

Until 4 October

FREE Watford Camera Club Exhibition

Photographs taken by club members for annual competition. Harlequin Centre gallery (above M&S & BHS). Harlequin opening hours. Tel: 01923 239302 or email: christonyates@ntworld.com

1-16 & 17-31 October

FREE Festival of Learning & Family Learning Festival

Free tasters of learning in Watford. Details available from www.watfordlearningptnrs.ik.com or pick up copy of 'Watford Guide to Adult Learning' for Autumn/Winter from a nearby community building.

2 & 3 October

Film Score Spectacular...LIVE!

Ages 12+. Music from Hollywood blockbusters with light show. Live performances of music from Star Wars, Jaws & many more. The Colosseum. Doors 7pm, finishes 10pm. From £10. Visit: www.filmscorespectacular.co.uk

3 October

Paintings, Scandals and Gossip

Art appreciation talk. Watford Museum. 11am-12.30pm. £5 per session, including coffee. Booking essential. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk

Movie Night at the Proms

Programme includes favourites from 'Last Night of the Proms'. Watford Band, featuring Watford Girls Grammar School Choir. Christ Church, St Albans Road. 7.30pm. £8, concessions £5, children under 12 free. Tickets on door or tel: 01442 394203

6 October

Painting Critique

Watford & Bushey Art Society, Beechen Grove Baptist Church. 7.30-9.30pm. Members free. Visitors £3. Visit: www.wbas.org or tel: 01923 224848

8-31 October

FREE Space 2: Life on the Cut

Photographic exhibition by local artist Dave Parker. Thursday-Saturday 10am-5pm. Watford Museum. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk

FREE Space 2: Arna Davies

Painting exhibition by local artist. Monday-Friday, 8.30am-5pm. Customer Service Centre (Town Hall). Tel: 01923 232297 or email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk

10 October

'Bring & Sing' Messiah

Sing & perform Handel's 'Messiah' in just one day with Watford Philharmonic choir. St Mary's Church. Rehearsal from 2.30pm, concert 7.30pm. Singers £12 (music hire £2), non-singing audience £8. Visit: www.watfordphilharmonic.co.uk or tel: 07546 112321

11 October

Octagon Music Society Recital

Suitable for ages over 10. Brodowski String Quartet. Clarendon Muse. 7.45 pm. £12, free for students under 22. For tickets tel: 01923 224092

World Mental Health Day

8-31 October

Guideposts members exhibit their artwork. Thursday-Saturday 10am-5pm. Watford Museum. Free admission. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk

10 October

Come & celebrate World Mental Health Day with Herts Mind Network & Turning Point. Well-Being Centre, St Albans Road. 10am-2pm. Tel: 01923 805741 or email: shortbreaks@turning-point.co.uk

I Can't Believe We're Not Better presents 'The Big Fight' theatre performance. Pump House Theatre & Arts Centre. 7.30pm. £4. For tickets tel: 07528 229354 or email: bettertheatre@hotmail.com

15 October

London's Historic Statues

Friends of Watford Museum talk. Watford Museum. 2pm. £2, free for Friends. Booking essential. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk

17 October

FREE Street Naming Workshop

Drop-in event with the opportunity to help name new roads in Watford. Watford Museum. 11am-2pm. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk

27 October

FREE Celebrate Black History Month

Art workshop to create giant display. North Watford Library. 2-4pm. Booking required. Visit: www.hertsdirect.org/libraries or tel: 0300 123 4049

27 & 28 October

FREE Big Draw - Drawing & Animation Workshops

Ages over 8. Harlequin Centre gallery (above M&S & BHS). 10am-4pm (bring packed lunch). Booking essential. For details tel: 01923 232297 or email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk

29 & 30 October

Autumn Half Term Art Workshops

Art workshops for 8-12 year olds. £6 per session. £4 with Everyone Active Card. Booking essential. For details tel: 01923 232297 or email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk

30 & 31 October

Haunted Museum

Spooky family fun for Halloween. Watford Museum. 6.30pm (ages 6+) & 8pm (ages 10+). £6 per ticket, booking essential. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk

31 October

FREE Big Draw - Mass Drawing & Animation Fun

Free drop-in mass participation drawing & animation for all ages. Harlequin Centre (between M&S & HMV). 10am-4pm. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk

