

# UK Bonsai Association

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## Bulletin Oct23

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Welcome to this month's Bulletin.

October, usually an amazing time of the year where we see deciduous trees dropping their leaves and exposing their skeleton-like branch structure. A time of the year where many of bonsai enthusiasts critique their bare trees and make plans for any major branch adjustments.

Early this year, the main topic of conversation was "why had so many of us lost trees or had trees struggling coming out of winter?" People up and down the country had many different experiences, some not losing a tree, others losing half of their collections. In some cases losing more in one year than they had in their bonsai lifetime of 40 years put together. This year's summer reached sizzling proportions in some of the lower European countries, but luckily for us here in the UK we seemed to escape the very high temperatures or at least not as hot as summer 2022. Many of us drew conclusions that some of this extreme heat and low humidity of 2022 was partially to blame for the poor health of our trees. Many of us prepared shade netting expecting the worst, but the worst seemed not to come, maybe next year who knows? The other main line of thought was the inability to predict last winter's conditions, this could be the same this year. So the advise to everyone out there is "if you like your trees or some are particularly precious to you, protect them for what might happen".

Recently we had a person cast aspersions that the UKBA events diary on the website and the bulletin had not listed their up and coming event for whatever reason. We do not have a glass ball to gaze into the future and predict event or any other information, all we require from people is a simple email exchange. That had not happened. As the UKBA has no membership fee this enables us to encompass all parts of the bonsai community in a way that is hopefully seen to be without any favouritisms and be completely unbiased. It is to the benefit

of the entire bonsai community to move forward and promote the hobby where possible. Lots of people out there don't know that they love bonsai yet, forgive the pun, we just need to sow the seed, stand back and watch it grow. So in that vain, can we please ask people when you have a moment to check out the events diary or the speaker nights listings. If you spot something missing please email us immediately. Thank you

If you can make any contributions to the UKBA website or this news bulletin please don't hesitate to contact us. Whether a change in your club location or a trip that you make abroad, why not share with us all?

The next steering group meeting on Zoom is scheduled for Tuesday 03Oct23 at 1900.hrs.

Mark Moreland  
UKBA

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## Bonsai Events

Oct23 & Nov23

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01Oct23 Sun (Confirmed)  
12th Heathrow Bonsai Show  
Bracknell Leisure Centre,  
Bagshot Road, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 9SE.  
Adm: £8 Under 16s Free.

Times: 1000-1600.hrs

Contact: Mark Moreland 07850.771201

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

[www.heathrowbonsai.weebly.com](http://www.heathrowbonsai.weebly.com)

Supporting Clubs:

Berkshire Bonsai Society

Blackmore Vale Bonsai Group

British Suiseki Club

Bury St Edmunds & Cambridge BS

Celtic Knot Bonsai

Chichester Bonsai Society

Chiltern Bonsai Society

Crawley Bonsai Society

Dragon Bonsai Society

Eastleigh Bonsai Society

Exeter Bonsai Society

Glynderi Bonsai Society

International Saikei Association

Ipswich Bonsai Club

Kent Bonsai Society

Middlesex Bonsai Society

Mid-Herts Bonsai Club

Milton Keynes Bonsai Society

Newbury Bonsai Society

North London Bonsai Society

Northamptonshire Bonsai Society

Phoenix Bonsai Group

Salisbury Bonsai Society

Shiten United

Solent Bonsai Society

Somerset Bonsai Society

Southend Bonsai Society

South East Bonsai Club

South Wales Bonsai Collective

Splinter Bonsai Group

Staverton Bonsai Group

Surrey Heath Bonsai Society

Sutton Bonsai Society

Swindon Bonsai Society

The Bonsai Boys

Twickenham Bonsai

Warminster Bonsai Society

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Atlantic Mariculture

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Bonsai Brushstrokes  
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Bonsai4Me Bonsaistow  
Bon-Tag Brookfield Plants  
BW Bespoke Bonsai Stands  
Chris Thomas Bonsai  
Christine's Ceramics  
Collette's Bonsai Dan Lake Pots  
David Cheshire Bonsai  
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European Bonsai Pot Collective  
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Mendip Bonsai  
Oakfield Bonsai Supplies Oceana  
RH Bonsai Shohin-Bonsai  
Spectre Ceramics Springwood Ceramics  
Stone Monkey Ceramics  
Tone Ceramics Troll Pots  
Warwick School of Bonsai  
Windybank Bonsai Woodandclay  
Zacs Bonsai

