

# UK Bonsai Association

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## Bulletin Apr22

Welcome to this month's Bulletin.

This month, the middle month of Spring, is one of the busiest months in the bonsai calendar, at whatever level you are in the hobby, there's plenty to do. Whether you have show quality trees and you're preparing them for the show season ahead or a complete beginner coming to grips with the hobby for the first time, it's a busy time. No matter how much experience one has of this hobby, one can only be amazed as the trees move from a leafless sleepy winter image to a vibrant summer image, in what seems like only days. Like a running race when the starting pistol goes off, some trees are quick away and others like my Korean Hornbeam doesn't seem to have heard the gun, but eventually in all it's splendour get there, even if last across the finishing line.

We are pleased to confirm the association now has more than 2000 members, a very good number considering we started in 2018 and also considering we have been interrupted by the covid pandemic. The real figure for people now receiving this monthly bulletin must be many more, as the bulletin regularly gets re-posted onto other enthusiasts who are not members. We have recently printed some business card size publicity cards and have recently through the month of March started handing these out at events, they immediately have been a great success.

All of this is good news for the bonsai community, information of all types being communicated to individuals and club members up and down the country alike.

The events calendar for March seemed to return to a state of normality, most of the events were well attended, with people eager to catch up with fellow enthusiasts and re-stock materials for the re-potting season. Don't forget to check out UKBA website for reports and pictures on all 5 events in Mar22.

The next steering group meeting on Zoom is scheduled for Monday 4Apr22 at 1900.hrs.

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## Bonsai Events

Apr22 & May22

10Apr22 Sun (Cancelled)  
Bonsai Traders Association  
Ryton On Dunsmore, Coventry. CV8 3FL.  
Adm: FREE 1000-1700.hrs  
Contact: Corin Tomlinson 0115.9205757  
Email: [office@bonsai.co.uk](mailto:office@bonsai.co.uk)  
[www.bonsaitraders.co.uk](http://www.bonsaitraders.co.uk)

21-24Apr22 Fri-Sun (Confirmed)  
Yorkshire Bonsai Society Display & Show  
At Harrogate Flower Show,  
Great Yorkshire Showground,  
Railway Road, Harrogate, North Yorkshire. HG2 8NZ.  
Adm: £20 (Exhibitors Free).  
Times: 1000-1700.hrs  
Contact: Craig Brown 07763.771701  
Email: [jcraig008@sky.com](mailto:jcraig008@sky.com)

1&2May22 Sun & Mon (Confirmed)  
Daisy Nook Garden Centre Bonsai Show,  
Stannybrook Road, Daisy Nook,  
Failsworth, Manchester. M35 9WJ.  
Adm; Free. Times: 1000-1700.hrs  
Contact: KeithTarpey 07474.356890  
Email: [keithtarpey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:keithtarpey@hotmail.co.uk)

8May22 Sun (Confirmed)  
Scottish Bonsai Association National Exhibition  
Walker Hall, Municipal Buildings,  
South Beach, Troon, Scotland. KA10 6EF.  
Adm: £2/£1 and SBA members Free.  
Times: 1100-1600.hrs.  
Contact: Jeff Banning 07799.477895  
Email: [jeffbanning@btinternet.com](mailto:jeffbanning@btinternet.com)  
[www.scottishbonsai.org](http://www.scottishbonsai.org)

8May22 Sun (Confirmed)  
Expo Bonsai UK  
K2 Leisure Centre,  
Pease Pottage Hill, Crawley, West Sussex. RH11 9BQ  
Adm: £8. Times: 1000-1600.hrs.  
Contact: Steve Hale 07850.771201  
Email: [ebuk18@gmail.com](mailto:ebuk18@gmail.com)  
[www.ExpobonsaiUK.weebly.com](http://www.ExpobonsaiUK.weebly.com)  
Supporting 41xTraders:

