



WEST LODGE PARK
YOUR COUNTRY RETREAT



Beale Arboretum News ~ Summer 2015

Summer time in the Beale Arboretum is less interesting than during the blossom time of spring or the stunning colours of autumn.



Nevertheless there are some species that come alive in the dog days of high summer, despite or because of the hot dry weather.

One such species is **Catalpa bignonioides** (**Indian Bean Tree**).

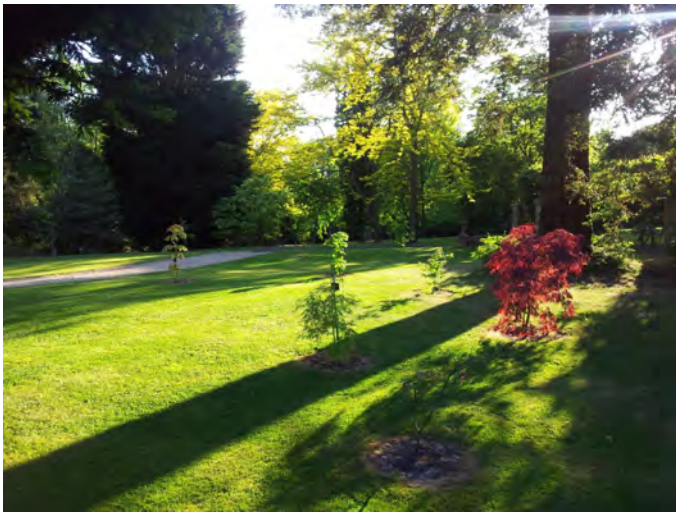
Here is our pollarded **Catalpa**, throwing out stunning blossom and monster leaves.

We will be applying for national collection status for our Catalpas in the autumn of 2016 to join our national collections of **Carpinus betulus** (**Hornbeam**) & **Taxodium distichum** (**Swamp cypress**).

Here is our arboretum consultant Paul Akers from Westminster City Council with **Catalpa bignonioides** 'Aureum', our stunning **Golden Catalpa** at the end of the lower ride.



Speaking of golden, at this time of year, everything goes very green, which is why **Acer shiraswanum** 'Aureum' looks so stunning compared to the other maples, despite its diminutive size.



The long languid summer evenings are the best time of day at this time of year, and the low sun creates magical shadows over our younger **Acer** collection in the Cedar Lodge garden.

Araucaria araucana or **Monkey Puzzle** tree is now 41 years old, and is steadily throwing out new fruit each year at the top of the tree. The coconut sized nuts were first given to Captain George Vancouver by the Patagonian tribespeople when he was on his way to discovering California and British Columbia.



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 £3.50 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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