

The Federation of British Bonsai Societies

# Bonsai News

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# Welcome to FOBBS Bonsai News

It is with great pleasure that I have been able to take on the editing of FOBBS Bonsai News, taking the reins from Kath and Malcolm Hughes which leaves me with some very big shoes to fill. I will take this opportunity to thank their endless and tireless efforts to have launched, compiled and edited the Bonsai News for the previous 19 issues, which I can certainly appreciate the time and effort that it takes to obtain information to publish. Over the coming issues I hope we can continue and with our readers support develop and extend the reach and success of this publication.

Over the coming months I hope we can inspire our readers to submit their information on society shows, bonsai meetings and exhibitions across the whole of the UK. With the positive support of the whole committee at FOBBS and FNBC we want to be able to make this a publication you look forward to receiving. In addition to society news I would welcome submissions of articles and pictures on bonsai related subjects for inclusion and hope to provide valuable information for our member societies and the UK Bonsai community.

I hope to be able to continue the hard work with this publication and help further improve the promotion and awareness of Bonsai in the UK. I do hope that you as a reader will submit your ideas with anything you feel others would want to discuss or know about from the UK bonsai scene.

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### **What the Federation of British Bonsai Societies offers for your Society:**

Provides a database of information that is available to member societies.

Provides a speakers book listing speakers/demonstrators available in the U.K.

Organises on a regional basis, a bonsai amateur new talent competition each year, which aims to encourage those participating to do talks/ demonstrations.

Supports financially and/or materially those societies wishing to put on a national or regional bonsai event.

Promotes bonsai in the U.K. by exhibiting trees at Royal Horticultural Shows

e.g. Chelsea and Gardeners World Live. (Members of FoBBS societies have an opportunity to have trees selected for these events).

Provides £5 million comprehensive/3rd party insurance to member societies at a very competitive rate.

Maintains the National Bonsai Collection at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

Maintains an up-to-date and comprehensive website.

Is in the process of developing a speakers training programme for those wishing to develop presentation skills in giving bonsai talks and demonstrations.

Developing a series of Bonsai Educational Powerpoint presentations to be available for hire by societies for use when short of a speaker.

# FNBC



## Work in Progress at The National Bonsai Collection

Earlier this year the team of volunteers from the Midland region who work regularly to keep the National Bonsai Collection in pristine condition decided that the Juniper group, donated many, many years ago to the collection by the late Bill Horan, first secretary to the Federation, had grown too large to be vulnerable to theft – it is now in a tray of over 5 feet in length, so it was time to make it a feature in the outside space.

However it was still unfortunately vulnerable to the fingers of the thousands of schoolchildren in the groups that regularly visit the Collection in the course of the year. Thus The Botanical Gardens requested a protective fence – the volunteers got together, plans were made and a fence built off site. This last week at the end of June the fence was erected.



### FNBC Committee

Barry Walker

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## European Bonsai Association

# EBA



Since the first informal contacts between European Bonsai enthusiasts in Heidelberg (1980), the European Bonsai Association (EBA) has acted as a coordinating body for bonsai organisations within its member countries.

The primary aim of the association acting as a non-profit making organisation, has been to promote bonsai art and culture, stimulating its members and teaching them all aspects of the art and science of bonsai.

Much of this has been and continues to be achieved through the bonsai associations and federations within the nineteen member countries

It is by virtue of the efforts of these member countries that bonsai in Europe today is enjoying such a high degree of popularity. Within each of these countries, Bonsai groups and societies meet on regular basis, holding exhibitions and small conventions. In most instances, the societies join together under the auspices of their national association to put on a major event, often in the form of a national convention, which includes an exhibition bringing together a wide range of quality bonsai specimen from that country.

Ever since its establishment, EBA has held annual conventions by a different member country and has equally ensured that the 4th World Bonsai Convention was held in München in 2001.



## World Bonsai Friendship Federation

# WBFF



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To promote and diffuse throughout the world, bonsai a living art that can be appreciated by all peoples.

To exchange knowledge, technology, information, and related matters to the art of bonsai among countries of the world, thus advancing international friendship and goodwill.

To sponsor and promote World Bonsai Convention (WBC) once every four years.

Since the late 1970's Saburo Kato, Haruo Kaneshiro, John Naka, and Ted Tsukiyama worked tirelessly to create the World Bonsai Friendship for the pure love of bonsai. The catalyst for the creation of WBFF was "Expo '70" held in 1970 in Osaka, Japan. During this World's Fair, the efforts and unity of the Japanese bonsai community, including Saburo Kato's noble precept of "World Peace through Bonsai," was formulated.

Once established, WBFF's Bylaws divided the world into 9 regions, and required that each region would have a regional organization represented on the WBFF Board of Directors. The regions comprised:

Africa  
Australia/New Zealand  
China (including Taiwan)  
Europe  
India  
Japan  
Asia-Pacific (excluding China, India and Japan)  
Latin America (including Mexico and the Caribbean)  
North America (Canada/U.S.A)

WBFF's North American Region originally included Canada, the United States, Mexico and the Caribbean.

However, with deference to their languages differences, the WBFF Bylaws were later amended to place Mexico and the Caribbean in the Latin American Region. Hence, since 2007 the North American Region has included only Canada and the United States.

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# INTRODUCING

## OPEN NEW TALENT COMPETITION

**Do you have the ability to transform a tree?**



**Do you see yourself becoming a demonstrator?**

**Or perhaps a judge?**



This could be your opportunity. The competition is open to all, both members and non-members alike, providing they are not employed in full time employment as a bonsai professional.

