

# UK Bonsai Association

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## Bulletin Jun22

Welcome to this month's Bulletin.

The busy Spring period is now behind us and hopefully your garden will be looking its best. This month's schedule of bonsai events is as impressive as last month's, its good to be back at events viewing trees, chatting with fellow enthusiasts and mixing with traders for that wanted item.

As many of you are aware the Association is run by fellow enthusiasts who volunteer their time and efforts completely free. There are however certain running costs associated with the day to day running of it. It's been our philosophy from the very beginning not to burden the bonsai community with any membership or joining fees, but to cover these costs indirectly by organising events. The two main events are the Heathrow Bonsai Show and The Expo Bonsai UK, so it's with great relief that we see both of these events happening this year.

The first one was held on the 8May22 and we would like to thank everyone who supported the third Expo Bonsai UK at its new location in Crawley. Great to see a fantastic collection of trees brought together by Steve Hale and displayed at such a high standard. A big thank you to all of the exhibitors who travelled from all corners of the UK and let's not forget a thank you to the hard working judges. The ExpobonsaiUK show now has its own instagram page at expobonsaiuk\_ukba

The next steering group meeting on Zoom is scheduled for Monday 6Jun22 at 1900.hrs.

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## Bonsai Events

Jun22 & Jul22

11&12Jun22 Sat & Sun (Confirmed)  
Mid-Herts Bonsai Club 10th Annual Show  
Kingsbury Barn, Branch Road,  
St Albans, Hertfordshire. AL3 4SE.  
Adm: Free. Times: 1100-1700.hrs  
Contact: Geoff Conybeare 07528.614826  
Email: [info@midhertsbonsaiclub.co.uk](mailto:info@midhertsbonsaiclub.co.uk)  
[www.midhertsbonsaiclub.co.uk](http://www.midhertsbonsaiclub.co.uk)

12Jun22 Sun (Confirmed)  
Bonsai By The Sea.  
The Pavilion, The Esplanade,  
Exmouth. EX8 2AZ.  
Adm: 5.. Times: 1000-1630.hrs.  
Contact: Brian Mackichan 01392.437525  
Email: [brian-mackichan@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:brian-mackichan@mypostoffice.co.uk)  
[www.exeterbonsaisociety.com](http://www.exeterbonsaisociety.com)  
Supported by:  
British Suiseki Club  
Cardiff Bonsai Society

Celtic Knot  
Cornwall Bonsai Society  
Dragon Bonsai  
Exeter Bonsai Society  
Middlesex Bonsai Society  
North Devon Bonsai Society  
South Devon Bonsai Society  
Taunton & Somerset Bonsai Society  
Supporting Traders:  
Chris Thomas Bonsai  
Devon Bonsai  
Dragonfly Bonsai Pots  
Observatory Bonsai  
Brian Mackichan Bonsai

12Jun22 Sun (Confirmed)  
Midland Bonsai Society Show  
Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Westbourne  
Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham. B15 3TR.  
Adm: tbc. Times: 1000-1630.hrs.  
Contact: Richard Gilkes 07803.593024  
Email: [ragilkes@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:ragilkes@blueyonder.co.uk)

Supported by:  
Redditch Bonsai Society  
Supporting Traders:  
David Cheshire Bonsai  
Funky Fish Ceramics

12Jun22 Sun (Confirmed)  
North East Lincolnshire & Humberside  
Bonsai Show  
Darby & Joan Hall, 58 Finkle Street,  
Cottingham. HU16 4AZ.  
Adm: tba. Times: 1000-1500.hrs  
Ctc: Ian Butland 07963.470696  
Email: [nelbs.chairman@virginmedia.com](mailto:nelbs.chairman@virginmedia.com)  
[www.nelincsbonsai.org.uk](http://www.nelincsbonsai.org.uk)

25Jun22 Sat (Confirmed)  
Manchester Bonsai Society Annual Show  
Lymm United Reformed Church,  
Brookfield Road, Lymm, Cheshire. WA13 0QL.  
Adm: Free Times: 1000-1600.hrs  
Contact: Wayne Crumpton 07742.111142  
Email: [mbsmembershipsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:mbsmembershipsecretary@gmail.com)  
[www.manchesterbonsaisociety.org.uk](http://www.manchesterbonsaisociety.org.uk)

