

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2014

At the Sunday 16th March meeting Stephen Taylor kindly gave a talk about his vineyard in the Burgundy area of France. He purchased a projector (hope he can find other uses for it) so that he could show us the views of the vineyard and wine making process.

The vineyard is at the lower slope of a hill and his very pretty cottage is on the top. It is in a small village surrounded by lovely countryside. The growing of grapevines seems quite time consuming with the different pruning and spraying that has to be done through the year to produce good grapes. Then after making the wine you have to wait for it to mature before you can enjoy a glass. Thank you Stephen for a very interesting talk which we all enjoyed.

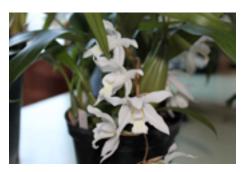
We had a reasonable amount of orchids on the competition table. Anne came 1st with her large yellow Paphiopedilum. Mike Sharman came 2nd with Coelogyne cristata with yellow on the lip and he also came 3rd with Coelogyne intermedia which has a much paler lip. The photographs follow.







2nd Coelogyne cristata



3rd Coelogyne intermedia

Please note that there is no meeting in April as the third Sunday is Easter Sunday. Instead there should be a free trip to Wisley Gardens on either 12th or 26th April. I expect it will be the later as the weather should be better by then.

Please note that Thames Valley Orchid Society's show is on Saturday 5th April.

The following photographs are other orchids which were on the competition table. I had some trouble getting all the flowers in focus on a couple of them.

















Please come to our 18th May meeting where Lawrence and Tricia will be talking about their trip to Thailand and Singapore and I expect there will be some photographs for us to see.

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