Just fill in an application form for the next British qualifying event.

Trees are provided; you just need a person who knows your bonsai abilities well enough to recommend you and you could be on your way to being the next New Talent winner for the UK.

Contact Peter Fielding for an Application Form.  
email [peterfielding1@hotmail.com](mailto:peterfielding1@hotmail.com)  
or phone 01455 324883

## South Staffs Bonsai Society Show, 2017

This years' Show, staged by the South Staffs Bonsai Society, should have been held at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens on Sunday, 17th September. Unfortunately, due to another major event programmed to take place at the same time the event had to be cancelled. As well as a competitive section, there was to have been an exhibition of trees from both the South Staffs and Stourbridge Bonsai Societies.

Instead, the competitive element of the Show took place at the monthly meeting of the Society. There were two classes of trees, those in training under 5 years and those trained for over 5 years. There was a good turnout, especially with the trees under 5 years, a reflection on the number of the newer members of the society beginning to show how their efforts in bonsai were evolving.

'Awards of Merit' in Class 1 (trees trained under 5 years) awarded to Adrian Bentley and Portia Howells.

'Best in Class' going to Adrian Bentley for his shohin Zelkova.

In Class 2 (trees trained over 5 years) recipients of the 'Awards of Merit' Adrian Bentley, Mark Bentley, Paul Kendall and Barry Walker,

'Best in Class' being awarded to Mark Bentley for his very impressive *Juniperus chinensis* 'Itoigawa'. This same tree also received the award for 'Best in Show'.

Thanks go to David Cheshire, a FoBBS accredited judge for judging at the event. Following the judging, David did a critique of the trees displayed.





## Ambion Bonsai Club



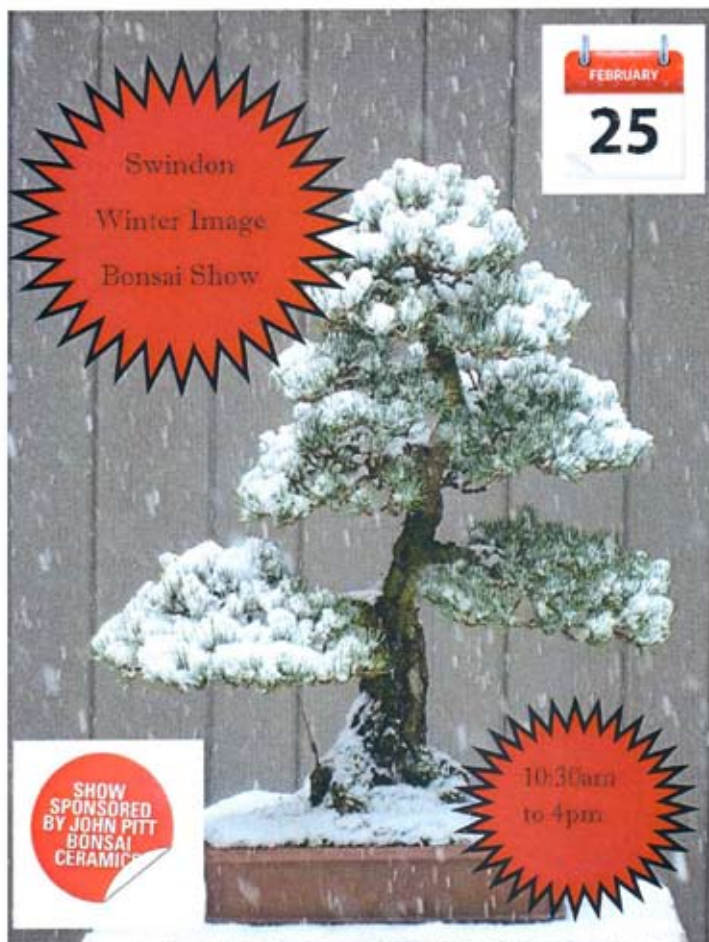
One of the highlights in the Bonsai year took place on Thursday 27th July. Ambion Bonsai members displayed their cherished trees at the clubs Tokanoma and Accents display,

This annual event celebrates member's skills and artistic design. The design incorporates a bonsai tree, accent plant and a scroll portraying the story behind the design and enhancing the tree and its positioning within the display.

This year a long standing member Wendy Curtis was rewarded for her patience and skills. Wendy was awarded first prize in this year's show.

Delighted with her win Wendy said she was pleased to win especially as she had spent a lot of time on her design and making her scroll.

This event was also a great opportunity for the 3 potential new members who attended to see what the club gets up to and what it can offer enthusiasts.



### Swindon & District Bonsai Society

will be holding their annual

**'Winter Image' Show**

**on 25th February 2018,**

from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm

**Entrance £ 5**

#### At

Grange Leisure Centre

Grange Drive,

Stratton St Margaret,

Swindon, Wiltshire

SN3 4JY UK

#### Including

Bonsai Sales

Expert Advice on Hand

Raffle Prizes

Visiting Clubs &

Societies

Invited Guests

Refreshments

Contact Paul on 07982 401103

[www.swindon-bonsai.co.uk](http://www.swindon-bonsai.co.uk)

Awards sponsored by John Pitt Bonsai Ceramics

## Salisbury Bonsai Society, Call for societies and traders to exhibit. 1st July 2017

Salisbury Bonsai Society, will be arranging their 30th anniversary show, to be held in the Cattle Market, Harnham on the 1st July 2018.

