

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) has reopened after an exciting major refurbishment.
- ❖ 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

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

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 see: 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. We are on a mission to bring communities together for a fun, healthy and engaging weekly walk in their local green space. Starting every Saturday morning at the Village War Memorial at 10.30am. www.walkandtalkmovement.org

Wimbledon Society Events www.wimbledonsociety.org.uk

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| Sat 16 Sep 6.30 – | Members' Drinks Party. The Trustees of the Wimbledon Society are delighted to invite all members to our Members' Drinks Party. Village Hall, Lingfield Road SW19 4QD - Tickets £20 To book tickets please email jane.healey@wimbledonsociety.org.uk or ring 07740 700925 |
| Thu 28 Sep 7pm | Wimbledon Society Talk by zoom. Heritage Tales of Wimbledon. By Tony Matthews. Editor of the WimSoc Newsletter from 2009 to 2015. From 2011, he supplied Heritage articles regularly to the Wimbledon Guardian newspaper online, all of which are included in his updated book. A zoom link will be sent to all members closer to the date of the talk. |
| Tue 17 Oct 10.30am | Wimbledon Society Talk: The Gothic Revival, by Margaret Smart, St John's Church, Spencer Hill, itself a very good example of Gothic Revival. There are examples of Gothic Revival in buildings, in literature and fine art. The talk will show Pugin's work, Cardiff Castle, Tyntesfield and many Wimbledon buildings, including the Village Hall. Coffee will be served from 10.00am. To book a place, please contact Jane Healey on 07740 700925 or on jane.healey@wimbledonsociety.org.uk |
| Thu 23 Nov 5pm | Wimbledon Society Talk by zoom: Emma Hamilton, Lord Nelson and Merton Place. By Alan Paul. Her early years, her life in Naples with her husband, her meeting with Lord Nelson, and her return to the UK and life in Merton. The talk also includes something about the Borough of Merton and some other observations on local places and history. A zoom link will be sent to all members closer to the date of the talk. |