Ato-Saki Bonsai  
Beech Field Bonsai  
Bonsai Brushstrokes  
Bonsai Centre  
Bonsai Shed  
Bonsai4Me  
Bonsaistow  
Bon-Tag  
BW Bespoke Bonsai Stands  
China Mist Ceramics  
Chris Thomas Bonsai  
Christine's Ceramics  
Collette's Bonsai  
Dave Cheshire Bonsai  
Dave Sampson  
Dragonfly Bonsai Pots  
European Bonsai Pot Collective  
Every Sprout  
Glynderi Yamadori Bonsai  
Gordon Duffett Pots  
Greenwood Bonsai  
Hadori Bonsai  
Herons Bonsai Nursery  
Oakfield Bonsai Supplies  
Oceana

Paul Rogers Ceramics  
Probio Carbon  
RH Bonsai  
Saruyama  
Seikatsu Bonsai School  
Shohin-Bonsai  
Spectre Ceramics  
Springwood Ceramics  
Suteki  
ToNe Ceramics  
Troll Pots  
UK Bonsai Tables  
Walsall Ceramics  
Windybank Bonsai  
Wood And Clay  
Zac's Bonsai

15May22 Sun (Confirmed)  
Middlesex Bonsai Show  
Woodsford Hall, Poplars Close,  
Ruislip, Middlesex. HA4 7BU.  
Adm: £2. Times: 1030-1545.hrs.  
Contact: Mark Moreland 07850.771201  
Email: [markmoreland@live.co.uk](mailto:markmoreland@live.co.uk)  
[www.middlesexbonsaisociety.weebly.com](http://www.middlesexbonsaisociety.weebly.com)

15May22 Sun (Confirmed)  
South Staffs Bonsai Society Show  
Birmingham Botanical Gardens,  
Edgbaston, Birmingham. B15 3TR.  
Adm: £7.50. Times: 1000-1600.hrs.  
Contact: David Barnsley 0121.6822200  
Email: [davidbarnsley@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:davidbarnsley@blueyonder.co.uk)  
Supporting Club: Stourbridge Bonsai Society

15May22 Sun (Confirmed)  
Kent Bonsai Late Spring Show  
Dunkirk Village Hall, London Road,  
Dunkirk, Kent. ME13 9LG.  
Adm: £2. Times: 1000-1600.hrs  
Contact: Adrian Long 07710.615861  
Email: [adrian58@long@btinternet.com](mailto:adrian58@long@btinternet.com)  
[www.kentbonsaiclub.weebly.com](http://www.kentbonsaiclub.weebly.com)

24-28May22 Tue-Sat (Confirmed)  
Chelsea Flower Show  
Royal Hospital Chelsea, London. SW3 4SR.  
Contact: Tony McKenzie 07837.577680  
Email: [am.pm@talk21.com](mailto:am.pm@talk21.com)

28May22 Sat (Confirmed)  
Eastbourne & Wealden Bonsai Show  
St Mary's Church Hall,  
Decoy Drive, Hampden Park, astbourne,  
East Sussex. BN22 9PP.  
Adm: £2.50. Times: 1000-1600.hrs.  
Contact Brian Dale 07756.238356 &  
01323.731369  
Email: [pondey@sky.com](mailto:pondey@sky.com)

29May22 Sun (Confirmed)  
Chiltern Bonsai Show  
Liston Hall, Chapel Street, Marlow,  
Buckinghamshire, SL7 1DD  
Adm: £2 -16s Free. Times: 1000-1600.hrs.  
Contact: Michael Pegg & Adrian Garnett  
Email: [mikew.pegg@btinternet.com](mailto:mikew.pegg@btinternet.com)  
Email: [adrian.garnett@virginmedia.com](mailto:adrian.garnett@virginmedia.com)  
[www.chilternbonsai.org.uk](http://www.chilternbonsai.org.uk)  
Supporting club: Middlesex Bonsai Society

We would remind people the status of all events is marked in brackets ie, provisional, postponed, confirmed or cancelled. Whenever visiting an event please check for more up-to-date details on the website and if travelling any great distance, please confirm the event is still running with the event contact person. Thank you

