SOFRALIAELIACATTELEYA JEWEL BOX
SCHEHEZERADE



DENDROBIUM WENZELII



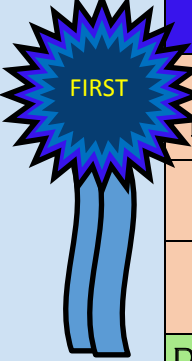
CYMBIDIUM
LOWIANUM

VARIETY
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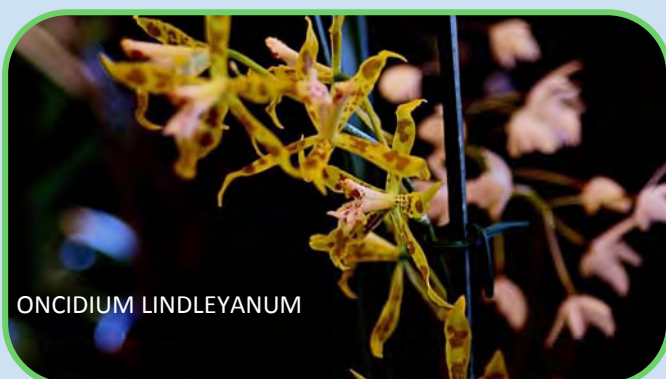


EAST MIDLANDS ORCHID SOCIETY

ANNUAL SHOW

	CLASS	PLANT NAME	EXHIBITOR
	PAPHIOPEDILUM & PRAGMIPEDIUM SPECIES	PAPHIOPEDILUM HAYNALDIANUM	IAN DORMAN
	ONCIDIINAE SPECIES	ONCIDIUM LINDLEYANUM	IAN DORMAN
	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS	ONCIDIUM AVRANCHES X ALEXANDERAE VAR XANTHOTHOTES	IAN DORMAN
	DENDROBIUM SPECIES	DENDROBIUM KINGIANUM ALBA	BACCUS PAULESU
	PAPHIOPEDILUM & PRAGMIPEDIUM SPECIES	PAPHIOPEDILUM BEL ROYAL	IAN DORMAN
	ANY OTHER SPECIES	COELOGYNE GRANDULOSA	BOB MARSH
	ONCIDIINAE SPECIES	ONCIDIUM TIGRINUM VAR UNGUICLATUM	IAN DORMAN

SOME OF HOS PLANTS ON DISPLAY



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CYMBIDIUM DEVON PLUSH



ONCIDIUM AVRANCHES

ALEXANDREA VAR XANTHOTES



PAPHIOPEDILUM HAYNALDIANUM



PAPHIOPEDILUM BEL ROYAL



KAVACHII LIVING FIRE



PHRAGMIPEDIUM GRANDE

VAR MICROCHILUM

Annual general meeting and plant auction

HARROGATE ORCHID SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held at RHS Harlow Carr Harrogate

24 March 2019

Meeting opened at 10.20am

1. Apologies for absence

Roisheen Childs, Julia Humphris, Tony Garthwaite, Bob and Trish Marsh and Ivor Pawson.

2. Approval of previous AGM minutes held on 25 March 2018

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Baccus Paulesu and Seconded Graham Lawson

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

None

4. Chairman's Report

The 2018 year commenced with the Society's annual lunch at the Pease Hill Hotel. Thanks were given to Sylvia Lawson for her hard work in arranging the lunch and finding a new venue at the Square and Compass for 2019.

The Chair reported that the past 12 months had been good financially and membership of the Society had increased. There had been a strengthening of the relationship with Harlow Carr as reflected in the provision by the Society of the "Orchids for Everyone" Weekend in August and the free use of rooms for the Society's monthly meetings at the Bramall Learning Centre. Thanks were given to John Gay for his work in facilitating this arrangement.

Matt Richardson took on the Society's social media activities following Patrycia Ellwart's return to Poland. It is generally accepted by members that the Society has one of the best Orchid Society websites enhanced by Ivor Pawson's excellent Newsletters and photography. Members were reminded to send articles to Ivor for inclusion in the Newsletter if in a position to do so.

