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FLAMSTEAD SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2026



Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd August 2026



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WELCOME

A very warm welcome to this year's Flamstead Scarecrow Festival!

Whether you're a local resident, a returning visitor, or discovering our village for the very first time, we're delighted you're here to join in the fun. This programme will give you all the information you need to have a great day out.

Look carefully as you walk around the village. Streets, front gardens, and green spaces have been transformed by an incredible collection of creative and imaginative scarecrows. Vote for your favourite! One of them will win the much coveted first place in the Flamstead Scarecrow Competition, but, while only one can win, every scarecrow reflects the creativity, sense of fun and community spirit that make the festival so special.

We hope you'll enjoy following the Scarecrow Trail, and discovering all the village has to offer: the beautiful church of St Leonard's with its churchyard full of stalls and live entertainment, the Methodist church, the Village Stores, the two pubs on the High Street (the Spotted Dog and the Three Blackbirds) and the Scarecrow Café in the Village Hall. Make your way down to Trowley Bottom to check out the scarecrows there and pop into the Rose & Crown for refreshments. Relax in the churchyard and soak up some of the atmosphere, warmth and hospitality of this friendly village community.

The Flamstead Scarecrow Festival is a fund-raising event for our village charities and organisations, so thank you for coming along today and contributing to the money raised.

We hope you have a wonderful day!

With very best wishes,
Janet Bowie,

Flamstead Scarecrow Festival Committee



USEFUL INFORMATION

Opening Times:

Friday: 12pm - 5pm

Saturday: 10am - 5pm

Sunday: 11am - 5pm

Car Parks

The main and the disabled car parks are closed and the gates locked at 6pm. Be sure to be out by 6pm!

Toilets

There are portable toilets in the Village Hall car park and toilets inside the Village Hall. There's also a portable toilet in the main car park. A disabled toilet is available in St Leonard's Church. You can also find toilets in the Methodist Church at their discretion and in the local pubs for patrons.

Free minibus tours

We're running free minibus tours so visitors less able to walk can get to see all the scarecrows. The tours leave from the Village Hall – the next departure time will be shown on a blackboard near the Village Hall.

Card machines

Contactless payments are welcome although a few stalls may be cash-only. There is no ATM in Flamstead but an over-the-counter cash withdrawal service is available at the Village Stores. The nearest ATMs are in Markyate and Redbourn.



Care and safety

Wildfire risk

No smoking or vaping in the car parks (or the access track to/from the main car park) or in the churchyard. Ensure cigarettes are completely extinguished. If you see a fire, please alert one of the volunteers in a high-viz tabard.

Take care around the village

Pedestrians and vehicles share the same space on some roads.

Pedestrians – look out for cars.

Drivers – take extra care, especially for children who may stray into the road.

Traffic marshals will help direct traffic and help visitors find their way around.

Lost children

Children are the responsibility of their parents or guardians. If your child gets lost, or you come across a lost child, please report this as soon as possible to a volunteer wearing a high-viz jacket who can inform the festival organisers.

Children will be taken to St Leonard's Church to be reunited with their parents/guardians.

Dogs

Please keep dogs on a lead.

First aid

In an emergency, call 999. There is a static defibrillator located opposite the Spotted Dog pub accessible once you have called 999. First aid facilities are available at the Village Hall. Please speak to one of our volunteers wearing a high-viz if you need help.

Lost property

If you find what looks like lost property, please hand it to a volunteer wearing a high-viz jacket who can inform the festival organisers. Lost property will be taken to St Leonard's Church for collection.



Stalls at the Scarecrow Festival

We know that there are lots of fantastic scarecrows to visit, but please take the time to visit our wonderful stallholders located in the churchyard who will be displaying over the weekend and have lots to offer.

List of Stalls

Boo Bear

Handmade jewellery & accessories

Youth Talk

Counselling service for young people in St Albans

Kirubajinie

Hand made Indian items including children & women's clothing & textiles

L'AMI Felt toys

A Book and a Hook

Crochet, hand made clothing & decorative items

Affinity Health & Leisure

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Flamstead Toad patrol

Toad preservation group

Friends'n'Trends

Jewellery & pocket money toys

Studio 164

Handmade jewellery, bags, decorative glasses

Snax of India Indian food

Peter Wagon Fine Arts

Limited edition prints & cards of the local area

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Stone & Metal

Handmade jewellery

Candy Floss & Dreams

Candy floss and food stall

Friends of Smile Not for profit selling Ugandan clothes and goods

Delly & Nats

Crystals, jewellery and handicrafts

Khoki Non & low alcoholic wine

Working for Wildlife

The Woodland Trust

MPL Gems Personalised keyrings, zodiac items and jewellery

Fudge Fairy Homemade fudge

Barking Barista Coffee and tea stall

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Royal Society of Birds

Charity stall

Nats Bakes Sweet treats including cookies, brownies cupcakes etc

Caitlin's Facepainting

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Steven Vinacour

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Flamstead Book Stall

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Things to see and do

Scarecrows

Where are they?