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## Bonsai Event Reports

To read the full reports with photos on the events listed below please visit the UKBA website. [www.ukbonsaiassoc.org/show-reports](http://www.ukbonsaiassoc.org/show-reports)

6Mar22 Sun  
Doncaster Bonsai Experience  
& The Spring Bonsai Exhibition

12&13Mar22 Sat & Sun  
Dragon Bonsai Spring Show

19&20Mar22 Sat & Sun  
Sutton Bonsai Show

20Mar22 Sun  
South East Bonsai Fair

20Mar22 Sun  
Friends Of The National Bonsai Collection

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## Club Speaker Nights

5Apr22 Tue (1900.hrs)  
Talk & Demo by David Cheshire  
Subject: tba  
Leicestershire Bonsai Society  
The Hall in the park,  
Whiwick Park, North Street,  
Whiwick, Leicestershire. LE67 5HA.  
Ctc: Paul Olson 07734.652168  
Email: paul.olson174@yahoo.co.uk

6Apr22Wed (1945-2200.hrs)  
Talk by Tony MacKenzie  
Subject: Air-layering & Aftercare  
Surrey Heath Bonsai Society  
Chobham Village Hall, Station Road,  
Chobham, Surrey. GU24 8AQ  
Ctc: Chris Rhodes 01276.20893  
Email: rhodes163@googlemail.com

7Apr22 Thu (1900.hrs)  
Talk by Corin Tomlinson  
Subject: Deciduous Tree Refinement  
Northamptonshire Bonsai Society  
Weston Favell Parish Hall, Booth Lane South,  
Weston Favell, Northamptonshire. NN3 3EP.  
Ctc: Michael Allen 07788.403171  
secretary@northamptonshirebonsaisociety.co.uk

12Apr22 Tue (1930.hrs)  
Talk by David Cheshire  
Subject: Rock Plantings  
Accrington & District Bonsai Association  
Hippings Vale Community Centre,  
Harvey Street, Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire. BB5 3LQ.  
Ctc: Pauline Smith 07788.826490  
Email: pauline2014smith@gmail.com

13Apr22 Wed (1900.hrs)  
Talk by David Penny  
Subject: Landscapes  
Kent Bonsai Society  
Dunkirk Village Hall, London Road,  
Dunkirk, Kent. ME13 9LG.  
Ctc: Adrian Long 07710.615861  
Email: adrian58@long@btinternet.com

13Apr22 Wed (1930.hrs)  
Talk by Trevor Banbury  
Subject: Growing & Styling Box Bonsai  
Taunton & Somerset Bonsai Club  
Bishop Henderson Primary School,  
Henderson Close, Taunton TA1 4TU  
Ctc: Michael Cooper 01458.210796  
Email: cooperstudio@btopenworld.com

14Apr22 Thu (1930.hrs)  
Talk by Paul Eslinger  
Subject: Landscape Plantings  
Chichester & District Bonsai Society  
Bassil Shippam Centre, Tozer Way, St Pancras,  
Chichester, West Sussex. PO19 7LG.  
Ctc: Liz Panton 01243.785356  
Email: collinson673@btinternet.com

25Apr22 Mon (1930.hrs)  
Talk & Demo by John Hanby  
Subject: tba

Bristol Bonsai Society  
Failand Village Hall, Oxhouse Lane,  
Failand, Somerset. BS8 3TS.  
Ctc: Mark Wood 07964.249279  
Email: woodmdwoody@yahoo.co.uk

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## Notice Board

15&16Apr22 Fri & Sat  
Herons Bonsai  
Wiremill Lane, Newchapel, Nr Lingfield,  
Surrey. RH76HJ  
A special Easter weekend event, your  
opportunity to visit one of the biggest bonsai  
nurseries in the UK and meet Peter Chan in the  
flesh. He will be personally presenting a demo  
on both days from 1100.hrs till 1400.hrs.  
For further details please contact the nursery  
direct. Tel: 01342.832657  
Email: sales@herons.co.uk

8May22 Sun  
Expo Bonsai UK  
K2 Leisure Centre,  
Pease Pottage Hill, Crawley, West Sussex. RH11 9BQ  
We are now nearing this show and one of the  
most important parts of staging such a large  
show is the team of volunteers who make it run  
smoothly. If you can spare some time to help  
staff the show or to get involved preparing the  
hall on the Saturday afternoon or breaking  
down after the show, we would be grateful for  
your help. If you are able to volunteer please let  
us know as soon as you can.  
At this years Expo there will be available for  
the first time a special limited edition 25mm  
badge, more details to follow.



