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Exclusive interview
Caroline Wozniacki
World no. 2 on 2018 Championships

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THE DIARY

Wimbledon Fortnight is packed with top events all over town

WIMBLEDON WINDOWS
While the world will be mostly concentrating on the bitter rivalries playing out on the court, there is another competition taking place in Wimbledon - the annual window display contest. Every year, shops take part in transforming their front to fit with the tennis theme. Competitors decorate with lawns, nets and plenty of tennis balls and rackets in the hope of being crowned the window of the year by the independent judges.

www.wimbledon-village.com

NEW WIMBLEDON THEATRE EVENTS
The beautifully ornate Edwardian New Wimbledon Theatre sits in the heart of the town, and will be showcasing a range of events and productions throughout the sporting spectacle. On 1 July, Judy Murray will be talking tennis and women in sport.

From 4-6 June, The House of Edgar will be playing at the theatre’s Time & Leisure Studio. The story centres on Edgar Allan Poe’s crumbling legacy and weaves the literary legend’s famous stories into the performance. On 8 July, Dear Ivor and his Leading Ladies will be hosted by the theatre – a nostalgic production telling the tale of Ivor Novello’s female muses.

Oscar Wilde Season Live: An Ideal Husband will also be screened from London’s West End and is an entertaining production of government scandal.

www.atgtickets.com/venues/new-wimbledon-theatre

CENTRE COURT
From 2 July, Centre Court Shopping Centre will be bringing a mysterious tennis-themed immersive experience to the centre of town so those who haven’t been successful in bagging tickets won’t miss a second of the action. Visitors to the tennis box will enjoy the full Wimbledon experience with screenings of the matches complete with tiered seating, m&s tasters, lawn under foot, the wind in your hair, and even the smell of freshly cut grass.

Outside the box, visitors can visit the pop-up bar to top up on Pimm’s.

www.centrecourtshopping.co.uk
BIG SCREEN IN THE PIAZZA
Back for another year of riveting tennis, Love Wimbledon’s Big Screen is back to show all the sporting action live from the courts. Visitors can soak up the sunshine from a comfy deckchair, grab a bit to eat at one of the many foodie stalls, or perhaps take a picnic hamper of strawberries and cream and Pimm’s for the ultimate tennis experience. **Live daily 11am-6pm**
www.lovewimbledon.org

AFC WIMBLEDON POP-UP
Members of the public are invited to join AFC Wimbledon manager and players at the grand unveiling of the club’s new PUMA home and away kits **pop-up store.**
From Sunday 1 July, the pop-up will be hosted at the Centre Court Shopping Centre and fans can get their hands on the new sportswear until 13 July. What’s more, to mark the match against QPR, the team will be hosting a **Bavarian-style beer festival on 14 July,** open to all fans and local residents and complete with oompah bands and German food.
www.afcwimbledon.co.uk

THE GREAT SPORT AS ART
From 25 June-23 July, professional photographer Duncan Grove’s collection of tennis photography will be coming to Wimbledon’s Hotel du Vin Cannizaro House. Duncan is based in Wimbledon Village, and is a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society, who has spent years at the forefront of the world-famous tournament, capturing the dizzying highs and the emotional lows of the tennis. Visitors can expect photographs of previous winners receiving the cup, as well as action shots on court, and jovial fans in the crowds. The exhibition will feature 150 limited edition large format fine art prints available to view or purchase.
www.duncangrove.com

ELYS OF WIMBLEDON
Judy Murray will be in store for a book signing on **Tuesday 3 July, 11am, 3rd floor restaurant.** Wimbledon’s fantastic department store also has a great selection of tennis souvenirs, including vintage cushions and these quirky strawberries and cream tennis balls from The Chocolate Libertine, £11.95.

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Top 10 SW19 attractions not to miss

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WHERE TO WATCH

THE PIAZZA
Where better to watch the tennis drama play out than in the heart of Wimbledon. The cheery market square will be hosting a big screen pop-up in the town’s Piazza, complete with deck chairs and fake grass.
2-15 July; 11am-6pm, Wimbledon Piazza
www.lovewimbledon.org

FIRE STABLES
Close to the heart of the tennis action, the Fire Stables will be celebrating with cocktails, Pimm’s, and British food in honour of the Championships.
2-15 July, Church Road
www.firestables.co.uk

DUKE OF YORK SQUARE
Pack a picnic hamper and catch the most exciting games of the Championships in Chelsea’s beautiful Duke of York Square. Keen tennis fans should head to the website to book a VIP front row seat for the final matches.
13-15 July
www.dukeofyorksquare.com

