



Monthly News

September 2016

Last Months' Meeting:

Create a Camel GROUP PLANTINGS OR TRAY LANDSCAPES

A very satisfactory evening with a lot of willing participation. Three very good group plantings resulted and all three were sold to members at the end of the evening



Barry's group



Dave's group



Malcolm's group

This months meeting: Tuesday, 20th September

Malcolm will be talking on the subject of Winter Preparation—a subject often not prepared for until it is too late and you have lost trees. In recent years winters have been mild but we have had a very early cold snap that has caught people unawares. Think you know it all, be prepared to think again.

Next month's meeting, October 18th. John Trott from Mendip Bonsai Studio



Over the years John Trott has won 100 RHS gold medals for his work in exhibiting bonsai, yet his premises remain largely invisible. It's no secret why that is; the labels on some of his prize specimens go from £195 up to £850, and a whole array of security devices guard his tiny crops.

The Mendip Bonsai Nursery is not open to the general public but personal callers are welcome, but to avoid disappointment you must phone well in advance for an appointment.

John started growing bonsai trees in 1969, while he was working at Clarks, the local shoe factory, and he hasn't looked back. **He is based at the Mendip Bonsai Studio in Shepton Mallet, Somerset, but also runs bonsai courses around the country (01749 344274 01749 344274; mendipbonsai.co.uk).**

The subject for this evening is Satsuki Azaleas, he will be giving you all the info. you need on styling these beautiful tree. Also if you have any of your own bring them along, he will do a critique and give you advice.

Bryn Wilson Trophy:

Members are reminded that ,that evenings' meeting includes the award of the 'Bryn Wilson Trophy' (previously referred to as the "beginners cup"). This is given to the person whose bonsai is judged the best of those on display. Corin Tomlinson will be the judge for this evening and presenting the award to the winner. Please bring trees for John to

Alan Newson's Trees

Following the recent sad death of Alan Newson, a sale of his trees was arranged for last Sunday September 11th, unfortunately many of you were on holiday and unable to attend. However the trees were of such quality that over £1,500.00 was raised and handed over to his widow Margaret, who unfortunately herself is not in good health at the moment and is in hospital.

Because many of you were away last Sunday and may be interested in purchasing at very reasonable prices some of the remaining trees from Alan's collection, they have been moved to our home 'The Woodlands', B76 1QX and are available for you to look at before this evening's meeting. We will be there with them from 6.30pm. tonight., Tuesday 20th September.

This is your last opportunity before we open the offer to other Midland Societies.

Annual General Meeting Tuesday Dec 20th.

Nominations for Committee must be in by November 15th; remember we cannot function without a committee. No committee, no club!

Every current committee member wishing to stand for another year needs re-nominating and that means by you the members. Dave Barnsley has nomination forms available.

The present committee consists of:-

Barry Walker - Chairman; Dave Barnsley - Secretary; Malcolm Hughes - Treasurer ,Mark Bentley Show secretary, Richard Young is also on the committee in an advisory capacity with the website.

Ensure people are willing to stand before putting forward their nominations. Nominate others if they are willing.

Following the AGM we have refreshments Christmas style plus a slide show.

October 16th The Bonsai Traders Association, Autumn Show Elsecar Heritage Centre, Barnsley, Yorkshire. The perfect opportunities to get bonsai essentials. For more information contact Corin Tomlinson Phone: 0115 9205757 Email: office@bonsai.co.uk <http://www.bonsaitraders.co.uk/>

October 23rd. Heathrow Bonsai Show 1000 - 1600.hrs 30 Clubs Exhibiting, 20 Plus Traders, Demos.
NEW VENUE: Harlington Sports Centre, Pinkwell Lane, Hayes, Middlesex. UB3 1PB. Adults:£3
OAP/Children: £2, Refreshments Details: Mark & Ming Chen Tel. 07850.771201 markmoreland@live.co.uk
SSBS are exhibiting here and we ask for your support, it is a very good show and well worth a day's outing

Society sales material:

As Society members, you are aware that the S.S.B.S. has available for sale a range of materials comprising of items for making up your growing medium together with grades of aluminium wire ranging from 1.0 mm to 6.0 mm diameter (500 gm rolls).

With the autumn/winter period approaching, you might be needing to think about any of these items that you require for the repotting season. These include Kiryu, Akadama (2 grades - medium and fine), both in 14 litre bags and crushed lava in 10 kg bags.

Anyone wishing to purchase, please see Malcolm Hughes.