2&3Jul22 Sat & Sun  
Chichester Clubs Annual Exhibition  
10th Anniversary  
Manor Nursery, Pagham Road,  
Runcton, Chichester. PO20 1LJ.  
Any clubs wishing to display or traders wishing  
to sell at this show please contact  
Contact: Frank Weaver 01243.586195  
Email: frankweaverbonsai@gmail.com

4Sep22 Sun  
East Anglian Bonsai Show  
Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre,  
Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, Suffolk. IP5 1JF.  
(Kesgrave near Ipswich Suffolk)  
Following on from the success of last years  
show we are looking to continue the growth of  
the show. For more information on the scale  
and size of this show please read the 2021  
report with pictures on the UK Bonsai  
Association show reports page of their web site.  
The venue has free parking and plenty of room  
to expand into. We are looking for more traders  
and are only charging £10 per 6ft table  
(supplied) to help the growth of the show each  
year. We had 6 clubs showing trees last year  
and they are all returning. If you're a club or  
trader and would like to join us please contact  
me.

This year we have a demonstration by Will  
Baddeley. Will specialises in native  
European species and is renowned for  
creating natural looking deadwood.  
Look forward to hearing from you,  
kind Regards, Dave Fryer.  
Tel 01728 830691  
Mob 07749801297  
e-mail daveafryer@aol.com

11Sep22 Sun  
Heathrow Bonsai Show  
Bracknell Leisure Centre,  
Bagshot Road, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 9SE.  
We have now reached our capacity for this  
year with 36 Clubs displaying, please see  
events diary on the website for  
confirmation of clubs participating. Thank  
you.

17-18Sep22 Sat & Sun  
Bristol Bonsai Society Event  
Kevin Willson Weekend Demonstration  
and Workshop Extravaganza at Failand  
Village Hall, Oxhouse Lane,  
Failand, Somerset. BS8 3TS.  
Sat 0900-1600.hrs Demonstration on a  
huge Mugo pine.  
Sun 0900-1600.hrs workshop  
The workshop is now fully booked and  
because of the fantastic reaction all visitors  
will have to book tickets at £10 in advance  
for both Saturday and Sunday events. For  
further information please contact John  
Trott 07711.205806.

25Sep22 Sun (Confirmed)  
Doncaster Bonsai Experience  
& The National Shohin Exhibition  
Markham Grange Nursery,  
Longlands Lane, Brodsworth,  
Doncaster, South Yorkshire. DN5 7XB.  
Anyone wishing to submit entries for the  
show please contact John by the 31May22.  
The categories for the show are as follows:  
Best Shohin  
Best Evergreen  
Best Accent  
Best Deadwood  
Best Deciduous  
Best in Show  
And new for this show  
Best Kusamono  
Contact: John Skill 07818.110978  
Email: karskill@aol.com

1&2 Oct22 Sat & Sun  
The Bonsai Show Live 2022  
Telford International Centre,  
International Way, Telford, Shropshire.  
TF3 4JH.  
Anyone wishing to submit entries for the  
show please contact Andrew by the  
31Jul22.  
The categories for the show are as follows:  
Best Coniferous Tree  
Best Deciduous Tree  
Best Shohin Tree  
Best Accent / Kusamono  
Best in Show  
Contact: Andrew Avraam 07886.990610  
Email: info@thebonsaishowlive.co.uk  
Website: www.thebonsaishowlive.co.uk

6-7May23 Sat & Sun  
FoBBS (SW) Bonsai Show  
RHS Rosemoor Gardens,  
Torrington, North Devon. EX38 8PH.

