

FREE Space² exhibitions

Until 18 December

Space² pop up

In partnership with the New Hope Trust. Textile art, vintage clothing, craft workshops - come along & see! DIY Fashion Workshops, with Selena Francis Bryden (4, 11 & 18 December) - suggested donation £2. 60-62 Queens Road, Watford. 10-4pm. Tuesday-Saturday

2-24 December

XRR Camera Club Exhibition

Watford Museum. Thursday-Saturday, 10am-5pm.

Watford Adult Care Service - Painting & Ceramics

Customer Service Centre & Watford Museum Foyer. Monday-Friday 8.30am-5.30pm (Town Hall). Thursday-Saturday 10am-5pm. (Watford Museum).

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

Until 4 December

Absurd Person Singular

Adults. Comedy by The Pump House Theatre Company. Pump House Theatre. 7.45pm (Sat Matinee 2.30pm). £10 (£6 Monday & Matinee), concessions £8. Tel: 07786 844541

1 December

FREE Women of Watford Gathering

Networking sessions, demos, display items & more. Ages 18+ (mothers with children welcome). 1-3pm. Multi Cultural Community Centre. Tel: 01923 770294

Lights of Love

Opportunity to dedicate a light in memory of a loved one. Peace Hospice. 8pm. Donations. Tel: 01923 335370, email: gcrowson@peacehospice.org.uk or visit: www.peacehospice.org.uk

2 December

FREE Watford Quick Reads Book Club

Adults. Discussion of book 'Chicken Feed'. Watford Central Library. 7pm. Visit: www.watfordlearningptnrs.btck.co.uk

4 December

Watford Film Society - Groundhog Day

Comedy, cert PG. The Clarendon Muse. 7.30pm, doors open 6.45pm. £4 members booked in advance, £6 on the door. Visit: www.watfordfilmsociety.org or tel: 01923 223980

5 December

Peace Hospice - Santa Dash

Run or walk 1 mile course dressed as Santa. Rickmansworth Aquadrome. From 10.30am. Adults £10, children £5. Visit: www.peacehospice.org.uk, tel: 01923 335365 or nmbraithwaite@peacehospice.org.uk

Stanborough School 70th Anniversary Christmas Bazaar

Choir, games, gifts, cake stalls & refreshments for sale. Limited stalls still available. Stanborough Park. 1-5pm. Admission 50p for adults, children free. Tel: 07931 427069

FREE Percussion Workshop & Concert

With All Bluff & Porterage. Open to all ages. For beginners to advanced. Competitions with prizes. Workshop 2-5pm, Concert 7.30pm. Clarendon Muse. Tel: 01727 860941 or email: countymusicenquiries@hertscc.gov.uk

9 December

Chocolate Tales & Tasting

Adults. Friends of Watford Museum talk. Watford Museum. 2pm. £2 or free for Friends. Tel: 01923 232297, email: info@watfordmuseum.org.uk or visit: www.watfordmuseum.org.uk

10 & 11 December

Children's Theatre - Crunchie Christmas

Suitable for all the family. Pump House Theatre & Arts Centre. 7.30pm. Tickets £3. For details tel: 07903 411150

11 December

Watford Film House - It's A Wonderful Life

All ages. Pump House Theatre & Arts Centre. Doors 7.15pm, film 7.45pm. £3 members, £5 non-members. Visit: www.watfordfilmhouse.com

Christmas Coffee Morning

Refreshments, merchandise, complementary therapies, songs & more. Peace Hospice. 10am-1pm. Admission free. Tel: 01923 335370, email: gcrowson@peacehospice.org.uk or visit: www.peacehospice.org.uk

13 December

FREE Monthly Teenage Reading Group

Ages 11-16. Enjoy chatting about books, music & films & meet new people. North Watford Library. 5-6pm. Tel: 0300 1234049 or email: emilyjacques@hertscc.gov.uk

15 - 23 December

Blag's Big Christmas Night Out

Family Christmas show, full of songs, sketches & festive entertainment. Pump House Theatre & Arts Centre. Nightly at 7.30pm (Sunday 19 December 5pm). £14 per ticket, £12 concessions. Box office: 01923 772320

22 December

Dance Christmas Party at the Vic

Ages 5-12. Learn latest moves to chart music & play exciting & challenging dance games. Vicarage Road Stadium. 10am-3pm. £15. Tel: 01923 496362 or email: annemarie.burn@watfordfc.com



Weekly Activities

Mondays

Adult Wind Band

For players of grade 5-8 standard. Term time only. 8-9.15pm at Watford School of Music. £33 per term. Tel: 01923 225531 or email: southmusicenquiries@hertscc.gov.uk

Dance for teenagers

Classes in Street Dance, Jazz, Musical Theatre & Tap for 13-18 year olds. From 7.15pm. Watford Grammar School for Girls. Tel: 07740 605275 or email: chantal@hotandbothered.biz