THE DOG AND FOX
Right in the heart of Wimbledon Village, the Dog and Fox pub, will be screening all the games across their six television screens and visitors can also make their way to the enchanting beer garden which spills out onto the streets of the village.
2-15 July; 10am-11pm, Wimbledon Village
www.dogandfoxwimbledon.co.uk
BRITISH SUMMER TIME HYDE PARK
The ongoing summer festival is mainly known for its live music events, but on the days when bands aren’t playing, you can enjoy food stands, cinema events, as well as all the tennis live from Wimbledon.
9-12 July, Hyde Park
www.bst-hydepark.com

BIG SCREEN ON THE GREEN
Parsons Green will be showing the finals of the tennis with a huge open-air screen on the park. Bring along a picnic blanket and some prosecco and make the most of the glorious July sunshine in a picturesque setting.
14-15 July, Parsons Green
www.bigscreenonthegreen.com

THE OLD FRIZZLE
Wimbledon’s much-loved local pub has a great back room that lends itself to sporting events like Wimbledon. The Old Frizzle will be serving Pimm’s-a-plenty and showing every second of all the matches so you don’t miss a nail-biting moment.
2-15 July, The Broadway
www.theoldfrizzle.co.uk

OLD LAUNDRY YARD
Venture west to Shepherd’s Bush and explore the Old Laundry Yard – an alfresco space which has been stylishly designed to mimic a retro launderette. Make the most of the delicious international street food and enjoy a cleverly named Murray Mojito or two at the Old Laundry Bar.
5-15 July, Old Laundry Yard
www.oldlaundryyard.co.uk

BLUEBIRD
Chelsea’s beautiful Bluebird will be opening its doors for you to watch the drama of the tournament unfold while enjoying lunch or a cocktail in the courtyard.
2-15 July; 10am-11pm
www.bluebird-restaurant.co.uk

CARDINAL PLACE
Cardinal Place will be welcoming spectators to enjoy the tennis on the big screen with the added advantage of a rooftop view. Soak up the sights of surrounding Victoria, plus make the most of all the food and drink options.
2-15 July, Victoria
www.createvictoria.com
GOLDEN GIRL

TENNIS ICONS: THE INTERVIEW

Caroline Wozniacki reveals what she loves about Wimbledon Village and how she silenced her critics.
This year started off in the best possible way for Caroline Wozniacki. The Danish tennis ace clinched the grand slam win that had eluded her for so many years in January at the Australian Open in Melbourne. The gruelling victory over Simona Halep took two hours and 49 minutes and answered years of questions about her long-awaited maiden title win. Caroline had lost her two previous grand slam finals, at the US Open in 2009 and 2014, but in Melbourne she silenced her critics once and for all.

Now World Number 2, she is playing in one of the most competitive and exciting eras in women’s tennis – with the field wide open for the top spot at Wimbledon. Caroline is still riding high after her first grand slam title and enters the Championships at SW19 with renewed confidence.

“It felt amazing. It took a long time but the journey was what made everything feel special,” explains the 27-year-old of her win in Melbourne.

Does it take the pressure off, having secured that long-awaited title now? “Yeah, I think so. I would have been proud of my career regardless but it was the icing on the cake,” she continues. In the final game of the final match at the Australian Open, with victory tantalisingly close, Caroline says she relied on her training and fortitude to get her across the line.

“I think when you know you’ve worked hard your whole life, it’s at that moment that you need to trust yourself. It kept me calm.”

To be at the top of the sport, a competitive nature is a prerequisite and for Caroline her thirst to play started from an early age. “My earliest memory was when I was six or seven and my parents and brother were playing doubles with friends. I was on the sideline watching, I took a racket and some balls and started to hit against the wall so that I could be part of it.”
I feel excited...
I love playing on grass. I love Wimbledon, all the traditions, wearing white and the great history.

Before taking to Centre Court for the big games, she stays calm by listening to music and when the Championships end, Caroline likes to get into the summer spirit in the capital. "I love London, there are so many great restaurants, and last year we went to a Justin Bieber concert. The year before I went to see Taylor Swift."

In the run-up to the tournament, Caroline is sticking to her tried and tested regime. "I workout on the court for two to three hours and then go into the gym for an hour, then maybe have a massage and physiotherapy and always get a good night’s sleep!"