Any clubs wishing to display or traders wishing to sell at this show please contact  
Contact: Nigel Wright 01271.374527  
Email: coordinator@fobbsbonsai.co.uk  
Website: fobbsbonsai.co.uk

#### Ashfield Bonsai Club

Details for the Ashfield Bonsai Club have changed, they still meet 1st & 3rd Thu Monthly. 1930-2130.hrs but the location of the meetings have changed and the new club contact:  
Evergreen Club,  
Cornhill, Allestree,  
Derbyshire. DE22 2FT  
Ctc: Mike Rose 07968.951515  
Email: rosemike1960@gmail.com  
www.ashfieldbonsaiclub.blogspot.co.uk

#### Chris Rathmell



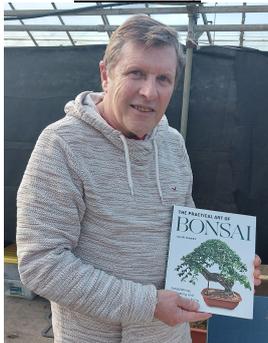
This is a hard write for me as Chris Rathmell from York was a dear friend and a true lover of bonsai. Whenever I held an event or workshop he was first to arrive to help and the last to leave after clearing up. Chris was passionate about bonsai and he was a lover of the great outdoors with The Lake District his favourite 'go-to' destination. Chris has a broad range of friends, some from work, from bonsai and from many that he grew up with in and around York. I never heard him argue or have harsh words with anyone.

Chris had a beautiful send-off, countless colleagues from his work and many from the Bonsai family travelled a long way to say their last goodbye. I will miss his kind nature, his determined walk, the endless 'After Eight' mints but most of all his friendship and humour. Here is Chris 'Coopering' at the last Burrs workshop.  
Tony Tickle

#### Club Secretaries

Would ask kindly if you could check your club or societies details on the UKBA club listings are correct. If not we would be pleased to receive your updated details by email. thank you.

#### John Hanby



The Practical Art Of Bonsai

Sure enough as promised last month John miraculously appeared at the Doncaster event with boxes of his new book. Many enthusiasts who had been eagerly awaiting this book

quickly snapped up their copy and John was obliging enough to personally sign their copy with a smile.

#### Sales Notice For The 1st April

Would all customers please note that "Magic Wands" for use in root pruning of bonsai, to keep them magically small, without any work or training needed. These are now on sale at £280+vat. Also just in from Japan is "Elastic Wire". Very revolutionary once your trees are wired into shape you need not worry about removal or damage to branches etc, the wire stretches as the tree expands and eventually drops off. On sale at £160+vat per 500gms reel. Now for the latest from "Korea", Its a gadget that you place in each pot, above drainage plus about a third of your chosen compost, then fill to the desired level, now you can sit back and relax. The gadget has built in blades that spring into action once spring arrives they remove all of last years roots. These are disintegrated by the built in laser. Now your tree is ready for another years growth, this model is the "Handy-Master" or their is a luxury Handy-Master which features all the same as the "Handy" version plus it has a pest control eliminator that emits a fatal dose of insecticide that kills all known bugs (flying or crawling) also those that we don't know about. It's other built in asset is it's self fertilising and watering devise. At the moment prices for these two items are "Top Secret"!

As soon as I hear of anything else that might make life a bit less stressful I will inform you all.

Dave Smith ☺

Southend Bonsai Society Chairman

#### Selling Or Trading

It's been brought to our attention, that some people presume if they want to sell or trade at an event, they can just turn up on the day. We would like to confirm unfortunately events of all kinds, whether its a show or a car boot sale need to know in advance of people arriving. Space is often at a premium and has to be carefully managed in order to fit everyone in. Therefore, please don't be disappointed if you turn up to an event and find yourself turned away because you have not pre-booked your space. This arrangement covers all events listed on the events diary, no exceptions.

