



## NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2019

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### Welcome to the 2019 summer newsletter from the AELTC and Wimbledon Foundation.

Dear Neighbour

Things rarely stand still at Wimbledon and 2019 is no exception as we endeavour to offer competitors and visitors the finest stage in world tennis.

Following the introduction of the retractable roof on Centre Court a decade ago, it is now the turn of No.1 Court. Constructing a moving roof on the Centre Court was considered a technological tour-de-force in 2009. Doing the same for No.1 Court has proved no less challenging, being more complex in both size and scale than Centre Court, but working to the same building timeframe of just three years.

No.1 Court also featured prominently recently with the Wimbledon Foundation using The No.1 Court Celebration – the event held to test the new roof - to create a new Homelessness Fund to help the homeless in Merton and Wandsworth.

As The Championships approaches, we recently pledged our commitment to the United Nations' Sports for Climate Action Framework (UNFCCC). By joining the UNFCCC we believe that Wimbledon and other major events have a vital role to play in helping to protect the environment, today and for the future. We intend to play our part not just through our own actions and those of our partners, both year-round and during The Championships, but also by using the reach of Wimbledon to help support this important cause. At this year's event, meanwhile, look out for the first 100% recycled, 100% recyclable water bottle from evian.

In all of this, we appreciate that what we do is not without its effect on the community and try to mitigate this as much as possible. With large scale engineering projects this can be difficult and we are very appreciative of the patience of all our neighbours in this respect. The Championships brings other issues, but the core principle remains the same and through constructive dialogue improvements can be made to help residents maintain their quality of life over this period. Further details of these measures and other stories can be found later in this newsletter.

Finally, the safety and security of our Neighbours and visitors is of the utmost importance. Liaising very closely with the Metropolitan Police Service and other relevant organisations, we put in security measures in and around The Championships that are comprehensive and proportionate to the threat level in the UK. Your vigilance and assistance in helping our collective safety by reporting anything suspicious is greatly appreciated.

I hope you have a memorable Championships.

With best wishes

Richard Lewis CBE, Chief Executive

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### THE CHAMPIONSHIPS KEY CONTACTS

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#### AELTC

##### General Enquiries:

AELTC Main Switchboard -  
020 8944 1066

##### Reporting non-emergency /anti-tout issues:

Championships Event Control  
Room - 020 8971 2430

##### Reporting emergency issues only:

Championships Event Control  
Room - 020 8971 2666

##### Community Liaison:

Johnny Perkins - 020 8971 2536  
jper@aeltc.com

#### MERTON COUNCIL

**Noise:** 020 8545 3025

(Mon-Fri 9am-5pm).

020 8543 9750 (Fri/Sat 11pm-4am).

**Parking Services:** 020 8545 4661  
(10am-4pm)

**Litter:** 020 8274 4901 (9am-5pm),  
[merton.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/litter-fly-tipping-and-street-cleaning](http://merton.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/litter-fly-tipping-and-street-cleaning)

#### WANDSWORTH COUNCIL

**Noise & Nuisance:** 020 8871 6127

##### Parking Enforcement:

020 8871 6660, option 2

**Litter:** 020 8871 8558, [Wandsworth.gov.uk/street\\_care\\_and\\_cleaning](http://Wandsworth.gov.uk/street_care_and_cleaning)

#### METROPOLITAN POLICE

**Emergency:** 999

**Non-emergency:** 101

**Anti-terrorist Hotline:** 0800 789 321

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## A ROOF FOR ALL - No.1 COURT CELEBRATION TO HELP THE HOMELESS

On a suitably wet Sunday in May, 12,000 fans watched a special exhibition of tennis and music as tennis champions including Martina Navratilova, John McEnroe, Venus Williams and Goran Ivanisevic joined musicians Paloma Faith and Joseph Calleja to celebrate the completion of the No.1 Court Project. Marking its own fifth anniversary, the Wimbledon Foundation used the The No.1 Court Celebration to team up with the London Community Foundation in launching a new £750,000 fund - 'A Roof for All' - which will support local homelessness charities through money raised from the event and an online auction.

