



BONSAI NEWS UK

Editorial: April 2017

As I write this month's editorial at 9.30 in the morning, the sun is blazing in through my study window and the weather forecast suggests temperatures into the low 20C's. Not always what you might associate with this time of the year, but the effect on some of my bonsai is proving of interest. The candles – (note, not buds), on a mugo pine clump in my collection are now beginning to extend, suggesting that, with such an early spring, work done on our bonsai may not necessarily follow a seasonal norm.

As for bonsai society events, the early part of the year had very few, but looking at the Bonsai Calendar of Events sent out each month, April through to the end of June appears to more than compensate for the dearth of events to date. April through May lists no less than twelve bonsai events around the country, including the Bonsai Traders Association event at Ryton-by-Dunsmore near Coventry. Add June to the list and the total we have been made aware of increases to twenty-one. With that in mind, we should, theoretically, be inundated with show reports and accompanying images – sadly, not always the case. Please remember that, when asked to set up "Bonsai News UK", that request from individuals from some of the societies was to publicise what societies were doing and achieving.

On the other hand, this month's edition is fulfilling one of its' aims – to inform the bonsai fraternity as to what is going on, both in terms of society programmes as well as events. I for one, find myself in the throes of planning a regional event here in the Midlands, "Bonsai for All", a one-day event being held at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens on Sunday, the 21st May. This event is bringing together eight societies plus a number of individual exhibitors and, to date, nine traders. For those interested, Kevin Willson will be the demonstrator on the day, as well as conducting a workshop the day before, so for some of us, a busy but entertaining weekend ahead.

On a concluding note, and with that particular event in mind, these days it is proving increasingly more worthwhile to hold events that bring together a number of societies under one roof. Venues can prove expensive and not all are best suited for large bonsai events; also getting sufficient people together to run such events is not always easy. There is perhaps some merit in focusing on more frequently held regional exhibitions with a bonsai trade fair incorporated within it – this can be a benefit all concerned both in terms of effort and expense.

Malcolm Hughes, Chairman, FoBBS.

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April 23rd 2017

THE BONSAI TRADERS ASSOCIATION, SPRING SHOW,

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For more info. Corin Tomlinson Tel. 0115 9205757 Email: office@bonsai.co.uk www.bonsaitraders.org.uk

May 1st 2017

Accrington & District Bonsai Society Daisy Nook Garden Centre – Spring Show

Stannybrook Rd. Failsworth, Manchester M35 9WJ info I- 0161 681 4245

May 7th 2017

WESSEX BONSAI SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW, Kinson Community Centre Bournemouth

Website: www.wessexbonsai.co.uk

May 6-7 2017

NORTH DEVON BONSAI SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW . Royal Horticultural Society Park , Rosemoor, North Devon

Exhibition of trees together with sales, demonstrations and advice for visitors.

Info: www.bonsai-northdevon.co.uk email hutchison415@btinternet.com

May 14 2017

KENT BONSAI CLUB LATE SPRING SHOW. 10am - 4pm Admission £1, refreshments, demonstrations and sales tables. Contact: adrian58long@btinternet.com for more details.

May 14th 2017

SURREY HEATH BONSAI SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW Pirbright Village Hall, Dawney Hill Road, Pirbright, Surrey, GU24 0JE. 10am - 4pm. Adults £2, Advice and sales table operating all day.

info Chris Rhodes at Chairman@surreyheathbonsai.org.uk

May 21st 2017

BLACKMORE VALE ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION , British Legion Hall, Coppice, Street, Shaftsbury 11.00am – 4.00pm Admission £2.00, Bonsai demos throughout the day. Info 01747 853475 www.blackmorevallebonsaigroup.co.uk

May 21st 2017

MIDDLESEX BONSAI SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW 10.00am -4.00pm, Woodford Hall, Poplars Close, Ruislip ,Middlesex., HA4 7BU. Adults £2 children FOC Sales tables- advice on the day.

Contact roger.gibbs@talktalk.net www.middlesexbonsaisociety.weebly.com

May 21st. 2017

BONSAI FOR ALL, Exhibition of specimen trees from many Midland Societies. Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Westbourne Rd. Birmingham. Trade and demonstrations throughout the day. Sponsored By Friends of the National Bonsai Collection.