26Jun22 Sun (Confirmed)  
Blackmore Vale Bonsai Group Show  
Charlton Remembrance Hall,  
Charlton, Shaftsbury, Dorset. SP7 0PL.  
Adm: £3 -14s Free. Times: 1100-1600.hrs  
Contact: Geoff 07837.781744 & 01747.853475  
Email: [m5eay.geoff@btinternet.com](mailto:m5eay.geoff@btinternet.com)  
[www.blackmorevalebonsaigroup.com](http://www.blackmorevalebonsaigroup.com)

Supporting Clubs:  
Staverton Bonsai  
Warminster Bonsai Society  
Taunton & Somerset Bonsai Society  
Traders Supporting:  
Chris Thomas / Collett's Bonsai /  
Oakfield Bonsai

2&3Jul22 Sat & Sun (Confirmed)  
Chichester & District Bonsai Society Annual  
Exhibition 10th Anniversary  
Manor Nursery, Pagham Road,  
Runcton, Chichester. PO20 1LJ.  
Adm: Free. 1000-1600 & 1000-1500.hrs.  
Contact: Frank Weaver 01243.586195  
Email: [frankweaverbonsai@gmail.com](mailto:frankweaverbonsai@gmail.com)  
[www.chichesterbonsai.co.uk](http://www.chichesterbonsai.co.uk)  
Supporting Clubs:  
Middlesex Bonsai Society  
Solent Bonsai Society  
Supporting Traders:  
Collette's Bonsai / Troll Pots

4-9Jul22 Mon-Sat (Confirmed)  
Hampton Court Flower Show  
Hampton Court Palace,  
East Molesey, Surrey. KT8 9AU.  
Contact: Andy Jordan 07958.372101  
Email: [antique.netsuke@gmail.com](mailto:antique.netsuke@gmail.com)

10Jul22 Sun (Confirmed)  
Bedfordshire Bonsai Society Show  
Houghton Hall Visitor Centre,  
Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire. LU5 5FU.  
Adm: Free. Times: 1030-1600.hrs  
Contact: Richard Gaiger 07745.507318  
Email: [r.gaiger@ntlworld.com](mailto:r.gaiger@ntlworld.com)

17Jul22 Sun (Confirmed)  
Surrey Heath Bonsai Show  
Chobham Village Hall, Station Road,  
Chobham, Surrey. GU24 8AQ.  
Adm: Free. Times: 1000-1600.hrs.  
Contact: Chris Rhodes 01276.20893  
Email: [rhodes163@googlemail.com](mailto:rhodes163@googlemail.com)  
[www.surreyheathbonsai.org.uk](http://www.surreyheathbonsai.org.uk)  
Supporting Traders:  
Collette's Bonsai

31Jul22 Sun (Confirmed)  
Staverton Group Bonsai Boot Sale  
Bradley Road, Southwick,  
Wiltshire. BA14 9RH.  
Adm: Free. Times: 0900.hrs  
Contact: Tony Oswin 07776.338899  
Email: Rob - [oakfieldbonsai@aol.com](mailto:oakfieldbonsai@aol.com)  
or Chris - [jeffreyschris@hotmail.com](mailto:jeffreyschris@hotmail.com)  
Supporting Traders:  
Bonsaistow  
Chris Thomas Bonsai / Collette's Bonsai  
Dragonfly Pots / Gordon Duffett  
Oakfield Bonsai / Spectre Ceramics  
Troll Pots / Wood And Clay  
Zac Bonsai

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 upto 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 website.

1&2May22 Sun & Mon  
Daisy Nook Garden Centre Bonsai Show,



8May22 Sun  
Scottish Bonsai Association National

**Exhibition**



**8 May 22 Sun  
Expo Bonsai UK**



**14 May 22 Sat  
World Bonsai Day**



**14 May 22 Sat  
Surrey Heath Bonsai Society Display in  
Surrey Heath Show**



**15 May 22 Sun  
Middlesex Bonsai Society Show**



**15 May 22 Sun  
South Staffs Bonsai Society Show**



**24-28 May 22 Tue-Sat  
Chelsea Flower Show Displays**



**26-29 May 22 Thu-Sun  
Amigos De Bonsai Lorca Show – Spain**



**28 & 29 May 22 Sat & Sun  
Taunton & Somerset Bonsai Club  
Annual Show**



**29 May 22 Sun  
Chiltern Bonsai Club Annual Show**



**20-24 May Fri-Sun & 29 May 22 Sun  
Southend Bonsai Society Show & Open  
Day**



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**Club Speaker Nights**

**1 Jun 22 Wed (1945-2200 hrs)**  
Talk by Mark Kerry  
Subject: Maples  
Surrey Heath Bonsai Society  
Chobham Village Hall, Station Road,  
Chobham, Surrey. GU24 8AQ  
Adm: non-members £5  
Ctc: Chris Rhodes 01276.20893  
Email: rhodes163@googlemail.com

