



# APPLE DAY 2023 with 48 VARIETIES OF APPLE

Shenley Park  
November 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.

Sorry that there was not a newsletter in October, we were so busy picking apples, juicing apples and having our annual apple day celebrations in the Walled Garden.

### Apple Day Sun 15<sup>th</sup> October

We were blessed with perfect weather and crowds of people came along to enjoy a very good day.

We nearly sold out of apples which for us is important as it shows that there really is a strong interest in heritage varieties of apple, which we ourselves are keen to preserve.

A big thank you to everyone that came to share the day with us, to the stall holders and those that volunteered to run stalls for us. It would not be possible without you all.

Here are some pictures of the day. **Apple Day 2024 is Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October.**

Special thanks to Nic Day with Radlett Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and Shenley Rainbows who together with their parents donated cakes for the tea tent and ran both this and the hot dog stall with their leaders.



Special thank also to Elstree and District scouts and explorers for running the apple shy for us.











## Walled Garden

The Garden is now open weekdays only 12-4pm until next Easter. It may also be closed during inclement weather.

The wall project repairs shall be completed soon, the garden will be closed whilst this is carried out. If you are hoping to visit on a certain date you are advised to email [shenleypark@gmail.com](mailto:shenleypark@gmail.com) to confirm it will be open.

## Plant pots

We asked for any spare plant pots to be donated and thank you to all those that have, we now have a great collection to be sorted out and used.

We can still use more so if you have any please can you leave them by the green gate next to the Walled Garden entrance.



## Apples

Thank you to everyone that came and helped pick apples, we had great turn outs for our picking dates. 250 crates of apples were collected by you all.



## **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. We hope that work may start towards the end of the year ready for next spring, updates will be posted in our newsletters.



## 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)

## Halloween

We had not finished picking the last apples before Halloween was upon us. Following on from last years successful trail around the park we sold 100 more tickets and welcomed 200 children with their parents for a spooktacular experience around the orchard and meadow.

Thanks to Shenley Park and Orchard Tea Room staff and volunteers, Griggs Homes, Gristwood and Toms, Shenley Estates, Mandy Engelsman, Snaffle Caterers without whom it would not have been possible.







## Next Event

### WASSAILING SAT 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024, 5pm

Meet in the main car park, bring a torch and something to make a noise with. Follow our Wassail master to the orchard where we give gifts of toast to the trees, wake them up, scare off any evil pixies by making lots of noise. If we are successful, we see them leave them in a burst of fireworks.

Wear suitable footwear and be aware that there is an option for sparklers and there will be fireworks. Dogs are allowed but please be aware that the fireworks and people banging and screaming are very loud.

Please email [shenleypark@gmail.com](mailto:shenleypark@gmail.com) if you are planning on coming so we have enough toast.

After the event we retire to the tea room garden area for warm spiced apple juice and Wassail cake.



## 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.

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