

# FESTIVAL BROCHURE

29TH MAY TO 8TH JUNE



PLEASE TAKE ME WITH YOU, I'M FREE!

# Letter from the Festival Organisers

Welcome to the Ram Comedy Festival 2025 in Derby—a celebration of laughter, creativity, community, and our city! Building on the success of our inaugural run in 2019, we're back and turning up the volume with over 70 shows across six unique venues over an electrifying eleven days.

This year, we're not just expanding in size but also deepening our commitment to showcasing a diverse array of comedic talent—from brilliant stand-up veterans to bold, emerging voices pushing creative boundaries.

We believe comedy is more than entertainment—it's a unifying force that brings us together, challenges our perspectives, and celebrates the lighter side of life. Embrace the energy, dive into the vibrant atmosphere, and prepare for a journey that's as unpredictable as it is unforgettable.

We're delighted to have you join us as we write the next chapter in our festival's story. Let the laughter begin!

Much Love

Alex Leam James Beckett

# HOW A COMEDY FESTIVAL WORKS

#### DAILY LINE-UP'S

Each day features a variety of comedy acts at different venues. Check the listings to plan your day.

#### INDOOR VENUES

Unlike open-air music festivals, comedy shows are held in various indoor venues

# SHOW DURATIONS

Shows typically last about an hour, but some may be longer. Check the festival listings to be sure.



# PAY WHAT YOU ITKE

Many shows operate on a "Pay What You Like" basis. This means you can watch the show for free and decide afterward how much you'd like to contribute based on your enjoyment and budget.

# TICKET

# TICKETED

Some shows require tickets, which you can buy directly on the website or at the door.

ALL SHOWS HAVE TICKETS AVAILABLE TO CLAIM/BUY ON OUR WEBSITE

# WWW.RAMCOMEDYFESTIVAL.CO.UK

# OUR VENUES

# THE OLD BELL

# 51 Sadler Gate, DE1 3NQ



#### Rooms

**Total Shows: 38** 

STANDARD

Grand Regency Ballroom - 130 Seats - Fully Accessible
The Tudor Bar - 40 Seats - Downstairs but Step on Entrace
The Belfry Bar - 40 Seats - Upstairs Function Room

#### **Festival Dates**

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Total Shows: 19

30 Seats - Upstairs Function Room

**Festival Dates** 





# DUBREK STUDIOS



# 67 Bridge St, Derby DE1 3LB

**Total Shows: 12** 

70 Seats - Downstairs Fully Accessible Festival Dates



# 67 Friar Gate, DE1 1FP

**Total Shows: 2** 

70 Seats - Downstairs Fully Accessible

**Festival Dates** 







DERBY CONFERENCE CENTRE

# London Rd, DE24 8UX

**Total Shows: 1** 

300 Seats - Fully Accessible Venue

Sat 31st May Only

THE BLESS

# Chapel St, DE1 3GU

**Total Shows: 1** 

80 Seats - Upstairs Function Room

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OUR FESTIVAL PARTNERS











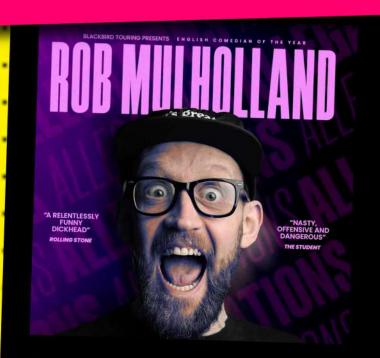






# READING THE SHOW LISTINGS

Our show listings help you navigate the festival across the entire 11 day duration!



# ROB MULHOLLAND: ALLEGATIONS - FESTIVAL OPENING SHOW

Thu 29th May - 20:00 to 22:00 - Grand Regency Ballroom (The Old Bell)

"Allegations" is the debut tour from Rob Mulholland; seasoned stand-up comedian, podcaster (Dead Men Talking) and one of the kings of the North's burgeoning DIY comedy scene. A wild, high-energy barrage of belly laughs covering all the topics you're not really meant to talk about.

Solo

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £12

Fully Accessible

Each listing will show you the show title, date, time & venue (remember our venue map is on the back!)

Head to our website to claim your tickets before they sell out (or scan the QR code below) www.ramcomedyfestival.co.uk

Be sure to check our website for the most up to date listings!

(Shows may get cancelled/more shows get added, so be sure to check our website beforehand!)



# LISTINGS SHOW



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Solo

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £15

Fully Accessible

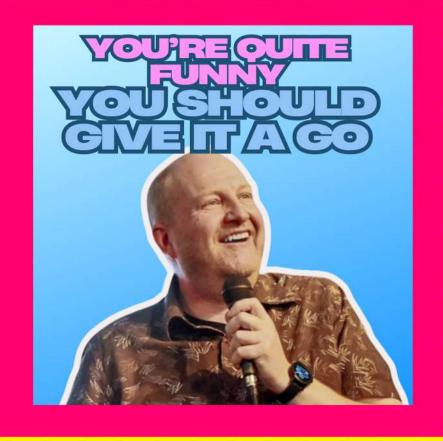
#### ANTHONY WILLIAMS: YOU'RE QUITE FUNNY. YOU SHOULD GIVE IT A GO

Fri 30th May - 18:30 to 19:30 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

If you've been to a RockCentral show in the last 5 years, you'll have almost certainly seen Anthony Williams compering. You may have even enjoyed it (citation needed). Well, for all of you who have said "You're quite funny. You should give it a go", this is your fault. Let's see if you regret telling him.

Solo

Stand-Up FREE/PWYL





# DEN OF LAUGHS: ROYAL PREMIERE

Fri 30th May - 18:30 to 19:30 - The Royal Standard

The Royal Standard is rolling out the red carpet for our Royal Premiere compilation show. Den of Laughs brings you a hand-picked lineup of the funniest acts from the upcoming Ram Comedy Festival, so you can try before you buy.

