



Beale Arboretum News Autumn 2024

In memoriam Trevor Beale 1934 – 2024



This is the first autumn in the Beale Arboretum without Trevor Beale. He moved with his parents Edward and Betty to West Lodge Park on March 10th 1945, and grew up as a ten year old boy enjoying playing in the grounds with his best friend John Burrowes, whose son David would become MP for this constituency many years later.

He loved the Beale Arboretum, saw it improve from its first days in 1963 to the fine mature collection of today, and never missed a National Gardens Scheme Spring or Autumn Open Day when he would take interested groups around.

We all miss him very much indeed and in due course will build a commemorative obelisk in his memory at the top of the Sequoiadendron avenue.

Trevor Beale 1934 – 2024

Lord and Lady Salisbury 31st October 2024

It was a great honour to welcome Lord and Lady Salisbury to The Beale Arboretum at the end of October. Connections between Hatfield House and West Lodge in the Enfield Chase go back centuries at least to the time of Princess Elizabeth in 1557.



**Andrew Beale with Lord and Lady Salisbury
at the Picea abies 'Acrocona'**



**Arboretum consultant Mark Lane CVO
with Lady Salisbury**



**Lord Salisbury planting the Calocedrus decurrens
in the Beale Arboretum**



**The author's brother Chris Beale
in late October at the lake**

It has been another glorious autumn in the Beale Arboretum, helped by the copious rainfall all year, something the trees have appreciated very much.

The **NGS Garden Open Day** this autumn was a quiet affair by our standards, but the dozens who attended were glad they did so, as the grounds were looking fantastic. Pictured Head Gardener Paul Baynes, and willing helpers from the hotel Lisa Dingwall and Izabella Jakabos.



Quercus palustris (Pin Oak) this autumn

Andrew Beale attended the Plant Heritage Collection Holder Annual Conference at Kew in November, a fascinating event and an opportunity to hear both from experts and to meet other National Collection Holders. We currently hold National collections of *Carpinus betulus* cvs, *Taxodium*, and *Catalpa*, and are busy planting out a future National collection of *Sequoiadendron giganteum*.



The following trees are being planted out from our nursery in December:



Sciadopitys verticillata
Picea breweriana
Oxydendron arboreum
Sequoia gig. Beautiful Jop
Liquidambar styraciflua
Nyssa sylvatica 'Wisley Bonfire'
Pseudolarix amabilis
Hebes
Carpinus betulus 'Horizontalis'
Styrax shiraianus
Acer pentaphyllum x 2
Acer 'Jordan'
Acer palmatum 'Orange Dream'
Cryptomeria japonica 'Globosa nana'
Calocedrus decurrens
Cupressus sempervirens 'Pyramidalis'
Juniperus chinensis 'Kaizuka'
Sequoiadendron giganteum 'Healthy Mammoth'

Acer rubrum x Freemanii



Liquidambar styraciflua 'Worplesdon'
this autumn



A glorious lakeside scene this autumn with
Quercus palustris and Liquidambar styraciflua

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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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