Shenley Park Newsletter April 2025

We have enjoyed beautiful sunshine this spring, the spring flowers have attracted many bees and hoverflies. The blossom is abundant and very photogenic, do either send us your pictures or post them on our Instagram #shenleyoarkandwalledgarden

In the Walled Garden the Pawlonia Tomentosa usually flowers around the middle of May each year, it came out on the 12^{th} April. Do come and visit to see the spectacle it is worth it.

The Garden will be open on from Easter to October daily from 12-4pm. For a few dates this year the garden will be closed for private hire or events, these will be listed on the website.











The Easter bunny is laying a trail around the park on Easter Sunday, tickets available here. Tickets often sell out so book early, please note that the tickets are £2.50 each and non refundable.

Click here to book or go via the website

https://www.shenleypark.co.uk

BLOSSOM DAY



SUN 4TH MAY 12-4pm in the WALLED GARDEN

The blossom can be seen any day but we are going to mark national Blossom Day in the Walled Garden with a small selection of stalls and childrens activities.

Come and visit the park, walk around the orchard and then in the Walled Garden meet the bee keepers who will be selling Shenley Park honey.

Handmade gifts and cards crafted by Lucy will have her pop up camper shop.

More to be confirmed.

Open Air 2025

Tickets are now on sale for all of our events, this years listings are;

Sat 28th June - picnic concert

Sun 6th July - Sense & Sensibility

Fri 16th July - Robin Hood

Sun 17th Aug – Jemima Puddleduck

More details on all and how to get tickets below.



Saturday 28th June, 1-5pm

An afternoon picnic concert with Herts Big Band.

Tickets online via this link

This event is very popular, walk up tickets will only be available if any not presold.

You are advised to by your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

From the giants in the 1940s through to current day big bands, we have a varied and contemporary repertoire covering the styles of swing, latin and funk. We play the music of Buddy Rich, Count Basie, Stan Kenton, Patrick Williams, Duke Ellington and the WDR Big Band to name just a few.

Big band singers covered by the band include the greats of Ella Fitzgerald, Natalie Cole, Diana Krall, Frank Sinatra, Peggy Lee, Diane Schuur, Nancy Wilson and Patti Austin.

Bring a picnic and something to drink or get pizza and real ale whilst you watch this fabulous band in the Walled Garden.



Sunday 6th July 7pm

Sense and Sensibility by The Pantaloons



TOURING MAY-AUGUST 2025 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES | DURATION 2hrs

Elinor Dashwood has a lot of good Sense. Her sister Marianne Dashwood has an excess of Sensibility. Together they make a snappy title for Jane Austen's classic novel of scandals, scoundrels and severely sprained ankles.

This funny, fast-paced and faithful new adaptation from the critically-acclaimed Pantaloons Theatre Company features live music, audience interaction, romance and heartbreak.

Tickets via The Pantaloons |

Friday 18th July

Robin Hood by The Pantaloons



TOURING JUNE-AUGUST 2025 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES | DURATION 1hr 50mins

Back by popular demand for 2025!

Join utter legends Robin, Marian and the Merry Men in Sherwood Forest for a hilariously adventurous take on the timeless tales of everyone's favourite archer.

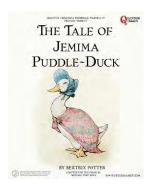
Pernicious Prince John and the shifty Sheriff of Nottingham have hatched a plan to put a stop to Robin Hood's charitable crime spree once and for all. Can they outwit the outlaw? Or will Robin hit the target once again?

Find out in the critically-acclaimed Pantaloons' innovative take on the myth featuring live music and audience interaction.

Prepare to have your blocks busted, your rips roared and your swashes well-and-truly buckled!

Sunday 17th August 3pm

Quantum Theatre is back with a brand new adaptation of the much-loved Beatrix Potter Tale, The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck. Tickets on sale now.



Prevented from hatching her eggs at the farm, foolish Jemima goes in search of a nesting place in the forest and soon she meets a charming 'sandy-whiskered gentleman' who offers her the perfect nesting place in his wood-shed.

But why is his wood-shed full of feathers and why is he asking herhttps://www.quantumtheatre.co.uk/event-details/shenley-park-jemima-puddleduck to collect the herbs for roast duck? Kip the farm dog fears the worst...

Join Jemima on her feather-ruffling adventures in this delightful new adaptation of Beatrix Potter's family favourite.

To purchase tickets and see our wet weather policy please head to the eventspage on our website www.shenleypark.co.uk

All tickets are online in advance only in the first instance. Tickets may be available on the gate dependent on sales.

You are welcome to bring picnics and something to sit on, dogs are also welcome on short fixed leads. Under 3s are free to all of our events unless marked (*) this may be under 2 for events organised in conjunction with other organisations.

APPLE DAY 2025

SUN 19TH OCTOBER, 12-4pm in the Walled Garden

Celebrating all things apple, our annual apple day event in the Walled Garden. Many unusual varieties of apple to try and buy, apple juice, produce and craft stalls, childrens activities. Entrance $\pounds 1$ per person under 3s free

HALLOWEEN TRAIL - FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 5.30pm

More details to follow

Tennis

Our courts have been open for almost a year. We are really pleased that people are enjoying and using them. We did not permit coaching this first year to allow everyone to enjoy them at all times. We shall now review the usage over the year and decide on what slots may be made available for coaching purposes next year. Please note that this is for tennis only. Get in touch if you have any suggestions. shenleypark@gmail.com

Book a court easily online via Tennis - Shenley Park

www.shenleypark.co.uk

