



West Lodge Park
YOUR LONDON RETREAT

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This winter has felt like a tough season in the Beale Arboretum.

On the 11th December, during our Christmas concert evening, we had the heaviest snow we have had in over two decades at West Lodge Park.



About 20cms fell and lasted a whole week on the trees, as there was no wind and the temperatures remained below zero for seven days.

After the snow went, it seemed like weeks of rain over Christmas and the New Year - the lakes in the arboretum filled up, and surplus water was everywhere.



Then as I write on the 19th January, the weather has turned exceptionally cold again, but despite the weather we have been busy planting out some rare trees, mainly gifts from our colleagues working in the Botanic Gardens at Kew.

These include :

Abies firma Siebold & Zucc.

Momi fir

Acer heldreichii subsp. *Trautvetteri* (MEdw.) E.Murray

Balkan maple

Betula papyrifera Marshall

Paper birch

Calocedrus decurrens (Torr.) Florin

California incense cedar

Cupressus arizonica Greene

Arizona cypress

Fraxinus americana L.

White ash

Fraxinus latifolia Benth.

Oregon ash

Juglans ailantifolia Carrière

Japanese walnut

Larix kaempferi (Lamb) Carrière

Japanese larch

Picea engelmannii Parry ex Engelm.

Engelmann spruce

Pinus armandii Franch.

Pseudolarix amabilis (J.Nelson) Rehder

Golden larch

Pterostyrax corymbosus Siebold & Zucc.

Epaulette tree

Taxus cuspidata Siebold & Zucc.

Japanese yew

Sciadopitys verticillata

Umbrella pine

Cupressus torulosa var *gigantea*

Himalayan cypress

Chamaecyparis pisifera

Sawara cypress

Acer x conspicuum

Snake bark maple

Aesculus flava

Yellow buckeye

Sequoiadendron giganteum 'Cannibal'

Sequoiadendron giganteum 'Greenpeace'

Sequoiadendron giganteum 'Little Stan'

Giant redwoods

Abies pinsapo var. *marocana*

Moroccan fir



We look forward to more normal conditions arriving soon, as we have a multitude of winter tasks to achieve, including, finally, removing the straining wires and ironwork from our pleached hornbeam hedge, planted with 50 hornbeams in 1995 to celebrate 50 years of the Beale Family at WLP. The 28 year growing period is proof that nothing is quick in the tree world, but this kind of project is all the more satisfying because of the length of time involved.

We have fences to rebuild, creepers to cut, thousands of tree circles to mulch, spray and chainsaw courses to brush up on, fish to feed and potholes to fill!

A big thank you to my colleagues Paul Akers, Paul Baynes, Dominic Beale and Paolo Brognara.

Andrew Beale - Managing Director

If you are interested in putting together a group for a **guided tour** of the Beale Arboretum, please contact Jane Gray - janegray@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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