

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

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

Wed 12 Jun 10.15am	Walk. Hampton Court to Kingston, via Bushy Park, 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 gillian.darlington@wimbledonsociety.org.uk or WhatsApp on 07817 419431 or call 07817 419431
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Mon 17 Jun 11am	Wimbledon Society Tour. House of Commons. 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. To book a place please contact gillian.darlington@wimbledonsociety.org.uk or WhatsApp on 07817 419431 or call 07817 419431
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Thu 27 Jun 11 am	<p>A Guided Visit to the Canal Museum 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.</p> <p>London Canal Museum, 12-13 New Wharf Road, London, N1 9RT, the closest tube station is Kings Cross.</p> <p>Wimbledon Society Members £14. Non-Members £16, to include Coffee/Tea and biscuits To book, please contact gillian.darlington@wimbledonsociety.org.uk or WhatsApp on 07817 419431 or call 07817 419431</p>
Thu 5 Sep 7pm	<p>Lecture: 'Artists, Antiquaries and Collectors' Illustrations of Surrey by John and Edward Hassell collected by Robert Barclay of Bury Hill, Dorking, c.1820.</p> <p>Lecture by Julian Pooley from the Surrey History Centre.</p> <p>The late eighteenth century witnessed a craze among antiquaries and gentlemen collectors for collecting engravings and portraits to bind into published works of local history. Robert Barclay's collection of over 2000 prints reflect the conflicting contemporary tastes for picturesque views and antiquarian precision and provide a wonderful glimpse of Surrey buildings and high streets two centuries ago. This talk will be illustrated by examples from the collection relating to the Wimbledon area.</p> <p>Emmanuel Church, Ridgway, SW19 4QN</p>
Thu 12 Sep 11am	<p>Tour of the King's Cross area. The area around King's Cross station has changed dramatically in the last few years – from an industrial, almost no-go area after dark to the open and welcoming area that is now home to Google, Central St Martin's, The Francis Crick Institute and numerous bars, cafes and shops. The tour starts with an overview covering the past, present and future of the area using an architectural model in the Visitor Centre. We then get out to discover the north part of the area looking at spaces and buildings previously talked about. About an hour and a half to two hours.</p> <p>Wimbledon Society Members £5.</p> <p>To book, please contact gillian.darlington@wimbledonsociety.org.uk or Whats App or call on 07817 41943</p>
June 2024	
Fri 31 May – Sun 9 Jun	<p>Ad Lib Gallery. In collaboration with Hidden Gallery, Ad Lib Gallery is excited to present an extraordinary exhibition of original works by Picasso, Miró, and Matisse, artists whose brilliance continues to captivate fans and collectors alike. From Matisse's iconic 'Blue Nudes', to Picasso's hand-signed lithographs, every piece is an authentic creation by some of the most significant artists of the 20th century. https://adlib.online/events</p> <p>10 Church Road, Wimbledon Village, London, SW19 5DL</p>
Sun 2 11am - 4pm	<p>Merton Priory Trust. The Chapter House will reopen to the public on 2 June for visits as usual on Sundays between 11am and 4pm until 27 October.</p> <p>The Chapter House is under Merantun Way, SW19 2RX, between Merton Abbey Mills and Sainsbury's/M&S. See our video on https://youtu.be/OAOUxRFqU4c</p>
Tue 4 – Thu 27	<p>A Celebration of Trees. Celebrate Cannizaro's wonderful trees, with guided walks organised by The Friends tying in with an art exhibition at Cannizaro House hotel. Common Works Gallery CIC, who organise Art in the Park, will be curating the tree-themed exhibition taking place in the main bar of the hotel. All artworks will be for sale, and a percentage of sales will go to the Trussell Trust Foodbank. Common Works Gallery is also running a tree sketching workshop on 14th June. For more information, visit http://www.commonworksgallery.org</p>
Thu 6 – Thu 26	<p>Wimbledon Bookfest. Talks by Sue Barker, Venki Ramakrishnan, Theresa May, Richard Coles, Kevin Kwan. Information on https://www.wimbledonbookfest.org/?dm_i=5A4R,118UK,3FBS36,46YZ2,1</p>