Pre-School Music

Dalroze Eurhythmics for ages 3-4. Watford School of Music. 2.15pm. £41 per term. Tel: 01923 225531 or email: southmusicenquiries@hertscc.gov.uk

Soul Singers

For students aged 14+, including adults. Join our choir & experience a wide range of music. Term time only. 5.30-6.45pm at Watford School of Music. £51 per term. Tel: 01923 225531 or email: southmusicenquiries@hertscc.gov.uk

Watford Folk Dance Group

Adults. Term time. Traditional English country dancing club. No experience necessary. Christ Church Hall. 8-10pm. £3 including refreshments. Tel: 01923 233371 / 672341

Women's Morris Dance Practice

18+. Weekly practice to learn traditional English dance. Male & female musicians welcome. The Pump House Theatre & Arts Centre. 8.15-10.15pm. Tel: 01727 823791 or email: s.m.rawlins@herts.ac.uk

Mondays & Tuesdays

FREE Story & Rhyme Time

Under 5s (older siblings welcome). Mondays at North Watford Library. Tuesdays at Watford Central Library. 2.15-2.45pm. Tel: 03001 234049

Mondays & Wednesdays

Belly Dancing for Beginners & Advanced

16+. TFC Studio. Various times for Beginners, Improvers & Intermediate. £30-42 for 6 weeks. Visit: www.hayaam.com, email: hayaam@hayaam.com or tel: 020 8123 7383

Tuesdays

Hayaam Bellydance Classes

Ages 16+. TFC studio. Various times for Beginners, Improvers & Elementary. £30 for 6 weeks, £6 drop-in. Visit: www.hayaam.com or email: hayaam@hayaam.com

Herts Inclusive Theatre

6-18 years. Drama & theatre workshops. The James Theatre, Watford Grammar School for Boys. Various times & prices. Tel: 07857 986364, visit: www.hitproject.co.uk or email: HertsInclusiveTheatre@live.co.uk

FREE Lunchtime Concerts at St Mary's

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

Open Mic Music Event

Pump House Theatre & Arts Centre. Doors 7.30pm for 8.30pm start. 15 minute slots. £3. Email: watfordopenmic@hotmail.com

Salsa Revolution Classes

Over 18s. Highlight (formerly Jongleurs). Lessons 7.30-9.30pm, social dancing & music til late. £7, drop in. Visit: www.salsarevolution.co.uk

Tuesdays & Thursdays

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. 10am-1pm. Tel: 01923 278220 or email: GG-Watford@btcv.org.uk

Tuesdays & Fridays

Popdance

Dance classes for 18+ who want to learn routines to "pop" music. Watford Woodside Leisure Centre. Tuesday 8pm, Friday 10am. First class free. Visit www.popdance.co.uk, email: info@popdance.co.uk, tel: 08444 829706

Wednesdays

Contemporary dance

Beginner & general level. YMCA. 7-8pm. Starting offer £6 for both classes. Tel: 07854 401087 or 07805 418549

Lindy Hop, Jitterbug & Jive

Learn to dance various swing dances from the 1940s. 16-60yrs. Beechen Grove Baptist Church. 8-11pm. Various prices. Visit: www.jiveswing.com or tel: 01438 718906

Meditation - Creating harmony & fulfilment

Drop-in classes combining guided meditation with practical advice on stress reduction & problem solving. Friends Meeting House. 7.30-9pm. £8 per class. Tel: 020 8455 7563, email: info@meditateinlondon.org or visit: www.meditateinlondon.org

Morris Men Dance Practice & Tuition

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

Music for Babies & Toddlers

Drop-in sessions for 0-3 year olds. Watford School of Music. 10-10.45am. £4.10 per child. Term-time only. Tel: 01923 225531 or email: southmusicenquiries@hertscc.gov.uk

NEW Watford Unite

Project delivering safe & enjoyable dance sessions within the Watford area. The Newton Price Centre. 6-7pm. Ages 10-18. Sessions just 50p! Just turn up & register. Tel: 01923 496292 or email: rob.walter@watfordfc.com

Street Dance Drop in Sessions

Ages 5-15 years. Learn latest routines to current chart music. Femme Fitness Ladies Only Gym. 4.15-5.15pm (5-8yrs), 5.15-6.15pm (9-15yrs). £5 per session. Email: zoe.tomlins@watfordfc.com or tel: 01923 496233

Thursdays

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

FREE Games Club

9+. Paint miniatures, build terrains, play miniature battle strategy games. Oxhey Library. 2-4pm during school holidays. Tel: 03001 234049

Gentle Yoga

All ages & abilities. Cassio Lodge. 7-8.15pm, £7 per class. Tel: 07984 429255 or email: h.connelly@talktalk.net

