

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

This month's highlights include community choir for all abilities, youth alternative panto (Saturdays), drama, acting & physical theatre workshops. Productions include Spike Milligan's Adolf Hitler & Cinderella. 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

For info on this month's events visit: www.peacehospice.org.uk or tel: 01923 330340

Watford Chamber of Commerce Events

Various activities. 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. Centrepont Community Centre. Monday/Tuesday/Thursday evenings. Various prices. Visit: www.thedantien.co.uk

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, 9.45-11.45am, Beechfield Children's Centre. Tel: 01923 442230 or email: Atinsley8@aol.com

Leal School of Dance

Ballroom, ballet, jazz, tap, tappy toes, modern, street dance, musical theatre. Performing arts course on Fridays (4.30-7.30pm) during term time (ages 6-18). Tel: 01923 218626 or visit: www.lealschoolofdance.com

Fujian White Crane Kung Fu

For 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 for beginners & intermediate/advanced. Also Christmas belly dance party 28 November. Prices from £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

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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**.

Your guide to **What's On** in and around Watford this month
www.watford.gov.uk



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2-28 November

FREE Watford Art Space

Exhibition by local artists. Work for sale and opportunity to meet the artists. Unit 14, Charter Place Shopping Centre. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 10pm-6pm, Thursdays 10am-9pm, Sundays 11am-5pm. Tel: 01923 278150

3 November

Demonstration of Watercolour Landscape Painting

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

5 November

FREE North Watford Teenage Reading Group

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

5-28 November

FREE Space 2: Photography Exhibition

Exhibition by XRR Photographic Society, Watford Museum. Thursday-Saturday 10am-5pm. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk

FREE Space 2: Painting & Drawing Exhibition

Work by artist Patsy Lowe. Customer Service Centre (Town Hall). Monday-Friday 8.30am-5pm. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk

FREE Local Grown

Allotments themed art exhibition. Watford Museum foyer. Thursday-Saturday 10am-5pm. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk



Light Up Watford!

7 November

FREE Guy Fawkes Firework & Bonfire celebration

Something for all the family with this spectacular firework display, bonfire & entertainment. Cassiobury Park - parking restrictions will be in place around the park. From 6pm, children's display 6.15pm, main display 7.30pm. Tel: 01923 278333 or email: community@watford.gov.uk

12 November

FREE Christmas Lights switch on & Fireworks Spectacular!

With live music & special guests. The Harlequin outside Waterstones. From 6pm. Visit: www.theharlequin.uk.com

26 November

FREE Christmas Tree Lights switch on & Carol Service

Plus bell ringing, carols, readings & singing from local choirs. St Mary's Square & Church. From 6pm. Tel: 01923 278333 or email: community@watford.gov.uk

7 November

Paintings of France

Art appreciation talk. Watford Museum. 11am-12.30pm. £5 per session, including coffee. Booking essential. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk

11 November

Music with an English Accent

Watford Philharmonic Society's programme featuring work by 20th century English composers Elgar, Holst & Delius. Watford Colosseum. 7.30pm, doors open 6.30pm. Tickets £12.50 & £14.00, children half-price. Visit: www.watfordphilharmonic.co.uk or tel: 07456 112 321

FREE Guitar Project Concert

For all ages. Opportunity to see what the guitar group is all about. Watford School of Music at The Clarendon Muse. 7.45pm. Tel: 01923 225531 or 01923 245559

15 November

Octagon Music Society Concert

Ages over 8. Chamber music event Celebrating Handel - soprano, recorder, cello & harpsicord. Clarendon Muse. 7.45pm. £12, free for students under 22. Tel: 01923 224092

16-21 November

There Came a Gypsy Riding

New play by Frank McGuinness. Pump House Theatre & Arts Centre. Monday £6 no concessions, Tuesday-Saturday £10 concessions £8. Tel: 07786 844541

20 November

Cottage Crafts of Hertfordshire

Friends of Watford Museum talk by Janet Dineen. Watford Museum. 2pm. £2, free for Friends. Booking essential. Tel: 01923 232297 or email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk

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

Watford Folk Dance Group

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

FREE Meriden Swap Shop & Community Café

New activity at Meriden Community Centre. Bring & swap items such as clothes, CDs, books, toys & games. No electrical goods. Recycle unwanted items. 10am-12pm. Small charge for refreshments. 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: tangoduende.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

Ages over 18. YMCA Watford. £7 members, £8 non-members. For times, levels & details visit: www.hayaam.com or tel: 07855 362849

Wednesdays

Music for Babies & Toddlers

Drop in sessions. Watford School of Music, The Clarendon Muse. 10-10.45am. £3.80. 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 from beginners to professional. 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 times & details visit: www.LearnToLive.com

FREE Baby Rhyme Time

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 £10 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

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

FREE Family Bollywood Singing Workshops

Until 5 December. Learn to sing Bollywood songs using proper technique & classical foundation. Family event - no unaccompanied children or adults. Watford School of Music at The Clarendon Muse. 1-3pm. Booking essential. Tel: 01923 225531 or email: southmusicenquiries@hertscc.gov.uk

Sundays

FREE Singers' Night Jazz Jam

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

Vocal Life Coach Singing School

Suitable for over 18s. Jazz & showstopper songs singing course for over 18s. Watford Girls Grammar School. 10am-2pm. £15 per session. For details tel: 07790 451509 or email: info@vocallifecoach.com