Mixed Bill

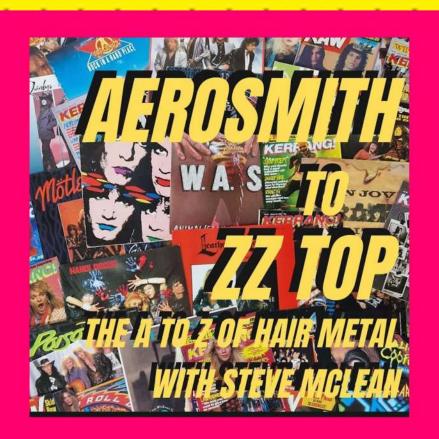
Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL

#### AEROSMITH TO ZZ TOP (THE A TO Z OF HAIR METAL)

Fri 30th May - 20:00 to 21:00 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

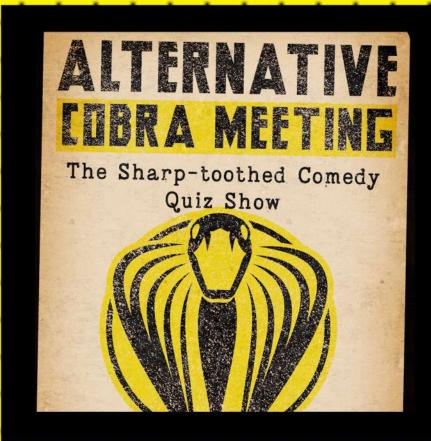
Do you remember when long hair and eyeliner was cool? Do you remember Paradise City, where the grass was green and the girls where pretty? Do you remember when your neck pain came from headbanging and not just getting out of a chair too quickly? If you answered yes to any of these questions then this show is for you.



Stand-Up

Solo

Ticketed - £7.50



# ALTERNATIVE COBRA MEETING COMEDY QUIZ

Fri 30th May - 20:00 to 21:00 - The Belfry Bar (The Old Bell)

The Sharp-Toothed Comedy Quiz show! Quizmaster Stuart Dunlop places the nation's comic talents through their paces with a series of baffling questions and unexpected shenanigans! Points are awarded for knowing the answers, but also for making the audience laugh.

FREE/PWYI

Panel

### BLACK TO BLACK

Fri 30th May - 20:00 to 21:00 - The Royal Standard

Eric Max Powers: An African story telling comedian but British when he needs to be, Eric talks about growing up in England and becoming a dad. A bit silly, somewhat serious, overall funny. R.S Lewis: Hailing from the bombastic boulevards of Smethwick, This comic will take you to the world through his eyes.



Double Bill

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £5



# FESTIVAL SHOWCASE COMPILATION

Fri 30th May - 21:30 to 22:30 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

Welcome to our festival showcase compilation show, a mixed show of comedians doing 10 minute spaces each! To give you a flavour of what you might want to go and watch!

Mixed Bill

Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL

# FOUR COURSE MEN TELLING FUNNY BITS

Fri 30th May - 21:30 to 22:30 - The Belfry Bar (The Old Bell)

Four of the funniest up and coming comedians on the circuit doing their best to make you laugh. The wonderful high energy humour of Jack King. The delightful story telling of Fraser Ball. The glorious jokes of Philip Irving. MCing by the marvellous Ben Davies!



Stand-Up







#### ANGELA BRA: SECRET DIARY OF A BINGO CALL GIRL

Fri 30th May - 21:30 to 22:30 - The Royal Standard

The absolutely dabulous Miss Angela Bra invites you to a spectacular show of surreal stories, playful pop parodies and polished puns reflecting her life on the front line of the north-west party bingo circuit. Get your dabbers ready as Angela very much puts the house into house party!

Solo

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £5

# KEEP KORMA & CURRY ON!

Sat 31st May - 12:30 to 13:30 - The Royal Standard

Joint the Queen of Curry Ruby Murray for Sit-Down Comedy Yoga (All Loafers) Welcome) AND leave with a FREE Ruby Murray Curry Kit. RRP £3.50. As seen on CountryFile & Bargain Loving Brits, now bringing Benidorm bants to Blighty!

Solo

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £7.50





# PAKISTANDUP

Sat 31st May - 14:00 to 15:00 - The Royal Standard

"PakiStandUp" is a work-in-progress satirical Comedy show which emphasizes on culturally shocking and hilarious elements and experiences of a new immigrant in the UK. It also speaks of less representation of Pakistanis in the Comedy Circuit of the UK.

Solo

Stand-Up

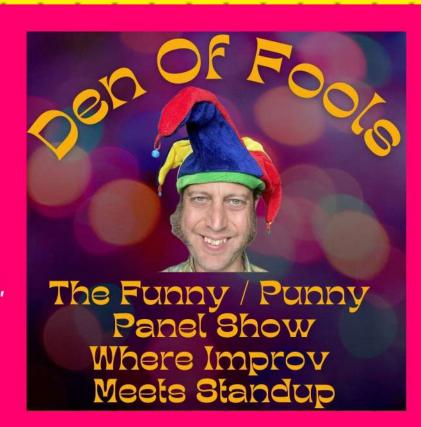
Ticketed - £7

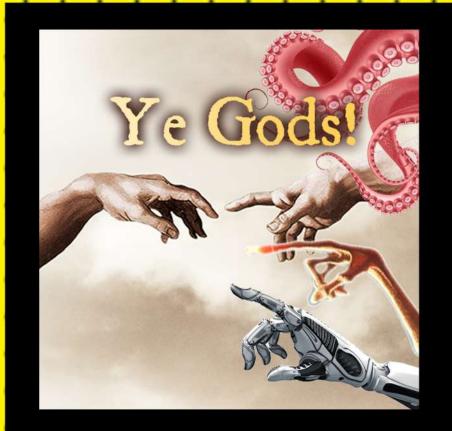
# DEN OF FOOLS: PUNNY PANEL SHOW

Sat 31st May - 15:30 to 16:30 - The Royal Standard

Punny, funny, and full of improv! Join Den & his Fools for ridiculous comedy games and jokes galore. Den is seeking 21st century jesters for his royal court. Four Fools play improv games, generate jokes on random topics, tell tall tales and silly stories, and participate in a pun off. Hosted by Denzil de Cristo

Ticketed - £6 Panel Improv





# YE GODS!

Sat 31st May - 17:00 to 18:00 - The Royal Standard

Difficult personalities in charge? An impossible set of rules? Unbelievable back stories? Religions really can be hard to fathom and even harder to follow. But what if we could create a bespoke religion more to our own liking? That's what Ye Gods! sets out to do - with the audience's help!

