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First and foremost, thanks to those societies who submitted reports and photos of their events from this last month.

Congratulations should go to two bonsai societies from the Midlands for their successful, award-winning displays at this years' Gardeners' World Live event, held between the 16th and 19th June at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. The Ambion Bonsai Society was awarded a Silver Merit award whilst the South Staffs Bonsai Society achieved a Platinum Award – well done to both.

There are members of bonsai societies who might blanch at the idea of putting on a display at a major horticultural event such as G.W.L. or a Royal Horticultural Society event such as Hampton Court, Malvern or Tatton Park. True, it requires careful planning – designing your stand, submitting a plan of it to the event organisers, selecting and preparing your trees and sorting out a rota of helpers to man the stand over the 3, 4 or 5 days the event is open to the public. But it is achievable and rewarding – it promotes your society, can help gain new members and there is excellent prize money, useful to supplement society funds as well as covering all expenses.

IN THIS ISSUE

For many years, FoBBS has put on such displays at the R.H.S. Chelsea Flower Show. In many instances, local societies helped out. In the case of G.W.L. some of those societies have chosen, last year and this, to put on their own displays. Another example is the R.H.S. Show at Tatton Park, held in July. Two nearby societies, the Cheshire and the Manchester Bonsai Societies have both had success over the years and I hope they will continue to do so.

As mentioned in previous editorials, we welcome reports on societies events and achievements and they do drift in, not necessarily on as regular a basis as one might wish. There are a very small group whose images manage to get on Facebook, but there again, not all that many of us use Facebook so are left somewhat in the dark as to what is always going on. Remember, it does not require much effort to put together a brief report, if only a couple of paragraphs plus a handful of photos; send it to mandkhughes795@gmail.com and we take it from there.

Here is hoping for some more reports over the remainder of this year. In the meantime, to those societies putting on events over the summer and autumn, here is wishing you every success. Malcolm Hughes

Please see pages 12 & 13 for details of Japan 2017. This is the 8th World Bonsai Convention and only the second time it has been held in Japan. Last time, 1989, we FOBBS, took a party of 30 and we were totally amazed by what we saw. I tried to make it the basis for the event we put on at the International Convention Centre in 1991.

July 5th-10th 2016

R.H.S. Hampton Court Palace Flower Show

Hampton Court Palace, East Molesey, Surrey

July 16th-17th 2016

Ipswich Bonsai Society Show

July 9th-10th

Chichester Bonsai Show , Manor Nursery, Pagham Road, Runcron, Chichester. PO20 1LJ.

July 20th-24th

Cheshire Bonsai Society exhibiting at RHS Flower Show, Tatton Park (Gold medal winners in previous years).

July 30th.

Southend Bonsai Society's annual show. held on the 30th July at Bushukan Bonsai Nursery, Lower Road, Hockley. Essex. SS5 5NL It is the club's 37th show. Opens 10 a.m. closes at 4 p.m. Refreshments, club sales table, Raffles available and free entry. Also members on hand to help with any questions needed to be answered.

August 25, 26th

Accrington & District Bonsai Society Summer Show

Barton Grange Garden Centre. Garstang Rd. Brock, Preston PR3 0BT; - 01995642900

September 10,11th

Greenwood Bonsai Bash, Greenwood Bonsai Studio, Ollerton Rd. Nottingham
Bonsai Exhibition, Styling demos. Refreshments available.

September 11th.

Bonsai in the Park. Hosted by South Devon Bonsai Society

Lupton House, (Grade II listed), near Brixham, Devon TQ5 0LD. 10.00 a.m. till 4.30 p.m. Exhibition, society displays, trade stands. Further information: sdevon.bonsai@virgin.net

September 18th

'Bonsai Boot Sale

The Hertfordshire Garden Centre'. In Redbourne, Hertfordshire (Next to the Herts County Show Ground)

September 25th

North London Bonsai Autumn Show. Sunday 25th September 2016 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring more than 20 of the best individual tree in the country together with club display from the host and 4 other bonsai clubs.
Demos and trade stands

October 16th

The Bonsai Traders Association, Autumn Show Elsecar Heritage Centre, Barnsley, Yorkshire. The perfect opportunities to get bonsai essentials. For more information contact Corin Tomlinson Phone: 0115 9205757 Email: office@bonsai.co.uk

October 23rd.