7&8Oct23 Sat & Sun (Confirmed)

Dragon Bonsai Autumn Show

Open workshop & Clinic

Masion Aberglasney Gardens,

Llangathen, Carmarthenshire,

Wales. SA32 8QH.

Adm: £9.50 Children Free

Times: Sat 1000-1600.hrs Sun 1000-

1500.hrs

Contact: Chris Thomas 07798.798194

Email: [chris.thomas1@sky.com](mailto:chris.thomas1@sky.com)

15Oct23 Sun (Cancelled 27Sep23)

Blackmore Vale Bonsai Group Auction

Charlton Remembrance Hall,

Charlton, Shaftsbury, Dorset. SP7 0PL.

Adm: Free. Times: 0830/1100-1700.hrs.

Contact: Geoff 07837.781744

Email: [m5eay.geoff@btinternet.com](mailto:m5eay.geoff@btinternet.com)

[www.blackmorevalebonsaigroup.com](http://www.blackmorevalebonsaigroup.com)

22Oct23 Sun (Confirmed)

Southend Bonsai Society Winter Show

Ashingdon Memorial Hall,

Ashingdon Road, Rochford,

Essex. SS4 3HF.

Adm: £3. Times: 1000-1600.hrs

Ctc: Paul Schofield 07942.679688

Email:

[southendbonsaisociety@gmail.com](mailto:southendbonsaisociety@gmail.com)

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.

We only list on the bulletin events scheduled to take place in the next two months, if you want to know about events further into the future, please visit the main diary on the website.

Thank you

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## Bonsai Event Reports UK

To read the full reports with photos on the events listed below please visit the website.  
www.ukbonsaiassoc.org

**2&3Sep23 Sat & Sun  
Dragon Bonsai Workshop & Auction**



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**03Sep23 Sun  
East Anglian Bonsai Show**



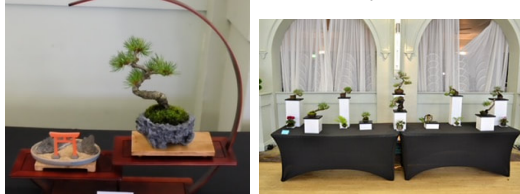
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**09Sep23 Sat  
The Bonsai Boys Display**



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**10Sep23 Sun  
South Staffs Bonsai Society Show**



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**15-17Sep23 Fri-Sun  
Yorkshire Bonsai Society  
Display & Show**



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**16Sep23 Sat  
Sussex Bonsai Group Display**



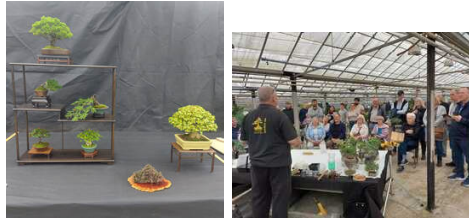
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**17Sep23 Sun  
South East Bonsai Fair**



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**24Sep23 Sun  
Doncaster Bonsai Experience  
& The National Shohin Exhibition**



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**Trips Abroad**

Don't forget if you're travelling abroad and your trip includes something bonsai please let us know, thank you.

