



## Shenley Park July 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.



## Walled Garden

A fantastic start to summer in the Walled Garden with an afternoon of jazz by Hertfordshire Big Band. 300 people came and enjoyed great music, picnics, pizza and real ale.

Next years date Sat 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2024. 1-5pm.









We are looking forward to the rest of our summer events, tickets are available now via our website [www.shenleypark.co.uk](http://www.shenleypark.co.uk)

Some tickets may be available on the day, details of this will be made available the day before the event.

We have also three productions by **The Pantaloons** this summer.

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

### Jane Austens Emma - Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

The Comedy of Errors - Sat 29<sup>th</sup> 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).

## Around the park

After a beautiful abundance of blossom, we now have many apples forming on the trees. We would expect a natural fruit drop as they develop but hope for a good crop this year.

Do look at toward the end of summer notice of our family apple picking days which will be posted around the orchard and on our website.

## Grass cutting

If there are areas of the park that you think should be left long or do not like left long please do get in touch [shenleypark@gmail.com](mailto:shenleypark@gmail.com), we cannot give assurances that there will be immediate changes but it would be useful to hear your views.

No Mow May is a phenomenon that has grown over the years, unfortunately in many cases areas are left long only to be mown down on the 1<sup>st</sup> June. This is of no benefit to wildlife and for a full lifecycle the grass would be left until August at least.

We need these wildlife habitats now more than ever so do please bear this in mind.

## Hedge Cutting

We are starting to cut all of the hedgerows around the park, if you are concerned about this or any other matter in the park please do get in touch [shenleypark@gmail.com](mailto:shenleypark@gmail.com)

Our staff are working very hard and making the park look good.

## Tennis courts

We are pleased to be able to say that the trustees of Shenley Park have set aside funds to restore the tennis courts. We are in the process of getting quotes for the works that need to be done.

## **Car Parking**

We have an overflow car park opposite the main car park that is opened when the main car park becomes busy. If you are planning a large group visit to the park, please get in touch as we have a further overflow car park [shenleypark@gmail.com](mailto:shenleypark@gmail.com)

## **Apple Day**

This years apple day will be Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 12-4pm.

## **How to contact us?**

If you would like to ask us a question or report something please either email us [shenleypark@gmail.com](mailto:shenleypark@gmail.com) or call 01923 852629.

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

Website	<a href="http://www.shenleypark.co.uk">www.shenleypark.co.uk</a>	Email	<a href="mailto:shenleypark@gmail.com">shenleypark@gmail.com</a>
Facebook	@ShenleyPark		
Instagram	#shenleyparkandwalledgarden	Phone	01923 852629