#### UKBA Membership

Thanking you for your support, today 1Apr22 UKBA membership stands at a total of 2026, expanding daily

#### Walsall Bonsai School & Nursery

Recently started up by Ian Homer, Walsall Bonsai will be selling trees and pots, plus offering 1-2-1 tuition and group workshops in all aspects of bonsai and pot making, visits by appointment only.  
Contact: Ian Homer for further details  
Tel: 07791.617776  
Email: walsallbonsai@cloud.com  
www.walsallbonsai.com

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## Monthly Tasks

Below is a list of bonsai tasks to be carried out during the month of April, it must be adapted to your localised conditions and is meant only

as a general advisory list of tasks for the bonsai enthusiast.

#### Bonsai in April

Spring has now sprung and hopefully all your bonsai trees have come through the winter. Here is a quick generic guide to bonsai in April but for individual species check out some of the other species-specific posts.

#### Watering:

In the UK it has been a fairly dry winter so continue to check your trees daily and water as required but start to increase your watering with the buds now pushing and leaves opening. Water in the mornings ideally to avoid the colder temperatures at night. Spray any repotted trees to ensure they do not dry out.

#### Re-potting:

You should now be coming to an end of your repotting so keep an eye on the trees you have repotted.

Review any trees that have yet to be repotted as it is a slow start to spring for some species so you could still repot in early April if it stays cool.

For any trees that you are not repotting still remove the top surface and re-top dress to remove any crusting on the surface to improve airflow and drainage down through the soil. Plus clean the pots of the trees if they have got green algae forming on them.

#### Feeding:

For broadleaved trees, start feeding any trees that are now out in leaf that you did not repot while do not feed those repotted in March yet, wait till the end of April. Start increasing the feeding of evergreen trees as they start to show more signs of stronger growth.

Tropical trees and Evergreens can continue to be fed with a low nitrogen feed to maintain health and vigour at the onset of spring.

Feed flowering trees that have not been repotted yet like Forsythia, Chamomiles, Cherry, Akebia etc.

#### Pruning:

Species to avoid pruning in Spring due to potential for sap bleeding would be Acer, Betula, Carpinus, Carya, Juglans, Magnolia, Morus, Populus and Tilia.

Remove unwanted branches and look for dead branches now that you can see the new buds swelling and clean out any dead branches before the leaves fully flush.

Prune back any branches that are too long to a suitable live bud pointing in the right direction. Seal any large wounds with cut paste.

#### Trimming:

Now that the leaves are starting to appear trimming can be carried out to remove the terminal shoot in some species to aid with creating a more compact form. Continue to prune tropical trees to maintain their shape and trim the new shoots.

Where too much growth is expected and buds are well advanced, removal of unwanted future twigs may be anticipated by pinching out buds now. Where density

is required of foliage, pinch or remove the terminal bud to promote side buds to develop. This is also a good opportunity to check buds to see if they are viable.

### Root pruning:

Species to avoid severe root pruning in Spring due to potential for sap bleeding would be Acer, Betula, Carpinus, Carya, Juglans, Magnolia, Morus, Populus and Tilia.

It is still worth checking the roots of trees that you are not fully repotting but this is more difficult if you have wired the trees into your pots as advised. If you are not seeing good bud swelling, then potentially there is an issue with the roots so remove from the pot and check for white root tips and healthy roots.

### Insects and pests:

Check for the newly emerging bugs and pests like green and black fly, red spider mite, scale insect, mealy bug as well as vine weevil beetles. With the onset of warmer weather insect pests can start to emerge and are more likely to appear on the new shoots and leaves.

### Moss and weed control:

Continue to keep this in check and treat or remove unwanted moss and remove any newly forming weeds.

### Wiring:

Check wires and guys to ensure they are not cutting in and this is a good time to straighten out dis-used wire, which can be re-used for training wire.

### Protection:

Continue to protect from late frosts as it is still not very warm outside and ensure to harden off leaves before moving your trees out from a cold greenhouse.

### Assessment:

Continue to update your bonsai records and photograph your trees to record their progress.

