

Until 28 August

FREE Space 2: Watford Camera Club

Photographic exhibition at Customer Service Centre (Town Hall). Admission Free. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk

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Children's Summer Workshops

Thursdays & Fridays. Ages 8-12. Various themes. Plus special graffiti workshops for ages 12-16. Watford Museum. 10.30am-12.30pm. £6 per session or £4 with Everyone Active Card. Booking essential. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk

3-7 August

Shine on Stage Summer School

Ages 7-16. Spend the week with West End performers creating a fantastic performance. Musical theatre, improvisation, script work, hip-hop, jazz, contemporary dance. Cassiobury Junior School. For prices & booking tel: 01923 351455 or email: alice@shineonstage.co.uk

4 August

Have a go Media Workshop

Also bring & buy of art materials. 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 August

The Life & Works of Sir Christopher Wren

Friends of Watford Museum Talk by Jo & John Brewster. Watford Museum. 2pm. £2 or free for Friends of Watford Museum. Tel: 01923 232297

3-7 & 10-14 August

Watford Palace Theatre Workshops

Week 1 (ages 7-11). Week 2 (ages 11-14). Create a devised piece of theatre to be performed on final day. Explore your creative side, extend acting skills & have fun! Watford Palace Theatre. 10am-4pm daily. Friday performance 5pm in Cassiobury Park. £85 concessions available. Tel: 01923 810307 or email: participation@watfordpalacetheatre.co.uk

Little Angel's Summer Theatre Camps

All children between ages 5-11. Sing, dance & act. Nascot Wood Junior School. 10am-4pm (extended day 9am-5pm). Prices per camp from £99. Visit: www.littleangel.org or tel: 0845 026 2071

15 August

Watford Museum High Street Trail

11am. £3. Booking essential. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk

FREE Hertfordshire Fire Museum Open Day

Watford Fire Station. 1-4pm. Visit: www.watfordmuseum.org.uk/firemuseum

17 & 18 August

Hertsmere Inclusive Theatre Drama Workshops

Ages 7-18. Accepting, friendly & safe environment. Learn, devise, act, perform & have fun. Bushey Centre (17 August) & Watford Grammar School for Boys (18 August). £30 per child per day. Discounts available. Tel: 07983 376734 (day) 020 8386 5051 (eve) or email: hitproject@hotmail.com



Image from Watford LIVE! Community Arts Festival, June 2009

17-19 August

Dalcroze Eurhythmics Summer School

Ages 5-6 & 7-9. Learn about music through movement. Watford School of Music at The Clarendon Muse. 9.30-10.30am (ages 5-6), 10.45-11.45am (ages 7-9). One child £23, two siblings £38. Tel: 01923 442242 or email: elizabethwatkin@yahoo.co.uk

24-28 August

FREE BBC Concert Orchestra Summer School

Music & dance school for ages 16-19. No previous experience necessary. Intensive, fun week to devise & perform a new work. The Clarendon Muse. 10-5pm. Friday Performance at Watford Palace Theatre 6pm. Tel: 020 8576 0340 or email: patrick.bailey@bbc.co.uk

29 August

FREE Summer Festival

Brainwave, Up on Downs and Mencap event for any family with at least one child with a disability. Music workshops, movement & dance, stories, face painting, play. Refreshments or bring own picnic. Westfield Children's Centre. 12.30-3.30pm. Booking essential. Tel: 01462 630459 or email: nuttall_sande@yahoo.co.uk

30 August

Teddy Bear Musical Picnic

Ages 1-5. Bring your bear! Café Cha Cha Cha garden, Cassiobury Park. 11am. £5.50 per child & £2 per sibling. Event will go ahead if day is dry - pay on the day. Tel: 07796 097724 or email: sarah@hartbeeps.com

Throughout August

FREE Quest Seekers Summer Reading Challenge

Over 5s. Fun reading quest. Details at Hertfordshire libraries or tel: 01923 471333

Until 2 September

Recess After School Holiday Club

Ages 4-11. Westfield Children's Centre. 8am-6pm (£22), school special sessions 8.45am-3.45pm (£15.50), half days (£13.50). Tel: 01923 800003

