

Scarecrows & Soldiers Weekend 7th & 8th September 2103

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Westerham Comes Alive with Scarecrows & Soldiers

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On 7th and 8th September, Westerham in Kent will come alive with scarecrows of all shapes and sizes across the town, mingling with soldiers in full 18th century military costumes.

The massed re-enactors of New France Old England will recreate the battles of General Wolfe – one of Westerham’s most eminent residents. The popular scarecrow trail will lead visitors around the town, with local shops, pubs and restaurants joining in the fun.

James Millard of Westerham Town Partnership says: ‘This is one of the highlights of the year. The re-enactors provide quite a spectacle, with their redcoats, swords and muskets, but the scarecrows really get everybody involved; families, clubs and societies and local retailers all create their own - often very quirky - scarecrows’.

Kim Jennings from Entre Nous explains: ‘Ours is a lingerie shop, so our scarecrow wears a pretty bra and knickers – and not much else! The George and Dragon pub has a St George scarecrow – and of course there’s likely to be a Sir Winston Churchill too.’

As well as battle re-enactments, the weekend of family fun includes: the scarecrow trail and other children’s entertainment; a living history camp; a Fair with stalls selling local produce, gifts and activities. Local Clubs and Societies have been invited to showcase their activities. New for 2013 will be a U3A scarecrow, created by the recently-formed Westerham U3A. Jackie Mather explains: ‘We thought a scarecrow would be a great way of publicising all the study groups that are starting up locally.’

More information about the weekend can be found at [Scarecrows & Soldiers Page](#)

Ends

Photos at [Westerham's Flickr Albums](#) print quality JPEGs can be provided.

Available for interview:

Jane Hunter of Westerham Town Partnership

Nikki Foster of The National Trust’s Quebec House

Kim Jennings of Entre Nous on scarecrow making/scarecrow trail

Editors’ notes

* Westerham is located on the A25 between Sevenoaks (M25 J5) and Oxted (M25 J6).

* The event takes place from 11am to 5pm on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September, with family-events centred on King George V's playing field. Entrance is free.

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