Preparation is key, especially when you consider that the women’s game is more competitive than ever. This year, Caroline’s good friend Serena Williams is also returning to the courts after having her baby. "Serena is one of my closest friends. I admire her work ethic and determination," Caroline says.

Serena’s comeback will no doubt have her opponents upping their game even more. So the stage is set for an epic Championships where even the top pundits are finding it impossible to split the top five or six players in the women’s draw. One thing is guaranteed though; this great Dane will be making headlines and hopes to continue her game-changing year with another big win.

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EATING OUT

Two weeks of tennis doesn’t mean you’ll be embarking on a fortnight of eating solely strawberries and cream. Try one of these fantastic dining options in SW19 and further afield.

Local

THE IVY
Known as one of London’s most stylish spots, The Ivy has been frequented by the city’s well-heeled residents since the turn of the 20th century. In more recent years, the restaurant has branched out to the capital’s leafy suburbs, such as Wimbledon Village. Service is impeccable and the menu offers a wide selection of European cuisine.

THE WHITE ONION
This local French restaurant brings a taste of the Continent to Wimbledon Village. Visitors can expect dishes such as ballotine of rabbit, and duck magret. Ingredients are locally sourced and dishes freshly prepared before being immaculately presented on the plate. In the summer months, light floods the restaurant, pouring in through the large glass windows that look out onto the village streets.

SAN LORENZO
A cosy family-run Italian set to celebrate its 50th birthday next year, San Lorenzo has gained a solid support base over the years. Among its loyal customers are Italians who return time and time again for fond memories of home,
FIRE STABLES
This much-loved restaurant is passionate about supporting local producers, with locally sourced food coming straight from independent fishermen, farmers and butchers. Sunday is when Fire Stables is in its element, offering a range of roasts from Dorset roast lamb to Wicks Manor pork Belly.

THE GIGGLING SQUID
This cosy Thai restaurant offers vibrant and colourful plates of delicious Thai food in the heart of Wimbledon Village. Visitors can enjoy classic Thai dishes in a tapas style or opt for generous sharing platters, as well as authentic stir-fries accented with the typical Thai flavours of zingy lemongrass and warm ginger. The interior adds to the experience with a colour scheme complemented by pretty floral displays.

FOX & GRAPES
If you’re after a classic pub affair, this 18th-century pub overlooking the grassland of Wimbledon Common will be sure to deliver. On the menu is a selection of Continental cuisines, but authentic British food takes centre stage, with beer-battered fish and triple cooked chips, salt marsh lamb rump, and a great range from the grill including chargrilled Black Angus bavette with truffle butter. The pub’s open plan set up makes it welcoming, airy and encourages a friendly and jovial atmosphere.

Further Afield

CHEZ BRUCE, WANDSWORTH COMMON
Michelin-starred restaurant Chez Bruce has specialities such as homemade charcuterie, and slow-cooked braises. There’s also an incredible cheese and wine selection.

RICK STEIN, BARNES
Specialising in fresh seafood dishes inspired by Rick Stein’s extensive globe-trotting, the restaurant is a beautiful spot to visit, especially in the summer months when guests can soak up the views of the Thames. There is a small seafood bar in the venue and a cocktail bar on site where visitors can enjoy their favourite tipple.

BUSABA EATHAI, KINGSTON
Opt for the zingy fresh flavours of Thai cuisine by visiting Kingston’s Busaba Eathai. The menu features a range of south east Asian favourites, from songkhla beef slow-cooked with banana peppers in a red curry sauce, to the refreshing and vibrant fresh Thai salad. Its location makes it worth the trip, right on Kingston’s riverside and overlooking the beautiful historic Horse Fair Bridge into the town centre.

GAUCHO, RICHMOND
Veer from Richmond’s beaten track and take a stroll along the river towpath and you’ll come to Gaucho, a fine dining restaurant serving Argentinean cuisine. Finely cooked steaks are served alongside some beautifully heavy-bodied red wines straight from the high altitude vineyards in the Andes. During summer is an ideal time to visit, when guests can make the most of the excellent alfresco area. Here the theme of the interior extends out of doors, with crisp white tablecloths and elegant seating under the shade of a beautiful big plane tree.

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Greg Rusedski staked his place on the British tennis hall of fame in the late 90s. His affable character was a breath of fresh air, as was his rival-pummelling service game. Reaching a career high ATP ranking of world number four, Greg competed in the singles final of the 1997 US Open and though his grand slam title bid proved unsuccessful he crowned the year by winning the BBC Sports Personality of the Year Award. Taken into the hearts of British fans, it's little surprise Canadian-born Greg now calls England home. Indeed, he adopted British citizenship in 1995.

