

The Society's Diary provides members with an easy reference list of events in the Wimbledon area. Details are believed to be correct, but can change and should be checked. Send items for inclusion to Asif Malik on asif.malik@wimbledonsociety.org.uk

- ❖ The Society's *Wimbledon Museum* on Ridgway (corner of Lingfield Road) is currently undergoing an exciting major refurbishment, and will re-open in May 2022.
- ❖ The Society's *Local History Group* meets on the second Monday of each month – except August (no meeting); November and December (first Monday) - in the Lingfield Room, Village Hall (corner of Lingfield Road) at 8pm. All welcome.
- ❖ *Wimbledon Windmill Museum*: Windmill Road, Wimbledon Common: open April to October, Saturdays 2pm to 5pm, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays 11am to 5pm. Free entry. School visits can be arranged.

December 2021

The Wimbledon Film Club. Established 15 years ago, the Club is back screening a programme of films at HMV Curzon cinema on the Broadway. You can find our next season at our website <http://wimbledonfilmclub.com/>. Starting in January, every fortnight, open to public as well as members.

The Arts Society Wimbledon. The Society aims to broaden knowledge and enjoyment of the arts and share the experience. Meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at 8:00pm for a wide range of illustrated lectures by expert speakers. <https://www.artsocwim.org.uk/Home>

Wimbledon Guild. We are a community charity in Merton providing a hand-up, not a hand-out, providing emotional, financial and practical support. More than just a place, it is a real community. With a wide range of activities, we aim to reduce social isolation and loneliness, help people who are experiencing difficulties and enable older people to be active and healthy. Guild House, 30/32 Worple Road SW19 4EF <https://www.wimbledonguild.co.uk/about-us>

Wed 8
8pm **'A Brief History of Wine'**. An Arts Society Wimbledon illustrated lecture by David Wright. Wine has been part of our global society for over 7,000 years. The lecture looks at the relationship between art and wine. Non-members £10. Sacred Heart Church Hall, Edge Hill, SW19 4LU

Wed 8 to
Sun 12
7.30pm, Sat
& Sun mats
2.30pm **Treasure Island – panto 2021** by Ben Crocker. Ahoy there, me hearties – all aboard for the adventure of a lifetime! Long John Silver and his fearsome crew may think that treasure is within their grasp, but ... Tickets: £15 Concessions £13 – includes a free programme. Lantern Arts Centre, Tolverne Road, SW20 8RA. <https://www.lanternarts.org>. 0203 761 7070

Sat 11
2.30pm **Merton Historical Society. 'Anthony Sadler and the goings-on in Mitcham Parish'**. An illustrated talk by local historian Dr Edward Legon. St James's Church Hall, Merton. Visitors are welcome to attend. Entry £2. www.mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk

Sat 11
4pm **Carols on the Commons.** The Conservators and the Trustees of the Windmill Museum invite you to their annual Christmas Carols sing-a-long with the Wandle Concert Band, to be held on the grass area outside the Rangers' Office. There is no charge, but donations will be welcome. Come for carols, mulled cider, hot chocolate and mince pies!

Wed 15 &
Thu 16
8pm **'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens.** Based on the text that Charles Dickens himself used for his public readings of his novella, David Kirkland will perform this story in a one-man show that will take you to the heart of this classic. Tickets: £5 including seasonal refreshments. Lantern Arts Centre, Tolverne Road, SW20 8RA. <https://www.lanternarts.org>. 0203 761 7070

Sat 18
7pm **CC21 and CC21 Ensemble. 'J S Bach: Christmas Oratorio'**. Max Barley, conductor. Colette Bushell soprano, Rebecca Leggett alto, David de Winter tenor, Michael Lafferty bass. Tickets £20 (£15 concs) online <http://wegottickets.com/event/530837> (or at door or from choir members). St John's, Spencer Hill, SW19 4NZ

Sat 18
7.30pm **Platinum Consort | Platinum Choristers. 'A special Christmas concert'**. Scott Inglis-Kidger *director* | Douglas Tang *organist*. Renaissance polyphony, popular carols in exciting arrangements, and Christmas hymns for the audience to sing. The Concert Hall, King's College Wimbledon, Southside, Wimbledon Common, London, SW19 4TT. Tickets: £25 (unreserved seating). Available at <http://platinumconsort.com/christmas>.

