

Beale Arboretum News Spring/Summer 2024



In memoriam Paul Akers - Paul sadly passed away this spring. He was our arboretum



consultant for around 15 years, and a great friend to the team. He is pictured here on his last trip with Paul Baynes, Head Gardener, and Mark Lane CVO who took over from him on his retirement, to Wisley last September. He will be much missed. [pic left]

The wet weather of this spring and early summer has done wonders for the trees and plants in the Beale Arboretum.

For instance the Azalea bed has had an excellent spring. [pic below right]



And the Rhododendrons have had the best season for a long time Rhododendron ('Pink Pearl'). [pic left]



Box blight in our buxus has plagued us for several years, and we are now removing all box at the arboretum including here in front of the hotel, where the pots have been replaced with

Taxus (yew). [pic below right]

The tenth generation of Beales, in the form of Louise aged six, has been helping with the gardening at the hotels, here replanting the border at our sister hotel, the Bell Hotel in

Saxmundham, Suffolk. [pic below left]



Our large male **Ginkgo biloba** has fruited for a second time in six years, an unusual characteristic of these ancient trees. [pic right]



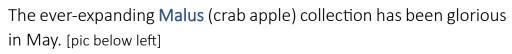
Our consultant Mark Lane CVO and I met with the distinguished horticulturalist **Tom Christian** to discuss our impending National



Collection of Sequoiadendron giganteum and here is a photo of Tom with myself by a Giant Redwood that we only planted in 2015!

[pic left]

Muntjac deer have attacked our National Collection of Carpinus betulus CVS with the small deer having even climbed up the tree – pictured here is the lovely Carpinus b. 'Pendula'. [pic right]









The Cedrus Atlantica (Atlas Cedar) continues to thrive in the Beale Arboretum at well over two centuries old, and the only problem is expanding the tree circle as the tree moves steadily outwards! [pic above centre]

The weeping willow Salix babylonica suffered badly in Storm Henk but has bounced back as willows do. [pic above right]

Dozens of trees have been planted this spring, including:

Gleditsia triacanthos Ilex aquifolium 'Ferox'

Acer saccharinum 'Laciniatum'

Hydrangea aspera 'Anthony Bullivant' AGM

Acer saccharinum 'Lutescens'

Acer lobellii

Liriodendron tulipifera x 5 Eucalyptus glaucescens Taxodium distichum x 3 Picea orientalis 'Golden Start'

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Ilex x altaclarensis 'Golden King' Picea likiangensis var. 'Balfouriana'

Xanthocyparis vietnamensis

Chamaecyparis lawsoniana 'Ivonne' x 2

Picea alcoguiana

Picea orientalis 'Aureospicata' Picea engelmannii 'Bush's Lace Malus 'Adirondack' ('Admiration')

Mahonia gracillipes Ginkgo biloba

Ilex aquifolium 'Golden Milkboy'

Ilex aquifolium 'Handsworth New Silver'

Ilex aquifolium 'Ferox Aurea' Ilex x koehneana 'Chestnut Leaf' Ilex aquifolium 'Bacciflava' Ilex x meserveae BLUE PRINCESS

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Ilex aquifolium 'Argentea Marginata' Ilex aquifolium 'Argentea Marginata'

Malus 'Aros'

Disanthus cercidifolius AGM x 3

Betula utilis subsp. jacquemontii 'Grayswood Ghost'

Hydrangea aspera 'Anthony Bullivant' AGM

Viburnum harryanum x 2 Oxydendron arboreum

Hamamelis x intermedia 'Ruby Glow'

Ilex crenata Shiro-Fakuoin Nyssa sylvatica 'Wisley Bonfire' Betula ermanii 'Mount Zao'

Crytomeria japonica 'Sekkan-sugi' AGM

Styrax shiraianus

Betula utilis subsp. utilis 'Forest Blush' AGM

Liquidambar styraciflua 'Thea' Betula dahurica 'Maurice Foster' Sorbus sorbus 'Joseph Rock' Acer davidii Viper ('Mindavi')

Malus Aros

Malus x zumi 'Golden Hornet' Malus 'Jelly King' ('Mattfru')

Betula utilis subsp. jacquemontii 'Doorenbos'

Acer shirasawanum 'Jordan' Ulmus glabra 'Camperdownii'

Mahonia gracillipes x 2

Acer palmatum 'Shishagashira' Nyssa sylvatica 'Wisley Bonfire' Heptacodium miconioides x 3

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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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