

# UK Bonsai Association

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## Bulletin Sep21

Welcome to this month's bulletin, bringing the summer's season an end. I don't know about how things have been where you live but summer has seemed almost non-existent in my back garden, not much sun compared with last year. However, now we move on into Autumn and with the extremes of weather conditions being experienced around Europe and the World as a whole, we need to be prepared for anything that comes our way.

Many enthusiasts commented how earlier this year trees were being moved in and out of protected areas trying to dodge those late frosts. So perhaps now, despite the time of year, we need to pay much more attention to local warnings of extreme weather conditions. As the boy scout motto goes 'Be Prepared'.

After the usual summer period, with little in the way of bonsai events taking place, we move into the autumn period with club nights and events springing back into life. We would usually ask all enthusiasts to support any events being organised, but under these more difficult times coming out of the pandemic, we would ask more strongly for you to support these events. The organisers have been dubious of putting on events, possibly scared of a play safe and stay away mentality, so let's prove them wrong and as a community support them.

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 then please don't hesitate to email us. The next steering group meeting on Zoom is scheduled for Monday 6Sep21 at 1900hrs.

## Virtual UK Bonsai Show

Spring/Summer  
1Mar21-31Aug21

The close off date for exhibiting in the show has now passed and we can confirm we have had many entries in all three tree categories and also the three pot categories. We would like to thank all of you who went to the trouble of entering a tree or pot.

We now ask all members to choose their personal favourite top three trees or pots from each category. All trees and pots are displayed on the website and this should be very interesting. I wonder if anyone will be able to correctly guess the top in each category. We will let you know in the next bulletin perhaps who manages to get the closest correct prediction.

All the trees and pots are identifiable by individual numbers beginning with the letters BT or BP, so we would ask members to email their top favourite three trees and pots in each category as below to

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

### Chuhin Trees

1st=BT098. 2nd=BT106. 3rd=BT067.

### Shohin Trees

1st=BT084. 2nd=BT104. 3rd=BT069.

### Mame Trees

1st=BT073. 2nd=BT086. 3rd=BT062.

### Chuhin Pots

1st=BP102. 2nd=BP095. 3rd=BP123.

### Shohin Pots

1st=BP087. 2nd=BP052. 3rd=BP108.

### Mame Pots

1st=BP107. 2nd=BP096. 3rd=BP202.

So you know that your votes have been safely received we will acknowledge your email vote after the 12Sep20 when we start to collate the results.

Voting finishes on 12Sep21, allowing us time to have the results available for the October bulletin. All members including exhibitors can participate in the voting process.

It looks more complicated than the last virtual show because of the three categories, so if you have any problems do not hesitate to call us.

We are here to help and are very grateful for your participation. thank you.

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## Trees

### Chuhin Trees



### BT042

- Species: korean hornbeam (carpinus Turezaninowii)
- Origin: Little Oak Bonsai, UK
- Category: Chuhin plus
- Style: Informal Upright
- Size: Height of the tree 59cm / 23"
- Potter: unknown
- Stand: Homemade
- History: The tree was purchased as a 12 inch high un-styled 4 year old stump in 1996, as part of a Hornbeam Carving/Styling workshop at Little Oak Bonsai, Siddlesham, West Sussex. It has been in the same ownership since 1996. The tree was repotted into a shallower unglazed oval pot in spring 2021. (Circa 1992. Ownership 1996 onwards)
- Date of photo taken: 28Jun21



### BT043

- Species: Japanese Mountain Maple (Acer palmatum)
- Origin: UK
- Category: Chuhin
- Style: Informal Upright
- Size: Height of the tree 42cm / 16.5"
- Potter: Gordon Duffet
- Stand: Unknown second-hand restored
- History: Owner developed this tree from a cutting taken in 1988 from an unnamed seedling.
- Date of photo taken: 15May21

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### BT044

- Species: Japanese Black Pine (Pinus thunbergii)
- Origin: Japan
- Category: Chuhin plus
- Style: group
- Size: Height of the tree 60cm / 24"
- Potter: Tokoname
- Stand: vintage Japanese
- History: From a private collection. With me since 2015. The two tallest trees had flawed crowns that needed correcting and the foliage density was poor throughout, but the main challenge as always with JBP has been balancing vigour, especially with 5 trees to balance against each other.
- Date of photo taken: 12Aug21