All over the place (!) including down Trowley Hill Road and Trowley Bottom. Some have a habit of making a late appearance, so we don't have printed maps. Use the QR code on the centrefold of the programme to access an up-to-date map. Or visit our website or Facebook page.

Vote for your favourite

Vote for your top three scarecrows using the voting form in this programme. You can get additional forms from programme stations. Our Scarecrow competition is hotly contested by local residents, so please do cast your vote before you leave. Tear out the form and pop it in one of the ballot boxes located in the churchyard and at the car parks. We'll announce the results on our website, via social media and within the village. If you want to be kept informed about the festival, put your name and contact details on the form.

Scarecrow trail

All scarecrow displays have a name. We've listed a few of these on a scarecrow spotter sheet which you can get from a programme station. Scarecrows on the trail can be anywhere. See if you can find them all and write their numbers on the sheet. Answers will be posted on our website and Facebook after the festival.

The Scarecrow Café

Our pop-up Scarecrow Café is in the Village Hall next to the St Leonard's Churchyard selling a host of hot and cold drinks, cream teas, cakes and savoury items. Why not visit them and take a well-earned rest from scarecrow spotting!



Churchyard

Entertainment - The full line-up is listed in this programme

Stalls – There's a full list of stalls in this programme

Raffle - Tickets for the raffle are available from a seller in the churchyard. The seller can tell you the prizes and they are listed in Village Hall. The raffle will be drawn at 4pm on Sunday. Winners will be contacted if they are not present.

Flamstead's Hawk - You might recall he 'terrorised' residents last year. Well, he's been with his handler for well over a year and has proved to be a wonderfully trainable bird. He will be making special guest appearances in the churchyard on both Saturday and Sunday.

Train rides – for children in the in the churchyard (NW corner)

Trowley Bottom

Please do go and view the Scarecrows "down the hill" in Trowley Bottom and show them your support during the festival! The Rose & Crown pub in Trowley Bottom will also be open during the festival with various activities throughout the weekend (see Page 10 of this programme).

St. Leonard's Church

Tower tours

Ever wondered what it's like inside the tower, how many steps to the top, whether there are bats in the belfry? Why not find out? We will be running Tower Tours again this year. Friday, Saturday (all day), Sunday (pm). £2 adult, £1 child. Cash only, please. More info inside the church.

Other activities

- Messy Scarecrows ... Creative activities for young children.
Friday, Saturday and Sunday 2.00pm-3.30pm
- Information about St Leonard's, its 900 years of history, architecture, and stories
- Displays about Flamstead's history and the characters who lived in the village
- Important medieval wall paintings and graffiti
- A place to relax and reflect in a friendly, calm environment
- On Sunday at 11.15am, there's a church Service. All welcome
- Also on Sunday, at 12:30, the community choir will perform with a diverse repertoire spanning genres and decades. Join us for a singalong!
New members warmly welcomed. Speak to Tanya for more info.

Methodist Church

Our Methodist Church along Trowley Hill Road will also be offering refreshments throughout the weekend including tea, coffee and cakes. Please do call in and support them as they are raising funds and so all support would be appreciated.



Support our Local Businesses!

The village pubs and the village shop support the festival over the weekend with a range of entertainment, food and services. Please do show your support for our local businesses.

Rose & Crown, Trowley Bottom

Situated in the heart of Trowley Bottom, the Rose & Crown will be open to patrons: usual opening hours over the festival weekend. There will also be a BBQ, live music on Saturday and Sunday and activities for children, including a bouncy castle and carousel.



The Three Blackbirds, High Street

Usual opening hours, food menu available, outdoor food, music and entertainment.



The Spotted Dog, High Street

Usual opening hours, food menu available, live music and a beer festival



The Spotted Dog

The Village Store

The Village Shop and Post Office will be open normal times during the festival, offering a range of food, drinks, and convenience store items. They will also be offering a cash service during the whole weekend. Thanks to Hiren for organising this.





