



WEST LODGE PARK
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Beale Arboretum Spring News ~ June 2018



Derek Honour, our wonderful Arboretum Consultant for almost 50 years, passed away this spring. He will be sadly missed, but the Beale Arboretum stands as a magnificent testament to his life. [Derek pictured left with Paul Baynes last year]

After a very cold winter, it has taken a while for the heavy clay soil to dry out.

We have planted 45 new specimen trees in the Beale Arboretum this winter and early spring, including many new **crab apples (Malus)**, **pinus (Pinus)** **walnuts (Juglans)** and **oaks (Quercus)**.

Venture along to the bottom of the arboretum to see our little collection of **Dogwood (Cornus)** that are currently displaying lovely white bracelets.

In particular keep an eye out for **Cornus kousa 'Venus'** [pic right], and the **Cornus controversa** (wedding cake tree).



Cornus kousa 'Venus'

We've also been busy changing the winter bedding plants to summer bedding, as well as the weekly job of maintaining the roses (**Rosa 'Savoy Hotel'**). Their delicate pale pink, fragrant flowers become a deeper pink on the reverse in summer and autumn.



Walk around the arboretum and spot the stunning flowering trees, starting with the **Styrax japonica**.



Robinia hispida



Styrax japonica



Aesculus indica 'Sydney Pearce'



Cornus kousa



Finally, **Gerald Goddard**, our retired Plant Heritage Co-ordinator for 32 years, planted a *Toona sinensis* [pics above - left with senior members of Plant Heritage London].

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