Improv

Ticketed - £6

# GRAEME RAYNER: DADOLOGY

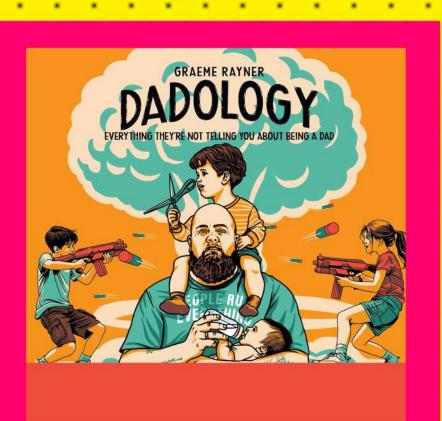
Sat 31st May - 18:30 to 19:30 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

"Dadology" is Graeme Rayner's debut I hour show, and includes everything they're not telling you about being a dad. Graeme was a semi-finalist in the 2023 British Comedian of the Year competition and is, more importantly, a dad who has spent almost two decades navigating fatherhood with varying degrees of success.

Solo

Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL





# KATE ROBB: DOGHOUSE

Sat 31st May - 18:30 to 19:30 - The Belfry Bar (The Old Bell)

Join Funny Women Awards semi-finalist for tales of sex, dogs and getting old.
This is an extended WIP version of the half hour show taken to festivals in Brighton & Leicester. Doghouse takes a dry look at dogs, kids and marital relations through the eyes of a survivor.

Solo

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £4

#### RICHARD PULSFORD: YORKSHIRE DAD, IMMIGRANT MUM

Sat 31st May - 18:30 to 19:30 - The Royal Standard

Multi-award-winning stand-up comedian Richard Pulsford takes a nostalgic tour into his parents' past to try to understand how it made them who they were, and therefore the person who he is. With a dad from Yorkshire and a 'foreign' mum from continental Europe it's no surprise Richard has ended up being, well, 'funny'.

Stand-Up

Solo

Ticketed - £7





# DERBY COMEDY CLUB @ RAM COMEDY FEST

Sat 31st May - 19:00 to 22:00 - Derby Conference Centre

We are bringing a fantastic line up to you EVERY. SINGLE. MONTH! But this time we're doing it as part of the Ram Comedy Festival! (Please note the show starts at 7pm, but you can arrive earlier (from 5pm) to enjoy some food before the show!

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £16

Fully Accessible

Mixed Bill

#### AN EVENING YOU WON'T REGRET UNLESS YOU DON'T LIKE IT

Sat 31st May - 20:00 to 21:00 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

Two-Time Leicester Comedy Festival Award Nominee Jon Hipkiss continues his tour fresh from sell out shows at Edinburgh. There's no agenda or politics here. The show is about everything, nothing and something. There's no theme either, just jokes!

Solo

Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL





#### FRAN JENKING AND CHRIS RICHMOND

Sat 31st May - 20:00 to 21:00 - The Belfry Bar (The Old Bell)

Fran Jenking: OnlyFrans A new work in progress show, full of ridiculous thoughts and a sideways look at life. Chris's, first ever show, delving into happiness and hell, and finding an amusing peace...

Double Bill

Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL

# GRAEME RAYNER: KROWDWERK

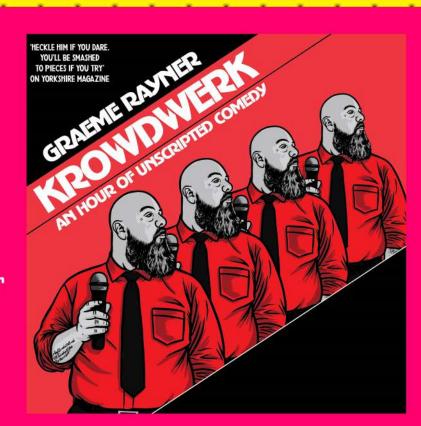
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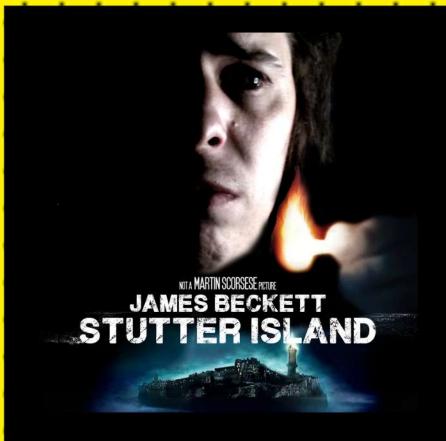
"Krowdwerk" is exactly what you might think – an unscripted crowdwork show. Having several years of MCing experience Graeme wants to put those skills to the test with an interactive, audience-driven show. It will not be an hour of "what's your name and what do you do?"



Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL





# James Beckett: Stutter Island

Sat 31st May - 21:30 to 22:30 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

James Beckett (SYTYF & Laughing Horse New Act Semi-Finalist, Beat the Frog & Mr Bens Winner, 'A engaging & memorable performance' – Rockcentral ) explores navigating life as somebody with a stutter & his 12 year break from the comedy scene.

Solo

Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL

# BLUE BADGE BUNCH

Sun 1st Jun - 13:30 to 14:30 - Dubrek Studios

"The disability 'Taskmaster'!" Step into a world of rip-roaring laughter and learning with "Blue Badge Bunch" - the most engaging, inclusive game show that's taking the nation by storm! Designed for kids and grown-ups alike, this show promises heaps of fun and insight in equal measure.

Ticketed - £7

Fully Accessible Panel Family Friendly





# Benny Shakes: Slugageddon

Sun 1st Jun - 15:00 to 16:00 - Dubrek Studios

A new children's show from the creator of the Award Winning Blue Badge Bunch. Benny grows his own. His own cabbages, his own trees and his own flowers. But the slugs, oh the slugs!! Can you help Benny defeat them?