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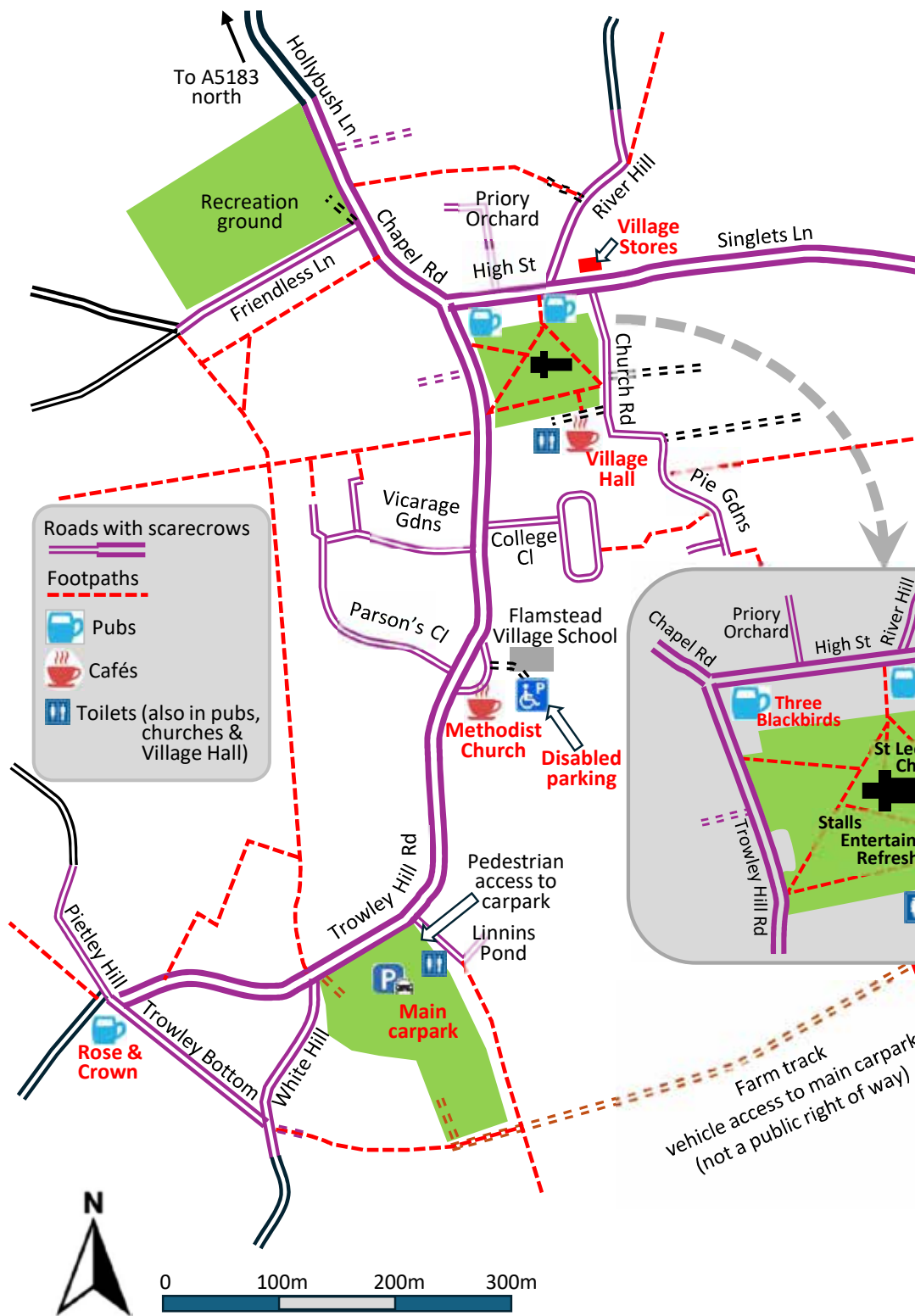