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**Club Speaker Nights**

**05Oct23 Thu (1900.hrs)**  
Talk by Mingchen & Mark Moreland  
Subject: Accents & Propagating/Miniature  
Bonsai Northamptonshire Bonsai Society  
Weston Favell Parish Hall, Booth Lane South,  
Weston Favell, Northamptonshire. NN3 3EP.  
Ctc: Richard Boyles 07768.636715  
Email: secretary@northamptonshirebonsaiassociation.co.uk

**05Oct23 Thu (1930.hrs)**  
Talk by Malcolm Hughes  
Subject: tbc.  
Midlands Bonsai Society  
Moseley Cricket Club,  
105 Streetbrook Road, Shirley, Solihull,  
Midlands. B90 3PE.  
Ctc: Richard Gilkes 07803.593024  
Email: ragilkes@blueyonder.co.uk

**17Oct23 Tue (1930.hrs)**  
Talk by Robert Porch  
Subject: tbc  
National Bonsai Society  
Banks Leisure Centre,  
Greaves Hall Avenue, Banks, Southport,  
Merseyside. PR9 8BL.  
Ctc: Stephen Holland 01519.338757  
Email: sholland19547@gmail.com

**19Oct23 Thu (1930.hrs)**  
Talk by David Cheshire  
Subject: tbc.  
Redditch Bonsai Society  
Webheath Village Hall, Heathfield Road,  
Redditch, Midlands. B97 5SQ,  
Ctc: Richard Gilkes 07803.593024  
Email: ragilkes@blueyonder.co.uk

**21Oct23 Sat (1000-1300.hrs)**  
Talk & Workshop by Mark Kerry  
Subject: Junipers  
Middlesex Bonsai Society  
South Harrow Methodist Church,  
Walton Avenue, South Harrow,  
Middlesex. HA2 8QU.  
Ctc: Mark Moreland 07850.771201  
Email: markmoreland@live.co.uk

**27Oct23 Fri (1915.hrs)**  
Talk by John Armitage  
Subject: Demonstration  
North East Lincolnshire Bonsai Society  
St Giles Church Hall, Church Lane, Scartho,  
Grimsby., Lincolnshire. DN33 2EX.  
Last Fri Monthly 1915-2145.hrs  
Ctc: Ian Butland 07963.470696  
Email: nelbs.chairman@virginmedia.com

**30Oct23 Mon (1930-2200.hrs)**  
Talk by John Trott  
Subject: Working with Spruce  
Bristol Bonsai Society  
Failand Village Hall, Oxhouse Lane,  
Failand, Somerset. BS8 3TS.  
Ctc: Mark Wood 07964.249279  
Email: woodmdwoody@yahoo.co.uk

**02Nov23 Thu (1930.hrs)**  
Talk by Ian Homer  
Subject: tbc.  
Midlands Bonsai Society  
Moseley Cricket Club,  
105 Streetbrook Road,  
Shirley, Solihull, Midlands. B90 3PE.  
Ctc: Richard Gilkes 07803.593024  
Email: ragilkes@blueyonder.co.uk

**13Nov23 Mon (1930.hrs)**  
Talk by Paul Eslinger  
Subject: tbc.  
Chiltern Bonsai Society.  
Booker Memorial Hall,  
Limmer Lane, Booker Common,  
High Wycombe. HP12 4QS.  
Ctc: Michael Pegg & Adrian Garnett  
Email: mikew.pegg@btinternet.com  
Email: adrian.garnett@virginmedia.com

**14Nov23 Tue (1930.hrs)**  
Talk by Ian Warhurst  
Subject: tba.  
Accrington & District Bonsai Society  
New Era Buildings,  
Harvey Street, Oswaldtwistle,  
Accrington, Lancashire. BB5 3LT.  
Ctc: Diane Kennedy 07799.567692  
Email: dianestardis@icloud.com  
www.accringtonbonsai.co.uk