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### BT045

- Species: Japanese White Pine (Pinus pentaphylla)
- Origin: Japan
- Category: Chuhin
- Style: cascade
- Size: Height of the tree 34cm / 13.4" (tip to tip)
- Potter: Shigaraki, with 'pine bark' texturing
- Stand: antique Chinese
- History: Bought at a club auction as a 'stick in a pot' in 2013. Trained from 2014 as a cascade.
- Date of photo taken: 12Aug21

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**BT046**

- Species: Chinese elm (ulmus parvifolia)
- Category: Chuhin
- Style: root over rock
- Size: Height of the tree 58.5cm / 23"
- Potter: Japanese
- Stand:
- History: I have had this tree for close to 3 years now, it was restyled by Harry Harrington back in January this year where around 40% of the tree was cut off and it had a huge rewire.
- Date of photo taken: 26Aug21

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## Shohin Trees

No entries in Sep21

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## Mame Trees



**BT047**

- Species: Ulmus parvifolia (Cork Bark Elm)
- Category: Mame
- Style: Semi cascade
- Size: Height of the tree 9.5cm / 3.7"
- Potter: Peter Shields
- Stand: Homemade
- History: Air layer taken last year from a tree I have had for about 3 years
- Date of photo taken: 30Aug21

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## Pots

### Chuhin Pots

No entries in Sep21

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### Shohin Pots



**BP030**

- Category: Shohin
- Style: Round Shohin Pot
- Size: 12cm x H 3cm
- Date of photo taken: 31Jul21

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## Mame Pots

No entries in Sep21

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## Bonsai Events

Sep21 & Oct21

5Sep21 Sun (Confirmed)  
East Anglian Bonsai Show  
Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre,  
Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, Suffolk. IP5 1JF.  
Adm: £3 or £5 a couple -16.yrs free  
Times: 1000-1600.hrs.  
Contact: Dave Fryer 07449.801297  
Email: daveafryer@aol.com  
Supporting Clubs:  
Bury St Edmunds & Cambridge Bonsai Club  
Ipswich Bonsai Society  
Middlesex Bonsai Society  
Norfolk Bonsai Association  
North London Bonsai Group  
Southend Bonsai Society  
Supporting Traders:  
Ato-Saki Bonsai, Bon-Tag, Bonsai Shed  
Bonsaistow, Dei Bonsai Pots, Driftwood Bonsai  
Reid Bonsai, Stone Monkey Ceramics,  
Suteki Accent Pots, UK Bonsai Tables,  
Walsall Studio Ceramics  
Plus 4 x Private Sellers

8Sep21 Wed (Confirmed)  
Norfolk Bonsai Association Auction  
Postwick Village Hall, Postwick,  
Ferry Lane, Norwich, Norfolk. NR13 8HL.  
Adm: Free.  
Viewing Times: 1900-1930.hrs  
Auction Times: 1930.hrs  
Ctc: Mick Hilllocks 01362.695922  
Email: mickhilllocks@aol.com

11Sep21 Sat (Confirmed)  
Bonsai Boys Display  
At Henley Farm & Country Show  
Henley Showground, Hambleton, Oxfordshire. RG9 3AS.  
Adm: Adults £15/£10 -16.yrs Free.  
Times:0900-1700.hrs

12Sep21 Sun (Confirmed)  
South Staffs Bonsai Show  
Birmingham Botanical Gardens,  
Westbourne Road, Edgbaston,

Birmingham, Midlands. B15 3TR.  
Adm: tba. Times: 1000-1600.hrs  
Contact: David Barnsley 0121.6822200  
Email: davidbarnsley@blueyonder.co.uk  
Supporting Club:  
Stourbridge Bonsai Society  
Supporting Traders:  
Dave Cheshire Bonsai, Bon-Tag,  
Funky Fish Ceramics

19Sep21 (Confirmed)  
South East Bonsai Fair  
Little Fant Farm, Farleigh Lane,  
Maidstone, Kent. ME16 9LY.  
Adm: £1 per car. Times:1000-1500.hrs  
Contact: Adam Hadley 07765.522117  
Email:hadoribonsai@gmail.com

26Sep21 Sun (Confirmed)  
National Shohin Exhibition & Car Boot Sale  
Markham Grange Nursery,  
Longlands Lane, Brodsworth,  
Doncaster, South Yorkshire. DN5 7XB.  
Adm: Free. Times: 0900-1500.hrs  
Contact: Dave Newman 07966.405134  
Email:  
georgeanddavenewman@yahoo.co.uk  
Contact: Daryl Harris 07376.582222  
Email: darylh@gmx.co.uk  
Contact: John Skill 07818.110978  
Email: karskill@aol.com