February 2018 saw the Society's first annual show at The Pavilions Great Yorkshire Showground Harrogate. Feedback from traders and the general public was positive and attendance was good. Thanks were given to Ivor Pawson and Bob Marsh and all others who contributed to the smooth transition of the show from its previous location. Members continued to be busy with shows and had an impressive success rate winning awards for their orchids. In particular at Malvern where the Society received its first ever gold medal. Members were reminded that there is a burden on those providing plants for showing and members were urged to make an effort to exhibit plants if in a position to do so. In particular thanks were given to Bob and Pat Marsh for their work in setting up such attractive and professional displays.

The Society participated in the RHS Children's weekend in May 2018. Thanks were given to everyone who took part in this successful event. Unfortunately the Orchid open day at Harlow Carr in June 2018 was cancelled due to an error in booking arrangements by the RHS.

The "Orchids for Everyone" weekend in August 2018 was another success. 10 new people joined the Society and bark sales were good. The RHS Orchid Committee was not present but will return for judging in 2019 and 2020. Thanks were given to everyone who participated.

The Chair reported that it had been a good year for quality speakers. In particular Helen Milner gave an excellent talk on terrariums and was interested in participating in the Society's 2019 annual show as well as the 2019 "Orchids for Everyone" weekend which would be considered by the Committee.

Thanks were given to members and the Committee for their continuing support of the Society.

Last but not least thanks were given to David and Patricia Mitchell for arranging the essential provision of tea, coffee biscuits and cakes at the monthly meetings and much appreciated by members.

5. Presentation of Accounts and Treasurer's Report

Copy of Summary of Accounts for 2018 attached.

The Treasurer circulated copies of his report for 2018. He reported that the state of the Society's account is good and that there was a small surplus for the year. In particular with regard to advertising costs for the Society's annual show consideration needed to be given to how much was worth spending to achieve an increase in people paying the entrance fee.

Bark sales is an important source of income and there may be difficulties ahead if obtaining a supply becomes an issue. Due to the cancellation of the open day income was down £175 on bark takings.

Arising from a member's question the possibility of insuring against cancelled events such as the annual show will be iThe Accounts were accepted. Proposed Bernard McDonald and Seconded Hilary Hobbs

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7. Posts due for re election

In accordance with the Society's rules the following were re elected:-

Treasurer: Malcolm White at his request for one year only rather than 3years .

Proposed John Gay and Seconded Liz Groves

Librarian: Trish White at her request for 1 year only rather than 3 years

Proposed John Gay and Seconded Liz Groves

Ex Officio members

It was agreed to re elect all 6 ex officio members for a further term of 2 years:-

Bernard McDonald, John Gay, Sylvia Lawson, Graham Lawson Rodney Fowler and Michael Dixon Proposed Chris Jones and Seconded Matt Richardson

It was agreed to elect Matt Richardson as an additional ex officio member

Proposed Malcolm White and Seconded Liz Groves

8. Any Other Business

The Society's rules to be circulated to the Committee and ex officio committee members for review.

It was agreed that the subscription rate for 2019 be confirmed at £18.

Proposed Andrew Sykes and Seconded Liz Groves

Matt encouraged members to use Facebook to post photographs and items of interest about Orchids on the Society's Facebook site. The only way the site can keep going is if people participate so visitors to the site can see things happening. Matt is hoping to set up a Facebook group and will send members details in due course.

That's all I can give you on the meeting because I was attending Bowburn show but I understand that there were plenty of good quality plants in the auction and it went very well .

Bournemouth Orchid Society 60th Anniversary Show

The Bournemouth Orchid Society always put on a good display at the International Orchid Show at Malvern, so it was no surprise to see a wonderful display of Orchids from amateurs and professionals at their 60th Anniversary show at the end of March.

The sun shone for the weekend of the 31st March and 1st April making the event a great success for both organisers and visitors. They had 1800 through the doors on the first day alone!

The commercial exhibitors included: Burnham Nurseries; Dino Zelenica; Elite Orchids; Eric Young Foundation; Francis Quesada-Pallares; Kelvin Bush; Laneside; Lawrence Hobbs, Peter White; Orchis Floriculture (Taiwan); Royden Orchids and Writhlington School. Plenty of opportunities to spend the month's allowance!

Harrogate Orchid Society were invited to join the Societies which presented some magnificent displays but the problem of logistics with lack of suitable blooms meant that we could not join displays from Societies ranging from Cornwall to The North of England. Well we are only just north of 'The North of England' if you look at the map, but it was a road too far!

I did not get any good photos to show you but here is a link to a short video which will give you a better idea of what was on display. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIMuAW2nSNQ> I can't get the link to work so just copy & paste onto Google

Tony Garthwaite

A 'Hoodie' in our collections!



