

## **Root over rock course at Mendip Bonsai**

**March 5<sup>th</sup> 2006**

The week after the group course I attended another course this time root over rock on the 5<sup>th</sup> March.

There were several others doing groups this time as I had moved from Saturday to the Sunday.

I selected a nice *Juniperus chinensis*, and a nice piece of rock, and proceeded to prune the tree. This did not take me too long, and then I removed it from the pot and then removed the soil from the roots, but I did not prune any roots off. I then did some wiring to shape as I wanted it, and I must say that I like the way it looks.

The reason for this is that they are needed to be placed under and over the rock. I used pieces of rubber glove to protect roots from the wire that I was using to tie the tree in, and then started to add the soil.

This was done in the usual way with a chopstick, to work the soil well into the roots. I used a plastic seed tray which is quite big for the size of rock and tree, but this can be reduced in size when I come to repot in about 2 years time.

This is the way it looks.

Geoff.