Fridays

Blag Youth Drama Workshop

Drama class for 8-12 years. Watford Pump House. 4.30pm-6pm. £9 a session. Tel: 01923 772320 or email: blagtheatre@btconnect.com

Music & Movement sessions for toddlers

Fun & educational, also Toddler Tap. Collective Dance Studio. 10.30am (2 yrs) 11.30am (2.5 yrs). Tel: 0208 428 0037, email: info@collectivedance.co.uk or visit: www.collectivedance.co.uk

Saturdays

Dance classes for Children

Various classes for boys & girls aged 2 1/2-12 years. Various times. Watford Grammar School for Girls. Tel: 07740 605275 or email: chantal@hotandbothered.biz

Spanish Lessons

Ages 3-12. 2 sessions per month in November/December. Fire Station, St Albans Road. 10am-12pm & 1-3pm. From £3. Tel: 07786675814

Fitbumps

Fitness class for pregnancy. Femme Fitness. 11.30am-12.30pm. £8 per class, concessions available. Visit: www.esprit-yoga.com or tel: 07980 415698

Sundays

Victor Kan Ving Tsun Kung Fu

16+. Newton Price Centre. 3-4pm. Beginners £7. Tel: 07771 250 455, email: keithchan.vkvt@hotmail.com or visit: www.vingsunvk.co.uk

Zumba adults

Ladies only. Femme Fitness. 12-1pm. Gym members £5 (non members £6). Email: zumba@baabaababies.co.uk or visit: www.zumba.com

Salsa Revolution Sunday Social

Over 18s. Last Sunday of month. Special guest teacher 7.30-8.30pm followed by classes for all abilities 8.30-9.30pm & social dancing til late. Highlight (formerly Jongleurs). Visit: www.salsarevolution.co.uk

Cuban Salsa Duende & Latin dance classes

Over 16s. The Studio Ramada Hotel. 7-8pm basic level Salsa Duende & Latin dance, 8-9pm experienced level. 9-10pm practice time. £8. Tel: 07944 462461 or visit: www.salsaduende.com

Activities at Newton Price Centre

Classes include yoga, drumming, life coaching, hip hop, ballet & jazz. Language classes & more. Visit: www.n-p-c.btck.co.uk or tel: 01923 233439

Activities at Watford Palace Theatre

Includes community choir for all & free writing workshop for ages 14+. Visit: www.watfordpalacetheatre.co.uk or tel: 01923 225671

BaaBaa Babies

Activity classes from 0-5 years. Exercise little minds & bodies. Visit: www.baabaababies.co.uk or tel: 07949 132517

Creative Classes with The Dan Tien

Evening classes for children & adults. Centrepoint Community Centre. For times & prices visit: www.thedantien.co.uk or tel: 01923 441043

Classes in Dance, Drama & Musical Theatre

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

Events at Watford School of Music

Music classes & individual tuition, wind bands, soul singers, string orchestras & more. Tel: 01923 225531, email: southmusicenquiries@hertsgov.uk or visit: www.hertsmusicsservice.org.uk

Hartbeeps Magical Music Workshops

Babies & pre-schoolers. Café Cha Cha Cha, Cassiobury Park. Various days & times. £5.50 for first child & £2 for siblings. Tel: 07796 097724, email: sarah@hartbeeps.com or visit: www.hartbeeps.com

Femme Fitness

Women only gym & fitness centre. Various classes from spinning to yoga. Tel: 01923 241634, email: info@femmefitnesswatford.co.uk or visit: www.femmefitnesswatford.co.uk

Rotary Club of Watford

Get involved in activities aimed at helping others & raising money. Watford Town & Country Club. Various dates and times. Visit: www.rotarywatford.org

Leal School of Dance

Classes for children & adults. 5 & 10-week adult basic courses including tap & ballroom & 10-week performing arts course for ages 4-18. Visit: www.lealschoolofdance.com or tel: 01923 218626

Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness Classes

Plus Slim, Aerobics & Zumba Classes. All ages. Various locations, days, times & prices. Email: jeannettepeel.rcdfc@virgin.net or tel: 01753 880460

Sunshine Charity courses

Various courses including Children's Care Learning & Development, Health & Social Care & UK Online Beginners Computer Classes. Various days, times & prices. Visit: www.sunshinecharity.com or tel: 01923 330763

Watford and Bushey Art Society

The group meets the first Tuesday of every month for demonstrations at Beechen Grove Baptist Church Hall. 7.30-9.30pm. Visit: www.wbas.org

Watford Camera Club

Weekly meetings (Thursdays) & monthly digital workshops (Tuesdays). Visit: www.watfordcameraclub.org

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

Yoga at Westfield

Beginners, pregnancy, baby & toddler yoga. Westfield Children's Centre. Various times & prices. Visit: www.esprit-yoga.com or tel: 07980 415698

What's On December 2010



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