Ticketed - £7

Fully Accessible

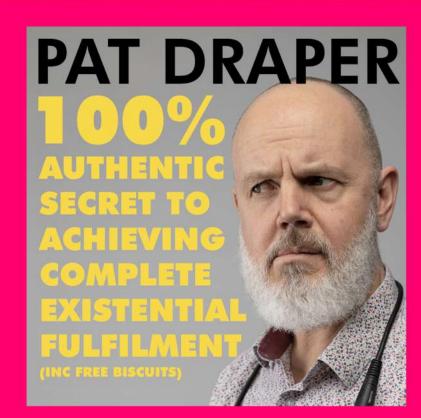
Solo

Family Friendly

#### 100% AUTHENTIC SECRET TO ACHIEVING COMPLETE EXISTENTIAL FULFILMENT (INCLUDES FREE BISCUITS)

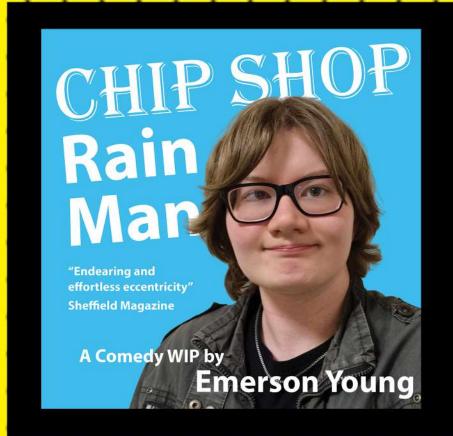
Sun 1st Jun - 15:30 to 16:30 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

As unlikely as it sounds, Draper has discovered and implemented a guaranteed means of achieving a lifelong unwavering total zen-like oneness with the universe



Stand-Up Solo

Ticketed - £5



#### EMERSON YOUNG: CHIP SHOP RAIN MAN

Sun 1st Jun - 16:30 to 17:30 - Dubrek Studios

A deep dive into the hilarious if slightly disconcerting ways in which Emerson Young ("Endearing and effortless eccentricity" - Sheffield Magazine) interacts with and interprets the overwhelmingly neurotypical world around him.

Solo

Stand-Up

Fully Accessible

FREE/PWYL

# ADAM HOPKINS: SORRY, WHAT? (WIP)

Sun 1st Jun - 17:00 to 18:00 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

London-based comedian Adam Hopkins' new work in progress show about how growing up in a house that used British Sign Language (BSL) helped him overcome the language barrier when he moved to Shanghai, China, for a new job. Adam is a BBC New Comedy Awards nominated.



Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL



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# ALFIE MOORE: TOUR WARM UP

Sun 1st Jun - 17:30 to 18:30 - Grand Regency Ballroom (The Old Bell) Copper turned comedian and star of BBC Radio 4 hit comedy 'It's A Fair Cop' returns with a warm-up preview of his brand-new tour show. Topics covered will include: How to stave off the apocalypse. How to save UK policing. And how to avoid the potholes on the A15.

Solo

Stand-Up

Fully Accessible

Ticketed - £12

### DAVID EAGLE: THE EAGLE IS CANDID

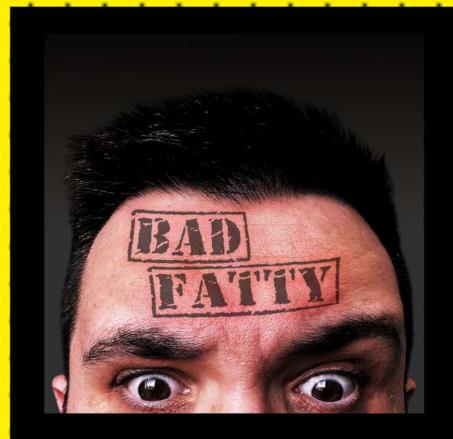
Sun 1st Jun - 18:30 to 19:30 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

The adventures of blind comedian and folk singer David Eagle: accosted by faith healers, bamboozling aggressive Australians and escaping arrest after a nocturnal accordion-based anti-social incident. Plus a couple of his songs, one of which was described by the Guardian as "a comic tour de force"; and one which wasn't.



Stand-Up Ticketed - £9





# STUART THOMAS: BAD FATTY WIP

Sun 1st Jun - 18:30 to 19:30 - Dubrek Studios

Bad Fatty is a sharp, unapologetic stand-up show that dives into life as a fat Welshman. Growing up on a sheep farm, Stuart Thomas fuses his working-class roots with a modern take on body positivity, grabbing diet culture by the scruff of the neck and calling out society's absurd expectations.

Solo

Stand-Up

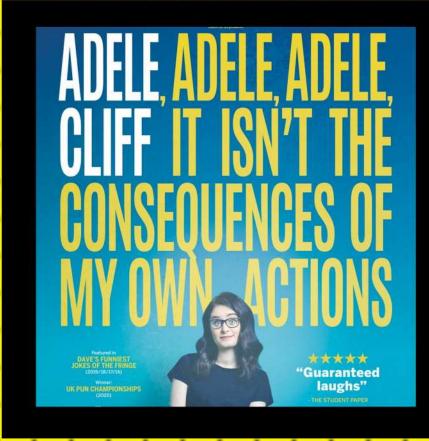
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# ADELE, ADELE, ADELE... CLIFF IT ISN'T THE CONSEQUENCES OF MY OWN ACTIONS

Sun 1st Jun - 20:00 to 21:00 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

Multi-award Winning Comedian Adele Cliff comes to the Ram Comedy Festival to examine lying, honesty and consequences

Solo

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £7

### DISABLED CANTS

Sun 1st Jun - 20:00 to 21:00 - Dubrek Studios

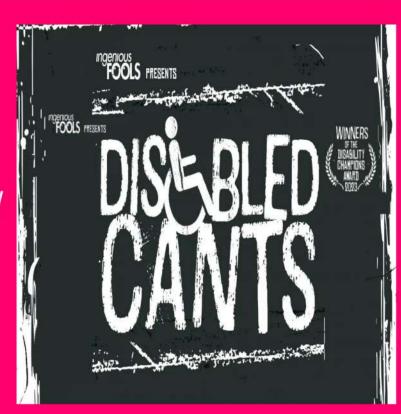
A revolving lineup of disabled comedians and friends present an irreverent comedy show for your enjoyment. We're not brave, we're not inspiring, we're just here to make you laugh and park in the disabled bays.

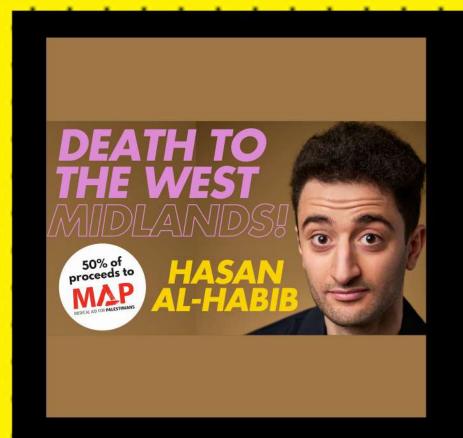
Mixed Bill

Stand-Up

Fully Accessible

FREE/PWYL





#### HASAN AL-HABIB: DEATH TO THE WEST (MIDLANDS) - WIP

Sun 1st Jun - 20:30 to 21:30 - Grand Regency Ballroom (The Old Bell)

Arab. Muslim. Brummy. Hasan Al-Habib was born to Iraqis that moved to Birmingham after deciding Baghdad wasn't dangerous enough. The Birmingham Comedy Festival Breaking Talent Award Winner 2023 does an hour of work-in-progress material about his love for both cities. 50% of proceeds goes to Medical Aid for Palestinians.