The No.1 Court Project itself has been a highly complex three-year build. Commencing in 2016, here are just a few interesting facts about the works:

- In addition to a new retractable roof, the stadium has gained 900 new seats for improved spectator comfort; a two-level Walled Garden public plaza; and a living wall either side of the Big Screen.
- The roof has 11 steel movable trusses, each 75 metres long and weighing 100 tonnes, requiring 164 drives and 44 motors to move it.
- 7500m<sup>2</sup> of fabric - enough to cover 38 tennis courts - has been used for the roof.
- The roof is 75m wide and 90m long when deployed and takes 8-10 minutes to fully open or close.



The No.1 Court Celebration in progress under the roof

## No.1 Court - The Living Wall

Two living walls on the side of No.1 Court flank the Big Screen on The Hill. The 14-month project takes inspiration from physics imagery, reflecting the 'movement' of a wave pattern akin to a tennis ball being hit.

- Each wall is 5m high. The north-west (left) wall is 24m long and the west (right) wall is 25m long. Total area of the both walls is 245m<sup>2</sup>.
- Over 14,000 plants of 15 hardy varieties and a combination that offer year-round interest, ensuring there is successional blooming from spring to autumn and foliage in the winter months.



Living Wall 'west'

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## SUSTAINABILITY - THE WAY AHEAD

This year, as well as the first 100% recycled, 100% recyclable water bottle from evian, Official Water of The Championships, the player racket stringing operation has eliminated the plastic bags that the rackets were put in meaning there will be 4,500 fewer bags used. Focusing on waste and recycling, we have improved our bins, bin infrastructure and bin signage, increased recycled content and are introducing onsite sorting to capture more waste for recycling. Around the Grounds staff will help the public to discard waste into the appropriate bin streams, while at our sustainability activation space, Wimbledon 2030 will showcase ongoing work with our Official Suppliers in this area. And don't forget spectators can bring their own water bottles which can be refilled at over 100 water points and drinking fountains throughout the Grounds.

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## WIMBLEDON REMATCH 1980

Still got your wardrobe from 1980? Then head for Wimbledon Rematch 1980, an immersive theatre and cinema experience allowing fans to travel back in time and experience what The Championships were like in 1980. Staged at the Troubadour Studios near Wembley Arena on 28, 29, 30 June and for a special 20% discount visit [wimbledonrematch.com](http://wimbledonrematch.com), applying code AELTCREMATCH20.



### A LIVE RE-CREATION

#### CENTRE COURT RE-IMAGINED

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THE ICONIC BORG vs McENROE FINAL, IN A 70-MINUTE LIVE STAGE SHOW FEATURING: 3D PROJECTION, CLASSIC FOOTAGE, ORIGINALLY COMPOSED SOUNDTRACK.

#### WIMBLEDON RE-CREATED

80s DRESS CODE ENCOURAGED!  
PIMM'S & PINA COLADAS  
COMMENTARY BOX EXPERIENCE  
RETRO PHOTO OPPS  
MEMORABILIA

#### STEP BACK INTO 1980

FREE 80s MAKEOVERS  
RETRO STREET FOOD  
LIVE CAST OF CHARACTERS  
THE DECADE'S CHART-TOPPERS  
80s VIDEO GAMES

TROUBADOUR  
WEMBLEY PARK THEATRE, LONDON  
28, 29, 30 June 2019

TICKETS AT  
[wimbledonrematch.com](http://wimbledonrematch.com)  
#WimbledonRematch

A Rematch PRODUCTION

## TENNIS MATTERS FOR 2019

And for tennis fans there are several key playing changes for this year:

- Play on all courts, except Centre and No.1 Court, will start 30 minutes earlier at 11.00am.
- Quad Wheelchair Singles and Doubles competitions will join the event programme.
- A tie-break at 12-12 in the final set will apply to all events at The Championships across Qualifying, Gentlemen's, Ladies', Mixed and Junior singles and doubles. The match winner(s) will be the first player(s) to win seven points with an advantage of two or more points. There is no change to the best of three tie-break sets Wheelchair and Quad Wheelchair events.
- Electronic line-calling and players challenges will now feature on Courts 14-17.

## SPRING COLOUR ON VICTORIA DRIVE

Victoria Drive was in vibrant full bloom earlier in the year as the verge opposite Penner and Campen Closes came alive with spring flowers following a joint venture with Victoria Drive Residents' Association and Wandsworth Council to redesign and replant the beds.



## BROLLY GOOD

Every year the Learning department works with artists and young people from the local area on a piece of art work to be displayed during The Championships.

