

**The Society's Diary provides members with an easy reference list of events in the Wimbledon area.**

Please contact the individual organisations for further details of their programmes.

Details can change and should be checked.

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- ❖ The Society's *Wimbledon Museum* on Ridgway (corner of Lingfield Road). Open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 2.30pm to 5.00pm. Free entry.
- ❖ The Society's *Local History Group* meets monthly – see website for dates. Venue: Wimbledon Museum (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 welcomed.

**The Arts Society Wimbledon.** The Society aims to broaden knowledge and enjoyment of the arts. Meetings are held 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.** A community charity in Merton providing a hand-up, not a hand-out, with emotional, financial and practical support. Its many activities aim to reduce social isolation and loneliness and enable older people to be active and healthy.

Guild House, 30/32 Worple Road SW19 4EF <https://www.wimbledonguild.co.uk/about-us>

**Wimbledon National Trust Association.** Its objectives are to promote the National Trust locally, raise funds in its support and to enrich members' understanding of its work. Membership is open to all whether members of the National Trust or not. Contact at [info@wimbledonnta.org.uk](mailto:info@wimbledonnta.org.uk)

**The Wimbledon Film Club.** Established in 2005, the Club screens films at the HMV Curzon cinema, Broadway. Screenings are fortnightly on Tuesdays during the September-to-June season. Tickets: members/U30s/students £7; non-members £13 (plus £1.79

online booking fee). For information: <https://wimbledonfilmclub.co.uk/>

Open to all (members get discounted tickets).

**Gresham College** has been providing free, public lectures since 1597. Wide range of topics with expert speakers. All available online. Details on <https://www.gresham.ac.uk/>

**Walk and Talk.** Wimbledon Common and Village Walk and Talk aims to bring communities together for a fun, healthy and engaging weekly walk. Starts every Saturday morning at the Village War Memorial at 10.30am. No need to book, just turn up

<https://www.facebook.com/wimbledoncommonvillagewalkandtalk>

**Wimbledon Society Events [www.wimbledonsociety.org.uk](http://www.wimbledonsociety.org.uk)**

2 Feb – **Exhibition: Behind that Door** Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 2:30 to 5pm.  
24 Mar Free entry. This special exhibition explores the rich history of the Wimbledon Village Club and Lecture Hall building from its Victorian origins.

**Scenes, Seen and Unseen**

As part of the 'Behind that Door' exhibition, there is a black and white photographic series capturing portraits of the building's public spaces.

Venue: Norman Plastow Gallery, Village Hall, Lingfield Road

Sun **Walk. John Innes Society's Heritage Walk. Led by Alison Cousins.**  
7 Apr We will see much of the Conservation Area of Merton Park, with an introduction to the  
2pm history and development of this garden suburb. After a 2-hour walk, tea and cakes at the Coach House. Meet at John Innes Coach House, Melrose Road, Merton Park. £5. Limited places. To book, please contact [gillian.darlington@wimbledonsociety.org.uk](mailto:gillian.darlington@wimbledonsociety.org.uk) or WhatsApp on 07817 419431 or call 07817 419431