Heathrow Bonsai Show 1000 - 1600.hrs 30 Clubs Exhibiting, 20 Plus Traders, Demos. NEW VENUE: Harlington Sports Centre, Pinkwell Lane, Hayes, Middlesex. UB3 1PB. Adults:£3 OAP/Children: £2, Refreshments
Details: Mark & Ming Chen Tel. 07850.771201 markmoreland@live.co.uk

South Staffs Bonsai Society Exhibit at Gardeners World Live, June 2016

Congratulations to the South Staffs team led by Mark Bentley who designed and assembled the bonsai display for this years' Gardeners' World Live, held this week at the National Exhibition Centre. This was the second occasion that the Society had put on a display of their own. Last year under, The Royal Horticultural Society, they achieved a Gold Medal Award. This year the Organising body has changed to 'River Street Productions' and the award system had altered slightly and the top award changed to a Platinum Award, which we were successful in achieving.

This years' stand consisted of a central tokonoma containing a large and sculptured juniper with a mountain scroll and similarly following the mountain concept, a suiseki mountain stone on a stand. On either side of the tokonoma were 12 feet extensions on 2 levels exhibiting trees and accents. A very worthy stand, deserving of its' top class award and greatly admired by the many thousands attending the event.



The entire stand



The Tokonoma



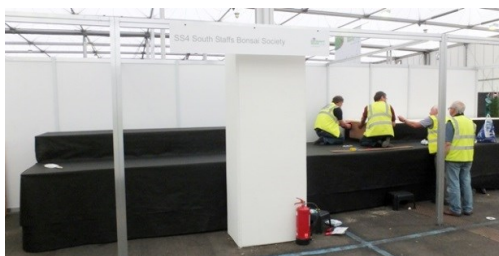
Left side



Right side



The team



The much cursed pillar, which we were told was 4 inches square!??



Show Reports

THE MIDLAND BONSAI SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW June 5th.

The Annual Show of the Midland Bonsai Society took place at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens on Sunday 5th June. We were blessed with some good, warm weather and there was a good footfall of visitors to the exhibition.

Members were on parade at an early hour to make sure that the trees for exhibition were properly presented and staged in time for the opening of the gardens. The exhibition was in the Terrace Suite, a delightful airy room with plenty of natural light.

The Society's members contributed a vast quantity of prizes to enable us to run a Tombola which proved pretty successful from every point of view.

A friend of Judith Davison had offered her collection of trees for sale; she was moving to another area and downsizing. 30 trees of varying ages and sizes arrived and I am pleased to say, were all sold.

David Cheshire was also in attendance with his "Bonsai Shop"; he had a prominent position in the hall. Dick Turner also attended with his magnificent display stands/tables.

As for the trees themselves, there were over 50 members' trees on display in 6 main classes with 3 special classes for "Supreme Tree", most "Awards of Merit", and "The People's Tree". Our former member George Bradley, gave up his Sunday and judged the exhibits.

The "People's Tree of the Show" trophy awarded to the tree, the public's favourite by use of a simple voting slip. This year there were over 220 votes cast. The trophy awarded in memory of our late Chairman, Keith Kirtland.

The results of the competition were as follows:-

Class 1	The Bromage and Young <u>MAME</u> Trophy Judith Davison, English Elm
Class 2	The Graham Gavin <u>STARTER TREE</u> Trophy Robert Walton, Ezo Spruce
Class 3	The Little Timber <u>SHOHIN</u> Trophy Judith Davison. Antarctic Beech
Class 4	The Ray Bailey Trophy for <u>GROUP PLANTINGS</u> Mike Sadler. Juniper repanda.
Class 5	The Roy Taylor Memorial Trophy for <u>LANDSCAPES AND ROCK PLANTINGS</u> No entries this year.
Class 6	The Price and Adams Trophy for <u>CHUHIN</u> Ron Cureton. Acer palmatum "shishigashia".
Class 7	The Hal Thompson Trophy for the <u>OPEN CLASS</u> Ron Cureton. Acer palmatum.