Solo

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £8

Fully Accessible

# UNDER THE BOARDDWARF

Sun 1st Jun - 21:30 to 22:30 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

George has been treading the boards of acting for some time now but how exactly did he get there and what else has he done during his life? Join George as he takes you through his life from school to working in Panto (oh yes he does!) and how he lives day to day meeting and interacting with different types of people.

Solo

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £5





# LIZZY LENCO: FULL FRONTAL LOBE

Sun 1st Jun - 21:30 to 22:30 - Dubrek Studios

Lizzy Lenco is not right in the head, and has the MRI to prove it. Expect audience interaction, silliness and song as she brings her surreal tales of near death, heavy metal and cake to the stage. An honest and hilarious, award nominated, four star show about coming to terms with disability.

Solo

Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL

Fully Accessible

#### COMEDY WRITING WORKSHOP: THREE IS THE NUMBER

Mon 2nd Jun - 18:30 to 19:30 - Dubrek Studios

The Comedy Writers Club is open to all who wish to use comedy writing techniques for work or fun. We seek out accessible venues to host diverse and hilarious comedy nights, bringing established headliners and rising stars to Derby. Comedy Writing Workshop: Three is the number

Ticketed - £5

Fully Accessible Workshop





# WILLOW MILLARD: INTROVERT AT A PARTY

Mon 2nd Jun - 19:30 to 20:30 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

Get ready for Puns, Piano, and Plliteration, as musical comedian Willow Millard takes to the stage with songs guaranteed have you dancing in your seats. They sing, rap, play, and tell jokes, often at the same time, in a standup show as theatrical as they come. If you like laughter, music, and existential angst, you'll love Willow Millard.

Solo

Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL

### SLIGHTLY PSYCHIC CYNTHIA AND TERRY

Mon 2nd Jun - 20:00 to 21:00 - Dubrek Studios

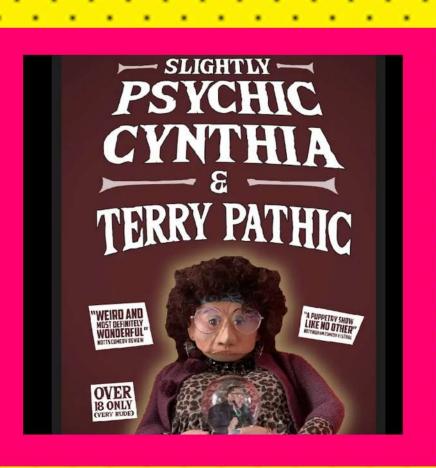
Slightly psychic Cynthia is a puppet of my late grandmother who makes all predictions very rude, do you dare let her read your mind in-front of a room full of strangers? Terry Pathic is a mind reading comic that will have you laughing and wondering how he got into your head to see your truth!

Double Bill

Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL

Fully Accessible





### FUNHOUSE COMEDY @ RAM COMEDY FESTIVAL

Mon 2nd Jun - 20:00 to 22:30 - The Bless

Funhouse at The Blessington Carriage is Funhouse Comedy's longest running comedy night with shows running fortnightly on a Monday evening since 2003. This show brings you Steve Day, Kie Carson, Mike Carter, Alex Egan & Jack Yallop! MC'd by Spiky Mike!

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £7

Mixed Bill

### ALEX LEAM: AWKWARD QUESTION TIME

Mon 2nd Jun - 21:00 to 22:00 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

Alex Leam's Awkward Question Time is the show that takes a panel of comedians and performers from across the festival to face Alex Leam and an hour of your awkward and stupid questions. What could possibly go wrong?







#### THE WILD, WILD WOOD ALTERNATIVE COMEDY SHOWCASE

Mon 2nd Jun - 21:30 to 22:30 - Dubkrek Studios

Expect the unexpected with short sets from alternative comedians, audience interaction and general weirdness. Wear a cape. Or a good waterproof coat. Maybe a hat. Please don't cavort naked in the woods, it's a Monday night. Cavorting is only for the weekend.

Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL

Fully Accessible

Mixed Bill

# CHEWY IMPROV & FRIENDS

Tue 3rd Jun - 19:00 to 20:00 - The Royal Standard

Hilarious comedy created before your very eyes. See improvisers take on games & challenges, create stories and scenes - all made up on the spot. If you know improv, you'll love this and if you haven't seen improv, what are you waiting for? We'll make you laugh & wonder how so much madness can spring from a single word suggested from the audience!

FREE/PWYL Improv





#### THE LAUGHING LAMB: NEW MATERIAL & OPEN MIC

Tue 3rd Jun - 20:30 to 22:15 - The Royal Standard

The Laughing Lamb is Ram Comedy Festival's baby, a new material/open mic for folks to come to get a free dose of proper grassroots comedy. We won't fleece you, it is completely free! A mix of seasoned comics testing new jokes and routines and new acts taking their first tentative steps onto a stage.

Stand-Up

FREE

Mixed Bill

# RAM COMEDY FESTIVAL NEW ACT OF THE YEAR

Wed 4th Jun - 19:45 to 20:45 - The Courtyard

A completely free comedy showcase, with some of best new acts vying to secure the new title (we've just invented) 'The Ram Comedy Festival New Act of the Year'. Join this completely free entry show and witness some of the best acts that could be turning into the next big thing in comedy! Not to be missed

FREE/PWYL Mixed Bill

Fully Accessible





#### RAM COMEDY FESTIVAL COMEDIAN OF THE YEAR

Wed 4th Jun - 21:00 to 22:00 - The Courtyard

A completely free comedy showcase, with some of best acts vying to secure the new title (we've just invented) 'The Ram Comedy Festival Comedian of the Year'. Join this completely free entry show and witness some of the best acts that could be turning into the next big thing in comedy! Not to be missed

Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL

Fully Accessible

Mixed Bill

#### PHIL GREEN: A BROKEN MAN'S GUIDE TO FIXING OTHERS

Thu 5th Jun - 18:30 to 19:30 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

Having definitely 100% totally recovered from a breakdown, Phil now brings us a show that can save all men from a mental health crisis (well, maybe not all men). Phil guides us through how to let go of typical regrets like when you accidently put your sister in hospital 30yrs ago or when you when you mess up an audition for Big Brother 5

Solo

Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL



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Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL

Mixed Bill

# HALF ABILITY HALF SOAKED

Thu 5th June - 20:00 to 22:00 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

A 2 hour special double header offering brought to you by Ricky Balshaw (BBC New Comedy Award Finalist) & Lovdev Barpaga (Best in Class - Edinburgh Fringe 2022), in Half Ability Half Soaked. A great value show for the price of just one!



