

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

Events at The Watford Colosseum

Includes English Classical Player programmes tel: 01923 888320. A Chuckles Christmas: The Chuckle Brothers tel: 0844 847 1665. A Gallows Homecoming online sales only. For performances at The Colosseum including Magic of Motown, The Magic of the Beatles & South Oxhey Choir Event tel: 01923 225671 (Watford Palace Theatre box office). For information on all events visit: www.watford-colosseum.co.uk

Activities & Performances at Watford Palace Theatre

This month's highlights include community choir for all abilities & Cinderella pantomime. Visit: www.watfordpalacetheatre.co.uk or tel: 01923 810307

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 or tel: 01923 233439

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 & more. Visit: www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk or tel: 01923 225531

Peace Hospice Events

This month includes Santa Dash activities & Christmas coffee morning with stalls. For details visit: www.peacehospice.org.uk or tel: 01923 330330.

Watford Chamber of Commerce Events

Various activities, locations, times & prices. 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. Centrepoint 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. 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, Beechfield Children's Centre, 9.45-11.45am. Tel: 01923 442230 or email: atinsley8@aol.com

Leal School of Dance

Classes for children & adults. Ballroom, ballet, jazz, tap, rappy toes, modern, street dance & musical theatre. Performing arts course on Fridays (4.30-7.30pm) during school term time for ages 6-18. Various times, venues & prices. Tel: 01923 218626 or visit: www.lealschoolofdance.com

Fujian White Crane Kung Fu

For all 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. £6+. For details of venues, times & levels visit: www.dawnharveybellydancer.webs.com or tel: 07850 310978

Daytime Drop-in Dance Sessions

Over 16s. Classes in pilates, jazz, contemporary dance, ballet & more. Also new specialised Sunday dance workshops. Prices from £6. Collective Dance Studio. For further details tel: 0208 428 0037 or email: info@collectivedance.co.uk

What's On

December 2009



4-page guide packed with exciting local events!

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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
www.watford.gov.uk



Until 24 December

FREE The Harlequin Free Christmas Grotto

Ages 0-12. Grotto with free gift from Santa. The Harlequin, lower mall outside M&S. Book online at www.theharlequin.uk.com or turn up on day. Tel: 01923 250292

2 December

Hertsmere Inclusive Theatre

HIT's got Christmas Talent. The James Theatre, Watford Grammar School for Boys. 7pm. Tickets £4, concessions £2. Visit: www.hitproject.co.uk or tel: 01923 499310

3 December

FREE North Watford Teenage Reading Group

Ages 12-16. Enjoy chatting about books & meeting new people. North Watford Library. 6-7pm. Tel: 01923 471333

3-24 December

FREE Screen Break - Photographs & Paintings

By television filmmakers Andy King-Dabbs & John Martin White. Thursday-Saturday, 10am-5pm. Watford Museum. Free admission. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk

5 December

Hand Bell Ringing by Trefoil Ringers

Friends of Watford Museum event. Watford Museum. 10.30am. £2, free for Friends. Booking essential. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk

5, 12 & 19 December

FREE Watford Market Christmas Events

Includes Santa's Grotto with Christmas gift & children's balloon making entertainment. Watford Indoor Market. Charter Place Shopping Centre. 12-4pm. Also Christmas card competition. Visit: www.watford.gov.uk/watfordmarket or tel: 01923 278814

7 December

The Big Breakfast

Over 18s. Networking breakfast meeting in aid of the Peace Hospice with guest speaker Graham Taylor OBE. Moor Park Mansion House. 7.15am. Chamber members £29, non-members £39. Visit: www.watfordchamber.co.uk

9 December

Harp Recital

Popular & classical harp music by Lucy Haslar. Concert Hall at The Clarendon Muse. 7.30pm. £8, students £6 including light refreshments. Tel: 01923 231606

10 December

FREE Soul Singers & Watford Community Choir Christmas Concert

Concert Hall at The Clarendon Muse. 7.30pm. Free of charge - retiring collection. Tel: 01923 225531



**5 & 12 December
FREE Christmas Celebratory Arts**

Local groups showcase their artistic talents. Includes salsa dance, inclusive theatre, choir performance, performing arts & more. Charter Place & St Mary's Square. 1-4pm.