Mentored in his early years by his father, his mental strength was a good fit for the game from the off. "I was six years old when I first held a tennis racket," Greg recalls. "I have always been into sport. With team sports, you could play well but still lose, play poorly and still win. I liked the individuality of tennis."

Rising through the ranks quickly, Greg was the first British man to crack the world’s top ten. "My greatest career highs were defeating Pete Sampras, the then number one player in the world, in the finals of the Paris Master
and getting to my first grand slam final in the US Open. The grand slam win is the only thing missing from my résumé.”

The grand slam title may have eluded him but it is the Rusedski serve that most remember. In 1997, Greg held the record for the fastest serve ever recorded – a cool 149mph. His strong mental game matched his skills, too. Asked who he most enjoyed playing against during his pro career and the response is Danish player Kenneth Carlsen, “because even if I was match point down I always found a way back to beat him.”

Playing on the world’s biggest stages, with the expectation of a nation upon his shoulders, how did he keep his nerves at bay? “To this day, I still get nervous before a game, but these days I remind myself that it’s more about entertaining the crowds, catching up with the old guard and reminiscing than serious competition.

That’s not to say we’re not all competitive – there’s life in us all yet,” Greg laughs.

Greg will be at Wimbledon to watch one of the most exciting eras in tennis unfold. “You have to keep an eye on Federer. How he is playing at 37 is incredible and unseen before. [The final will be] Federer versus Nadal.

He adds: “The women’s tournament is wide open – I think it could be anyone of seven players and it will be interesting to see how Serena plays having been off for the baby.”

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Tennis visitor

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Where are your top places to eat nearby?
My kids have always loved going up to Wimbledon Village. I just love it there. I had Amber, my first born, in our flat in Wimbledon Village so there are lots of great memories. I still love going for a stroll and a coffee. I like Light on the Common for brunch or breakfast and we also love the Hand in Hand pub. We go for roasts or after walks. It’s got such a lovely atmosphere, with dogs all around, and it feels like you’re a hundred miles away from the city. My family love San Lorenzo for special occasions, I’ve been going since I was a teenager – it’s so beautifully typically Italian.

Where are your favourite open spaces?
I run a lot. I meet up with friends and have done for over 20 years and we go for a run then a coffee. We usually meet at the Windmill pub and run around the common.
I think it’s the best therapy to meet up with a group and exercise. My group has every age and ability and I feel a bit like we are the Calendar Girls for running!

I run about twice a week on Wimbledon Common and twice a week in Richmond Park. I love it there because of all the deer. In the wintertime it looks so mystical with the fog rising off the land. In the summer, I feel I could be in Africa or something. The Isabella Plantation should not be missed. I love going there. In May it has a huge display of azaleas. I try to make the most of all this beauty on my doorstep and I honestly think we live in the best place in the world!

**What do you do to relax?**
We keep a small launch in Kingston and when the weather is nice we take the papers and picnic and a bottle of wine and cruise along the Thames. It’s definitely where I switch off. I also love Portugal. We’ve been going on holidays there since the children were babies. I love the people there and we have a tennis academy at the Pine Cliffs Resort in the Algarve. It’s now a thriving tennis academy and we have recently done some tennis and yoga retreats there. I’m really into alternative health so want to expand into all sorts of tennis holidays, combining wellbeing and yoga with tennis as well.

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AIMING FOR THE TOP

We talk to rising British tennis star Barnaby Smith

After playing all four Junior Grand Slams in 2017, young tennis hopeful Barnaby Smith has entered the gruelling senior circuit and is competing with a whole new calibre of tennis star at Futures and Challengers. We talk to the 19-year-old and his father about his sporting journey and his experience of playing at Wimbledon last year.

After training at the esteemed Academia Sanchez-Casal in Spain, Barnaby now balances his studies at Texas A&M University (TAMU) on a tennis scholarship. Texas universities have produced the likes of Cameron Norrie (GB Davis Cup player) and TAMU is ranked number four in college tennis.

Since finishing his first term at college, Barnaby has played three Futures tournaments – which determine rankings – qualifying in two of them and picking up his first singles ATP point. He also made two semi-finals in doubles which put him in the top 1,000 in the world for doubles. “It’s a very small step in a long journey but it is great to be ranked, which makes it easier to get into tournaments,” he says.