**2 Jun 22 Thu (1930-2200 hrs)**  
Talk by Malcolm Hughes  
Subject: Maples

Midlands Bonsai Society  
Moseley Cricket Club, 105 Streetbrook Road,  
Shirley, Solihull, Midlands. B90 3PE.  
Ctc: Richard Gilkes 07803.593024  
Email: ragilkes@blueyonder.co.uk

9Jun22 Thu (1930-2200.hrs)  
Talk by Mark Moreland  
Subject: Propagating and Mini-Bonsai  
Twickenham Bonsai Club  
Whitton Community Centre, Percy Road,  
Whitton, Twickenham, Middlesex. TW2 6JA.  
Ctc: Tony Ulatowski 07956.362743  
Email: twickenhambonsaiclub@gmail.com

21Jun22 Tue (1945.hrs)  
Talk by Mark Kerry  
Subject: Maples  
Middlesex Bonsai Society  
South Harrow Methodist Church, Walton  
Avenue, South Harrow, Middlesex. HA2 8QU.  
Ctc: Chris McEvoy 07983.537069  
Email: christopher.mcevoy@btinternet.com

27Jun22 Mon (1930.hrs)  
Talk by John Trott  
Subject: Azaleas  
Bristol Bonsai Society  
Failand Village Hall, Oxhouse Lane,  
Failand, Somerset. BS8 3TS.  
Ctc: Mark Wood 07964.249279  
Email: woodmdwoody@yahoo.co.uk

6Jul22 Wed (1930.hrs)  
Talk by Corin Tomlinson  
Subject: Pines  
Bedfordshire Bonsai Society  
Toddington Village Hall, Leighton Road,  
Toddington, Bedfordshire. LU5 6AN.  
Ctc: Richard Gaiger 07745.507318  
Email: r.gaiger@ntlworld.com

6Jul22Wed (1945-2200.hrs)  
Talk by Collette Harrison  
Subject: Flowering Bonsai  
Surrey Heath Bonsai Society  
Chobham Village Hall,  
Station Road, Chobham, Surrey. GU24 8AQ  
Ctc: Chris Rhodes 01276.20893  
Email: rhodes163@googlemail.com

06Jul22 Wed (1930.hrs)  
Talk by Mark Moreland  
Subject: Propagating and Mini-Bonsai  
Mid-Herts Bonsai Society  
Mead Hall, East Lane, Wheathampstead,  
Hertfordshire. AL4 8BP.  
Ctc: Geoff Conybeare 07528.614826  
Email: geoffconybeare@gmail.com  
www.midhertsbonsaiclub.co.uk

7Jul22 Thu (1900.hrs)  
Talk by Mark Moreland  
Subject: Propagating and Mini-Bonsai  
Northamptonshire Bonsai Society  
Weston Favell Parish Hall, Booth Lane South,  
Weston Favell, Northamptonshire. NN3 3EP.  
Ctc: Michael Allen 07788.403171  
Email: secretary@northamptonshirebonsai  
society.co.uk

19Jul22 Mon (1930.hrs)  
Talk & Demo by Dave Penny  
Subject: Creating a Saikei  
Eastbourne & Wealden Bonsai Club  
St Mary's Church Hall, Decoy Drive,  
Hampden Park, Eastbourne,  
East Sussex. BN22 9PP.