Ticketed - £10

Double Bill





# MICHAEL MCKENZIE - BED 32

Thu 5th Jun - 20:00 to 21:00 - The Belfry Bar (The Old Bell)

Award winning stand-up and musical comedy from a one-legged NHS doctor in training. As seen on BBC3 and ITV1. McKenzie shares his wildest stories from working in the NHS and from growing up himself in hospital as Bed 32. All profits go to Bristol Children's Hospital where Michael grew up.

Solo

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £5

# 2 BOYS, 1 BUCKET

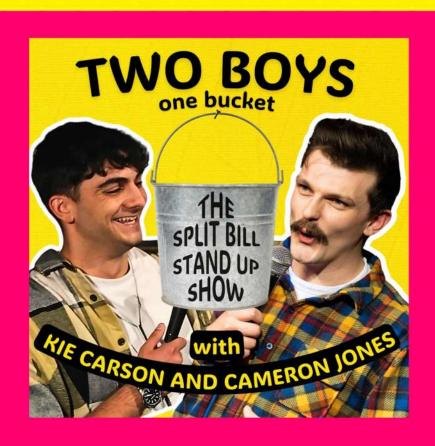
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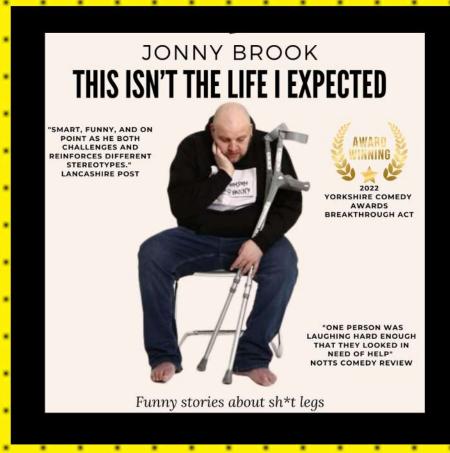
2 Boys, 1 Bucket - It's not what you think, but it might be just as ridiculous. A dynamic split-bill comedy show starring two of the most exciting working-class comedians on the scene: Kie Carson and Cameron Jones. This high-energy, laughter-filled bill showcases two sillies trying to pay their billies.

Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL

Double Bill





### THIS ISN'T THE LIFE I EXPECTED

Fri 6th Jun - 18:30 to 19:30 - Dubrek Studios

A miserable man finding the funny side of what life becomes when you start it off as a normal, and become a truly broken disabled along the way, all the medical chats, the well meaning strangers that make being outside a cringe inducing madness, the whole oddness of a life he never expected

Fully Accessible

Solo

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £5

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Ticketed - £8

Mixed Bill





# TIM BIGLOWE: LANDLUBBER

Fri 6th Jun - 18:30 to 19:30 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

Join Tim, an award-winning comedian, for a high-energy stand up show. What happens when a water hippy sells his canal boat to live on dry land? "A rare breed indeed. Great jokes among well crafted stories" - Indie Comedy Review, Critic's Choice Award Winner - Morecambe Fringe 2024

Solo

Mrs Smith

Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL



Fri 6th Jun - 20:00 to 22:00 - Grand Regency Ballroom (The Old Bell)

Ever wondered what your tear you! Mrs Smith was an ordinai Facebook and accidentally bec

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Stand-Up Ticketed - £18 Fully Accessible



# ALEX LEAM: TONY SLATTERY AND ME

Fri 6th Jun - 20:00 to 21:00 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

The true story of how an unknown comedian from Derby (who has poor form with meeting celebrities) became friends with a comedy legend. Proceeds from this show will be donated to charities that Tony supported.

Solo

Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL

# ABIGAIL ROLLING SH\*T LAWYER

Fri 6th Jun - 20:00 to 21:00 - Dubrek Studios

Dark. Funny. Underfunded. And that's just Abby. The criminal justice system is too. After thirty years practicing criminal defence law, Sh\*t Lawyer returns to give unsolicited advice to the Government in its search for bold and innovative approaches to 'speed up justice' and 'keep streets safe'.



Stand-Up

Ticketed - £5

Fully Accessible





# HARRY JENKINS: THANKS A LOT (YOU IDIOT)

Fri 6th Jun - 20:00 to 21:00 - The Royal Standard

One of the rising stars of the UK comedy circuit brings his debut show to the Ram Comedy Festival. Expect his trademark dry, irreverent and cynical take on every day life. Winner of Leicester Comedy Festival's Comedy World Cup, finalist of the Welsh Unsigned Stand Up of 2024 and winner of Notts Comedy Review's New Act of the Year

Solo

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £5

#### JAMES ROSS DOES GUESS WHO 2: NOW EVEN GUESSIER

Fri 6th Jun - 21:30 to 22:30 - Dubrek Studios

Now even more legally distinct! Remember childhood-favourite Guess Who? It's that, but based on vibes and played with you, the lovely audience. Failure is certain. A good time not absolutely guaranteed but quite likely. It's a very silly party show, I think you'll have fun with it.

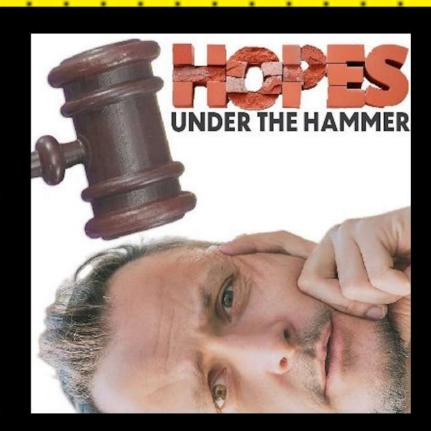
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Solo

Stand-Up

FREE/PWY





#### PAUL SAVAGE: HOPES UNDER THE HAMMER

Fri 6th Jun - 21:30 to 22:30 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

With dodgy landlords, financial scammers and living on a narrowboat, Paul Savage has some housing horror stories. But luckily he's written some jokes about them. The multi award-winning comedian takes a deep dive in to the nightmare world of estate agents.

