# Walled Garden late afternoon





Shenley Park June 2022 Newsletter Once a private Estate known as Porters Park, then a site of a Mental Hospital, Shenley Park is now a unique selffunded 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.

#### Walled Garden

The Walled Garden commenced summer opening hours whereupon it is open now at weekends\* as well as weekdays between 12-4pm.

At weekends a member of staff will be available to take card payments at the Walled Garden Produce stall. Throughout the year this stall sells aplle juice, plants and seasonal fruit when available.



\*The Garden is sometimes closed for functions, check our website for closure dates.

The Walled Garden had a wonderful purple month of May.

Alas we have like most of the country fallen victim of the box tree caterpillar and have picked several hundred off the plants already. We are using a biological control method alongside the manual removal of the caterpillars, We do hope it works, the plants will come back after the caterpillars have finished.



#### Whats happening in the Park

The warm dry spring might be a problem for some plants in the park but not so for the blossom setting. We have a promising load of apples forming on the trees. Many of these will drop from the tree as is a natural way for the tree to take to maturity just some of those that form.



The cow parsley was particularly extravagant this year together with the bluebells.

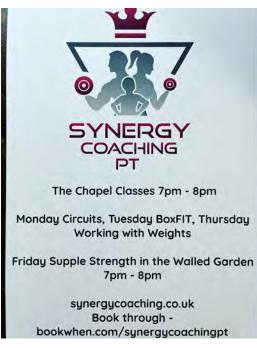
Everywhere in the park is looking great, come and see for yourselves.

We have many long grass areas and mown areas, together with paths cut through the long grass areas. Each year we are seeing more wildlife thanks to these areas of long grass and they look good too.

The long grass areas will be cut from July/August onwards. Leaving it like this for lengthier periods helps the wildlife further.

#### Outdoor exercise classes

We welcome back yoga into the Walled Garden on Saturday mornings, together with a new fitness class on Friday evenings.





Hatha Yoga Shenley Walled Garden

Hatha Yoga for all ablilites. In the beautiful walled garden. Revitalise your body & mind. Breathe, Stretch, Strengthen.

Saturdays @8am 1 hour Shenley Walled Garden £8 to drop in, bring a mat \*weather dependant\*



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#### 30 DAYS WILD!

The Wildlife Trust is running a 30 days wild program. It is easy to access and great for doing around the park.

For all ages.

Details can be found at

30 Days Wild 2022: Sign up | The Wildlife Trusts





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

### Open Air Theatre and Concerts this summer

Tickets are on sale now.

Visit our website to book for our summer shows www.shenleypark.co.uk/events 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

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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