

NORTH HAMPSHIRE ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT

Please note that the next meeting which is the AGM has been brought forward to Sunday 11th December to allow for the Xmas period.

NOVEMBER'S MEETING

This month, members were treated to a wonderful digital photo presentation which was given by Mike Clift and Tricia Garner. They both brought along their own photo collections which included a selection of hardy native orchids, specimens from Singapore Botanical Gardens, BOC competition entries and many more. On behalf of the members, I would like to thank Mike and Tricia for stepping in when no speaker could be engaged.

The meeting was quite well attended considering that we only have about thirty active members and eighteen members came along to listen to Tricia and Mike. Apologies were received from David Martin, Linda Phillips and Graham Westmore who we all wish a continued speedy recovery.



• *Cymbidium Erythraeum*

PHOTOS BY TRICIA GARNER

JUDGING RESULTS



Stephen Taylor was 'volunteered' to be judge of the month and the results are as follows:-

- 1st Place : Sheila Bicknell
Cymbidium Erythraeum
- 2nd Place: Norma Burgess
Phalaenopsis
- 3rd Place: Tricia Garner
Masdevallia Touarensis



A constructive discussion followed Mike and Tricia's presentation in which a number of things were sorted and clarified.

As you may have already noticed the next meeting, **AGM, has been rescheduled to Sunday 11th December.** As we know, Xmas is a hectic time and those of us with commitments should find it more convenient. This will be ongoing.

It has also been confirmed that NHOS will be holding another annual show at East Oakley Hall on Sunday 19th February 2012.

We will have the hall from 11-30am until 6pm. The show will open to the public about 12-30 and an entrance fee will be charged of £1 per adult.

Committee members will be organizing but it will be appreciated if members can help out by donating items for the tombola, cakes for the afternoon teas and to bring along any orchids they have in flower to display on our own NHOS Show Table. There will be a prize as usual for the 'best in show'.

Gill Britnell will be exhibiting her paintings as will Ken Mansfield. Brenda and Bob Flowers will be having a selection of her excellent handmade cards for sale. They will all be donating 10% of their sales to society funds. There will be bacon baps for sale to sustain us until we open to the public and free cups of tea and coffee to helpers and traders until 12-30.



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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be The AGM and Xmas Buffet and will be held on **Sunday 11th December** not 18th December as is shown in your 2011 programme.

The Agenda and Financial Report will be posted on e-mail before the meeting. Could you please print off your own copies where possible to allay the cost of ink. Let me know if you find this difficult so that I can print off copies as necessary to distribute at the meeting.

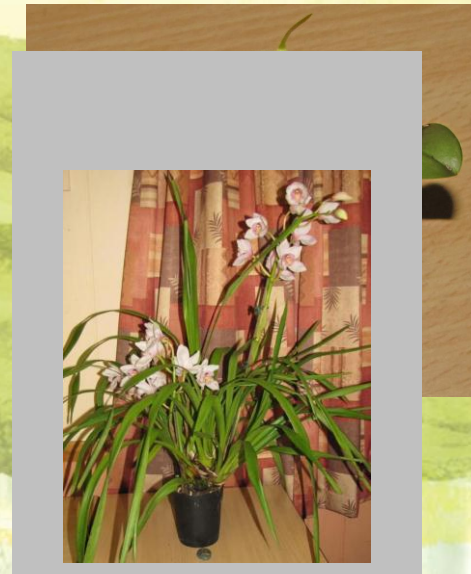
Please let me know if there are any subjects you wish to be raised at the meeting as soon as possible so that the Agenda can be arranged.

At this moment I believe that the existing committee members are willing to serve another year. However if there is anyone who wishes to stand for any post, I am sure that there would not be any objection from present officers to hand over to someone new. The majority of the incumbent committee have all been in office for several years and it is only a matter of time before changes are requested.

I will be sending out a reminder of the changed date to those on the internet, a week before the meeting.

Subscriptions will be increased from December 2011. They are now £10 single/£15 family. Lawrence Gray will be available to except your renewals.

IF YOU KNOW YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET TO THE ANNUAL SHOW, PLEASE BRING ALONG ANY DONATIONS FOR THE TOMBOLA TO THE AGM MEETING. ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE STORED AT THE HALL READY FOR FEBRUARY.



Large Cymbidium: Mike Sharman

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE VERY WELCOME AS THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE FUND RAISING AND THIS IS WHERE MEMBERS CAN TRULY SUPPORT THE COMMITTEE