**ARBORETUM TREE INFORMATION**

The following is taken from: The Bishop’s Palace Wells, A Record, started Lady Day 1979, the Palace Archives

**Original Tree Planting List, Arboretum**

“Early in the year we finished the planting, in the southern section of the walled garden, of an arboretumto commemorate the Jubilee. David Tudway Quilter, having a great love and knowledge of trees himself, brought in Harold Hillier of Winchester for help both on what to plant and where to plant it. Gordon Harris of Wiveliscombe also advised us, and gave several trees from his nursery. All the saplings were given by many individuals in and beyond Wells, in response to an appeal. The Church Commissioners took a keen interest in the project, and paid for clearance of the ground and the first grass-cutting machine. The original planting in the arboretum consisted of the following trees:”

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| **Latin name** | **Common Name** | **Latin name** | **Common Name** |
| Abies cephalonica | Silver Fir | Acer cappadocicum | Maple |
| Acer opalus | Italian Maple | Acer saccharinum | Silver Maple |
| Aesculus turbinate | Chestnut | Carpinus turczaninowii | Hornbeam |
| Cedrus atlantica glauca | Blue Cedar | Cedrus libani | Cedar of Lebanon |
| Cornus macrophylla | Dogwood | Crataegus crus galli | Thorn |
| Crataegus prunifolia | Thorn | Diospyros lotus | Date Plum of China |
| Euptelea pleiosperma |  | Fagus englerana | Beech |
| Fagus sylvatica | Beech | Ginkgo biloba | Maidenhair Tree |
| Gleditschia triacanthos | Honey Locust | Juglans nigra | Black Walnut |
| Liriodendron tulipifera | Tulip Tree | Mespilus germanica | Medlar |
| Morus nigra | Black Mulberry | Ostrya carpinifolia | Hornbeam |
| Parrotia persica | Persian Ironwood | Paulownia tormentosa | Foxglove Tree |
| Phellodendron amurense | Amur Cork Tree | Pinus sylvestris | Scots Pine |
| Populus lasiocarpa | Poplar\* | Prunus avium plena | Cherry |
| Quercus Lusitanica | Oak | Sorbus aria lutescens | Whitebeam |
| Sorbus hupehense | Hupeh Rowan | Sorbus lanata | Whitebeam |
| Sycamore corstorphinense | Sycamore | Taxus baccata | Yew |
| Tilia petiolaris | Lime | Acer opalus | Italian Maple |
| Acer saccharinum | Silver Maple |  |  |

\* Nearer well pool

NB trees highlighted in red are no longer in existence

**1979**

“One of two of the new arboretum trees died in the coldest February and March since 1963.However, Somerset’s Men of Trees and the Wells Beekeepers’ Association gave some replacements and the new varieties include Liquidambar Styraciflua, Parroita Persica and Robinia Frisia

**1981**

A number of trees in the grounds of the Palace were measured and girths recorded. Included in this list are Alnus cordata (Italian Alder) and Gymnocladus dioicus (Kentucky Coffee Tree) with dates of 1977 and noting that they are in the Arboretum.

**1982**

An entry in the Record states that the Alnus Cordata had grown 32 feet. By 1987 another entry puts its height at over 50 feet.