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### Editorial

Festival time is here again but sadly it will be the last under the chairmanship of Les Root who has built on the foundations laid by Pat Weedon to develop Up! into a sustainable and imaginative programme that everyone can enjoy. Thank you Les and we hope you enjoy your well-earned retirement down in darkest Wales.

On a similar note, we are still looking for someone to take over from Pat to do the graphics and layout of the village news. Anyone out there with a flair for desktop publishing should get in touch either via facebook or at [info@downley.org](mailto:info@downley.org). Time to give Pat a rest!

Details of the festival are given further on and in the programme insert that you should receive with this edition, but it's worth highlighting one new event, "Downley Expo" to be held on 20th June. Expo will feature displays by village societies, charitable groups and businesses describing what they offer and how you, the local residents, can get involved. Maybe you've just moved to Downley, maybe you've just retired or maybe you're just curious but this will be a great way to find more about your village and the things that happen here.

Finally, can I just mention the election? No? Okay then.

*Bill Thompson (standing in for Simon Scott on his hols)*



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## Downley Common News

*Have you ever wondered what DCPS spends their money on? Apart from our regular insurance premiums a big cost is keeping the tractor in operating condition and this year is no exception.*

The recent winter has seen a series of breakdowns on the tractor which started with a sudden parting of the tie rod that raises and lowers the flail on the back. This tie rod consists of two parts that are screwed together. For some reason the screw thread had become stripped such that it would no longer hold together, resulting in one side of the flail abruptly dropping to the ground with a bit of a crash and a clatter. Thanks to one of our local engineering companies, the offending part was drilled and bolted together and got us back on the road again.

A couple of weeks later, starting the engine at the beginning of a work party there was a rather alarming squealing sound accompanied by a cloud of smoke coming from the engine. Further investigations revealed a seized water pump that caused the fan belt to protest noisily and make smoke. Fortunately no other damage was done but it was still an expensive business to get the engine stripped down to replace the water pump. Unfortunately the exhaust pipe which had been rather knocked about by low-hanging tree branches, gave up the ghost at the same time and had to be replaced as well.

Having had the hydraulic pump for the power steering replaced last year, we were subsequently rather surprised when, on returning from a Sunday

work party, there was a sudden loss of all steering and the steering wheel spun freely around having no effect whatsoever. Fortunately it had just arrived at its normal parking place so wasn't very much in the way of other residents. The problem turned out to be a punctured hydraulic hose which had emptied the power steering fluid all over the floor. Another visit to our parts department and we were able to replace it to get moving yet again.

If that wasn't enough, only recently, the tie rod holding the flail up (the one we fixed at the start of this article) snapped, leaving the flail dragging along the ground again. One complete new tie rod later and it's up and running.

Hopefully nothing else will go wrong for a while or we'll be having to put our subscription charges up!

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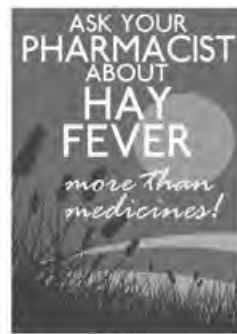
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A 'top tip' for hayfever sufferers is that treatments work best as preventative medication which may take up to a week to start working properly. It is therefore best to be prepared before the peak grass season in June. Also, when pollen counts are high, try and stay indoors with doors and windows closed. Keep car windows closed when driving, especially on motorways and when you venture out wear sunglasses. It may help to shower and change when you return indoors, especially after that evening barbeque on hot days. Pollen levels are often highest in the evening as temperatures cool.



We are looking forward to Downley Day and the UP Festival when we aim to be highlighting health and medicine wastage in a fun way!

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## Downley Evening WI

*Where does the time go? It's nearly May already. Haven't the blossom trees been beautiful? Spring is well and truly with us and summer is fast approaching. It would be frightening if it didn't herald a lot of fun and interesting activities for our members here at Downley Evening WI.*



With Downley Day on the horizon, we are busily planning our contribution and this year, we're making a few changes to what we've done in the past and let's just say bags and scarves will be significant. Come and check us out on the day.

We're all looking forward to our annual garden party and summer barbecue, of course, as well as various outings, good talks and the chance to learn more about keeping our cars fit and well, courtesy of the lovely people at KwikFit. And I haven't even mentioned the events and activities happening at County level ... So dull moments

are guaranteed to be few and far between.

We are a friendly bunch and we love welcoming new faces. Do come along and give it a try. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at St James' Church, Plomer Hill, from 7.45pm. You'll find a warm welcome and lots of new friends. And cake ... Call Rosemary, our president, on HW 538966 for more information. See you soon!

*Angela Taplin*



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James and his brother John were fishermen who were called by Jesus to be "Fishers of Men". James was one of the first of the disciples to lose his life when he was martyred on the orders of Herod Agrippa in 44AD. According to legend, the remains of St James are held at Santiago de Compostela in Galicia in Spain. This shrine is visited by thousands of pilgrims, a tradition which began in the 9th century, and continues today.