Ctc: Brian Dale 01323.731369  
Email: pondey@sky.com

29Jul22 Fri (1915-2145.hrs)  
Talk by Tony Remington  
Subject: Pottery  
North East Lincolnshire Bonsai Society  
St Giles Church Hall, Church Lane, Scartho,  
Grimsby, Lincolnshire. DN33 2EX.  
Ctc: Ian Butland 07963.470696  
Email: nelbs.chairman@virginmedia.com

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## Notice Board

31Jul22 Sun  
Staverton Group Bonsai Boot Sale  
Bradley Road, Southwick, Wiltshire. BA14 9RH.  
To book a sellers pitch at £25 please contact  
Tony, Rob or Chris details below:  
Contact: Tony Oswin 07776.338899  
Email: Rob - oakfieldbonsai@aol.com  
or Chris - jeffreyschris@hotmail.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 event. 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  
At Bracknell  
Bracknell Leisure Centre,  
Bagshot Road, Bracknell,  
Berkshire, RG12 9SE.  
All 36 club spaces have now been confirmed  
and from Monday 13Jun22 we invite trader  
enquiries.

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.  
The cut off date for traders and  
exhibitors for this event has now passed,  
John and Karen confirm 90 traders  
tables and 22 exhibitors have now  
booked. If you missed the cut off date  
and are still interested in exhibiting or  
trading please contact John to go on the  
reserve list.

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: karskll@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  
Demonstrations and Talks by:  
Harry Harrington / John Armitage  
Morten Albeck / Nacho Salar  
Peter Warren / Rafael Torres  
Tomaz Kovsca / Tony Tickle  
Supporting Traders to date:  
Aspire Garden Features  
Beechfield Bonsai / Bon-Tag  
Bonsai Stow / Bonsai4Me  
David Sampson / Derbyshire Bonsai  
Dragonfly Bonsai Pots  
European Bonsai Pot Collective  
Everysprout / Funky Fish Ceramics  
Greenwood Bonsai / Mendip Bonsai  
Mojo Bonsai / Oakfield  
Oceana / Paul Rogers Ceramics  
Seikatsu Bonsai  
Stone Monkey Ceramics  
Tony Remington  
Walsall Studio Ceramics  
Wattston Bonsai / Windybank Bonsai  
Contact: Andrew Avraam 07886.990610  
Email: info@thebonsaishowlive.co.uk  
Website: www.thebonsaishowlive.co.uk

23Oct22  
Blackmore Vale Bonsai Group Auction  
Charlton Remembrance Hall,  
Charlton, Shaftsbury, Dorset. SP7 0PL.  
Originally scheduled to happen on the  
16Oct22, the date has been put back one  
week until the 23Oct22.  
This auction is open to everyone, but  
sellers must pre-book by 16Oct22.  
Contact: Geoff 01747.853475 &  
07837.781744  
Email: m5eay.geoff@btinternet.com  
www.blackmorevalebonsaigroup.com

## Bonsai Focus Magazine 2022 May/June 176/199

Contact: [www.bonsaifocus.com](http://www.bonsaifocus.com)

Latest edition highlighting:

Martin Nielson's from Denmark mind blowing creation 'A life of a Birch'.

Harumi Ishii from Japan improving a rock-style bonsai when the roots grow to thick.

Masahiko Kimura from Japan splits material in three.

Christian Schulz from Germany talks about his bonsai passion.

Pieter Van Uden from Holland creates a forest with Metasequoia.

Mario Komsta from Spain works on a yamadori pine.

Isao Enomoto from Japan restores an old Satsuki adjusting the style and also helps you find the perfect pot for a literati Satsuki.

## Bonsai Club International Magazine

Bonsai & Stone Appreciation 2022 Q3

Contact: [www.bonsai-bci.com](http://www.bonsai-bci.com)

Latest edition highlighting:

BCI 60 Years Celebration Convention in Taiwan hosted by Helen and IC Su.

Looking at Su's Garden, Bonsai Collection, Suiseki Collection and Pot Collection.

Herbert Obermayer from Germany talking about the Czech National Exhibition.

Antonio Pizzati from Italy talking about 'The Pine That Teaches'

Enrique Castano from Mexico talks about the Three Enemies of Bonsai Art, A Philosophical Discussion and Advise.

Frank Mihalic from US shows us how the new BCI medals of excellence are made.

Vaclav Novak from Czech brings a pine from the mountain and develops to exhibition standard.

## Middlesex Bonsai Society

For many years Middlesex Bonsai Society have had their monthly club night on the 3rd Tuesday. But due to a combination of reasons will be switching the meeting to 3rd Saturday every month meeting between the hours of 1000-1200hrs at the same location. This change starts on the 17Sep22 with an in-house workshop with Harry Harrington.