It is in the early stages but we hope to have several Society with their displays and traders selling Bonsai related goods.

Any interested parties should contact Rita Molland on 01722 336401



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Stourbridge Bonsai Society  
will be holding their  
Annual Show 2017  
on Sunday 5th November  
10.00 am till 4.00 pm  
at The Bonded  
Warehouse, Canal Street,  
Stourbridge. DY8 4LU  
Everyone is welcome

Exhibition of Members Trees

There will also be a display of trees by South Staffs Bonsai Society

Trade Stands and Bring & Buy

Light Refreshments Available

SPECIAL AUCTION OF A BLACK PINE ORIGINALLY STYLED BY PETER ADAMS AT BONSAI GOLD TOGETHER WITH HIS ORIGINAL SIGNED DRAWING. ONE OFF OPPORTUNITY.



## **Chichester & District Bonsai Society Annual Show. 8th & 9th July 2017.**

One of the hottest weekends this year saw members of seven bonsai societies meeting up at Manor Nursery Garden Centre in Chichester for the seventh annual show of the Chichester & District Bonsai Society.

The Societies represented were, in no particular order, Solent, Eastleigh, Surrey Heath, Crawley, Sutton, Eastbourne and Chichester. Making this show probably the largest of its kind on the south coast this year.

Manor Nursery give the use of half their covered display area over to the show and where, the previous week, there had been flowers and bedding plants for this weekend there is a glorious display of bonsai for the public to come and see, marvel over and ask questions, which the attending society members were more than pleased to answer. As there is no entry charge exact figures are unknown but this year at least a couple of hundred people came to see the displays on both days.

Trade stands were supplied by Collette Harrison of Bonsai Trees Southampton and Paul and Gill Canham of Pinecone Ceramics.

Rob Stewart from Eastleigh Bonsai carried out four demonstrations over the two days and freely gave advice to all and everyone that asked.

Trees and displays were judged by Collette Harrison and Paul Eslinger and awards were made as follows.

Best in Show - Rob Stewart - Eastleigh  
Best Group - Sean Nutbeam - Chichester  
Best Landscape - Arthur Nash - Solent  
Best Club Display - Sutton  
Best Guest Tree - Pip Maidment  
Several other trees were Highly Commended



# Readers Comments & Letters.

Send your comments and letters to [editor@fobbsbonsai.co.uk](mailto:editor@fobbsbonsai.co.uk)

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Dear Editor.

Bonsai trading seems to be going through quite a rough patch at the moment. The first Birmingham sale is usurped by the dinotronic lobby and then the second one is also ousted by presumably another more heavy-weight, read 'moneyed' set-up. The BTA Capel Manor show is squeezed into a fraction of the space we usually use and customers are upset by being made to pay an increased entrance for a 'garden show' which should be reported to the trade description people. The October Elsecar show is cancelled because another organisation wants to book all the space. The same kind of influence is in the ascendancy in all these affairs; that of "money talks" and trust and loyalty are old fashioned values to be cast aside when it suits. People will say that we live in harsh economic times but we always do to some extent and we've never been treated as disposably until this year.

On another subject, the Fenland Club was recently sent details of an auction in which bonsai trees and accessories were offered and I wondered if it would be a positive step for FoBBs (actually mandkhughes) to semi-officially approach more national auction houses to establish their views on selling trees etc. We all know that the standard of trees is slowly rising and the average age of the bonsai aficionado is hardly falling, so there will be some good quality trees increasingly available and need to be more widely known to the bonsai-buying public. I already know of good quality and originally very expensive trees which have expired due to lack of care or interest by the people left behind who neither knew how to keep them alive nor sell them and it is such a shame that others cannot access these to take these trees further into loveliness. Yes, trees are advertised on Ebay and the like but so are 'bonsai seed kits', the offering of which should be outlawed. Bonsai shows, whilst attracting people from far and wide, have a limited customer base. Auction houses are often online so trees can be exposed to a larger audience and this will enable the second or third hand tree market to establish appropriate value in the true sense of the word. When I die I don't want my trees to be left to die. I want someone to continue to develop my trees with skill and enthusiasm and I really don't care how much or even if they pay my heirs as long as the trees are cared for. Just thinking really ...

All the best,  
Sandy Reid







## Images from Bonsai Europa 2017



Coming in issue 21 - Full Bonsai Europa review



## Wessex Bonsai Show 2017

The individual competition, now in its 27th year, reduced the number of entries to provide increased space for each tree, allowing for a total of 46 entries in five classes: broadleaf, conifer, fruiting and flowering, self-styled and small trees (combining shohin and mame). Due to their popularity in 2016, judging was again undertaken by a trio of Geoff Crowe, John Lee and Allan Tolley from Phoenix Bonsai Group. The winning entries were Mike Fieldhouse (broadleaf), Bob Savage (conifer), Tony Oswin (flowering), Tony Oswin (self-styled) and Anthony Stribling (small tree). Tony Oswin won the prize for the most points across categories and the award for best tree in the competition was won by Mike Fieldhouse. Malcolm Driffield won the Anderson Trophy for best Wessex club member's tree.