The traditional symbol for St James is the scallop shell. This symbol is a familiar feature in our church and has been adopted as our logo. You will see it on the noticeboard outside the church on Plomer Hill. It is also on our official letterhead. In the porch is a wooden sculpture of a scallop shell. The scoop used to pour the water in baptism at St James is a silver scallop shell.

St James is the patron saint of veterinarians, equestrians, furriers, tanners and pharmacists. The feast of St James is celebrated on July 25th. In Downley, the Anglican and Roman Catholic congregations who shared the church buildings for many years kept the feast of St James as a joint celebration. At the time of writing, we are planning our St James Day celebrations; so keep your eyes open around the village as an invitation to join us is warmly extended to everyone.

Come along to see us on our stall at Downley Day. Those of you with young children are welcome to join us for Tots and Teddies on Wednesdays from 1.30- 3.30pm, held in the church. Refreshments are available, and we have lots of toys, so come along and have some fun. On the second Tuesday each month we will be in the Bricklayers Arms for Pints of View from 7.30pm. We hold our morning service every Sunday at 11am in the church. Everyone is welcome and refreshments are available in the Rainbow Room after the service. We would love to see you there, so please come along!

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## Downley Community Centre We have come a long way...

Twelve years ago Downley's Old Victorian School was acquired by Downley Parish Council from Bucks County Council as part of the housing development transaction to build Downley Park.

As a result of extensive work by local volunteers the building quickly became the first choice for meetings and events in Downley, for a diverse range of local clubs and associations, non-profit making groups and also some commercial hirers.

Over the years the Centre has received grants from Wycombe Distinct Councillor Paul Turner and Bucks County Councillor Wendy Mallen for a range of items including our defibrillator unit (located on the far outside side wall), major kitchen equipment and funding towards the new front porch.

We also won serious funding from Veolia's environmental fund for projects such as the major building extension several years ago and a new roof.

These financial contributions together with over £80,000 of surplus income which has been reinvested back into the Centre has created a superb and well-presented maintained facility in the heart of Downley Village. The Centre is run by a registered charity whose hiring fees have remained unchanged for the last eight years. A small surplus of income over expenditure is retained each year for ongoing improvements and refurbishments.

The latest redecoration of Beech was completed in March with the addition of wooden coat hooks to match the 'shaker' style in Oak. The Centre is especially grateful to the maker 'Shabby Chic' who made these to order in their Hazlemere workshop at cost price as this was a community project.

The Centre attracts over 20 regular and loyal hirers using all or a combination of the two large rooms: - Beech with the optional new kitchen, and Oak, Maple (our small meeting room) and the library which also doubles as a meeting room for small groups.

About half of all usage is made by Downley non-profit making organisations comprising a diverse mix of social groups, for child related activities and family celebrations.

In addition to charities specialising in specific health conditions, the Centre has hosted a number of health initiatives in the last 2 years for defibrillator training, courses covering food safety and hygiene and a falls prevention talk last January.

In a typical week during term time the two large rooms are let most of the time with limited availability during weekday afternoons. Parties and family celebrations such as engagement parties and baby showers dominate weekend activities at the Centre. Our bookings manager will always try her best to accommodate community events around availability so please do ask if we can help.



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The Management Team and trustees also offer the Centre's facilities free of charge on an ad hoc basis for community events such as: charitable fund raising, the annual art show, local PTA organised events for children.

Help with organising might also be available for approved causes.

If you or your organisation has an idea that could be central to local community development please contact the Centre's new Community Liaison Officer, Pat Koning who is preparing a programme of community events for 2017/18. Email: [events@downleycommunitycentre.org.uk](mailto:events@downleycommunitycentre.org.uk)

*Paul Homer*

**Coffee Stop**

*Hello again, I think we can safely say that Spring has sprung and the decibel reading in St James Hall continues in its normal range as everyone is swapping their news of the last few days.*

A couple of us have celebrated family weddings and sharing the excitement and looking at photographs is all part of our friendly community. We have regular news of Chris and David who are settling in well and beginning to take part in societies in their local area.

Sadly, a couple of our members have had to retire for personal reasons, which makes our need for helpers more acute. The more of us there are, the less frequently it is our turn for the washing up! Any domestic talent is valuable, making a cake or cheese scones, making sandwiches, making soup, washing up and serving tea – none of it rocket science and all so very much appreciated. We really enjoy seeing our regular friends and it is extra nice when new people turn up, please spread the word. We try and keep the menu to known preferences so if there is anything in particular you would like us to offer please tell us, it may save us staring blankly at shelves in the supermarket deciding what to tempt you with each week.

There are some jobs that go on behind the scenes and all of us really appreciate the time put in by Pat, doing the rota, hosting the meetings and generally trying to keep us in

order. Maggie and Andy are doing sterling work keeping our accounts and organising the drivers ( and Andy makes very nice soup too which we have enjoyed). Lyn and Maggie look after our regular raffles, and Joan has a host of fundraising ideas, in particular the 5p bottle which quickly mounts up to a sizeable sum so that we can donate to a local charity when our finances are healthy enough. Our "backroom boys" Ray, Peter and Alec help with swiftly setting up and clearing up and we are most grateful.