**Dendrobium aphyllum ... or pierardiior cucullatum
.....?!***??**

Now here is a good point for discussion. An orchid with not only three (main) Latin based names but it is also known as the 'hooded orchid' because of the cone shaped lip of the flower!

Not only is it easily cultivated but with long, pendulous stems that become leafless in the resting period and for a few weeks during the spring it will carry numerous, pinkish violet, fragrant flowers with a whitish lip. Most attractive.

“BUT!” I hear you say... “What about that plant that Ivor showed us which had a full complement of leaves in the Spring with a full complement of flowers as well?”

Good question!

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The species was discovered by William Roxburgh in southern India in 1795. During most of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, *Dendrobium aphyllum* was best known as *D. pierardi*, perhaps because the latter had been much better illustrated by Sir William Hooker in 1822. Under this name, it became one of the most widely cultivated *Dendrobium* species, a status that it still enjoys. Another name for this species, *D. cucullatum*, which was published in 1821 by Robert Brown, but until recently this had been almost forgotten. Another ‘forgotten’ name is *D. oxyphyllum*. The correct name, *D. aphyllum*, only came into general use after 1985, when the influential Danish botanist Gunnar Seidenfaden confirmed, albeit with some reservations, that this was the same species that people were growing as *D. pierardii*.

Oh! What the Heck!

Here is a full(?) list:

Callista aphylla (Roxb.) Kuntze

Cymbidium aphyllum (Roxb.) Sw.

Dendrobium aphyllum var. *cucullatum* (R.Br.) P.K.Sarkar

Dendrobium aphyllum var. *katakianum* I.Barua

Dendrobium cucullatum R.Br.

Dendrobium madrasense A.D.Hawkes

Dendrobium oxyphyllum Gagnep.

Dendrobium pierardii Roxb. Ex Hook.

Epidendrum aphyllum (Roxb.) Poir.

Limodorum aphyllum Roxb.

Pierardia bicolor Raf.

Not forgetting:

Chinese: Dou Chun Shi Hu

Gradually, the name *D. aphyllum* has come back into use and is the accepted name..

However, Nurseries in South East Asia are still offering *Den. aphyllum* and *Den. pierardii* as two distinct specie!

So, change my name to ‘Thomas’ but I’m not convinced that **there is only one specie!**

MEMBERS PLANT FOCUS

Flower of the month: **Coelogyne christata** Now here is an orchid which ticks all the boxes. Easy to grow, beautiful blooms, flowers profusely, lots of scent and cool growing to boot! There are a few varieties and variations in growth, but basically these variations produce a white flower with a yellow comb on the lip. In Scandinavia and Germany it is known as the “Snow Queen” because it keeps blooming in the melting snow. The plant below in the photos has been hung under an old apple tree in the summer months and given copious amounts of water from a hose pipe. It was brought into the cool greenhouse in November where it remained until blooming in mid March. The winter temperatures fell to 3°C (38F) which was good because this drop in temperature initiates production of flower buds.

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Ivor and Tony swapped plants a couple of years ago because of size and growth habits. Tony to Ivor was a plant which seemed happy growing down but not spreading too much. The Ivor to Tony plant wanted to expand the diameter of growth and that is the plant which is in the picture. Though water was reduced when in the greenhouse, the pseudobulbs did begin to shrivel and so the base of the hanging basket was lowered to rest in a tray which was filled to 1cm with water containing weak feed at the beginning of February.

This plant (late of Ivor's) has a habit of growing outwards around the wire basket and became too large for Ivor's greenhouse. It is now 4 feet in diameter and won a rosette at the Hinkley show earlier this month.

Whilst suspended from a thick branch in the apple tree, it became the home for a Wren. Very cosy nest of moss and spiders webs. This made watering a bit tricky and on more than one occasion the Wren would fly from the nest when the hose or watering can produced a threatening situation. However, the family survived!

