

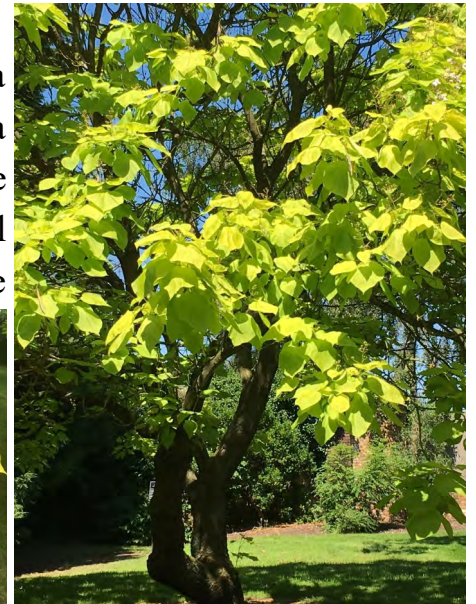
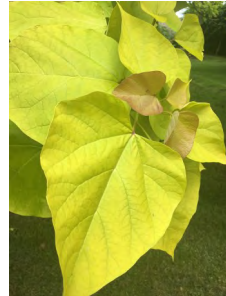
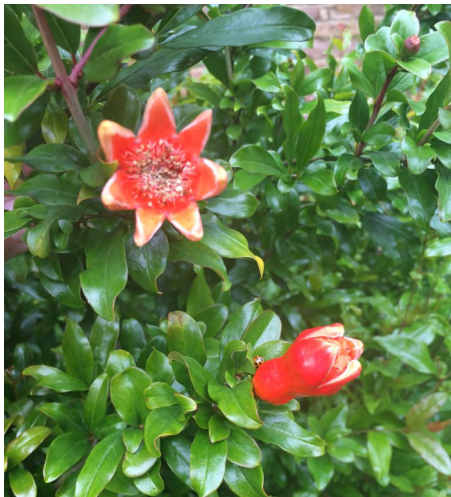


WEST LODGE PARK
YOUR COUNTRY RETREAT



Beale Arboretum News ~ Summer 2016

Just as we think our summer is a bit of a wash out it arrives with a mini heatwave, with days topping 33°C. This heat encourages a number of trees to set flower and fruit. The star of the show is one of our **Catalpa** (Indian bean tree), soon to be at its very best it will be covered with bell shaped white flowers with yellow and purple spots borne in large panicles.

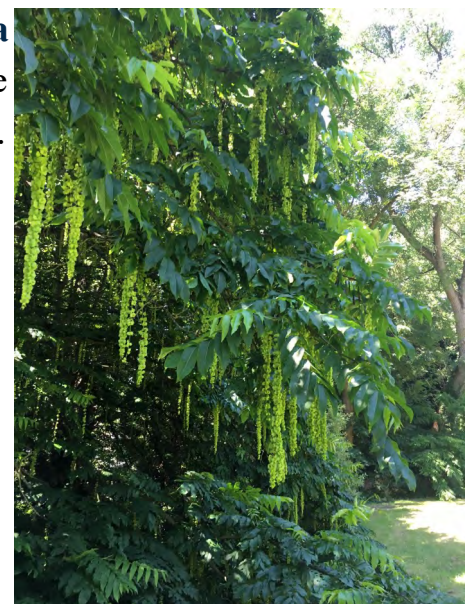


Just behind the catalpa is our **Punica granatum** (pomegranate), now showing its vivid red flowers. These will turn into small fruits, but I'm sorry to say will not get large enough to eat unless we have a prolonged and hot summer.



Well worth looking for are another couple of trees near to each other, not far from the catalpas. **Magnolia grandiflora** with its glossy dark green leaves and huge very fragrant white flowers up to 12" across.

Turn around and you can see **Pterocarya fraxinifolia** (Caucasian wingnut) now showing its lime green pendulous catkins hanging down.



Walking round to our pinetum (collection of conifer trees) you will see **Pinus wallichiana** (Bhutan pine) now showing its fruit a curved resinous cone up to 10” long.



If you feel like a longer walk, cross over the main drive, head up to the pond and look out for **Abies nordmanniana** (Caucasian fir) now showing its purple cones for the first time. Its been a long wait, but worth seeing and hopefully will now get better with each coming year.

The top field is now starting to look something like an arboretum with many new plantings at last growing well and adding to the overall collection of the stunning Beale Arboretum.

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.

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