



WEST LODGE PARK
YOUR COUNTRY RETREAT



Beale Arboretum Autumn News ~ October 2019

As summer fades into autumn, the recent rain has been welcomed by all the trees.



Acer freemanii

Many of our trees had started to shed their leaves early, a defence mechanism against lack of water. However, with the recent rains and now with a good drink the trees will start to show their lovely autumn colours and hold on to their leaves until the frosts arrive, resulting in a gorgeous display of colour throughout the arboretum.

It's not just the time for lovely leaf colour, as you walk around you will notice some beautiful fruits and berries on other trees.



Parrotia persica



The **Malus 'Butterball'** [pic far left] and **Malus 'Harry Baker'** [pic near left] have an abundance of colourful fruits.

The **Sorbus aucuparia 'Joseph Rock'** has a profusion of yellow berries and good leaf colour too. [pic right]





Another tree to watch out for is the **Metasequoia 'Matthaei Broom'** which is native to China. This cultivar has been taken from a witches broom. [pic left]

Planted in 2007 and doing extremely well, it's a slow growing dawn redwood with attractive lush sprays of soft green foliage turning to a rich orange/yellow display as autumn approaches.

We have also had some **major tree works** this year taking out 13 large conifers, which in itself was expensive. Now we have got to get rid of the stumps, another costly expense. [pic below]

Running an arboretum is very rewarding, and at times very expensive, but worth the cost and effort. I am sure our guests appreciate the garden team's efforts in providing a fantastic experience enabling you to see trees from around the world.



Grant Cook ~ Estates Manager

If you are interested in **planting a commemorative tree** in the grounds this autumn, perhaps to celebrate the life of a loved one, or for a special occasion, please contact Grant Cook, Estates Manager on grantcook@bealeshotels.co.uk or 07973 538254

If you are interested in putting together a group for a **guided tour** of the Beale Arboretum, please contact Jane Gray - headoffice@bealeshotels.co.uk or 020 8216 3904 - Tours are free of charge midweek and £3.50 per person at the weekend.

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