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Although too late for the March edition of 'Bonsai News UK', we now have a report and images of the first major UK bonsai event of the year, the 'Winter Image Show' hosted by the Swindon Bonsai Society. Once again, this proved a highly successful enterprise on the part of the Society and congratulations to all those who assisted in putting on the event.

Apart from an impressive exhibition and trade fair, one interesting aspect was the introduction of a different approach to judging the trees and displays for the various awards presented. The issue of judging bonsai has always resulted in interesting and sometimes animated discussions, including such issues as to who are best suited to judging through to whether one has a 'scoring system'; how one overcomes subjectivity and guarantees objectivity? Opinions vary considerably and there come times when, at a personal level, I wonder if there will ever be a definitive system of judging that all bonsai enthusiasts will embrace?

The Birmingham Botanical Gardens hosted a double event on Sunday, 13th March. The first was the now, the well established, 'Bonsai Boot Sale' an annual fund-raising exercise for the National Bonsai Collection, established at the Gardens back in the early 1990's. Again this proved a successful event, with 27 "boots" in attendance and raising the sum of £405.00 towards the running of the Collection. Our thanks to all who attended and making it a successful morning.

This was followed by the FoBBS and National Bonsai Collection AGM with representation from 24 member societies. Minutes of these meetings will appear on the FoBBS website in the next few weeks (www.fobbsbonsai.co.uk).

The meeting highlighted FoBBS continued assistance to societies, particularly those requiring support for events, as well as providing regular updated information. There still, however, remains one weak link – the failure on the part of some societies to provide all the necessary contact details, or more often than not, failing to update society contact details when there are committee changes or changes of e-mail addresses. The FoBBS administration would appeal to all societies to ensure that up-to-date contact details are made available at all times, it is the societies to lose out.

Lastly, April through to the end of May sees a number of bonsai events taking place throughout the UK. If your society is one of those putting on an event, then please let us have a report and images following the event. Details and dates appear on this month's 'World Bonsai Friendship Federation' Calendar of Events.

Malcolm Hughes, Chairman, FoBBS.

April 10th 2016

The Bonsai Traders Association, Spring Show, Sports Connexion, Ryton on Dunsmore, Coventry.

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

www.bonsaitraders.org.uk

April 24th 2016

South Staffs Bonsai Society Annual Show Birmingham Botanical Gardens, 10.30 - 4.00

Other societies in Midland area exhibiting: Stourbridge, also British Suiseki Association.

Bonsai stands from both Dick Turner and Barry Walker will be available for sale.

Info. Dave Barnsley 07837 645875 www.facebook.com/southstaffsbonsaisociety

May 1st 2016

Wessex Bonsai Exhibition and 27th Open Competition

Kinson Community Centre, Pelhams Park,, Kinson, Bournemouth. BH10 7LH.

Admission: £3.50 Concessions 1030 - 1700.hrs

Contact: Mike Walker 01202 624916 www.wessexbonsaishow.weebly.com

May 1st 2nd 2016

Accrington & District Bonsai Society Spring Show, Daisy Nook Garden Centre, Stannybrooke Rd. Failsworth, Oldham M35 9WJ Tel; - 01616814245

May 8th

Surrey Heath Bonsai Society Annual Show, Pirbright Village Hall, (Pirbright Green) Dawney Hill Road, Pirbright, Surrey, GU24 0JE. 10am - 4pm. Entrance fee £2 with £1 for Senior Citizens and children.

Refreshments plus advice and sales tables. Info Chris Rhodes Rhodes163@googlemail.com

May 15th 2016

Middlesex Bonsai Society Annual Show , Woodford Hall, Poplars Close, Ruislip, Middiesex.HA4 7BU.

Contact: Roger Gibbs 07542.594557

Email: roger.gibbs@talktalk.net www.middlesexbonsaisociety.weebly.com

May 22nd 2016

Eastbourne and Wealden Bonsai Show Herstmonceux Village Hall, Herstmonceux, East Sussex, BN27 4JX. 10am – 4pm. Adm: £2.50.

