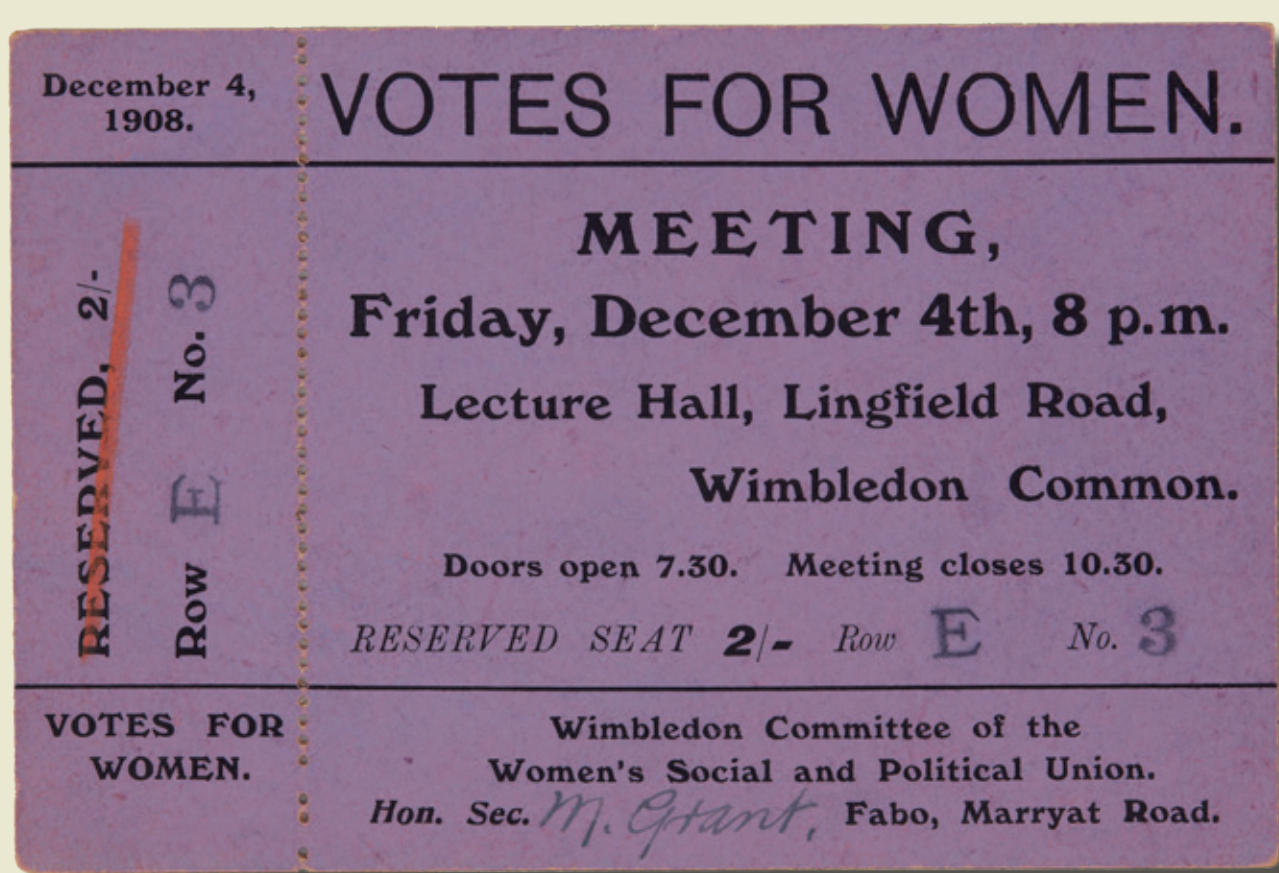


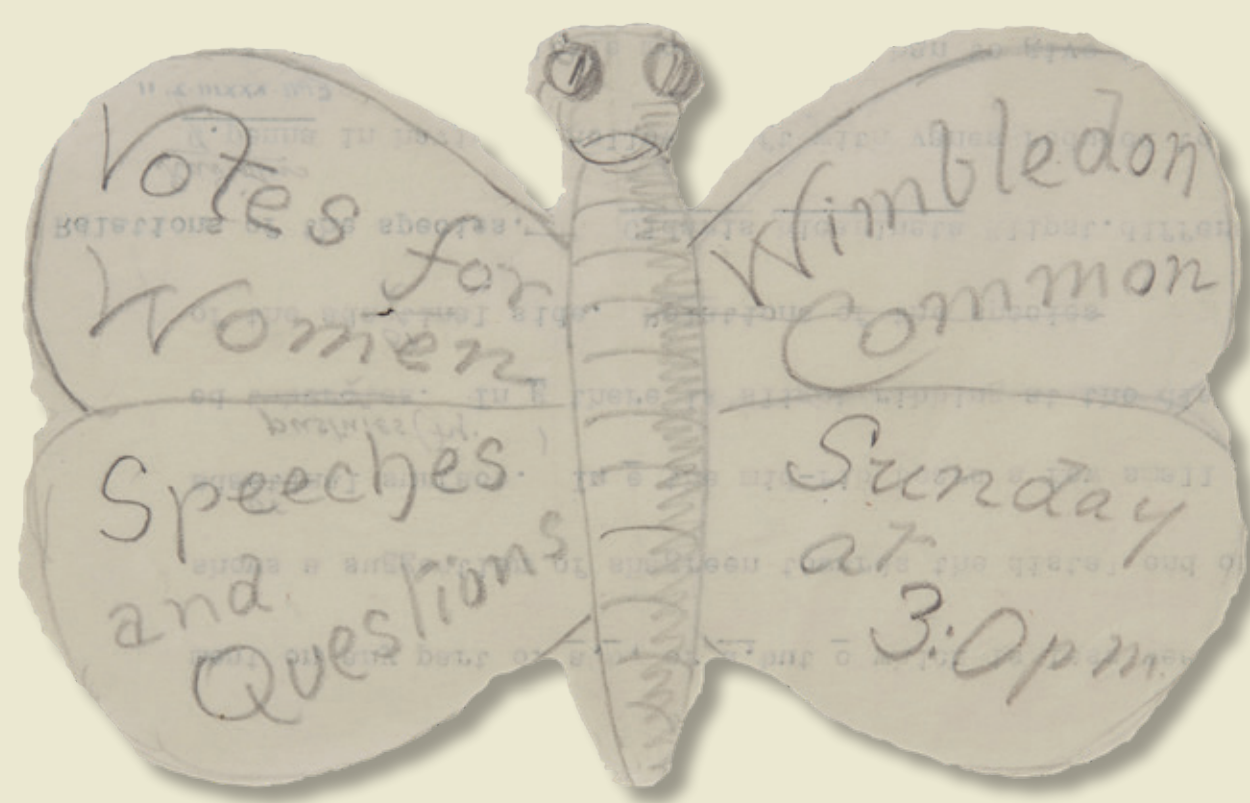
The Fight for Women's Right to Vote

March 1873 saw Wimbledon's first Suffragist meeting in support of women's right to vote. The campaign gained momentum in the 1910s, helped by several key figures from Wimbledon. Suffragists campaigned peacefully for change, but some women later adopted more radical methods. They were called Suffragettes.

One of the best-known Wimbledon Suffragettes was Rose Lamartine Yates, who went to prison for the cause. Locally, Suffragettes damaged the golf greens at Wimbledon Common and Raynes Park and tried to set fire to the All England Lawn Tennis Club. The Suffragettes also suffered violence at the hands of the police, who banned them from gathering publicly in London.



Ticket for a reserved seat at a 'Votes for Women' meeting, probably designed by Margaret Grant, Honorary Secretary of the Wimbledon Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU)



Flyer for WSPU event on Wimbledon Common on a Sunday at 3pm, probably designed and made by Hilda Bather (1836-1932) artist, designer and Suffragette

Rose Lamartine Yates at the Wimbledon branch of the WSPU garden party, Dorset Hall, Merton Park

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