We have had occasional visits from Joe Boake who is attached to the Extra Care Village being built near Morrisons, he is undertaking a local history project in conjunction with this development so if anyone has any local history stories, particularly about the old Broom and Wade site he would love to hear them, let me know and I will pass it on.



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## The Downley School

*During a recent visit to the Google HQ in London, our host told us that the children studying at our school today will probably have fourteen different jobs by the time they are thirty eight!*



Through our Values Based Curriculum we challenge our pupils to have high self-esteem and high expectations. We believe these qualities will be essential for them as they tackle the challenges of a rapidly changing environment.

This philosophy continues to promote high standards of behaviour and safety. Children in the school are developing as individuals who can express their feelings and understand their place in a rapidly changing and diverse world. Pupils, staff and parents support the values promoted and this in turn has led to a school where there is a culture of safety and respect for all. Promotion of British Values is clearly evident across the school – particularly in PSICHE and Project Based learning.

National Sport Funding has been used to employ a specialist PE teacher for the school who supports the PE curriculum as well as extra-curricular sports sessions during lunchtimes and after school – all of which are popular and well attended. Pupils in all years receive a rich and varied PE curriculum which includes a range of team games. Standards in PE are high and the subject is enjoyed by pupils of all abilities. The specialist teacher has also provided class teachers with CPD to enhance their own skills. Listed below are some of the sporting highlights so far for 2016-17:

- The Under 11 (Years 5 & 6) boys football team are District 7-a-side Tournament Winners and joint League Winners
- The Under 11 girls netball team are District Netball League Winners and were runners up in the District Netball Tournament
- Thirty seven pupils from years 4, 5 & 6 represented The Downley School in the County Cross Country Championships held at Hughenden Park. Three of our pupils went on to represent Buckinghamshire at the National Championships held at Loughborough.
- On an individual note we have one pupil who has made the National Badminton Squad, one in the National Cheerleading Squad and a number of swimmers who have gained recognition at County level.

We continue to have exciting and stimulating visits to different venues. Last term our Values and School Councils visited The Houses of Parliament to see democracy in action following the whole school voting event that was attended by Steve Baker at The Downley School in the autumn term. Some of our talented computer users visited the Google Headquarters in London. In the summer term our year 5 & 6 pupils will visit The Frontier Centre for residential trips and our teachers in other year groups have lots more exciting trips planned for their pupils later in the term.

The Parents Association has worked tirelessly and has generously supplied the school with new interactive whiteboards, iPads and a new library system.

The introduction of The Downley School Twitter account has been well received by parents

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We will endeavour to be in contact with all of you but in the meantime we would love to hear from you via the Up Downley website, email below. We also hope to be able to offer places to small independent local business.

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and provides all stakeholders with a daily window into life at The Downley School.

This summer every child in the school will take part in the Fiver Challenge. Each pupil will be given £5 and will be challenged to start a small business to grow this investment to generate profits for the school's chosen charity, the World Wild Fund for Nature. These sorts of enterprise projects help the children to develop life skills, build confidence and resilience.

Looking forward, we expect the financial situation for schools to become increasingly difficult and the school will be challenged to meet a growing remit with smaller budgets.

I am continually impressed by the hard work and dedication of everyone at The Downley School and its community. The success of our school is a result of some terrific teamwork, shared values, commitment and kindness from everyone including the whole team of staff who give their all for every child; our highly committed and effective Governing Body who work so hard with me to lead the strategic direction of the school; the Parents Association who give their time so generously to raise funds for the school and finally, our community of parents who are always extremely supportive.

*Mr D Leith, Headteacher*

## Downley Theatre Group



Membership of the Group continues to increase and it was, with some reluctance, we decided not to hand deliver flyers round the Village anymore; we have asked those locally without email accounts to provide us with stamped addressed envelopes to receive information in the future. So, if you haven't heard from us in a while (the last flyer was sent out 26 April) it may be you haven't submitted envelopes as requested – do get in touch with any questions.

We've had a really busy start to the year with trips already completed to "She Loves Me!" at the Menier Chocolate Factory; a joint outing (90 passengers) for "Motown – the Musical" and "An American in Paris"; and "Half a Sixpence". Our visit to the Palace of Westminster 10 April was a sell out within days of being advertised and proved a poignant day as it coincided with the funeral of P.C. Keith Pullman.

Looking ahead, our outing to "The Girls" in September is full and we hope to book tickets for "42nd Street" further into the autumn. We generally pick something that takes our fancy, and offers good value for money, but suggestions are welcome.

Given the tight time scales, usually three weeks from advertising to closing date, we cannot publicise trips in this excellent publication so please make contact to have your details added to the mailing list and receive "flyers".

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## Chameleon Singles Group

*Following our AGM back at the end of January we have continued on with many of our regular events throughout spring.*



As the longer and hopefully warmer days are ahead we are looking forward once more to doing more in the great outdoors. For our costal day trip this year we plan to return again to Southend which we have not visited for a few years. In the past we have been to Clacton, Bognor Regis, Brighton, and the Isle of Wight amongst other destinations. Last year we ventured even further with a mini cruise to St Malo.