Weekly Activities

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

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 & Wednesdays

Fujian White Crane Kung Fu

For all adults. Multicultural Community Centre Watford. Monday 6.30-7.30pm, Wednesday 7.30-8.30pm. £10 trial class. Tel: 07912 354586 or email: carlof@fwckungfu.com

Belly Dance Classes for Beginners

Drop-in classes. Mondays at Newton Price Centre. 7-8pm. £6. Wednesdays at The Centre. 8.30-9.30pm. £5. Visit: www.dawnharveybellydancer.webs.com or tel: 07850 310978

Tuesdays

FREE Lunchtime Concerts at St Mary's

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

Beginners Belly Dance Classes

Take classes as course or drop-in. YMCA Watford, no membership required. 7-8pm. £7 for drop-in. Visit: www.hayaam.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

Adult Ballroom Dancing Classes

Term time. Bromet Primary School. Details & price tel: 07771 657556

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

Salsa Dance Classes

Beginners. Newton Price Centre. 8-9.30pm. £7 first class free. Tel: 07830 091139

Wednesdays & Sundays

LOVE Bollywood Dance School

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

Thursdays

FREE Baby Rhyme Time

Songs & rhymes. 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. £5 per session or £19 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

FREE Bandstand Season

Throughout August. Suitable for families. Brass bands, Latin, jazz & more. Next to Watford Central Library. 2pm onwards. For updates visit: www.watfordforyou.org

LOVE PARKS WEEK

FREE Celebrating Cassiobury Park

Activities organised to tie in with GreenSpace's annual Love Parks campaign & to celebrate Cassiobury Park's Centenary:

1 August

Cassiobury History Talk

11am. Talk presented by the Museum's Heritage Officer. Watford Museum. Booking essential. Tel: 01923 232297

Fun Day!

12 noon-5pm. Family event. Build a den, dress up in character, visit Wild Man of the Woods & learn more about the history of the park. Visitors will also be able to take part in the following scheduled activities.

12 noon, 2.30 & 4.30pm - Drumming workshops

12 noon-3pm - Face painting

2-4pm - T-shirt painting

2 & 4pm - Teddy Bear music for ages 1-5. Don't forget to bring your bear!

Activities will take place near Café Cha Cha Cha. Art materials & musical instruments provided. For further information contact Watford Borough Council on tel: 01923 278333 or email: communityservices@watford.gov.uk. For info on Love Parks Week visit: www.loveparksweek.org.uk

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

Activities at Newton Price Centre

Kung Fu & Yoga, life clubs, language courses, Buddhist study. Various times/prices. Visit: www.newton-price-centre.ik.com or tel: 01923 233439

Activities at Watford Palace Theatre

All abilities. Includes a free open day, rehearsed reading & adult drama workshops. Also Wednesday Community Choir - popular songs, gospel, jazz, no audition & Palace Youth Theatre. Tel: 01923 225671, email: learning@watfordpalacetheatre.co.uk or visit: www.watfordpalacetheatre.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

Watford Chamber of Commerce Events

Various activities, locations, times & prices. Visit www.watfordchamber.co.uk

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

Children's ballet, tap, musical theatre, street dance, music lessons. Adult tap, t'ai chi, salsa fit, ballet. Centrepoin Community Centre. Monday/Tuesday/Thursday evenings. £4.60-£6.50 concessions available. Visit: www.thedantien.co.uk or tel: 01923 441043

BaaBaa Babies

Fun activity classes from birth-5years. Stimulate & exercise little minds & bodies. Touch & Tickle Baby Massage 0-12 months. Bounce & Jiggle Play & Sign 0-2 years. Alpha Babies 1-3 years. Various days, locations & prices. Visit: www.baabaababies.co.uk or tel: 07949 132517

Peace Hospice Events

For info on events visit: www.peacehospice.org.uk or tel: 01923 330340

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

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

FREE The Harlequin Summer Activities

Dance shows, workshops, 'make & take' arts activities, photo competition. The Harlequin - Lower Mall outside M&S / HMV. 11-3pm. Booking required. Visit: www.theharlequin.uk.com or tel: 01923 250292

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What's On

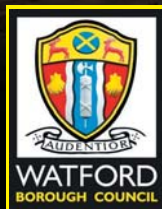
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4-page guide packed with exciting local events!



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**.

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Your guide to What's On in and around Watford this month
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