Tel: 01923 278333 or email: community@watford.gov.uk

11 December

Watford School of Music Youth Orchestra Concert

Concert Hall at The Clarendon Muse. 7.30pm. £5 per person or £12 family ticket (2 adults + 3 school age children). Tel: 01923 225531

16 December

Watford Philharmonic Society - Christmas Carols for All

Programme of well loved carols & other seasonal songs. Watford Colosseum. 7.30pm. Tickets £12.50 & £14.00, children half-price. Visit: www.watfordphilharmonic.co.uk or tel: 07456 112 321

17 December

FREE New Year - New Start

Event promoting Youth Connexions & services available to young people. Ages 13-19 years, up to 25 with a learning difficulty or disability. Free snacks & refreshments, raffle. Advisors on many issues facing young people. Watford One Stop Shop (Youth Connexions), The Parade. 4.30-7pm. Tel: 01923 231132

21 December

M.S. Support Group

Get together for tea, coffee, chat & support. Open to all (children to be accompanied). Centrepoint Community Centre. 1-3pm. Free to members. For information tel: 01923 464961

21-22 December

Little Angel's Winter Theatre Camp

All children aged 5-11 welcome. Sing, dance & act, learn skills & have fun. Nascot Wood Junior School. 10am-4pm (extended day 9am-5pm). From £49. Visit: www.littleangel.org or tel: 0845 026 2071

26 December

FREE Morris Dancing event

Watford based Woodside & guest teams entertain with dancing, music, singing & traditional carols. Suitable for all the family. Coach & Horses public house, Croxley Green. 12.30-2.30pm. Tel: 01727 839266 or email: info@woodsidemorrismen.com

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

Adults. Term time. Traditional English country dancing club. No experience necessary. No need to bring partner. 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

Tuesdays

FREE Lunchtime Concerts at St Mary's

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

Meriden Swap Shop & Community Café

Bring & swap items such as clothes, CDs, books & games. No electrical goods. Meriden Community Centre. 10am-12pm. Tel: 01923 894862

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

Argentine Tango classes

Over 16s. The Studio, Ramada Hotel. Basic 8pm, Intermediate 8.45pm. £8 drop-in. Visit: tanguoduende.co.uk or tel: 07944 462461

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Salsa Revolution Lessons & Club Night

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

Tuesdays & Saturdays

Belly Dance Classes

Until 13 December, resumes 11 January. Ages over 16. YMCA Watford. £7 members, £8 non-members. For times, levels & details visit: www.hayaam.com or tel: 07855 362849

Wednesdays

FREE Morris Men dance practice & tuition

Weekly practice for old & new members to learn & perfect traditional & contemporary Morris dances. For men aged 18+. Pump House Arts Centre. 8-10.30pm. Tel: 01727 839266 or email: info@woodsidemorrismen.com

Aerobics Class

For adults. Term time only. Centrepoint Community Centre. 10-11am. £1.50. Free crèche available if booked in advance. Tel: 01923 211058, crèche tel: 07588 605333

Music for Babies & Toddlers

Drop-in sessions. Watford School of Music, The Clarendon Muse. 10-10.45am. £3.90 per child. Tel: 01923 225531

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: vanessa@totalbellydance.com

Wednesdays & Sundays

LOVE Bollywood Dance School

Bollywood dance & theatre classes for 3-18yrs. Adult Bollywood, contemporary dance & tap. 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 details visit: www.LearnToJive.com

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. £6 per session or £11 per day including 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

Fridays

Yoga Classes

For the over 50s. Meriden Community Centre. 10-11.30am. £5 per class. Tel: 01923 770913.

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

FREE Singers' Night Jazz Jam

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