We will be getting out on two feet on Midsummer's Day for an evening walk taking in local paths and Kings Wood between Terriers and Tylers Green. Before that we will have another of our "Meet & Greet" evenings over at the White Lion in Cryers Hill, a Fish 'N' Chip lunch at the new Churchills at Park Parade and be visiting Dusty's Blues Club in Holmer Green for some live music. Our popular visit to the Rebellion Brewery is also back on the programme for early June. If you enjoy a cuppa then our Coffee Morning on the second Friday of June could be for you. There may even be the odd bit of cake on offer too!

Some of our popular events run regularly so there is no reason to miss out with both Friday Lunch Club and the Pub Night taking place every month on the first and last

Friday respectively. We also go to the theatre, cinema, live music performances, comedy evenings, and various other events and trips out throughout the year.

All our events are open to new members with the Pub Night a great place to meet up. You would be very welcome to come along and join us for a drink on the last Friday of the month at The Crown, Amersham Road, Hazlemere from 7:30pm. There is food available if you wish to skip the cooking at home and many members take that opportunity!

**If you are single, 40 – 60's, looking for a great social life and new friends then why not give us a try? There are no strangers at Chameleon, just new friends to be made in a social group run by and for its members. We have several local people from Downley, West Wycombe, Bledlow Ridge, Sands and surrounding areas and you would be very welcome too.**

**To find out more call our membership secretary Joyce on 01494 – 817895 or e-mail: [info@chameleonsingles.org.uk](mailto:info@chameleonsingles.org.uk). You can also visit us on-line at: [www.chameleonsingles.org.uk](http://www.chameleonsingles.org.uk) for more information or connect with us through Facebook.**



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## Frederick Forsyth Wowed Downley

Words for the Wounded, founded and run by bestselling Downley author, Margaret Graham, held its annual LitFest Day at Downley Community Centre on 25th March. Our wonderful speakers, including Frederick Forsyth, gave their time, and travel free. £1800 was raised for the charity, and £500 for Waterstones in book sales. Lovely to see so many local people attending, but also many from miles away.

Other speakers included patron Captain Ian Thornton, Dr Kathleen Thompson, who is award winning author of the WforW Independent Author Book Award. Plus a screenwriter, a crime writer, and a mainstream publisher's editor, all of whom led to a 'sold out' sign.

As one of the speakers said, 'Why can't all LitFests be as convivial as this.' The venue was sparkling, the lunch sorted out by Margaret Graham's kids went down a treat, and the wine even more so.

Best of all, Downley Co-op not only provided food for the buffet and raffle prizes, but lovely Tom Gill, the manager, came up for several hours to help behind the scenes, and Tesco provided a couple of raffle prizes.

Everyone agreed that Downley has such a great heart. The photographs were taken by Cire Simone of Cire Simone Photography who donated a day, and the photographs, to the charity.

**Note for the diaries: April 21st 2018 for the next WforW Litfest!**

### *JILL'S MATHS FOR FUN - ANSWERS ON PAGE 47*

**A** Piano Teacher rang on the bell of a new student's house. The mother answered, and the tutor asked the age of the child he was to tutor (I have no idea why he did not know this before he turned up, maths questions can sometimes take liberties with reality). The mother says she has three children and she will give him a clue, but he must tell her the ages of all the children.

"If you multiply the 3 children's ages, you get 36."

He says this is not enough. So she gives him a second clue.

"If you add up the children's ages, the sum is the number on the house next door."

He goes next door and looks at the house number and says this is still not enough information.

She gives him a final clue, which is, "The eldest of the three is your new student."

**How old is his new student? And how old are the other children?**

*BY JILL BURRELL*



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## Downley Descants - Songs for Summer

*Downley Descants continue to go from strength to strength, and long may it continue.*



During the spring season we have provided entertainment at a care home in Flackwell Heath and a Day Centre in Stokenchurch (our second visit). In the care home the choir had to cope with some members of the audience discussing our uniforms in loud voices (as they were probably hard of hearing) whilst we were performing. At the Day Centre although the choir outnumbered the audience there was plenty of interaction and even requests for songs, which we managed very well. These little things all added to our enjoyment of both events and we know our audiences appreciated us as well.

We have been learning new pieces to add to our repertoire some of which are more challenging than others but under the expert guidance of Louise, our musical director, we are slowly and surely being knocked into shape. A particular favourite of ours is a piece by Eric Whitacre entitled 'The Seal Lullaby' which is beautifully written and conjures up visions of the sea. It is amazing that music can do this.

We all enjoy performing at concerts and would certainly like to do more so if you are involved in any organisation that is in need of a choir for fundraising or for a special event please get in touch, we would be happy to consider your requirements and our fees are very reasonable.

Downley Descants always enjoy the summer season, as we look forward to our usual appearance at Downley Day followed by our showpiece event of the year, our joint concert with Wycombe Concert Band. This takes place on Friday 30th June at Chilternwood (formerly Maplewood) School and is part of the Up!Downley Festival. Tickets normally sell very quickly so be sure to get yours in good time via the Festival box office.

