

**Visit Watford Museum and other Buildings of Note
on Thursday 16 July 2015**

This visit has been organised by Kate and Mike Quinton

The Watford Museum building used to be Joseph Benskin's home and then the brewing company offices. Inside there are displays to do with brewing in the town. Perhaps more famously, Watford has been an important centre of the printing industry. Odham's and Sun Printers had large works in the town. The history of printing is well depicted in the museum. Scammell Lorries Limited manufactured specialist vehicles in the Town. There is quite a history of them and their exploits. Gemma Meeks, the Museum's Education Officer, will give us an illustrated introductory talk, before we are let loose on the exhibits.

After lunch we will explore the centre of Watford: St Mary's Church, the almshouses nearby and the free school of 1704.

Meet in the museum in Lower High Street for coffee, loos and the Museum Shop. Cash or cheques only are needed for purchases.

Watford High Street Station on the Overground Line is 100 yards from the Museum. Turn right out of the station and the Museum is on the right. If you choose to drive there are several multi-storey car parks nearby.

By rail from Euston it is recommended to go to Watford Junction by London Midland Railway and then go to platforms 1-4 to go 1 stop to Watford High Street. Suitable trains from Euston are 9.54 to Northampton, 10.04 to Tring and possibly the 10.24 to Milton Keynes (miss coffee!). Oyster Cards may be used. Alternatively, the 142 and 258 buses run between the stations.

If coming by Southern Railway from Clapham Junction, the 9.34 to Milton Keynes will also get you to Watford Junction. The Overground trains to Watford High Street leave Watford Junction at 10.21, 10.41 and 11.01 and take 3 minutes.

Another route directly to Watford High Street is from Willesden Junction on the Overground leaving at 9.51, 10.11 and 10.31, taking 30 minutes.

We suggest Carluccio's, Zizzi or Pizza Express in the High Street for lunch, where one can order and pay independently.

Timetable

10.45 – 11.15 Meet inside the Museum and gather for coffee, tea and biscuits

11.15 – 11.45 Presentation on the Museum collection, industry and key places we shall visit in the afternoon

11.15 – 12.45 View the exhibits in the Museum

12.45 - 13.15 Walk to learn about the unique Watford High Street Station

13.15 – 14.45 Lunch at Carluccio's, Zizzi or Pizza Express. Once we have crossed the ring road they are all close by.

14.45 Meet at the "Hornet" statue for a short walk to see a number of interesting buildings and street furniture

15.45 Depart via tea at Watford Palace Theatre or Prêt à Manger on way to Watford Junction or a car park.

Cost £7.00. Maximum number 24

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