THE DENNIS LLOYD MEMORIAL TROPHY for THE SUPREME TREE OF THE SHOW..

This year the winner is Ron Cureton.

THE MATT WEIR SILVER SALVER for THE MOST "AWARDS OF MERIT"

This year the winner is Judith with 5 awards

THE KEITH KIRTLAND "PEOPLE'S TREE OF THE SHOW" TROPHY

The tree winning a public vote to Ron Cureton with his magnificent Acer which attracted twice as many votes.



Ambion Bonsai Club Show. May 26th

This year's show was held at Hatters Space on May 26th. There were nine classes: Flowering, Deciduous, Landscapes, Mame and Shohin. There were 93 exhibits on display, good enthusiasm had been shown by the members.

Guest judge, this year was Mark Bentley, with 93 exhibits to assess, spent quite a time on his task because there was a certificate for First, Second, and Third for each class. There some big smiles around the room afterwards, but also some frowns of disappointment. Still, not everyone can be a winner.

Mark also had to select the exhibit which he saw as Best in Show. The Best in Show Shield went to an Acer, which produced he biggest smile of the night from our Club President George Cox, the owner of the tree.

After the judging, Mark offered his expertise to anyone who wanted advice on how to improve their 'pride and joy' and perhaps turn it into a winner next year.

Thanks to all of the members who took part for making it a good show as usual. Thanks also to Mark for giving up his time to judge the show for us.



MIDLAND BONSAI SOCIETY

Meetings first Thursday of every month at Moseley Cricket Club, Streetsbrook Road, Shirley, Solihull, B90 3PE at 7.30 p.m.
Details: Richard Gilkes, 07803 593024.

SOUTH STAFFS BONSAI SOCIETY

Monthly meetings - 3rd Tuesday
Walmley Community Hall,
Crawford Road, B76 1NP 7.30 pm
Meetings in the form of workshops with occasional speakers, beginners are welcome

REDDITCH BONSAI SOCIETY

A friendly society meets 3rd Thurs. Webheath Village Hall, Heathfield Rd, Webheath, Redditch, B97 5SQ.
Details Richard Gilkes, Secretary.
tel. 07803 593024.

STOURBRIDGE BONSAI SOCIETY

The members meet every second Sunday, January to November at the Bonded Warehouse, Stourbridge, DY8 4LU. Next meeting July 10th. 12.00 noon Info 07415 158167.
Prospective new members will be very welcome.
Info. Maurice on 07415 158167.
Also meeting at Ashwoods Nurseries, Kingswinford, DY6 OAE, July 31st 10.00am.

ACCRINGTON & DISTRICT BONSAI SOCIETY

Events for 2016

Summer Show

Barton Grange Garden Centre Sat 13th and Sun 14th August. Garstang Rd. Brock, Preston PR3 0BT; - 01995642900

ASHFIELD BONSAI CLUB

Ashfield Bonsai Club is a hands-on club meeting twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Thurs. (7.30 – 9.30pm) St Michaels & All Saints Church Hall, The Rectory Gardens, Church Street, South Normanton. On the Derby/Notts border 1 mile from Junc. 28 of the M1. Meetings take the form of workshops with occasional speakers.

Club Show in Sept and Auction in November.
Facebook: ashfieldbonsaiclub.blogspot.co.uk.

BLACKMORE VALE BONSAI GROUP

Meetings second Friday each month, venue, Silver Band Hall, Bleke St Shaftesbury. Workshops from February to October, Thorngrove Garden Centre, Gillingham. 4th Saturday from 11 am. to 4pm. Cost £3 including refreshments.
m5eay.geoff@btinternet.com
www.blackmorevalebonsaigroup.co.uk

MIDDLESEX BONSAI SOCIETY

Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month 7.30pm
South Harrow Methodist Church, Walton Avenue,
South Harrow, Middlesex. HA2 8QU.
Meetings include in-house workshop and visiting speakers. All are welcome.