2&3Oct21 Sat & Sun (Confirmed)  
Stourbridge Bonsai Society Display  
At The Birmingham Koi Society Show  
Sandiacre Nursery,  
Himley Lane, Himley,  
West Midlands. DY3 4LN.  
Adm: £3. Times: 1000-1600.hrs  
Contact: Rod White 07780.653905  
Email: rodandy46@gmail.com

9&10Oct21 Sat & Sun (Confirmed)  
Sutton Bonsai Show  
RHS Wisley Gardens  
Wisley Gardens, Wisley Lane,  
Wisley, Surrey. GU23 6QB.  
Adm: tba. Times:1000-1630.hrs  
Contact: Andy Jordan 07958.372101  
Email: antique.netsuke@gmail.com  
www.suttonbonsai.co.uk

9&10Oct21 Sat & Sun (Confirmed)  
Dragon Bonsai Autumn Show  
Open workshop & Clinic  
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

17Oct21 Sun (Confirmed)  
Midland Bonsai Society Show  
Birmingham Botanical Gardens,  
Westbourne Rd, Edgbaston, Birmingham. B15 3TR.  
Adm: tbc. Times: 1000-1630.hrs.  
Contact: Richard Gilkes 07803.593024  
Email: ragilkes@blueyonder.co.uk  
Supported by: Redditch Bonsai Society

17Oct21 Sun (Cancelled)  
Heathrow Bonsai Show  
Contact: Mark Moreland 07850.771201  
Email: markmoreland@live.co.uk  
www.heathrowbonsai.weebly.com

17Oct21 Sun (Confirmed)  
Blackmore Vale Bonsai Group Auction  
Charlton Remembrance Hall, Charlton, Shaftsbury,

Dorset. SP7 0PL.  
Adm: Free.  
Viewing Times: 0930-1100  
Auction Times: 1100-1700.hrs.  
Contact: Geoff 01747.853475 & 07837.781744  
Email: m5eay.geoff@btinternet.com  
www.blackmorevalebonsaigroup.co.uk

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.  
www.ukbonsaiassoc.org

4-8Aug21  
Southend Bonsai Society Display  
At RHS Garden Hyde Hall Flower Show.  
Creep hedge Lane, Chelmsford, CM3 8ET.

26-29Aug21  
South Staffs Bonsai Society Display  
At Garden World Live  
NEC Birmingham. B40 1NT.

29Aug21  
Bonsai Shed Car Booty,  
Wood Stock Lane North,  
Hill Park Rose Centre, Thames Ditton, Surrey. KT6 5HN.

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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.

21Sep21 Tue (1945.hrs)  
Middlesex Bonsai Society  
Talk by Mark Kerry  
Subject: Junipers  
Adm: Non-members £5  
Ctc: Chris McEvoy 07983.537069  
Email: christopher.mcevoy1@btinternet.com

21Oct21 Thu (1900.hrs)  
Twickenham Bonsai Society  
Talk by David Cheshire  
Subject: Shohin & Mame  
Adm: non-members £16  
Ctc: Tony Ulatowski 07956.362743  
Email: twickenhambonsaiclub@gmail.com

16Nov21 Tue (1945.hrs)  
Middlesex Bonsai Society  
Talk by Andy Jordan  
Subject: Shohin & Mame  
Adm: non-members £5  
Ctc: Chris McEvoy 07983.537069  
Email: christopher.mcevoy1@btinternet.com

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## Notice Board

### UKBA Membership

Thanking you for your support, today 1Sep21 UKBA membership stands at a total of 1798, expanding daily.

19Sep21

South East Bonsai Fair  
Little Fant Farm,  
Farleigh Lane, Maidstone, Kent. ME16 9LY.  
If you wish to have a car boot pitch, please contact: Adam Hadley 07765.522117  
Email: hadoribonsai@gmail.com

### 19&20Feb22

#### Trophy Show

Limburghal cv, jaarbeurslaan 6,B-3600 Genk, Belgium.  
Many UK enthusiasts regularly travel to this European show, last years show was cancelled due to the pandemic and we are all looking forward to the show in 2022. Belgium however still has many social restrictions in place, so there is much speculation with regard whether the show in 2022 will or will not take place. We are in constant communication with the organisers, and can confirm that at this time the show is confirmed as going ahead. However the organisers looking into the future have provisionally booked 25&26Feb23.