**We are always looking to recruit new members so if you enjoy singing in a convivial social atmosphere and are free on Thursday evenings contact Lyn on 01494 436063 or Julian on 01494 440430 to get more details. We have a website [downleydescants.org.uk](http://downleydescants.org.uk) and will have a table at 'Expo Downley' on June 20th so come along and have a chat.**

*Bob Cook  
Almost a Bass*





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Another busy term for our children has begun with a burst of sunshine enabling outdoor play in abundance! Spring has definitely sprung and the children have been looking at the changes it brings to the environment around them. We will be venturing into the woods in search of the beautiful bluebells, contrasting the experience to our last visit in the winter. In our large outside area the children have been spotting bugs and birds and getting green fingered by planting their own beans, finding out what seeds and plants need to grow. Imaginations have been ignited through reading and acting out 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' We have dared to wonder if the beans could really be magical! What would be at the top of your beanstalk?

Being a village pre-school, we have strong links within the local community. Our children are lucky to have lots of visitors during the academic year including the police, fire service and vet. We make regular visits to the Community Library, snuggling down to enjoy new and favourite books. Lively music sessions take place every half term and we are delighted that yoga and mindfulness sessions are playing such a positive role for our youngsters.

Up and coming highlights for the term ahead:

Our annual pet week is approaching where the children learn about caring for animals as well as meeting a variety of their friend's pets at pre-school.

Our next big topic is PIRATES! We can't wait to see the children engaging in imaginative play, creating and searching for treasure, dressing up and even making boats in a special woodwork day we have planned.

Visit our stall on Downley Day where we will be showcasing the children's learning journey about pirates and show you a sample of the activities they have experienced.

Why not make an appointment to visit us? We look forward to seeing you!

### The Woodland Pre-School

The Guide and Scout Centre, Coates Lane, Downley, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP13 5UX  
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## Downley Gardening Society

*You only have to look at the programme to see how busy and interesting our year is.*

We don't claim to be experts and that's why we call ourselves a gardening society and not a horticultural society. Nevertheless, we all enjoy our gardens and pick up numerous tips from our visiting speakers and that's not all, at the end of each talk we enjoy light refreshments with plenty of chit chat and a raffle which round off a very pleasant evening.

Early June each year we visit a local garden and in most cases the money from the tea and cakes goes to a well know charity which is a nice touch. We have a stall on Downley Day with no end of good quality plants for sale donated by our members and in addition this year we will have a table at the Downley Expo with information and membership forms etc.

We also ran 2 coach trips to famous gardens which make for a whole day of pleasure with good eating facilities and ample picnic areas. Each September we hold our very own horticultural show in St James' hall which is probably the highlight of the year. This is very well supported and something to be proud

of. At the December meeting we enjoy Pat's homemade mince pies chased down with mulled and at the AGM we have cheese and wine. All this for £5 single and £8 per family, not bad when you think a glass of wine costs a fiver at any bar and it's soon gone! We are a happy friendly group of gardeners enjoying each other's company and activities.

**So come and join us, you will be most welcome and will be kept in touch by a monthly newsletter. Pick up a membership form on Downley Day or at the Exps or just give me a ring on HW 524622. Monday 15th May talk by John Cornwall entitled 'In Deepest Buckinghamshire'. Monday 5th June visit to a local garden. Saturday 9th September Autumn horticultural show.**

*Ken Thompson  
01494524622*

## Downley Open Studios

As part of the Up Downley! Festival, Helen and John Willson are having an Open Studio at Woodland View, Downley Common HP13 5YL, where you'll find paintings and prints in different mediums, greetings cards, hand-covered note and sketchbooks, bookmarks and gift tags.

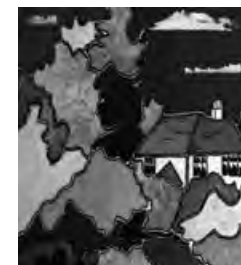
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## Downley Diary

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go display art people BOOKS  
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concert

## Round-up of Regular Activities

Downley Community Centre

Active Bucks Step into Strictly (3-5 yrs)	Fri 12.15pm
Alzheimers Carers Support Group	3rd Wed am
Art Group	Term time Mon & Tues 10am - 12.00
Bible Study Group	Sun 10am
Breathe Easy	2nd Fri 1pm
Bridge Group	Thurs 7.15pm
Bumps, babies and beyond	Term time Mon 9.30am
Chipmunks Woodcarving	Wed 10am
Community Library	Mon & Sat 10am, Thurs 3pm
Craft Group	1st Tues 10am
Dance Classes (ballroom and Latin)	Tues 7.30pm & Weds 8pm
Downley Village Evening WI	1st Tues 7.35pm
Downley Wine & Beer Club	2nd Wed 8pm
First Class Learning	Sat 10am
French Circle	2nd Fri 7.30pm
Lace Making	Term time Thurs 12.45pm
Line Dancing	Tues 12.45pm and Fri 10am
Martial Arts Training	Mon 8pm
Pilates - term time	Mon 7pm, Wed 6.30pm, Thurs 7.30pm
Pilates for beginners	Term time Wed 9.30am
Simply Walk	Mon 10am and Thurs 11am
Sing & Sign	Thurs 10am (12pm Coffee)
Spiritual Centre (Downley)	1st & 3rd Fri, last Mon 6.30pm
Tai Chi - for Arthritis	Term time Wed 10.45am
U3A Russian Cultural Group	3rd Thurs 2pm
U3A Ukulele	4th Thurs 10am
Wargamers	Mon 6.45pm
Worship Group	2nd-4th Sun 3pm



