



# Monthly Newsletter

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## *Shenley Park*

Once a private Estate known as Porters Park, then a site of a Mental Hospital, Shenley Park is now a unique self-funded Park for all. The Park is steeped in history and hosts an Orchard, Meadow, Woodland walks, Historic buildings and an amazing 2 acre landscaped Walled Garden with an Amphitheatre. The Park is open all year round and is free to use as are the car parks. Events are held throughout the year; it is a perfect base for walks and has a Tea Room that is open daily from 8am.

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## *Volunteering Weekend*

On Sat 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from Radlett and Shenley together with some of their families came throughout the afternoon and helped locate young trees in amongst the brambles at Cow Banks Wood. Once they had cut the brambles from around the tree they tied a ribbon on it. Big thanks to all the girls who covered more than half of the wood, especially to leader Nic who covered the whole afternoon. New trees were also planted, some provided by the Woodland Trust.

The rest of the wood was completed on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> by another group of volunteers including a local resident and his wife that brought along 10 beech trees that they had grown and planted in the bottom of the wood.

As a result we were able to get our mower in to clear the remaining bramble without mowing trees as they were clearly marked with a ribbon so easy to see.

Later in the year we will install more bird boxes and plant bulbs. These volunteering weekends are advertised around the park, on these newsletters and on our website so keep checking back to see whats happening.





Register with us if you are interested in further volunteering weekends in the park. Email [shenleypark@gmail.com](mailto:shenleypark@gmail.com).

## Trees in Shenley Park

This week we received two more magnificent trees from Mr Robert Spano.

Robert has been growing trees from seed for many years and for the past 25 years he has been donating these trees to Shenley Park.

Robert once lived in North London and grew the trees in his garden. He has since moved to Lincolnshire but still gives the park trees.

Over the years he has given us hundreds of trees of different sizes, which have been planted around the park and helped shape the park into what it is today.

These trees include silver birch, larch, horse chestnut, alder, beech, copper beech, maple, holly, willow, oak, crab apple, cedar and abies fir.

The photos show just some of his trees, the latest blue fir has been given pride of place in the Walled Garden opposite the entrance we use for events.

An Atlas cedar has been planted on the lawn next to Orchard Villa.

Robert's dedication to trees and wildlife, his generosity and commitment to Shenley Park including helping sell fruit on apple day is an irreplaceable credit to both himself and Shenley Park. Thank you, Robert.



Willow at rear of stable flats



Silver birch at start of perimeter strip



Cedar between Porters Park Drive and pond area.



Horse chestnut and prunus along perimeter strip



Copper beech at front of Walled Garden



A newly planted alder near bridleway



Blue fir in Walled Garden.



Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 3pm

An afternoon of Jazz by Hertfordshire Big Band

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 3pm

The Taming of the Shrew

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm

Much Ado About Nothing by The Pantaloons

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm

War of the Worlds by The Pantaloons

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 3pm

The Reluctant Dragon by Quantum Theatre

Open Air Theatre and Concerts this summer

Visit our website to book for our summer shows

[www.shenleypark.co.uk/events](http://www.shenleypark.co.uk/events)

Whats coming up

### Mothers Day

Walled Garden open on Mothers Day 12-4pm.

The tea room is closing at 2.30pm for a Mothers Day event, check their website for more information.

### Easter

Easter Sunday and Monday there will be another Easter Egg hunt, bookings will be taken at the tea room.

From Easter the Walled Garden will be open at weekends 12-4pm as well as open daily 12-4pm (unless closed for private function or event).

### Tennis Courts

The tennis court situation is ongoing, the subsidence in the corners of the area is very costly to fix. We are hoping to install at least one court back into Shenley Park and are awaiting news of a funding application.

We will keep you updated here in our newsletters and on our website.

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