

**Reminder - Barkston Ash Scarecrow Festival returns on**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

This very popular and highly successful bi-annual event will be back this year – on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 11 am until 4 pm.

It's an open theme this year – a free choice - there will be a trail to follow round the village, a favourite scarecrow competition and lots to do in the Village Hall with refreshments on hand...

*Want to build a Scarecrow but cannot think of a theme? – some ideas might be ...*



The more scarecrows we have the more spectacular our event will be ... all you need to do is choose your theme, build your scarecrow and remember to have some straw visible ...



Helping hand – straw will be available – free – on the Bank Holiday weekend – 30<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May in the Barkston Ash church garden for you to collect



Helping hand – see reverse for guidelines on how to build your scarecrow

Please tell us if you will build a scarecrow by returning this form to the Village Hall (open Monday to Friday) by the end of April or e-mail to [barkstonashvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:barkstonashvillagehall@gmail.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (so we know where your scarecrow will be): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to retain your e-mail address for the purposes of informing you of further information on the Scarecrow Festival and other future Village Hall events. We will not use your e-mail address for any other purposes and will not pass it on to any third parties. Please confirm – Yes / No

We are also asking for help during the festival to run the car park and assist in the Village Hall with refreshments – please let us know if you are available to help during the event.

## ***How to build a scarecrow ... (see below or check out You-tube)***

### ***1 - Choose your theme***

- The theme you choose and therefore the costume you will buy / make will help you determine the rest of your scarecrow build
- Purchase / start to make the costume

### ***2 - Build the head***

- Cover an inflated balloon with layers of paper mache (using either newspaper or kitchen paper and diluted PVA glue) - alternatively create the head from polystyrene (e.g. a flower arranging polystyrene ball) and cover with layers of paper mache
- Use paper mache to create facial features if required, paint the face and spray with clear varnish to waterproof the head
- After popping the balloon, insert a tube to form the neck, this will help with the attachment to the body

### ***3 - Construct the body***

- Create the body by stuffing a decorators overall - they need to have full length arms (these are cheap and available from most DIY stores/pound shops) - stuff the overall with straw, newspaper etc.
- If you require a more rigid structure for your body you can use wood (e.g. broom handles) or chicken wire. "Dress" the wooden frame with the overall first and then stuff to create the body - positioning the arms and legs; wire coat hangers are good for this or thick florist's wire

### ***4 - Dress and decorate***

- Using the costume you have made / purchased
- Don't forget to ensure that there is visible straw so that your creation is recognised as a scarecrow

### ***5 - Relax and congratulate yourself on your achievement***