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Bisterne News



The Bisterne Scarecrow Festival turns 20 in 2023!

Attention, residents of Bisterne and scarecrow enthusiasts! It's that time of year again when creativity takes centre stage and the village comes alive with whimsical and amusing displays. **Get ready for the annual Scarecrow Competition**, a beloved tradition that culminates in a grand celebration at the Ringwood Carnival. Join in the fun and let your imagination soar!

The Scarecrow Competition is a **friendly competition**. It's a chance for everyone in Bisterne to channel their inner artist and create unique scarecrows that will captivate the public who visit them from all over the country! Whether you're a skilled craftsman or a first-time participant, this event offers an opportunity to showcase your talents and contribute to the vibrant spirit of our village.

The concept of the Scarecrow Competition is delightfully simple. Residents are invited to craft their own scarecrows and display them in Bisterne, this can be either in front of their homes or we have lots of safe places to display your creations. The scarecrows can be humorous, quirky, or inspired by local themes—it's entirely up to you! **Prizes will be awarded in various categories.** Entry form is within of this newsletter.

Even if you choose not to participate directly, we encourage you to take a leisurely drive around village during the competition period to enjoy the marvellous scarecrow displays. And make sure to mark your calendars for the Ringwood Carnival, where you can witness the culmination of the Scarecrow Competition and revel in the joyous atmosphere. It's a grand showcase of our community's artistic endeavours, and an opportunity to share our creative spirit with a wider audience. The sight of a multitude of whimsical scarecrows display through the streets is a spectacle that shouldn't be missed!

Let's make this year's Scarecrow Competition a resounding success, Bisterne! Unleash your creativity, gather your materials, and let the magic begin. Whether you're an experienced scarecrow-maker or a newcomer, your contribution will be valued and appreciated by the community.

Remember, the Scarecrow Competition is not just about the scarecrows themselves; it's about the smiles they bring and the memories they create. Let's come together, celebrate our shared creativity, and make this event an unforgettable experience for all.



Dates for your diaries:

29 July

SHFT Summer Fayre

31 July

closing date for Scarecrow entry

14 August

Scarecrows out on display

28 August

Last day for Scarecrows out on display



Scarecrows feature in many religions and cultures. They appeal to all ages. They can represent good or evil, famine or fertility, poverty or wealth, wisdom and stupidity life or death.

Making them is real folk craft and fun for all the family.

Help support the special 20th anniversary of this wonderful Festival

Be proud of your scarecrow: it is unique!

1. In the Scarecrow's song in the 1939 film 'The Wizard of Oz', what body part is the scarecrow lacking? "I could while away the hours, conferrin' with the flowers Consultin' with the rain. And my head I'd be scratchin' while my thoughts were busy hatchin' If I only had a ..."
2. Which scarecrow lived on Scatterbrook Farm in a series of books by Barbara Euphan Todd? He was later to appear in a popular TV series.
3. "Scarecrow" appears on the album "The piper at the gates of dawn" by which English rock band?
4. In DC Comics which superhero who is the arch-enemy of the Master of Fear "The Scarecrow", an ex-professor of psychology in Gotham City?
5. In the 1978 film, The Wiz, which musical legend played the part of the scarecrow?
6. Which English writer who visited Sheffield, is believed to have written the word "Scarecrow" for the first time in English literature? It occurs in his famous 1719 book about a man who is shipwrecked.
7. Which country is the origin of the scarecrow god, Kuebiko? In the Shinto religion he is the god of agriculture and wisdom: he might be physically disabled but he is aware of everything.
8. Scarecrows have been around for thousands of years. In Ancient Greece scarecrows were made in the image of Priapus the god of fertility. Was this because: a) He represented fertility and wealth. b) he was extremely ugly. c) his grandmother had been a crow d) his name means "bird scarer" in Greek.
9. In which country might you find museums specifically dedicated to the following subjects: Scarecrows, mice, vodka, funeral culture, and, of course, car jacking.
10. Why did the scarecrow win the Nobel prize?

Answers:

1. Brain 2. Wurzel Gummidge 3. Pink Floyd 4. BATMAN 5. Michael Jackson 6. Daniel Defoe (Robinson Crusoe) 7. Japan 8. b) he was extremely ugly 9. Netherlands 10. because he was outstanding in his field (BOOM BOOM)

Bisterne Scarecrow Festival 2023

Our 20th Year!

Class 1 – Single Scarecrow (Prizes, £20, £15, £10)

Class 2 – Pair of Scarecrows (Prizes, £20, £15, £10)

Class 3 – Group of 3 or more Scarecrows (Prizes, £25, £20, £15)

Plus a chance to win a further £25 for the ‘Champion Scarecrow’



Sunday 13th August – Monday 28th August

Scarecrows must be on display from Sunday 13th August to Monday 28th August inclusive, whatever the weather!
 Consideration will be given for not only the design but also for humour and imagination.
 Good Luck and remember **this is for fun!**

Closing Date for entries Sunday 30th July – Please get them to me as early as you can

Entry forms to be returned to, Tina Houghton, 45 Willow Drive, Ringwood, Hampshire, BH24 3BE (07795 468261)

Or by email to picktina@hotmail.com Or admin@bisternevillagehall.org

Please contact Tina on the number above if you have any questions.

