Invasion of the scarecrows

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THOUSANDS of people descended on Wolferton during the Bank Holiday weekend for the popular Scarecrow Festival.

The whole village was closed to traffic, except for residents, which allowed the 19,000 visitors to look at 130 different scarecrows, which had been made by Wolferton residents.

Ben Colson, chairman of the organising committee, said: "It went very well and everybody enjoyed it. We had a lot more children and families in the village this year, which was great."

Scarecrows were placed all around the village and ranged from being funny, to depicting politics and television shows, such as Dancing On Ice and Strictly Come Dancing.

Throughout the weekend there were demonstrations of traditional dressing of Shire Horses, Morris dancers, a fun dog show, and a special Wolferton Church harvest thanksgiving service was held.

Refreshment stalls did a roaring trade, while visitors could buy from various stalls and enter into competitions and a raffle.

This was the fifth year of the free bi-annual festival, which started in 2001, and the money raised from the event will go towards community facilities in Wolferton as well as a charity and other organisations.

Reality or a dream? A set of workmen get to work relaying the railway track at Wolferton station! But sadly for those who want to see the Lynn to Hunstanton rail link re-opened, these are just scarecrow figures.
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Captain Mark Etherington, of Lynn, of the Coldstream Guards, puts on a wrist band on one of the scarecrows in support of the Guards.
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Howdy! Mollie Stephens (left) and Alyssa Dancey (both 9) with Colin and Judy Dancey check out a cowboy visitor from the Wild West.
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Best of British: One of the scarecrows on display at the Wolferton Scarecrow Festival.

Shiver me timbers: Captain Hook meets up with some youngsters at the Wolferton Scarecrow Festival.
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