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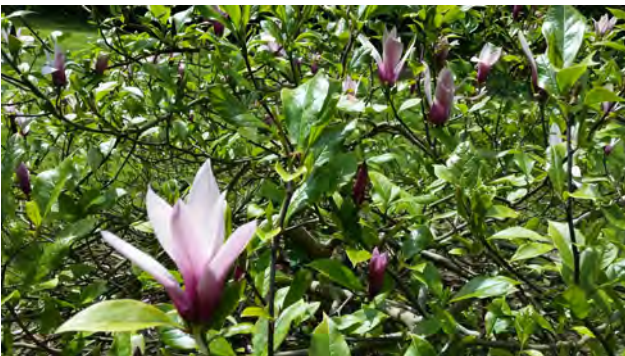
Beale Arboretum Spring News ~ May 2019

The Beale Arboretum looks beautiful in its spring finery.

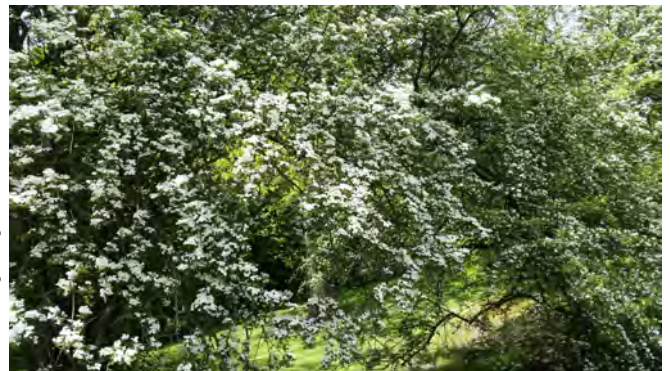
We have done lots of projects and plantings over the winter period, including the removal of most of the **yuccas** and **cordelines** from this bed to allow the **Chusan palm** and the **Monkey Puzzle** to flourish better. [pic right]



In addition we have planted over 80 new specimen trees, including those that form part of the **International Conifer Conservation Programme** run from Edinburgh Botanic Garden under the watchful eye of Martin Gardner MBE, and plenty more from the **National Pinetum at Bedgebury**, Kent, who's Director is Daniel Luscombe.



The **Magnolia** bed has also received a clear out this spring, to give more prominence to key varieties such as **M. liliflora 'Nigra'**. [pic left]



The **Mayflower or Cretaegus** collection has burst on or about May 1st, right on target this year. [pic right]



Ericaceous plants such as **Rhododendrons** and **Azaleas** are really struggling in the dry conditions we have experienced over the past few years at West Lodge Park, but the **Azaleas** have put on a good show this spring. [pic left]



An arboricultural oddity in the leguminous collection is the graft chimera between a laburnum and a broom - **+Laburnocytisus 'Adamii'** with both yellow and pink flowers. [pic left]

The growing **Malus** collection (**crab apple**) has been spectacular this season, a wonderful tree suitable for smaller gardens with great spring blossom and autumn fruits. [pic right]



And finally.....the young Miss Louise Beale (tenth generation of the family firm!) was spotted enjoying the spring **daffodils** in the arboretum. [pic below]



Andrew Beale ~ Managing Director

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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