

# UK Bonsai Association

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## Bulletin Jul21

Well, as we all know the long awaited lifting of government social restrictions promised for the 21Jun21 has come and gone, now put back to 19Jul21, fingers crossed this happens. A complete normalisation and return to the pre-pandemic situation of regular club nights and shows without any future interruptions seems a fancy thought. All we can ask of everybody is to make sure you have your two inoculations and when attending any gathering observe all local social restrictions. Please double check all event status on the UKBA website events diary before travelling to any events, be aware of possible last minute cancellations.

The online talks have been very useful for many through the pandemic lockdown, but now with the immanent return of local club meetings, we are putting on hold any future UKBA online talks. We would like to give a big thank you to everyone who contributed to these online talks. We would again like to remind everybody that the UK Bonsai Association now has a steering group that meets regularly online to discuss all matters bonsai. If you have any comments or ideas worthy of consideration by the steering group, please don't hesitate to email us. The next steering group meeting on Zoom is scheduled for Sunday 4Jul21 at 1900.hrs. We again ask people when communicating with the association for whatever reason please to do so by email. There are so many communication platforms that everything is simplified by using just one method of contact.

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## Virtual UK Bonsai Show Spring/Summer 1Mar21-31Aug21

We would like to thank everybody who has sent in entries for the current virtual show this last month, we appreciate your support. Thank you

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## Chuhin Trees



**BT027**

- Species: Acer Palmatum Deshojo (Acer palmatum)
- Origin: Japan
- Category: Chuhin plus
- Style: Informal upright
- Size: Height of the tree 55cm / 21.65"
- Potter: Chinese
- Stand: Unknown
- History: Purchased from Lee Verhorevoort in April 2011 I was attracted by the excellent nebari and trunk taper. This has developed well over the past 10years and I have been working on the twig refinement.
- Date of photo taken: 7Jun21

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**BT029**

- Species: Cotoneaster (poss. Franchetii S.)
- Origin: UK
- Category: Chuhin plus
- Style: Cascade
- Size: Height of the tree 21cm from pot rim to apex, 46cm from apex to tip
- Potter: Walsal Ceramics
- Stand: Unknown
- History: Dug up from a friends garden in 2006. Styled as a cascade in 2008. It is easy to grow and produces a profusion of berries in the autumn.
- Date of photo taken: 7Jun21

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**BT030**

- Species: Satsuki Azalea (Rhododendron indicum.)
- Origin: Bought at Watson Bonsai Scotland
- Category: Chuhin
- Style: Informal
- Size: Height of the tree 48cm / 19"
- Potter: Chinese
- Stand: Homemade
- History: Bought from Watson Bonsai and improved on over seven years to fashion not

- just a tree for flowers but a tree that looks like Bonsai when not in flower.
- Date of photo taken: 24Jun21

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**BT031**

- Species: Scots Pine (Pinus Sylvestrus)
- Origin: Scotland
- Category: Chuhin
- Style: Informal upright
- Size: Height of the tree 66 cm / 26"
- Potter: Iain Baillie
- Stand:
- History: A tree created in Scotland over 60 years ago and begun by Bill Graham. I have had the tree over 50 years and have turned it from a stunted one-dimensional tree with little or no growth into what we see today.
- Date of photo taken: 24Jun21

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**BT032**

- Species: Antarctic Beech (Nothofagus Antarctica)
- Origin: Scotland
- Category: Chuhin
- Style: Root over rock
- Size: Height of the tree 43 cm / 17"
- Potter: Tokanoma
- Stand: Homemade
- History: As far as I know, the tree began its Bonsai journey over 50 years ago. It was created in Scotland. I have had the tree over thirty years, creating the shape and foliage we have today. The tree is part of the National Collection of Scotland and is under my care. It also looks good in winter when all the leaves have fallen.
- Date of photo taken: 24Jun21

