

Visit to the ALL ENGLAND LAWN TENNIS CLUB, WIMBLEDON

on Thursday 13th May 2010

This visit has been organised by Sandra and David Williams.

The visit will form a prelude to the 2010 Championships.

A talk will be given by Adrian Martin, retired Clerk of Works. He has been involved in the development of the new roof over Centre Court, which was used for the first time during the 2009 Championships.

We shall have a conducted tour of the grounds, gaining access to areas normally closed to the public. Circumstances permitting, the tour may include Centre Court and No.1 Court, the Water Gardens (Henman Hill), the Millenium Building, the Press Interview Room and the BBC Television Studio.

We shall also visit the state-of-the-art museum, which was opened in 2006. It presents the evolution of the game from a garden party pastime to a multi-million pound professional sport played worldwide. The collection of tennis memorabilia dates back to 1555. Treasures from the first Championship in 1877 to the most recent are on display, including equipment, apparel and mementos belonging to the greatest players. Audio-visual displays include a 200° wraparound cinema with computer-generated special effects, showing how players' bodies and equipment are affected during a match.

For further details, see www.wimbledon.org/museum.

Timetable

- 10.30 Meet in the Wingfield Café. Enter the site through Gate 4, when the café is ahead and slightly to the left.
Coffee and toilets.
- 11.00 Introductory talk.
- 11.20 Tour of the grounds.
- 12.40 Question and answer session in Centre Court.
- 13.00 Lunch in Wingfield Café. Light meals and a hot dish of the day will be available.
- 14.00 See Centre Court 360 viewing pod.
- 14.15 Explore the museum.
- 17.00 Museum closes.

Cost £9 per person, excluding lunch and other refreshments.

Number of people Maximum 35.

Note that the tour of the grounds takes about 90 minutes and involves a lot of steps.



Map of the area from www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=524483&Y=171915&A=Y&Z=110

Travel details

At Wimbledon station (South West Trains, District Line and Tramlink), exit opposite the Underground platforms and turn right and right again to the bus stop in Alexandra Road outside the DVLA office. Take bus 493 towards Richmond and alight at the request stop in Church Road adjacent to Gate 4 (marked as 'MUS' on the map). The bus also serves Southfields and Tooting Broadway. The service can be erratic if traffic is heavy.

Parking on the site is not allowed, but there is free parking in nearby Bathgate Road and Somerset Road.

Late arrivals Speak to the security staff at Gate 4.

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