

## Shenley Park Newsletter September 2024

## Tennis

Our courts have been open for 2 month and we have had 220 bookings in this time. We are really pleased that people are enjoying and using them. Please note that this first year we are not permitting private coaching or group lessons on the courts. We shall review the usage over the year and decide on what slots may be made available for coaching purposes next year.

Book a court easily online via <u>Tennis - Shenley Park</u>



The fence has been moved in to enclose the 2 courts, it was not possible to fix the third court subsidence. This area will be dug up and replaced with grass and trees next autumn time.

We have held three outdoor events,
The Importance of Being Ernest by
The Pantaloons and an afternoon
picnic jazz concert by Hertfordshire
Big Band and on Sat 24<sup>th</sup> August The
Merry Wives of Windsor by The
Pantaloons.



## Apples

We are starting to harvest the apples and making juice. We do ask that people do not take apples off the trees but they are welcome to collect any windfalls.

We will have many apple picking days where we ask members of the public to come and help us pick the apples and then they can take a bag of apples away with them. The dates do depend on when the apples are ready, they will be posted on our website and also on notices around the orchard.

APPLE DAY this year is Sun 20<sup>th</sup> October 12-4pm in the Walled Garden. If you would like to have a stall please contact us via <a href="mailto:shenleypark@gmail.com">shenleypark@gmail.com</a>. We do ask that you run an apple theme within your stall.

## Wildlife in the park

We have enjoyed sightings of kestrels, buzzards, red kites, swallows, swifts, bats as well as our usual visitors.

The butterflies have been later this year but are now to be enjoyed in particular in our wilder areas.

We do have a balance of wilder and more kept areas. It is not always to every ones taste.



If there is a particular area that is problematic please do contact us directly on <a href="mailto:shenleypark@gmail.com">shenleypark@gmail.com</a>.

Dates for your diaries

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> October - Apple Day

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - Wassailing