“Now I have to keep building towards improving my ranking and working up the many levels of professional tennis...
from Futures – the first grade – through to Challengers, and then the main ATP men’s tour,” he adds. “I decided to choose the college route which gives me some more time to develop my game and body as well as my mind before hitting the pro-circuit. Attending Texas A&M University has so far been a great decision. It’s a four-year course that enables me to prepare for the rigours of the tour."

A year on since playing at Wimbledon, Barnaby remembers his experience at the Juniors where he was able to sit next to the likes of Murray and Federer in the dressing rooms, and even hit with Murray. “It was one of those great experiences which was highly motivating and informative. I have come a long way with my game since then, but also mentally,” he says.

It’s certainly not all glamour though, with intense studies matched with the pressure of playing both the Futures and the Challengers making it a real dedication.

What’s more, the financial pressure is pertinent. “I’m very grateful to my sponsors including Elys of Wimbledon to help support me through this formative time,” says Barnaby.

Barnaby’s intense and focused lifestyle is fast-paced and he has certainly racked up impressive air miles throughout his tennis career. “One week he played in Seattle then played in Houston, then just south of Miami in the same week and it’s no holiday, he’s landing in hotel rooms for a night before playing plus balancing his academics. I totted up his air miles from January to May and it came to 35,000 miles,” remembers his father, Andrew Smith.

So what keeps him so dedicated? “The process of tennis is what keeps me so attached to the game. I enjoy the process of getting better and competing. It has taught me a lot about life and already I have had so many great experiences through the game and hopefully so many more to come,” says Barnaby.
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WHAT TO SEE

Here’s our top pick of the best attractions in SW19 and around...

New Wimbledon Theatre
A beautifully ornate Edwardian theatre in the heart of the town, Wimbledon’s theatre has a huge audience capacity, holding 1,670 seats across three different levels, and since its opening in 1910 has hosted a wide range of stars across the ages, from famous music hall musicians like Gracie Fields, to composers like Ivor Novello.
www.atgtickets.com/venues/new-wimbledon-theatre/

Wimbledon Windmill
Right in the middle of one of Wimbledon Common’s open plains is a beautiful, pristine-white windmill that wouldn’t look out of place on the outskirts of Amsterdam. The structure has stood there since the beginning of the 19th century, and is a significant relic of the once-rural setting. The windmill no longer functions as a mill, but its interior has been transformed into an informative museum. It teaches about the rural lifestyle and the town throughout the ages, and is run by helpful volunteers.

Polka Theatre
The artistic centre is one of the few UK theatres solely dedicated to children. The theatre opened in 1979 to inspire local youngsters into the world of drama and has
since been the home of kids’ theatrical entertainment showcasing a host of educational plays from family-friendly theatre companies. The friendly space is not just home to a theatre, but also a café, playground and garden.

**Wat Buddhapadipa**
Worlds away from the town’s enchanting Victorian and Edwardian buildings, this spectacular Buddhist temple adds a taste of the orient to the London suburb with its exotic style and bold colours. The Thai temple is a significant training centre for Buddhists across Europe, but opens its doors to members of any faith keen to look around the temple walls or amble around the peaceful flower gardens.

**Hampton Court Palace**
The impressive estate boasts sharply contrasting facades, with a neat Baroque style overlooking the manicured gardens, and the famous jumbled exterior of the Tudor period front of the house. Spend an afternoon ambling around the vast palace marvelling at the ornate chapel, kitchens and bedrooms, or enjoy the gardens and winding palace maze.

**Richmond Park**
Venture to Richmond Park and you’ll be transported to a bucolic expanse where wild deer roam and the green hills roll. Make the climb up Sawyer’s Hill for a panoramic vista of London’s landmarks on a clear day, including St Paul’s, the London Eye, and the Shard which often catches the light in a dazzling way, or discover the depths of the park and the hidden gem that is Isabella Plantation.

**Kew Gardens**
This magical botanical gardens at Kew hosts an impeccable range of diverse flora and fauna from across the world. Initially a Victorian experiment, the grounds are also home to two incredible glasshouses. These stunning examples of intricate Victorian architecture showcase hundreds of exotic species of plants, with twisting spiral staircases and lily pad ponds.

**Strawberry Hill House, Twickenham**
This brilliant piece of neo-Gothic architecture possesses all the charm of its fairytale-like name, with towering spires and a castle-like turret in shimmering white. Its existence is owed to the eccentric 18th-century art historian Horace Walpole who oversaw its creation to such success that the style is now called ‘Strawberry Hill Gothic’.

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