



North Hampshire Orchid Society



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At the May meeting we had a visit from Peter and Pauline Mottershead who gave a talk about the orchids, wild flowers and scenes of Crete. Their lovely photographs of the orchids and wild flowers were surprising in the amount of different varieties and colours that grow there. The scenes showed how unspoilt the landscape is and made a few of us feel a holiday would be good there. Thank you to Peter and Pauline.

The competition table was won by Tricia with *Dendrobium moniliforme*, which has the loveliest fragrance. Second was my *Vanda* hybrid and third was Norma's *Coelogyne parishii*. See photographs next, taken by Tricia.



1st.



2nd.



3rd.

Wessex Orchid Society arranged a coach trip to Burnham Nurseries in Newton Abbott, Devon on 18th May and as there were empty seats I went along having never visited before. Orchid Paradise, their glass house of more unusual orchids and others, was smaller than I imagined but non the less they had some beautiful orchids in bloom. The fragrance as you walked in was amazing, mainly created by *Coelogyne ochracea*. The pond in the middle made a great atmosphere for the plants and some were huge specimens. The cafe supplied us with lunch which was situated in the gift shop where there were some unusual things to buy. After lunch we went around the glass houses and the Orchid and sundries shop. There were lots to choose from, young to well established plants and it was hard to decide which to buy. It was a very enjoyable day out especially as the sun came out. If you are near Devon a visit is worthwhile but you might have to buy a few orchids. Some photographs follow.





OUR NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY JUNE 16th at 2pm. Tricia is giving a talk about Draculas. We will also have an AUCTION. Please bring any plant you would like to sell as this helps our societies funds. I will bring printed out numbers for you to stick on your plants with a list for you to write your name against the numbers of your plants. *Please come and support the Society as the auction will not work without you and I am sure Tricia's talk will be interesting.*

At the moment there is nothing planned for July. Lawrence spoke about this at the May meeting. July was the usual Summer Event meeting but last year it was cancelled because of low numbers wanting to attend. There must be a decision at the June Meeting.

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