



SOMERSET BONSAI SOCIETY

Bonsai Newsletter December 2023



Welcome to the December 2023 meeting report. A little late this time, thanks to a hefty dose of Covid! Must have been all those shows I went to.

As in previous years our December meeting was given over to our Annual General Meeting and bring and share supper, both of which are eagerly awaited by members.

Despite the foul weather we had a good turn out and were able to complete all the business required to see the Society ready for another excellent year of bonsai.

Our President, John Trott, thanked everyone for supporting the club and stated that it was good to see more members exhibiting their trees at larger shows such as the Heathrow show.



The Society is growing in popularity and reputation and this is a reflection of how well it was being run by the committee, the Chairman Ade, and the support he gets from the members.

Occasionally, John presents a gift of a bronze okimomo to the member, who in his opinion, has stood out in their support of the club. This year John presented two.



The first, to Richard P for all his work sorting our venue and the other to Cathy, for her work organising the collection and sale of various plant and pot collections throughout the year.

Richard was also the recipient of the Tree of the Month cup as overall winner for 2023. A well-deserved if somewhat overawed winner.

Following our President's address there was the usual election of club officers. There were no changes to the committee and Ade started his third year as Chairman.

There were no major changes to the Society this time. The name change seems

to have worked well and we are gaining new members every few months so that is good. Our programme for 2024 has been agreed and can be found on our website.

Winner of the raffle tree was new member Paul. I look forward to seeing this tree in one of our future shows.

Talking of shows, if you are around Somerset at the end of May then you might like to pop in to our annual show at Willowbrook Garden Centre on the 25th to 27th May. Please come along, we look forward to meeting you all again and who knows, you might find a bargain on the sales table.



We finished off the meeting with a round of presentations for services to the Society.



Dave, for organising the collection and sale of an old bonsai collection.

Brian for all his hard work organising Society displays at various shows over the years.



And finally, Sara for organising the meeting refreshment for all those years. Often overlooked but always welcome. Thanks Sara.

Happy New Year to you all.

Alistair