

Throughout September

**FREE Happy Birthday Watford Museum**  
An exhibition celebrating 30 years of Watford Museum & charting the history of the building from the 18th Century, Watford Museum. 10am-5pm, Thurs-Sat. Tel: 01923 232297, email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk or visit: www.watfordmuseum.org.uk

1-24 September

**FREE The Harlequin's 21st Birthday**  
Various events suitable for all the family. The Harlequin Centre, Watford. Tel: 01923 250292 or email: harlequin-information@capshop.co.uk

1 September

**Parkinson's UK West Herts Branch talk**  
Dr Lucy Annett will talk about Exercise for people living with Parkinson's. St Thomas' Church Hall. 7.30pm. Tel: 01923 265083

Until 4 September

**FREE Watford & Bushey Art Society Annual Exhibition**  
The society's artists showcase their work. The Harlequin Shopping Centre Gallery. 10am-6pm. Tel: 01923 224848

3 September

**FREE Hertfordshire Fire Museum Open Day**  
Commemorating the 70th anniversary of the formation of the National Fire Service. Hertfordshire Fire Museum, Watford Fire Station. 1-4pm. Tel: 01923 232297, email: firemuseum@watfordmuseum.org.uk or visit: www.fire.watfordmuseum.org

Starting 5 September

**GCSE & AS, A Level Dance**  
After school courses. Collective Dance, The Studio, Rickmansworth. Email: info@collectivedance.co.uk or tel: 0208 428 0037

5 September

**Art In the Village**  
Have fun with acrylics, watercolours, life drawing, papier mache & other media. Ages 8-80. The Friends Meeting House. 10.30am - 1.30pm. £20 for a 3 hour class (refreshments included, advance booking required). Tel: 07792 905979, email: cleo.harrington@googlemail.com or visit: www.artinthevillage.co.uk

5-9 September

**Footy in the Park!**  
Fun hour long football session for children. 4-7 (4-5pm) & 8-12 years (5-6pm). Various locations. £3 per session, just turn up, pay & play! Visit: www.watfordfcsstrust.com or tel: 01923 496362

6 September

**FREE Chatterbooks**  
Chat about books, meet new people & play games. Ages 8-11. Watford Central library. 4-5pm. Tel: 03001 234049

**Watford & Bushey Art Society meeting**

Members are invited to bring a painting where professional, helpful criticism & advice will be given by Robin Mackervoy. Beechen Grove Baptist Church Hall. 7.30-9.30pm. Free to members, visitors welcome £3. Tel: 01923 224848

7 September

**FREE Morris Dancing**  
Traditional Morris Dance displays. The Horns, Watford. 8pm. Tel: 01727 839266

8-12 September

**FREE Heritage Open Days Weekend**  
Discover Watford's rich heritage with special events & openings at venues across the town. Venues & locations across Watford. Tel: 01923 232297, email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk or visit: www.watfordmuseum.org.uk

9 September

**FREE Watford Museum After Hours**  
Following the success of Museums at Night, join us at an evening of music & arts, with licensed bar. Watford Museum. 6-9pm. Tel: 01923 232297, email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk or visit: www.watfordmuseum.org.uk

9 September-29 October

**FREE Herts Visual Arts Forum**  
Space2 Gallery, Watford Museum. Thursday-Saturday, 10am-5pm. Tel: 01923 278333 or email: community@watford.gov.uk

11 September

**FREE West Watford Heritage Walk**  
11am (Meet outside the Travelodge on the corner of Market Street & Exchange Road) followed by refreshments at the West Watford Community Centre. Donations for refreshments welcome. Visit: www.westwatfordhistorygroup.org

12 September

**FREE Teen Book Group**  
Chat about books, movies, games etc. Ages 11-17. North Watford Library. 5-6.30pm. Tel: 03001 234049

15 September

**FREE Watford Quick Reads Book Club**  
Adults. Book for discussion: 'Kung Fu Trip' by Benjamin Zephaniah. New members welcome. Watford Central Library. 6.30pm. Visit: www.watfordlearningptnrs.btck.co.uk