In addition to the Wessex Bonsai club display, this year's show attracted impressive displays of members' trees from ten clubs in the south of England and south Wales (Celtic Knot, Dragon, Eastleigh, Newbury, Phoenix, Solent, Staverton, Swindon, Surrey Heath and Warminster). Celtic Knot won the prize for best club display with a rather unusual presentation. The annual Jack Bellinger trophy, awarded to the best display of three trees in an annual competition between Eastleigh, Solent and Wessex bonsai clubs, was this year won by Solent Bonsai. Jack, who originated this competition, was a member of Eastleigh Bonsai and was passionate about the creation of bonsai, as opposed to what he regarded as 'cheque book' bonsai. Demonstrations by John Lee, Malcolm Driffield and Tony Oswin took place during the day and no bonsai show is complete without a good selection of trade stands, which this year included sales of 'Mopots' and trees from the estate of the late Maureen and Dave Turner.

At a time when many smaller clubs find it hard to put on shows of their own, we are pleased that Wessex has been able to continue to host this event and attract an impressive array of bonsai talent from such a wide area. We hope very much that this will continue. Images of the individual winning trees and society displays may be seen at [www.wessexbonsaishow.weebly.com](http://www.wessexbonsaishow.weebly.com)



### **Eastbourne and Wealden Bonsai Club**

Held their annual show on Sunday 11th June at Herstmonceux Village Hall, East Sussex, it was a great success again this year. We invited four other clubs to display trees; Solent Bonsai Society, Surrey Heath Bonsai Society, Chichester Bonsai Society and Eastleigh Bonsai Group. All four clubs brought some excellent trees for their displays. Solent Bonsai Society was voted the best display by Eastbourne and Wealden Club members. We invite the public to vote on the best entry. This was won by Kevin Fletcher for a larch group. We were pleased to welcome Reg Bolton, Swindon Bonsai Society to judge member's entries. Reg is of course well known nationally through FoBBS and achieving eight gold medals at Chelsea for the society but also throughout Europe as President of the European Bonsai Association for many years. Reg judged a large broom style lime, shown by Colin George, as the best deciduous tree and the best in show. There were five other winners for various classification as well as six entries highly commended.

Reg also spoke in the afternoon, commenting on some of the entries pointing out both the best aspects of trees and where they might be improved.

We had Paul Eslinger from Eastleigh Bonsai Group, known for his expertise with Satsuki Azaleas. Paul gave a talk and demonstration on care of azaleas. We a further had a talk and demonstration by Dave Penny known for his demonstrations with conifers and saikei. Dave gave a demonstration of styling and wiring a newly acquire conifer.

Club member Derek Brooks had a display of Chinese Brush painting and demonstrated this art form. Our club has the benefit of having members from two local businesses, Peter Ling from Downsview Bonsai and Paul and Gillian Canham from Pinecone Ceramics. They are a huge asset to the club sharing their knowledge with members and they provided the sales tables at the show. Peter brought starter material, established trees and tools and Paul and Gillian a large variety of handmade pots.

An enjoyable day was had by visitors and members alike, enjoying light refreshments and a chance to win a raffle prize as well as so much to appreciate in the world of bonsai.

Thanks must be given to all club members for all their hard work, also to the other clubs for taking part, to our excellent demonstrators and to everybody that came to support our show.

Next year's show has already been booked at the same venue for the 10th June. For more information visit our website: [www.eandwbonsaiclub.co.uk](http://www.eandwbonsaiclub.co.uk)

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## Cheshire Bonsai Society.

June heralded the return of the Cheshire Bonsai Societies' club show, and what a show! The biggest show, with the most trees ever displayed in the Societies' history (it even spilt outside the hall!), it also featured many great and beautiful trees. Members entered their trees to be judged by fellow members and attendees of the show as well as a separate judging by co-founding member and renowned bonsai expert Chris Williams. With prizes for best in each category and best in show the show was a hit, the show was used by the committee to help choose trees to feature on the society display in the upcoming RHS Tatton Park Flower Show





## UK Club's

### Accrington & District Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 1st Tues 7.30pm start.

Hippings Vale Community Centre, Oswaldtwistle, Lanes

**Contact:** trish-flairbeck@tiscali.co.uk or

01772 422247

**Website:** www.accringtonbonsaisociety.co.uk/

### Midland Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 1st Thur 7.30pm start

Moseley Cricket Club, Streetsbrook Road, Shirley, Solihull, B90 3PE

at 7.30pm

**Contact:** Richard Gilkes 07803 593024

### South Staffs Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 3rd Tuesday

Walmley Community Hall, Crawford Road, B76 1NP

Meetings in the form of workshops with occasional speakers; beginners welcome.

### Redditch Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 3rd Thursday

Webheath Village Hall, Heathfield Road, Webheath, Redditch, B97 5SQ

**Contact:** Richard Gilkes 07803 593024

### Stourbridge Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 2nd Sunday Jan - Nov.

Bonded Warehouse, Stourbridge, DY8 4LU

New Members welcome.

**Contact:** Maurice 07415 158167

### Salisbury Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 1st Monday 7.45pm start.

Laverstock Village Hall

Details: www.salisburybonsaisociety.co.uk

### South Worcester Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 2nd Tuesday 7.30pm start.

Clains British Legion, Cornmeadow Lane, Worcester.

**Contact:** Malcolmstyles@yahoo.com 07761 440078

### Warminster Bonsai Club

**Meetings** - 3rd Thursday 7.45pm start.

Christ Church Hall, Upper Marsh Road, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 9PJ

**Contact:** www.warminsterbonsai.co.uk or clive.knight@talktalk.net

### Bedfordshire Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 1st Wednesday, 7.30pm start.

Meetings March - October

Poplars Garden Centre, Toddington.