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Art Club	Thurs 9.30am
Assisted Scrabble	4th Friday of month 2.pm - 4.pm
Coffee Stop	Mon 10.30am
Dog Training	Tues 6pm
Downley and Disraeli Youth Club	Every Mon bar the 3rd of the month
Downley Evening WI	2nd Tues 7.45pm - in the Church
Downley Gardening Society	3rd Mon of month 8pm
Greatest Hits Choir	Tues 8.30pm
Karate	Wed 7pm
Links Lunches	Fri 10.30am
Louise Dance Class	Sat 9.30am
Natailie's Meditation Class	Wed 8.30pm -10.30pm
Philatelic Club	Alternate Thurs 7.30pm
Weightwatchers	Thurs 5.30pm

Sunnybank Methodist Church Hall

Dance Classes for Young People	Mon pm & evening
Downley Descants	Thurs evening at 8pm

Downley War Memorial Hall

Fencing Training	Wed & Fri 5.00pm
Sunshine Montessori	8.30am Term time only
Yoga	Wed 9.45am
Yoga	Term time Fri 9.15 am
Pilates	Mon 7pm

Guide & Scout Centre

Rainbows.Brownies/Guides	Mon from 4.30pm
Guides	Tues from 7.15pm
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Dog Training	Thurs from 6.30pm
Beavers/Cubs/Scouts	Fri from 4.30pm

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**Sunnybank Church in Moor Lane is celebrating its 193rd Anniversary this year.**

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**We'd love to see you !**

**Holidays at Home 2017**

For adults in the Downley community. Tuesday 25th to Thursday 27th July 2017 from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm. Join us at Sunnybank Church where you will have the opportunity to enjoy 3 days of varied activities for all interests and abilities tailored to your wishes and requirements, such as; puzzles, jig-saws, indoor games and outdoor activities, arts and crafts, Songs of Praise.

**There is no charge for Holiday at Home but donations are welcome to help cover the cost of the meals. For details contact Beryl at 01494 638389 or beryl@kstat.co.uk**

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**All notices must be for local non profit organisations. Please ensure that A5 size notices are supplied.**

## Up & Coming... Please visit [Downley.org](http://Downley.org) for all the latest and up to date events and news.

- June 4 Downley Common Preservation Society Work Party, 10am at the Old Dairy
- 14 Downley Common Preservation Society Work Party, 10am at the tank crossing
- 16 Family Disco 7pm on Commonsides in the Marquee
- 17 Downley Day at 1pm on Commonsides
- 18 Father's Day Event Downley Cricket Ground 11.00am - 3.00pm
- 19 Children's & Family Yoga Marquee on Commonsides 5.00pm - 5.45pm
- 19 Downley Common Preservation Society Work Party, 10am at the Old Dairy
- 20 Woodland Adventure Walk From the Beacon on Commonsides 6.30pm
- 20 Expo Downley Marquee on Commonsides 7.00pm
- 21 'A Bit on the Commonsides' Comedy Night Marquee on Commonsides 8.00pm - 10.30pm
- 23 Oompah Band & Summer BBQ Marquee on Commonsides 7.30pm - 10.00 pm
- 24 Downley Dynamos Mannings Field 11.00am - 4.00pm
- 24 West Wycombe Brass Band Sunnybank Church 7.00pm
- 25 Downley 5K Fun Run at 10am on Commonsides. Collect Numbers 9am Memorial Hall
- 25 Open Studios, Woodland View The Common HP13 5YL 2.00pm - 5.00pm  
Check the Festival programme for more dates and timings
- 25 Open Gardens Garden venues around the village 2.00pm - 5.00pm
- 30 Downley Descants with Wycombe Concert Band Chilternwood 7.30pm
- June 30 - July 2 Beer & Cheese Festival Le De Spencers Arms
- July 3 - 8 Art Show Downley Community Centre
- 7 The Grape Downley Wine Taste Downley Community Centre 7.30pm
- 8 Concert on the Common Commonsides 7.00pm

## SCIENCE FOR FUN

**I** have two coins, both are the same size and shape as each other, but one is made of plastic and one is made of copper. I hold them both out in front of me at the same height, then drop them at the same time. Which will hit the ground first? Our instinct tells us that the heavier copper coin will land first, but our instinct is wrong. If I were to drop them from a considerably greater height then our instinct has it right, but at 5ft 7ins I am not tall enough to achieve that outcome. Both coins will land at the same time. Hopefully you either know why, or your enquiring mind is now asking why; or perhaps you don't believe me, so try it! Any two items of the same size and shape, whatever their weight, will give this outcome: a snooker ball a tennis ball, a golf ball and a ping pong ball, a football and a beach ball.

When any object falls it does so initially with a constant acceleration of approximately 9.8m/s/s; so the velocity of any object will increase from zero to 9.8m/s in the first second as it falls. As it falls the object will encounter air particles which will push back against its weight. Weight is the downward force here, air resistance (those collisions with air particles) is the opposing upward force. The faster the object falls the more air particles it hits in each second, therefore the greater the force upwards against its weight.