Thu 25 Apr 11 am	<b>Wimbledon Society Walk. Kew Village.</b> An unspoilt village and village green, Kew has more blue plaques and famous and royal residents than you can throw a Who's Who at. There will be a delightful Thames-side stroll and we will hear about Kew's beginnings as a fishing village. With Paul Baker, City of London guide. We meet outside Kew Gardens tube station, Royal Botanic Gardens exit. The walk lasts two hours and finishes back at the station. Wimbledon Society Members £12.50. Non-Members £15. Places are limited. To book, please contact <a href="mailto:gillian.darlington@wimbledonociety.org.uk">gillian.darlington@wimbledonociety.org.uk</a> or WhatsApp on 07817 419431 or call 07817 419431
Thu 16 May 5pm	<b>Wimbledon Society Lecture. Elizabeth Beresford</b> by Kate Robertson. Elizabeth's daughter gives us this talk on her mother, creator of the Wombles. Free lecture. Venue: Lounge, Emmanuel Church, Ridgway.
Mon 20 May 11am	<b>A Guided Visit to Brooklands</b> , the pre-eminent venue for motorsport in its heyday. After a tour of the site, you can stay as long as you wish exploring the classic cars and bikes, or boarding many aircraft built at Brooklands including the Comet 4B and Concorde, explore the former aircraft hangars now housing classic old aircraft telling the history of flight, view the famous ramped race track, visit the huge London Bus Museum, test your driving in a F1 simulator and much more. Tour price includes your entry fee, guided tour and a voucher for tea/coffee and cake. We suggest guests make their own way to Brooklands, approximately 30mins down the A3. Plenty of free parking. Wimbledon Society Members £28. Non-Members £32. The Concorde Experience £6 is an optional extra – please indicate whether you would like to include this. Bookings for this outing will close on 3 <sup>rd</sup> May. To book a place contact <a href="mailto:gillian.darlington@wimbledonociety.org.uk">gillian.darlington@wimbledonociety.org.uk</a> or WhatsApp on 07817 419431 or call 07817 419431
Wed 12 Jun 10.15am	<b>Walk. Hampton Court to Kingston, via Bushy Park</b> , led by Ann Cantrell A gentle 3 mile walk through lovely Bushy Park, past several ponds, and through Millennium Wood. Plenty of wildlife to spot along the way. £5 per person. Meet at Hampton Court station at 10.15am. To book, please contact <a href="mailto:gillian.darlington@wimbledonociety.org.uk">gillian.darlington@wimbledonociety.org.uk</a> or WhatsApp on 07817 419431 or call 07817 419431
Mon 17 Jun 11am	<b>Wimbledon Society Tour. House of Commons.</b> A 75-minute tour explaining the work of the UK Parliament and its relevance today, highlighting some of the dramatic moments in the history of the Palace of Westminster. Cost £5. Numbers are limited. NB – if an election is called before the tour, the tour will be cancelled. To book a place please contact <a href="mailto:gillian.darlington@wimbledonociety.org.uk">gillian.darlington@wimbledonociety.org.uk</a> or WhatsApp on 07817 419431 or call 07817 419431
Thu 27 Jun 11 am	<b>A Guided Visit to the Canal Museum</b> including a 45-minute presentation on Carlo Gatti and the London Ice Trade. You can see inside a narrowboat cabin, learn about the history of London's canals and how they came to be built, about the cargoes carried, the people who lived and worked on the waterways, and the horses that pulled their boats. Peer down into the unique heritage of a huge Victorian ice well used to store ice imported from Norway and brought by ship and canal boat to be stored. This unique waterways museum is housed in a former ice warehouse built in 1862-3 for Carlo Gatti, the famous ice cream maker. London Canal Museum, 12-13 New Wharf Road, London, N1 9RT, the closest tube station is Kings Cross. Wimbledon Society Members £14. Non-Members £16, to include Coffee/Tea and biscuits To book, please contact <a href="mailto:gillian.darlington@wimbledonociety.org.uk">gillian.darlington@wimbledonociety.org.uk</a> or WhatsApp on 07817 419431 or call 07817 419431
<b>March 2024</b>	
Wed 13 8pm	<b>Arts Society lecture. 160 years of London Underground Design and Architecture</b> by Mark Ovenden. The sometimes surprising attempts to create graphic unity between the operating companies of the Underground. Members free, guests £10. Sacred Heart Church Hall, Edge Hill, SW19 4LU. <a href="https://www.artsocwim.org.uk">https://www.artsocwim.org.uk</a>