Demos Graham Potter . Chinese Painting, Trade Stands www.eandwbonsaiclub.co.uk

May 24-28th 2016

CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London.

For five days in May, the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea will be transformed into the world's greatest flower show. Fobbs and several other bonsai traders and individuals will be exhibiting.

Reg Bolton on 01793 822 470. reg.bolton@ic24.net

Sun 29 May 2016

Chiltern Bonsai Society Show

Exhibition of Bonsai together with miniature stone landscapes from The British Suiseki Club

Sales, and a chance to meet Harry Harrington, with signed copies of his latest publication.

10 am until 4 pm. Admission £2.00. Liston Hall, Marlow, Buckinghamshire SL7 1DD

May 28th—30th**Cardiff Bonsai Society Annual Show, Dyffryn Gardens, CF5 6SU**

Dyffryn Gardens is a botanical gardens located near the villages of Dyffryn and St. Nicholas in the Vale of Glamorgan, Wales.

May30th.2016**Accrington and District Bonsai Society, Great Harwood Show**

Monday 30th May Halley Rd Showground, Great Harwood Blackburn BB6 7TD

Show Reports

Swindon & District Annual Winter Image Show Feb. 2016

Another grand bonsai event to start the 2016 season, the first large UK show of the season hosted by Swindon and District Bonsai Society. This year's show was a resounding success with over 500 attendees ; visitors, traders, clubs and societies, judges, and invited guests as well as club members. The show greeted with great enthusiasm and was in full swing by midday with the main hall and the smaller hall full to capacity, with a full and overflowing car park. The traders did a roaring trade. With a lot of enthusiastic contemplation of the stunning bonsai displays and active discussion on style, form, shape and overall artistic impression. This year the bonsai displays were of a high standard with stunning tokonoma displays, shohin and mame displays as well as club displays.

This was the year chosen to test a new approach to judging on a large scale, similar to a system used at large shows around the world.

There was a public vote for their best tree, Not for a prize but for interest and information.

A further new Award was added to the list, A Tribute to Arihato Award.

The winners were:-

Best Club	Ashfield Bonsai Club
Best Shohin Tree	Andy Jordan
Best Chuin Tree	John Pitt
Best Deciduous Tree	Warren Radford
Best evergreen Tree	Mark Cooper
Best Overall Display	[taking into account tree. pots and every element of the display] Mark Cooper [multi tree display of shohin]
Best tree/pot combination	[Sponsored by Walsall Studio Ceramics] Will Baddeley
Best Accent	[Sponsored by John Trott] Paul Eslinger
Public vote for their favourite tree, 2 trees shared the honour with the same number of votes	Alan Lewis large windswept [Aberkenfig Club] Tony Tickle for Blackthorn in flower
Tribute to Arihato Award	John Brocklehurst , Oriental Bittersweet in a yellow pot by Ian Baillie
EBA Award	John Trott Siberian Elm





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

Spring Show, North London Bonsai Group, Capel Manor

The recently renamed North London Bonsai Group, formally The Bonsai Group, staged their first show of the season on March 27th.

There were several group displays as well as many individual displays, together with a lively sales table.

Middlesex and Mid Herts Clubs also displayed at this Show having a number of fine trees on display.

The Club also held a very well attended bonsai auction during the middle part of the day. All 63 trees on offer were sold, many of them were of a very high standard, having been in pots for up to 30 years.

Despite the traditional changeable Easter weather there were plenty of visitors, and the positive feedback received indicated that the day had been a great success.



FNBC Boot Sale March 13th 2016

The Boot Sale run annually at The Birmingham Botanical Gardens each year to support The National Collection has reached a peak; we had the best attendance of booked Boots, perfect weather and lots of attendees looking for bargains. We have had some atrocious weather in the past - March is a very unpredictable month, but this year proved truly excellent in all ways. The largest number of Boots yet and many, many happy purchasers basking in the early Spring sunshine.

With a profit of £405.00 from 27 Boots, it will do a lot towards supporting the day to day running costs of the Collection. Thank you for your support and please keep coming, we'll try and book good weather.



