

# FAMILY TRAIL



Wimbledon is known across the world for tennis - it is also rich in history. Why not find out more and walk The Wimbledon Way as a family. Pick up a Wimbledon Way leaflet and a copy of this family trail. Try answering these questions as you explore. Let us know how you get on or send us a picture. [www.thewimbledonway.org](http://www.thewimbledonway.org)

## START: Wimbledon Station

**Q1.** The sculpture of a stag was unveiled in June 2012. What was the name of the artist who created it?

As you walk past the Alexandra Pub, can you spot the gold post box outside Ely's, painted in honour of Olympic gold medallist rower Sophie Hosking?



## Wimbledon Library

**Q2.** The library opened in 1887 but the builders put the wrong date on the wall. What date did they put? You will see the faces of two famous writers above the entrance. Do you know who they are? One is an anagram of 'Speak, hear, smile, wail' and the other is an anagram of 'Jim N. Holton'.

## Bank Buildings

**Q3.** How many weather vanes can you see on the roof? Don't forget, this is a very long building!

## Wimbledon High School

**Q4.** The very first lesson taught at this school on 9 November 1880 was about a certain fruit, and that fruit became the symbol of the school. What fruit do you think it was?



## Wimbledon Hill

As you walk up the hill can you count 10 benches - including one with a dedication?

## White House

**Q5.** This house was once supposed to be haunted! Today it is a nursery. What is its name?



## The Toynbee Memorial

**Q6.** This was once a working fountain with two places for adults to drink from, one place for children, and one for dogs! Can you see which is which? Near here is an old cattle trough. Can you see it? What is it used for now?

## High Street

Above the doorway of the NatWest bank are two faces. Can you spot another 11 faces between the shops as you walk up the High Street. Some are quite hard to see as they are different colours. When you get to the next corner of the High Street look out for two Chinese lions!



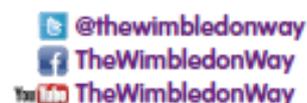
## The Old Fire Station

**Q7.** Can you see the old fire bell? And in what year do you think the fire station was built?



## The Dog & Fox

**Q8.** If you look at the inn sign there is only a dog on it. Where is the fox?



**Church Road**

Near the Fire Stables pub is a sign reading ‘beware of horses in road’ – can you spot it?

You would think that the Ski Club of Great Britain might be near some mountains, but it’s actually near here! Can you see it?

**Q9.** The Old Belvedere Manor house used to be near here too. Can you see the name ‘Belvedere’ anywhere? Can you guess where the name ‘Belvedere’ comes from?



**Q10.** When you get to the junction with Burghley Road you might be able to see the spire of St Mary’s Church. What is on top of the spire? From here you can also get a good view of central London. Can you see any London landmarks?

**Dairy Walk**

**Q11.** Why do you think it is called Dairy Walk?



Across the road you can see the driveway to the Old Rectory (the oldest inhabited building in Wimbledon). As you go down Church Road see if you can spot another place named after the rectory?

On the left-hand side of Church Road you will find a house named after a famous British Wimbledon tennis champion called William Renshaw. He won the men’s singles final six times in a row – a record which no-one has ever beaten!



**AELTC (All England Lawn Tennis Club)**

On the wall at the beginning of the ground you will see a picture of people playing tennis. Can you spot more than 24 racquets?

And did you spot the post box painted gold in honour of Andy Murray’s 2012 Olympic gold medal?

**Q12.** Across the road you will see the entrance to the Wimbledon Club. The club’s symbol is a windmill. Where in Wimbledon can you find a real windmill? Further down you will see a café called The Wingfield. Wingfield was the name of the family that once lived in Belvedere House which was mentioned earlier.

**Wimbledon Park.**

Opposite the AELTC you will see Wimbledon Park. There was once another manor house here which belonged to Earl Spencer, Lord of the Manor. There are lots of sports played in Wimbledon Park today.



As you walk back see how many  signs you can spot?



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**Answers**

**Q1.** Isabelle Southwood. **Q2.** The wrong date was 1886. The two faces are William Shakespeare and John Milton. **Q3.** Five weather vanes. **Q4.** An apple. **Q5.** The nursery is called Playdays. **Q6.** A plant pot. **Q7.** Built in 1890. **Q8.** The fox is on the other side of the sign. **Q9.** Belvedere is from the French ‘bel’ (beautiful) and ‘vedere’ (to see). **Q10.** A cockerel. **Q11.** Dairy Walk was called that because it led to the dairy farm (owned by Earl Spencer). **Q12.** You will see the real windmill on Wimbledon common.