

HOS NEWSLETTER

SHOW SPECIAL

August 2026



Treasurer hails Show a financial success

Trevor was delighted to announce that the Show made a profit of £513. This included bark sales, raffles and refreshments. He and Anne would like to thank all the volunteers over the three days who helped out with selling raffle tickets, manning the refreshment hub and selling bark. Also for helping to recruit new members.

HOME SOCIETY WINS MOST ROSETTES

Chair John was pleased as punch to reveal that Harrogate won the most rosettes in the judging. Full list of results on the following pages. He'd also like to thank all who helped out.

Calls of 'fix' as Harrogate win both Society Raffle prizes



The special raffle just for members of attending Societies raised £115 and both prizes were won by Harrogate. Pat Hunter won first - the Draper Tool Set - and Bacchus won the magnum of fizz, kindly donated by Suzanne and Karl, Cwtch holiday cottage, Laugharne, Wales. I wasn't there for the draw but can imagine someone would have called 'fix'!



Windowsill grower wins Cultural Award from RHS

Now, those that know me will tell you, I don't often blow my own trumpet (much) but I was so pleased to receive not only Best in Show but also a Cultural Award from the RHS Orchid Committee for my Paphiopedilum 'Pinocchio'. It just goes to show what can be achieved without a greenhouse.

Arthur missing from Burnham's stand !

It just wasn't the same on Burnham's stand without Arthur...



Harrogate Show RHS Harlow Carr 2026			
	Plant name	Owner	Society
Laeliinae Species	Epidendrum capricornu	Hilary Hobbs	Harrogate
Laeliinae Hybrid Cattleya	Prosthechea Arakowa	Dorothy Rhodes	NEOS
Cymbidium	Gramatophyllum scriptum var citrinum	Barry Openshaw	NEOS
Masdevallia Species	Masdevallia murex	Trevor Crook	Harrogate
Masdevallia Hybrid	Masdevallia Falcon's Gold	Hilary Hobbs	Harrogate
Dendrobium Species	Dendrobium jyrdii	David Gregory	Sheffield OS
Dendrobium Hybrid	Dendrobium Hibiki	Paul Hobson	Sheffield
Pleurothalis	Stellis pilosa	Hilary Hobbs	Harrogate
Oncidinae Species	Rossioglossum grande	David Gregory	Sheffield OS
Oncidinae Hybrid	Rossioglossum Rawdon Jester	Arthur Deakin	EMOS
Coelogyne	Coelogyne asperata	Peter Barker	NEOS
Paphiopedilum Species	Paph. stonei	Ted Croot	Sheffield OS
Paphiopedilum Hybrid	Paph. Pinocchio	Liz Groves	Harrogate
Vandaceous	Cleiscentrum merrillianum	John Gay	Harrogate
Phalaenopsis species	Phal. bellina	Arthur Deakin	EMOS
Phalaenopsis Hybrid	Phal. Split	Baccus Paulesu	Harrogate
Phragmipedium species	Phrag. richteri	Pat Hollings	Harrogate
Phragmipedium Hybrid	Phrag. Carol Kanzer	Arthur Deakin	EMOS
Miltonia/Miltoniopsis	Milt. William Kirch 'Country Garden'	Brian Coulson	NEEOS
Any Other Species	Ornithocephalus gladiatus	Bob Cant	NEEOS
Any Other Hybrid	Houllinia Leon	Barry Openshaw	NEOS
Lycaste & Allied	Anguloa clowesii	Steve Pask	EMOS
Best Hybrid in Show	Rossioglossum Rawdon Jester	Arthur Deakin	EMOS
Best Species in Show	Grammatophyllum scriptum var. Citrinum	Barry Openshaw	NEOS
Best Visiting Society			NEOS

Rosette winners



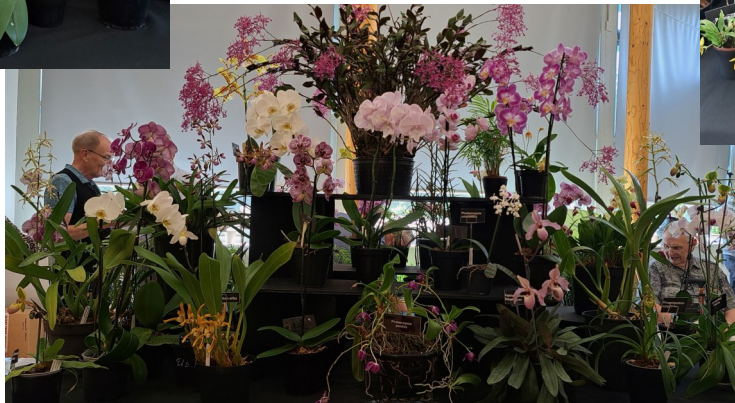


Rosette winners



Society Displays

Harrogate Orchid Society



North of England Orchid Society





**North East of England
Orchid Society**



**Hinckley and District
Orchid Society**





East Midlands Orchid Society



Sheffield Orchid Society



These 4 photos show the plants put before the RHS Orchid Committee for assessment for awards:

First Class Certificate (FCC/RHS): Given to plants of outstanding excellence, representing the highest standard for flowers.

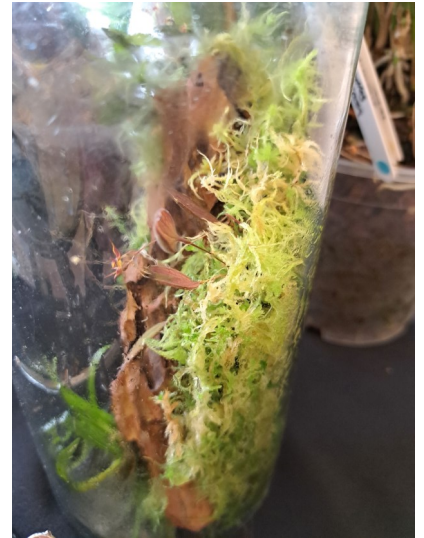
Award of Merit (AM/RHS): Given to plants of great merit that show high quality in colour, form, and substance.

Botanical Certificate: Awarded to species or natural hybrids of exceptional botanical interest, rarity, or educational value.

Certificate of Cultural Commendation: Given to the grower rather than the plant itself, recognizing exceptional skill and care in bringing an orchid to an outstanding state of cultivation.

Award of Garden Merit (AGM): Recommended for general garden or indoor/windowsill use, highlighting reliable performance, good constitution, and availability for home growers.

The next meeting is Sunday 27th September at Pool Village Hall, Arthington Lane, LS21 1LG, 10.00 to 1.00. The speaker is our own member Tasmin Spurgeon with a talk entitled 'Living Life in a Jam Jar'. She will introduce her general approach to plant growing, a bit about the ways she grows her orchids, then specifically how she grows her mostly closed terrariums with moss and miniatures.



We look forward to welcoming any new members who may have joined following the Annual Show. For them, a quick rundown of how the morning goes. We have a table where members can bring orchids in flower for display for discussion later. There is tea and coffee on sale - £1 a cup - as you enter, we have the speaker, then a break for more refreshments (sometimes homemade cake). There is a raffle that is drawn in the break followed by the Table Display discussion. What the plant is and how it is grown is described and members can ask questions.



Table display

Can I give a reminder to members that a volunteer/s to do teas/coffees would be very much appreciated. Doors open 9.30am.

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