17 September

**Victorian High Street Trail**  
A walking tour of Watford exploring the impact of the Victorians & railways. Watford Museum. 11am. £3 (booking essential). Tel: 01923 232297, email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk or visit: www.watfordmuseum.org.uk

**FREE Celebrate Amnesty at 50**

Family event & exhibition celebrating the 50th Birthday of Amnesty! Watford Museum. 1-4pm. Tel: 01923 232297, email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk or visit: www.watfordmuseum.org.uk

18 September

**Vocal Life Coach**  
The Singing Divas 10 week singing courses. Ages 15+. Moonglow Dance Studios. 10am-2.30pm. £150. Tel: 07790 451509

21 September

**FREE Morris Dancing Practice**  
Traditional Morris Dance - start of Winter practice/tuition for potential dancers or musicians. Men aged 18+. Pump House Arts Centre. 8.15pm. Tel: 01727 839266

23-25 September

**FREE The Harlequin's 21st Birthday Fashion Show**  
A fashion show giving shoppers the opportunity to see Autumn/Winter collections from over 40 fashion retailers. A pamper pod will also be set up in centre to give shoppers an extra special treat. Tel: 01923 250292 or email: harlequin-information@capshop.co.uk

# September 2011

23 September

**The Big Event - "We Believe in Children"**  
Watford Grammar School for Girls presents a concert in aid of Barnardo's Children's Charity. The event will include a charity raffle & performances from local artists & students from both grammar schools. Ages 12+. Watford Grammar School for Girls. 7.30-10pm. Various prices. Email: thebigevent@watfordgirls@herts.sch.uk

24 September

**Advanced Belly Dance workshop**  
Learn a whole Belly Dance Routine. Ages 14+. Newton price Centre. 1-5pm. £35 pre-payable in advance. Tel: 07850 310978

**The Joy of Vintage Fashion & Home Fair**

Vintage fair offering a large range of vintage fashion, accessories, home wares, a tea room, retro beauty parlour, live singers & jive & swing dancers. Beechen Grove Baptist Church Centre. 10.30am-5pm. £2 entry (£1 NUS). Tel: 07889 397809, email: thejoyofvintage@hotmail.co.uk or visit: www.thejoyofvintage.co.uk

25 September

**Psycho**  
Film presented by Watford Film Society. Classic Hitchcock Thriller (cert 15). Watford Palace Theatre. 7.30pm (doors 6.45pm). £4 (members advance booking), £6 on the door (all). Visit: www.watfordfilmsociety.org or tel: 01923 223980



Ariaan Winter, Space<sup>2</sup> Gallery, Open studios trailer show, Watford Museum

25 September

**The Peace Hospice Fitness Challenge**  
Unique event for both men & women of all ages & fitness levels. After completing a 10k or 5k run participants have the choice to push themselves that little bit further by experiencing the British Military Fitness Test. Ages 14+. Cassiobury Park. 10am (10k run), 1pm (5k run). £12 entry fee. Tel: 01923 335371, email: events@peacehospice.org.uk or visit: http://www.peacehospice.co.uk/viewevent.asp?eventID=338 to register

26 September

**Watford Community Auction**  
Community auction of antiques, ephemera and collectables. Holywell Community Centre. Free entry. Viewing from 4.30, auction starts at 6.30 pm. Visit: www.watfordcommunityauctions.co.uk email: info@watfordcommunityauctions.co.uk or tel: 07749 870689 / 01923 216950

27 September

**The Story of London's Docks talk**  
Watford Park U3A monthly meeting with speaker Jeremy Batch. For Retired/Semi-Retired individuals. St Luke's Church Hall. 2-4pm. Free to members, visitors welcome for a 'Taster'. Tel: 01923 229653

28 September

**Dancing with Flowers**  
Watford Floral Society Flower Arranging Demonstration with Jackie Watson. For adults & teenagers. St Luke's Church Hall. 19.30-21.45pm. Free to members, visitors £4.50. Tel: 01923 230610

