



# Shenley Park

Newsletter May 2024



We had 200 children enter our Easter egg hunt, the ground was very wet and boggy in places, but everyone managed to complete the trail that took them all around the park. They then enjoyed an Easter chocolate treat in the Walled Garden at the end of the trail.

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## Tree planting



We welcomed pupils from Clore Shalom and Shenley Primary school to plant trees in Cow Banks Wood and the wooded area by Radlett Lane at the top of the park.

The children were so enthusiastic and happy to be part of making sure there will be plenty of mature trees around for their grandchildren.

Thank you to the schools for joining us in these activities.

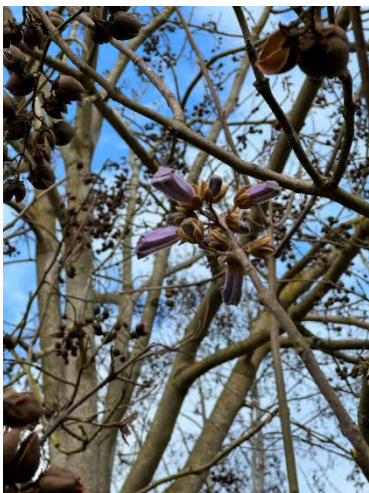
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We have had an amazing blossom, we hope you got to enjoy the blossom.

We held blossom day in the Walled Garden this year and had some local craft and produce stalls too. We hope to continue this event annually to encourage people outside to see the blossom.

The whole of Shenley primary school came to the park for a walk to the orchard to see the blossom and find out how important it is to have wild areas for the pollinators.





The Walled Garden is looking good with many trees and shrubs in flower including our pawlonia tree. It started flowering very early this year, on the 9<sup>th</sup> April. Otherwise known as the foxglove tree it has long purple flowers before the leaves come out a few we

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As you will know we have had record rainfall, making it hard for us to get on some areas to cut the grass. The Walled Garden must be closed some days due to saturated ground conditions and a flooded amphitheatre. Puddles are very inviting, if a few wellies stamped in this puddle we would have a lot of damage to the grass and surrounding lawns.

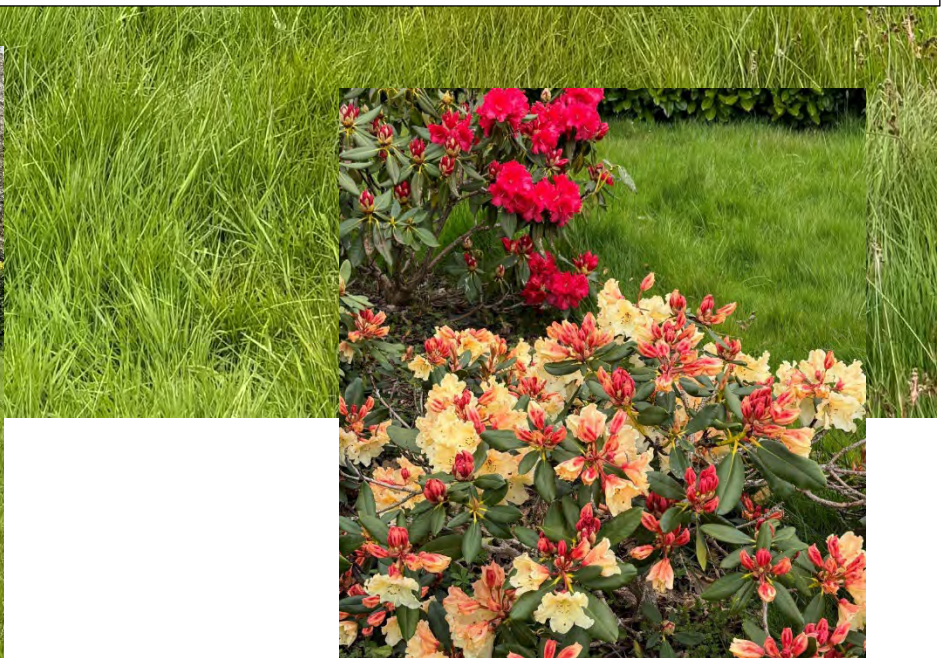




In front of the mansion, just off Porters Park Drive there is another orchard whose blossom also was stunning.

In front of the orchard are rhododendron beds, these are full of beautiful blooms and worth a visit.

Thank you to Oaklands students for weeding and mulching these beds as part of their work experience.



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## Tennis

The courts have been repaired by Tarmac solutions and we are now in the queue with Soft Surfaces to have the courts and the lines painted. The estimate for this work is the end of May, beginning of June. It is weather dependent and we are on a list, there has been many delays to their work due to the very wet winter. It is not possible to paint courts in the rain.





2023 saw our appeal for used plant pots and what a response we had, thank you to all of the donations left by the Walled Garden gate. We can still take more so as and when you are having a clear out please bring any plant pots to us. They do not have to be cleaned, leave them by the Walled Garden gate.

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We have many plans for 2024, do keep visiting the website for news of events.

In June we will be celebrating D Day with a picnic in the park, a joint event with Shenley Parish Council. Sun 9<sup>th</sup> June, 3-6pm, details to follow.

Enjoy the park.