**18Nov23 Sat (1000.hrs)**  
Talk by Simon Roberts  
Subject: Japanese Bonsai Nurseries & Shows  
Middlesex Bonsai Society  
South Harrow Methodist Church,  
Walton Avenue, South Harrow,  
Middlesex. HA2 8QU.  
Ctc: Mark Moreland 07850.771201  
Email: markmoreland@live.co.uk

**21Nov23 Tue (1930.hrs)**  
Talk by Andy Hardman  
Subject: Design & Aesthetics  
National Bonsai Society  
Banks Leisure Centre,  
Greaves Hall Avenue, Banks,  
Southport, Merseyside. PR9 8BL.  
Ctc: Stephen Holland 01519.338757  
Email: sholland19547@gmail.com

If your club is holding a speaker night open to non-members please advise us of the details. thank you  
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**Notice Board**

**09&10Mar24 Sat & Sun**  
New to the events diary this month  
Dragon Bonsai Spring Show  
Open workshop & Clinic  
Aberglasney Gardens, Llangathen,  
Carmarthenshire, Wales. SA32 8QH.  
Adm: £9.50 Children Free  
Times: Sat 10:00-16:00 Sun 10:00-15:00  
Contact: Chris Thomas 07798.798194  
Email: chris.thomas1@sky.com



24Mar24 Sun

New to the events diary this month  
South East Bonsai Fair  
Little Fant Farm, Farleigh Lane,  
Maidstone, Kent. ME16 9LY.  
Adm: Free. Times:1000-1500.hrs  
Contact: Adam Hadley 07765.522117  
Email:hadoribonsai@gmail.com

14Apr24 Expo Bonsai UK

Submissions to exhibit a tree at ExpoBonsai 2024 are now open. The show is for individual exhibitors and is geared up with an emphasis on overall display rather than just the trees alone. We are looking for high quality trees displayed in an appropriate manner and are looking to expand the mame/shohin areas this year. For full details of how to submit please contact ebuk18@gmail.com. Submissions will finally close on February 5th, 2024.

27&28Apr24 Sat & Sun

New to the events diary this month  
Celtic Bonsai Morten Albek Weekend  
Workshop Fully Booked  
Pre-booked viewing places only left £25 each  
Masion Aberglasney Gardens,  
Llangathen, Carmarthenshire,  
Wales. SA32 8QH.  
Contact: Chris Thomas 07798.798194  
Email: chris.thomas1@sky.com

7&8Sep24 Sat & Sun

New to the events diary this month  
Dragon Bonsai Workshop & Auction  
Cwmaman Resource Centre,  
Station Road, Glanamman,  
Wales. SA18 1QL.  
Adm: Free. Times:  
Sat Workshop & BBQ 1000.hrs-Late  
Sat night Bunkhouse & Breakfast £25  
Sun Auction 1100-1400.hrs  
Contact: Chris Thomas 07798.798194  
Email: chris.thomas1@sky.com

22Sep24 Sun

New to the events diary this month  
South East Bonsai Fair  
Little Fant Farm, Farleigh Lane,  
Maidstone, Kent. ME16 9LY.  
Adm: Free. Times:1000-1500.hrs  
Contact: Adam Hadley 07765.522117  
Email:hadoribonsai@gmail.com

05&06Oct24 Sat & Sun

The Bonsai Show Live 2024  
Telford International Centre,  
International Way, Telford,  
Shropshire. TF3 4JH.  
We would like to confirm our first  
demonstrator for this event has now been  
booked Caz Scott.  
Contact: Andrew Avraam 07886.990610  
Email: info@thebonsaishowlive.co.uk  
Website: www.thebonsaishowlive.co.uk

12&13Oct24 Sat & Sun

New to the events diary this month  
Dragon Bonsai Autumn Show  
Open workshop & Clinic  
Masion Aberglasney Gardens,  
Llangathen, Carmarthenshire,  
Wales. SA32 8QH.  
Adm: £9.50 Children Free  
Times: Sat 1000-1600.hrs Sun 1000-1500.hrs  
Contact: Chris Thomas 07798.798194  
Email: chris.thomas1@sky.com