## UKBA Expo Bonsai UK

If you recently attended the Expo Bonsai UK event on the 8May22 and you lost or left something behind, please contact UKBA as we had several items handed in after the show and we would like to re-unite them with their rightful owners.

## UKBA Membership

Thanking you for your support, today 1Jun22 UKBA membership stands at a total of 2153, expanding daily

## World Bonsai Day 14May22

We received two pictures, one from Ipswich Bonsai Society who produced a beautiful cake to celebrate the event and a second picture from Surrey Heath Bonsai Society who put a display on at the Surrey Heath Show.

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## Monthly Tasks

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

We are now entering early summer and your trees should be in full leaf and enjoying the warmer weather and long hours of daylight. Here is a quick generic guide to bonsai in June but for individual species you may need to adjust the guidance as well as for the developmental stage your bonsai trees are at.

### Watering:

Continue to check your trees daily and water as required and you will have noticed they will be starting to take up more water and dry out quicker. This is now the time to really increase your watering with the leaves fully out and hardened off. Water in the mornings ideally and if necessary water more than once a day.

### Re-potting:

None required unless emergency repotting required where the pot is damaged or there is a pest concern or drainage issue. Try not to damage the roots during an emergency repot and just place the tree in another pot of the same size or larger for the time being until the correct repotting season without root pruning or disturbance.

### Feeding:

This is the time to start feeding much more regularly and heavily while the trees are actively growing. Organic feeds are preferable to chemical feeds including products like liquid seaweed and this can be fed daily as part of the watering regime or less often depending on the stage of development of the tree. Ideal feeding at this time is liquid feed as the watering regime has picked up and you can feed with each watering, and the general rule is little and often.

### Pruning:

This is the time to prune back all excessive growth on deciduous trees and start to work on removing the larger leaves on a regular basis in preference of retaining the smaller leaves forming after the larger leaves have been removed. It is also a good time to carry out a full or partial defoliation of broadleaved trees but only if the tree is healthy enough. Ensure that if you do a full defoliation that you place the tree in a more shaded position rather than in full sun following a full defoliation.

### Trimming:

Now that the leaves are present continue to maintain the shape through regular trimming and 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. Leaf cutting is also applicable for some species like maples but ensure that they are vigorous and healthy before you carry out leaf cutting and it may be more suitable to do a section of % at any one time.

### Root pruning:

This is not applicable at present unless any trees are being repotted but for the majority of species they should already have been done.

### 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. Watch out for the onset of mildew and prune out any damaged leaves or treat any infestations if found. Spray with insecticide as required or once a month for pest prevention using products like SB Invigorator. Methylated spirits cotton buds are an effective method of removing scale insects from branches.

### Moss and weed control:

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

### Wiring:

Wiring can be started on some of the larger branches if the tree has been defoliated but otherwise it is not a good time to wire as the process can damage the foliage.

### Protection:

Winter and frost protection should no longer be required but shade and wind protection may be necessary to avoid leaf scorch or wind burn of the new leaves.

### 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:

If you have trees out in display areas check that they are not drying out or getting too much sun and ensure they have shade if required as the temperatures during the day currently are fairly hot. Also check for wind protection and stability of trees

### Propagation:

This is the time to take conifer cuttings. This is also a good time to take softwood cuttings from this year's new growth.

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## Interview

UKBA interview with Steve McKee



### How did you get started?

I went to a show at Capel manor and enjoyed it I fancied giving it a go and

then bought the first bonsai magazine. It all went from there I joined a couple of clubs near to me and went and listened to all talks and participated in workshops. It was an exciting time learning so much .



**Who was your teacher?**

From the start Peter Adams was and still is a great influence on me . Peter was light years ahead of everyone within the UK and was also really good company. Incidentally, all of his students who I was with are still in the hobby and we are all still good friends too, Dan Barton was a real source of inspiration too, he tried innovative techniques and fired my imagination. Dan's book is still a great one. Kevin Willson was and still is a great yamadori stylist. He was collecting trees and they were being displayed in Europe within 6 years which is phenomenal. Listening to Kev talk got me into Yamadori

**Your thoughts on Bonsai?**

The bonsai scene has changed because of the internet and it's nice to see more folks getting into bonsai. However, please get practical experience with a club or workshops , that's worth a million typed words on forums . Growing Bonsai is an art and it takes patience. Always get the best you can afford too.



