

NEWSLETTER

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PRFESIDENT'S MESSAGE;

Hi everyone, I hope you are all well and are settling in to the new restrictions. Unfortunately, due to these restrictions I am not sure that we will be able to hold a meeting this year, but we can keep our fingers crossed. I also hope that you are continuing to work on your trees.

You should be well into the repotting of your deciduous trees. I have completed mine, and the Ash trees and Chinese Elms are coming out in leaf, the English Elms and Maples are still thinking about it, whilst my Wisteria is about to flower. I have now begun to repot my pines and will continue to do so for the next month or so.

Please keep up the great work in sending articles to Elaine so that she can continue to send out our newsletter each month. It's a great way to keep in touch. The society does have a Facebook page that does not seem to have been used for several years, if anyone is knowledgeable with Facebook they may like to lead the charge in becoming active on it, so as to open another way to keep connected.

Keep well.

Cheers Steve.

Editor's message;

I do hope you are all keeping well, and staying out of trouble. I apologise for not doing a seasonal notes section this month. When I checked what I wrote last year, I read, "Memo to self, weed the bonsais", and do you know what, nothing has changed, so I thought I would forget it this time.

At least it appears Spring is on the way, buds are forming, and in some cases leafing or flowering, so that is something to look forward to

Gwen has a small grevillea in a pot, with a lovely flower, and also some miniature daffodils.

I realise the daffodils are in a vase, and not a bonsai pot, but it does remind you of Spring.

I do hope you are all keeping well, and are not getting too depressed due to the "lockdown" My daughter helped me tidy my pantry cupboard, and we did make a few interesting discoveries. If we ever hold a "Pie night" at our bonsai, I can provide all the sauces. Just saying.





1963



1978



1991



2020

Radiata pine progression from 1963-2020. I have been wiring this tree over the last 6 weeks, and still not finished. It is 1100mm high and 1100mm wide and in the next few weeks I have to repot it. As the bark is very fragile and the tree is heavy it will be a 2 man job. I will use the same pot but will try to change the planting angle slightly to improve the appearance of the base.

This is a pine in Steve's possession, which is showing nearly 60 years of training!. Very interesting.

PROGRESSION OF JAMIE'S BALD CYPRESS



This is a tree that Jamie has been growing for some time, a water grown bald cypress, which he had growing in a 44 gallon barrel. These are some photos of the process of potting it into a bonsai pot, and the last one is showing it all pruned and wired. Looking good Jamie!

When I was a child, my Mother threatened, "If you keep behaving that way, I will knock you into the middle of next year."

I wish she was still around, I would ask her if the offer was still open.

Jeff's update

Right; the root ball of Jeff's Mugo pine, with mychorizae. Mychorizae is a white fungus that forms naturally around the roots of some conifers, but this is as much as I've ever seen. I believe it is considered a healthy environment for the tree. There are a number of web sites that deal with the subject, I would suggest that if you are interested, Google it.



Left: Jeff, with his black pine, he re-potted after 5 years.

Looking good, thank you for the photos.

Help needed:

Gwen posted some photos of her nothofagus, which requires trimming. Can anyone help?

