



FEDERATION OF BRITISH BONSAI SOCIETIES  
AND FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL BONSAI COLLECTION

Joint meeting held at 10.30 am, Saturday, 12th April, 2025 at  
The Woodlands, New Hall Drive, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield, B76 1QX  
Also held online.

**Minutes**

1. In attendance. Malcolm Hughes, Kim Turton, Chris Durne, Nigel Wright, Peter Fielding, Denise Baum-Pick.
2. Apologies. Barry Walker
3. Minutes of the previous meeting. Were accepted as accurate. MH and PF.
4. Matters arising. None
5. Correspondence. Companies House has requested names of current directors. MH to arrange.
6. Rosemoor.

NW presented a number of organizational items that were agreed as follows.

- i. NW to contact BW regarding the best club display prize he agreed to make.
- ii. 23 table covers at Woodlands. All to be transported by Dave Cheshire.
- iii. DC to donate demonstration material.
- iv. Backdrops. 20 to go on DC van.
- v. NW to arrange a new banner.
- vi. NW to have 1000 FoBBS flyers printed.

NW expressed concern that a clash of events might reduce visitor numbers and he added that he was uncertain if he would want to organize the event in future years.

7. Chelse 2025. CD apologized that only two of the ten trees submitted from the midlands were chosen. As a result CD agreed to transport the trees to and from Chelsea. CD informed the meeting that he felt uncertain about the Bonsai Boys' willingness to repeat their involvement in 2026. MH reported that he has paid for the car parking and confirmed with CD the £10 per person per setup day towards food.
8. FNBC Bonsai Boot Sale 2025 and 2026. Due to a clashing national bonsai event and uncertainties with the building work KT felt it better to hold the AGM in 2026 as planned and it was likely that the boot sale would be held later in the year. Venue might need changing, depending on if the building work goes ahead. Trader numbers held up well, but visitor numbers were low, possibly the proximity of other events. Already on the calendar for 2026 are the Penkridge boot sale on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 22<sup>nd</sup> March is the Newbury event and Bonsai Expo on 12<sup>th</sup> April. 26<sup>th</sup> April could be a date for the FNBC Boot Sale if agreed by Botanical Gardens.

9. New Talent competition 2025. Dave Atwood (IC shows at Midland Bonsai Society) is happy to hold the event at their show on June 8<sup>th</sup>. There are four contestants signed up. BW has the trees and is making a trophy. PF to contact the contestants and inform them that it will be held from 11am to 2pm. CD will attend with MH judging.

10. Open Days 2025.

11. Reports.

i. Financial (FoBBS and FNBC)

FoBBS. MH. Balance of £9,484.79

FNBC. MH unchanged balance of £8,518.34

ii. Companies House, as above. MH to complete the accounts shortly.

iii. Membership. 58 member societies.

iv. FNBC Working group and state of collection. MH reported that Mike Attwood (MBS) has expressed an interest in becoming more involved with the Collection and that he would talk to him. MH went on to inform the meeting that he, BW and KT had been shown the proposed new site for the Collection in the lower part of the Gardens in quite a large open area. NW reminded the meeting that the images of collection trees on the FoBBS website are in need of an update, MH agreed to provide NW some text to explain the possible developments to the collection.

NW suggested that the new site could employ QR codes linked to pen portraits of the trees.

v. EBA & WBBF.

EBA. Nothing to report.

WBBF. Nothing to report.

12. OB. CD/NW asked about using "Teams" for next meeting. MH to arrange.

DBP suggested that it would be sensible to keep a contemporaneous record of the location and keeper of FoBBS/FNBC assets. KT to explore a way of doing this.

13. Date and venue for the next meeting. Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July to be held at Woodlands.