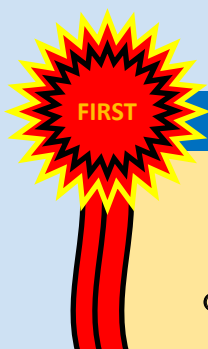


Here is a photo of the blooms this year:

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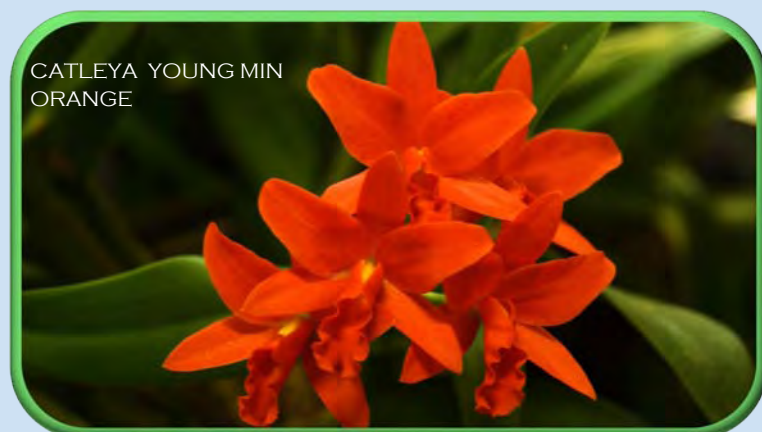
This year, Bowburn show got off to a snow free day ,thank goodness . Last years was held in appalling winter conditions and only those exhibitors who went the day before the show made it and with hardly any visitors it made for a bad day all round. This year the date clashed with the HOS AGM so only 3 exhibitors went but we managed to put on a good display and enjoy the day plus a good lunch in the local and very excellent restaurant.

SHOW JUDGING RESULTS



CLASS	PLANT NAME	EXHIBITOR
CYPRIPEDIOIDEAE	PAPHIOPEDELUM	IAN DORMAN
SPECIES / HYBRID	LADY ISABEL	
ONCIDIINAE HYBRID	ONCIDIUM CRISPUM	IAN DORMAN
	X XANTHOTES	

SOME OF THE PLANTS ON DISPLAY



HINCKLEY ORCHID SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW

The team for this show had whittled down to 2/2 but they were quality and we had arrived at the venue knowing we could put a good display on from our two greenhouses which was nothing short of a miracle since I have spent the last year looking at a sea of green and not a stem in sight that wasn't chewed off. But you wouldn't grow orchids if you weren't an optimist. After the appliance of science things were back to normal and here we were at Hinckley with a boot full of plants. There is just something about Hinckley that I like! The members are a great bunch of lads who don't take themselves too seriously and really enjoy themselves. It's a fair chance you could win a prize during the day because they raffle off everything but the kitchen sink and of course the pub has famous pies, sometimes!!.

PICTURES OF OUR NOBLE EFFORTS



CYMBIDIUM
SUGHERETO



CATTLIANTHE JEWEL BOX
SHEHERAZADA



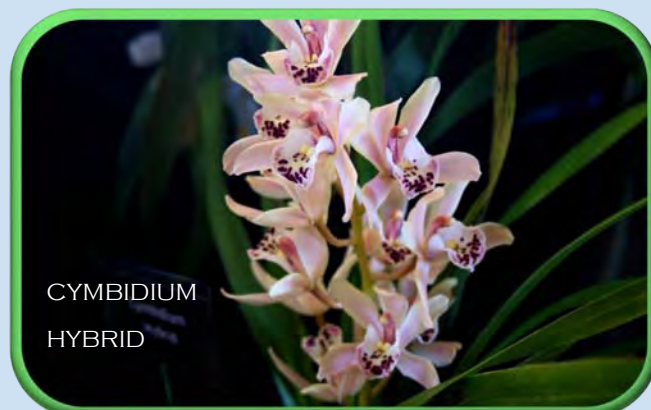
COELOGYNE CRISTATA



MAXILLARIA VARIABILIS



PHALIONOPSIS
HYBRID



CYMBIDIUM
HYBRID

JUST A FEW MORE



I realise that some of the table display pictures are repeats but the shows were so close together ,a lot of the plants kept reappearing because they were still in bloom. I just hope it has brought you up to date with news of the shows. I know I am late with this edition but I had a bit of a mishap with a set of steps and have not been able to sit at the computer.

COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY 28th APRIL 10am - 1pm MEETING AT Harlow Carr

There will be a talk by Charles Fox on his visits to Australia

Charles is an active member of the Sheffield orchid society

Saturday/Sunday 25th/26th May is RHS Children's Weekend

HOS has a stand in the marquee on the lawn

Sunday 26th May 10am– 1pm MEETING at Harlow Carr