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## Shohin Trees



**BT028**

- Species: Trident Maple (*Acer palmatum*)
- Origin: UK
- Category: Shohin
- Style: Informal upright
- Size: Height of the tree 22cm/8.5"
- Potter: Chinese
- Stand: Japanese
- History: Purchased from Marcus Watts at the Shohin Bonsai Show, Failand, Somerset in March 2015. It was originally air layered and I have been trying to develop roots at the back of the tree by scuffing the bark and covering it in moss soaked in rooting hormone. This has been only partially successful.
- Date of photo taken: 7Jun21

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## Mame Trees



**BT026**

- Species: Ivy (Variety *Hedera helix*)
- Origin: UK
- Category: Mame
- Style: Semi cascade
- Size: H 4.5cm/1.77" x L. 12cm/4"
- Potter: Walsall Ceramic Studios
- Stand: Natural slab of agate
- History: Collected as a seedling from owners garden some 4 or 5 years ago and trained into semi cascade style. Potted into pot two years ago. Regularly leaf and shoot pruned to reduce leaf in size
- Date of photo taken: 3Jun21

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**BT033**

- Species: Firethorn (*Pyracantha*)
- Origin: U.K.
- Category: Mame
- Style: Semi cascade
- Size: Height of the tree 12 cm / 4.7"
- Potter: Elsebeth Bruun Ludvigsen
- Stand: Ji-ita, John Brocklehurst. Table, Casper den Ouden
- History: Airlayered in 2015
- Date of photo taken: 10Jun21

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## Pots

No entries in Jul21

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## Bonsai Events

Jul21 & Aug21

3Jul21 Sat (Cancelled)  
UKBA Auction/Car Boot/Indoor Market  
Hare Hatch Sheepslands,  
London Road, Hare Hatch,  
Reading, Berkshire. RG10 9HW.  
Adm: £3. Times:1000-1400.hrs  
Contact: Mark Moreland 07850.771201  
Email: ukbonsaiassociation@gmail.com  
www.ukbonsaiassoc.org

3&4Jul21 Sat & Sun (Cancelled)  
Chichester Bonsai Exhibition  
Manor Nursery, Pagham Road,  
Runcton, Chichester. PO20 1LJ.  
Adm: Free. 0900-1700 & 1000-1600.hrs.  
Contact: Frank Weaver 01243.586195  
Email: frankweaverbonsai@gmail.com  
www.chichesterbonsai.co.uk

9-11Jul21 Fri-Sun (Cancelled)  
British International Bonsai Show 2021  
& European Bonsai Association  
British Motor Museum, Gaydon,  
Warwickshire. CV35 0BJ.  
Adm: tba. Times: tba.  
Contact: Dave Cheshire 07584.991975  
Email: chair@fobbsbonsai.co.uk

17Jul21 Sat (Cancelled)  
Milton Keynes Bonsai Society Show  
Milton Keynes Central Library,  
555 Silbury Blvd,  
Milton Keynes, MK9 3HL.  
Adm: Free. Times: 1000-1500.hrs  
Contact: Simon Roberts 07592.527736  
Email: Simon.Roberts26@btopenworld.com  
www.mkbonsaisociety.co.uk

18Jul21 Sun (Confirmed)  
Bedfordshire Bonsai Car Boot Sale  
Central Bedfordshire Council Depot,  
Clophill, Bedfordshire. MK45 2AF.  
Adm: Free. Times: 0930.hrs  
Email: bedsbonsai@hotmail.co.uk

25Jul21 Sun (Confirmed)  
Staverton Bonsai Car Boot Sale  
Bradley Road, Southwick,  
Wiltshire. BA14 9RH.  
Adm: Free. Times: 0900.hrs  
Contact: Tony Oswin 07776.338899  
Email: jeffreyschris@hotmail.com  
36 Pitches already confirmed  
Traders attending:  
Chris Thomas Bonsai  
Collette'e Bonsai

Dragon Fly Pots  
Gordon Duffett Pots  
Oakfield Pots  
Paul Rodgers Pots  
Spectre Ceramics  
Troll Pots  
Wood And Clay

25Jul21 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  
Email: adrian.garnett@virginmedia.com  
www.chilternbonsai.org.uk  
Demonstration by Harry Harrington

