



Wimbledon Diary

September to December 2017

The Society's Diary provides members with an easy reference list of events in the Wimbledon area. Details are believed to be correct, but can change and should be checked. Send items for inclusion to Asif Malik on asifamalik@aol.com

- ❖ The Society's *Local History Group* meets on the first Friday of each month – except August. In the *Museum of Wimbledon* (corner of Lingfield Road) at 8.15pm. All welcome.
- ❖ *Wimbledon Windmill Museum*: Windmill Road, Wimbledon Common: open April to October, Saturdays 2pm to 5pm Sundays and public holiday Mondays 11am to 5pm
- ❖ The Society's *Museum of Wimbledon* on Ridgway (corner of Lingfield Road) is open on Saturdays and Sundays 2.30pm to 5pm. School visits can be arranged.

September

Sat 2 – Sun 3	John Innes Society and St Mary's Merton Parish Church exhibition. 'Where do you think you are?' The Coach House, 1a Melrose Road SW19 3HF and St Mary's Church and The Parish Hall, Church Path. Free entry. www.johninnesociety.org.uk
Wed 6 8pm	Wimbledon Society Lecture Turner's House Twickenham. Sandycombe Lodge, an early 19 th c villa in Twickenham, retreat of JMW Turner, has undergone a major restoration. Author and lecturer Catherine Parry Wingfield, Chair of Turner's House Trust updates us on the restoration. To tie in with visits on Oct 10 and Oct 17. Lounge, Emmanuel Church, Ridgway.
Sun 10 10.30am – 5.30pm	Commons Open Day Commons Conservators. Fun and merriment in the field by the Rangers' office. Stalls, dogs, horses and birds of prey. Special activities at the Windmill. Free entry, ample parking. For more information, go to www.wpcc.org.uk or ring 020 8788 7655
Thu 7 – Sun 10	Heritage Open Days Events and interesting places open in and around Merton. Information on www.heritageopendays.org.uk
Wed 13 11am	Wimbledon Society Excursion Cutler's Hall dates back to 1285 - the current building was built in 1888. The beadle will explain the work of the cutler, and the history and ceremonies of the hall. We will see the architecture of the hall and the collection of swords and cutlery dating from Roman times to present day. Meet at the venue for a coffee at 10.45. Visit will end about 1pm. Booking form with this newsletter. A few places remaining.
Wed 13 7.30 for 8	The Arts Society Wimbledon Illustrated lecture "Foreigners in London 1520 to 1677" with Leslie Primo. This talk will trace foreign artists from the Tudor period to the Renaissance and Baroque. Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall. Non members £5. www.widfas.org.uk
Sat 16 11am-2pm	Abundance Fruit Day at St Mark's Church garden (behind Wimbledon library). Jams, chutneys, cakes, honey, fruit juice, games, music. Free entry. www.abundancewimbledon.com
Sun 17 10.30am	Commons Conservators Fungi Walk . Meet at Putney Heath. Booking required on wpcc.org.uk or 020 8788 7655.
Sat 16 & Sun 17	London Open House Weekend Chance to explore hundreds of inspiring buildings with no charge. Guide is at www.openhouselondon.org.uk or from libraries.
Sat 16 & Sun 17, Sat 23 & Sun 24	Merton Arts Festival Wimbledon artists open their studios/houses, as well as open exhibitions in public spaces. Events throughout the borough. www.mertonartsfestival@outlook.com
Sat 23 10am	Wimbledon Society Walk An Insight into the History and Conservation of the Commons. Meet at the Windmill. Leader: Simon Lee, CEO of the Conservators. A brief history of the windmill and its recent restoration, a visit to the stables to meet the horses and to understand the Keepers' work, and a walk to various significant areas of the Commons. Free, no need to book.
Sun 24 7.30pm	Sunday Evening Music Among Friends Beethoven Piano Sonatas with remarkable pianist Neil Crossland. Programme includes No 31 in A flat, often described as one of the most profoundly beautiful piano works ever written. Tickets: £14 / £10. 07949 593431 or pay at door.
Tues 26 8 for 8.30pm	Wimbledon Film Club at HMV Curzon. "Neruda". Chile 107 mins. Detective Gael Garcia Bernal pursues the famous radical poet in the 1940s. Director Pablo Larrain. Q & A with Neruda biographer Adam Feinstein. Club membership £40 pa, £33 pa for seniors. Ticket for each film show: memb £5, non memb £12. www.wimbledonfilmclub.com

October

Fri 6 – Sun 15	Wimbledon Bookfest with events at many venues. See brochure sent with this Newsletter for details; book via Polka www.wimbledonbookfest.org
Sat 7 7.30-10.30pm	Wimbledon International Short Film Festival In the Bookfest Big Tent on the Common. £15; part of Wimbledon Bookfest; www.wimbledonbookfest.org

