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Following the very first issue of *'Bonsai News U.K.'* the response from a number of societies and individuals to having such a newsletter has been very positive. That, sadly, is not reflected in the number of items received from societies wishing to publicise their meetings and events. Although there are a number of bonsai events taking place, those being reported on to date, are there simply because Kath and I have been there and are able to report on them.

At the moment, five societies have submitted information as to their details and activities – that is out of a FoBBS membership of 56 societies and a total of over 80 bonsai societies countrywide! Clearly, this supplement to the Bonsai Calendar of Events can only succeed if more societies submit material – this is intended as a publication to benefit you all, so please take the opportunity to use it.

On a positive note, it is pleasing to be able to report that, so far this year, five bonsai societies have exhibited at major Royal Horticultural Society events and all have received major R.H.S. Awards - two Gold Medals, two Silver Gilt and one Silver Medal award. Furthermore, the Shropshire Bonsai Society achieved a top award (Large Gold Medal) at the prestigious Shropshire Flower Show (see 'Show Reports'). Add to that the Gold Medal Award presented to FoBBS at this years' R.H.S. Chelsea Flower Show and we end up with an impressive tally. It also reflects the extent to which bonsai is making an impression at such events. Horticultural shows provide a excellent window of opportunity which societies could afford to seriously consider. In some instances, bonsai exhibits are thin on the ground and as bonsai professionals exhibiting at such events get less and less, the opportunity for those societies with the will and motivation to become involved may be the way forward. It now seems a distant memory when, on attending the Chelsea Flower Show, the visitor would be pleasantly confronted with 8 or more bonsai stands in the main Floral Marquee; today those numbers are down to 3.

For some societies, the idea of exhibiting at a Flower Show may appear daunting – standard at these events are high, but so also are the standards achieved by many societies with their trees. But if a society considers itself to have a good selection of quality trees from among its' membership and is prepared to put the time and effort in designing, setting up and manning an exhibit at such events as these, the rewards can be great, financially as well as enjoyable.

Future Shows

September 12th , 13th

Greenwood Bonsai Studio ,Ollerton, Nottingham

Styling démonstrations, Sale of bonsai and exhibition

September 13th Bonsai Boot Sale

Held at the Hertfordshire Garden Centre

Redbourn,Herts. 1 mile from of the M1.

September 27th:

Bonsai Boot Sale, Proceeds to Charity, (Thisledome and FNBC).

Thisledome Community Centre, Waggestaff Drive, CV10 9SL

David Cheshire david@innovativefoundation.org.uk

Cars from 9.00am; opens 10.00am.

October 10th/11th :

Bonsai Europa: The Castle Armoury, Bury, North Manchester.

Bonsai Exhibition in the UK, a [distinctive approach](#) to Classical Bonsai from European Artists. Eight young artists from across Europe are demonstrating, bringing trees to show etc

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October 18th

The Bonsai Traders Association, Autumn Show Elsecar Heritage Centre, Barnsley, Yorkshire The perfect opportunities to get bonsai essentials.,

For more information contact Corin Tomlinson 0115 9205757 office@bonsai.co.uk

October 25th

6th Heathrow Bonsai Show 10:00 – 16:00,

at [William Byrd School](#) Victoria Lane, Harlington, Middlesex. UB3 5EW, UK

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Bonsai Group Enfield

Autumn Bonsai Show at Capel Manor

Sunday 4th October 10am-4pm
Capel Manor Gardens
Bullsmoor Lane
Enfield EN1 4RQ

**Many Individual
"Top Class" Trees
Displayed**

Further Displays by
Supporting Clubs and
Groups

Full Sized Tokonoma

Display by Enfield Bonsai
Group




Bonsai Traders and Potters
Kaizen Bonsai, Lee Verhoeven Bonsai, Cherry Blossom Bonsai, Wilskill Ceramics, Bon-Twig

Demonstration on the day with Graham Potter of Kaizen Bonsai

Admission to the Capel Manor Gardens including Bonsai Show:
Adults £6.50, Concessions £5.50



www.wix.com/bonsaigroupenfield/home

Show Reports

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Hyper Japan Festival

O2 Arena, London, July 10th - 12th. 2015

Congratulations and thanks should go to members of three local Bonsai Societies from the South East Region who staged this show on behalf of FoBBS. It was a sizeable display at 10 x 6 meters.



As a trader had to withdraw at the last minute, changes had to be made to the design and more trees were added to the stand together with a demonstration area.

