



REDDITCH BONSAI

September 2022.

My thanks to those members who have contributed to the newsletter **in any way**.

I am pleased to set out below the results of the recent “in house” show held at Redditch Bonsai and I also reprint the results of the show at the Botanical Gardens in June.

REDDITCH BONSAI SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW 2022 RESULTS

Class	Tree no.	Member	Votes 1 st	Votes 2 nd
Novice	47	David Haw	6	3
	5	David Haw	5	2
Mame	52	Richard Gilkes	3	6
	63	Wes Pinfield	3	3
Shohin	3	Judith Davison	4	3
	25	Wes Pinfield	4	1
Chuhin	38	David Collins	6	1
	41	Paul Gannon	2	1
Groups & Landscapes	31	Judith Davison	9	2
	15	David Collins	0	7
Open	62	Peter Clarke	4	4
	18	Richard Gilkes	2	2

MBS SHOW COMPETITION RESULTS

Master 10 (Judith) 8 (Vic) 6 (Vic)
Open 18 (James) 12 (Judith) 13 (Peter)
Group 3 (Judith) 4 (Judith) 1 (Chris Brown)
Landscapes & Rock Plantings 24 (Robert) 17 David C
Chuhin 16 (David C.) 34 (James) 26 (James)
Shohin 45 (Wes) 40 (Wes) 46 (Wes)
Mame 58 (James) 57 (Robert) 53 (Judith)
Starter 64 (Peter) 59 (Anne) 60 (Anne)
People's Tree 13 (Peter) 26 (James) 35 (James) Total 295 Votes

Editor's note – there is a list of the entries if anyone wants to see/have it. If so let me know. “Anne” is Anne Rowland (MBS). Editor's further note. Despite assertions to the contrary the results of the MBS/Redditch competition held at the Botanical Gardens in June were published in the late June Newsletter.

HEATHROW SHOW.

An excellent day out and well worth the drive.
Lots of clubs showing trees.
Lots of the old traders there too.
Harry Harrington has a video of the day on YouTube
Junior Parris.

CLUB VISIT TO DAVID CHESHIRE.

David opened his Nursery for a club visit in August attended by over a dozen members, on the hottest day of the year. He provided refreshments, and took us around his nursery, one of the interesting parts was where he isolates his trees for a period of time, when he imports them from Japan.
He has trees for sale to suit all budgets, including pots, soils, tools, and all bonsai requirements.
He explained how to take cuttings, and how to style and show trees.
It was a very enjoyable and productive afternoon.
I'm sure everyone enjoyed it.
Wes Pinfield.

NEXT MEETING OF THE MBS.

The meeting on 6th October will be an assisted workshop with input from MARK SKAN and, I hope, JEREMY HADDLETON. The table display will feature AUTUMN COLOUR so let's hope that there is some on show!

NEXT MEETING OF REDDITCH BONSAI.

We were due to welcome MALCOLM HUGHES back to the club, but unfortunately he is not now available - he did give adequate notice of his difficulties. I will let you know when an alternative has been arranged but, in the meantime, if you have any suggestions/requests do let me know.

BONSAI TIP OF THE MONTH.

You still have time to treat pots against the dreaded VINE WEEVIL, and for that matter, if you are worried about them, LEATHERJACKETS. I got my supply of nematodes from The Green Gardener.

Carry on checking pots for dryness. Those northerly winds are a devil.

GARDENING TIP OF THE MONTH.

Be sure to deadhead annuals and other flowering plants to ensure a long season of flowers. Cosmos are a good example.

Divide perennials now that the ground is wetter and easier to manage.

Daffodils, crocus and alliums should be planted by now. Tulips can wait until late November.

Start gathering fallen leaves for next year's leaf mould – more on this later.

S.B. INVIGORATOR.

Now this is a strange tale. When we returned from Ireland I discovered what I thought was a full bottle of the above to be completely empty and the shelf on which it had been standing had a distinct brown stain under the bottle. When I later rang David thanking him for hosting the event on 6th August I happened to mention this and he confirmed that he had had several similar reports – but only I think with the round 250ml. bottle. Closer inspection suggests that the bottle has split across the bottom. Let David know if you have had similar problems, or, equally if you have any comments upon the efficacy of the product itself!

TELFORD BONSAI LIVE.

Peter Clarke and John Ville tell me that this show is to be held this weekend, 1st and 2nd October. It takes place at the Telford International Centre, International Way, Telford TF3 4JH. I suspect that Peter and John are both going - I have another engagement – so perhaps give one of them a ring?

AND IN OTHER NEWS.

New member DAVE DEAN has made a great start to his membership of the MBS as a contributor to the newsletter. He is delighted to tell you all that he and his wife are

now proud great grand parents of two, a boy and a girl. Well done to all and hopefully we may get something bonsai related next time!

MBS AGM 2022.

This important event takes place at the MBS December meeting. Paperwork will be circulated in due course. If you have anything which you wish to raise then you might care to let me know in advance so that a more useful meeting may then be held. The MBS committee will be meeting in late October to look at this and other issues.

Richard Gilkes. Editor. 28th September 2022.