September 2023

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| 5 Sep 26 Sep 17 Oct 7 Nov 28 Nov 19 Dec 10am | Wimbledon & Putney Commons Conservators: Healthy Walks. Ongoing programme of healthy walks, about 1 hour, start at 10am on the Tuesdays listed adjacent, led by one of the Commons' full-time staff or a regular volunteer. The pace will be moderate, designed for anyone who would like to take a little bit of exercise and learn about the history and management of the Commons. Meet outside the wooden garages near the Rangers Office on Wimbledon Common (SW19 5NQ). No necessity to book a place. More information on https://www.wpcc.org.uk/events/healthy-walks or 020 8788 7655 |
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| Sun 10 10am – 5pm | Wimbledon and Putney Commons Open Day Near the Ranger's Office, Wimbledon Common (SW19 5NR). Come and join us for our annual day of fun and merriment!. Something of interest to everyone with craft and local business stalls for you to browse, arena events to enjoy, funfair rides, donkey and tractor rides. https://www.wpcc.org.uk/things-to-do/events/profile/open-day-1 or 020 8788 7655 |
| Wed 13 8pm | Arts Society lecture: The Life & Work of May Morris by Fiona Rose. The younger daughter of William Morris was overshadowed in her lifetime by her father but is recognised today as a leading figure in the Arts & Crafts movement. Members free, guests £10. Sacred Heart Church Hall, Edge Hill, SW19 4LU. https://www.artsocwim.org.uk |
| Sat 16 6.30 – 8.30pm | Members' Drinks Party. See details above, under Wimbledon Society Events. |
| Sun 17 11am | Wandle Industrial Museum Heritage Walk led by John Sheridan: Morden Hall Park to The Chapter House, Merton Abbey. Free of charge, donations welcome. See details and booking information on www.wandle.org ; email john.sheridan08@gmail.com |
| Tue 19 7.30pm | Come and Sing with the Hill Singers Chamber Choir. New season starts with a rehearsal at 7.30 pm in the Wesley Room, Lantern Arts Centre, entrance in Tolverne Road, Raynes Park, SW20 8RA. New singers for all voice parts are welcome as we prepare for our December concert, featuring Haydn's St Nicholas Mass. For further information visit http://www.hillsingers.co.uk |
| Tue 26 8.30pm | Wimbledon Film Club. Pamfir (15) - Thrilling crime drama. Plus Q&A. In partnership with the Ukrainian Film Festival. HMV Curzon cinema, Broadway. Tickets: members/U30s/students £7; non-members £13 (plus £1.79 online booking fee). Tickets and memberships from: mailto:wimbledonfilmclub.co.uk . |
| Thu 28 7pm | Wimbledon Society Talk by zoom. Heritage Tales of Wimbledon. By Tony Matthews. See details above, under Wimbledon Society Events. |
| Fri 29 10am- 3pm | Designer Sample Sale. Ladies grab a bargain at another sale of Designer Samples at the Dog & Fox. 10% of sales is donated to Macmillan Cancer Support, Merton. Details from Zoe Penny - zmpenny@btinternet.com |
| October 2023 | |
| Tue 3 8.30pm | Wimbledon Film Club. Pretty Red Dress (15) - A transformative red dress impacts on a South London family's identities and secrets. Details as 26 Sep. |
| Sat 7 11am – 1pm | Cannizaro Park: Guided Tree Walk. Tour Cannizaro's flaming beauty, through its top autumn trees with arboriculturist Greg Packman. Why do trees change colour in autumn? Why do some trees lose their leaves? https://cannizaropark.com/event/guided-tree-walk-autumn-colour-save-the-date/ |
| Sat 7 10.30am – 2.30pm | Wimbledon Guild Waggy Walk. Annual fundraiser Waggy Walk on Wimbledon Common is back! Support Wimbledon Guild whilst having labrad-oodles of fun with your canine companion, family and friends. Though no pet is no problem! You can join the event with or without a dog. https://wimbledonguild.co.uk/events/78/wimbledon-guild-waggy-walk |
| Wed 11 8pm | Arts Society lecture: Cambodia: The Sacred Art of Angkor and Living Arts by Denise Heywood. Built in the c12th, Angkor Wat is the biggest religious monument in the world. Explore its artistic heritage. Details as 13 Sep. |
| Thu 12 – Sun 22 | Wimbledon Bookfest. Recognised as one of the UK's leading literary festivals, Bookfest this year will be in performance spaces in central Wimbledon. An outstanding range of speakers is planned. Details and programme information on https://www.wimbledonbookfest.org/festivals/festival-2023/ |
| Sat 14 10.30am – 12.00pm | Cannizaro Park: Forest Bathing. A guided slow sensory walk to immerse yourself in the wooded world of Cannizaro Park. Susanne Meis is an experienced Forest Bathing Guide and Nature Wellbeing Educator. Join her to calm your mind, energise your body and connect deeply with nature. https://cannizaropark.com/event/14-oct-forest-bathing-save-the-date/ |
| Tue 17 10.30am | Wimbledon Society Talk: The Gothic Revival, by Margaret Smart See details above, under Wimbledon Society Events. |
| Tue 17 8.30pm | Wimbledon Film Club. Nostalgia (12A). An expat returns to Naples after years of absence, revisiting the ghosts of the past. Details as 26 Sep |