SALISBURY BONSAI SOCIETY

Venue: Laverstock Village Hall at 7.45pm
Meetings first Monday of month
www.salisburybonsaisociety.co.uk

SWINDON AND DISTRICT BONSAI SOCIETY

Monthly meetings, 2nd Tues of month [ex. Dec.]
Coleview Community Centre, Towcester Road, Swindon, Wiltshire. SN3 4AS
1930 hrs – 2200 hrs
paulbowerbank@lineone.net
Tel. 07982 401103.

VALE OF CLWYD BONSAI SOCIETY

An active club, all things Bonsai related. With passion and a sense of fun, we believe in caring for our trees and one another in equal measure. Meet 2nd Sunday of every month at:-Level Lane Community Centre, Level Lane, Hawarden, CH5 3SB.
New members and visitors are always welcome
Contact Mark: +44 7500 005337

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All editions are totally dependent upon you, the members. Without your information this cannot happen; please help us to make it succeed.

MANCHESTER BONSAI SOCIETY PROGRAMME 2016

Programme 2016

- 11.7.2016: Members show techniques.
- 8.8.2016: Workshop.
- 12.9.2016: Speaker: Roy Booth.
- 10.10.2016: My favourite tree.
- 14.11.2016: Guest speaker Chris Williams
- 12.12.2016: Bring & buy sale and buffet.
- 9.1.2017: Annual General Meeting.



Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month 8 pm-10 pm : Stockport Labour Club, 2 Lloyd Street, off Wellington Road North (A6), Heaton Norris, Stockport, SK41QP.

Annual Show: Saturday 14.5.16: At Lymm United Reformed Church, Brookfield Road, off Eagle Brow (A6144), Lymm, Cheshire, WA13 OQL, 10am - 4pm. Car park on Davies Way, WA13 OWQ.

RHS Tatton Show. 20/24.7.16: Members may volunteer to man the stand and speak to members of the public about the art of bonsai, and to see some of the show.

Please see full details on our website: www.manchesterbonsaisocietv.org.uk



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SUSSEX BONSAI GROUP

2016 Programme,

Wivelsfield Village Hall 8pm-10pm

9,10	July	Chichester Bonsai Show
9	July	Wivelsfield Village Day
27	July	Bonsai Theme Night — Junipers
24	Aug	Club Auction
17/18	Sep	Show, Garden Pride, Comm. Lane, Ditchling, BN6
28	Sep	Lee Verhorevoort
26t	Oct	Kevin Fletcher
23rd	November	SBG@37



AMBION BONSAI CLUB

Meetings last Thursday of the month, 7.30-9.30, Hatters Space Community Centre, Abbey Street, Nuneaton, CV11 5DN.

Programme 2016

July 28	Steve Brown, Flowering Trees
Aug 25.	Members Tokonoma competition
Sep 29.	David Jones, 'Right Tree, Right Pot'
Oct 27.	David Collaby, Scroll Designing and Making
Nov 24	A.G.M. and Christmas Party
Dec	No club meeting

Info:- Linda and Glyn Carvell 02476 366140
email glynscarvell@btinternet.com

NORTH LONDON BONSAI GROUP

2016 PROGRAMME

12 Jul	Workshop
13 Sep	Linda McArdell - Mame
25 Sep	Club Autumn Show 10am to 4pm
11 Oct	Malcolm Hughes – judging bonsai
8 Nov	Lee Verhorevoort
13 Dec	Workshop

TEES VALLEY BONSAI GROUP

Programme 2016

19 Aug	Show preparation
20 Sept.	Workshop
18 Oct.	Rob Atkinson
15 Nov.	AGM
20 Dec.	Tree critique & social evening

MIDLAND BONSAI SOCIETY

Programme 2016



DATE	SPEAKER/ACTIVITY	TABLE DISPLAY
7th Jul	Garden visit -	
4th Aug	Members' forum	
1st Sep	Malcolm Hughes,	Acers
6th Oct	Alpine Gar. Soc.	Accent plants
3rd Nov	John Pitt,	Pick the right pot
1st Dec	AGM & Social	Photo display