30Jul21 Fri (Cancelled)  
Solent Bonsai Summer Show  
Wallington Village Hall, Fareham,  
Hampshire. PO16 8ST.  
Adm: Free. Times:1930-2200.hrs  
Contact: Keith Hartley 02392.640985  
email: kb.hartley@ntlworld.com  
website: solentbonsai.co.uk

We completely understand that many shows are currently cancelled or on hold. Keeping the date of an event provisionally marked on the events diary gives everybody a clear indication of your intentions to hold an event on a particular date when we come out of this pandemic. Please check out UKBA website for the most up to date information on events happening in the future. Thank you

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## Bonsai Event Reports

Unfortunately, no events in Jun21 to report on.

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## Club Speaker Nights

At long last clubs are starting to get back to meeting physically with visiting speakers delivering talks and demonstrations. If you are interested in attending a club night as a guest, please confirm all details with the club contact before making the journey. We would ask all guests visiting a club to make a donation of £5 towards the respective club. Thank you.

9Jul21 Fri (1900.hrs)  
Ipswich Bonsai Society  
Talk by Steve McKee  
Subject: Preparing a Tree for Showing  
Ctc: Dave Fryer 07749.801297  
Email: daveafryer@aol.com

21Sep21 Tue (1945.hrs)  
Middlesex Bonsai Society  
Talk by Mark Kerry  
Subject: Junipers  
Ctc: Chris McEvoy 07983.537069  
Email:  
christopher.mcevoy1@btinternet.com

16Nov21 Tue (1945.hrs)  
Middlesex Bonsai Society  
Talk by Andy Jordan  
Subject: Shohin & Mame  
Ctc: Chris McEvoy 07983.537069  
Email: christopher.mcevoy1@btinternet.com

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## Notice Board

### UKBA Membership

Thanking you for your support, today 1Jul21 UKBA membership stands at a total of 1733, expanding daily.

### Kent Bonsai Society

With immediate effect Adrian Long advises us the new email address for Kent Bonsai Society will be kentbonsaiass@btinternet.com, all other details remain the same.

### Twickenham Bonsai Club

The newest bonsai club in the UK, Twickenham Bonsai club has been despite the covid lock down, going from strength to strength with lots of online meetings and outdoor workshops. Tony Ulatowski the chairman now confirms the club has a new pin badge, this is now available to purchase, please contact him for further details.



### 18Jul21 Sun (Confirmed)

Bedfordshire Bonsai Car Boot Sale  
Central Bedfordshire Council Depot,  
Clophill, Bedfordshire. MK45 2AF.

If you wish sell anything by having a sales table or car boot plot, please contact asap:  
Email: bedsbonsai@hotmail.co.uk

### 25Jul21

Staverton Bonsai Table Top Sale  
39 Staverton, Trowbridge,  
Wiltshire. BA14 6PA.

If you wish sell anything by having a sales table or car boot plot, please contact asap:  
Chris Jefferys 07954.820970  
Email: jefferyschrish@hotmail.com

### 29Aug21

Bonsai Shed Car Booty & Auction  
Hill Park Rose Centre, Wood Stock Lane North,  
Thames Ditton, Surrey. KT6 5HN.

If you wish to sell anything in the auction or have a car boot plot, please contact:  
Andrew Barber 07590.595538  
Email: foodsmithltd@gmail.com

### 5Sep21

East Anglian Bonsai Show

A kind invite has gone out to all other clubs if they would like to put on a display at this show, please contact:

Dave Fryer 07749.801297  
Email: daveafryer@aol.com

### 8May22

Expo Bonsai UK

Current plan is to open submissions for trees possibly on the 1Aug21 subject to the

government announcements during Jul21. We will be looking for quality trees with maturity. All submission details will be posted at that time. For trade space there will be a separate application process, thank you.

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## Monthly Tasks

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

Summer is now here hopefully and your trees should be actively growing and enjoying the longer daylight hours and sunshine and producing a lot of new growth. Here is a quick generic guide to bonsai in July 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 anyone 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 repeat infestations of bugs and pests like green and black fly, red spider mite, scale insect, mealy bug as well as vine weevil beetles. With the warmer weather insect pests can start to build up numbers and are more likely to appear on the shoots and leaves and start causing foliage damage.