MIDLAND BONSAI SOCIETY

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

April 7th Steve Tolley

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

April 19th Show prep workshop

davidbarnsley@blueyonder.co.uk

REDDITCH BONSAI SOCIETY

A friendly society meets 3rd Thurs. Webheath Village Hall, Heathfield Rd, Webheath, Redditch, B97 5SQ.

Details Richard Gilkes, Secretary.

tel. 07803 593024.

STOURBRIDGE BONSAI SOCIETY

The members meet every second Sunday, January to November at the Bonded Warehouse, Stourbridge, DY8 4LU. Next meeting April 10th 12.00 noon Info 07415 158167.

Prospective new members will be very welcome.

Info. Maurice on 07415 158167.

Exhibiting at South Staffs Show April 24th Birmingham Botanical Gardens

ACCRINGTON & DISTRICT BONSAI SOCIETY

Events for 2016

Spring Show

Sun 1st – Mon. 2nd May at Daisy Nook Garden Centre, Stannybrooke Rd. Failsworth, Oldham M35 9WJ Tel; - 01616814245

Great Harwood Show

Monday 30th May Halley Rd Showground, Great Harwood Blackburn BB6 7TD

Two day Bonsai Exhibition

Sat 25 & Sun 26th June, Haworth Art Gallery Hollins Lane, Accrington, Lancs BB5 2JS Tel; - 01254233782

Summer Show

Barton Grange Garden Centre Sat 13th and Sun 14th August. Garstang Rd. Brock, Preston PR3 0BT; - 0195642900

BLACKMORE VALE BONSAI GROUP

Meetings second Friday each month, venue, Silver Band Hall, Bleke St Shaftesbury. Workshops from February to October, Thorngrove Garden Centre, Gillingham. 4th Saturday from 11 am. to 4pm.

Cost £3 including refreshments.

m5eay.geoff@btinternet.com

www.blackmorevalebonsaigroup.co.uk

MIDDLESEX BONSAI SOCIETY

Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month 7.30pm

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

Meetings include in-house workshop and visiting speakers. All are welcome.

email roger.gibbs@talktalk.net.

www.middlesexbonsaisociety.weebly.com

SALISBURY BONSAI SOCIETY

Venue: Laverstock Village Hall at 7:45pm

Meetings first Monday of month

www.salisburybonsaisociety.co.uk

SWINDON AND DISTRICT BONSAI SOCIETY

Monthly meetings, 2nd Tues of month [ex. Dec.]

Coleview Community Centre, Towcester Road, Swindon, Wiltshire. SN3 4AS 1930 hrs – 2200 hrs

paulbowerbank@lineone.net

Tel. 07982 401103.

Facebook – Swindon & District Bonsai Society

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MANCHESTER BONSAI SOCIETY PROGRAMME 2016

Programme 2016

- 14.3.2016: Demonstration by John Barnes -planting on a slab.
- 11.4.2016: Workshop.
- 9.5.2016: Steve Kitchman of China Mist -pot making demo & make a pot for £5.
- 13.6.2016: Bring & buy sale and buffet.
- 11.7.2016: Members show techniques.
- 8.8.2016: Workshop.
- 12.9.2016: Speaker: Roy Booth.
- 10.10.2016: My favourite tree.
- 14.11.2016: Guest speaker Chris Williams
- 12.12.2016: Bring & buy sale and buffet.
- 9.1.2017: Annual General Meeting.

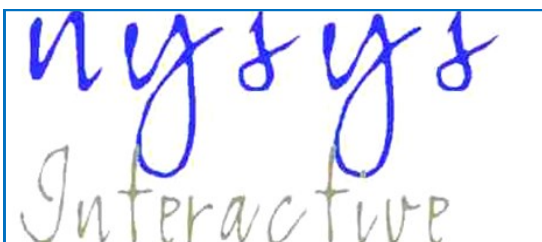


Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month 8 pm-10 pm : Stockport Labour Club, 2 Lloyd Street, off Wellington Road North (A6), Heaton Norris, Stockport, SK41QP.