Ange Bonsai Pots

We like to welcome Ange Bonsai Pots run by Angela Carosio making and supplying bonsai pots to the UKBA Traders listings.  
Tel: 07900.348599  
Email: vorianatreidis@yahoo.co.uk

GG Evergreen Bonsai

We like to welcome GG Evergreen Bonsai run by Gail Gill supplying bonsai trees to the UKBA Traders listings.  
Tel: 07851.095283  
Email: gail@ggevergreenbonsai.uk

IKIGAI MK

We like to welcome IKIGAI MK run by Miroslav Kolar making and supplying bonsai stands and jita's to the UKBA Traders listings.  
Tel: Unknown  
Email: buldogom@live.co.uk

### Ken Shalliker Died 2Jul23



We are sad to report the passing of Ken Shalliker, who died aged 79, on the 2nd of July 2023 at home with his wife Sheila and his family by his side.

Ken was a hugely respected figure in the bonsai world, with a career spanning more than 40 years. He was one of the founding members of the National Bonsai Society in addition to being its Show Manager and Chairman. He designed the NBS Larch Forest display, his work was featured in the Liverpool Echo, and his extensive knowledge and passion for bonsai even gave him an opportunity to meet royalty.

He exhibited his bonsai at all of the prestigious flower shows, including Chelsea and Hampton Court. His first and last show was Southport Flower Show, where he was presented an award for his many years of dedication in 2015.



There was nothing Ken loved more than passing on his passion and knowledge for bonsai to others. He started delivering workshops from his home and bonsai nursery in Aughton before later becoming one of the most highly sought after guest speakers in the bonsai community. Amateurs would often seek him out specifically to ask for advice which he was always more than happy to give.

Ken built up a large collection of trees over 30 years which he sadly had to downsize due to his ill health. Per his wishes, his remaining collection will be sold with all proceeds going to the Queens Court Hospice under the care of the Southport National Bonsai Society.

Steve Holland  
National Bonsai Society

UKBA Membership

Thanking you for your support, today 1Oct23 UKBA membership stands at a total of 2795, expanding daily

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## Monthly Tasks

Below is a list of bonsai tasks to be carried out during the month of October, 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 October

This is the time to start preparing for the winter now that autumn is here. It is a chance to review your requirements and options for winter protection and prepare your trees. It is also a great time of year to admire your deciduous bonsai trees as they put on a good autumnal display. Here is a quick generic guide to bonsai in October as the colder and wet weather starts to arrive in the UK.

Preparation for Winter:

Check all your bonsai trees to ensure that they are all in good health before the change in weather as the stronger your trees are the better chances they have of coming through the winter in good health. Ensure that before placing them under cover or into a cold greenhouse the leaves for broadleaves have been removed as dead leaves rot and can cause mould and fungi to build up and affect the buds for next spring. The leaves should fall naturally but some species tend to hold onto their leaves longer so if they do not fall naturally then they can be removed once they have changed colour and start to fade or shrivel.

Watering:

Your bonsai trees will still need watering but not as often as their growth rate has slowed right down so the water uptake has also slowed down and the trees are going into winter dormancy. At this time of year, if your trees are still outside, they will be getting watered naturally by the rainfall and morning dew. However, monitor the moisture level to ensure your bonsai trees are not water logged as this can cause roots to rot.

If your bonsai trees are under cover check daily and water if required to keep the soil damp / moist but not soaking wet.

Any bonsai being kept indoors should be watered regularly but this will have slowed down from a daily watering. They will be losing moisture due to the higher temperatures inside drying out the soil and the tropical species still tend to grow during the winter period inside.

Ideal time to water is in the morning to allow the water time to dissipate and to reduce the surface water should the temperature cool down overnight.

Re-potting:

This is a good time to check your bonsai supplies and soils as the repotting season is coming and it is good to have sufficient supplies in stock.

