

- ❖ The Society's *Wimbledon Museum* on Ridgway (corner of Lingfield Road) is currently undergoing an exciting major refurbishment, and will re-open in mid-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.

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 'wimbledonfilmclub.com'. 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>

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>

March 2022

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| 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
2.30pm | Merton Historical Society. 'Surrey in the Gentleman's Magazine' An illustrated talk by Julian Pooley of Surrey History Centre, St James's Church Hall, Merton. Visitors are welcome to attend. Entry £2. www.mertonhistoricalsociety.org.uk |
| 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 |
| Sat 12
7.30pm | Wimbledon Symphony Orchestra. Spring Concert. Music by Wagner, Elgar and Brahms with singer Olivia Ray and conductor Edmund Whitehead. St Matthew's Church, Durham Road, Raynes Park. www.wimso.org.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. |
| Tue 22
6.30pm | Wimbledon & Putney Commons. The Grand Houses of Rushmere. A 60-min online talk by Alan Blower revealing the history and residents of the magnificent houses and the labourers' cottages that overlook Rushmere Pond and the surrounding area on the Common. Register for the talk on wpcc.org.uk |
| Wed 23
– Sat 26
7.30pm,
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2.30pm | Ladies' Day. A Comedy by Amanda Whittington. An exuberant comedy about four likely lasses from the Hull fish docks on a day trip to the races, from the author of <i>Be My Baby</i> . Recommended age 11+. Tickets £15 and £13 con
Lantern Arts Centre, Tolverne Road, SW20 8RA. https://www.lanternarts.org . 0203 761 7070 |
| Fri 25
1.00pm | Lunchtime Recital, at St John's Church, Spencer Hill. Coffee and cakes from 12.30. Retiring collection. See stjohnswimbledon.co.uk for recitals information. |
| 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 |

April 2022

Sat 2 – Sun 3 & Sat 9 – Sun 10 11am-4pm	Merton Priory. The historic Chapter House of Merton Priory reopens for the summer season with “River Culture”, a major local art exhibition inspired by the Wandle. The Chapter House remains are under the A24 Merantun Way between Sainsbury’s and Merton Abbey Mills, and will be open as usual 11am - 4pm every Sunday between April and October. Enquiries to john@johnhawks.org
Thu 7 5pm	Wimbledon Society online talk. ‘Wimbledon Common: Nine Ponds’. An online talk by Alan Blower. Illustrated tour of the five-mile walking route linking the nine ponds. Learn about the history of the commons including royal celebrations, ghostly stories, and the exploits of villains. The talk will be on zoom – all members will receive a link by email in good time. There is no charge.
Fri 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 07734 592156 or lindadefriez@hotmail.com
Wed 13 8pm	History of the Harp: from Mediterranean Antiquity to 20th century Europe. An Arts Society illustrated lecture by Sarah Deere-Jones. The history of one of the world’s most ancient and beloved musical instruments from thousands of years BC to its arrival in northern Europe. Non-members £10. Sacred Heart Church Hall, Edge Hill, SW19 4LU
Fri 22 2pm start, Tea/coffee at 1.30pm	Wimbledon National Trust Association. The life of Emma Hamilton and her years with Lord Nelson at Merton Place. Lecture by Alan Paul. Christ Church Hall, Cottenham Park Road, SW20. £4 for WNTA members, £4.50 for non-members. Enquiries 020 8401 2157.
Fri 29 1.00pm	Lunchtime Recital at St John’s Church, Spencer Hill. Coffee and cakes from 12.30. Retiring collection. See stjohnswimbledon.co.uk for recitals information.

May 2022

Thu 5 Meet 10.45am for 11am tour	Wimbledon Society Excursion. Chelsea Physic Garden. Guided tour of the second-oldest surviving botanical garden in England, founded in 1673 as the Apothecaries’ Garden to grow plants for use as medicines. Meet at the garden entrance in Swan Walk. Cost £14.00 per person Contact Jane Healey on jane.healey55@icloud.com or 07740700925 to book your place.
Sat 7 7pm	Galilee to Jerusalem: premiere of an oratorio by Andrew Edwards telling in vivid music the biblical story of the ministry, teaching and miracles of Jesus. The Oratorio Singers & Orchestra & soloists Matthew Brook, Helen Charlston & Nicholas Mulroy. St John’s Church, Spencer Hill, SW19 4NZ. Tickets £25/£20 from Ticketsource. Further details at www.stjohnswimbledon.co.uk
Wed 11 8pm	The Bayeux Tapestry: 950 years of propaganda, intrigue and spin. An Arts Society illustrated lecture by Timothy Wilcox. This lecture looks not only at its creation, but also at its even more amazing afterlife. Non-members £10. Sacred Heart Church Hall, Edge Hill, SW19 4LU
Sun 22 9am – 5pm	Wimbledon & Putney Commons 150th Anniversary Celebrations – Games Day There will be representatives from the many sports that have taken place on the Commons over the years. Matches will be played on the Richardson Evans playing fields and family activities near the Windmill including AFC Wimbledon football penalty shoot outs for children, a dog agility display, horse display, rugby, lacrosse, golf putting, a stoolball match. Details on wpsc.org.uk
Fri 27 1.00pm	Lunchtime Recital at St John’s Church, Spencer Hill. Coffee and cakes from 12.30. Retiring collection. See stjohnswimbledon.co.uk for recitals information.

June 2022

Mon 6 Tour at 2pm	Wimbledon Society Excursion. Chiswick House. Guided tour of a "glorious" example of Neo-Palladian architecture, designed and built by Richard Boyle, 3rd Earl of Burlington, completed in 1729. You can tour the gardens and visit the cafe either before or after the House tour. Car park on site. The cost is £20 per person. Please contact Jane Healey on jane.healey55@icloud.com or 07740700925 to book your place.
Wed 8 8pm	Beautiful, Beastly, Bizarre: The art of Hieronymous Bosch. An Arts Society illustrated lecture by Paula Nuttall. This lecture unravels the meanings of Bosch’s enigmatic paintings in the context of his own time. Non-members £10. Sacred Heart Church Hall, Edge Hill, SW19 4LU
Sat 18 7.30pm	Wimbledon Symphony Orchestra. Summer Concert. Proms style concert featuring Sibelius, Mendelsohn and a traditional Prom finale with violinist Charlotte Saluste-Bridoux and conductor Edmund Whitehead. St Matthew’s Church, Durham Road, Raynes Park. www.wimso.org.uk

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.