



Shenley Park May 2023 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.

Blossom Day



We held our first Blossom Day event on Sat 29th April in the orchard.

Orchards across the nation are preparing to open their gates for Orchard Blossom Day. This new annual celebration of fruit trees, flowers and food launches across the UK and Europe on and around the last Friday of April. The Day is celebrating orchards as magical places for the benefit of people and nature, places of a huge but dwindling variety of fruit trees and places in need of conservation across Britain and Europe

Thank you to Steve, Vicki and Shenley Messy Church that came with their

honey, cakes, jams and crafts. Thank you to those who have sent their best blossom photos to us.

Fairies Fairies everywhere

We are so pleased to tell you that the Fairy Village next to the tea room play area has new fairy homes.

Thank you to local residents Jo, Layla and David, Oaklands college students and Trust staff for helping the fairies with their new homes.

Here are just some of them;



Walled Garden

The Walled Garden opened at Easter and will now be open every day including the May Bank Holidays 12-4pm (unless closed for a private event or setting up of such event).

(The Wall is still waiting approval before the works can be completed. There will be a period when the garden has to close again for the works to be completed, we will post on our website when this is to happen).

Apple Juice and Plants are for sale from our new produce stall, pay by cash into the honesty box or by card at weekends and bank holidays.

May is a great time to visit the garden, the stunning Foxglove tree is a must to see.

Fairies have also moved into the Walled Garden. There are 8 houses so far, come see if you can find them.



Summer 2023 - open air in the Walled Garden, tickets on sale now.



Sat 1st July , Hertfordshire Big Band
afternoon concert bring a picnic or get wood fired
pizza and real ale courtesy of the Orchard Tea Room
pizza van in the garden.
Tickets;

Jazz in the Walled Garden.

Tickets and more information via

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jazz-picnic-in-the-walled-garden-tickets-616701600087>

Theatre

We have also three productions by The Pantaloons this summer.

<https://thepantaloons.co.uk/shows/>

Jane Austens Emma -Sun 16th July 7pm



Join the critically-acclaimed Pantaloons Theatre Company for a riotous Regency rom-com!

Meet misguided matchmaker Emma as she tries to play Cupid in this hilarious yet faithful new adaptation of Jane Austen's satirical story.

This fast-paced, physical and funny show is filled with romance, music and The Pantaloons' own charming brand of theatrical chaos

Alices Adventures in Wonderland - Sun 23rd July, 3pm



Follow the critically-acclaimed Pantaloons down the rabbit hole for their own hilarious take on Lewis Carroll's nonsensical novel.

All the unusual suspects are here: the mirthful Mad Hatter, the perpetually late White Rabbit, the quarrelsome Queen of Hearts and, of course, the adventurous Alice herself.

A delightfully anarchic show that gets curiouser and curiouser with live music and audience interaction.

Bring a picnic and something to sit on!

The Comedy of Errors – Sat 29th July, 7pm.



Cartoonish capers in Shakespeare's funniest farce!

Two sets of shipwrecked twins – who lost their doubles years ago – unknowingly end up in the same place at the same time. Chaos ensues; but will the searching siblings find each other in the end?

Expect silly slapstick, abundant anachronisms and memorable music nestled amongst Shakespeare's poignant poetry as the critically-acclaimed Pantaloons put their own inimitable spin on this classic comedy.

For all events bring a picnic and something to sit on. Dogs welcome on a short, fixed lead. All bookings are online, click on the event to buy tickets (some events may not yet be on sale, please check back at a later date).



Tennis

We are pleased to be able to tell you that the Trustees have set aside funds to refurbish the tennis courts, we will share more details with you soon.

Wildlife around the park

We selectively leave areas of grass long around the park for the benefit of wildlife, look out for orchids in the grass, they are becoming increasingly abundant since we have adopted this no mow approach.

How to contact us?

If you would like to ask us a question or report something please either email us shenleypark@gmail.com or call 01923 852629.

If you would like to share your photos of the park please use tags below.

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