If you are looking to change the pot that you have the correct pot size to repot into.

Feeding:

Generally feeding in October is not required as broadleaves trees are becoming dormant and are without leaves or shedding their leaves. You can continue to lightly feed conifers and evergreens during this period.

Also continue to lightly feed tropical trees that are kept indoors if they are still showing signs of growth to sustain them during this period.

#### Pruning:

This is a great time of year to review your bonsai trees and check the structural image of the tree as well as the tracery and branch placement.

Broadleaved trees are especially easy as they have for most species lost their leaves and are dormant. You can remove unwanted structural branches but remember to cover the wounds with wound paste or sealant as the trees are dormant and will not be able to respond to the pruning as effectively. Otherwise just mark the branch(es) to remove and wait till the Spring to then remove them.

This is also a good time to carve dead wood, jins and sharis now that the leaves are starting to fall.

#### Trimming:

This is not required to broadleaved trees in October. However, you may still need to trim the new shoots of tropical trees that are growing indoors to control the growth and develop ramification.

This is the best time to remove old needles from two needle pines and clean out the dead needles and carry out any structural pruning of pines.

#### Root pruning:

None required yet as not quite the repotting season.

#### Insects and pests:

Continue to check your bonsai trees over fully for pests, insects and diseases as some insects can over winter on or in your trees like red spider mite, scale insect.

Pests are also likely if the weather is mild so worth checking to avoid disappointment in the spring when buds or leaves fail to flush due to pest attack. Typical pests still around include scale insect, mites, aphids and soil borne larva, vine weevil and beetles.

#### Moss and weed control:

This is the time to carry out pre winter preparation and to remove any weed and moss issues particularly around the trunks of bonsai trees prior to winter.

The aim is to have a clear surface of the soil for improved moisture movement as well as prevent bark rot from wet moss. You can use a range of techniques including a diluted vinegar application on the bark which you apply and then around a week of two later the moss removes more easily with a light brush action (tooth brush works well).

#### Wiring:

If wire is present on your bonsai tree check whether it is still serving a purpose and is taught and not digging into the bark causing wire marks and re-set if necessary or tighten. This is the time to start removing, adjusting or re-applying wire. This is also a good time to wire Pines and Larches to set the branches over the winter and it is an easier time to wire certain species like broadleaved varieties as the leaves have fallen off.

#### Protection:

For those trees in your bonsai collection that are more sensitive to cold weather try to provide them with some winter protection from the frosts especially if they are in small pots. The smaller the tree the more vulnerable to winter weather damage they are.

Options for protection include

- Under benches
- Cold greenhouse
- Cold frames
- Shade netting
- Fleeces
- Double potting placing on pot inside a larger pot
- Pot protection with fleeces, polystyrene, wooden box

Certain tree species are more vulnerable due to their sensitive foliage type or root type so protect

species like Yews, Ginkgo's, Ilex, Swamp Cypress and species with fleshy roots.

#### Propagation:

This is the start of the lifting season for digging trees and shrubs out of the ground in preparation to transplant them. If you are looking to collect a tree known as Yamadori then this is the start of the season to prepare trees for winter collection. This can be done by cutting a circle around the rooting area in the ground now prior to lifting the tree fully in the coming months.

This is also a great time to start collecting seed in preparation for planting them up for next March in the Spring.

Hardwood cuttings can also be taken in October as a method of propagating from your trees that are now not in leaf.

#### Assessment:

This is also a good time to photograph your bonsai trees and update their records for re-potting timings, feeding regimes, soil type etc as it is sometimes hard to keep track of what you do for each tree when you start increasing your collection. Keeping a photographic record does come in very useful over the years to see the trees development and your progress.