Working on trees proved very productive and there was a lot more interaction with the public. There were of course all the inevitable questions about the age of the tree, and where to obtain 'Bonsai seed', and how long do you leave the wire on? But the quote of the weekend was:- "There are no leaves on the middle Bonsai."



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



We're on the Web!
www.fobbsbonsai.co.uk

Bonsai World 2015, K2 Crawley, Sussex August 8th & 9th.

An excellent Exhibition, blessed by superb weather. Bonsai World goes from strength to strength. Sussex Bonsai Group did a first class job in staging this Show; they may have had hurdles to jump at the start of their planning, suffering from the sad loss of Ray Ward, the prime mover for this event. However they more than made up for the lost time to produce the best show yet; the standard has improved each time and now reaches a truly international level. A very good variety of trees and displays with many excellent individual and society displays with the new innovation of a display of suiseki from the newly formed British Suiseki Society.

There were some very well deserved awards, with a choice that must have made judging very difficult. The judging was done by German Gomez, Peter Warren and Ian Cuppleditch; presentations were made by Ken Norman, President of the Sussex Bonsai Group. If there was to be any criticism to be given and hopefully this will be taken in the helpful way it is intended, some of the societies were too anxious to please their members and in some cases overcrowded their stands using trees they perhaps would be better to have waited a little longer to develop.

There are many thanks to be made following this highly successful weekend. First and foremost, to Andrew Ford and his team from Sussex Bonsai group with manpower and help also from Crawley Bonsai Society. Next the demonstrators, Kevin Willson, German Gomez, Paul Finch and Amnon Paldi, who willingly and freely gave of their times and skills to ensure the success of this event.

Thanks go also to the traders for their support, the sponsors for their financial support, to FoBBS and Mark and Ming Moreland for the loan of their backdrops and signs and of course to all the exhibitors, without whose support there could not be a show at all.



Exhibition area seen from above with the Sussex Bonsai Group display as a central feature.



Part of the trade area.



Kevin Willson at work



German Gomez's demonstration tree

Bonsai World 2015 Results

'Best in Show': David Green

'Best Society Display': Sutton Bonsai Society

'Best Individual Display': Chrissie Leigh-Walker

'Best Large Tree': John Pitt

'Best Group Planting': Ken & Ann Norman

'Best Shohin': John Armitage

'Best Mame': Les Storey

'Best Suiseki': Amnon Paldi

Club Activities

SOUTH STAFFS BONSAI SOCIETY

Monthly meetings - 3rd Tuesday
Walmley Community Hall,
Crawford Road, B76 1NP 7.30
pm

Meetings take the form of work-
shops with occasional speakers
where beginners are welcome to
bring trees to work on.

September meeting is a workshop
Info.

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THE BONSAI GROUP, Enfield
based wishes to announce that it
is formally changing its name to:

NORTH LONDON BONSAI GROUP

REDDITCH BONSAI SOCIETY

A friendly society meets 3rd

Thurs. Webheath Village Hall,
Heathfield Rd, Webheath,
Redditch, B97 5SQ.

Sept. meeting a workshop,
Developing bonsai from nursery
stock.

Details Richard Gilkes, Secretary

SWINDON AND DISTRICT BONSAI SOCIETY

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

Facebook – Swindon & District Bonsai Society

Future meetings

Tues 8th Sept

Sat 12th Sept

Sat 19th Sept

Tues 13th Oct

Tues 10th Nov

Sat 21st Nov

Tues 12th Jan 2016

Tues 9th Feb

Sunday the 28th Feb

Tues 8th Mar

Mark & Ritta, Judging & slide show

Workshop with John Armitage

Pottery workshop with Walsall ceramics

Autumn workshop

Winter Wiring & Critique

Workshop with Lee Verhorevoort

Review of 2015 & Show display prep

Show displays and show prep

Swindon 'Winter Image' show

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MIDLAND BONSAI SOCIETY

Meetings on the first Thursday of every month at Moseley Cricket Club,
Streetsbrook Road, Shirley, Solihull, B90 3PE at 7.30 p.m.

May be presentations by visiting speakers or society members or workshops.

Occasional visits to other bonsai related places of interest. Next (August) on 9th

August members are visiting STEVE TOLLEY in rural Worcestershire.

Details from Richard Gilkes, 07803 593024.

September meeting is a presentation by JON MOULT, subject his journey
through bonsai.

October meeting is a presentation by STEVE TOLLEY.

We hope you like this first edition; we are open to
all reasonable suggestions. We have created this
publication from available material.

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

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