SOUTH STAFFS BONSAI SOCIETY

Programme 2016



19 Jul	Workshop
16 Aug	'Create a camel'
20 Sep	Preparing for winter - Malcolm Hughes
18 Oct	John Trott, - demo
15 Nov.	Workshop
20 Dec	AGM + nibbles and slide show

BEDFORDSHIRE BONSAI SOCIETY

Toddington Village Hall, LU5 6AN



Monthly meetings, Feb to Nov 1st Weds.

Workshop s 3rd Weds. April, May, July and Sept.

Annual Forestry Commission, authorised collecting dig.

Access for material from local tree nursery

Saturdays at Poplars Garden Centre, Toddington

6th July Steve Brown from Cherry Blossom Bonsai

20th July Theory and practice, Duncan Wiles

AKA MATSU, BONSAI SCHOOL

Programme 2106

7 July	Show preparation
4 Aug.	Bryan Stone/Jim Buterworth
1 Sept	Steve Ward
6 Oct.	Ken Foulds photos
3 Nov.	Graham Walker, Japan

FEDERATION OF BRITISH BONSAI SOCIETIES



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18 July - 7 September 2016.

There is studio-quality lighting on site but visitors need to supply their own camera and tripod and to take their own photographs.

There is no charge to use the facility but it is hoped that visitors will make a small donation on the day to the British Heart Foundation or the Stroke Association.

Initial enquiries please to Vivienne
vivmct@gmail.com

In memory of the life & work of Paul Goff



THE 8TH WORLD BONSAI CONVENTION, SAITAMA CITY

Invitation to all our Bonsai and Suiseiki friends

On behalf of The 8th World Bonsai Convention Executive Committee, I am pleased to invite you to The 8th World Bonsai Convention, that will be held from April 27 to 30th, 2017 in Saitama city, Japan.

An international World Bonsai Convention is sponsored and promoted by World Bonsai Friendship Federation once every 4 years. The first World Bonsai Convention was held in Saitama City (old Omiya City) in 1989. The WBC has contributed greatly to promotion of bonsai and international friendship. Now in 2017, for the first time in 28 years, The 8th World Bonsai Convention will be held in Saitama City, the birth place of the WBC. Over 300 splendid bonsai and suiseiki will be displayed for your pleasure, and world famous Bonsai Masters from in and outside of Japan will be giving presentations to share their knowledge and love for bonsai with you. (13 Japanese masters and 8 international masters will be demonstrating.)

You will also enjoy not only bonsai and suiseiki, but enjoy the beautiful city of Saitama in its best season. You may also enjoy peaceful walking in Bonsai Village, visiting The Omiya Bonsai Art Museum, Saitama. Also around the venue of WBC, there are many shops, restaurants and other places of interest

The registration for the 8th World Bonsai Convention starts May 9th, 2016. Please visit our website for more information.

<http://world-bonsai-saitama.jp/cn/index.html>

We are looking forward to having you, your friends and family register for the 8th World Bonsai Convention.

Respectfully Yours, The 8th World Bonsai Convention Executive Committee
Hatsuji Kato, Chairman of The 8th WBC

Naemi Iwasaki, Vice-Chairman of WBFF

Jiro Fukuda, Chairman of WBFF

第8回 世界盆栽大会 in さいたま
The 8th WORLD BONSAI CONVENTION, SAITAMA CITY

第1回 日本: さいたま市(旧大宮市)
第2回 アメリカ: オークランド
第3回 韓国: ソウル
第4回 ドイツ: ミュンヘン
第5回 アメリカ: ワシントンD.C.
第6回 エイペトリコ: サンフランシスコ
第7回 中国: 会壇

そして、ふたたび日本へ
8th Returning to Japan 2017

2016年5月9日(月)より公式HPにて登録開始!
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[登録料]

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※discount (until October 31)

Standard Price : 40,000 JPY (tax included)