Watch out for the on set 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

Protect from the heat of the sun if the trees have a thin bark like Japanese Beech and provide additional shade and wind protection to avoid leaf scorch or wind burn of the 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.

### Propagation

This is a good time to take semi ripe cuttings from this years growth.

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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 from the United Kingdom, see website for more badges.

### United Kingdom Badges



National Bonsai Collection  
Image supplied by Dan Barton

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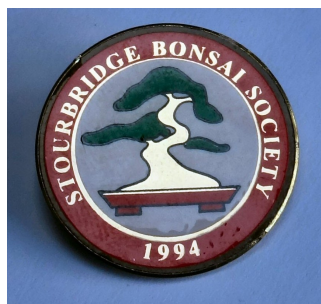
South Staffs Bonsai Society  
Image supplied by Jim Gould

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Harry Tomlinson England  
Image supplied by Paul Bowerbank

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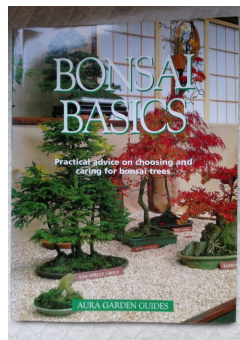


Stourbridge Bonsai Society 1994  
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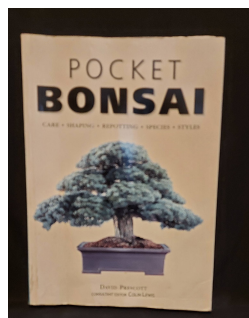
## Books

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?



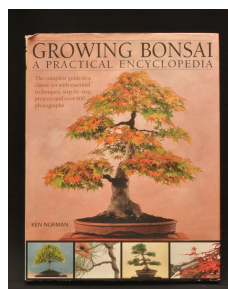
Colin Lewis  
Bonsai Basics  
Published: 2002  
ISBN: 9781901683042  
Image supplied by Barbara Kashiwazaki

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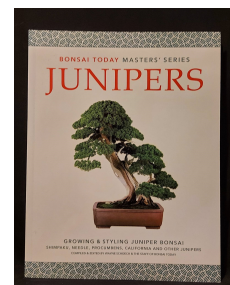
David Prescott  
Pocket Bonsai  
Published: 2004  
ISBN: 1843305860  
Image supplied by David Swinhard

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Ken Norman  
Growing Bonsai A Practical Encyclopedia  
Published: 2005  
ISBN: 9780754815723  
Image supplied by Mark Moreland

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Bonsai Today Master Series  
Junipers  
Published: 2007  
ISBN: 9780976755036  
Image supplied by Simon Tudor

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## Quiz

UKBA Jul21 Quiz  
How much?

A group of bonsai enthusiasts went to a car boot sale and each bought 3 trees. Alan bought an acer, a birch and a cedar. He spent £80.

Alice bought an acer, a birch and a hawthorn. She spent £90.

Jane bought an acer and two birches. She spent £110.

Beryl bought a cedar and two hawthorns. She spent £80.

John bought a birch, a cedar and a hawthorn. How much did he spend?

## Answers to Jun21 Quiz

### MISSING VOWELS

#### ANSWERS

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1) AMUR MAPLE      | 11) HINOKI CYPRESS |
| 2) APRICOT         | 12) AZALEA         |
| 3) ALDER/ELDER     | 13) SCOTS PINE     |
| 4) DAWN REDWOOD    | 14) EUROPEAN BEECH |
| 5) HORNBEAM        | 15) BAMBOO         |
| 6) SILVER BIRCH    | 16) COTONEASTER    |
| 7) ATLAS CEDAR     | 17) EUONYMUS       |
| 8) CHINESE ELM     | 18) FUCHSIA        |
| 9) NEEDLE JUNIPER  | 19) JASMINE        |
| 10) EUROPEAN LARCH | 20) CRAB APPLE     |

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