

TEN WEEKS AT MENDIP BONSAI STUDIO

STYLING A YEW

I had wanted to do the course that John offers in 2006, but I was unable to fit in all the weeks.

I was therefore determined to make the commitment this year.

The course runs over ten weeks although they are not consecutive due to John's other commitments, with the first evening on 9th January.

I could not decide what I wanted to do apart from wanting to do some shari jinns and other carving.

I did not think that I had a suitable tree to start with so I intended to look at the Yews that John has.

I had arranged to drive to Anthony's and go with him, I was a very blustery night when I left and it did not let up either, but at least it was mainly dry.

I looked at the Yews for a while, and I selected a rather nice tree with a lot of branches, some dead, with one main trunk. The tree is in a training pot, and will need repotting this year from the amount of roots coming out of the bottom of the pot!

I did several jinns and did not remove any other branches, although any can be removed later if needed.

This was the state of play after the first night's work.

The next meeting was on 23rd of January, and I continued to work on the tree.