Solo

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £10

### TELLING TINDER TALES

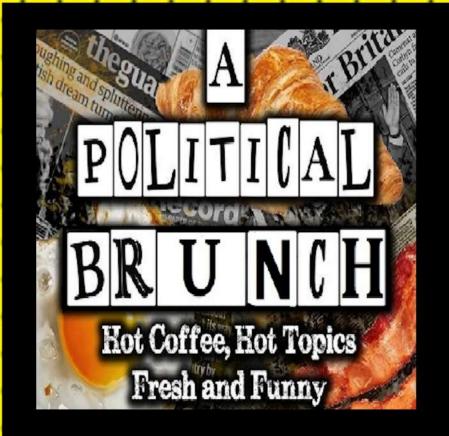
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Telling Tinder Tales is a show about dating, relationships and hook ups with some stories from comics and more importantly .. and interesting ly from audience. You can also catch a podcast of the same name to see what it is like... which is fun and surprisingly optimistic

Ticketed - £8

Panel





# A POLITICAL BRUNCH

Sat 7th Jun - 12:30 to 13:30 - The Royal Standard

A Political Brunch is a lighthearted take on politics.. a bit like Question Time meets Have I Got News For You but sillier. According to Kate Copstick of The Scotsman "not to be missed for those interested in politics" A fun show with audience involvement.

Ticketed - £8

Panel

#### DENZIL DE CRISTO: ARTIFICIALLY INTELLIGENT PROCRASTINATING PUNDIT

Sat 7th Jun - 14:00 to 15:00 - The Royal Standard

Denzil de Cristo uses pedantry, puns and parodies to ponder the past and his future. Jokes about robots, relationships and religion. Join Denzil as he has an after-life crisis and find out what the very first Dad joke ever told was.

Solo

Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL





# JACOB NUSSEY: PRIMED

Sat 7th Jun - 15:30 to 16:30 - The Royal Standard

Jacob Nussey unassumingly draws in audiences with his deadpan style, sharp jokes, and ill-fated anecdotes with clever punchlines. Jacob's debut show, Primed covers his time at Amazon. He divulges their secrets, preconceptions, stealing, job interviews, and why it could always be worse.

Solo

Stand-Up

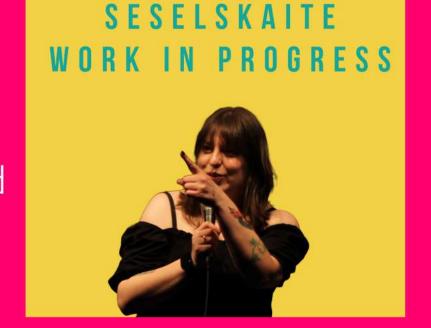
Ticketed - £5

#### Justina Seselskaite - Settled (Work in Progress)

Sat 7th Jun - 17:00 to 18:00 - The Royal Standard

Award-winning comedian Justina Seselskaite, from Lithuania, brings her work-in-progress show Settled—a witty exploration of her journey as an immigrant navigating life in the UK. Moving to the UK in 2014, Justina shares the challenges and absurdities of adapting to a new culture with humor and authenticity.





Solo Stand-Up



#### 1.925 KITTEN STEPS TO AUTISTIC SUCCESS

Sat 7th Jun - 18:30 to 19:30 - The Belfry Bar (The Old Bell)

With a mix of hilarious tales & thoughts from his recent sell-out shows, join Stags for adventures with a neurospicy twist. Previous online reviews: As a diagnosed AuDHDER I f\*\*\*ing loved attending this show', 'Definitely worth a watch, 'Very very funny', 'So many funny stories', 'Very funny & heart-warming',' best choice I've made at the Fringe'

Solo

Stand-Up

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Stand-Up

Ticketed - £8

Mixed Bill





#### CROSSLAND & WILKINSON: MEAN BUSINESS

Sat 7th Jun - 18:30 to 19:30 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

Comedians Emma Crossland & Sam Wilkinson welcome you to Crossland & Wilkinson, the funniest megacorporation on the FTSE100. This induction covers vital topics like company history, your place in our grand plan (sorry, "strategy") and all the usual corporate bollocks that you've been ignoring in your own job for years.

Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL

Double Bill

#### Stephen Catling: Moving On...Really Really Slowly

Sat 7th Jun - 20:00 to 21:00 - The Belfry Bar (The Old Bell)

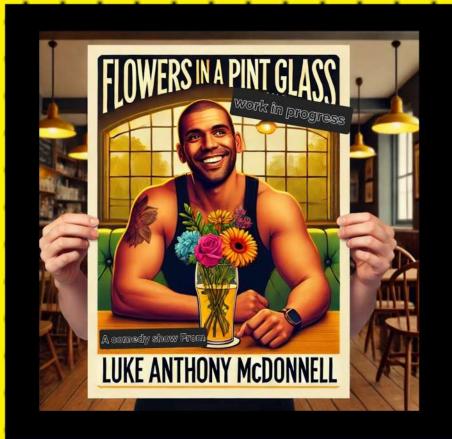
This Triple-A comic ("A"Iternative, "A"utistic & "A"ward-winning (Keep It Fringe 2023), ) reflects on this conundrum like the irredeemable clown that he is. Nominated for the Malcolm Hardee Award for Comic Originality, who knows what this horrid gastropod has in store (possibly an exorcism on himself?)





Solo

Stand-Up



#### Luke McDonnell - Flowers in a pint glass

Sat 7th Jun - 20:00 to 21:00 - The Royal Standard

"Flowers in a pint Glass" covers working class artists struggles to fit into an arts world dominated by the middle class who set the tones and tastes of what its okay to talk about. "Luke doesnt give a F\*\*k, more comedians should be like him " Leo Kearse -Scottish Comedian of the year

Solo

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £7

#### HARUN MUSHO'D: A HISTORY OF THE LAST CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT, IN THEIR OWN STUPID WORDS

Sat 7th Jun - 20:00 to 21:00 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

Harun Musho'd has read the memoirs of David Cameron, Theresa May, Liz Truss, Nadine Dorries, Matt Hancock and Boris Johnson, so you don't have to. He will read out the worst parts and fact check them.