**Contact:** John Trinder 07860 682161 or Mick Glenister 07931 894956

### South Yorkshire Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 3rd Monday 7.30pm start.

Whirlow Hall Farm, Whirlow Lane, Sheffield, S11 9QF.

**Contact:** www.southyorksbonsai.org.uk or info@southyorksbonsai.org.uk

### Blackmore Vale Bonsai Group

**Meetings** - 2nd Friday

New Rememberance Hall, Charlton, SP7 0PL

**Contact:** m5eay.geoff@btinternet.com

**Website:** www.blackmorevalebonsaigroup.co.uk

### Middlesex Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 3rd Tuesday 7.30pm start.

South Harrow Methodist Church, Walton Avenue, South Harrow, Middlesex, HA2 8QU

**Contact:** roger.gibbs@talktalk.net

**Website:** www.middlesexbonsaisociety.weebly.com

### Swindon and District Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 2nd Tuesday ex Dec. 7.30 start.

Coleview Community Centre, Towcester Road, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN3 4AS

**Contact:** paulbowerbank@lineone.net, 07982 401103

### Vale of Clwyd Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 2nd Sunday

Level Lane Community Centre, Level Lane, Hawarden, CH5 3SB

**Contact:** Mark, 07500 005337

### Surrey Heath Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 1st Tuesday 7.30pm start

Pirbright Village Hall, The Green, Pirbright, Surrey, GU24 0JE

**Contact:** chairman@surreyheathbonsai.org.uk

### Ashfield Bonsai Club

**Meetings** - 1st & 3rd Thur 7.30pm start.

St Michaels & All Saints Church Hall, The Rectory Gardens, South Normanton.

**Contact:** ashfieldbonsaiclub.blogspot.co.uk

### Sussex Bonsai Group

**Meetings** - 4th Wed 8.00pm start.

Wivelsfield Village Hall, Wivelsfield, RH17 7QH

**Website:** www.sussexbonsaigroup.wordpress.com

### Ambion Bonsai Club

**Meetings** - last Thurs 7.30pm start. except June & December.

Hatters Space, Upper Abbey Street, Nuneaton, CV11 5DN

**Contact:** wendyc48@btinternet.com or 02476 368308

**To update your societies details please email  
editor@fobbsbonsai.co.uk**

## UK Club's

### Aka Matsu School of Bonsai

**Meetings** - 1st Thur 7.15pm start.

Seaton Community Centre, Seaton, Seaham, Co Durham  
SR7 0NA

**Contact:** Jim Butterworth butterworth-james@sky.com or  
01642 713782

### Berkshire Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 2nd Wed

Barkham Village Hall

**Contact:** Tania Clentworth, tania.clentworth@gmail.com  
or 07817 418708

**Website:** www.berkshirebonsai.co.uk

### Bridgend Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 1st Tue 7:00pm start.

The Church Hall, Pyle Road, Pyle,

Bridgend. CF33 6PG

**Contact:** Gwyneth Vincent, petervincent@talktalk.net  
or 01656 745087

**Website:** www.cobwebs.uk.net/bridgebonsai

### Bury St. Edmunds & Cambridge Bonsai Club

**Meetings** - 3rd Mon 7:30 pm start. except December

Morton Hall Community Centre, Symonds Road, Bury St  
Edmunds, Suffolk IP32 7EW

**Contact:** Andrew Ryland, aryland68@gmail.com or  
07769 184075

### Cardiff Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 3rd Tue

Christchurch Scout Hall, Roath Park,

Cardiff CF23 5QN

**Contact:** Anne Campbell, mail@cardiffbonsai.org.uk,  
02920 484892

**Website:** www.cardiffbonsai.org.uk

### Cheshire Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 3rd Mon, 7.45pm start

Little Budworth Village Hall, Booth Avenue, Little Bud-  
worth

**Contact:** Elizabeth Scott, bonsailiz@hotmail.com or  
01829 733519

**Website:** www.cheshirebonsaisociety.org.uk

### Chichester & District Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 2nd Thur 7.30pm start

The Bassil Shippam Centre, Tozer Way, St. Pancras,  
Chichester, West Sussex. PO19 7LG.

**Contact:** Martyn Collinson, collinson673@btinternet.com  
or 01243 785356

**Website:** www.chichesterbonsai.co.uk

### Chiltern Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 2nd Mon 7.45pm start.

Hazlemere C of E School Amersham Rd High Wycombe

**Contact:** Mike Pegg, mikew.pegg@btinternet.com, or  
07887 952611

**Website:** www.chilternbonsai.org.uk

### Crawley Horticultural Society Bonsai Club

**Meetings** - 3rd Thur 8.00pm start.

CH Society Hall, Ifield Avenue, West Green, Crawley,

**Contact:** Pam Reed, pam.reed@hotmail.co.uk, or 01293  
420975

**Website:** www.crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk/bonsai-  
group.php

### Dai-ichi Bonsai Club

**Meetings** - 1st Mon except Jan

Shenfield, Parish Hall, Hutton Road, Essex

**Contact:** Mr Tim Johnson, tim\_johnson\_byron@hotmail.  
co.uk, or 01277 217718

### Derby & District Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - last Wed except Dec

Grange Hall Community Centre, Park Lane, Littleover

**Contact:** Lin Young, rodaandlin.young@sky.com, 01159  
727141

**Website:** www.derbybonsai.org.uk

### Dragon Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - Each Sunday 10 am till 4pm

Bonllwyn Aquatic & Garden Centre.