## Various Dates

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

18 months to professional level. Collective Dance Performing Arts School & Teaching College. Tel: 0208 428 0037 or email: info@collectivedance.co.uk

**Events at Watford School of Music**

Various ages. Term time classes & individual tuition, music & movement, wind bands, junior music school, Taiko drumming, soul singers, string orchestras & more. Times/prices vary. Visit: www.hertsmusicsservice.org.uk, email: watfordmusicenquiries@hertscc.gov.uk or tel: 01923 225531

**Zumba with Trisha**

Ages 14+. Three locations, various days & times. £5 per class (discounts available). Suitable for all levels of fitness. Tel: 07919 276539 or email trisha@zumbawithtrisha.co.uk

**Zumba classes**

Mon-Sat (expect Fridays). 10+. Various locations in Watford. Morning & evening classes. £5 per class. Email: zoebrownsell.rcdfc@live.co.uk

**Zumba, Aerobics, Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness Classes**

Ages over 10. Eleven locations, various times. £5-6 per class. Optional weigh in & diet advice. Tel: 07773 465882 or email: jeannettepeel.rcdfc@virgin.net

## Monday

### Watford Writers

Meetings alternate between workshops, speakers, competitions & manuscript night. Cha Cha Cha Café, Cassiobury Park 7.30-9.30pm. Email: watfordwriters@gmail.com

### Community Choir

From 12 Sept. 16+. This is an opportunity to sing with other people whilst having fun and meeting new friends. Elm Church Hall (Leavesden Road Entrance). 6-7.15pm. £3 per week. Tel: 07788 665482, email: lccw2010@hotmail.co.uk, or visit: www.lccw2010.org

### Women's Morris Dance

18+. Weekly practice sessions to learn traditional English dance. The Pump House Theatre & Arts Centre. 8.15-10.15pm. Tel: 01727 823791, email: s.m.rawlins@herts.ac.uk or visit: www.pumphouseclgogmorris.co.uk

### Children's Performing Arts Workshops

Sing, dance, act & perform at Little Angel's fun filled weekly workshops. Ages 5-11. Newton Price Centre. 5.30-6.30pm. Tel: 02081 330331 or visit: www.littleangel.org

### Show Choir

Over 12s, term time. Contemporary singing & dance. The Clarendon Muse. 7-8pm. £42.50 per term. Tel: 01923 225531 or email: watfordmusicenquiries@hertsc.gov.uk

### Adult Wind Band

For players of grade 5-8 standard. Term time only, 8-9.15pm. The Clarendon Muse. £34 per term. Tel: 01923 225531 or email: watfordmusicenquiries@hertsc.gov.uk

### Pre-School Music

Ages 3-4. Dalcroze Eurhythmics. Watford School of Music. 2.15-3pm. £42.50 per term. Tel: 01923 225531 or email: watfordmusicenquiries@hertsc.gov.uk

### Soul Singers

Ages 14+. Join our choir & experience a wide range of music. Term time only, 5.30-6.45pm. The Clarendon Muse. £52.50 per term. Tel: 01923 225531 or email: watfordmusicenquiries@hertsc.gov.uk

## Monday & Wednesday

### Belly Dancing for Beginners & Advanced

The Newton Price Centre & The Centre, South Oxhey. Various times. £6-8 per class. Visit: www.dawnharveybellydancer.webs.com, email: harveydawnh@aol.com or tel: 07850 310978

## Tuesday

### Exercise classes for sufferers of Parkinson's Disease

Woodside Leisure Centre 10.30 - 12 noon, £1.70. Tel: 01923 820395

### Time for Splodgers Arts & Crafts

For under 5s. During term time. Arts & Crafts for Children. Butterfly World, Chiswell Green. 10.15-11.15am. £4 per child, inclusive use of Butterfly World until 12.30pm. Visit: www.timeforsplodgers.com

### Watford Youth Music Theatre Group

Ages 13-19. Term time. Acting, singing & dancing. Watford School of Music. 7-9pm. £74.50 per term. Tel: 01923 225531 or email: watfordmusicenquiries@hertsc.gov.uk