Music at St Leonard's



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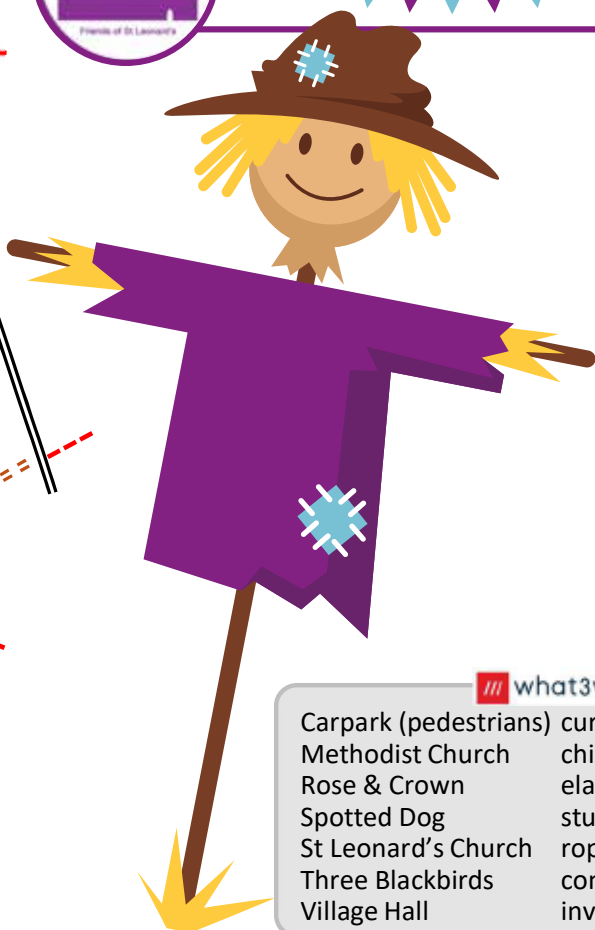
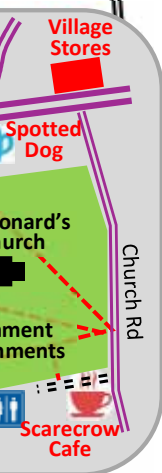




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Scan here for
Scarecrow Map

 what3words

Carpark (pedestrians)	cure.splash.broom
Methodist Church	chin.salon.data
Rose & Crown	elaborate.punk.stress
Spotted Dog	stud.lock.horns
St Leonard's Church	ropes.candy.draw
Three Blackbirds	comb.racks.dinner
Village Hall	invite.smashes.overnight

Entertainment line-up

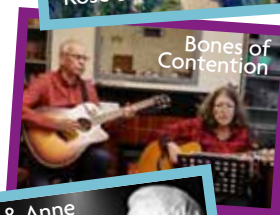
We have a range of entertainment during the weekend.
Listings are below, although please note that
all entertainment is subject to change.

Friday 21st August

- 12:30 - 13:30:** Ian Stephens Acoustic Live Music (Churchyard)
13:30 - 14:30: Ray and Simon Acoustic Live Music (Churchyard)
13:00 - 15:00: 3 plays from the Mummers (West Door)
14:30 - 15:30: Rose and Crown Band (Churchyard)
15:30 - 16:30: Mik & Anne Acoustic Live Music (Churchyard)

Saturday 22nd August

- 11:00 - 11:45:** Malcolm Hobbs and the Bones of Contention
Redbourn Folk Club (Churchyard)
11:45 - 12:45: Mik & Anne Acoustic Live Music (Churchyard)
12:45 - 13:30: Malcolm Hobbs and the Bones of Contention
13:30 - 13:45: C.A.S.P.A Dance school (Churchyard)
13:45 - 14:30: Warren Colman Live Music (Churchyard)
14:30 - 15:30: Lou's Sextet (Churchyard)
15:30 - 15:45: C.A.S.P.A Dance school (Churchyard)
15:45 - 17:00: Vintage Cult



Sunday 23rd August

- 11:30 - 12:30:** Miscellany Folk Singers (Churchyard)
12:30 - 13:15: Will and Steph (Churchyard)
13:15 - 13:45: Wicket Brood (Churchyard)
13:45 - 15:00: Redbourn Jazz Band (Churchyard)
15:00 - 15:45: K.J. Foley LiveMusic (Churchyard)
15:30: Wicket Brood (West Door)
15:45 - 17:00: Katie's Jumping Fleas (Churchyard)
16:00: RAFFLE (Churchyard)



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The building has a kitchen, toilets and a lovely main hall which is perfect for children's and adult parties, Christenings, exercise classes, craft, art and other activities to suit.

There is plenty of availability during the week and on Sundays, but Saturdays are not available during the cricket season.

