

## Amateur New Talent Contest 2018

The “Art of Bonsai in Wales”, hosted by The Cardiff Bonsai Club in the beautiful Riverfront Centre. June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at Newport Gwent was the venue for this year’s heat

They staged a wonderful display of trees over three floors. There were yamadori that would grace an international stage as well as many beautiful trees very well displayed and immaculately prepared.

There were six candidates for the FoBBS Open New Talent Competition heat 2018. They were Kostis Arnaoutakis, Nigel Croome, Matthew Griffiths, Robin Hereward-Isaac, Lestyn Jones, and Tony Oswin. They worked on small Itoigawa junipers for three hours; all six produced very credible first stylings. The judges did not have an easy task. Tony Oswin was declared the winner with Lestyn Jones 2<sup>nd</sup> and Nigel Croome 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tony was a worthy winner; his work showed imagination, and thinking outside the box, producing the beginning of a very neat cascade style tree.

Tony is happy to represent FoBBS at next years’ EBA Congress 2019 final in Albi, France.

*Peter Fielding FoBBS New Talent coordinator*



Lestyn Jones 2<sup>nd</sup> place



Tony Oswin 1<sup>st</sup> place



Nigel Croome 3<sup>rd</sup> place



Matthew Griffiths



Kostis Arnaoutakis



Robin Hereward-isaac



Winning tree by Tony Oswin



The Contestants for the 2018 Amateur New Talent Heat.



Judges Carl Hawkins and Malcolm Styles with Peter Fielding, New Talent Co-ordinator.