**T**wo coins of the same shape will hit the same number of particles when travelling at the same speed as each other, therefore my two coins hit the ground at the same time when I drop them. They both accelerated at the same rate from zero, they both encountered the same number of air particles, they both had the same upward force on them (from those air particles) throughout their journey to the ground, they both achieved the same velocity during their journey, they both hit the ground at the same time.

**W**hen dropped from higher up the situation changes. The initial fall is the same. Same acceleration from zero, same velocity achieved until the lighter plastic coin stops accelerating. This happens when the number of air particles hitting the coins increases to the point where the upward force they apply to the plastic coin is equal to the weight of that coin; now there is no resultant force downwards on this coin (weight, force down=air resistance, force up) so it simply continues to fall at the velocity it has reached, its terminal velocity. The copper coin will land first this time as it continues to accelerate - it will take a lot more air collisions per second to apply an upward force that will equal this coin's heavier weight, in other words it has to be travelling faster before its terminal velocity is reached.

Could I give the copper coin the same terminal velocity as the plastic one? Yes. Hammer it out into a thinner disk with a greater diameter so it bumps into more air particles on its way down. We love talking about the effects of increasing surface area in science.

All this is why parachutes slow us down when falling, why cats stretch their legs out when they fall, why flying squirrels can glide from tree to tree, and why a mouse could fall from the top of a tower block and might remain unharmed.

status, stress reduction, showing affection, or simply saying hello. (Maybe human apes should reflect on these social differences, but we may want to restrict most of the "love" to a hug and a thought, unlike the bonobos.)

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Now that Christmas is over and perhaps you have read all the books you had as presents, please think of the library if you want to give them a new home!

The library has copies of most of the Downley News going back to the first issue in 1987. We do have a few gaps and if anyone has any of the following copies tucked away we would be most grateful if we could borrow them to make copies. Those we are short of are: issues 7, 30, 45, 46, 47, 64, 68, 69 and 73.

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## J. Heartycough's Horticultural Hints Summer 2017

*Wal me old mates it's straight into summer-wot a relief arfter orl them long months of dark and cold.*

You'll ave been a wonderin at nature werkin of her magic agen, best yet I reckons for blackthorn and hawthorn blossom, and wot about them bluebells down the wood eh? So you'll be pottin up yor winter veg, a mate of mine up the plot ses pot yor seedling sprouts in big pots, in good compost to get um a'goin, and then plant em in late summer or later, wot you've got to do is really firm up the soil as hard as possible round each plant or yor sprouts won't harden up, they'll just be orl fluffy like. Then tie up yor toms, and give em a spray of summat to keep orf the blight (likewise yor spuds same family believe it or not). I uses Bordeaux mixture still organic I read somewhere, wal it is up here in Downley, tho I dunno about Napple, they're orlways a'moanin about summat, this year its blight.

Then wot about flowers, it's time for Downley Day and Open Gardens, so get along to the plant stall on the 17th June, and then ave a look at Downley Open Gardens on the 25th, there's always plants for sale somewhere. But you'll already ave got yor garden sorted out, with room for wild flowers, Mrs H. had a wonderful lot of fritillaries and cowslips in her patch, orl from a couple of packets about 15 years ago.

Anyway it's not my French cousin this time, but, wait for it.....another mate of mine told me about wot follows here, (wal that makes two mates, that's a surprise eh!) ....I reckon I might 'ave a long lost and forgotten Russian (wal, Kyrgystan) cousin who made the headlines a few weeks ago,

his name is Izzat Artykov, an Olympic weight lifter (look im up on Google ses Mrs H, she's mustard on the commuter). Anyway Mr Izzat Artykov had been banned for using stimulants in the 'lympics, - I reckons it was home made potato vodka, keepin the family tradition goin eh, you never knows eh wot, the worlds a strange place sum times, but I'll try to fit im in on my column every so often.

This writin two months before my 'Ints hits the newsstands isn't that easy, but I suggests you'll be a'watchin out for the flowers on yor early spuds eh, ( when you sees the flowers wait about a couple of weeks then dig up a root), charlottes the best, and treat yor ole lady to a simple bowl of small new Downley grown spuds, not peeled, with butter and sprinkle sum welsh sea salt, maybe with a sprig of parsley, - yum yum or nom nom as the welshes ses.

Then you'll know I does a bit of gardin readin, (not Monty Wotsit or Titchymarsh), so I finds this piece from John Evelyn in 'The Compleat Gardner 1693' - he believes that the landed gentry should do some readin, 'How necessary is it for a gentleman, who desires to have Fruit and Kitchen gardens, to be at least reasonably instructed in what relates to those kinds of gardens?'...Wal, wot about it them in the big house down West Wycombe eh? Just get a'readin!

I'll finish with this sayin from Stoken, or sumwhere ( I think I saw it in a book of ole Bucks sayins, I likes the word 'sayins', simple and straight forward like). 'Where rosemary flourishes the lady rules'. Wal wot's yor rosemary like eh? Let me know, could be interestin!

