



# Harpole Village

## 16th Annual Scarecrow Festival

### 14th & 15th September 2013

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for your support at last years' festival; without your help the festival wouldn't be able to take place and provide much needed funds to the village community.

Last year's festival gave £15,000 to village organisations bringing the grand total to a huge £58,382 raised over the last 15 years for village organisations and projects in addition to the money gifted each year to a local charity.

The planning for this years' festival is already well underway. We have had lots of interest from stall holders. Entertainers have already booked and we have confirmed the booking of the open top bus ensuring that there will be something for everyone.

Every year people tell us that they enjoy the festival so much more when they really get involved over the weekend. If you would like to take part and help on the weekend or help with tasks in preparation of the festival, please get in touch to register your interest; there are jobs suited to everyone and you will have a chance to really enjoy the festival and see it from a different view.

The village organisations involved with the planning and running of this years' festival include:

- Youth Club
- Rangers
- Guides
- Brownies
- Boys Brigade
- WI
- Gardeners Association
- Heritage Group
- Football Club
- Bowls Club
- Church
- FOHS
- Pre- School

Once again thank you for your continued support, lets' see if we can make this the best festival yet!

Fiona.

#### **This Years Theme: Best of British**

Following the success of last year's festival we would like again to reflect the traditions, life and culture of Britain. We will be looking to decorate the village with bunting and have lots of traditional, as well as current activities and entertainment.

This theme gives lots of scope for scarecrows which can be linked to the different eras, memorable dates, characters, etc.

### What to look out for this year

- Village get together on Saturday evening 8th September at the playing field.
- Displays and entertainment programme throughout the weekend
- Cash prizes for the best and most imaginative scarecrows.
- Grand Raffle, not to be missed specialist hamper prizes
- Hot & Cold refreshments
- Open Top Bus Rides
- Traditional activities, games and entertainment for children
- Dog Show

### Can you help us?

- If you have any ideas or talents you would like to share with us please contact us, we are always looking for more helpers both before and during the festival weekend.
- Do you know anyone who can sing, dance, act or perform? We are still looking for entertainers for the weekend.
- Bunting- if anyone has any bunting, material or ribbon we can use to make the miles of bunting that will be needed to decorate the village please contact a committee member. If you also have a talent for making bunting please let us know.
- We are looking for people who would be willing to make extra scarecrows for around the village. If you are interested please email the address below.

### Street Champions

Once again we are looking for people to rally the troops and help coordinate efforts in preparation of the festival.

If you would like to volunteer for this role or know somebody that would please let a member of the committee know.

### Scarecrow Making

There will be opportunities to make scarecrows in plenty of time for the festival.

Every Thursday during the summer term there will be scarecrow making at the Youth Club from 6.30-8.00pm. Come along and join us!

If anyone can spare their old newspapers, materials or old clothes that we can use please bring to youth club on a Thursday evening.

### Scarecrow Team

**Chairperson:** Fiona Cordingley (Tel: 01604 831607)

**Treasurer:** Ricky Vallance/ Jeremy Calderwood

**Secretary:** Janet Jenkinson

**Committee Members:** Sharon Matthews, Kris Hunt, Sarah Eason, Edward Church, David Ballard

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