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## Interview

UKBA Interview With Bill Gordon



#### How did you get started?

I got started as many did in the mid 80's because my son brought home a video copy of that movie. Up until to that point I knew nothing of bonsai but when I saw Mr Miyagi work on his trees I was hooked!, For a few weeks I couldn't find any information on bonsai but then there was an advert in a local newspaper for The Wirral bonsai shop. The shop was located in a nearby nursery so off I went. I bought two Larch and a couple of training pots whilst getting lots of advice but alas, I still managed to kill them both.

#### How did you learn about bonsai?

I've had no one-to-one teaching, in the early days all of my bonsai knowledge was picked up from as many books as I could get hold of. Eventually the internet arrived and there opened up a world of information along with YouTube. I have now also been a member of the Wirral Bonsai Club for 34 years and we usually have a guest speaker or member who will give a talk each meeting so I have learned a lot from that. Alongside a few of the club members I would go to Willowbog Bonsai near Hexham for the British Shohin Show once a year, a great weekend with an excellent show and critique plus a good meal and auction on the Saturday night. You would get lots of information and help from Peter Warren and John Armitage who ran most of the shows we went to, the weekends were a real success organised by Peter and Jean Snart.



#### Who was your teacher?

Well I suppose at the beginning my teacher was mainly Derek Forshaw who was the chairman at our club, along with all the books that I could read. When Derek left the club Ian Warhurst took over as chairman, we enjoyed a lot more learning activities and shows and we also got a much higher standard of speaker. When Ian gave up the chair it was taken over by Dave Yarranton followed by Andy Hardman. The club has gone from strength to strength.

#### Do you belong to a bonsai club?

Yes as I've said I joined the Wirral Bonsai Club back in the late 1980's I was then in my 40's and working as a dental ceramist making crowns and bridges, and trying to learn about bonsai. You don't learn a lot working on your own in the garden but in a club you meet all sorts of interesting people with lots of knowledge to pass on. At every meeting members bring trees along so you can see how they are going about their bonsai, it's very friendly. Club members leave and new members join we always seem to have a membership of around 50/60. One of the biggest challenges today is to get young people to take up the hobby I don't think we have a member under 50.



#### Do you consider bonsai an art form?

I think it may be a bit misleading to call it art, but yes it must be an art form, especially when the tree is matched to the correct pot and stand and the display then looks very artistic. At that stage I think it is an art form.

#### Why do you practice bonsai?

When I was working in a lab all day and with the heat of the furnace, I craved to get outside and work in the garden I've always loved trees, and practising bonsai allows you to have as many different types and styles of tree as you like on a couple of benches in your garden. It's also that you have the control over the style you want with the application of wire and various pruning techniques. Now of course I'm 14 years retired and still love bonsai.

#### Do you have a favourite tree species or size of tree?

My favourite species is Hinoki Cypress,



they are so versatile and if trimmed properly can make amazing bonsai. My favourite size of tree was a chuhin but unfortunately a few years ago I was diagnosed with AMD (Age related Macular Degeneration) in both eyes, since then I've had 33 eye injections so consequently my close up eyesight is not that good and so I mainly work with Mame bonsai as I can pick them up and work on them closer.



**Do you have a favourite bonsai?**

I did have, The single Hinoki Cypress and also the Chinese Elm both pictures are on here. Unfortunately they had to go along with the Hinoki raft when I got the AMD. Now my favourites are the Mame an Itoigawa and a Chinese Elm both pictured.

**Do you have a favourite potter?**

I've never actually had a pot made for me I just buy what I like when I see it, I have a few by John Pitt, Gordon Duffett, Ian Baillie, Dave Jones, some Erin some lovely Japanese mame pots along with various others.



**What mistakes have you made?**

Loads of mistakes from breaking branches to not being able to match a tree to a pot, hopefully I'm marginally better at that now. Every hobbyist makes mistakes along the way the trick is to try and not repeat them, but sadly we do all the time.

**Have you experienced bonsai abroad?**

In 2013 I had two trees accepted for the Noelanders show, the Chinese Elm and the single Hinoki Cypress both pictured although the Hinoki has changed quite a bit since 2013. In 2015 I had the Hinoki raft accepted, both Hinoki photos were taken on the same day 16th June 2020.