Fri 7 – Sun 9	The Big Help Out. More than seven million took part in last year's event - getting together to volunteer and make a difference in their local area – and organisers have launched the 2024 edition with support from His Majesty the King. Wimbledon's event will take place on the Common. Information from rangersoffice@wpcc.org.uk ; phone 020 8788 7655. More details on the organisers' website. https://www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/news/articles/the-big-help-out-returns-on-7-to-9-june-2024/
Wed 12 10.15am	Wimbledon Society Walk. Hampton Court to Kingston, via Bushy Park Details under Wimbledon Society Events above
Wed 12 8pm	Arts Society lecture. Portraits of the Maharanis 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. Members free, guests £10. Sacred Heart Church Hall, Edge Hill, SW19 4LU. https://www.artsocwim.org.uk
Mon 17 10.30am	Wimbledon Society Tour: House of Commons Details under Wimbledon Society Events above.
Tue 18 8.30pm	Wimbledon Film Club Joyland (15). Pakistani family drama (2022) Full details and tickets https://wimbledonfilmclub.co.uk/
Fri 21 – Sun 23	Annual Weekend of Nature. Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators. A series of walks on birds, bats, moths, butterflies, pond dipping and lots more! Activities at the Base Camp for adults and children! Rangers Office SW19 5NR. Information from rangersoffice@wpcc.org.uk ; phone 020 8788 7655
Sat 22 Jun – Sun 7 Jul	Neptune Wimbledon: exhibition of paintings by Wimbledon-based contemporary artist Jo Holdsworth. Known for her elongated and reflected silhouettes, Jo's work has featured on book, album and magazine covers and is collected around the world 168-178 The Broadway, Wimbledon SW19 1RX
Mon 24 7.30 pm for 8pm start	Conservators' Open Meeting. Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators will present their Annual Report and Accounts. St Paul's Church Augustus Road, SW19 6EW Information from rangersoffice@wpcc.org.uk ; phone 020 8788 7655
Thu 27 11am	Wimbledon Society. A Guided Visit to the Canal Museum Details under Wimbledon Society Events above.
Fri 28 1pm	St John's Lunchtime Recital. Anthea Fry <i>piano</i> Variations by Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms and Mendelssohn Lunchtime Recitals on the final Friday of each month, featuring local and international professional musicians. Donations are welcome in aid of the St John's Music Fund. The Church is open for refreshments from 12.30pm with delicious home-made cakes available. Many of our regular supporters often bring a packed lunch and enjoy meeting the performers in the warm and relaxed atmosphere. St John the Baptist, Spencer Hill, Wimbledon SW19 4NZ
Sat 29 7pm	Academy Choir Wimbledon with the Academy Wind and Brass conducted by Matthew Best. A Choral Odyssey: music by Brahms, Bruckner, Schütz and Stravinsky. St John's Spencer Hill SW19 4NZ. Tickets at www.academychoirwimbledon.co.uk
Sat 29 7.30pm	Wimbledon Symphony Orchestra Summer Concert, 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. www.wimso.org.uk/next-concert-1
July 2024	
Tue 2 8.30pm	Wimbledon Film Club - The Innocent (15). French comedy thriller (2022). HMV Curzon Cinema, Broadway. Full details and tickets https://wimbledonfilmclub.co.uk/
Thu 11 7.30 am to 5pm	Wimbledon Guild Golf Day at the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club. With team competitions, prizes, halfway hut and auction, it promises to be a fantastic, fun-filled day out playing one of the top 100 courses in England and top 20 course in Surrey. https://www.wimbledonguild.co.uk/golf-day-fundraiser

Fri 26 10am – 3pm	Macmillan Cancer Support. 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.
Fri 26 1pm	St John's Luchtime Recital. Robert Mingay-Smith <i>organ</i> . Details as 28 June.
Sun 28 12.30 – 3.30pm	Summer BBQ for Macmillan Cancer Support. Bring friends and family to a fabulous BBQ at 9 Parkside Gardens SW19. Enjoy a glass of fizz and a delicious lunch of filet steak, salads and dessert. Cash/card bar available. Tickets £35 each from lindiroe@blueyonder.co.uk
August 2024	
Sat 17 11am – 4.30pm	Merton Heritage Discovery Day Delve into the history of Merton at our Heritage Discovery Day – a free annual showcase of our borough's colourful past. Morden Library, Merton Civic Centre. The Society will have a stand – come and visit us. www.merton.gov.uk/
September 2024	
Thu 5 7pm	Wimbledon Society Lecture. 'Artists, Antiquaries and Collectors' – by Julian Pooley from the Surrey Records Office. Emmanuel Church, Ridgway, SW19 4QN Details under Wimbledon Society Events above.
Sun 8 11am – 4pm	Commons Open Day. Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators. Events all day by the Rangers' office. Visit the Society stall on the day. Information from rangersoffice@wpcc.org.uk ; phone 020 8788 7655
Wed 11 8pm	Arts Society Lecture. Charlie Chaplin: Tortured genius. By Colin Shindler. Charlie Chaplin was a man of contradictions – a playboy and a workaholic, an innovative artist and the last to embrace talking pictures. He revolutionised the language of cinema and he became the most universally recognised performer of all time. He had a tortured private life but used elements of that in his films and made political stands, drawing on the experiences of immigrants and the urban poor and memories of his own childhood in the slums of London. Details as 12 June.
Thu 12 11am	Wimbledon Society Tour of King's Cross area. Details under Wimbledon Society Events above.
Fri 27 1pm	St John's Luchtime Recital. Naomi Wright <i>cello</i> Details as 28 June.