

Lord Mayor 'takes root' at West Lodge Park



Marking the end of his term as Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Ian Luder has planted a tree in the grounds of West Lodge Park Hotel in Hadley Wood. Mr Luder became the twelfth Lord Mayor of London to take up the spade and add to the hotel's award winning collection of trees, on this occasion a Turkish Hazel or *Corylus Colurna*.

Brought up as a child in Cockfosters, Mr Luder served as a Sheriff of the City of London and was elected Lord Mayor in 2008.

Mr Luder is now the twelfth Lord Mayor of London to 'take root' at West Lodge Park Hotel by planting a tree, a tradition that began in 1973 with the then Lord Mayor Sir Hugh Wotner.

"Beales Hotels has a long standing relationship with Mansion House, the official residence of the Lord Mayor, and are extremely proud that Mr Luder has continued

this tradition of adding to our arboretum here at West Lodge Park Hotel.

"We have thirty five acres of grounds around the hotel and in 1963 my Grandfather Edward Beale decided to create the arboretum which now boasts over 800 varieties of trees and shrubs including national collections and rare specimens. It has raised thousands of pounds for charity with Garden Open Days held twice a year," said Andrew Beale, Beales Hotels Managing Director.

L-R above left : Mrs Emma Beale, Andrew Beale, Mrs Julie Cook, Sheriff Peter Cook, Alderman Ian Luder, his wife Mrs Lin Luder and mother Mrs Frances Luder .

The next Garden Open day is planned for Sunday 16th May 2010, tours are available and all money raised is donated to charity. Visit www.bealeshotels.co.uk for further details.