**Do you have a favourite tree species or size tree?**

My favourite are the Japanese maples , followed by yew, Scots pine, sloe, basically yamadori. I like chuhin / kifu sized trees that are manageable, pots and tables are easier to source too.

**What mistakes have you made?**

I've sometimes been too impatient but the biggest mistake in the past were to not feed enough, and I also repotted trees too often .



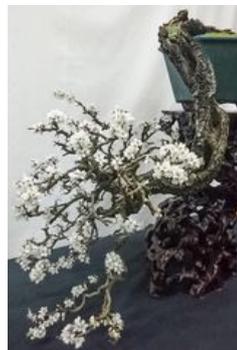
**Have you experienced bonsai abroad?**

I've been fortunate to have trees selected and exhibited at both the Gingko trophy and Noelanders.



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

If you can find the bonsai book by Dan Barton Peter Warren's bonsai book and any book by Peter Adams. My favourite is The Four Seasons Of Bonsai and also any Japanese exhibition books. Look to them for inspiration and to fire your imagination.



**What is your best achievement?**

I just really enjoy exhibiting my trees , if you like my exhibit then that's an achievement for me , fortunately I've also received some awards for exhibiting my trees and that was both humbling and pleasing .



**Do you have any future ambitions?**

I'd like to have my bonsai garden featured in a magazine, and continue to be selected for exhibition at major bonsai shows,

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

I do a bit of birdwatching but bonsai is my overriding passion You can follow me on Instagram - bonsaisteve Or on Facebook- Steve's Bonsai garden



Thank you Mark & Mingchen it's nice to have the UKBA driving bonsai forward here in the UK Steve

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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

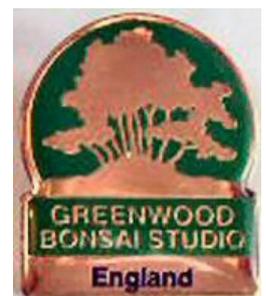
This month we are highlighting four badges from the United Kingdom.

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**Badges**



Craig Coussins Bonsai  
Image supplied by Dan Barton  
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Greenwood Bonsai Studio  
Image supplied by Terry Adams  
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National Bonsai Society  
Image supplied by Mingchen Moreland  
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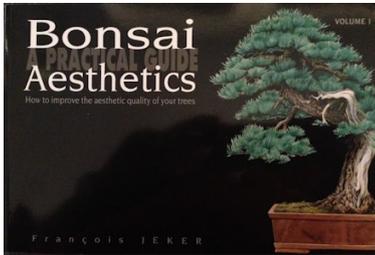


Stourbridge Bonsai Society  
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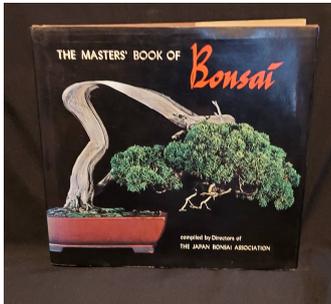
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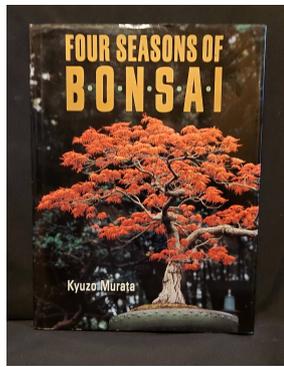
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## UKBA Quiz Jun22 Simple Anagrams

Below is a list of simple (but not too easy) anagrams.

They are all trees used for bonsai.  
There are no Latin names and each consists of two words. Good luck.

AABELPPR  
ACHMMNOOS  
AAACDELRST  
ABCEILLNP  
ACEMPPRSSSWY  
BEECHLPPRU  
BCEHIILRRSV  
DEEEEIJLNNPRU  
ACHHMMNNOOORTW  
ADDDENOORWW

## Answers to May22 Quiz

This Su Doku is slightly harder than usual and based on :- BONSAI KEY.

S	N	K	Y	A	E	O	B	I
O	A	B	K	I	S	N	Y	E
Y	E	I	B	N	O	S	A	K
B	I	Y	E	K	N	A	O	S
K	S	A	O	Y	I	B	E	N
N	O	E	S	B	A	I	K	Y
I	K	O	A	S	Y	E	N	B
E	B	S	N	O	K	Y	I	A
A	Y	N	I	E	B	K	S	O

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