

Watford Heritage Open Days 2009

10-13 September



Holy Rood Catholic Church

Market Street, Watford, WD18 0PJ

This Grade I listed Roman Catholic Church has special opening times, and offers guided tours. If you have a pair of binoculars, please bring them with you to look at the detail of the windows, wall paintings and sculptures

Thursday 10 September 10-4pm
(Tour 11am)

Friday 11 September 10am-12pm
(Tour 3pm) **and 3-4pm**

Saturday 12 September 12.30-4pm

Pre booking required for the tours (space limited). Contact Watford Museum for more information.

St Mary's Church

Church Street, Watford, WD18 0EG

This Grade I listed town centre church and tower is open to the public. A sponsored abseil raising money for the New Hope Trust takes place on Saturday. All are welcome to join them for their Sunday Service

Thursday 10 September 9am-4pm
(Tower open 10am-12pm)

Friday 11 September 9am-4pm
(Tower open 2-4pm)

Saturday 12 September 10am-4pm
(Abseil 9.30am-4.30pm)

Sunday 13 September 12-2pm
(Sunday service 10.30am-12pm, Tower open 12-2pm)

Watford Central Library

Hempstead Road, Watford, WD17 3EU

'Historic Buildings of Watford' - an exhibition of photographs and history of local buildings opens during Heritage Open Days weekend

Thursday 10 September 10am-8pm

Friday 11 September 9am-8pm

Saturday 12 September 9am-4pm

Sunday 13 September 1-5pm



Watford Museum

194 Lower High Street, Watford, WD17 2DT

Local history museum telling the story of Watford, with an outstanding art collection. The museum is housed in a Grade II listed Georgian mansion house

A special Introduction to Archaeology Day takes place on Saturday 12 September in partnership with the South West Herts Archaeological and Local History Society

Thursday 10 September 10am-5pm

Friday 11 September 10am-5pm

Saturday 12 September 10am-5pm

Pre booking required for Archaeology Day, contact Watford Museum for more information

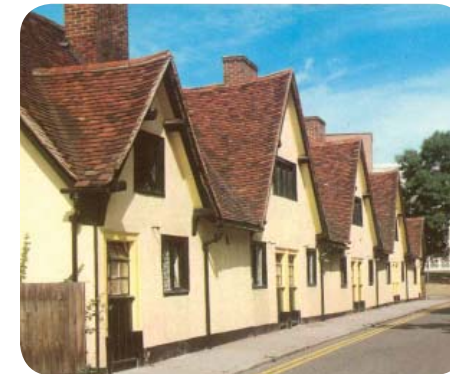
West Herts College - Watford Campus

Hempstead Road, Watford, WD17 3EZ

Current campus frontage designed by Lanchester c1950, which is locally listed. Opportunity to compare/contrast with the new campus building which is currently under construction

Thursday 10 September 8.30am - 8pm

Friday 11 September 8.30am - 4pm



Bedford Almshouses

St Mary's Close, Watford, WD18 0ED

Take a peek inside one of the Bedford Almshouses. Built in 1580 and Grade II listed, this charming building still provides charitable housing for senior citizens

Saturday 12 September 2-4pm

Pre booking required, contact Watford Museum for more information.

Watford Heritage Showcase

Watford town centre

Join us in Watford town centre to learn about the history of Watford through street entertainment and other activities

Saturday 12 September 12-5pm

Watford Palace Theatre

20 Clarendon Road, Watford, WD17 1JZ

Open Day. Lots of activities including storytelling (11 and under), drama workshops (11 and over), sound and lighting backstage tours, a marketing workshop for 11-16 years

Saturday 12 September 11-4pm

Telephone Watford Palace Theatre on 01923 225671 for more information



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Watford School of Music

The Clarendon Muse, 70 Rickmansworth Road, Watford, WD18 7JA

Join us for a guided tour to see the school at work. Please meet in the foyer at the Clarendon Muse

Saturday 12 September Tours at 10am and 11am

Pre booking required for the tours (space limited). Contact Watford Museum for more information

Watford Town Hall Chambers

Town Hall, Watford, WD17 3EX

Join us for a tour of the Council Chamber with the Chairman of Watford Borough Council (Saturday) and Watford's Elected Mayor (Sunday). Includes a talk about the history of the Town Hall and the opportunity to view and try on the civic robes

Saturday 12 September 10.30 - 11.30am

Sunday 13 September 2-3pm

Pre booking required for the tours (space limited). To book a place please telephone 01923 278376/74. Closing date for bookings is Wednesday 9 September

Hertfordshire Fire Museum & Watford Fire Station

Whippendell Road, Watford, WD18 7QW

There will be lots going on at this venue for their joint Open Day. Hertfordshire Fire Museum is the only one in the county & shows the history of fire-fighting from the very early days

Saturday 19 September 1-4pm

Contact us:

For further information about any of the activities taking place or to make a booking, please contact Watford Museum

Telephone: 01923 232297

Email:

info@watfordmuseum.org.uk

Visit:

www.watfordmuseum.org.uk

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Watford, WD17 2DT

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FREE ENTRY TO ALL EVENTS!

Heritage Open Days celebrates England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission.

Every year on four days in September, buildings of every age, style and function throw open their doors, ranging from castles to factories, town halls to tithe barns, parish churches to Buddhist temples. It is a once-a-year chance to discover hidden architectural treasures and enjoy a wide range of tours, events and activities which bring to life local history and culture.

Find out what is happening in Watford overleaf...

Events at:

Holy Rood Catholic Church St Mary's Church
Watford Central Library Watford Museum West Herts College
Bedford Almshouses Watford Palace Theatre Fire Museum
Watford School of Music Watford Town Hall Chambers



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