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North Watford History Group Guided Walk

Meet outside Watford North Station in Bushey Mill Lane

A trail exploring the industrial history of the Sandown Road area which began in 1899 with Dr Tibbles' Cocoa Factory. Walk approx. 1.5hrs with the option of seeing the site of the 1944 Sandringham Road bombing

Saturday 11 September 10am

No booking required. For more info email: jillwaterson@hotmail.com

Watford Town Hall Chambers

Town Hall, Watford, WD17 3EX

Join us for a tour of the Council chamber and an opportunity to see inside the Grade II listed Town Hall. Find out about the history of the building and the Council and try on the civic robes!

Thursday 9 September 1pm

Tour by the Mayor of Watford

Friday 10 September 2pm

Tour by the Chairman of the Council

Pre-booking required (spaces limited). Tel: 01923 278376/74 to book. Booking closes Weds 8 September

Organised by the Arts, Events & Heritage team at Watford Borough Council

Hertfordshire Fire Museum Open Day

Lower High Street, Watford, WD17 2AG

Based at the new fire station, the museum is the only one in the county and shows the history of fire-fighting from the early days

Saturday 4 September 1-4pm

No booking required

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

Watford Museum,
194 Lower High Street,
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 The Peace Hospice
Bedford Almshouses Beechen Grove Baptist Church Fire Museum
North Watford History Group Watford Town Hall Chambers

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Holy Rood Catholic Church

Market Street, Watford, WD18 0PJ

This Grade I listed Roman Catholic Church will be providing special opening times and 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 9 September 8am-12noon
(Tour 2pm) and 1-6pm

Friday 10 September 8am-12noon
(Tour 10am) and 1-6pm

Saturday 11 September 9-11am & 2-6pm

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

St Mary's Church

Church Street, Watford, WD18 0EG

Watford's oldest building, this Grade I listed town centre church and tower is open to the public. All are welcome to join them for their Sunday Service at 10.30am

Thursday 9 September 9am-4pm
(Church open)

Friday 10 September 9am-4pm
(Church open)

Saturday 11 September 10am-12noon
(Church and tower open)

Sunday 12 September 12-2pm
(Church and tower open)

No booking required. For more info contact St Mary's: 01923 225189

Watford Central Library

Hempstead Road, Watford, WD17 3EU

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

Thursday 9 September 10am-8pm

Friday 10 September 9am-8pm

Saturday 11 September 9am-4pm

Sunday 12 September 1-5pm

No booking required. For more info tel: 03001 234049



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

Special exhibition about Watford's landmarks and historic features

Thursday 9 September 10am-5pm

Friday 10 September 10am-5pm

Saturday 11 September 10am-5pm

No booking required. For more info contact Watford Museum

The Peace Hospice

Peace Drive, Watford, WD17 3PH

The Hospice is sited in the former Peace Memorial Hospital, officially opened in 1925 by Princess Mary. Join them for their coffee morning, a chance to explore this iconic building and a small display on the history of the Peace

Saturday 11 September 10am-1pm

No booking required. For more info contact: 01923 335370



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 11 September 1-4pm

Pre booking required, for more info contact Watford Museum

Beechen Grove Baptist Church

Clarendon Road, Watford, WD17 1JJ

An opportunity to explore this Grade II Romanesque church dating to 1877. Plus a small exhibition about the church's history

Friday 10 September 10am-3pm

Saturday 11 September 10am-3pm

No booking required. For more info contact: 01923 234975 or email: office@bgbaptist.org.uk

Printing Showcase

Watford town centre

Join us to learn about the history of Watford's printing industry.

FREE fun activities for all the family with printing workshops and more!

Saturday 11 September 12-5pm

For more information contact Community Services by tel: 01923 278333 or email: community@watford.gov.uk