

Harrogate Orchid Society

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Dear Members,

Phew, what a scorcher we're having! I've managed to ensconce myself by an open window with a nice breeze to compile this but will have to ask my proof reader to check it very carefully as my brain is definitely not on top form.

So, how are your orchids coping? I've had some scorching unfortunately and the cooler growing species are suffering a bit but the intermediates are generally thriving. But I'm finding watering a bit difficult: I'm having to check every plant every day in the house. Their requirements are all so different.

Our last meeting with the talk by Nick Gilliam was very interesting with a different take on how to grow Coelogynes. As I had a couple that were looking a bit sad, I decided to bite the bullet and go for a tray of moss. So far, one is definitely improving but the other was quite far gone so was a last resort. I'll give it a bit longer so watch this space.

I've put together a little piece about growing *Vanda/Neofinetia falcata* with the help of Pat Hollings, so many thanks to her. And for her report on the NEOS Show.

Can I please ask members to promote our Annual Show - our next meeting on 1st and 2nd August - in any way you can. I have put the poster on my Facebook page.

PLEASE keep sending me your photos, and/or articles.

Best wishes,

Liz, Editor

Karen Woodcock's Paphs—
2 Pinocchio's and a deperle—
growing on her windowsill.



Pat's way to grow Vanda falcata:

I grow them in mixed bark with pumice and large perlite. I water when pot feels light and I spray daily in growing season. I water weakly about every three weeks when actively growing. In winter, no feed and only water very lightly when required.



Vanda falcata 'Benisuzume' 06/26 with 2 spikes



Vanda falcata 'Hien' 07/2026



Vanda falcata 'Kibana' 05/2025



Vanda falcata 'Oiran Mishou' 07/2026



Vanda falcata 'Momohime' 06/2026



Vanda falcata white 2026



Vanda falcata 'Raizan' 06/2026

Liz's growing method:

I grow on bark and it's about 10 yrs old. I give it a good soaking once a week and spray every night, feeding 3 weeks out of 4. From Nov to Mar, I don't water and hang it in a cooler room. This year it had 40 flowers.



North of England OS Show report



North of England OS



Harrogate OS



Scottish OS



East Midlands OS



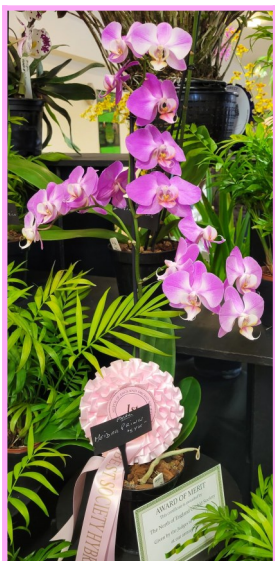
Hinckley & District OS



North East of England OS



Sheffield OS



Baccus' Phal 'Meidar Prince'



Hilary's Masdevallia coccinea



Hilary's paph 'Delophyllum'

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND ORCHID SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW JULY 2026

On Saturday 4th July our Society attended the North of England Orchid Society's Annual Show which was held in the Barton Village Hall.

As well as the hosts, six other societies attended, namely:

Scottish Orchid Society, The North East Orchid Society, Harrogate, Sheffield & District, East Midlands and finally Hinckley Society.

As with all Annual Orchid Shows traders were also present with a vast array of orchids for the public to purchase.

The team, once again headed by John, put on quite a large display of orchids and our very special thanks go to Hilary, Baccus, John, Pat, Ivor, Trevor and Rodney for providing us with their beautiful orchids.

Four of our members achieved 1st awards:

Hilary, who is one of our expert growers, actually gained no less than two 1st awards for her huge specimen of *Epidendrum capricornu*. One was for Best Laelinae Species in show and the second one was for Best Species on the Harrogate display. She also gained a 1st for her *Masdevallia species coccinea* and also for *Paphiopedilum hybrid "Delophyllum"*.

John received a 1st for his *Phragmipedium species reticulatum*.

Trevor received a 1st for his *Brassia Tessa*.

Baccus also received a 1st for the Best Hybrid on the Harrogate display for his *Phalaenopsis Meidar Prince*.

Award of Merits went to Baccus for his *Phalaenopsis White Thunder* and Sogo Kawai, Trevor's *Ascocentrum miniatum* and Pat's *Phragmipedium species longifolium*.

It was good to see quite a few of our own society members present and they all seemed to be enjoying their visit.

The show itself once again provided us with another opportunity to meet up with fellow orchid enthusiasts and also to see some beautiful and interesting orchids.

