



**REDDITCH BONSAI**

Edition of late May 2022

## **TOMBOLA – TOMBOLA – TOMBOLA**

The Tombola at the show is a good income source and so Teanah and her team are still looking for more prizes for their stall. Please bring along any further donations to the next meeting. Any donations by Redditch members will be well received too!

## **THE CRAWLEY EXPO.**

Mark Skan and Junior Parris visited this show recently and here's a short report about their experience.

Just a few words to say about the Expo at Crawley . Junior and I went to the Expo and what a good show it was . The show trees were of such high quality. They were as good as the Belgium Trophy trees only on a smaller scale. Good sales area with over 40 traders.

Beechfield Bonsai from Shifnal had a stand promoting their 2 day show in Telford in October and that looks like a show which I think will be of great interest to all in Bonsai .

A good end to the growing season.

Mark.

May 2022.

## **VISIT TO DAVID CHESHIRE'S NURSERY.**

You will all be aware that the Moseley Cricket Club grounds have been reserved for the Ladies Cricket Teams at the Commonwealth Games in August. This means that our August meeting cannot take place there on 4<sup>th</sup> of the month. In consequence the plan was to pay a visit, that evening, to David Cheshire's nursery in Baginton.

Having further discussed this with David it has been agreed that the visit will now actually take place on the afternoon of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August. This will allow more time at the nursery and the following further "attractions" will be available to view/visit, namely, and in no particular order:-

1. The on site Café,
2. Avondale Nursery,
3. The Garden Centre, and

#### 4. The Quarry Garden.

I believe that there is also a small narrow gauge railway, but whether that will be working on the day I am not quite sure.

Arranging this visit for the afternoon obviously gives much more time to enjoy all these attractions.

#### **WES PINFIELD.**

Wes has asked me to let you know that he wishes to dispose of some of his trees – he mentioned 14/16 in total. Whilst he would probably wish to sell the majority he is also considering donating one or two to new or younger members.

The trees are mainly of Shohin size and they are all in bonsai pots.

If you are interested and wish to view the trees on offer please call Wes on 07917 361407.

#### **PARKING AT THE BOTANICAL GARDENS.**

On show day it is essential that you enter your vehicle licence number into the machine at the gardens. Whether you get a receipt depends solely on whether there is any paper left in the machine! Might be worth taking a picture of the entry before you press the button?

#### **BONSAI TIP OF THE MONTH.**

Support the Society show on 12<sup>th</sup> June in any way that you can!

Now those of you who visited Ken Pitt in Derbyshire will remember how he rotated his bonsai on a regular basis. I would bet that we don't do this often enough, but we should. So, tie a knot in your handkerchief!

#### **GARDENING TIP OF THE MONTH.**

Every time you visit the allotment get the hoe out and slice up some weeds – keeping on top of them is essential.

My dahlias are now out in boxes/pots (depending on size) of compost and are beginning to sprout – 14 at the last count. It will soon be time to plant them out.

Feed soft fruits such as blackberries, loganberries, raspberries and currants of any type.



This is one of my Indica Azaleas which has just finished flowering – what a job to remove all the spent blooms – but worth it.

### **COMING UP AT MBS.**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> June we welcome back Malcolm Hughes who will be talking about candle pinching (of pines) and leaf pruning (of acers) and if time permits he will do a critique of any member's trees on display.

The Table Display will be Maples/Acers which is quite appropriate.

### **COMING UP AT REDDITCH BONSAI.**

The meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May was to have been an evening with David Cheshire but he has been summoned to Chelsea and so our old friend MARK SKAN (MBS) will be coming along to tell us all about show preparation and look at any trees that you care to bring along for scrutiny!

The Table Display will be Azaleas but if you don't have one in flower bring something else instead!

### **BEACON WOOD.**

On 8<sup>th</sup> May Malcolm Beach (MBS) lead a group of members around Beacon Wood which is part of the Lickeys and lies above the motorway island at Lydiate Ash. A lovely sunny afternoon allowed us to appreciate the vast array of bluebells carpeting the floor of the woods and Malcolm's botanical knowledge certainly contributed to our appreciation of all around us. With few other people around this quiet corner of the hills was a delight.

## **DAVID JAMES/TANUKI.**

The last Redditch meeting saw DAVID JAMES, a relatively new member, talking about his Tanuki. This is an interesting and indeed fascinating facet of bonsai and his talk was well received.



In all I think there were 5 trees in this tanuki specimen.

## **SPECIAL RAFFLE.**

Please remember that the Special Raffle is coming to a close so don't hesitate to buy extra tickets at the next meeting. You have to be in to win!  
Final ticket sales and the BIG DRAW will take place at the next MBS meeting.

## **SHOW ADVERTISING.**

Below you will find the amended poster for the show. Please print off as many copies as you need and place them in appropriate locations. Thank you.

Richard Gilkes, Ed., 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022.



## ANNUAL SHOW

WHEN        SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup>    JUNE, 2022, 10:30am till 16:00pm

WHERE       Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Westbourne Rd.  
                  Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 3TR

Entrance to the show is free once entry has been gained to the Gardens and the following attractions will be offered for your entertainment:-

- An exhibition of trees by members who will be competing in various classes
- A display by Redditch Bonsai Society
- There will be talks at 12:00 and 14:00, subjects T.B.A.
- There will be demonstrations throughout the day
- There will be a Tombola with an eclectic range of prizes
- *David Cheshire Bonsai* will give you the opportunity to purchase trees and many bonsai sundries
- Funky Fish Ceramics will be selling their range of unique pots
- Society members will be on hand to offer advice on any aspect of bonsai care
- For more information:    Phone    Richard Gilkes on 07803 593024  
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