Solo

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £6





# ALEX LEAM: DJ/COMEDIAN

Sat 7th Jun - 21:30 to 22:30 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

Alex Leam used to be a DJ, but quit as he had enough of doing weddings. Then he became a comedian. Now he's combining the two. Expect to have your favourite songs ruined. 'Alex Leam is very dangerous, in a good way' (Tony Slattery).

Solo

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £5

### THE BLUE O'D NIGHT

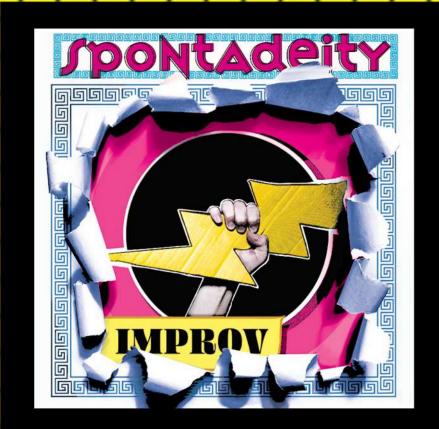
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Filth... This show is blue... rude... "colourful" This is sexually explicit.... "oh my God" .. Did they say hat about THAT!!Comics will be doing sets with material that they would not include in their more mainstream set. The sets will be from 3-8 mins. Did we mention it will be filth? A success in Leicester!!

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £8 Mixed Bill





#### SPONTADEITY: IMPROVISED MYTHOLOGICAL MAYHEM!

Sun 8th Jun - 15:30 to 16:30 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

An improvised comedy extravaganza of tales of gods & monsters, heroines & heroes, mundane & mythological beings all made up on the spot from audience suggestions. A fabulous line-up of improvisers perform scenes, games, challenges and epics inspired from audience suggestions: creating tragedies and epics on the spot, all with a mythological twist!

FREE/PWYL

Improv

# RAHUL SOMIA: WIFEY MATERIAL (WIP)

Sun 8th Jun - 15:30 to 16:30 - The Belfry Bar (The Old Bell)

A work-in-progress show on how secondary school teacher and Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year nominee, Rahul, navigates the cultural and personal pressures of finding love.

Solo

Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL





# JAMES HATELY: CLUTTER

Sun 8th Jun - 17:00 to 18:00 - The Belfry Bar (The Old Bell)

The last thing the universe needs right now is another big bang. Come and watch existence teeter on the edge of a comedy show as James Hately attempts to shoehorn pandora's box into a biscuit tin. "Surreal, charming, and invigorating, was utterly lost by this and still went home wanting to marry everything"

Solo

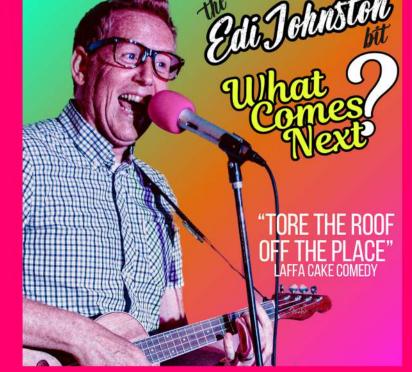
Stand-Up

Ticketed - £5

#### THE EDI JOHNSTON BIT: WHAT COMES NEXT?

Sun 8th Jun - 17:00 to 18:00 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

Having been in bands for the last 30 years, Edi is fed up of set lists. So now? – there isn't one. Join this award winning Musical Comedian (Song of the year 2022), as he puts all his songs onto a spinny wheel & then.... the audience takes control!



Solo Stand-Up

Ticketed - £5

Family Friendly



#### HARRIET DYER: HONK (WORK IN PROGRESS)

Sun 8th Jun - 18:30 to 19:30 - The Tudor Bar (The Old Bell)

A new show from Harriet (as seen on Live at The Apollo, The Russell Howard Hour, Comedy Central Live and Rosie Jones's Disability Comedy Extravaganza) fizzing with daft storytelling about the wheels that brought her here.

Solo

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £7

### ERIC RUSHTON: WORK IN PROGRESS

Sun 8th Jun - 18:30 to 19:30 - Grand Regency Ballroom (The Old Bell) Eric Rushton, winner of the Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year and the 2023 Channel 4 Sean Lock Comedy Award, brings his sharp wit to the Ram Comedy Festival with a work-in-progress show. Eric brought his previous hour 'Real One', to the 2024 Edinburgh Fringe to wide critical acclaim.

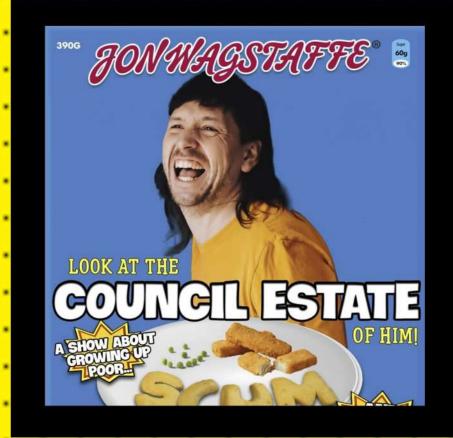
Fully Accessible

Solo

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £8





#### JON WAGSTAFFE: LOOK AT THE COUNCIL ESTATE OF HIM

Sun 8th Jun - 18:30 to 19:30 - The Belfry Bar (The Old Bell)

Recently Nominated for Leicester Comedy Festival: Best New Show! Born poor, raised poor and stayed poor. An honest and insightful show following Jon Wagstaffe and his 40-year struggle.

Solo

Stand-Up

FREE/PWYL

# RAM COMEDY FEST CLOSING GALA

Sun 8th Jun - 20:00 to 22:30 - Grand Regency Ballroom (The Old Bell)

We close out our festival with a bang, with a mega show brought to you by Gag n Bone Comedy! Britain Got Talent winner Lost Voice Guy headlines the show with his brilliant comedy about life with cerebral palsy but without a voice... As if that isn't enough, opening the show is the fantastic Paul Tonkinson!

Fully Accessible Mixed Bill

Stand-Up

Ticketed - £15



# STICKING AROUND?

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