

**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 & Performances at Watford Palace Theatre**

Includes community choir for all abilities. For this month's activities visit: [www.watfordpalacetheatre.co.uk](http://www.watfordpalacetheatre.co.uk) or tel: 01923 810307

**Activities at Friends Meeting House**

Includes yoga, jazz & ballet workshops, support groups, meditation & circle dancing. Friends Meeting House. For details & prices visit: [www.watfordquakers.org.uk](http://www.watfordquakers.org.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.lk.com](http://www.newton-price-centre.lk.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.hertsmusicsservice.org.uk](http://www.hertsmusicsservice.org.uk) or tel: 01923 225531

**Peace Hospice Events**

For info on this month's events visit: [www.peacehospice.org.uk](http://www.peacehospice.org.uk) or tel: 01923 330340

**Watford Chamber of Commerce Events**

Various activities, locations, times & prices. Visit [www.watfordchamber.co.uk](http://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](mailto:sarah@hartbeeps.com)

**Watford Camera Club**

Weekly meetings (Thursdays) & monthly digital workshops (Tuesdays). Various venues. Visit [www.watfordcameraclub.org](http://www.watfordcameraclub.org)

**Yoga at Westfield**

Beginners, pregnancy, baby & toddler yoga. Westfield Children's Centre. Various times & prices. Visit: [www.esprit-yoga.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.baabaababies.co.uk) or tel: 07949 132517

**FREE Up On Downs**

Coffee & play sessions. Regular drop-in, last Wednesday of the month. Beachfield Children's Centre. 9.45-11.45am. Tel: 01923 442230 or email: [atinsley8@aol.com](mailto:atinsley8@aol.com)

**Leal School of Dance**

Classes for children & adults. Ballroom, ballet, jazz, tap, tappy toes, modern, street dance & musical theatre. Plus new 10-week adult beginners tap course, 5-week adult basic ballroom course & 10-week performing arts course for ages 4-18. For times, venues & prices tel: 01923 218626 or visit: [www.lealschoolofdance.com](http://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](http://www.fwckungfu.com) or tel: 07912 354586

**Dance classes in Dance, Drama & Musical Theatre**

Spring term starts 11 January. Suitable for ages 18 months to professional level. Weekdays, after school & Saturdays. Collective Dance Performing Arts School & Teaching College. For further details tel: 0208 428 0037 or email: [info@collectivedance.co.uk](mailto:info@collectivedance.co.uk) [www.collectivedance.co.uk](http://www.collectivedance.co.uk)

# What's On

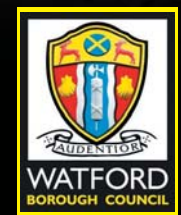
## January 2010

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](mailto: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](http://www.watford.gov.uk)





Town centre performance by Herts Inclusive Theatre, December 2009

5 January

## Demonstration of Painting a Watercolour Seascape

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

7 January

## FREE North Watford Teenage Reading Group

Ages 12-16. Enjoy chatting about books & meeting new people. North Watford Library. 6-7pm. Tel: 0300 1234049

7-29 January

## FREE Space 2: Exhibition

Exhibition of artwork by Art Resource Centre including University of the Third Age. Monday-Friday, 8.30am-5pm. Customer Service Centre (Town Hall). Free admission. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: [info@watfordmuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@watfordmuseum.org.uk)

7 January-13 February

## FREE Space 2: Blackley Bequest

Exhibition of fine art from the Watford Museum Collection. Thursday-Saturday, 10am-5pm. Watford Museum. Free admission. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: [info@watfordmuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@watfordmuseum.org.uk)

8 January

## 150 Years of Our Rights of Way & Open Spaces

Friends of Watford Museum talk to learn about the footsteps of South West Herts. Watford Museum. 2pm. £2, free for Friends. Booking essential. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: [info@watfordmuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@watfordmuseum.org.uk)

11 & 18 January

## FREE Wind Band Workshops

Suitable for adult players of wind instruments, Grade 5+. Watford School of Music at The Clarendon Muse. 8-9pm. Tel: 01923 225531

18 January-7 February

## FREE World War II & Watford at War display

Display of newspaper facsimiles from the 1940s & photos from the Greville Collection. Watford Central Library Gallery. Tel: 01923 471333

21 January

## FREE Watford Quick Reads Book Club

For adults. Discussion about Quick Read, 'Reaching for the stars' & talk about the nature of anxiety by author of books, 'Overcoming anxiety' & 'Overcoming depression'. Watford Central Library. 7pm. Visit: [www.watfordlearningptnrs.lk.com](http://www.watfordlearningptnrs.lk.com)

27 January

## FREE Wilhelm String Quartet Recital

All ages. Mozart B-flat Major Quartet K589, Mendelssohn Quartet in F Minor op80. The Clarendon Muse. 7.30pm. Free of charge - retiring collection. Telephone to reserve seat. Tel: 01923 225531

# 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](http://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

Mondays & Wednesdays

## Belly Dance Classes

Ages over 14. Drop-in classes for beginners & intermediate/advanced. Prices from £6. For details of venues, times & levels visit: [www.dawnharveybellydancer.webs.com](http://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

## 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

## Yoga Classes

Friends Meeting House. 10.30am-12pm. £8. Tel: 01442 260601

## Herts Inclusive Theatre

Drama & theatre workshops. The James Theatre, Watford Grammar School for Boys. 4.15-5.30pm (ages 6-12) & 6-7.30pm (ages 13-18). £55 per term, concessions available. Visit: [www.hitproject.com](http://www.hitproject.com) or tel: 01923 499310

## 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](mailto:watfordopenmic@hotmail.com)

## Argentine Tango classes

Over 16s. The Studio, Ramada Hotel. Basic 8pm, Intermediate 8.45pm. £8 drop-in. Visit: [tangoduende.co.uk](http://tangoduende.co.uk) or tel: 07944 462461

## Belly Dance Classes

From 5 January. Ages over 16. YMCA Watford. Beginners 7-8pm, elementary 8-9pm. £40 for 6 weeks. For details visit: [www.hayaam.com](http://www.hayaam.com) or email: [hayaam@hayaam.com](mailto:hayaam@hayaam.com)

Tuesdays & Thursdays

## Salsa Revolution Lessons & Club Night

Over 18s. Jongleurs Comedy Club. Doors open 7pm. £8. Visit: [www.salsarevolution.co.uk](http://www.salsarevolution.co.uk)

Wednesdays

## Music for Babies & Toddlers

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

## Aerobics Class

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

## 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](mailto:vanesa@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.lovebollywood.co.uk](http://www.lovebollywood.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](http://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 £111 per day including coffee. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: [info@watfordmuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@watfordmuseum.org.uk)

## Guilfoyle Academy of Irish Dancing

Watford classes. Tel: 07738 975029 or email: [guilfoyledance@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:esta@estabdaley.com)

## Vocal Life Coach Jazz & Showstoppers Singing Course

From 10 January. Over 18s. Fun filled singing lessons culminating in a showcase with live jazz trio. Moonglow Dance Studios. 10-12pm & 12-2pm. £15 per session (10 week term payable in advance). Tel: 07790 451509