8May22

#### Expo Bonsai UK

Submissions to exhibit a tree are now until 31Jan22.

Pls e mail: ebuk18@gmail.com for full details. We are looking for submissions for consideration to exhibit Mame, Shohin and standard sized bonsai. Looking for high quality mature trees which will be displayed in an appropriate manner as with previous ExpoBonsai shows. Each submission will have its own 6ft length for display. Exhibitors may submit for a maximum of three spaces. Submissions will only be accepted through this e mail address. ebuk18@gmail.com The show will be in line with any Covid restrictions in place at that time.

11Sep22

Heathrow Bonsai Show 2022 relocated  
Due to the great success of the last Heathrow show 20Oct19, and what seemed like its inevitable expansion into all three available halls, the show is having to re-locate. Even though the new location is 25minutes drive west of Heathrow, in the town of Bracknell, the trade mark name Heathrow Bonsai Show will remain the same. The new larger location of Bracknell Leisure Centre will enable the whole show to be in one hall, which everyone agrees is a positive step forward. This show is totally dedicated to clubs and societies up and down the UK, and last time it was held 39 Clubs came together for the event. Even though Sep22 seems along time away, we would ask kindly if your club is wanting to participate please let us know. Contact: Mark Moreland 07850.771201 or email: ukbonsaiassociation@gmail.com

1&2Oct22

#### The Bonsai Show Live

We are pleased to announce a major new show being organised by Andrew Avraan of Oceana and Mark Akins of Beechfield. This show will take place 1&2Oct22 and be located in the West Midlands. Final show details are still being worked out by the organisers, but this promises to be a top show, so please give this show your full backing. What can be confirmed already is a line up of top demonstrators appearing at the show, they include Harry Harrington, John Armitage, Morten Albeck, Peter Warren and Rafael Torres. If you have any enquires to make about the show please

contact Andrew Avraan  
tel:07886.990610 or  
email:info@thebonsaishowlive.co.uk.

### Bonsai Club International Magazine

Bonsai & Stone Appreciation 2021 Q3

Contact: www.bonsai-bci.com

Latest edition highlighting:

Min Hsuan Lo from Taiwan talking about Chinese Pistache.

Joe Grande of Canada talking about Enrique Castano's garden in Mexico.

Jose Rivera of Puerto Rico talking about an exhibition in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Budi Sulisty of Indonesia talking about Indonesian Suiseki.

Ho Jann Lee of Taiwan talking about Taiwan Junipers.

Gudrun Benz of Germany talking about an exhibition Spring Festival at Bonsai Zentrum Heuidelberg, Germany.

Pietro Angela Dellapiana of Italy talking about Larix Decidua.

### Bonsai Club International

The baton of presidency has been handed from Glenis Bebb of Australia to Frank J Mihalic of the United States. Also new to the BCI committee is Susan Lee of the Philippines, Sae Won Kim of Korea, Vaclav Novak of Czech Republic and Piotr Czeriachowski of Poland. Next year 2022 will be the 60th anniversary of BCI and to celebrate the occasion a convention is being organised which will take place in Taiwan, full details to follow when known.

### Bonsai South West

We are pleased to announce Bonsai South West run by Fred Meyer is now open for business. Visitors by appointment only are welcome, this can be arranged by contacting Fred.  
Mon-Sun 1100-1700.hrs  
Tel: 07817.147416  
Email: fredmeyer@hotmail.co.uk

### Chiltern Bonsai Society

With immediate effect Chiltern Bonsai Society moves its monthly club night meetings to the new location of Booker Memorial Hall, Limmer Lane, Booker Common, High Wycombe. HP12 4QS. The Club nights will still be on the 2nd Monday every month between 1900-2200.hrs. For further details please contact Michael Pegg or Adrian Garnett.  
Email: mikew.pegg@btinternet.com  
Email: adrian.garnett@virginmedia.com  
www.chilternbonsai.org.uk

### Surrey Heath Bonsai Show

Following the relocation of Surrey Heath Bonsai Society club night meetings to the new location of Chobham Village Hall, Station Road, Chobham, Surrey. GU24 8AQ. Their annual show moves to the new date of the third Sunday in July every year, so the next show is 17Jul22. For further details contact Chris Rhodes 01276.20893 or email:rhodes163@googlemail.com

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## Monthly Tasks

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

September, 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 September

This is the start of autumn and you will start to notice your deciduous trees slowing down their growth rates and the leaves will be under going chemical changes which will end on colour changes. The weather will be cooler and with wet periods potentially. Here is a quick generic guide to bonsai in September 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 slowing down their water uptake and not drying out as quickly. Therefore start to review your watering regime in line with the trees uptake and weather conditions. 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 still continue feeding while the trees are active while they start to go into autumn. 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**

Continue to prune back any extension growths on deciduous trees.

