



WEST LODGE PARK
YOUR COUNTRY RETREAT

Beale Arboretum News ~ Spring 2014



Viburnum plicatum hidden at the bottom of the garden amongst the Witch-hazels and looking rather magnificent in full bloom.

Cornus kousa 'Venus' (Venus dogwood)

A good season, only in its third year and we're already enjoying spectacular blooms. It will eventually reach 25 feet with a similar spread.



Look out for our **Davidia involucrata** (pocket handkerchief) and see if you can spot how it got its common name!



We are very proud of our National **Taxodium** collection, which features at the start of the arboretum.



When in bloom, a curious fact is the needles stand upright and only droop later after 4-6 weeks.



Don't miss our **Azaleas** and **Rhododendrons** in full bloom on the main lawn.



Just before spring I took out the lower limbs (*approx. 10 feet*) on our **Metasequoia glyetostroboides** (Dawn redwood). In time ~ *around 10 – 20 years* ~ the nodules will twist and turn, toot and hoot creating an interesting trunk feature like those found in children's fairy tales.

Pay a visit to the top field to see our **Sequoiadendron giganteum** (Giant redwood) avenue planted to celebrate the 50 years of the Beale family at West Lodge Park.

The trees will grow around a foot a year and will ultimately reach over 130' high... but not in our lifetime!



Paul Baynes ~ Head Gardener

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 0208 216 3904 - Tours are free of charge midweek and £2.50 per person at the weekend.

If you are interested in **volunteering** for work in the Beale Arboretum, in exchange for a range of benefits at West Lodge Park Hotel, please contact Grant Cook, Estates Manager on grantcook@bealeshotels.co.uk or 07973 538254.

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