

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2016

The first meeting of 2016 was on SUNDAY 21st February. Member Maureen Cole kindly gave us a talk on Australian plants and orchids. She has visited family in Australia quite a few times and had lots of pictures and information about various plants and orchids. They are very different to plants and shrubs that grow in the UK and the orchids had unusual popular names like Duck Orchid, Primrose Orchid and many others. There were about 17 members that came for Maureen's talk which was very good. Thank you for an interesting afternoon, Maureen.

The competition table had lots of orchids on. 1st was Lawrence Gray with Masdevallia polysticta which was a blue variety, 2nd was Wally Endean with a white Phalaenopsis Hybrid and 3rd was Gill Britnell with Coelogyne chloroptera. The photographs follow.



Masdevallia polysticta - blue

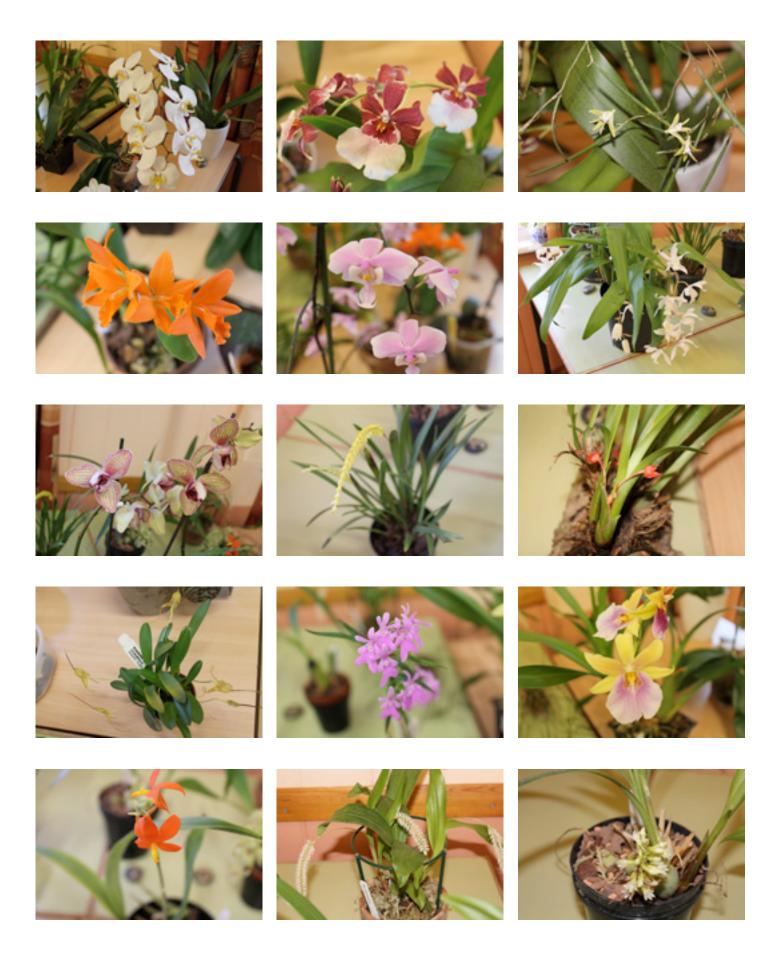


Phalaenopsis Hybrid



Coelogyne chloroptera

Next are the other orchids that were on the table





Thank you to all who helped with REFRESHMENTS AND CLEARING UP.

It was good to see more members than we have had for a while.

I have booked some speakers for this year but it is not completely sorted. I will send out a program when it is.

THE NEXT MEETING IS ON 20th MARCH. Mike Moon has arranged for Maurice to talk about cakes and he is bringing samples. That sounds good to me and it will be something different.

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