120 LLandybie Road, Ammanford, SA18 2EE

**Contact:** Peter Parsons, parsmr@aol.com, 01792 872201

**Website:** www.dragonbonsai.co.uk

### Eastbourne & Wealden Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 2nd Mon 7:30pm

St Mary's Church Hall, Decoy Drive, Hampden Park,  
Eastbourne, BN22 9PP

**Contact:** Brian Dale, pondey@sky.com or 01323 731369

**Website:** www.eandwbonsaiclub.co.uk

### Fenland Bonsai Club

**Meetings** - 3rd Friday of the Month

Newton Village Hall, Church Lane, Newton, Cambs,  
PE13 5HF

**Contact:** Dennis Rudd, dennis@fenland-bonsai.co.uk,  
07340 534186

**Website:** www.Fenland-Bonsai.co.uk

### Friends of Bonsai Northern Ireland

**Meetings** - 1st Saturday of every month 10am-1pm

George Green Hall, Rathgill Parade, Bangor, Co Down

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## UK Club's

### Glynderi Bonsai Group

**Meetings** - 2nd & 4th Friday 7.00pm

Oakdale Community Centre, Penrhiw Avenue, Oakdale, Blackwood, Gwent NP12 0NH

**Contact:** Keith Wilson, keithnwilson@aol.com, or 01495 224301

**Website:** www.glynderibonsaiclub.yolasite.com

### Heart of England Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 3rd Tues

Cubington Village Hall, Broadway

**Contact:** Marion Disbery, mdisbery@yahoo.co.uk, or 01676 534944

### Ipswich Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 2nd. Friday

Kesgrave Community Hall, Kesgrave, Nr. Ipswich

**Contact:** Gill Milbourne, gill.teddyworld@gmail.com, or 01473 742880

**Website:** www.facebook.com/Ipswich-Bonsai-Society-599050946838418

### Kent Bonsai Club

**Meetings** - 1st Tuesday

Rough Common Village, Rough Common Canterbury, Kent. CT2 9BS

**Contact:** Shane Hales, thehalesfamily@btinternet.com, 07791 572951

**Website:** www.kentbonsaiclub.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk

### Leicestershire Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - Last Tues. 7.30 pm

Wigston Primary School, Meadow Way, Wigston, Leics.

**Contact:** Mike Konig, mike.konig@ntlworld.com, or 07568 503361

**Website:** www.leicestershirebonsaiclub.wordpress.com/

### Maidstone Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 1st. Monday

Madginford Hall, Egremont Rd, Bearsted, Kent, ME15 8LH

**Contact:** Tom Butterworth, butterworth46@hotmail.co.uk, 01622 741888

**Website:** www.maidstonebonsaisociety.wordpress.com

### Milton Keynes Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 7:30 pm, 2nd Monday except Jan and Aug

Reform Synagogue Hall, 1 Hainault Drive, Giffard Park, Milton Keynes, MK14 5PQ

**Contact:** Mrs. Anne Robinson, anne@zensunni.org, 01908 631109

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### The National Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 3rd Tuesday each Month 7:30pm

Church Hall of St. George's United Reform Church  
Lord Street, Southport, PR9 0NP

**Contact:** Stephen Holland, sholland19547@gmail.com, 01519 338757

**Website:** www.thenationalbonsaisociety.co.uk

### Newbury & District Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 1st Wednesday except Jan

Speen Parish Hall, Speen Lane, Newbury

**Contact:** Dave Cleveland, newbury.bonsai@btinternet.com, 0118 9833188

**Website:** www.newburybonsai.blogspot.com

### Norfolk Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 2nd Wednesday at 7:30 pm

Postwick Village Hall, Ferry Lane

Postwick, Norfolk, NR13 5HL

**Contact:** Richard Marjoram, r.marjoram@btinternet.com, 01502 581414

**Website:** www.norfolkbonsaiassociation.co.uk

### The North London Bonsai Group

**Meetings** - 2nd Tuesday 7.30pm, most months

Capel Manor College, EN1 4RQ

**Contact:** Bill Hallworth, wghallworth@yahoo.com, 020 8524 6320

### North Staffs & Stoke Bonsai Group

**Meetings** - 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m

Temple Street Methodist Church Hall,

Temple Street, Fenton, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST4 4NW.

**Contact:** Nigel Manning, nigem99@gmail.com, 07426 441 211

### Northern Ireland Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 2nd Friday

Cregagh Library, 413 Cregagh Road, Belfast

**Contact:** Kristofer Stoker, kristofer\_stoker@hotmail.com, 07835 951566

**Website:** www.nibonsai.co.uk

### Northamptonshire Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 1st Thursday of the month 19:00 to 22:00

Weston Favell Parish Hall, Booth Lane South,

Northampton, NN3 3NS

**Contact:** Martin Gregory, secretary@northamptonshire-bonsaisociety.co.uk, 01604 407265

**Website:** www.NorthamptonshireBonsaiSociety.co.uk

### North West Kent Bonsai Society

**Meetings** - 2nd. Friday

Whiteoaks Indoor Bowling Centre, Garrolds Close, Swanley, Kent

**Contact:** Peter Mitchell, peter.mitchell607@ntlworld.com, 01502 663076

**Website:** www.bonsainorthwestkentclub.org.uk



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### **Phoenix Bonsai Group**

**Meetings** - By invitation only

**Contact:** Allan Tolley, aptdesign@hotmail.com, 07709 256118

### **Shropshire Bonsai Society**

**Meetings** - 4th Tuesday 7:30-10pm

St Giles Church Hall, Springfield Estate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire

**Contact:** Karen Scurry, kscurry9@aol.com, 01743 236737

**Website:** www.shropshirebonsai.org.uk

### **Solent Bonsai Society**

**Meetings** - Last Friday 7:30 pm

Wallington Village Hall, Broadcut, Fareham, Hants (Nr Sainsbury's)

**Contact:** Keith Hartley, kb.hartley@ntlworld.com, 02392 640985

**Website:** www.solentbonsai.co.uk/

### **Southend Bonsai Society**

**Meetings** - 3rd Thursday 7.00pm - 10:00pm

Hullbridge Community Centre, Pooles Lane, Hullbridge, Hockley, Southend, SS5 6PA

**Contact:** Mike Tautz, mike80tautz@gmail.com, 01268 781044

### **Sutton Bonsai Society**

**Meetings** - Last Thursday of the month

4th.Ewell Scout Hall

**Contact:** Daryn Grossmith, daryn@grossmith.com, 07789 995746

### **Tees Valley Bonsai Society**

**Meetings** - 3rd Tuesday, excluding August at 7.15pm in the Youth Extension.

St. Mary's Church Hall, Norton Green, Norton, STOCKTON-ON-TEES, TS20 1DT

**Contact:** Graham Walker, graham.walker11@ntlworld.com, 01287 637734

**Website:** en-gb.facebook.com/TEES-Valley-Bonsai-Society-1190857781006725

### **Wessex Bonsai Society**

**Meetings** - 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30 followed by 4th Sunday morning of the month

Kinson Community Centre, Millhams Road, Kinson, Bournemouth, BH10 7LH

**Contact:** Julie Collins, wessexbonsaisociety@ymail.com, 07870 114760

**Website:** www.wessexbonsai.co.uk

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# Bonsai Show Diary

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## 22nd October 2017 (21st October 2018)

### Heathrow Bonsai Show

Harlington Sports Centre, Pinkwell Lane,  
Harlington, Middlesex. UB3 1PB.

Adm: £3 Children Under 12 FREE 1000-1600.hrs

Contact: Mark Moreland 07850.771201

Email: markmoreland@live.co.uk

www.heathrowbonsai.weebly.com

## 5th November 2017

### Stourbridge Bonsai Winter Show

The Bonded Warehouse, Canal Street,  
Stourbridge.

Adm: £ tba Times: 1000-1600.hrs

Contact: 07415.158167

email: mpdavis1953@gmail.com

## 3&4th February 2018

### Noelanders Bonsai Show

Genk, Belgium.

## 25th February 2018

### Swindon Bonsai Society Winter Image Show

Stratton Leisure Centre, Grange Drive, Stratton St Margaret, Swindon, Wiltshire. SN3 4JY.

Adm: £5 1000-1600.hrs

Contact: Paul Bowerbank 07982.401103

Email: paulbowerbank@lineone.net

www.swindon-bonsai.co.uk

## 18th March 2018

### Bonsai Car Boot Sale (& FOBBS AGM)

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

Adm: FREE 0800-1200.hrs

Contact: Kim Turton 01543.685600

Email: turtonkim@hotmail.com

## 24&25th March 2018

### Sutton Bonsai Club.

Wisley Gardens, Wisley Lane,  
Wisley, Surrey. GU23 6QB

Adm: £ tba 1000-1630.hrs

Contact: Andy Jordan 07958.372101

Email: antique.netsuke@gmail.com

www.suttonbonsai.wordpress.com

## 8th April 2018

### Expo Bonsai UK

Harlington Sports Centre, Pinkwell Lane,  
Harlington, Middlesex. UB3 1PB.

Adm: £5 1000-1600.hrs

Contact: Mark Moreland 07850.771201

Email: markmoreland@live.co.uk

www.ExpobonsaiUK.weebly.com

## 15th April 2018

### Bonsai Traders Association

Ryton On Dunsmore, Coventry. CV8 3FL.

Adm: FREE 1000-1700.hrs

Contact: Corin Tomlinson 0115.9205757

Email: office@bonsai.co.uk

www.bonsaitraders.co.uk

## 13th May 2018 (12th May 2019)

### Surrey Heath Bonsai Show

Lord Pirbright Hall, The Green, Pirbright, Surrey. GU24 0JE. Adm £2/£1 1000-1600.hrs

Contact: Chris Rhodes 01276.20893

Email: rhodes163@googlemail.com

www.surreyheathbonsai.org

## 20th May 2018 (19th May 2019)

### Middlesex Bonsai Show

Woodford Hall, Poplars Close, Ruislip,  
Middlesex.HA4 7BU.

Adm: £2 1030-1545.hrs

Contact: Roger Gibbs 07542.594557

Email: roger.gibbs@talktalk.net

www.middlesexbonsaisociety.weebly.com

## 25-28th May 2018

### Greenwood 40th Anniversary Event

Ollerton, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 8PR.

Entry: Free 1000-1700.hrs

Contact: Corin Tomlinson 0115.9205757

Email: office@bonsai.co.uk

www.bonsai.co.uk

## 9&10Jun18

### Mid-Herts Bonsai Club Show

Kingsbury Barn, Branch Road,  
St Albans.. Hertfordshire. AL3 4SE.

Adm: Free 1100-1700.hrs

Contact: Geoff Conybeare 07528.614826

Email: info@midhertsbonsaiclub.co.uk

www.midhertsbonsai.co.uk

## 10Jun18(9Jun19)(14Jun20)

### Bonai South West Show.

The Pavilion, The Esplanade,  
Exmouth.EX8 2AZ.