Mondays

Watford Writers

Writing group for critique & inspiration. Café Cha Cha Cha. 7.30-9.30pm. £3 on door. Visit: www.watfordwriters.co.uk or tel: 01923 227054

Watford Folk Dance Group

Traditional English country dancing club. No experience necessary. No need to bring partner. Adults. Term time. Christ Church Hall. 8-10pm. £3 including refreshments. Tel: 01923 233371 / 284303

Mondays & Tuesdays

FREE Story & Rhyme Time

Under 5s. Mondays at North Watford Library. Tuesdays at Watford Central Library. 2.15-2.45pm. Tel: 01923 471333

Mondays, Tuesdays & Sundays

Watford Scalextric Club

Race on 6 lane track. Meriden Community Centre. Mondays & Tuesdays 7pm. Sundays 4-6pm. £6 per session, £3 per driver. Visit: www.mhsc.co.uk. To book tel: 020 8421 5922

Tuesdays

FREE Lunchtime Concerts at St Mary's

St Mary's Church. 1-2pm. Tel: 01923 225189

Music for Babies & Toddlers

Drop in sessions. Watford School of Music, The Clarendon Muse. 10-10.45am. £3.80. Tel: 01923 225531

Belly Dance Classes

YMCA Watford, no membership required. 7-8pm beginners, 8-9pm elementary. £8 drop-in, £40 7-week course. For details visit: www.hayzam.com or tel: 07855 362849

FREE Gaming Club

Build terrain, paint miniature models & play battle strategy games. Over 10s. (Under 10s if accompanied by an adult). Watford Central Library. 3-4.30pm. Tel: 01923 471333

Open Mic Music Event

Pump House Theatre & Arts Centre. Doors open 7.30pm for 8.30pm start. 15 minute slots for players. £3. Raffle. Email: watfordopenmic@hotmail.com

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Salsa Revolution Lessons & Club Night

Over 18s. Jongleurs Comedy Club. Doors open 7pm. £8. Visit: www.salsarevolution.co.uk

Wednesdays

The Guitar Project

All ages. Intermediate standard guitars in ensemble project. The Clarendon Muse. 7.30-9pm. £30 approx per term. Tel: 01923 245559

Total Belly Dance Course

Belly dance course for ages 16+. Newton Price Centre. 7-8pm. For details & price tel: 07886 798061 or email: vanesa@totalbellydance.com

Wednesdays & Sundays

LOVE Bollywood Dance School

Bollywood dance & theatre classes for 3-18yrs. Adult Bollywood, contemporary dance & tap from beginners to professional. TFC Studio. £6.50 drop in. Visit: www.love-bollywood.co.uk or tel: 07810 373666



Thursdays

Learn to Jive

Jive classes. All ages. Suitable for beginners. The Methodist Church Hall, Chalk Hill. £80 for 10-week course. For times & details visit: www.LearnToJive.com

FREE Baby Rhyme Time

Watford Central Library first & third Thursday of month, North Watford Library second & fourth Thursday. 2.15-2.45pm. Tel: 01923 471333

Infinite Circus

Learn & practice circus skills. Newton Price Centre. 8-9.30pm. £3. Tel: 07719 646553

Thursdays & Fridays

Watford Museum School of Drawing & Painting

Learn to draw & paint, or improve on existing skills. Watford Museum. 10.15am-12.15pm & 1.30-3.30pm. £6 per session or £10 per day inc coffee. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk

Guilfoyle Academy of Irish Dancing

Watford classes. Tel: 07738 975 029 or email: guilfoyledance@yahoo.co.uk

Saturdays

Learning Through the Arts - Creative Writing Group

For adults. All aspects of writing. Contributors from Zimbabwe & South Africa. Watford. 10am-12 noon. £2. For details tel: 07946 361591 or email: artslearning@aol.com

Sundays

Cuban Salsa and Tango courses

Over 16s. 8-week courses at The Studio, Ramada Hotel. 6pm onwards. Courses from £75. For times & levels visit: www.salsaduende.com or tel: 07944 462461

Singers' Night Jazz Jam

Over 21s. All abilities. Resident jazz trio accompaniment for singers & musicians. Bring your sheet music & join in. Bar Bodega. 8-11pm. Tel: 07790 451509 or email: esta@estabdaley.com

Vocal Life Coach Singing School

Suitable for over 18s. Jazz & showstopper songs singing course for over 18s. Watford Girls Grammar School. 10am-2pm. £15 per session. For details tel: 07790 451509 or email: info@vocallifecoach.com

FREE Wild about... Watford!