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

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

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



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SUSSEX BONSAI GROUP

2016 Programme,

Wivelsfield Village Hall, 8pm-10pm



14 May Show at Plumpton Agricultural College, BN7 3AE
 22 May Eastbourne Bonsai Show — Herstmonceux
 25 May Paul Canham — make your own accent pot
 22 June Mystery Demo Ken Norman
 9,10 July Chichester Bonsai Show
 9 July Wivelsfield Village Day
 27 July Bonsai Theme Night — Junipers
 24 Aug Club Auction
 17/18 Sep Show, Garden Pride, Comm. Lane, Ditchling, BN6
 28 Sep Lee Verhorevoort
 26 Oct Kevin Fletcher
 23rd November SBG@37
 Info:- ray.b@talktalk.net tel . 07342 650713

www.sussexbonsaigroup.wordpress.com

AMBION BONSAI CLUB

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

Programme 2016

May 21 Sat Member's comp, Thisledome Bonsai Nursery
 May 26 To be arranged
 Jun 30 Members Barbecue, venue TBA
 July 28 Steve Brown, Flowering Trees
 Aug 25. Members Tokonoma competition
 Sep 29. David Jones, 'Right Tree, Right Pot'
 Oct 27. David Collaby, Scroll Designing and Making
 Nov 24 A.G.M. and Christmas Party
 Dec No club meeting
 Info:- Linda and Glyn Carvell 02476 366140
 email glyncarvell@btinternet.com

NORTH LONDON BONSAI GROUP

2016 PROGRAMME

10 May Graham Potter – raw material to bonsai
 14 Jun Club Tree Competition
 26 Jun BTA Show
 12 Jul Workshop
 13 Sep Linda McArdeall - Mame
 25 Sep Club Autumn Show 10am to 4pm
 11 Oct Malcolm Hughes – judging bonsai
 8 Nov Lee Verhorevoort
 13 Dec Workshop

TEES VALLEY BONSAI GROUP

Programme 2016

19 April Peter Snart
 17 May Summer pruning
 21 June Simon Temblett
 19 June Steve McKee
 19 Aug Show preparation
 20 Sept. Workshop
 18 Oct. Rob Atkinson
 15 Nov. AGM
 20 Dec. Tree critique & social evening

MIDLAND BONSAI SOCIETY

Programme 2016



DATE	SPEAKER/ACTIVITY	TABLE DISPLAY
5th May	Corin Tomlinson,	Satsuki azaleas
2nd Jun	Show workshop,	Larches
7th Jul	Garden visit -	
4th Aug	Members' forum	
1st Sep	Malcolm Hughes,	Acers
6th Oct	Alpine Gar. Soc.	Accent plants
3rd Nov	John Pitt,	Pick the right pot
1st Dec	AGM & Social	Photo display

SOUTH STAFFS BONSAI SOCIETY

Programme 2016



17 May Talk grafting, Dillon Rees
 21 Jun BBQ, Woodlands
 19 Jul Workshop
 16 Aug Create a camel
 20 Sep Preparing for winter - Malcolm Hughes
 18 Oct John Trott, - demo
 15 Nov. Workshop
 20 Dec AGM + nibbles and slide show

BEDFORDSHIRE BONSAI SOCIETY

Toddington Village Hall, LU5 6AN



Monthly meetings, Feb to Nov 1st Weds.
 Workshop s 3rd Weds. April, May, July and Sept.
 Annual Forestry Commission, authorised collecting dig.
 Access for material, Poplars Garden Centre, Toddington

4 May David Jones , WSC demo.
 18 May Duncan Wiles, Theory and practice

AKA MATSU, BONSAI SCHOOL

Programme 2106

5 May Mark Davison
 2 June Andy Campbell
 7 July Show preparation
 4 Aug. Bryan Stone/Jim Buterworth
 1 Sept Steve Ward
 6 Oct. Ken Foulds photos
 3 Nov. Graham Walker, Japan

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2016 Programme,

Wivelsfield Village Hall, 8pm-10pm



9/10	Apr	Show, South Downs Garden Centre, Brighton Rd, Hassocks, West Sussex, BN6 9LY
27	Apr	Styling Workshop
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2016 PROGRAMME

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26 Jun	BTA Show
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Japanese Maple Weekend

at

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