Sat 16 3pm	<b>Wimbledon National Trust Association:</b> Saving Country Houses by Ben Cowell at Christ Church Hall, Cottenham Park Road, SW20 0RZ £4 for WNTA members, £4.50 for non-members. Enquiries: 07876 826772
Sat 16 7.30pm	<b>Quiz Night</b> in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, Merton, at the Garden Hall, St Mary's Church. Tables of 6 or 8. £30 a head includes a two course supper. To book please contact Lindi Roe at <a href="mailto:lindiroe@blueyonder.co.uk">lindiroe@blueyonder.co.uk</a>
Sat 16 7.30pm	<b>Hill Singers Chamber Choir</b> Dvorak's Mass in D and other pieces from European Sacred Music. Tickets on the door: £14; £12 (concessions); <u>cash only</u> ; children under 16 free. St Matthew's Church, Durham Road SW20 0DE. <a href="http://www.hillsingers.co.uk">www.hillsingers.co.uk</a> .
Fri 22 10am – 3pm	<b>Sale of one-off ladies clothes from Danish brands Pulz Jeans &amp; b.young.</b> Ladies come to The Dog & Fox and grab a bargain at crazy clearance prices. 10% of sales is donated to Macmillan Cancer Support, Merton for the latest fundraising project at St George's Hospital.
Sat 23 7pm	<b>Academy Choir Wimbledon with the London Mozart Players and soloists conducted by Matthew Best.</b> Mozart Vespers, Sinfonia Concertante in E flat and Haydn Theresienmesse. St John's Spencer Hill SW19 4NZ. Tickets <a href="http://www.academychoirwimbledon.co.uk">www.academychoirwimbledon.co.uk</a>
Sun 24 – Wed 27	<b>Wimbledon Bookfest.</b> London's leading literary festival returns for a spring season. Tickets available at <a href="http://www.wimbledonbookfest.org">www.wimbledonbookfest.org</a> . Sun 24 Mar, 6.30pm <b>Clive Myrie</b> in conversation with Toby Mundy. New Wimbledon Theatre. Mon 25 Mar, 7.30pm <b>James O'Brien</b> in conversation with Samira Ahmed. New Wimbledon Theatre. Tue 26 Mar, 7.30pm <b>Bettany Hughes</b> on the seven wonders of the ancient world. New Wimbledon Theatre. Wed 27 March at 7.00pm <b>Jah Wobble</b> in conversation with Robert Elm Merton Arts Space, Wimbledon Library.
Fri 29 and Sun 31 10.30 3.30pm	<b>Easter Egg Hunt on the Commons.</b> Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators. Good Friday - 29 March and Easter Sunday - 31 March Starting in the Easter Gazebo opposite the Windmill, collect your entry form and follow the trails to hunt the Commons for the hidden wooden Easter Eggs that hold the secret letters to - collect them all and work out the secret words to claim your prize! Free entry into the Prize Draw for everyone who takes part. No need to book - no fixed start times. Collect your entry form from the gazebo opposite the Windmill - entry fee £2.00 Information from <a href="mailto:rangersoffice@wpcc.org.uk">rangersoffice@wpcc.org.uk</a> ; phone 020 8788 7655
<b>April 2024</b>	
Sun 7 2pm	<b>Wimbledon Society. John Innes Society's Heritage Walk.</b> Led by Alison Cousins. Details under Wimbledon Society Events above.
Wed 10 8pm	<b>Arts Society lecture. The Story of the Cook sisters and how they used opera to save lives</b> by Anne Sebba. Ida and Louise Cook were sisters who used their earnings to indulge their love of opera, travelling all over the world. Details as 13 March.
Sat 13 11am	<b>Merton Interfaith Walk.</b> A 5k walk visiting local Merton faith sites - Fazl Mosque, Wimbledon Synagogue, Buddhapadipa Temple, St Mary's, Hindu Temple. All proceeds to Merton Homeless Project – Faith in Action. £5 registration at start of walk. Start at Wimbledon Station by the stag, finishing about 3pm, but feel free to leave at any stop. Guides: Richard Smart (Blue Badge Guide) PC Suzanne D'Cruze (Faith Engagement Officer)
Tue 16 8.45pm	<b>Wimbledon Film Club. How to Have Sex (15).</b> UK drama about consent. HMV Curzon Cinema, Broadway. Full details and tickets <a href="https://wimbledonfilmclub.co.uk/">https://wimbledonfilmclub.co.uk/</a>
Sat 20 3pm	<b>Wimbledon National Trust Association</b> My Life in Show Business & the People I've Worked With, by Glen Hayes at Christ Church Hall, Cottenham Park Road, SW20 0RZ £4 for WNTA members, £4.50 for non-members. Enquiries: 07876 826772
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Sat 27 7.30pm	<b>Wimbledon Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert</b> featuring soloist Jennifer Pike performing Ruth Gipps violin concerto as part of a celebration of English music. Tickets £15 / U30 £10 / U6 free. St Paul's Church, Inner Park Road, SW19 8EW <a href="http://www.wimso.org.uk/next-concert-1">www.wimso.org.uk/next-concert-1</a>
Tue 30 8.30pm	<b>Wimbledon Film Club</b> Raging Grace (15) + Q&A. UK modern gothic horror (2023). HMV Curzon Cinema, Broadway. Full details as 16 April.

