



BLOOMSBURY INTERNATIONAL

A summer of sport in England



- In the UK, Wimbledon happens in June and July. This usually means the weather will be very, very hot or very, very wet.

- A roof was put on the main court at Wimbledon so that games could be played even when it rains.

- The traditional food eaten at Wimbledon is strawberries and cream. According to the Wikipedia page for Wimbledon, in 2017, fans consumed 34,000kg of English strawberries and 10,000 litres of cream.



- It is possible to get a ticket to watch the tennis by sleeping outside the venue, overnight. This is surprisingly popular.

- The longest game of tennis at Wimbledon was in 2010, between John Isner of the USA and Nicolas Mahut of France. It lasted 11 hours and 5 minutes over three days. John Isner won the match. He lost the next match in 74 minutes, mainly because he was so tired from the previous days' play.

- At the end of Wimbledon, the players have a special dinner together. At this dinner, it is tradition for the winner of the men's competition to dance with the winner of the women's competition.



Tennis is a very enjoyable game to watch and it is also enjoyable to play. Unlike cricket, the games don't usually last for days. You can play in parks across the UK and it is a good way to get fit. And if you don't want to play, sit back and enjoy the strawberries.