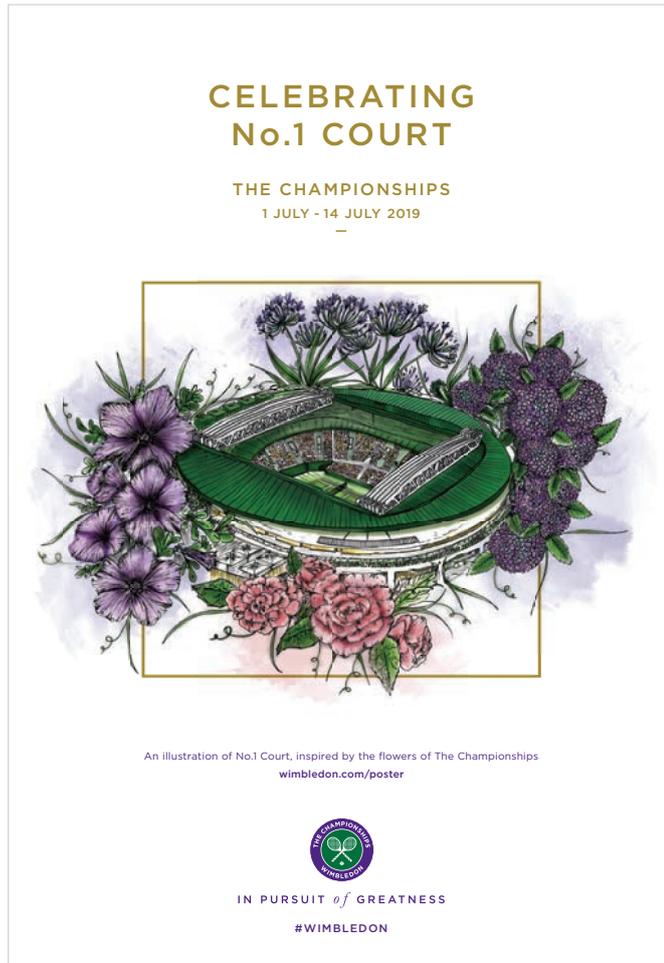
This year's Community Art Project, inspired by the new No.1 Court roof, has featured artist Beatrice Morris and the charity Hearts & Minds, a peer support group for those experiencing mental health difficulties, in highlighting the importance of building strong support networks in the community.

The group designed a series of eleven umbrellas, each symbolising one of the 100-tonne trusses that span the court, to reflect what their peer support group means to them. These form a colourful part of the Museum's new exhibition 'No.1: Not Just a Supporting Act' which celebrates the story of No.1 Court from the 1920s through to the present day.



## CHAMPIONSHIPS' POSTER CELEBRATES No.1 COURT

The Championships' poster has been a much-loved feature of the event for many years. Its roots lie in the advertising posters issued by London Transport in the 1920s, but for the last 40 years the Club has produced its own designs. For a complimentary copy please contact: Johnny Perkins, [jper@aeltc.com](mailto:jper@aeltc.com), or **020 8971 2536**.



## QUEUE IMPROVEMENTS IN WIMBLEDON PARK

In a move to improve coordination of parts of Wimbledon Park for the mutual benefit of park users and queuers alike, we are making improvements to the operation there with the help of residents and Merton Council. These will focus on delivering a more consistent approach to opening and closing the gates, clearer signage, more effective traffic management in Revelstoke Road and extending the prevention of food deliveries after 10:00pm.

## MIDDLE SUNDAY. OPENED UP.

A free tennis festival for the local community will be held in Wimbledon Park on Sunday 7 July (10.00-4.00). Organised in collaboration with the LTA and Merton Council, 'Middle Sunday. Opened Up' will give all ages and ability the chance to swing a racket and have fun playing tennis.

Activities include special sessions led by the LTA's Fed Cup Captain Anne Keothavong and Davis Cup Captain Leon Smith, while Judy Murray will deliver fun sessions for young girls and teenagers. You might even see some other famous tennis faces too! To book a place on one of the activity sessions visit [middlesunday.org](http://middlesunday.org).



## KEEP IN TOUCH

Join myWimbledon at [wimbledon.com/myWimbledon](http://wimbledon.com/myWimbledon) to keep up to date with information on tickets, ballot dates, give you access to exclusive content and behind the scenes footage, as well as news from The Championships and the AELTC at key moments throughout the year.