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Shenley Park
December 2022 Newsletter

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.

WASSAIL!

Come along to this fun family event to hold a Wassail ceremony in the Orchard. Procession to Orchard starts at 5pm from the main car park where we hold a celebration and give gifts to the trees. After the Wassail we head to the tearoom garden for apple juice and wassail cake. Wear warm clothes, bring a torch and something to make a noise with (saucepan lids, bells, musical instruments).

It is useful to know if you are coming so we can make sure we have enough Wassail fare. Could you email shenleypark@gmail.com and let us know how many please. We do not ticket this event but do accept donations on the day.

CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

The Tea Room will be closed from Fri 23rd December to Monday 2nd January.

The main car park will remain closed Christmas Day.

The main play area will be closed Christmas Day.

The Walled Garden will be closed for a period of 8 weeks from 28th November due to essential repair works to the wall.

The rest of the park is open as usual.



Merry Christmas to you all and looking forward to another fun packed year.

This year we have;

- Planted 1000 native trees as hedging or trees. Hedges were selected for their attractiveness to wildlife.
- Cleared a large part of Cow Banks Wood, replanted and put stepping logs next to the path down to the bottom.
- Made 40 bird boxes that will be installed over the winter.
- Mulched and weeded around all young trees in the woods and orchards.
- Coppiced the orchard.
- Harvested at least 800 crates of apples.
- Welcomed all of Shenley Primary School for a visit to make apple juice and try many different varieties of apple.
- Welcomed Radlett Brownies and Rainbows visit for apple juicing.
- Held a very successful Apple Day.

None of the above would have happened without the help of Oaklands College students, Radlett Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Shenley Rainbows and their leader Nic Day who coordinates them all.

Also to park visitors that have come along and helped with tree care and apple picking.

We will be arranging further weekends of tree planting, dates will be posted around the park and be on our website.

Events this year

- In January we held a successful Wassail
- At Easter we lay an Easter egg hunt with the Tea Room.
- In the summer we had one picnic concert and four plays in the Walled Garden amphitheatre.
- In October we held Apple Day in the Walled Garden.
- For Halloween we held our first trick or treat trail around the orchard and meadow with local businesses taking part.
- Santa will be making a visit to the tea rooms we have been told on December 18th. There will be tickets on sale. Look out for notices around the park and tea room.



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, as of this month we are still awaiting news.

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

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