



WEST LODGE PARK  
YOUR COUNTRY RETREAT



## Beale Arboretum Summer News ~ July 2017

Having enjoyed an early start to summer this year, the weather has changed becoming overcast and much wetter, which means our usual intensive watering of the big trees at this time of the year has not been necessary.



**Fagus purpurea 'Pendula'**

The rather under-rated **Fagus purpurea 'Pendula'** has lovely purple weeping branches that often reach the ground and start new roots.



**Malus 'Harry Baker'**  
crab apple

The fruits of the **crab-apple** ripen fairly late in the season and are the size of a ping pong ball. The pink/red flesh has a high pectin level, making the **Harry Baker** one of the best varieties for crab-apple jelly.



**Hibiscus syriacus 'Woodbridge'**

In its late summer/early autumn prime, the **Hibiscus syriacus 'Woodbridge'** displays a mass of mid-green foliage and an abundance of gorgeous deep pink flowers with beautifully contrasting crimson hearts that will keep on blooming until October!





The **old hedge line** has been removed that was originally planted to keep the sheep from the farmer's field out. This will be grassed over to create a new area for tree planting.

A duplicate collection of **Catalpa** trees have been planted in the top field this year. The work is part of a scheme towards achieving National Collection status.

It's a new area - do take a walk and have a look.



At this time of the year strolling along the path to Chestnut Lodge, you won't be able to avoid taking in the amazing sweet caramel scent of the **Japanese Judas tree**.

Keep an eye out for the lovely ripe edible figs at the biblical wall.



**Cercidiphyllum Japonicum Japanese Judas Tree**

**Ficus carica**

### **Paul Baynes ~ Head Gardener**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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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