



WEST LODGE PARK
YOUR COUNTRY RETREAT



Beale Arboretum Winter News ~ January 2018



A number of our conifers have suffered damage following the only heavy snow fall this winter, prompting us to have these trees taken out.

We have also lost a few trees to strong winds with our **Prunus padus 'Colorata'**, a champion blowing over and smashing into another champion, our **Paulownia tomentosa**, which now looks very sore but will hopefully bounce back. [pic left]

Sadly, another tree of note has died and has already been removed, the **Pinus strobus**, which has probably been killed by the dreaded honey fungus.



However, it's not all doom and gloom in the arboretum. Find the **Hamamelis** (witch hazel) and you'll see it starting to flower. [pic right]



Take a look at the **Carpinus betulus 'Pendula'** (hornbeam), now without leaves you can really appreciate its pendulous branches. [pic left]

Things are moving though, look out for buds that are starting to swell. A prime example is **Abies forrestii var georgei** (George's Fir). [pic right]





**Cupressus lusitanica
'Glauca'**



Malus 'Evereste'

Colour at this time of year is somewhat lacking, but if you walk around some fine examples of colour can be seen.

There is also some interesting bark to be seen, without doubt **Quercus suber** (cork oak) stands out. This tree provides corks for the finest wines and Champagnes.

Very soon we will start to plant nearly 60 new trees, all of different species, adding to the collection in the Beale Arboretum.



Grant Cook ~ Estates Manager

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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