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REDDITCH BONSAI

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THE SHOW.

Well, we sincerely hope that all members who came along to the Botanical Gardens enjoyed the day. We certainly did and we think that the event can be considered to have been a success. There were 344 votes cast in The People's Tree Award so we reckon that there will have been about 400 people visiting altogether taking into account those visitors who didn't participate in the vote. This is an excellent number, but, as ever, we wait to see whether we shall garner any new members as a result of our efforts.

Special thanks must go to our traders who supported us yet again. To Sharon of Funky Fish who thought nothing of travelling all the way from Cheshire to be there and David who after a very busy Sunday was on parade again the following morning at the NEC starting to set up his display for Gardeners World the following weekend. We know some of you visited the event. Did anyone take any pictures of David's exhibit?

The Tombola also went very well, contributing almost £200 to society funds. Well done, Teanah!

In terms of member support thanks are due to all who brought trees along for display but a special thank you to James Thornton whose trees were not only numerous but also magnificent as you may see from the results published below.

Jon Moulton, our judge, much enjoyed his morning judging your exhibits and we thank him too for his commitment to the society in this important aspect.

So, we are pleased to set out here the results of the various competitions, but in reality you were all winners in one way or another!

MBS Show Results.

Mame	1. Brian Cooke
	2. Wes Pinfield
	HC. Brian Cooke.
Starter.	1. Rob Walton.
	2. Steve Stokes.

Shohin 1. James Thornton.
 2. Wes Pinfield.
 HC. Wes Pinfield.

Group. 1. Judith Davison.
 HC. Richard Gilkes.
 HC. Rob Walton.

Landscape & Rock.
 1. Rob Walton.

Chuhin. 1.2. & 3 James Thornton.

Open. 1. James Thornton
 2..James Thornton.
 HC. Mark Skan.

Master class. 1. David Attwood.
 2. Wes Pinfield.

Supreme Tree. James Thornton.

Silver Salver. James Thornton.

People's Tree. 1. Rob Walton.
 2. Rob Walton.
 3. James Thornton.

Best Tree and Pot. James Thornton.

Please note that certificates and the final trophy will be presented at the JULY meeting.

Now, what's better than hearing from the leader of the Tombola pack herself?

Tombola

We had a great year - the most successful since I've done it, I think...?

It was so much easier for us having the 'Meet & Greet' table in the Reception as people were coming in ready prepared and not walking past thinking it was a private function!

'Thank You's must go to Rosemarie, Linda and Anne for their help in manning the stall. Special thanks also go to Amelia and Erin for their sterling work throughout the day. Especially Amelia's confidence in calling customers over!

And this ready for next year's show!

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COMING UP AT THE MBS.

Our next meeting takes place on Election Day, July 4th! We were asked whether the Club premises might have been designated as a Polling Station but the Chairman assure us that they have not been, so we look forward to seeing you then. We hope that we will, this year, be able to make contact with Nigel Saunders in Canada via a Zoom link. Last year proved to be unsuccessful as you may remember but Nigel has already confirmed to Alex that he has the date in his diary. The intention last year was to ask him to talk about how he goes about overwintering his trees taking into account the extremely low temperatures experienced there. We see no reason not to ask him to talk to this theme this year.

It would be nice to see a few show winners/seconds etc on the display table?

COMING UP AT REDDITCH BONSAI.

The July meeting of the society will be a WORKSHOP, plain and simple. Do however note that in August Judith will reprise the presentation she made to the visitors at the MBS show on "The History of Bonsai".

BONSAI TIP OF THE MONTH.

Continue treatments against Vine Weevil and Leatherjackets. As we write it's still relatively cold outside, well we think so!, so watch watering like a hawk. The combination of occasional sun and the wind soon dries things out!

Continue fine pruning and bud pinching as necessary.

GARDENING TIP OF THE MONTH.

We couldn't believe it the other day when we saw that one of our neighbours was actually using a sprinkler on their lawn! Imagine that!

For some years we haven't bothered to cut the poppies (big ones) that appear (wild) on the allotment at this time of the year. Their vase life seemed very poor, but having read up on the subject things have been transformed! After cutting the stems you require simply immerse the bottom half in hot, even boiling water for 10/20 seconds and then return to cooler conditions. Ours are doing really well as a result of this procedure.

Disbud dahlias by removing the 2 smaller buds that develop alongside the main bud and you can also remove side shoots lower down too. This will result in bigger blooms It's probably best to restrict the number of flowering stems to 5/6. Deadhead religiously!

Stake Gladioli if you want straight stems, that's if the plants have grown sufficiently yet in this cold weather!

RESULTS OF REDDITCH BONSAI "IN HOUSE" SHOW.

Redditch Bonsai held a show for members only at their June meeting on 20th June. We are afraid that there was a really very disappointing turn out but those members actually attending brought along a fine collection of trees for display. Here are the results:-

STARTER: 1. David How. 2. David How.

MAME: 1. Wes Pinfield. 2. David Collins.

SHOHIN: 1. Wes Pinfield. 2. Wes Pinfield.

CHUHIN: 1. Wes Pinfield. 2. David Collins.

GROUPS etc: 1. Judith Davison.

OPEN: 1. Richard Gilkes. 2. David Collins.

JANET BEACH.

We regret to have to inform you that Janet Beach, Malcolm's wife, who had been unwell for a little time, sadly passed peacefully away at home on Tuesday 20th June. Although she and her husband did not have any bonsai trees themselves they enjoyed attending meetings and participating in what was "going on" around them. She will be missed and our sincere condolences are extended to Malcolm and his family at this time.

U.K.B.A.

The Secretary of the above has been in touch and has made two requests.

Firstly he wants us to send a report upon the MBS show for publication in the bulletin. Does anyone wish to volunteer for this task please?

Secondly he would like to know if the Society intends to participate in the "Heathrow" show on 13th October. What are your thoughts. Committee members please take particular note.

We await hearing from you please?

TABLE AT BOURNVILLE GARDEN CENTRE.

We are hoping to have a "table" at Bournville Garden Centre on 13th or possibly 20th July in the afternoon. Is anyone interested in supporting this venture please?

AND FINALLY.

Robert Walton has sent in this image of a Hawthorn in his collection.



Richard and Angela Gilkes.

21st June 2024.