



16th Annual Scarecrow Festival

14th & 15th September 2013

Theme: Best of British

Now is the time to start thinking about your scarecrow if you haven't already done so, remember it doesn't have to be a work of art and some of the best ones are more traditional, made from old clothes and a couple of broom handles! We have some 'how to' guides for building scarecrows so please get in touch if you would like one. Patrick and Jane Green have kindly offered to donate straw to anyone making a scarecrow; this will be available from Church Farm from bank holiday weekend (24/25th August) and scarecrow numbers will be available from the village shop. It is important to register your scarecrow to be entered into the competition so please don't forget!

Official Harpole Scarecrow Festival merchandise is now available from the village shop which includes notepads and pens (perfect for shopping lists, note taking or drawings), yo-yo's and foldable water bottles which you will be able to fill up for free around the village on the weekend.

What to look out for this year

- Old favourites including the Scarecrow BBQ and Open Top Bus Rides.
- Cash prizes for the best and most imaginative scarecrows.
- Village get together on **Saturday evening 14th September** at the playing field with a special thank you for helpers.
- Grand Raffle with not to be missed prizes including specialist hampers, cinema tickets, brownie maker, family day out and many more.
- Displays and entertainment programme throughout the weekend including dancing, singing, musical displays, storytelling and more (full programme will be included in next month's newsletter)
- Animal corner and donkey rides.
- Games stalls with a number of traditional games including hook- a- duck.
- A wide selection of food vendors including ice cream, doughnuts, sweets, cakes and scampi and hot & Cold refreshments around the village.
- Dog Show at the Bowls Club on Sunday.
- Children's art competition run by the Art club at the Youth club (all weekend)
- Scarecrow Novelty (fancy dress) Bike ride at 1pm both days (starting from outside Church Farm). Children must be accompanied by an adult and be wearing a helmet to participate. Please let us know if you or your child plans to take part so that you don't get left behind!

Village Organisations contributing to the weekend

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| • Youth Club | • Heritage Group | • Methodist Chapel | • FOHS |
| • Rangers | • Football Club | • Gardeners Association | • Baptist Chapel |
| • Guides | • Bowls Club | • Art Club | • Playing Field |
| • Brownies | • Church | • Pre- School | • Rainbows |
| • Boys Brigade | • Old School Hall | • WI | |

Resident Stalls

Each year we ask residents planning on having a stall to register and let us know. This is a great way for us to work out how many stalls there are over all, the variety of different stalls and allows us to estimate the total amount of money taken over the weekend. When you register you will be allocated a 'Harpole Scarecrow Festival Stall Holder' flyer to advertise to visitors.

To register please contact Sharon Matthews by email: shaloumat@googlemail.com or by phone: 07841290167.

Scarecrow trail

The past couple of years 10 scarecrows have been placed around the village for the 'scarecrow trail' competition. Each scarecrow has its own stamp attached and children must collect all ten stamps to be in with winning the prize.

Not only does it entertain the children but it means that we can drive traffic through some of the less visited streets, ensuring that everyone's scarecrow making efforts can be fully appreciated. We ask that residents in these streets make a special effort to make a scarecrow. Alternatively you can contact us so that we can place one near your house.

Can you help us?

- We are now starting to fill rotas for the weekend. If you could give an hour or two of your time please let us know. It is one of the best ways to appreciate the festival and is really very sociable. Jobs include car parking, selling raffle tickets, teas and coffees and many more.
- The opportunity is still open to become a sponsor of the festival. In return for a cash donation we will advertise your company information on our website.
- Bunting- please put up any bunting you have. If anyone has any spare bunting we can use to make decorate the village please let us know.
- We are looking for people who would be willing to make extra scarecrows for around the village so please let us know if you can help.
- Once again we are looking for people to rally the troops in preparation of the festival, if you would like to help coordinate efforts on your street please get in touch.

If you are interested in any of the above please email the address below.

Scarecrow Team

Chairperson: Fiona Cordingley

Treasurer: Ricky Vallance

Secretary: Janet Jenkinson

Committee Members: Sharon Matthews, Sarah Eason, David Ballard

To contact the committee please email harpolescarecrows@gmail.com