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| Sat 21 3pm | Wimbledon National Trust Association: A Conspiracy History of the World. Lecture by Andy Thomas at Christ Church Hall, Cottenham Park Road, SW20 0RZ £4 for WNTA members, £4.50 for non-members. Enquiries: 07876 826772 |
| Fri 27 10am- 3pm | Designer Sample Sale. Ladies grab a bargain at another sale of Designer Samples at the Dog & Fox. 10% of sales is donated to Macmillan Cancer Support, Merton. Details from Zoe Penny - zmpenny@btinternet.com |
| Sat 28 11am – 4pm | Wimbledon & Putney Commons Conservators: Halloween Pumpkin Hunt! Join the hunt for pumpkins! More information on 020 8788 7655 or https://www.wpcc.org.uk/things-to-do/events/profile/halloween-pumpkin-hunt |
| Tue 31 8.30pm | Wimbledon Film Club. Theatre of Blood (15). 50th anniversary Halloween screening of cult British comedy-horror classic. Plus Q&A. Details as 26 Sep. |
| November 2023 | |
| Thu 2 10.30am – 3pm | Bridge Lunch for Macmillan Cancer Support at The Wimbledon Club, Church Road. Cost £25 per head to include a lunch of soup and sandwiches. Further details from Zoe Penny - zmpenny@btinternet.com . |
| Wed 8 8pm | Arts Society lecture: The Art of Atonement: How Germany Commemorates WW2 by Angela Findlay. How does a nation of former persecutors mourn its victims? How do you remember what you would rather forget? Details as 13 Sep. |
| Sat 11 – Sun 26 | Wimbledon International Music Festival 2023 Glorious music-making in Wimbledon and nearby areas, inspiring audiences young and old by offering the opportunity of hearing some of the very best musicians in the world performing live. Information on https://wimbledonmusicfestival.co.uk/about/ |
| Sat 11 7.30pm | Wimbledon Symphony Orchestra's winter concert. Mozart's Piano Concerto No.23 and works by Weber and Dvorak. St Paul's Church, 120 Augustus Road, Wimbledon. More information and tickets: https://www.wimso.org.uk/next-concert-1 |
| Tue 14 8.30pm | Wimbledon Film Club. All That Breathes (15). Oscar-nominated documentary. Two brothers protect the black kite birds of New Delhi. Details as 26 Sep. |
| Sat 18 3pm | Wimbledon National Trust Association: See-Saw Tee and Tiger's Tea – a life in theatre and books. Lecture by David Wood. Details as 21 October. |
| Tue 21 8.30pm | Wimbledon Film Club. Holy Spider (18). An investigative reporter goes undercover to unmask a serial killer murdering sex workers in Iran. Details as 26 Sep. |
| Thu 23 5pm | Wimbledon Society Talk by zoom: Emma Hamilton and Merton Place, by Alan Paul. See details above, under Wimbledon Society Events. |
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| December 2023 | |
| Sat 2 7.30pm | Hill Singers Chamber Choir: A concert of seasonal music featuring Haydn's St. Nicholas Mass and carols for choir and audience. Tickets on the door: £14; £12 (concessions); cash only; children under 16 free. St Matthew's Church, Durham Road SW20 0DE. www.hillsingers.co.uk . |
| Sun 3 10am – 5pm | Christmas in the Village Festive fun, food and shopping in Wimbledon Village, a day packed with activities and goodies. Organised by the Wimbledon Village Business Association in aid of Wimbledon Guild. A Christmas Market, Santa's Grotto, Santa and Elves horseback parade. The end of the day will see the tree lights switched on, sing-along carols, mince pies – and a glass of mulled wine for the grown-ups. For a full event schedule please see www.wimbledon-village.com |
| Tue 5 8.30pm | Wimbledon Film Club. The Lady Eve (U) - Our traditional pre-Xmas black & white classic, a glorious screwball comedy. Plus Q&A. Details as 26 Sep. |
| Wed 13 8pm | Arts Society lecture: From Cradle to Grave: The Iconography of the Nativity in Late Medieval Italian Art by Helen McIldowie-Jenkins. The perfect Christmas lecture, tracing the fascinating development of the Nativity image. Details as 13 Sep. |
| Wed 13 – Sun 17 | Lantern Arts Centre: Jack and the Beanstalk. Annual Christmas Pantomime, written and directed by the LAC's Artistic Director, Amy Phillips. More information on 020 3761 7070 or https://www.lanternarts.org/jack-and-the-beanstalk |