Entry Form

Class Entered	
Description of Scarecrow	
Location of Scarecrow	
Entrants Full Name	
Entrants Address & Postcode	
Entrants Telephone Number	
Entrants E Mail Address	
Is Entrant under 16 ?	

BISTERNE CELEBRATES THE KING'S CORONATION



In good old British fashion, despite the forecast, with overcast skies and a certain amount of drizzle, around 80 people turned out to celebrate the Coronation at a get-together BBQ on Bank Holiday Monday in the garden at Bisterne Manor, to the accompaniment of a brilliant Latin jazz band.

With jive and samba music strumming, corks popping and glasses definitely full, it was a memorable occasion and the weather didn't deter the enjoyment as everyone

gathered, chatted, and tucked into hot dogs, burgers and ice creams in the bunting festooned marquee, hastily erected on the lawn at the last minute to keep everyone dry.

Thanks must go to the Village Hall Committee for putting on the show and to the Crow Farm Shop for providing the delicious sausages and burgers.



Long live the King!

Taylor and I had the honour of attending King Charles III Coronation Concert on Sunday May 7th 2023.

We started the day getting the train to Windsor with lots of other very excited people and spent the afternoon walking around the concert arena taking it all in - we were so lucky the weather was kind to us!

We had a pre concert snack of coronation chicken wraps and then took our place ready for the show to begin.

The concert was truly once in a life time, the acts were varied and all amazing. We both did lots of cheering and flag waving! My highlight was Katy Perry - my favourite songs and that dress WOW!!! Taylor's was the Romeo & Juliet ballet to music from West Side Story.

Oh and the drones - they were breathtaking and had everyone mesmerised, the TV really doesn't do them justice!

It really was a day to remember and something we will one day tell our grandchildren about!

Shannon Button





Stable Family Home Trust

The Stable Family Home Trust
Country Summer Fayre, Saturday 29th July 2023, 1-5pm

Come along and have a great afternoon out with family and friends at The Stable Family Home Trust in Bisterne, Nr Ringwood BH24 3BN . With over 15 independent food and craft stalls to browse around, 'Scruffs' fun dog show, plenty of kids' activities including pets corner, face-painting and donkey cart rides, live music from 'Michael Short' (Jazz and Country), acoustic guitarist 'Marco Di Gaetano', singer 'Poppy Neame', SFHT musical medley, 'The Waterin Hole' gin, fizz and real ale bar plus a delicious BBQ, there really is something for everyone. You can also have your future told by our tarot reader and palmist, play tombola or have a go at "Wellie Wanging" followed by a cream tea and refreshments.

Kids go free and adults pay just £2. 00 at the gate which includes a prize-winning lucky programme!

All proceeds go towards supporting adults with learning disabilities at the Stable Family Home Trust

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Bisterne's Open Farm Sunday 2023, not dampened by the rain!

Sunday 11th June 2023 saw South Avon and Stour Agricultural Society, courtesy of Bisterne Farms, host a LEAF Open Farm Sunday with thousands braving the damp weather to visit Bisterne's Dairy and find out all about it and the many other farming, forestry and nature based activities.

There were over 40 free attractions to see on the day including bloodhounds, beekeeping, woodland crafts, gamekeeping, gundog training and fly fishing to name a few. There was plenty to keep the many visitors busy for the day including a bumpy ride on a tractor and trailer!

Bisterne's Dairy produces high-quality milk which is sold to Arla Foods, who process the milk into Anchor butter, Skyr Yoghurt, Starbucks coffee products and other products, some of which were available on the day for the visitors to taste.

The South Avon and Stour Agricultural Society were proud to be fundraising for Prostate Cancer UK & Dorset Mind.

LEAF Open Farm Sunday will take place on Sunday 9th June 2024. So keep an eye out for next years details.

Deadline for the Winter issue**18th November 2023.**

We are always looking for people to contribute to this newsletter so if you have any announcements, a Bisterne business to advertise or interesting articles that you would like to add then please get in touch

Any contributions to:

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Bisterne Village Hall

The hall is the perfect venue for any small gathering, party, or club

- * The hall is a registered charity, (Charity No. 301747)
- * The hall is licensed by New Forest District Council
- * Licence for 100 persons.

Please get in touch if you wish to hire the hall



We all have a responsibility living in this beautiful part of the world to look after it and the people who live here. Unfortunately, we experience a lot of crime and unwanted behaviour including poaching or hare coursing, theft and suspicious people or vehicles.

If you see anything suspicious such as torch lights in the middle of the night or running dogs in fields, please do not ignore it, **report it**. All reports make build a bigger picture, meaning that we get more patrols in our area

**Dial 999 To:**

report an emergency/crime in progress

Dial 101 To:

- Report a crime that has happened
- Make an Enquiry
- Share information with the police

We also have a lot of fly tipping in the area. Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of waste. It can damage the environment and pose a danger to public health. Fly-tipping is an offence under the **Environmental Protection Act 1990**. Offenders can face an unlimited fine, a criminal record and a prison sentence.

Please report any fly tipping here: <https://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/1018/Fly-tipping#h21>

Help keep our village safe