



## Shenley Park Newsletter July 2025

A very dry spring and start to summer, heatwaves too.

The park is doing surprisingly well, we look to have a good crop of apples this autumn and most of the plants are surviving well. We water just a selection of plants in the Walled Garden using the underground water tank that the hospital put in during the war in case of fire. For just the second time over the past 20 years it has run dry. That is 225,000 litres of water used since Easter. It will soon fill again once the rain does come.



### Walled Garden

The Garden is open 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 and at the end of this newsletter.

### Events

We have had Hertfordshire Big Band perform their annual jazz concert in baking hot sunshine (again!).

Despite roasting 300 people enjoyed the afternoon and somehow the band survived thank you to them for their efforts and great music.



Next years date is Sat 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## Coming up 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.

Friday 18th July

### Robin Hood by The Pantaloons



TOURING JUNE-AUGUST 2025 |

SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES | DURATION

1hr 50mins

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.

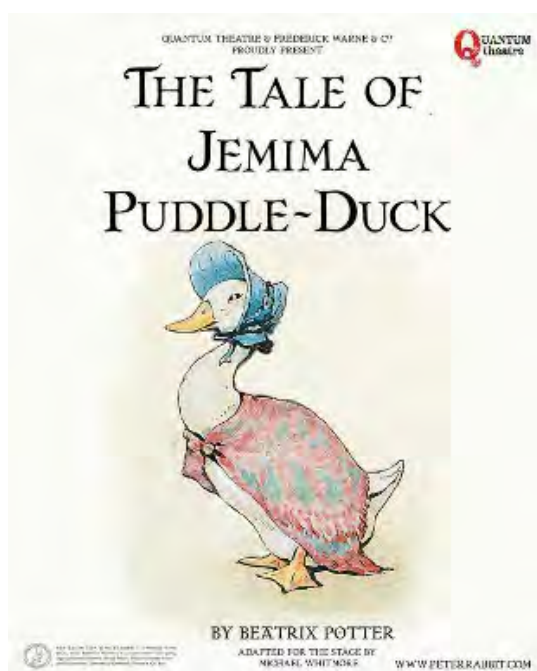
Pernicious Prince John and the shifty Sheriff of Nottingham have hatched a plan to put a stop to Robin Hood's charitable crime spree once and for all. Can they outwit the outlaw? Or will Robin hit the target once again?

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 ribs 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*.



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 her 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.

### **Around the park**

Several of our benches have reached that certain age at the same time where they rot at the base. Please bear with us as we get new benches and repair old ones. The same has



happened to some of our signage so we will be sorting this out too.

If you see anything around the park that you would like to talk to us about please send an email to [shenleypark@gmail.com](mailto:shenleypark@gmail.com)

If you experience anti social behaviour or have a dog problem please call 101.

Enjoy the summer in the park.

### **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](mailto:shenleypark@gmail.com)

Book a court easily online via [Tennis - Shenley Park](#)

[www.shenleypark.co.uk](http://www.shenleypark.co.uk)

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **APPLE DAY**

**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 £1 per person under 3s free

**HALLOWEEN TRAIL - FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 5.30pm**

More details to follow

**WASSAILING - SAT 3<sup>RD</sup> JAN 2026**

**EASTER HUNT - SUN 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026**

**HERTS BIG BAND - SAT 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026**

**Walled Garden closure dates**

The Walled Garden will be closed on;

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> July in preparation for Sense and Sensibility

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July in preparation for Robin Hood

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August for Jemima Puddleduck

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> - Tues 26<sup>th</sup> August for a private function