



North Hampshire Orchid Society



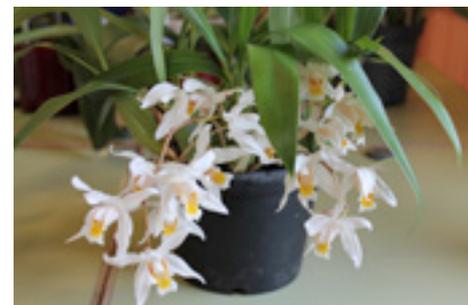
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The March Meeting was on SUNDAY 20th March. Maurice kindly came to talk about the history of pastry making and cooking from the earliest times they were made. They were more like a simply bread which was very different to now and not sweet at all. Over the years different ideas were discovered, some not planned but were accidents.

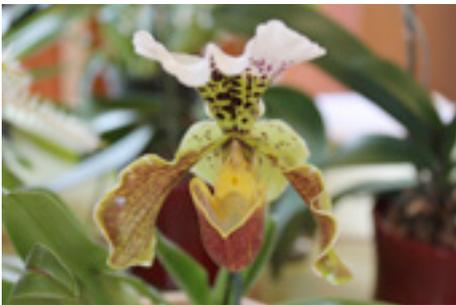
He brought along quite few different cakes to sample, some we had to finish the decoration on before we ate them but there was also lovely chocolate squares and a large delicious strawberry gateau which was one of the nicest cakes I have tried.

Thank you to Maurice for an interesting afternoon also for the tasty cakes. Thank you Mike Moon for asking him.

There were some lovely orchids on the competition table which belonged to the two Mikes plus some from David. 1st was Mike Sharman with *Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum* x *Copperware*, 2nd was Mike Moon with a violet *Phalaenopsis* and 3rd was Mike Sharman with *Coelogyne cristata* x *lactea*. The photographs follow.



Next are the other orchids that were on the table



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

It was a shame there was not as many members as the last meeting.

I have booked some speakers for this year but it is not completely sorted. I will send out a program when it is. The ones that are booked are Dino Zelenika, Wild Orchids of Bosnia 17th July, and Malcolm Moodie, Orchids of Ecuador 20th November. Dino might give another talk about Laos, Wild Orchids and Conservation 18th September. There will be no meetings in JUNE, AUGUST and DECEMBER.

THE NEXT MEETING IS ON 17th APRIL. Mike Moon has arranged for a talk about composting in the garden. Yet another different subject but it is good to have something different occasionally. It should have been Orchids but the speaker I asked, Francis J. Quesada-Pallares needed to

borrow a laptop and projector which we couldn't supply so I had to cancel which was a shame as he was someone we had not had visit before.

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