### May 2024

Tue 7 8.30pm	<b>Wimbledon Film Club</b> River (12) + Q&A. Japanese time-loop comedy-drama (2023) Full details as 16 April.
Wed 8 8pm	<b>Arts Society lecture. George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham - the handsomest man in 17th century Europe and his patronage of the Arts</b> by Lucy Hughes-Hallett. Favourite of King James I and Chief Minister to King Charles I. George Villiers was a discerning Patron. At the age of 35 Buckingham was murdered. Details as 13 March.
Tue 14 9am to 1pm	<b>Macmillan Cancer Support Spring Coffee Morning.</b> Daniela McBride's coffee and open garden morning at 61 Arthur Road, SW19 7DN. Entry £5 to include coffee and cake. Home produce, <a href="http://SW19london.com">SW19london.com</a> clothes and Italian craft will be on sale. Also a raffle.
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Mon 20 11am	<b>Wimbledon Society. A Guided Visit to Brooklands.</b> Details under Wimbledon Society Events above.
Tue 21 8.30pm	<b>Wimbledon Film Club</b> Rififi (12) + Q&A. Classic French heist thriller (black+white, 1955) Full details as 16 April.
Tue 28 8.30pm	<b>Wimbledon Film Club</b> American Fiction (15). US comedy (2024). Full details as 16 April.

### June 2024

Wed 12 10.15am	<b>Wimbledon Society Walk. Hampton Court to Kingston, via Bushy Park</b> Details under Wimbledon Society Events above
Wed 12 8pm	<b>Arts Society lecture. Portraits of the Maharanis</b> by John Stevens. The Maharajahs and Maharanis of India were semi-independent rulers. This lecture draws on a stunning collection of portraits and photographs of Indian Maharanis, that portray them as powerful, dignified and educated figures. Details as 13 March.
Mon 17 10.30am	<b>Wimbledon Society Tour: House of Commons</b> Details under Wimbledon Society Events above.
Tue 18 8.30pm	<b>Wimbledon Film Club</b> Joyland (15). Pakistani family drama (2022) Full details as 16 April.
Thu 27 11am	<b>Wimbledon Society. A Guided Visit to the Canal Museum</b> Details under Wimbledon Society Events above.
Sat 29 7.30pm	<b>Wimbledon Symphony Orchestra Summer Concert</b> , welcoming back conductor Leo Geyer for a varied programme of music. Tickets £15 / U30 £10 / U6 free. St Paul's Church, Inner Park Road, London, SW19 8EW. <a href="http://www.wimso.org.uk/next-concert-1">www.wimso.org.uk/next-concert-1</a>