**Can you recommend one or two books?**

Most of the books I've read are from 20/30 years ago great in their day but there are now so many new techniques in styling and presentation. The books that I read were amazing and informative by the likes of Dan Barton, Peter Chan and Harry Tomlinson all excellent books. I think if you are looking for inspiration you can't beat Noelanders Trophy year books of the shows.

**What is your best achievement?**

I think being accepted for the Noelanders

Trophy shows, just amazing to attend and even better to participate in. I also enjoyed both of Steve Tolley's Best Of British shows, and I won a couple of British Shohin awards at my favourite show at Willowbog bonsai.



**Over the years what has been your favourite bonsai show?**

Undoubtedly my favourite show was at Willowbog Bonsai. We would drive up on Friday afternoon and set our displays out, Saturday morning a critique, and in the evening we enjoyed the awards and a great dinner with a few beers.

The Noelanders Trophy was also amazing the trees were fantastic and there was a huge selling area, great company and a wonderful weekend away.

**Do you have any other interests or hobbies?**

Over the years I was a keen angler and an enthusiastic, but not great amateur photographer. Now in my late 70's it's mainly tinkering with the bonsai, falling asleep in a chair or listening to good music.

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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 pin badges of the UK Bonsai Association events.

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**Badges**



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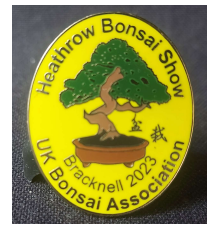


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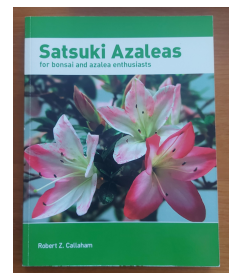
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**Books**

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?



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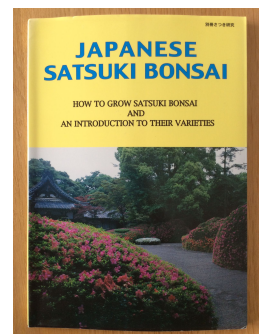
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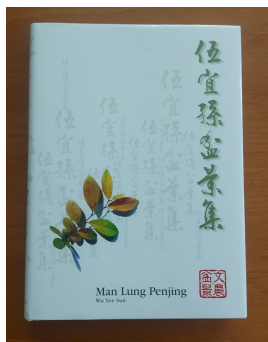
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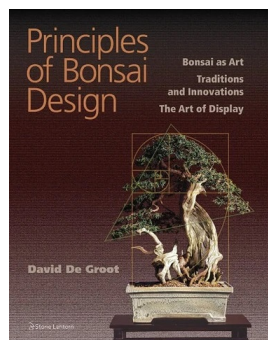
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## UKBA Quiz Oct23

### How Much?

Mike tried to buy some pots on the internet. If he bought 4 pots it would be cheaper. He bought 2 European and 2 British pots. Can you work out the cost for each pot and Mike's total cost.

$$2 \text{ Chinese} + 2 \text{ Japanese} = \text{£}260$$

$$2 \text{ Chinese} + 2 \text{ British} = \text{£}160$$

$$2 \text{ Chinese} + 1 \text{ Japanese} + 1 \text{ British} = \text{£}210$$

$$3 \text{ Chinese} + 1 \text{ British} = \text{£}100$$

$$1 \text{ Chinese} + 2 \text{ British} + 1 \text{ Japanese} = \text{£}270$$

$$1 \text{ Chinese} + 2 \text{ British} + 1 \text{ European} = \text{£}180$$

$$1 \text{ Chinese} + 2 \text{ Japanese} + 1 \text{ European} = \text{£}280$$

## Answers to Sept23 Quiz

H	B	R	S	A	E	M	N	O
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--- Geoff Conybeare