**Trimming**

Continue to trim long extension shoots 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.

**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 change in weather insect pests can start to look for places to hide under the bark and in the soil. 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. Pest control is rarely necessary in September but still keep an eye out for any latent pests.

**Moss and weed control**

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

**Wiring**

This is a good time to start reviewing the wire on trees if present as this should become easier to see as the tree starts to go into autumn.

**Protection**

None should be required currently beyond checking the trees are not becoming water logged if there is a period of wet weather.

**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**

This is a good time to check your display areas to ensure your trees are being shown to the best advantage to get the full autumnal display possible.

**Propagation**

This is a good time to check any air layers for signs of drying out and to see if they are well rooted and if they are they can be separated from the parent plant and potted up. If they have not developed sufficient root then leave in situ to review next spring but ensure to continue to keep moist each month.

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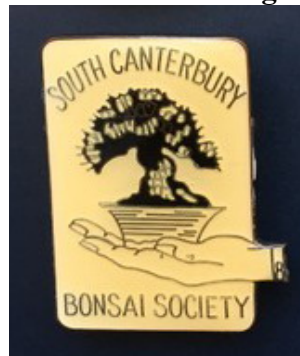
**Collectables**

**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. This month we are highlighting pin badges from the United States, see website for more badges.

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**United States Badges**



South Canterbury Bonsai Society  
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World Bonsai Friendship Federation  
Image supplied by JonathanCain / NZ  
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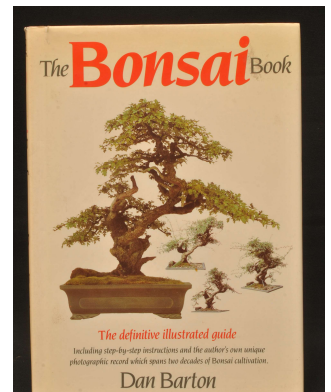
Natures Way Nursery  
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Art & Science Of Bonsai 1999  
Image supplied by Richard Lock  
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**Books**

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?



Dan Barton  
Bonsai Book  
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ISBN: 852237421  
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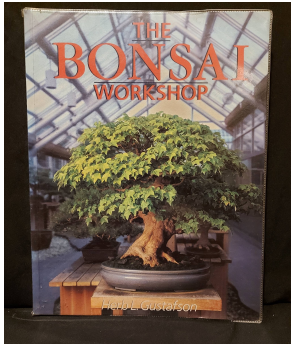


Harry Harrington  
Bonsai Inspirations 2  
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ISBN: 9789535651512

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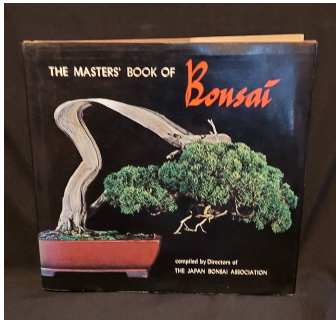
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**Herb L. Gustafson  
Bonsai Workshop  
ISBN: 0806905573**

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**Japan Bonsai Association  
Masters Book Of Bonsai  
ISBN: 4770009224**

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## **UKBA Quiz Sept21**

### **How much?**

At a local bonsai show there was a short queue for refreshments.

The first customer bought 1 coffee, 1 sandwich, 1 packet of crisps and 1 banana. Cost £10.

The second; 1 coffee, 1 sandwich and 2 bananas. Cost £9.

The third; 3 packets of crisps and 1 banana. Cost £7.

The fourth; 1 coffee, 1 packet of crisps and 2 bananas. Cost £7.

Can you work out the cost of each item?

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## **Answers to Aug21 Quiz**

### **LOGISTIC PUZZLE ANSWERS**

- A Somerset 5th Juniper
- B Cornwall 4th Pine
- C Dorset 1st Larch
- D Devon 2nd Elm
- E Wilts 3rd Maple

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