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As the Bonsai Events Calendar sent to you monthly indicates, we are now well into the bonsai show season. This month of May has no less than seven bonsai societies from within the U.K. putting on shows; add to that FoBBS' display at the R.H.S. Chelsea Flower Show and one has an impressive number of bonsai displays. I would hope that most of those societies will be in a position to send images and a brief report on their events for publication in the next issues of 'Bonsai News U.K.' This provides you all with an opportunity to let the rest of the British bonsai community know what your society is achieving. Please make an effort to submit some material when the opportunity is there.

This month's issue includes reports of two events which took place this last month. The first is the 'Spirit of Shohin' event which took place over two days at the R.H.S. Wisley, Surrey. Those of us who managed to visit Wisley that weekend could not fail to be impressed by the standard of shohin bonsai displayed with exhibits from both the U.K. as well as Europe, giving the event an international theme. This, together with an excellent trade section left no-one in any doubt as to the extent to which this aspect of bonsai has grown so significantly over recent years and with an ever increasing rise in the standard. To both organisers and exhibitors, our congratulations on putting on such a wonderful event.

Sunday the 24th April saw a smaller but nevertheless an impressive display of bonsai at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens where the South Staffs Bonsai Society held their annual event. On this occasion, the Stourbridge Bonsai Society were also invited to participate as well as members of the recently established British Suiseki Society, the latter adding an interesting dimension to the display and one that attracted the attention of the public. That, together with a diverse range of bonsai on display, made it a very worthwhile day for all concerned.

On a final note you will see that we have included a promotional flyer for the Amateur New Talent Contest organised by FoBBS which has been running since 1995. This is intended as an opportunity for those talented bonsai enthusiasts to become established as bonsai artists. Therefore, if there is someone you know, perhaps within your society or elsewhere, who you seriously consider worthy of being put forward; please let us know.

Malcolm Hughes

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

May1st 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 14, 15 2016

Greenwood Bonsai Studio, Japanese Maple Weekend

Two days devoted to the care, propagation and maintenance of Japanese maples led by Corin Tomlinson

www.bonsai.co.uk

May 15th 2016

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

Contact: Roger Gibbs 07542.594557

May 14th 2016

Manchester Bonsai Society Annual Show: Lymm United Reformed Church, Brookfield Road, off Eagle Brow (A6144), Lymm, Cheshire, WA13 0QL, 10am - 4pm. Car park on Davies Way, WA13 0WQ.

www.manchesterbonsaisociety.org.uk

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 garden located near the villages of Dyffryn and St. Nicholas in the Vale of Glamorgan, Wales.

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Accrington and District Bonsai Society, Great Harwood Show

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

June 4th & 5th 2016,

Mid Herts Bonsai Club Annual Show, Kingsbury Barn, Kingsbury Mews, off Branch Rd, St Michaels Village,
St Albans Hertfordshire, England. <http://midhertsbonsaiclub.co.uk>

June 5th 2016

Midland Bonsai Society Annual Show, Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Edgbaston, B15 3TR

June 12th 2016

2nd 'Bonsai With Love' event Failand Village Hall, Oxhouse Lane, Failand, Bristol BS8 3TS

Charity Event in aid of M.E. (Myalgic Encephalomyelitis); organised by Dan Barton

June 12th 2016**Bonsai South West 2016.**

Hosted by Exeter Bonsai Society, on Sunday 12th June 2016,

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

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

June 16th –19th 2016

Gardeners World Live, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham

The show will take place at the NEC, Birmingham, from Thursday 16th – Sunday 19th June 2016, in Halls 16, 17, 18,

June 25th, 26th 2016**Bedfordshire Bonsai Society Summer Show.**

Poplars Garden Centre, Harlington Rd. Toddington, Dunstable, Beds, LU5 6HE.,just off junction 12 of the M1

June 25th, 26th 2016

Accrington & District Bonsai Society , Bonsai Exhibition

Haworth Art Gallery Hollins Lane, Accrington, Lancs BB5 2JS Tel; - 01254233782

June 26th 2016

Bonsai Traders Association, Capel Manor, Enfield, Middlesex. EN1 4RQ.

Adm: £5.50; 10.00-16.00.hrs

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

Show Reports



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

British Shohin Bonsai in conjunction with Sutton Bonsai Society staged an international standard shohin show at R H S Wisley in Surrey for the first time.

The exhibition hall allowed for 36 displays of Mame, Shohin, Chuhin/Kifu, together with displays from two leading bonsai potters. The standard of the displays achieved in the exhibition was much higher than at previous shohin shows. There were significantly more mamé exhibits than previously shows, emphasising the growth in popularity of the smaller trees.

Alongside the Exhibition Hall the R.H.S. had erected a marquee to house the traders invited to participate in the event. Visitors were able to purchase all bonsai related products from trees, pots, tools, display items and even potting medium.

The 'headliner' for the weekend was the internationally famous young bonsai artist Taiga Urushibata from Japan, assisted and translated by Maarten van der Hoeven from Holland. Taiga Urushibata ran a workshop on both days of the event.