Keep a digging them spuds,

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Mark Watson headlines the evening which includes; Robert White, Eshaan Akhbar with MC Jo Bor.

### Mark Watson

An award winning comedian who has written six novels. In spite of his success, his dream job is still to be a football commentator. Credits include: *Mock The Week*, *Never Mind The Buzzcocks*, *Have I Got News for You* and *Would I Lie to You?*

*'Terrifyingly funny' (Times).*

*'Belly laugh brilliant... The audience was weeping with laughter' (Time Out).*



### Robert White

Has received rave reviews at the Edinburgh Festival and has won The Malcolm Hardee award for comic originality for his 'enthusiastic unconventionality', as well as having one of his jokes judged as one of the Top Ten jokes of the fringe.

*'He's manic, camp and mildly afflicted... absolutely cracking gags.' (Chortle)*

*'Robert White, probably - no definitely - the only asperger, dyslexic, cross lateral, gay, quarter-welsh, web toed comedian on the circuit' (The Guardian)*



### Eshaan Akhbar

Winner of the Piccadilly Comedy Club New Comedian of the Year 2016, Eshaan has been in the finals of other prestigious competitions, including So You Think You're Funny 2014 and Laughing Horse 2014..

*'So slick, I could have been watching a Live at the Apollo set' (Bruce Dessau)*

*'Likeability and charm' (Julia Chamberlain, Chortle)*



### MC Jo Bor

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Life gets busy even in Downley and I suspect very few of us really know just how much goes on in the village. Many clubs, societies or businesses probably feel they work hard at getting their information out there but in this world of websites, door drops and posters it can get lost in the overall noise. Expo Downley is a chance to get face to face with your local audience and network with fellow organisations.

If you are new to the village or just looking for a fresh interest, activity or service Expo Downley could deliver what you need. From woodwork to war games and plumbers to piano teachers there is more on offer than you might think so be sure to visit Expo Downley.

**Tues 20 June 7pm in the Marquee on Commonside**

## Downley 5K Fun Run

*Now into tith third year, it could run and run.*

The Downley 5k this year is on Sunday 25th June. The race starts at 10.30am. You'll be collecting your numbers in the Memorial Hall from 9am. £10 for over 16s, £5 for under 16s.

We begin with a warm up before making our way to the start. The course begins on the road but you are quickly into nice flat woodland. A lovely downhill section through rolling fields is an opportunity to gain some time. Up and over 'Echo Valley' with stunning views of Hughenden. Down through 'Blue Bell' wood and towards the toughest section of the run. Two steep hills through the woods are a real challenge for even the most experienced of runners. A nice flat end to the race though and anyone with a fast finish will relish the amazing crowd that awaits you.

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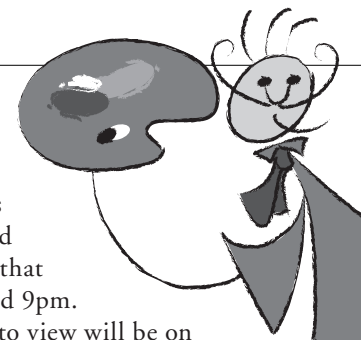
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### Details of entry

You can enter the Art Show online at **festival.downley.org**. Entry Forms and guidelines can be requested by email from **festival@downley.org** and will be available to collect from the foyer of the Community Centre from 1 June. Please return your completed entry forms to the box provided at the Community Centre. **The deadline for receipt of all entries is 28 June.** Enjoy getting creative between now and the Art Show and we really look forward to seeing the results.

## Downley Wine and Beer Club presents: The Grape Downley Wine Taste

*Downley Community Centre, Friday 7th July, 7:30 to 9:30pm*

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Although there would have been a series of raids by both sides and shelling of each other's trenches this was a relatively quiet period following the Allied success in the battle of Messines at the beginning of June and the start of the Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele) at the end of July.

Corporal Frank Dukes of 5th Ox & Bucks was part of 14th Light Division which was involved in the Battle of Langemarck. This took place from 16-18 August and was part of the Battle of Passchendaele. The following day further attacks took place in the area and it may well have been during one of these that Cpl. Dukes died. According to the Chaplain's letter to his parents, a shell burst killing him and three comrades instantly.

Corporal Dukes lived at Plomer Green Cottage and left a wife and four daughters, the youngest of which he had never seen. He was one of eleven children (7 brothers and 3 sisters) and the third son to die in the war.

Passchendaele is best known for the effect the rain had on the area which was mostly low-lying with clay soil and a number of small streams. Over the course of the battle, which ran from late July to mid November, conditions got so bad that horses and men disappeared into water filled craters. Most of the photos of muddy scenes that we associate with WW1 will have been taken during this battle.

The local paper was, with mixed feelings, proclaiming Wycombe's first Victoria Cross which had been awarded to Lieutenant Frederick Youens. Despite having no shirt or tunic, as he was



*Chateau Wood, near Hooze in the Ypres salient, 29 October 1917*

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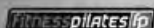
## **Thursdays:**

19:00 Cardio Bootcamp HIIT Style  
19:30 Legs, Bums & Tums  
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