



Beale Arboretum Spring News ~ May 2017

It has been an odd spring this year, with a very dry April, cold winds and a few warm days. This has caused our trees to burst into growth, but unfortunately a few hard frosts have led to young shoots being burnt off; however, the trees will recover.



The recent light rains have not been sufficient for our new tree plantings (47) and we've had to start watering already to help them survive.

***Picea bicolour* 'Accicuraris'**



***Pinus contorta* 'Latifolia'**



Trees to look out for this spring are the *Malus* (crab apples), which are still showing their lovely spring blossom.

Another spring tree of note is *Davidia involucrata* and *Paulownia tomentosa*, which is native to China and bears large foxglove-like flowers in upright panicles. This tree has now been recorded by the National Tree Register as a British champion - i.e. the largest in the country.





Laburnocytisus adamii is a chimera/hybrid between the common *Laburnum* and the purple broom, *Cytisus purpureus*. It contains a mixture of tissues of the two genetically distinct parents. The flowers on both can be seen on this one tree, all parts of which are poisonous.

Davidia involucrata, known as the pocket handkerchief tree, as each flower is surrounded by two white bracts resembling a handkerchief.



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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