Come & help protect & enhance Watford's parks & open spaces as part of the council's nature conservation programme. Volunteer opportunities available all over the town. Tel: 01923 278333

FREE Library events & workshops

Includes reading groups for 8-12 years & young people, Knit & Natter & Origami workshops for all ages, Tasty Tales storytelling & healthy eating sessions for under 10s & their families. Watford Central Library and/or North Watford Library. Tel: 01923 471333

Activities at Watford Palace Theatre

This month's highlights include community choir for all abilities, youth activities, drama, acting & writing workshops. Visit: www.watfordpalacetheatre.co.uk

Activities at Newton Price Centre

Yoga classes, language classes - English, Spanish & French, public speaking, Buddhism studies, drumming lessons, parties, hip hop, ballet & jazz dance lessons. Various times/prices. Visit: www.newton-price-centre.ik.com

Events at The Clarendon Muse

Musical classes & individual tuition for all ages & abilities. Music & movement for 0-7 years, junior music school, wind bands, Taiko Japanese drumming, soul singers, string orchestras, theory classes & more. Visit: www.herts-music-service.org.uk

Peace Hospice Events

For info on this month's events visit: www.peacehospice.org.uk or tel: 01923 330340

Watford Chamber of Commerce Events

Various activities. Visit www.watfordchamber.co.uk

Hartbeeps Magical Music Workshops

Babies & toddlers. Café Cha Cha Cha. Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday am & pm. £5.50 a session, free taster. Tel: 07796 097724 or email: sarah@hartbeeps.com

Watford Camera Club

Weekly meetings (Thursdays) & monthly digital workshops (Tuesdays). Various venues. Visit www.watfordcameraclub.org

Yoga at Westfield

Beginners, pregnancy, baby & toddler yoga. Westfield Children's Centre. Various times & prices. Visit: www.esprit-yoga.com or tel: 07980 415698

Creative Classes with The Dan Tien

Various classes for children & adults. Centrepont Community Centre. Monday/Tuesday/Thursday evenings. Various prices. Visit: www.thedantien.co.uk

BaaBaa Babies

Fun activity classes from birth-5years. Stimulate & exercise little minds & bodies. Various days, locations & prices. Visit: www.baabaababies.co.uk or tel: 07949 132517

FREE Up On Downs

Coffee & play sessions. Regular drop-in, last Wednesday of the month, 9.45-11.45am, Beechfield Children's Centre. Tel: 01923 442230 or email: Atinsley8@aol.com

Leal School of Dance

Ballroom, ballet, jazz, tap, tappy toes, modern, street dance, musical theatre. New performing arts course on Fridays (4.30-7.30pm) during term time (ages 6-18). Tel: 01923 218626 or visit: www.lealschoolofdance.com

Fujian White Crane Kung Fu

For adults. Monday & Wednesday at Multicultural Community Centre. Tuesday & Thursday at Charters Health Club, YMCA, Woodlands Centre. £10 trial class. For details visit: www.fwckungfu.com or tel: 07912 354586

Belly Dance Classes

Drop-in classes on Mondays & Wednesdays for beginners & intermediate/advanced. £6. Visit: www.dawnharveybellydancer.webs.com or tel: 07850 310978

Daytime Drop-in Dance Sessions

Over 16s. Classes in pilates, jazz, contemporary dance, ballet & more. £6+. Collective Dance Studio. Tel: 0208 428 0037 or email: info@collectivedance.co.uk

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What's On

October 2009

4-page guide packed with exciting local events!



Town centre activities

Watford Borough Council is looking for local community groups & organisations to provide activities that will contribute towards a family friendly town & enhance the town centre.

Successful events for 2009 include TagEm dance competition, choral performances, student performances including song, dance, mime & street theatre. Weekly performances at the Bandstand & theatrical excerpts.

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact us by email: community@watford.gov.uk or tel: **01923 278333**.

Watford Borough Council is committed to creating a family friendly town, and is keen to encourage events and activities that bring people together, to have fun and be entertained. If you are interested in providing entertainment in the town, please contact us for an application form, by email: community@watford.gov.uk or call on tel: **01923 278333**.

Your guide to What's On in and around Watford this month
www.watford.gov.uk