October

Tue 10 or Tue 17 11am	Wimbledon Society excursion. Turner's House, Twickenham. Sandycombe Lodge was built in 1813 by JMW Turner as a quiet retreat. He sold the house in 1826. Turner's House Trust acquired it in 2010 to restore it as a 'monument to Turner in Twickenham'. Our visit follows a talk to the Society by the curator in September. Booking form with this newsletter. A few places remaining.
Tue 10 8 for 8.30pm	Wimbledon Film Club at HMV Curzon "My Cousin Rachel" UK 106 mins. Rachel Weisz stars in adaptation of Daphne du Maurier thriller. Directed by Roger Michell. Q & A with producer Kevin Loader. Details as Sept 26 th
Wed 11 7.30 for 8pm	The Arts Society Wimbledon illustrated lecture. 'Basingstoke' by Rupert Willoughby. This light-hearted talk explores post-war town-planning and the modern development of a typical English town. Details as 13 September.
Tue 17 8 for 8.30pm	Wimbledon Film Club at HMV Curzon "Loving" USA 120 mins. Dir Jeff Nichols. For Black History month. Oscar nominated true life drama of a marriage which changed history. Details as Sept 26 th
Sat 21 10am – 5.30pm	Worple Group Art Sale. Exhibition of paintings by local artists at St Marks Church, St Marks Place.
Sat 21 2.15pm	Wimbledon National Trust talk "The Genealogists' Picture Book" with Andrew Gray at Christchurch, Cottenham Park Rd. NT members £3, non members £3.50.
Sat 28 10am – 3pm	Macmillan Cancer Support (Early) Christmas Fair at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Edge Hill. Christmas gifts for all the family as well as Macmillan's home produce stall.
Tue 31 8 for 8.30pm	Wimbledon Film Club at HMV Curzon "The Mafia Kills Only in Summer" Italy 90 mins. Director Pierfrancesco Bilberto. Black comedy satirising the Mafia. Details as Sept 26 th

November

Wed 8 7.30 for 8pm	The Arts Society Wimbledon illustrated lecture. "Medieval Illuminated Book of Hours" by Dr Christopher de Hamel. These are the most famous and richly decorated mediaeval illuminated manuscripts. Details as 13 September.
Thu 9 2pm	Wimbledon Society lecture "Wimbledon Park – a History" Dr Dave Dawson shares with us his research on our local connection with a figure of national importance. Lancelot "Capability" Brown was commissioned by the second Earl Spencer in the late 18th c, and features of his contribution survive. Lounge, Emmanuel Church, Ridgway.
Sat 11 to Sun 26	Wimbledon Music Festival Brochure with this newsletter. Online bookings on www.wimbledonmusicfestival.co.uk
Tue 14 8 for 8.30pm	Wimbledon Film Club at HMV Curzon "The Salesman" 121 mins Iran. Director Asghar Farhadi (A Separation). Members choice. Details as Sept 26 th
Sat 18 2.15pm	Wimbledon National Trust lecture. 'Christmas on the Home Front' by Mike Brown. Christchurch, Cottenham Park Rd. NT members £3, non members £3.50.
Wed 22 6pm	Wimbledon Society excursion Government Art Collection. The majority of the works of art in the GAC are on display in Government buildings in the UK and overseas. The rest are held at their central London premises awaiting reselection by Ministers and Ambassadors. We will see works from the collection and hear about the history and role of the GAC. Lasts 1 hour. Booking form with this newsletter.
Tue 28 8 for 8.30pm	Wimbledon Film Club at HMV Curzon "20th Century Women" USA 116 mins. Director Mike Mills. Members' choice. Annette Bening tries to parent her teenage son in the 70s with help from her lady lodgers. Details as Sept 26 th

December

Sat 2 12 noon onwards	Commons Conservators Christmas Craft Fair. By the Rangers' Office. Wide variety of art and craft stalls. For more information, go to www.wpcc.org.uk or ring 020 8788 7655
Tue 5 8 for 8.30pm	Wimbledon Film Club at HMV Curzon "The Glass Key" USA 83 mins. Director Stuart Heisler Alan Ladd and Veronica Lake in adaptation of Dashiell Hammet story of big city corruption. Q & A with film historian Nick Smedley. Details as Sept 26 th
Wed 13 7.30 for 8pm	The Arts Society Wimbledon illustrated lecture. "The Art and Culture of fin de siecle Vienna" by Gavin Plumley. At the beginning of the 20th century, Vienna was an exciting artistic and cultural laboratory. This talk explores how and why Vienna became a cultural hotbed around 1900. Details as 13 September.
Sat 16 3 - 5pm	Christmas Carols at the Windmill. Windmill Museum and the Conservators, with the Wandle Brass Band. Mulled wine and mince pies. Magical and atmospheric family event. Free entry.
Wed 20 7.30pm	Sonoro Music chamber choir presents "Christmas with Sonoro" at St John's Church, Spencer Hill. A candlelit family concert with favourite carols for all to sing Tickets from www.sonoromusic.com or 07836 595585.

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.