May 20th -21st 2017

JAPANESE MAPLE WEEKEND two days devoted to the propagation, maintenance and care of Japanese maples. Greenwood Bonsai Studio, Nottingham 10.00am—5.00 pm, refreshments available.

May 23rd –27th

CHELSEA ROYAL FLOWER SHOW, ROYAL HOSPITAL SHOWGROUND.

Federation of British Bonsai Societies exhibiting as well as other bonsai exhibitors.

May 28th

Chiltern Bonsai Society Show

Liston Hall in Marlow, Buckinghamshire, from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

In conjunction with other local societies, an exhibition of trees and miniature landscapes.

Also demonstrations by Harry Harrington as well as sales of bonsai accessories

May 29th 2017

Accrington & District Bonsai Society

Great Harwood Show – Harwood Lane, Whalley Rd, Great Harwood, Lancs. BB6 7TB

June 3 –4 2017

Wirral Bonsai Society Exhibition

Trees In Flower ' mainly azaleas but by no means all.

Port Sunlight Garden Centre, The Causeway, Port Sunlight, Wirral, CH62 5D

June 3 –4 2017

Mid Herts Bonsai Club Annual Show, Kingsbury Barn, Branch Rd, St. Albans.

Free Entry, Light Refreshments available

See website for directions www.midhertsbonsaiclub.co.uk

June 11th 2017

Bonsai South West 2017

Hosted by Exeter Bonsai Society, on Sunday 11th June 2017, at

The Pavilion, The Esplanade, Exmouth. EX8 2AZ, doors open from 10.00am. - 4.30 pm.

For further info:- Brian-01392 43752501392 437525, or brian.mackichan@mypostoffice.co.uk

May 10—11 2017

KENT BONSAI CLUB AZALEA WEEKEND AND KENT CLUB SHOW.

10am - 4pm both days. Admission free.

Contact adrian58long@btinternet.com for more details.

June 11 2017

Midland Bonsai Society Annual Show, Birmingham Botanical Gardens .

June11 2017

EASTBOURNE & WEALDEN BONSAI SHOW 2017 Herstmonceux Village Hall, Herstmonceux, East Sussex, BN27 4JX.

Demos David Penny, Paul Eslinger. Reg Bolton Judging talking on bonsai. Chinese Painting, Trade Stands, Beginners Advice, Refreshments. Contact: Brian Dale, 01323 731369. www.eandwbonsaiclub.co.uk

June 17 –18 2017

The Northamptonshire Bonsai Society Annual Show

Moulton Guild Hall, Barlow Lane, Moulton, Northamptonshire, NN37SZ.

June 24 –25 2017

Accrington & District Bonsai Society

Haworth Art Gallery Exhibition – 24/25th June

Haworth Park Manchester Rd Accrington Lancs. BB5 2JS. Tel- 01254233782

June 24 -25 2017

Bedfordshire Bonsai Society Show, Poplars Garden Centre, Harlington Rd, Toddington, Beds. LU5 6HE 10.00am – 16.00pm

Tel 07860 682 161 email: bedsbonsai@hotmail.co.uk <http://bedfordshirebonsaisociety.weebly.com/>

June 25th 2017

Bonsai Traders Association, Capel Manor, Enfield, Middlesex. EN1 4RQ. Adm: £5.50 1000-1600.hrs

Contact: Ken Lever 020.86698847 Email: info@windybankbonsai.co.uk

July 1st 2017

MANCHESTER BONSAI SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW,

10 am to 4 pm, Local, at Lymm United Reformed Church, Brookfield Road, off Eagle Brow (A6144), Lymm,

Cheshire, WA13 0QL. Car park on Davies Way, WA13 0WQ. details: www.manchesterbonsaisociety.org.uk

SUGGESTION

The summer is coming and hopefully we are looking for Bonsai activities and maybe Society activities as well.



How about a bonsai weekend??

