

BONSAI NEWS UK



"Bonsai News UK" Editorial – May 2017



As usual, the unpredictability of our British weather catches us out again; as I write this editorial, the temperatures hit a high of 28°C and our trees are now getting that extra session of watering – as if one of the driest April's on record was not enough! We find ourselves in the throes of the R.H.S. Chelsea Flower Show at which FoBBS achieved, once again, a Gold Medal Award – congratulations to Reg Bolton and his team for staging this winning display; thanks also to all those who have given of their time to man the stand on each day of the event.

Thanks also to all those who have submitted reports on society events having taken place during the last few weeks, notably Middlesex and Surrey Heath Bonsai Society shows; please keep these reports coming in. April saw a good turnout at the Bonsai Traders Association event at Ryton-in-Dunsmore near Coventry, with a wide range of bonsai and bonsai accessories for sale and displays by a number of the Midland-based societies.

Needless to say, there was considerable disappointment at our having to cancel "Bonsai for All 2017", to have been held at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens on 21st May. A two week event involving a large troupe of about 30 dinosaurs (models, not live ones) was re-scheduled at the Gardens, which meant that there would be no car parking facilities for visitors during the entire two week period. This would mean that all of us involved with the event, exhibitors, traders and of course the visiting public, would have had to park somewhere in the city and use public transport to get to the event, hardly practical.....such is life!

I am hearing more and more of the concerns of some society members on the difficulties they are faced with when wanting to put on an event. These difficulties appear to stem from an increasing number of their membership going through the inevitable process "growing old"! As one who has been involved with bonsai for many years and who has visited societies as a speaker and demonstrator, it is clear that many of the faces I see are those same enthusiasts I first met well over 30 years ago! This is the key issue – many societies have enjoyed a loyal group of individuals over many years, but are not gaining new, younger members, or at least not those prepared to get involved in the running of the clubs. Being Devil's advocate I ask two questions:

1. Are these younger members unwilling, idle and accepting of what is given to them but making no effort to help, OR
2. are those who have had power and control for "x" number of years, still wanting to cling to traditional ways and the power it holds, yet not encouraging others to get involved?

I keep asking myself this question; I feel that I have held the reins of FoBBS for too long and I look for someone to learn the job and take over as I go into my seventies. Asking for volunteers to take over from me has brought forth a small number of offers to be Chairman from younger men with little or no knowledge of the workings of FoBBS, almost not even knowing what FoBBS is! The Federation of British Bonsai Societies has a long history starting in 1982, - yes the life-time of most still running it. But yes, we need new blood, new ideas, but these NEW people at least need to know what our aims and objectives are!! They need to volunteer to serve, be prepared to learn, bring in new modern ideas and THEN take on the top job. You can't be a new broom if you do not even know what you are sweeping away.

Malcolm Hughes, Chairman.

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May 23rd –27th**CHELSEA ROYAL FLOWER SHOW, ROYAL HOSPITAL SHOWGROUND.****Federation of British Bonsai Societies exhibiting as well as other bonsai exhibitors.**Tickets available from RHS official website www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/rhs-chelsea-flower-show

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

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The Northamptonshire Bonsai Society Annual Show

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

June 18th

BRISTOL BONSAI SOCIETY

Annual show is at FAILAND VILLAGE HALL, BS8 3TS
From 10 am. Light refreshments available

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

July 8-9 2017

CHICHESTER BONSAI EXHIBITION 2017

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

July 19-23 2017

Cheshire Bonsai Society: exhibiting at R.H.S. Flower Show, Tatton Park

August 12—13 2017

Accrington & District Bonsai Society

Barton Grange Garden Centre Summer Show- Garstang Rd., Brock, Preston, PR3 0BT Tel- 01995 642900

August 26-28 2017

Wirral Bonsai Society Annual Show

Gordale Garden Centre, Chester High Road, Burton, South Wirral. CH64 8F

September 17 2017

South Staffs Bonsai Society Annual Show. Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Westbourne Rd. Birmingham. 10.30am – 4.30pm. Large exhibition with other local societies. Demos throughout the day.

AMBION BONSAI CLUB SEASONAL REPORT

This has been a busy month for Nuneaton's Ambion Bonsai Club, it saw us draw a crowd of admirers at the Bonsai Traders Expo Show at the Ryton Arena in Coventry. The display attracted lots of positive comments and received many enquirers about membership to the club.

As usual the monthly club night attracted a lot of members. Steve Brown from Cherry Blossom Bonsai returned to the club to teach members some of his secrets. Also giving planting tips for propagating and showing Acers.

Nerves and apprehension will be evident at May's club meeting as it is the Members Tree Competition. This yearly event enables members to enter their cherished trees into the many categories for species and designs of Bonsai trees.

To gain an insight into the club and its activities, members of the public or people from other bonsai clubs are welcome to attend the club nights to see the vast variety of tree's and the numerous species and styles of bonsai.

We meet on the last Thursday of every month. This month the meeting will be held on 25th May at 7.30 pm. We meet at Hatter Space Community Centre Upper Abbey Street Nuneaton CV11 5DN

For more information please ring club Chairman, Brian Humphries on 01455 447083.