Adm: £2.50. 1000-1630.hrs

Contact: Brian Mackichan 01392.437525

Email: brian-mackichan@mypostoffice.co.uk

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**10Jun18**

**Eastbourne & Wealden Bonsai Show**

Herstmonceus Village Hall, Herstmonceus,  
East Sussex. BN27 4JX.

Adm: £2.50 1000-1600.hrs

Contact: Brian Dale 01323.731369

Email: [pondey@sky.com](mailto:pondey@sky.com)

[www.eandwbonsaiclub.co.uk](http://www.eandwbonsaiclub.co.uk)

**23&24Jun18**

**Bedfordshire Bonsai Society Show**

Poplars Garden Centre, Harlington Road, Bedfordshire.  
LU5 6HE.

Adm: FREE

Contact: John Trinder 07860.682161

Email: [bedsbonsai@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bedsbonsai@hotmail.co.uk)

[googlebedfordshirebonsaisociety](http://googlebedfordshirebonsaisociety)

**1Jul18**

**Salisbury Bonsai 30th Anniversary Show**

Salisbury Auction Centre, Netherhampton Road,  
Salisbury, Wiltshire. SP2 8RH.

Adm: £ tba, Times: 1000-1700.hrs

Contact: Rita Molland 01722.336401

email: [ritapmolland@gmail.com](mailto:ritapmolland@gmail.com)

[www.salisburybonsai](http://www.salisburybonsai)

**7&8Jul18 (6&7Jul19) (4&5Jul20)**

**Chichester Bonsai Club Show**

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

£ FREE 1000-1700 & 1000-1500.hrs

Contact: Frank Weaver 01243.586195

Email: [frankweaverbonsai@gmail.com](mailto:frankweaverbonsai@gmail.com)

[Www.chichesterbonsai.co.uk](http://Www.chichesterbonsai.co.uk)

**29Jul18**

**Staverton Bonsai Table Top Sale**

39 Staverton, Trowbridge,  
Wiltshire. BA14 6PA.

Adm: Free. Times: 1000-1600.hrs

Contact: Chris Jefferys 07954.820970

email: [jefferychris@hotmail.com](mailto:jefferychris@hotmail.com)

**7-9Sep18 (7&8Sep19)**

**Greenwood Bonsai Bash Show**

Ollerton, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 8PR.

Entry: Free 1000-1700.hrs

Contact: Corin Tomlinson 0115.9205757

Email: [office@bonsai.co.uk](mailto:office@bonsai.co.uk)

[www.bonsai.co.uk](http://www.bonsai.co.uk)

**9Sep18**

**East Anglican Bonsai Show**

Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre,  
Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave,  
Suffolk. IP5 1JF.

Adm: tba. Times: 1030-1600.hrs

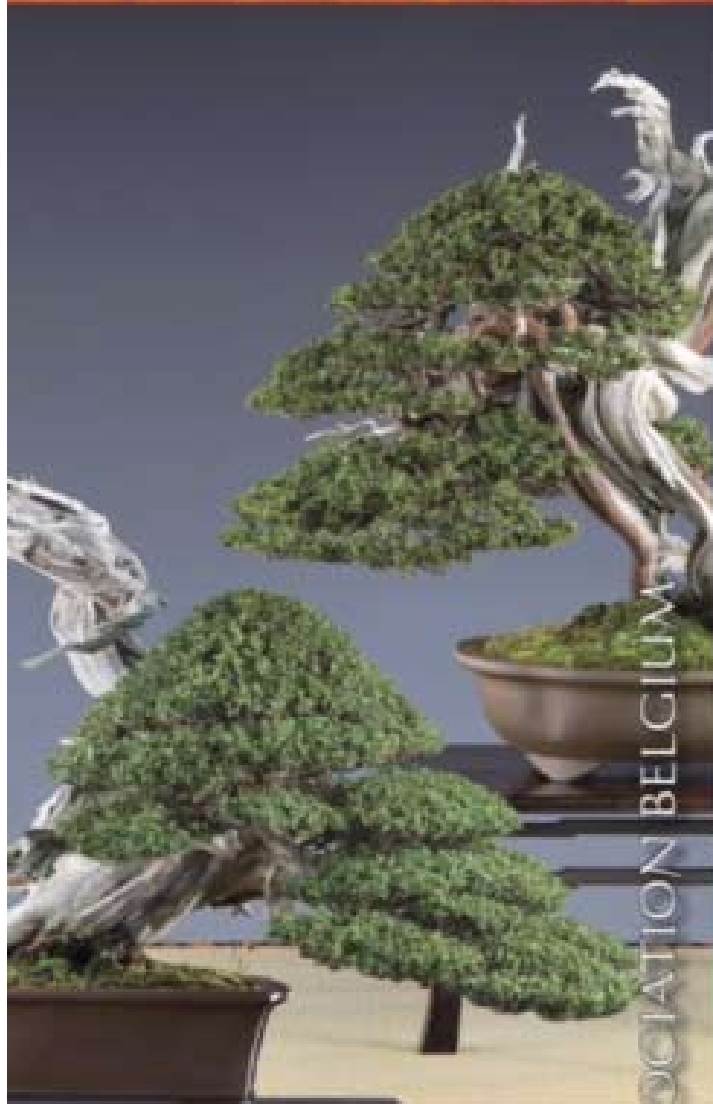
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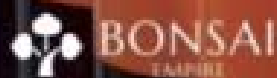
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