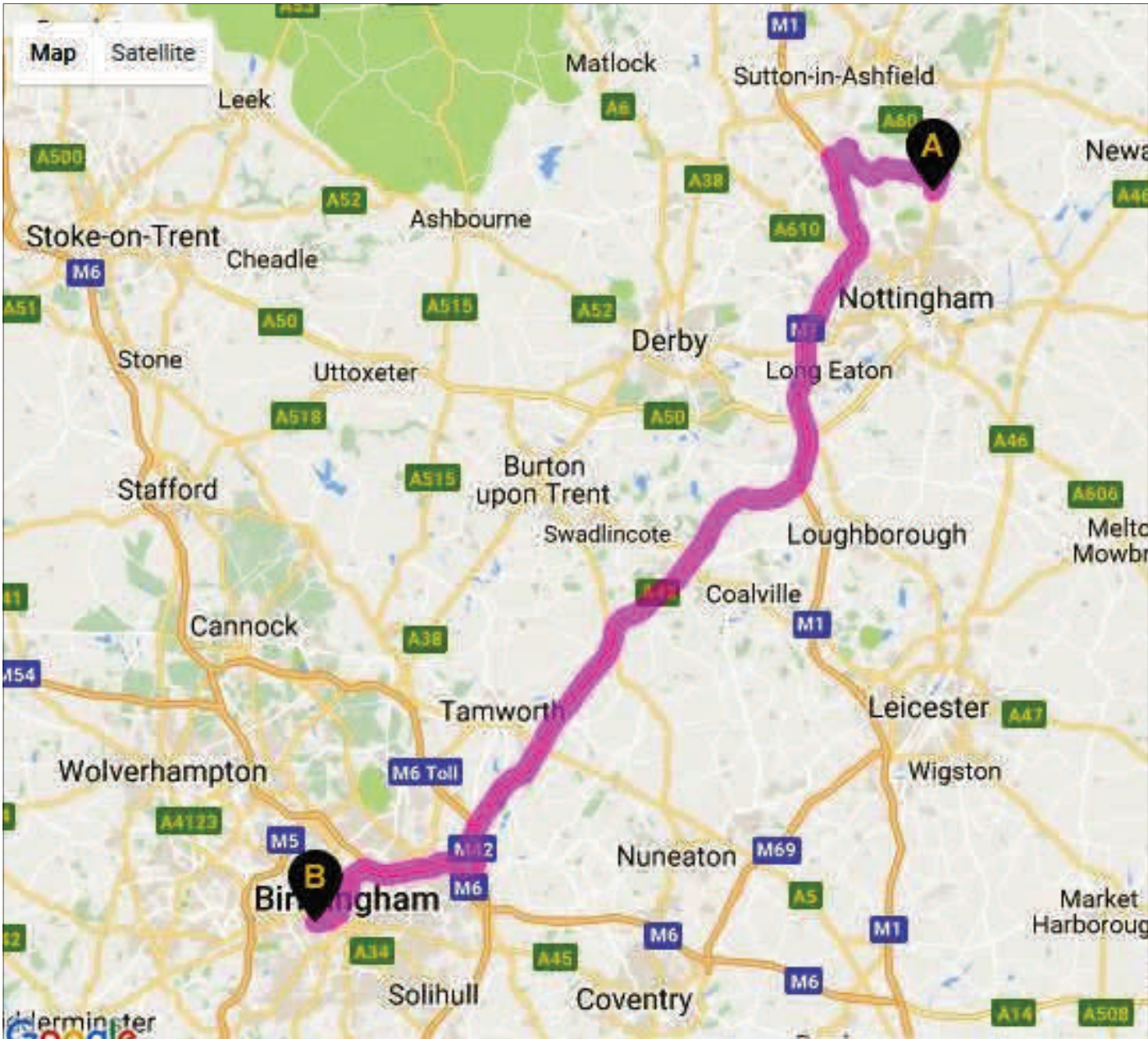
Saturday May 201th, Greenwood Gardens, Maples weekend, well worth a day's visit.



Followed by a night in a inexpensive Premier Inn. There are over 20 between the 2 venues.

Then 50 miles to Birmingham and Sunday to visit "Bonsai For All", see some first class trees and watch Kevin Willson demonstrate.