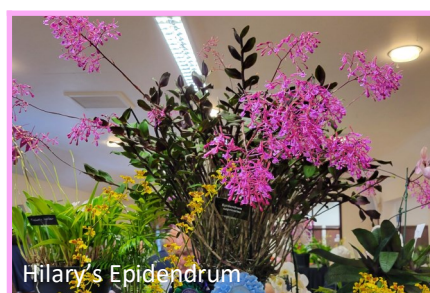
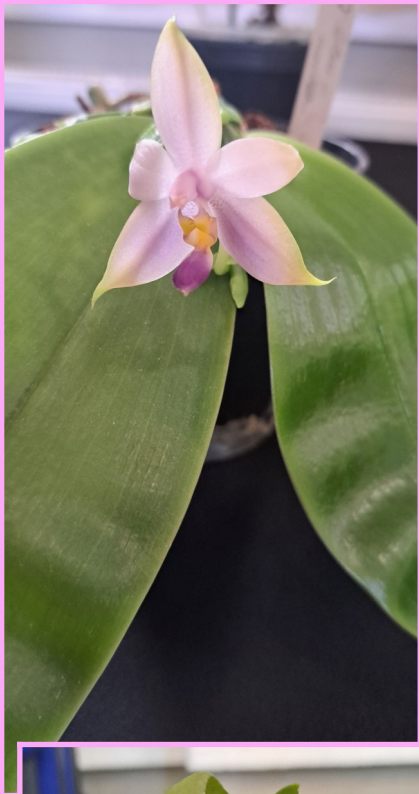
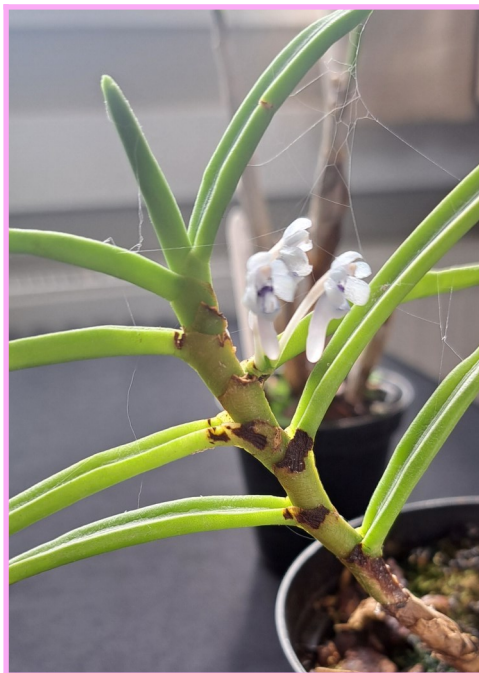
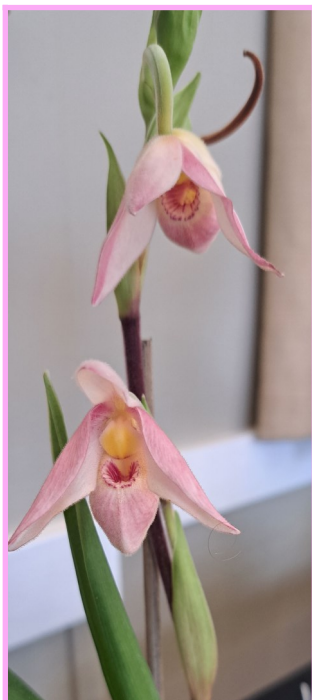
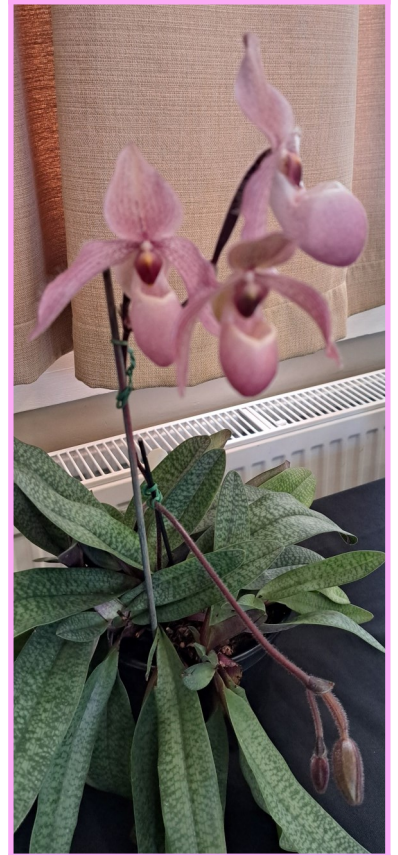
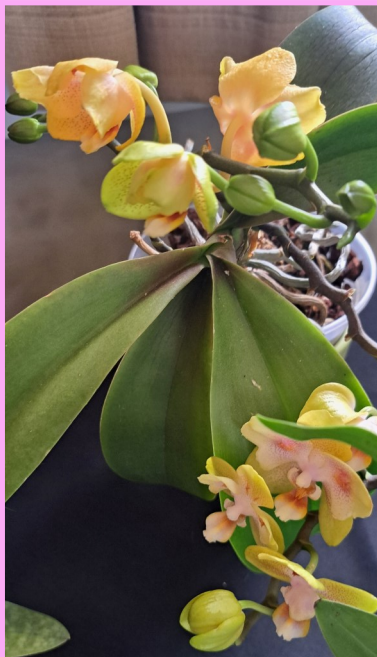
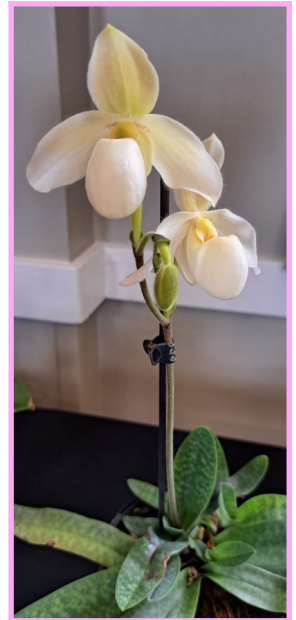


TABLE DISPLAY







Above and right:
Nick Gilliam's Coelogyne
growing on a tree limb.