メイン会場 Main Places

さいたまスーパーアリーナ Saitama Super Arena
大宮ソニックシティ Omiya Sonic City
パレスホテル大宮 Palace Hotel Omiya

サブ会場 Sub Places

武蔵一宮氷川神社 Musashi Ichinomiya Hikawa-Jinja Shrine
さいたま市大宮盆栽美術館 The Omiya Bonsai Art Museum, Saitama
大宮盆栽村 Omiya Bonsai Village

[Registration Fee] 35,000 JPY (tax included) : Early registration discount (until October 31)
40,000 JPY (tax included) : Standard price

[Registration URL] world-bonsai-saitama.jp/en

April 27, 2017 (Thu)		
Time	Program	Venue
15:00 - 16:00	Opening Ceremony	Omiya Sonic City Large Hall
16:00 - 18:00	Commemorative Demonstration Demonstrator: Masahiko Kimura	Omiya Sonic City Large Hall
19:00 - 21:00	Reception	Palace Hotel Omiya
9:30 - 15:00	Bonsai Shuttle Bus	

April 28, 2017 (Fri)		
Time	Program	Venue
9:30 - 18:00	Japan Bonsai Suiseki Greatest Exhibition	Saitama Super Arena Community Arena
11:00 - 13:00	Taiga Urushibara & International Artist Demonstration	Super Arena Main Stage
13:30 - 15:30	International Artist Demonstration	Super Arena Main Stage
15:00 - 17:00	Hiroshi Takeyama Demonstration	Exhibition Hall Stage
9:30 - 18:00	Bonsai Shuttle Bus	

April 29, 2017 (Sat)		
Time	Program	Venue
9:30 - 18:00	Japan Bonsai Suiseki Greatest Exhibition	Saitama Super Arena Community Arena
10:00 - 12:00	Chiharu Imai Demonstration	TOIRO STUDIO STAGE
11:00 - 13:00	Kenji Oshima & International Artist Demonstration	Super Arena Main Stage
11:30 - 13:30	Masayuki Fujikawa & Shigeo Isobe Demonstration	Exhibition Hall Stage
13:00 - 14:30	Shohin Bonsai Demonstration	TOIRO STUDIO STAGE
14:30 - 16:30	International Artist Demonstration	Super Arena Main Stage
15:00 - 17:00	Kunio Kobayashi Demonstration	Exhibition Hall Stage
15:00 - 16:30	Satsuki Bonsai Demonstration	TOIRO STUDIO STAGE
18:00 - 20:00	Dinner Party	
10:00 - 16:30	Japanese Cultural Experience Class	TOIRO ROOM-6
9:30 - 15:00	Bonsai Shuttle Bus	

April 30, 2017 (Sun)		
Time	Program	Venue
9:30 - 17:00	Japan Bonsai Suiseki Greatest Exhibition	Saitama Super Arena Community Arena
9:30 - 11:30	Minoru Akiyama & Takashi Sakurai Demonstration	TOIRO STUDIO STAGE
10:30 - 12:30	Isao Omachi & Mitsuo Matsuda Demonstration	Exhibition Hall Stage
13:00 - 15:00	International Artist Demonstration	Super Arena Main Stage
13:00 - 14:30	Suiseki Presentation	TOIRO STUDIO STAGE
13:30 - 15:30	Shinji Suzuki Demonstration	Exhibition Hall Stage
15:30 - 17:00	Grand Finale	Super Arena Main Stage
10:00 - 15:00	Japanese Cultural Experience Class	TOIRO ROOM-6
9:30 - 18:00	Bonsai Shuttle Bus	

*Program as of April 05, 2016 and subject to change.

JAPAN TOUR 19 April - 2 May 2017

Join us for this one-off bonsai tour timed to coincide with the 8th World Bonsai Convention (WBC) which is coming home to Saitama City in 2017 after a 28 year absence. This itinerary is designed for those of you who have already travelled with us on our regular Bonsai Tour. New sights include visits to bonsai nurseries in Shizuoka and Nagoya, lovely Kanazawa as well as a return visit to Tokoname.