“All you need to do is to send in a brief report of your Show preferably with pictures and it will appear next month

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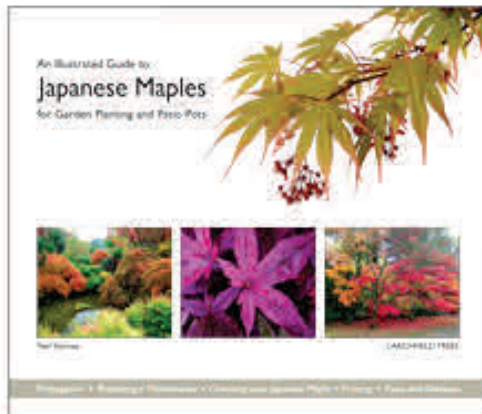
Japanese Maple Weekend

at

Greenwood Bonsai Studio

20 - 21 May 2017

**Two days devoted to the propagation ,
maintenance and care of
Japanese maples as bonsai
and for patio pots and garden planting**



Over the weekend Neil Kenney will be promoting his new book published by Larchfield Publications

An Illustrated Guide to

Japanese Maples

for Garden Planting and Patio Pots

132 pages containing over 175 colour photos

Produced in association with photographer Paul Goff

**An exhibit of a wide range of specimen
maple bonsai by Corin Tomlinson will be on
display throughout the weekend, with regular
exhibit critiques by Corin. There will, of course,
be plenty of maples for sale from 1 year grafted
varieties to semi mature trees plus grafting
sundries for the enthusiastic beginner.**



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Greenwood Bonsai Studio, Ollerton Road, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 8PR Tel 0115 9205757

www.bonsai.co.uk

www.larchfieldtrees.com

BONSAI FOR ALL



**Birmingham Botanical Gardens,
Westbourne Road,
Edgbaston ,
Birmingham, B15 3TR**

Traders booking forms from mkhughes567@btinternet.com

ADVANCED TICKETS

Buy your tickets in advance and save money

Standard Entry to The Gardens £7.50

Entry to the demonstrations £3.00.

Advance tickets £8.00 to cover both entry to
The Gardens & demonstrations.

Obtainable from:-

**Kath Hughes,
The Woodlands,
New Hall Drive,
Sutton Coldfield,
West Midlands, B76 1QX.**

Tel: 0121 378 4837.

Email: mandkhughes795@gmail.com

Cheques payable to:- "Friends of the National Bonsai Collection"
or bank transfer to Nat West Sort code 602107 Account no.
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Club Activities

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. Prospective new members will be very welcome.
Info. Maurice on 07415 158167.

SALISBURY BONSAI SOCIETY

Venue: Laverstock Village Hall at 7:45pm
Meetings first Monday of month
www.salisburybonsaisociety.co.uk

SOUTH WORCESTER BONSAI SOCIETY

meets on second Tuesday of every month at 7.30 pm.
Claines British Legion, Cornmeadow Lane Worcester. Contact Malcolmstyles@yahoo.com or on 07761-440078

WARMINSTER BONSAI CLUB

Monthly meetings on 3rd Thursday of the month 7:45pm at Christ Church Hall, Upper Marsh Road, Warminster, Wilts BA12 9PJ. Visitors always welcome. For more information go to website www.warminsterbonsai.co.uk or email clive.knight@talktalk.net

BEDFORDSHIRE BONSAI SOCIETY

A group of friendly enthusiasts who meet monthly on 1st Wednesdays 19.30pm at Toddington, Annual Forestry Commission authorised collecting dig, plus access to a tree nursery for material.
All welcome. Find us at Poplars Garden Centre, Toddington
First Sat of March till last Sat of October
John Trinder: 07860 682161 or Mick Glenister 07931 894956
Google: Beds Bonsai Society Facebook: Beds Bonsai Club
Email: bedsbonsai@hotmail.co.uk

BLACKMORE VALE BONSAI GROUP

Meetings second Friday each month, venue, Silver Band Hall, Bleke St, Shaftesbury.
From Jan 2017 subs. Will be £15.00 pa..
Plus £2.00 per meeting.

10th anniversary show May 2017
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.
email roger.gibbs@talktalk.net.

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

SURREY HEATH BONSAI SOCIETY

Meets every first Tuesday of the month 7.30-10.00pm at Pirbright Village Hall, The Green, Pirbright, Surrey. GU24 0JE.
details Chris Rhodes 07740.307163
chairman@surreyheathbonsai.org.uk or ring

ASHFIELD BONSAI CLUB

Ashfield Bonsai Club meets twice a month on the 1st & 3rd Thurs. 7.30 St Michaels & All Saints Church Hall, The Rectory Gardens, South Normanton 1 mile from Junc. 28 of the M1. Workshops with occasional speakers.
Facebook: ashfieldbonsaiclub.blogspot.co.uk.
info. tel. Peter Tombs (01283 733210).

