

# UK Bonsai Association

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## Bulletin Apr20

Welcome to this month's bulletin. Last month I was commenting on us enduring the wettest and windiest months on record, little did I know what was coming around the corner. Never before have we all been affected as we have with this Coronavirus. All shows, all club nights and all workshops closed down, with no light at the end of the tunnel. Imposed by government order, we must stay at home and stop the virus spreading. While most of the general public are shopping for toilet rolls or stuck in front of the telly, the only redeeming factor is that we all have bonsai. At such a perfect time of the year, this last month I have spent more time in the garden with my bonsai than ever before. I have repotted more trees than ever, and watched with amazement as trees burst into life day by day. The up side is with all this extra attention our trees will be getting, they will be looking their very best, but the down side is with all shows or clubs nights cancelled, it will be a very personal experience. I sometimes think the beauty of a tree can only be truly appreciated by the owner who has nurtured it over many years, knowing its past, its present and perhaps its future, while there's chaos around us enjoy those magical moments with your trees in your back garden.

We mentioned in the Jul19 Bulletin the idea of establishing a virtual UK National Bonsai Show on the UK Bonsai Association website. The thinking then was to provide a platform, where owners of trees from all corners of the UK could enter their trees without any expense or inconvenience to be appreciated by the whole bonsai community.

The idea being is we would collect photos of trees between January and October, post them as and when we receive them on the website for public viewing. In November best of each category would be chosen by a panel of judges and then a calendar for the following year published containing the winning trees. The above concept, originally born eight months ago, seemed at the time a good idea but a lot of work making it not a priority, now in the present with all shows etc cancelled we will give it a go. Over the next few weeks we will be fine tuning the details and putting them on the website, so please get ready to take photos of your trees. More details will be following in May20 Bulletin.

A new addition to the monthly Bulletin is the new crossword, have fun.

## Bonsai Events

This bulletin only contains Apr20 events, go to UKBA website for full events diary.

5Apr20  
Expo Bonsai UK Show (Cancelled)

19Apr20  
Bonsai Traders Association (Cancelled)

## Bonsai Event Reports

8-11Feb20  
94th Kokufu Show & Ueno Green Club

28Feb20  
Solent Bonsai Society Winter Show

## Club Speaker Nights

No Club Speaker Nights In Apr20

## Notice Board

**BILL JORDAN**

It is with great sadness that we have to report the passing of one of the UK's bonsai icons recently, Bill Jordan. Bill was not only an accomplished bonsai practitioner but also hugely talented as a photographer with a well-established background in the art world. His audio-visual presentations were legendary and done manually in a time before computers took over that world. Bonsai, pests, diseases and even a walk in the woods were all brought to life in a way that had to be experienced to be believed. If he was on the programme of any club then attendance that night was guaranteed to be huge.

Friendliness, knowledge, generosity, ability and all-around good guy are the qualities that many of us miss. I for one will also miss that cheeky smile.

Rest easy Bill, you left a lasting impression

1May20

Thanking you for your support, today total UKBA membership stands at 971, expanding daily.

2May20

Naked Bonsai Day.

The competition is now closed, we have 10 photos submitted by six brave contestants, the month of April is your chance to help choose the top three photos. Please visit the website and email: [markmoreland@live.co.uk](mailto:markmoreland@live.co.uk) your top three photos, example as below:  
Naked Bonsai Day 1=B 2=G 3=H

Please submit information by 25Apr20, results will be in next months May20 bulletin.

13Sep20

East Anglian Bonsai Show

If your club wants to display at this show, please contact Dave Fryer at Ipswich Bonsai Society email: [daveafryer@aol.com](mailto:daveafryer@aol.com).

18Oct20

Heathrow Bonsai Show

We are pleased to confirm Morten Albek from Denmark a Shohin specialist will be demoing at this years show.

20&21Feb21

Trophy Bonsai Show, Genk, Belgium.

Following this years very successful coach trip to the Trophy Show, Dean is organising another coach for next years show. Cost of this is £250 includes all transport and 2 nights in a hotel, so please contact Dean asap on 07902.040246 or [bonsaitours@gmail.com](mailto:bonsaitours@gmail.com)

Trophy 2021 Demonstrators

Koji Hiramatsu

Bjorn Bjorholm

Abdres Alvarez Iglesias

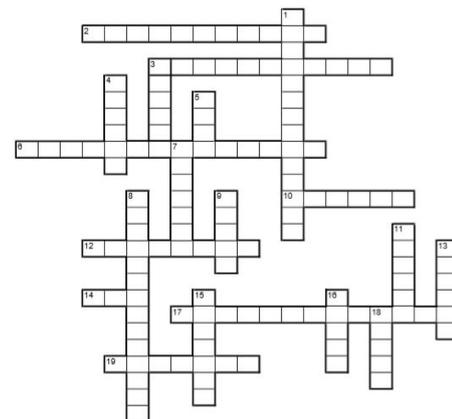
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## Crossword



### Down

- 1 Plant process to make sugar
- 3 Master Carver
- 4 Positively charged dissolved mineral
- 5 used in styling
- 7 viewing stones
- 8 field maple (2 words)
- 9 This is what HMRC does
- 11 Japanese cypress
- 13 e.g. David Jones
- 15 meristem
- 16 blue, silver, yellow, black or white
- 18 carries water

### Across

- 2 windswept
- 3 cuts concavely (2 words)
- 6 keakior (2 words)
- 10 200mm bonsai
- 12 hornbeam species
- 14 which, witch or wych
- 17 produced during respiration (2 words)
- 19 pig's house next to heather

--- Geoff Conybeare