The displays were judged by Taiga Urushibata and Maarten van der Hoeven, together with four other bonsai practitioners from Holland and the UK, the score being aggregated, any exhibits with equal points were re-judged by all the judges. Each judge's result sheets, with any comments, were displayed for all exhibitors to see thus making the system transparent.

On the Saturday evening a dinner was held for exhibitors, traders and guests where the prize winners were presented with their trophies and certificates.

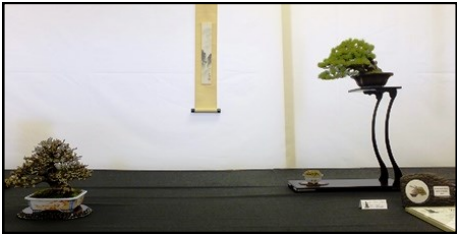
With the event being held at the R.H.S. Wisley Gardens there were very many visitors. We hope that at least a few of them felt inspired after seeing the Show to enter the fascinating world of bonsai culture and all it entails.

Awards

Best Mame Display	Ritta Cooper - UK
Mame Display Merit Award	Bruno Wijman – Holland
Best Shohin Display	Mark and Ritta Cooper – UK
Shohin Display Merit Award	Mark and Ritta Cooper – UK
Best Chuhin/Kifu Display	John Pitt – UK
Chuhin/Kifu Merit Award	Pete & Ted Goodhead – UK
Best Tree/ Pot Combination	Bob van Ruitenbeek – Holland
Best Shitakusa	Andy Jordan – UK
Taiga Urushibata Award	Mark and Ritta Cooper – UK
Best in Show with most overall points	John Pitt – UK

Thanks to Sutton Bonsai Society and the R H S for their hard work and assistance in helping the British Shohin Bonsai to stage such a successful and prestigious show .

Graham Walker



Once again, the Birmingham Botanical Gardens was the venue for the South Staffs Bonsai Society Annual Show. This year, the Society was delighted to welcome as participants members of the Stourbridge Bonsai Society and between them, both societies put on an impressive display. Also invited were Mark and Ming Moreland from The British Suiseki Association, who, together with Kath Hughes, put on a display of viewing stones. This was the first occasion that viewing stones or *suiseki* had been displayed at this event and it generated considerable interest.

The Show was well attended, drawing much interest from members of the public. There was a diverse range of trees displayed, accompanied by accent plants or other suitable items to compliment the bonsai. The Stourbridge Society put on an impressive display of fifteen trees whilst the South Staffs group had a range of trees for competition, ranging from those up to 5 years in training, trees over 5 years and an additional non-competitive class of trees for exhibition only.

The principle awards were as follows:

Best tree under 5 years:	awarded to Malcolm Hughes – Scots pine.
Best tree over 5 years:	awarded to Mark Bentley – Chinese juniper
Best tree in Show:	awarded to Mark Bentley – Chinese juniper
Best tree voted by: the general public	awarded to Alan Newson – European larch

This proved a most successful and enjoyable day. Our thanks go to all those who participated and special thanks to the members of the Stourbridge Bonsai Society who not only put in a wonderful display of bonsai, but who also assisted in putting up the Show and also to Mark and Ming Moreland for their impressive display of viewing stones.



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
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 May 8th 12.00 noon Info 07415 158167.
Prospective new members will be very welcome.
Info. Maurice on 07415 158167.
Also meeting at Ashwoods Nurseries, Kingswinford, DY6 0AE, May 29th 10.00am.

ACCRINGTON & DISTRICT BONSAI SOCIETY

Events for 2016

Spring Show

Sun 1st – Mon. 2nd May at Daisy Nook Garden Centre, Stannysbrook 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; - 01995642900

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.

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.

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
Contact Mark: +44 7500 005337

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MANCHESTER BONSAI SOCIETY PROGRAMME 2016

Programme 2016

- 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.

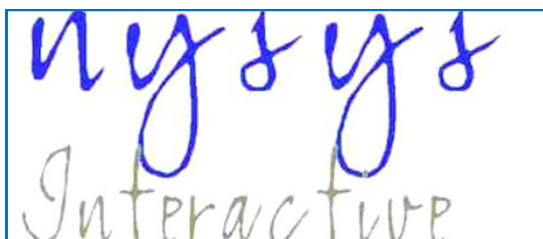


Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month 8 pm-10 pm : Stockport Labour Club, 2 Lloyd Street, off Wellington Road North (A6), Heaton Norris, Stockport, SK41QP.

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.manchesterbonsaisociety.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
26t	Oct	Kevin Fletcher
23rd	November	SBG@37

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,
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 McArdell - 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

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

FEDERATION OF BRITISH BONSAI SOCIETIES



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Contact Peter Fielding for an Application Form.
email peterfielding1@hotmail.com
or phone 01455 324883

Japanese Maple Weekend

at

Greenwood Bonsai Studio

14 - 15 May 2016

Two days devoted to the propagation ,
maintenance and care of
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and for patio pots and garden planting



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

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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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