SUSSEX BONSAI GROUP.

monthly meetings 4th Weds. 8.0pm-
Wivelsfield Village Hall, Wivelsfield, RH17 7QH.
Demos ora Workshop. website for the 2017 programme.-
sussexbonsaigroup.wordpress.com

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Workshops

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October 2017 - Takamatsu - Shikoku Island - 10 days

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WESSEX BONSAI SOCIETY, PROGRAMME 2017		
March 14th	Rob Stewart	Little trees
April 11th	Chris Thomas	dead wood & carving
May 9th	Italo and Mike	raft & wrap around
June 13th	Ken Norman	maples
July 11th	Collette Harrison	azaleas
August 8th	Dean Kelly	styling
Sept 12th	Bill Baker & Roy	critique
Oct. 10th	David Giltrou	large collected trees
Nov. 14th	Club Auction	
Dec 12th	Christmas Social	
SUNDAY MAY 7TH	ANNUAL SHOW	Kinson CC
Sunday workshops 09:00 to 13:00 22 nd Jan, 26 th Feb, 26 th Mar, 23 rd Apr, 21 st May, 25 th Jun, 23 rd Jul, 20 th Aug, 24 th Sep, 22 nd Oct, 26 th Nov, 17 th Dec		
Wessex Bonsai Society meet at Kinson Community Centre, Pelhams Park, Millhams Road, Bournemouth BH10 7LH. Info tel. 07870114767 email to: wessexbonsaisociety@ymail.com		

STOUBRRFIDGE BONSAI SOCIETY PROGRAMME 2017	
April 9th	Workshop
May 14th	Workshop
June 11th	Workshop
July 9th	Workshop
Aug 13th	Workshop
Sept 10th	Workshop
Oct. 1st	Workshop
Nov. 5th	Exhibition and Auction
Meet January to November at the Bonded Warehouse, Canal Street, Stourbridge, DY8 4LU.	

BLACKMORE VALE BONSAI GROUP, PROGRAMME 2017		
Jan 13th	AGM	
Feb 10th	Deciduous	Repotting workshop
March 10th	Chris Thomas	Group planting
April 14th	Conifer s	Repotting workshop
May 12th		Workshop
May 21st	10th anniversary	Exhibition
June 9th		Workshop
July 14th		Workshop
Aug 11th		Workshop
Sept 8th		Workshop
Oct. 13th	10th anniversary	John Trott critique
Nov. 10th		Workshop
Dec 8th	Christmas Social	
Fridays, 7.30 Silver Band Hall Bleke St., Shaftesbury Info 01747 853475 email m5eay.geoff@btinternet.com http://blackmorevallebonsaigroup.co.uk		
Further workshops Feb 25th, Mar 25th, Apr 22nd, May 2tth, jun 24th, Jul 22nd, Aug 26th Sep 23rd, Oct 21st.		

SOUTH STAFFS BONSAI SOCIETY, PROGRAMME 2017		
Jan 17th	Talk Nat Bon Col	M and K Hughes
Feb 21st	Workshop	
March 21st	Corin Tomlinson	Demo
April 18th	Malcolm Hughes	Clump styles
May 16th	Clump style camel	Group Activity
June 20th	BBQ Woodlands	
July 18th	Workshop	
Aug 15th	Malcolm Hughes	Summer Maintenance
Sept 19th	Barry Walker	Bonsai Stands
Oct. 17th	Mark Bentley	Junipers
Nov. 21st	Mark Skan	Demo
Dec 18th	AGM and slides	
23rd April	Bonsai Traders Association Show	Ryton on Dunsmore, Coventry
21st May	Bonsai for All	Birmingham Botanical Gardens
11th June	Midland Bonsai Society Show SSBS display	Birmingham Botanical Gardens
14th –18th June	Gardeners World Live	NEC
17th Sept	South Staffs Show	Birmingham Botanical Gardens

SALISBURY BONSAI SOCIETY, PROGRAMME 2017		
Jan 2nd	Geoff	Videos
Feb 6th		Workshop
March 6th		Workshop
April 3rd	Chris Thomas	Broadleaf bonsai
May 1st	Malcolm Driffield	Raft bonsai
June 5th	Ray Broughton	Pests and Diseases
July 3rd	Sale and Auction	
July 14th	Fordingbridge Show	
July 29th	Damerham Fair	
Aug 7th		Workshop
Sept 4th	Clive Knight	Demo and workshop
Oct. 2nd		Workshop
Nov. 6th	AGM	
Dec 6th	Christmas Dinner	
Laverstock Village Hall, SP1 1RQ info . Sec. 01722 500157 www.salisburybonsaisociety.co.uk		