### Group woodwind lessons for beginners

Key Stage 2 children. Term time. Watford School of Music. 4-4.45pm. £58 per term (inclusive of loan instrument). Tel: 01923 225531 or email: watfordmusicenquiries@hertsc.gov.uk

## Tuesday & Thursday

### FREE BTCV Green Gym

Practical nature conservation in Watford's green spaces. Get physically active, learn new skills & make a difference to your local environment. Accompanied under 16s welcome. 10am-1pm. Tel: 01923 278220 or email: GG-watford@btcv.org.uk

## Wednesday

### JiveSwing Lindy Hop Class

Learn to dance the Lindy Hop, 1940's Jitterbug & Jive. 2 classes each week for absolute beginners & experienced dancers. Ages 16-60. Beechen Grove Baptist Church. 7.45-11pm. £8 per session. Email: mail@jiveswing.com, visit: www.jiveswing.com or tel: 07946 396777

### Meditation Classes in Watford

11+. Meditation classes covering the basics of meditation. Friends Meeting House. 7.30-9pm. £8 per class (discounts available). Tel: 02084 557563, email: info@meditateinlondon.org or visit: www.meditateinlondon.org

### 'Brass attack' & 'Brass band'

Sessions for primary & secondary school brass players. Term time. The Clarendon Muse. 5.15-6pm (primary), 6-7pm (secondary). £34 per term. Tel: 01923 225531 or email: watfordmusicenquiries@hertsc.gov.uk

### Percussion Ensemble

Secondary school age. Orchestral percussion group for Grade 4+ players. Watford School of Music. 6.45-7.30pm. £42.50 per term. Tel: 01923 225531 or email: watfordmusicenquiries@hertsc.gov.uk

### Group brass lessons for beginners

Key Stage 2 children. Term time. Watford School of Music. 4.15-5pm. £58 per term (inclusive of loan instrument). Tel: 01923 225531 or email: watfordmusicenquiries@hertsc.gov.uk

## Thursday

### One Voice Community Choir

18+. During term time. The Clarendon Muse. 7.15 - 9.15pm. £2.50 per class. Tel: 01923 225531

### Time for Splodgers Arts & Crafts

For under 5s. During term time. Arts & Crafts for Children. Gambado Indoor Play, Woodside Leisure Park. 10.15-11.15am. £4 per child, includes use of the Indoor Play Area. Visit: www.timeforsplodgers.com

### Learn To Jive

From 8 Sept. Beginners course in authentic 1950s style jive. Bushey & Oxhey Methodist Church Hall. 8-9pm each week. £92 (10-week course). Tel: 02085 665226 or visit: www.LearnToJive.com

### Reading Matters

From 8 Sept. Explore great stories & poems with local best-selling novelist, Katharine McMahon (author of The Rose of Sebastopol and The Crimson Rooms). Ages 18+. Watford Palace Theatre. 10-11.30am. £2 per week (free to unemployed). Tel: 07748 681509 or email: katharine.mcmahon1@googlemail.com

### Rock School

Ages 10-18. Term time. Play contemporary music, recording techniques in band environment. Watford School of Music. 4-6pm. £70.25 per term. Tel: 01923 225531 or email: watfordmusicenquiries@hertsc.gov.uk

## Saturday

### Tots football (Under 8's)

17 Sept-10 Dec. Tots hour long fun football session. Ages 4-8. Parmiters School. 9-10am or 10-11am. £55 for all 12 weeks! Tel: 01923 496362 or visit: www.watfordfccstrust.com

If you would like to have your community activities included in the What's On, and/or join our mailing list, please email [community@watford.gov.uk](mailto:community@watford.gov.uk), using the subject line 'What's On mailing list' and include your name and email address. The deadline for submissions is 10th of each month, for inclusion in the following month's flyer

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# What's On

## September 2011

4-page guide packed with exciting local events!



Your guide to What's On in and around Watford this month  
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