Steve Brown talking to members

Bonsai Traders Association Show, Coventry April 2017

Sunday, the 23rd April saw a good turnout at the Bonsai Traders Association event at Ryton-in-Dunsmore, near Coventry, with a wide range of bonsai and bonsai accessories for sale and displays by a number of the Midland-based societies.

Some of the stands of societies who exhibiting at the event are illustrated below and on adjacent page.





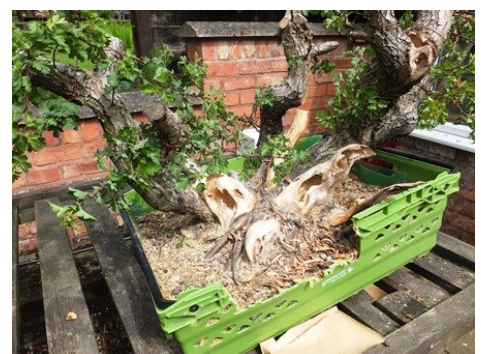
Kevin Willson Workshops May 20 & 21 2017

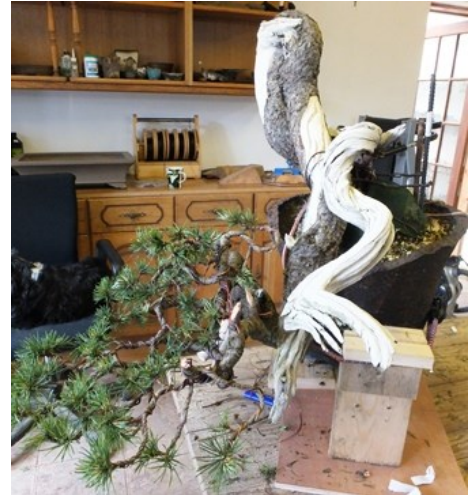
Following the very unfortunate and disappointing cancellation of "Bonsai For All" planned for May 21st we decided to go ahead with the workshop planned for May 20th at 'Woodlands', our home. Following popular demand and because Kevin Willson would already have travelled up here, we opened it out to others for the Sunday.

It proved a great success with both days fully subscribed and everyone clamouring for us to repeat it on a regular basis. Kevin is very happy with the idea and we plan the next one to be in the autumn.

Some first class material was brought for working on and the resulting bonsai were to everyone satisfaction. A very good weekend.

Just an appetite wetter of the transformations that took place





Surrey Heath Bonsai Society Show report

Surrey Heath Bonsai Society established in 1989, now today has a membership of 67 members with monthly meetings attracting 40-50 people, not bad in today's club climate. When Chairman Chris Rhodes and his committee put the annual shows together they are not short of a tree or two.

The show held on Sunday May 14th was at Lord Pirbright Hall in the leafy village of Pirbright, they had 20 members displaying 87 trees. The sunny weather helped and a record breaking number of visitors attended the show a total of 155, with possibly 4 new club members.

the general public voted for their favourite three trees and this year's winners were:

1st Place Adrian Swallow - Azalea / Informal Upright

2nd Place Gordon Grover - Cedar / Cascade (awarded posthumously)

3rd Place Ray Hewitt - Acer / Informal Upright

Throughout the day a continuous workshop/demo was presented by club members.

Next year's show will be held on the second Sunday of May, (13th May 2018)

Thanks to everyone, helpers and visitors alike, for their support.

Mark & Ming Chen



Middlesex Bonsai Society Annual Show May 21st

We held our show this year with a degree of trepidation as our recent shows had not drawn many members of the public. We did change several things, including how we advertised the show, and all contributed to a very good, well attended show.

I will briefly list some of our changes as they may be useful to other clubs. We had some striking blue banners advertising the show made up and placed these at strategic points around the district a couple of days before the show. On the day we also had plenty of signs indicating way to show. Perhaps the most telling thing, the hall we use is off the local High Street and does not have people passing, so we had a large bonsai on a stand in the High Street and members of club in attendance handing out leaflets and directing people. We roughly doubled paying visitors over previous attendances at our shows.

On the actual day we had a good selection of club member's trees on show, we had some Suiseki stones on display from the British Suiseki Club. There was a continuous demo by Harry Harrington working on a Yew he had carved before coming to show and this did raise considerable interest.

We run a competition for members of the public to vote on their favourite tree and this was won by Bob Savage with his Korean Hornbeam. Overall we had a really good show and look forward to our next one.

Roger Gibbs



"All you need to do is to send in a brief report of your Show, preferably with pictures and it will appear next month. Please send before the last week of each month."

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, **New remembrance Hall Charlton SP7 0PL**.
From Jan 2017 subs. Will be £15.00 pa..
Plus £2.00 per meeting.
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.
www.middlesexbonsaisociety.weebly.com

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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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	
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		
Jan 13th	AGM	
Feb 10th	Deciduous	Repotting workshop
March 10th	Chris Thomas	Group planting
April 14h	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 New Remembrance Hall Charlton SP7 0PL 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		
some additional 3rd Wednesday workshops		
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		
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		
Oct 10th	Paul Eslinger	A year in the life of a
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 workshop	
Dec	No meeting	
Jan 9th	Show preparation	
Feb 13th	Show Displays	
March 13th	AGM	repotting
WORKSHOPS June 17th John Armitage July 8th Pottery, Walsall Studio Ceramics Sept 16th Chris Thomas		