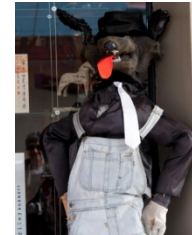
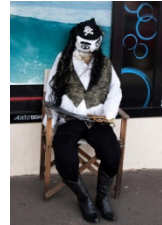




SCARECROW FESTIVAL



One of Milton's most popular events is the Milton Scarecrow Festival which has been running for more than 17 years. Held every year on the Saturday and Sunday of the long weekend in June, the Festival is an opportunity for visitors and locals alike to celebrate the start of winter with a bit of fun and festivity.



Weeks prior to the weekend, scarecrows begin appearing around the outskirts of town and along the main street and during the weekend itself they can be seen walking around or serenading passersby.



Every year a different theme is adopted and the townspeople strive to outdo each other in creating the most imaginative scarecrows and taking out the coveted title for Best Scarecrow. Past themes have included



Celebrities, Classic Traditional Scarecrows of the 1800's (in acknowledgment of the Village's 150 year celebration), Fairy Tales, Going Outer Space, Colourful Crazy Characters; Scarecrows go to the Beach and Scarecrows go to the Circus and many more.

The weekend begins with bustling street markets on Saturday, overseen by colourful scarecrows loitering in the streets or hanging around shop fronts and cafes. Sunday is a day filled with activities such as face painting, street performances, music, farmyard animals and rides. And it is the day of reckoning for enthusiastic entrants in the Scarecrow Competition where prizes are on offer for the Best Scarecrow, Best Under 14, Best Live Scarecrow, Best Organisation/school and Best Milton Business.

It is a day of great entertainment and fun for both visitors and locals.