Should you like further information on holding an event or running a group of classes, please do get in touch with the Clerk to the Council on

clerk@flamsteadparishcouncil.gov.uk



Thank You



- To all the visitors who year after year make our festival a real success and something to look forward to. Last year, through your contributions to enter, to spend money in the Scarecrow Café, take part in the raffle we netted around £15,000 which was shared amongst our local charities and good causes.
- To our scarecrow makers ... I often say, “no scarecrows, no festival, no revenue”. Your creations never fail to fascinate, inspire, and judging by the smiles on people’s faces, amuse.
- To our cake bakers whose masterful bake-offs adorn the Scarecrow Café and help to raise a significant proportion of the café’s income. No festival is complete without cake, lots of cake!!
- To our small army of volunteers who help ensure the festival runs smoothly and safely. Whether that be helping with traffic management and parking, greeting visitors at our programme stations, working in the Scarecrow Café or the many other tasks, you are a vital ingredient of a successful festival.
- To many other local individuals who have contributed in-kind or given of their time behind the scenes. And the companies that have sponsored the festival.
- To our villagers who each year wonderfully cope with the huge influx of visitors. Flamstead is a village with about 1300 souls so the 2000 or so visitors certainly stretches the infrastructure!
- Finally, a special word of thanks to the festival committee members under the leadership of Janet Bowie who have worked tirelessly over the year with huge attention to detail to bring it all together.

I hope you’ve had a great time.

Tim Wright, on behalf of the Friends of St Leonard’s and the other local good causes

Flamstead Village Hall - provides facilities for village activities

Flamstead Village Pre-School - provides child-care

Flamstead Youth Groups - Beavers, Cubs, Rainbows, Guides, Brownies

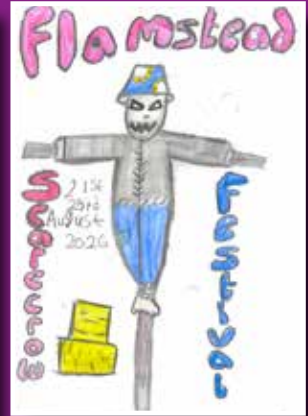
Friends of Flamstead School - pays for the many extras a school needs

Friends of St Leonard’s - pays for repair and maintenance of the church

Markyate & Flamstead Care Group - provides transport for elderly

St Leonard’s PCC - responsible for Flamstead’s parish church and its churchyard – benefitting the whole community

The Wish Tree Charity - supports residents facing serious illness, etc.



FLAMSTEAD SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2026 CROWGRAMME COVER DESIGNS

This year we held a competition for pupils at FlamsteadVillageSchool to design ourfront cover. Here are the winners

Front Coverdesigned by Isabelle, Competition Winner Years 5& 6, Flamstead school

Runner-up Years 5-6 drawn by Lewis

Winner Years 3-4 drawn by Harrison

Runner-up Years 3-4 drawn by Rosie

A big thank you to all the children for taking part. All competition entries are on display in an album on a table in the Village Hall.

Also, a huge thank you to the school staff and to Sue Wright for organising and running the competition.



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Scarecrow Voting Form

To vote, please enter the number of your top 3 favourite Scarecrows below.

Place your forms in the voting boxes either in the Churchyard or Car Park before leaving.

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Name (optional):

Postcode (optional):

Email (optional):

Would you like to keep in touch with the Scarecrow Festival?

Yes/No

Contact details given will be kept in accordance with the FoSL Data Protection Policy

Help maintain our 900-year-old church

Since the major repairs to its roof five years ago, £225,000 has been spent preserving St Leonard's and improving the village cemetery. Supporters of Friends of St Leonard's (FoSL) Flamstead have continued to fund a range of works both large and small.



Vestry roof works

For example, earlier this year, repairs were made to the vestry roof, gutters and downpipes allowing the vestry to be used for church and parish archives. FoSL has also contributed to improvements to Flamstead's cemetery, a remembrance garden, the restoration of the bells, and a new boiler. And there have been a huge number of smaller jobs.



New remembrance garden



Village cemetery (God's Acre) works

The demands of a Grade 1 Listed building are relentless and more help will be needed to meet ongoing costs – not just to preserve the building and keep it looking good but to ensure that it can remain a central part of the local and wider community for both religious and secular activities. By coming to our scarecrow festival you are helping but, if you'd like to offer more support, you can become a 'friend' with a subscription, make a one-off donation, or leave a legacy in your will.

More details at www.friendsofstleonards.org

or call Tim on 07515 001046 or Carol on 07787106744.

The Friends of St Leonard's Flamstead is a secular charity

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