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REDDITCH BONSAI

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EDITOR'S REMARKS.

We hope that you have taken the opportunity to look at the new website created by Sven and his team, which is now live. We encourage you to send photos and other items to Sven for posting on the website. The site is a means by which the Society advertises itself to the outside world and the committee is aware that a large number of people visit the site. The new look may help to persuade such "visitors" to come along to a meeting and see for themselves what we have to offer. We know that we have said it before but we will repeat that it's your Society and it needs your support.

Here's a note from Sven about the 2 enquiry forms that feature on the website. This follows an enquiry received recently:-

"As for the notification on the contact form... there are two forms on the site

- 1) the membership inquiry form
- 2) the contact form

The lady in question used the contact form which sends a notification to

chair@midlandbonsai.org, secretary@midlandbonsai.org, membership@midlandbonsai.org, admin@midlandbonsai.org

These have forwarding addresses set up against them i.e. chair@midlandbonsai.org goes to Dave's personal email, secretary@midlandbonsai.org goes to ragilkes@blueyonder.com etc.

So four people should have received an email about this

- 1) me on the back of admin@midlandbonsai.org but it went to my spam folder
- 2) Dave on the back of chair@midlandbonsai.org but he says he didn't receive anything so it probably also ended up in his spam/junk too
- 3) yourself on the back of secretary@midlandbonsai.org but I can only assume it went into your spam/junk too based on your email
- 4) Teanah on the back of membership@midlandbonsai.org and she seems to have the spam filter that lets through more than ours .

For completion, the other form 'membership inquiry' goes to

chair@midlandbonsai.org, membership@midlandbonsai.org, admin@midlandbonsai.org " Sven.

CIRCULAR RECEIVED FROM MELISSA WOOLFORD/MUSEUM OF ARCHITECTURE.

Please find a note received from Melissa Woolford about the above organisation and some opportunities which they are offering. We have already sent this by other means simply to alert you to the Workshops by Peter Warren. David Attwood your chairman knows of him and says that he is well versed in bonsai and is a "good guy".

Dear Bonsai Societies,

I hope this finds you well! Please see the information below and attached about our exhibition, workshops and summer camp that just opened in in Connaught Village (near to Paddington and Marble Arch in

London). I've included an offer to share with your members. We hope to welcome you soon!

Bonsai Treehouses exhibition in Connaught Village - 4 July to 31st August 2026

Discover a brand new summer exhibition, tucked away in a tranquil garden square in the heart of London.

Behind the hedges of Oxford Square lies a secret garden you won't want to miss. Bonsai Treehouses is a display of over 25 architect-designed mini treehouses for bonsai, sitting alongside are 12 specimens from bonsai master Peter Warren's own collection, a nature trail, creative workshops and free activities for children. Enveloped in greenery and dappled light, it's the perfect summer escape, part architecture, part secret garden, and a world in miniature waiting to be explored.

Alongside the exhibition, you can book a creative workshop for a hands-on session making a treehouse garden as a family, or selecting and working on your own bonsai tree to take home.

A Children's Summer Camp runs throughout the summer - drop your children off for a full day of creative activities.

TO NOTE: Peter Warren is holding two 4 hour bonsai masterclass workshops on Sunday 12th July from 12:30-4:30pm and Sunday 19th July from 12:30pm-4:30pm. These can be booked through the [workshop section of our website here](#) by booking the 12:30 Sunday workshop slot on either day. The ticket is for 1-4 people and includes a tree to work on during the workshop and to take home.

Guest offer

- 10% off adult exhibition tickets when booking with the code Bonsaigarden (case sensitive)
- Free activities for children, including a nature trail
- Open daily, 4 July to 31 August 2026

Location Oxford Square, Connaught Village, London W2

About Connaught Village Connaught Village is a charming pocket of W2, where flower-filled streets and independent boutiques create a village feel, a world away from the bustle of central London.

Visit museumofarchitecture.org to find out more and book tickets.

How to book

To access your special 10% discount for the **Adult and 16+ Exhibition ticket**:

1. Select your preferred date and time, and all the required tickets; on the **Checkout** page, click "[Use promo, credit or voucher code](#)" and enter code **Bonsaigarden** to activate your 10% discount.
2. Click here for the [Exhibition tickets Booking Site](#) or via our website <https://museumofarchitecture.org/bonsai-treehouses-tickets>

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COMMITTEE NEWS.

The new website is now up and running and accordingly we advise you that Alex has tendered his resignation as a committee member of the Society.

We take the opportunity to thank him most sincerely for the time and effort that he has given to the committee and the website over the years. He will continue as an ordinary member of the Society.

NEW TABLES AT MOSELEY.

Since the Cricket Club removed most of the rectangular or smaller square tables in favour of large round ones it has proved difficult to display trees belonging to members at monthly meetings. As a result we have been discussing acquiring two or three folding tables which would be stored at the cricket club. The Cricket Club Chair is basically in agreement and we are just waiting to hear from Emily, the Manager, with final details. We have identified a suitable table which is available at a reasonable cost from Costco and we would like to know whether anyone of you has a membership/account with them so that the tables could thus be ordered and delivered without undue hassle? Please let us know would you?

COMING UP AT THE MBS.

The August meeting on 6th of the month will be a Group Workshop assisted by DAVID CHESHIRE.

September's meeting will welcome MALCOLM HUGHES – the subject tba.

COMING UP AT REDDITCH BONSAI.

Although I am not sure that this letter will be published by then we will tell you anyway that the July meeting will feature MALCOLM HUGHES who will lead a general discussion about Bonsai and how to enjoy your hobby. The meeting/discussion will include trees which Malcolm will bring along to further the evening and we are sure that you may also bring trees which perhaps have an interesting story to tell.

The August meeting on 20th will be a workshop hopefully featuring trees with an unusual shape or design.

SHIRLEY CLARKE.

It is with great sorrow that, at Peter's request, we have to report that his dear wife, Shirley, has died after a short illness.

We feel sure that you will join with us in sending him and his family our sincere condolences at this time.

KATH HUGHES.

And now Malcolm Hughes has rung to impart the equally sad news that his wife, Kath, died earlier this week/at the weekend. Kath had been in failing health for some time as we understand it, but any event such as this is a shock for anyone in any circumstances. Malcolm is due to visit Redditch this month and as we ended the conversation he said that he fully intended to be at Webheath on Thursday.

We believe that you would also wish us join with us in sending Malcolm our sincere condolences at this time.

GARDENING and BONSAI TIP OF THE MONTH.

As we write this the sun is beating down relentlessly and drying the garden and allotment to a cinder – at least it's trying to. So, we are watering the bonsai early in the morning and later in the evening. It's too hot to be outside in this heat for any length of time. Sun cream essential. What more can we say –except please rain soon!

It's your last chance to sow beetroot and carrots for an autumn harvest, as well as French and Runner Beans for a late crop.

[Sow Pak Choi](#) this month, which often bolts when sown before midsummer.

Think about planting up [Christmas potatoes](#) for winter harvests.

Keep weeds under control.

Ensure you are feeding your plants once a week with a [high quality liquid feed](#). We use Tomorite!