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Attendance at the 8th World Bonsai Convention
- 12 nights hotel accom.(5 nights in Saitama, 2 nights Tokyo, 1 night Shizuoka, 2 nights Nagoya & 2 nights Kanazawa)
- International Flights
- Visit bonsai nurseries in Shizuoka and Nagoya
- Visit to Tokoname - renowned for its ceramics
- Travel on Japan's famous Bullet Train
- Breakfast daily
- Farewell Dinner
- Airport transfers in Japan
- Services of a knowledgeable Japan Journeys guide throughout



19/20 April: Depart UK and Arrive Japan

Fly from London Heathrow to Narita Airport (Tokyo) with a change of plane in Seoul airport en route. Transfer to your hotel in Tokyo where we will stay 1 night on a bed and breakfast basis.

21 April: Shizuoka

This morning we travel by private coach through the beautiful region of Hakone and Mt Fuji and onwards to Shizuoka where you will visit a superb bonsai nursery. Tonight you will spend one night in Shizuoka.

22 April: Nagoya

After breakfast, we board the superb Bullet train and speed to Nagoya where we will visit two bonsai nurseries. We spend the next 2 nights in Nagoya.

23 April: Tokoname

Today we visit the renowned nearby ceramic town of Tokoname, one of the so-called "Six Old Kilns of Japan" and a centre of quality, bonsai pot making. Return to Nagoya tonight.

24 April: Kanazawa

After breakfast, we travel by train to the lovely castle town of Kanazawa - located on the Sea of Japan coast where we will visit the beautiful Kenrokuen gardens today. We spend the next 2 nights in Kanazawa.

25 April: Kanazawa

Today is yours to enjoy at leisure. Visit the well-preserved samurai and geisha teahouses of Kanazawa. The town's modern face is ably represented by the impressive 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art which is also well worth a visit.

26 April: Kanazawa-Saitama

We travel to Saitama and arrive the day before the 8th World Bonsai Convention begins. Stay 5 nights in Saitama City.

27 April - 30 April: 8th World Bonsai Convention

Attend the 8th World Bonsai Convention. Registration and all the events for the 4 day Convention are included in your package.

1 May: Tokyo

Return to Tokyo for a day's sightseeing. Spend one additional night in Tokyo.

2 May: Depart Japan

Transfer to Narita Airport (Tokyo) for your flight home

PRICE INCLUDES:

- International flights from London Heathrow to Narita Airport (Tokyo)
- 12 nights' hotel accommodation at centrally located 3* & 3K* hotels with breakfast daily
- Registration at the 8th World Bonsai Convention
- 7 Day Japan Rail Pass
- Farewell dinner on 1 May
- Transfers to/from airports in Japan
- Private air-conditioned coach on 21 April
- Sightseeing and entrance fees to all named attractions on tour
- Services of a knowledgeable Japan Journeys Guide throughout
- Separate baggage transfer for one piece of luggage per person from Nagoya to Saitama (you will take an overnight bag to Kanazawa)
- All Japanese sales taxes and service charge

Full financial protection via Japan Journeys' membership of the Travel Trust Association through which your monies are held in a Trust Account until you return home (under Membership No. U3078), see: <http://www.traveltrust.co.uk>

NOT INCLUDED:

- Travel insurance
- Lunches and dinners

Price:

	Early Booking Price (Before 31 OCTOBER 2016)	Price thereafter (From 1 NOVEMBER 2016)
Including Flights (including early bird WBC Registration)	£2,795.00 (per person on a shared room basis)	£2,835.00 (per person on a shared room basis)
Land Only (flights <i>not</i> included) (including early bird WBC Registration)	£2,045.00 (per person on a shared room basis)	£2,085.00 (per person on a shared room basis)

Single room supplement

| £325.00

| £325.00

To make a booking, a deposit of £280.00 per person is required. The balance of the price of the trip must be made 12 weeks prior to departure. All prices estimates are based on a minimum of 20 persons travelling in April/May 2017. All price estimates are based on current rates of exchange.

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