

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. 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

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

Tue 16 Jan 2024 10.30am	A Guided Visit to the Armourers and Brasiers' Livery Hall. Doors open at 10.15am. Tour will start at 10.30am. The Armourers and Brasiers is one of the 110 Livery Companies in the City of London. In 1322, the Guild of St George of the Armourers was instituted. The Company's present Charter was granted in 1708 by Queen Anne, giving the Brasiers (workers in brass and copper), equal status with the Armourers. As the Armourers to the Services, the Company played a special role in the defence of the City. Its connections with the Armed Forces persist to this day. Coffee/Tea and biscuits will be served, included in the tour price. The tour will last 90 minutes. Wimbledon Society Members £22. Non-Members £25 To book a place contact gillian.darlington@wimbledonsociety.org.uk or on 07817 419431
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Thu 18 Jan 2024 7pm	Sport along the Wandle. A zoom talk by Mick Taylor Mick will look at sporting activities from the past and present along the River Wandle – some of which are more disturbing than others! The talk is free for WimSoc members, and a link will be sent to all members in good time.
Wed 28 Feb 2024 10.45am	A Guided Visit to The Household Cavalry Museum and Changing of the Guard. The Household Cavalry Museum sits within Horse Guards in Whitehall. The Household Cavalry was formed in 1661 under the direct order of King Charles II and now consists of the two senior regiments of the British Army, The Life Guards and the Blues and Royals. The Museum is a living museum about real people doing a real job in a real place. Through a large, glazed partition you can see troopers working with horses in the original 18th century stables. The experience comes alive with compelling personal stories, first-hand accounts of the troopers' rigorous and demanding training. First, we will watch the changing of the Guard outside the museum on Whitehall, followed by the guided tour of the museum. Wimbledon Society Members £14. Non-Members £16. Places are limited. To book a place contact gillian.darlington@wimbledonsociety.org.uk or on 07817 419431
December 2023	
Sat 2 12–4pm	St John's Christmas Fair. Annual Fair Spencer Hill Wimbledon SW19 4NZ
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. 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 .
Wed 6 6.30pm	Wimbledon Guild Christmas Carol Service. Join in the festive fun as choirs from two local schools - The Study and Bishop Gilpin - perform Christmas carols and readings. Continue with mince pies and drinks following the service. Tickets £12 adult, £5 child. St Mark's Church, Wimbledon, SW19 7ND. To book, call 020 8946 0735 or pay at door.
Mon 11 1.30pm	Wimbledon Guild. Jingle all the Way with the Royal Albert Hall Songbook. Get in the Christmas spirit with Royal Albert Hall musicians, as they perform a variety of festive classics. Guild House, 30/32 Worple Road, Wimbledon SW19 4EF. Stay on afterwards for a post-show social with complimentary mulled wine and mince pies. £5 per person, advanced booking essential. To book, call 020 8946 0735.
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. Members free, guests £10. Sacred Heart Church Hall, Edge Hill, SW19 4LU. https://www.artsocwim.org.uk
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
Tue 19 10am	Wimbledon & Putney Commons Conservators: Healthy Walks. Ongoing programme of healthy walks, about 1 hour, led by a Commons' staff member or a volunteer. Moderate pace, designed for anyone who likes some exercise and to learn about the Commons. Meet by the wooden garages near the Rangers Office on Wimbledon Common (SW19 5NQ). No need to book. More information on the walks, and dates for 2024. https://www.wpcc.org.uk/events/healthy-walks or 020 8788 7655

January 2024

Wed 10 8pm	Arts Society lecture: The Inside Stories: The real stories behind the most intriguing cases of Nazi looted art by Shauna Isaac. The story of several famous works of art that were looted by the Nazis and their incredible journeys from their pre-wartime owners to their current locations. Details as 13 Dec 23.
Tue 16 10.30am	Wimbledon Society Guided Visit: Armourers and Brasiers' Livery Hall. See details above, under Wimbledon Society Events.
Thu 18 7pm	Wimbledon Society Talk: Sport along the Wandle. A zoom talk by Mick Taylor. See details above, under Wimbledon Society Events.
Sat 20 3pm	Wimbledon National Trust Association: The Creation & Restoration of Painshill by Cherrill Sands at Christ Church Hall, Cottenham Park Road, SW20 0RZ £4 for WNTA members, £4.50 for non-members. Enquiries: 07876 826772
Tue 23 7pm	An Evening with Katriona Taylor in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Dine at Cent Anni restaurant and enjoy being entertained by this highly acclaimed singer. Tickets £55, to include welcome drink & 3 course dinner, from zmpenny@btinternet.com
Fri 26 10am – 3pm	Sale of one-off ladies clothes from Danish brands Pulz Jeans & b.young. 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.

February 2024

Wed 14 8pm	Arts Society lecture. Painting Winter: Snow scenes in art by Stella Grace Lyons. Magical, festive, beautiful, harsh, cruel and bleak, this lecture will explore the variety of interpretations of this season. Details as 13 Dec 23.
Sat 17 3pm	Wimbledon National Trust Association: Painting Watercolour Outdoors by Geoff Hunt at Cottenham Park Road, SW20 0RZ £4 for WNTA members, £4.50 for non-members. Enquiries: 07876 826772
Wed 28 10.45am	Wimbledon Society Guided Visit: Household Cavalry Museum See details above, under Wimbledon Society Events.

March 2024

Wed 13 8pm	Arts Society lecture. 160 years of London Underground Design and Architecture by Mark Ovenden. The sometimes surprising attempts to create graphic unity between the operating companies of the Underground, as it expanded from its earliest days. Details as 13 Dec 23.
Sat 16 3pm	Wimbledon National Trust Association: 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	Quiz Night , in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, Merton. This fun evening takes place at The Garden Hall, St Mary's Church. For further information, please contact Lindi Roe at lindiroe@blueyonder.co.uk
Sat 16 7.30pm	Hill Singers Chamber Choir Dvorak's Mass in D and other pieces from European Sacred Music. 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 .
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Sat 23 7pm	Academy Choir Wimbledon with the London Mozart Players and soloists conducted by Matthew Best. Mozart Vespers, Sinfonia Concertante in E flat and Haydn Theresienmesse. St John's Spencer Hill SW19 4NZ. Tickets www.academychoirwimbledon.co.uk