Sun 19
6.30pm **Carols by Candlelight.** St John's Church, Spencer Hill, SW19 4NZ. An evening for all the family featuring traditional lessons, choral classics and favourite carols by the St John's Singers. See <http://stjohnswimbledon.co.uk>

January 2022

Sat 8 2.30pm	Merton Historical Society. 'William Morris and his Workers at Merton Abbey' . An illustrated talk by local MOLA archaeologist Dave Saxby. St James's Church Hall, Merton. Visitors are welcome to attend. Entry £2. www.mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk
Sat 8 7.15pm for 7.30pm	Quiz Night – Macmillan Cancer Support . Garden Hall, St Mary's Church. Book tables of 6, 8, small groups or individuals. Tickets - £25 to include supper and quiz. Contact Linda Defriez on 020 8944 6914 or lindadefriez@hotmail.com
Wed 12 8pm	'Art & Technology Today: New Frontiers' . An Arts Society Wimbledon illustrated lecture by Jacky Klein. How the new technologies of Artificial Intelligence, 3D printing, wearable tech, location-tracking, voice recognition and live-streaming are changing the way art is made and experienced. Non-members £10. Sacred Heart Church Hall, Edge Hill, SW19 4LU
Sat 15 10.30am	Guided Walk: 'Identifying Winter Trees' . Friends of Cannizaro Park. Learn how to identify trees from bark, branch and shaping with guide Greg Packman. Book your tickets on Eventbrite. More information on https://www.cannizaropark.com
Thu 20 7pm	Wimbledon Society online talk: 'Canons House & Grounds Project' . A talk by Amy Green, Community Engagement Officer. The house was built in the 1680s and owned by the Cranmer family from its construction until its sale to the council in 1939. The talk will illustrate a major lottery-funded regeneration project for the house and grounds. This talk will be on zoom – all members will receive a link by email in good time. There is no charge.
Fri 21 2pm start, Tea/coffee at 1.30pm	Wimbledon National Trust Association. 'Bruges – it's more important than just chocolate' . Lecture by Melanie Gibson-Barton BSc (Hons). Christ Church Hall, Cottenham Park Road, SW20. £4 for WNTA members, £4.50 for non-members. Enquiries 020 8401 2157.

February 2022

Wed 9 8pm	'Happy and Glorious' . An Arts Society Wimbledon illustrated lecture by Barbara Askew. The evolution of the coronation ceremony from Saxon times. It explains the different stages of the ceremony and the significance of the coronation regalia. It ends with the coronation of HM the Queen. Non-members £10. Sacred Heart Church Hall, Edge Hill, SW19 4LU
Wed 16 5pm	Wimbledon Society online talk. 'The Story of the Huguenots' . A talk by Joyce Hampton, Chair of the Arts Society Ashted. A historical journey that began with the earliest doubts about the teachings of the Church and led to the birth of Calvinism. This talk will be on zoom – all members will receive a link by email in good time. There is no charge.
Fri 18 2pm start, Tea/coffee at 1.30pm	Wimbledon National Trust Association. 'A-Z of Croydon' Lecture by Michael Gilbert. Christ Church Hall, Cottenham Park Road, SW20. £4 for WNTA members, £4.50 for non-members. Enquiries 020 8401 2157.

March 2022

Wed 9 8pm	'Faberge: Objects of Desire' . An Arts Society illustrated lecture by Cynthia Coleman Sparke. How did a modest jewellery concern become an enduring symbol of Romanov luxury? This talk considers the design sources, the materials and the techniques that distinguished the legendary Russian firm. Non-members £10. Sacred Heart Church Hall, Edge Hill, SW19 4LU
Sat 12 7pm	Academy Choir Wimbledon, Academy Baroque Players. 'Bach: St John Passion' . Matthew Best, conductor. <i>Nick Pritchard Evangelist, Rowan Pierce soprano, Hugh Cutting counter-tenor, Anthony Gregory tenor, James Newby baritone, Edward Grint bass.</i> Booking opens 1 February 2022. St John's Spencer Hill, Wimbledon SW19 4NZ http://www.academychoirwimbledon.co.uk
Wed 16 5pm	Wimbledon Society online talk. 'Pubs of Wimbledon Town' . A talk by Clive Whichelow. Between 1861 and 1881 the population south of the railway increased eightfold to 8000, leading to a demand for inns and beer houses. Many survive but others have gone, and this talk uncovers the stories of all the pubs that have been part of Wimbledon town. The talk will be on zoom – all members will receive a link by email in good time. There is no charge.
Fri 18 2pm start, Tea/coffee at 1.30pm	Wimbledon National Trust Association. 'A Very Secret War: Bugging the Nazis in WW2' . Lecture by Helen Fry. Christ Church Hall, Cottenham Park Road, SW20. £4 for WNTA members, £4.50 for non-members. Enquiries 020 8401 2157.
Sat 26 10.30am	Guided Walk: 'Trees and Folklore' . Friends of Cannizaro Park. Find out about the ancient stories which connect us to our trees with guide Greg Packman. Book your tickets on Eventbrite. More information on https://www.cannizaropark.com

Please note: We have tried our best to include all the information sent and we hope that it is accurate. However, lack of space means it has not been possible to include everything. Please contact the individual organisations for further details of their programmes and to check items.