### Tools:

This is something everyone should do each time they use their tools but often it is not easy to do depending on how often you are using your tools. However, it is good practice to clean and sharpen your tools after use and this is a good time to go through your tool kits and clean them up before the start of the pruning season.

### Display areas:

Subject to how you display your trees, if you are looking to bring your trees out later in Spring from their winter protection it is an ideal time to clean off your display areas or benches and disinfect them as well as re-treat with a wood preservative or relevant treatment for the material so they show your trees off once they are ready to come out. If you have flowering trees, think about setting up a viewing of display area so you can admire these while they are in bloom and if you do bring them indoor ensure they remain in a cool room and only for a couple of days.

### Propagation:

Take cuttings of late starters. Pot on last year's seedlings.

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## Interview

With Chris Jeffreys / Spectre Ceramics



### How did you get started

My interest in Bonsai started 22 years ago. My son swam competitively for Bath University and was also County Captain this meant training 3 mornings a week at 5 am and 4 evenings a week at 5.30pm. I was his taxi service and when he learnt to drive, I became redundant. I still played in a band with the same guys I played with in 1964. We supported bands like The Beatles, The Stones, Tom Jones and many others, I had my flooring business as well, but did not really have a hobby as such. My wife and I are both gardeners and I had a few small trees that I thought could become Bonsai. To this end I joined Warminster Club and really enjoyed learning about Bonsai. I was helped through the knowledge of the other members. I then started picking up all sorts of little trees.



### Who was your teacher

I was keen to learn and enrolled on courses with John Trott at Mendip Bonsai attending once a week for 2 years. I would recommend John's courses to anyone wishing to learn. I then went on a few weekend courses at Avon Tyrell in the New Forest organised by Dean Kelly. The instructors included Will Baddley, Paul Finch, Simon Jones, and Smithy. These were great courses as we stayed on the premises, so talked bonsai day and night, you might describe it at total immersion. I now belong to the Staverton Group where we have Peter Warren join us twice a year for workshops.

### Do you have a favourite tree

I enjoy keeping most trees as they all present their own challenges. I might put Junipers (not needle) and Scotts Pines at the top of my list.



### What mistakes have you made

Enthusiasm has a tendency to triumph!! Perhaps trying to push a tree along too quickly especially when carving would be an example, however by having lessons soon after starting, luckily none of my mistakes were fatal.

### Have you experienced bonsai abroad

Yes. I have been to Ladders in Holland, and Danny Use's Ginko. I have travelled to the Trophy 3 times the first being Noelanders. These visits were a real eye opener to the quality of trees in Europe.



Chris and friends at The Trophy Show in Belgium with Kunio Kobayashi.

### What 2 books have you found useful

I can find something useful in all books and magazines. I have full sets of Bonsai, Bonsai Today, and Bonsai Focus/ Europe. A really enjoyable read is Bonsai master class by Craig Cousins, along with Shohin Passion by Roland Shatzer, both are full of information.

### What is your best achievement

I wouldn't say I have a best achievement although I have won classes at various shows, but not a major award, well not yet! Truthfully I just enjoy being part of the bonsai community and love the constant banter at the shows.

### Do you have any future ambitions

Yes, I really want to bring on a completely new group of trees in the Shohin class. Last year I sold a lot of my larger trees and plan to sell a few more this year. This will enable me to bring on my smaller trees. I don't want to just go out and buy ready made trees as I enjoy bringing them on myself. I am not against someone buying a show ready tree I just like to do it myself.

### Do you have other interests

I do have other interests, I enjoy cooking oriental foods. I still play guitar but only for my own pleasure, but mostly I spend a lot of time on my trees and pottery, especially making bonsai pots.

**Can you tell us about your pottery**

Dave from Walsall Ceramics put on a course hosted by the Swindon club, I really enjoyed it and I was hooked . I went home and bought a small kiln and started to play about with clay, making really small Shohin size pots and gradually moved on to larger stuff as I became more proficient.