SUSSEX BONSAI GROUP, PROGRAMME 2017		
Jan 25th	AGM	
Feb 22nd	Ken Norman	Repotting demo
Feb 26th	Repotting workshop	
March 22nd	Corin Tomlinson	Demo
April 26th	Ann & Ken Norman & Alan Peacock	Demo
May 24th	Malcolm Stewart	Talk & slides
June 28th		Workshop
July 26th	Paul Caham	Demo pot making
July 29th		
Aug 23rd	Club Auction	
Sept 27th	Malcolm Driffield	Demo
Oct. 25th		Workshop
Nov. 22nd	Lee Verhorevoort	Demo
SHOWS		
April 22 & 23	South Downs Garden Centre, Hassocks	
May 13th	Plumpton College Day	
Aug 12 & 13	Old Barn Garden Centre—A24 Dial Post	
Sept 9th	Wivelsfield Village Hall	
Meetings Wivelsfield Village Hall info Ray Brunsdon Sec- 01444-244267 email ray.b@talktalk.net		

BEDFORDSHIRE BONSAI SOCIETY PROGRAMME 2017		
1st Wednesday of the month 7.30pm		
Feb 1st	AGM and Workshop	
March 1st	Potting Theory - at the Nursery - with Duncan	
March 15th	Potting Practical - at the Nursery	
April 5th	Steve Brown plus workshop	
April 18th	Bonsai Theory and practical session with Duncan	
May 3rd	Rammon Hamers - "Carving, why, when, how, with what"	
May 17th	Bonsai Theory and practical session with Duncan	
June 7th	Workshop & show preparations	
June 24-25	Annual Show at Poplars Garden Centre	
July 5th	Corin Tomlinson from Greenwood - "Bonsai from Garden Centre Stock"	
July 19th	Bonsai Theory and practical session with Duncan	
August 13th	Social and Prize Giving	
Sept 6th	Bring & Buy" with Steve Brown plus workshop	
Sept 20th	Bonsai Theory and practical session with Duncan	
Oct 4th	John Trott of Mendip Bonsai Studio - "Flowering & Fruiting Trees"	
Nov 1st	Workshop	
Dec 3rd	Christmas Lunch	

NORTH LONDON BONSAI GROUP, PROGRAMME 2017		
Jan 10th	Annual General Meeting	
Feb 14th	Andy Jordan	Shohin
March 14th	Mario Naziris	Bonsai on Rock Demo
April 9th	Club Spring Show 10am to 4pm	
April 11th	Linda McArdell	Mame/Mossball workshop
May 9th	Lee Verhorevoort	Watering and Feeding masterclass
June 10th	Club display at Capel Manor Open Day 10 to 4pm	
June 13th	Club Annual Tree Competition	
June 24-25	Club Display at Bonsai Traders/ Home and Gardens event 10am to 4pm at Capel Manor.	
July 11th	Summer workshop with Mario	
Sept 12th	Harry Harrington	Demo on deciduous club trees
No Autumn Show this year – bi-annual from now on 2018, 2020 etc.		
Oct 10th	Paul Eslinger	A year in the life of a bonsai tree
Nov 14th	Winter workshop with Mario	
Dec 12th	Videos and Quiz and mince-pies	
NB All meetings 7:45pm to 10pm unless otherwise stated		

SWINDON & DISTRICT BONSAI SOCIETY, PROGRAMME 2017		
March 14th	AGM	repotting
April 11th	Tree Critique	Junipers and pines
May 9th	Spring workshop	
June 13th	Accents	Market Lavington
July 11th	Summer workshop	
August 8th	Japan Event	Mark & Ritta Cooper
Sept 12th	Tree critique	
Oct. 10th	Autumn workshop	
Nov. 14th	Wiring worshop	
Dec	No meeting	
Jan 9th	Show preparation	
Feb 13th	Show Displays	
March 13th	AGM	repoyying
WORKSHOPS June 17th John Armitage July 8th Pottery, Walsall Studio Ceramics Sept 16th Chris Thomas		