

# PROGRAMME OF

## EVENTS

**Up!**  
**Downley**

Village Festival 2024

13th June - 6th July



## Disco Bingo

Thursday 13th June  
7pm

Commonside Marquee

Four games @ £10 Per Person

Over 18's only

See back page for booking details

Licensed Bar - Cash or Card

Get your dancing shoes on and join us for a night of electrifying entertainment! Say goodbye to traditional bingo numbers and hello to funky tunes setting the rhythm of the game! Brought to you by Disco Bingo MK. Cash prizes to be won. 80% of the money collected is in the prize fund and 20% will go to the charity Sparkles, who support children with Down Syndrome [sparkles.org.uk](http://sparkles.org.uk)



## "Art Within Tent"

### On the Common

Monday 17th June  
6.30pm

Commonside Marquee

£5.00 Per Adult, Children Free

See back page for booking details

An opportunity for artists to come together and create art on a Downley theme.

Life drawing/painting, Still life and landscape, take your pick!

Open to all levels of experience, there will be experienced artists on hand to give advice and guidance if needed.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free to those artists providing their own materials.

## Family Disco

Friday 14th June  
7pm - 9pm

Commonside Marquee

£3 Per Child, Adults Free

Licensed Bar - Cash or Card

Brilliant family disco fun. Hosted by DJ Dave Wallace. BBQ run by Downley School PA and the Downley Day committee.



## Downley Day

Saturday 15th June  
1pm - 5pm  
Commonside  
Free

Licensed Bar - Cash or Card

Downley King and Queen, dog show, BBQ, tea and cake stalls, dancing displays and much more. This year's headline performance in the arena will be Black Eagles Acrobatic Display. MC/Children's entertainer John Johnny.





## Comedy Night

Wednesday 19th June

7pm - 10.30pm

Commonside Marquee

£20 per ticket

See back page for booking details

Licensed Bar - Cash or Card

## “A Bit on the Commonside!”

Our ever popular Comedy under Canvas line-up is subject to change but also guaranteed to tickle your funny bones!

Our Headliner this year is...

**Mark Simmons**

A semi-regular on BBC2s Mock The Week, Mark has been in “Dave’s Top 10 Jokes of the Edinburgh Fringe” in 2017, 2019 and 2022 and has amassed a huge online following for his highly popular on-the-spot improvised one-liners with audiences across the UK.

**Shaparak Khorsandi**

Shaparak’s 2006 sell out Edinburgh show, Asylum Speaker, led to her best-selling literary debut “A Beginner’s Guide to Acting English”, telling the story of how her family were forced to flee Iran and gain asylum in the UK. TV credits include Mock the Week, 8 Out of 10 Cats, Have I Got News For You, QI and Just a Minute.

Our MC this year is...

**Carl Donnelly**

Multi-award-winning stand-up comedian, podcaster and actor, Carl has appeared on BBC2’s Mock the Week and performed at some of the world’s most prestigious comedy festivals including Montreal and Melbourne.

**Hasan Al-Habib**

Arab. Brummy. Muslim. Hasan was born to Iraqis that moved to Birmingham after deciding Baghdad wasn’t dangerous enough! His 2019 Edinburgh Fringe stand-up show “Foot-Darks” was critically acclaimed, with The Guardian newspaper calling it “deliciously funny”.



## Downley 5k Run and Walk

Sunday 23rd June

10.30am

Early bird entry £10 Adult £5.00 Child

Late entry £12 Adult £7 Child

Race day entry £15 Adult £10 Child

Supporting the Downley School PA and local Charities.

Register at The Bricklayers Arms from 9.30am. Race start time 10.30am. Finish on the Common as fast as you can!

For more information or to be involved contact [downley5k@outlook.com](mailto:downley5k@outlook.com) or [Downley5.co.uk](http://Downley5.co.uk) for entry form.

Thank you to our sponsors for this year’s event:



## History Walk

Tuesday 25th June

7pm

The Beacon, Commonside

Free

Donations welcome for

The Downley Local History Group

A 1.5 hour walk over the Common, uncovering its rich history... Brick-making, Boding, Preaching, Golf, a Biplane, that Bomb and more... Led by Hilary Brash, ably assisted by John Willson. Well behaved dogs welcome on leads. The walk finishes at the Le De Spencer.

## Downley Descants

Thursday 27th June

7pm - 9.30pm

St James' Church

£12 per person

Donations bar

A fun evening featuring songs from film and musicals and popular classics.

Tickets available from any choir member or contact 07974 026213 or email [grannyandbobby@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:grannyandbobby@tiscali.co.uk)



## Downley Art Show

Saturday 29th June - Friday 5th July

The Downley Community Centre

Free



An Old Man By Ken Thompson

The Downley Village Art Show is now in its 12th year and has been part of the UP! Downley Festival from its outset. The Show aims to present a complete cross section of the creativity within Downley Village. To enter your artwork pick up an entry form from the Community Centre or visit:

[artshow.downley.org/art-show-entry-form](http://artshow.downley.org/art-show-entry-form)

Public viewing times at the Community Centre:

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th June: 11am to 4pm

Monday 1st to Friday 5th July: 6.30pm to 9pm.

For more information on the Art Show visit:

[artshow.downley.org](http://artshow.downley.org)

## Open Art Studio and Garden

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th June

11am - 5pm

9 Commonside (The Pink House)

Free

An informal show and sale of paintings and craft. There is also the opportunity to enjoy visiting the garden.





# Concert on the Common

Saturday 6th July 6.30pm - 10.30pm

Commonside

Free

Donations to the Scanappeal Charity

Blooming Beautiful

Sunflower seeds have been provided to local schools and nurseries. A limited supply of surplus seeds are available at The Le De on a first come first served basis.

Let's make Downley 'Blooming Beautiful' in time for our Festival.



The much anticipated grand finale to the Festival featuring...  
Beyond Paradise  
Crazy Donkey  
Hustler  
Fawesome



Bring your family, friends a picnic and your dancing shoes!

(No BBQ's)



A big thank you to our kind sponsors:



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(Full details of each event inside this brochure)

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Upload your Sunflower and Scarecrow pictures  
to our Facebook Page  
We welcome your feedback!



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## For More Information and Online Bookings!

[festival.downley.org](http://festival.downley.org)

Enquires: [festival@downley.org](mailto:festival@downley.org)

Disco Bingo, Art Within Tent and Comedy Night

Bookings: [up-downley-festival.eventcube.io](http://up-downley-festival.eventcube.io)

5K Run Bookings:

[downley5.co.uk](http://downley5.co.uk)

A big thank you to all the volunteers and members of all the committees that work so hard throughout the year to bring UP! Downley Festival to the whole community and make it the success that it is!

Get creative by making a Scarecrow to represent your Club, School, Business or just for fun! Display in your garden, shop window or anywhere they will be noticed. Don't forget to show us your marvellous creations by uploading a photo to our Facebook page!

The winning Scarecrow will be announced at Concert on the Common.

