



WEST LODGE PARK
YOUR COUNTRY RETREAT

Beale Arboretum News ~ Summer 2014

The **Rt. Hon. Owen Paterson MP**, Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs visited WLP in July and planted a rare maple, **Acer Sikkimense** in the grounds of the Beale Arboretum. Pictured here with David Burrowes MP and Andrew Beale.



The **Catalpa bignonioides** collection is maturing nicely, we plan to apply for National Collection status in a few years' time, but for now you can enjoy a wide selection of these **Indian Bean Trees**, with their large leaves and summer flowers.

The extraordinary **Pawlonia tomentosa 'Fast Blue'** (**Foxglove tree**) was only planted in 2008 but is already 40' high!



The beautiful **Magnolia grandiflora 'Exmouth'** is at its best in the summer months with a lovely citrus scent from the late flowers that carry on until the first frosts of autumn.

The **Pterocarya fraxinifolia** (**Caucasian wingnut tree**) is one of our most exotic specimens, and at this time of year the "catkins" are about 18" long. If you fancy seeing this remarkable tree in the wild, book your summer holiday to Chechnya or Dagestan!





The **Cotinus coggygria (Smokebush)** is also at its best in the summer months, with the inflorescences giving the effect of the whole tree being on fire!

In a year when many of our coniferous species have not done well for cones, **Abies koreana** is the exception with a profusion of these stunning blue and yellow resinous cones.



Another good tree this summer for cones is our stunning **Cedrus atlantica (Atlantic cedar)** which dominates the restaurant end of the arboretum.



Like bunches of grapes hanging down, this rare **Prunus laurocerasus Camelliifolia (or laurel)** has a profusion of fruit and makes a spectacular summer display



Dates in the diary include Arboretum tours on **Wednesday 3rd September, Thursday 18th September, Tuesday 30th September, Wednesday 15th October, Thursday 30th October.**

Just book a two course lunch or an afternoon tea, and get me free of charge for a one and a half hour tour!

The **National Gardens Scheme Open Day** is on Sunday 26th October 1-4pm, just £4 entry for adults and free for children. The Beale Arboretum is spectacular at this time of year, with **Taxodiums (Swamp Cypress), Quercus (Oak), Acers (Maple)** being particularly impressive in their autumnal colours.

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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