**Do you have a favourite potter**

There are several potters that I admire, Dan Barton for his fantastic glazes, Gordon Duffett and Walsall too. I appear to have rather too many of their pots.

**Do you undertake commissions**

Yes I do take commissions and have quite a few in progress at the moment, although my preference is just going out into the pottery with no fixed idea, the pleasure is in just get out the clay and see what happens. The maximum size I can make at the moment is 51 cm diameter, but I am looking to get a second kiln shortly. My pottery label is Spectre Ceramics. The name originating from the name of my earlier band "The Spectres."

**Have you ever been involved in shows**

Not really shows, but am involved with Tony Oswin organising the Staverton Boot Sale along with others from our group. This show has really taken off in recent years

**What UK shows stand out**

I have always enjoyed the Swindon Show, and Heathrow, I am looking forward to the K2 show that Steve is organising as all the events he has been involved in have been enjoyable with good quality trees on show.

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# Collectables

## Pin Badges

Please check out the pin badge section under collectables on the website, if you have any badges we have not listed, please send us an image of the badge and we will add it to the section. Thank you

This month we are highlighting four badges from around the world.

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### Badges



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**6th ASPAC Kuala Lumpur  
Malaysia  
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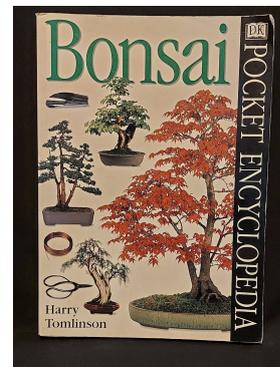
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**Philippines Bonsai Society inc 1973  
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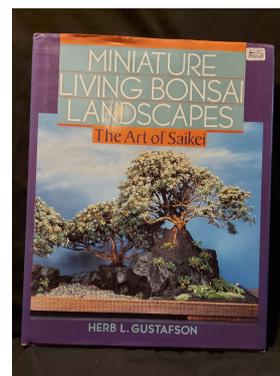
# Books

The book section on the website can be found in the knowledge section, we have nearly sixty books listed and ask kindly if you can recommend a book, old or new and we don't have it listed on the website, please email us an image, the title of the book, the authors name, the date published, the ISBN (International Standard Book Number) and of course can we use your name or do you want to be anonymous?



**Harry Tomlinson  
Bonsai Pocket Encyclopedia  
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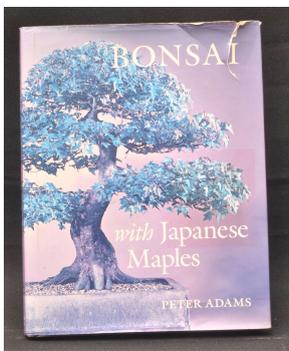
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**Peter Adams**  
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## **UKBA Quiz Apr22**

### **SPIRAL**

Answer the clues and fill in the blanks in a clockwise spiral.

The last letter of each answer is the first of the next.

EASY? To get you started the first letter is given.

#### **Clues:**

- Common churchyard tree (3)**
- Large lilac coloured racemes (8)**
- Maple (4)**
- Big tree in USA (7)**
- Himalayan cedar (6)**
- Mountain ash (5)**
- Southern beech (10)**
- Peeling red/orange bark (9)**
- Fagus (3)**
- Tsuga (7)**
- Japanese black pine (4-4)**
- Elm (5)**
- Very rare sorbus in UK (7,4)**
- Quercus rober \_\_\_?\_\_\_ oak {7}**

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## **Answers to Mar22 Quiz**

- 1) KOREAN HORNBEAM
- 2) ENGLISH ELM
- 3) CRAB APPLE
- 4) MAIDENHAIR TREE
- 5) FIELD MAPLE
- 6) FUKIEN TEA
- 7) SILVER BIRCH
- 8) SARGENT'S JUNIPER
- 9) MOUNTAIN ASH
- 10) JAPANESES CEDAR
- 11) AUSTRIAN PINE
- 12) WINTER JASMINE

--- Geoff Conybeare

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