

# Castlethorpe Duck Race & Fun Dog Show

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# **WELCOME TO CASTLETHORPE DUCK RACE & FUN DOG SHOW!**

**All the profits raised from today's event will go towards supporting our village associations and our Parish Church, Ss Simon and Jude, which has recently been refurbished and continues to be a village community hub.**

## **Our Main Sponsors**

**A very big thank you to our main sponsors, Hillier Hopkins and Oakman Inns, for so generously supporting today's event again. We would also like to thank Hickford Construction and Brioche Pasquier for their kind sponsorship, along with Grande Cuisine and Autoclass for their generous support.**

**To our Corporate Duck owners, thank you for buying a duck(s). Simply put, we couldn't run this event without your support as it makes a big difference to our fundraising efforts!**

**A special thank you to Luke Stacey and his team who have done so much in preparing their farmland to enable the event to take place. We would also like to thank Martin Clarke our MC, he does such an awesome job for us all and has done so for many years – thank you!**

# Get the most from this afternoon

Our main Duck Race takes place at 4.15pm when we release 1000 ducks into the River Tove. Each duck carries a unique number and there are 5 cash prizes for the first 5 ducks across the finishing line. The first prize will win you £100!

Buy a duck ticket from a member of our team at the gates for £1.

Time	What's on
1.00pm	The Bop Won't Stop (Stage)
1.30pm	Fun Dog Show Starts (Dog Arena)
2.00pm	The Bop Won't Stop (Stage)
3.00pm	Pimp Your Duck Judging (Pimp Your Duck Tent)
3.45pm	Corporate Duck Race (River)
4.15pm	1000 Duck Race (River)
4.45pm	The Bop Won't Stop (Stage)

## Pimp Your Duck

Pop along to our 'Pimp Your Duck' marquee where children can decorate their own duck to win a prize for the best decorated duck! Judging takes place at 3pm.

## Fun Dog Show

Our Fun Dog Show is open to any dog, just turn up and pay for the categories you would like to enter. Classes are £2 each. Our judges are Jason Evans from Jackador Dog Training and Behaviour School and Ellie Croxford from Crossroads Hydrotherapy.

## **Over 50 Attractions**

**Visit our exciting range of local stalls and our food arena for some tasty treats!**

## **Beer Tent (Over 18's only please)**

**Come and visit our Beer Tent where we've a fine selection of local cask ales, lagers, cider, wine and soft drinks!**

## **Tea Tent**

**If a cuppa and slice of cake is calling, pop along to our Tea Tent. Lots of homemade cakes are on offer.**

## **Exiting the Car Park**

**Please note the gate you entered is not the exit. To ensure there are no delays in safely getting out of the car park, please follow the exit signs – please drive slowly.**

## **Social Media**

**Don't forget to tag us @castlethorpeduckrace in all your photos and follow us to keep up to date on future events!**  
**#castlethorpeduckrace**

**THANK YOU**

**to our wonderful volunteers!**

**The Duck Race is 100% planned and run by a team of amazing volunteers. A BIG thank you to everyone who has made today possible and has stepped up to support their community.**

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To Place of Safety



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Classic Car Show

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Entrance from Disabled Parking



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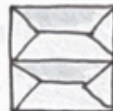
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Barbecue



Beer Tent



Main Stage



Generator

Picnic and Race

Steam Vehicles



Duck Launcher



Duck Race Start



# Castlethorpe Duck Race 2024



Wellie Wanging Arena


Dog Show Arena


Fun Rides

Spectator Area

Flypast: weather and operational  
restrictions permitting

Key  Food Outlet

 Stall

 Duck Race  
Finish Line

Fire exit 

# Health and Safety

The river is a natural environment and caution should be exercised around it. Parents/Guardians are asked to supervise their children at all times. Children's identity wristbands are available from the main gates and information tent.

If you see anything untoward, please report it to the information point in the middle of the field or to one of the Duck Race stewards (wearing yellow t-shirts or sashes). Please see the site map in this programme for the location of the First Aid and information points.

In the event of an emergency, please follow the instructions given over the public address system.

## Corporate Duck Race: 3.45pm

#	Corporate Sponsor	Duck Name	Form Guide
1	Fair Fire Ltd	The Unsung Fair Fire Hero	He races like he's chasing the fire
2	A5 Electrical	Lucas Quacketa	This duck is truly wired
3	A5 Electrical	Mallard Bowen	Spreading the positivity in volts & watts
4	The Great Little Teepee Company	Quackspeare	Teepee or not teepee
5	Utility Warehouse	Utility Warehouse	He's the right choice
6	Raptor Kick Boxing	Dino Duck	Using kick boxing skills
7	G Dads	G Dads	This duck is well collected
8	Alchemy Therapy Centre	Alchemy	In The Zone
9	Warren House Chartered Financial Planners	Budget Bill	This duck is good at saving – always has his bills under control
10	Rapture Accounts Ltd	Ducking Tax	Requires self-assessment
11	Cats N That	Duck Duck Cat	Knows how to make your furry friends feel right at home
12	Reform Fire	Dame Duck	Putting out the fire
13	Reform Fire	Sir Duck	The heat is on
14	ALP Home Improvements	Dash the Duck	Improving all the time
15	MK London Link	Cheese & Quackers	The snack you can eat by the river
16	Lee Samways Jujitsu	Holsin	Kicking out the competition

#	Corporate Sponsor	Duck Name	Form Guide
17	Blackened Sun	Cosmic Arc	This duck is so fast after winning the race it'll be first at the bar first.
18	The Barley Mow	The Cosgrove Flyer	Slow to get going but thrives in wet conditions
19	Team Builders MK	The Team Builders Better	They will block the competition
20	Argyle Electrical	Lightning	Like a bolt from the blue
21	Owen James Developments	James Pond	Shaken, not stirred
22	Jackador Dog Training	Jackador	Has speed and focus
23	MB Civil Engineering	Structurally Sound	Solid foundations will see this duck fly
24	Fourwinds Photography Services Ltd	Four Winds	Guaranteed photo finish
25	CP Locks	Paddy Lock	Keeping you safe
26	The Woad Farm Project	Professor Webfoot the Third	Studies his way to the finish
27	Tove Landscapes	Grace-full	Just keep swimming
28	Tove Landscapes	Tovey	Mow, mow, mow your boat
29	Dolphin Laundry	Dolphin Diver	Always well pressed, a clean finish should help this duck
30	Furtho Manor Farm	Furtho Farm Tulip	Wedded to winning
31	Fit4All	Lift Gym Duck	Be fit as a duck
32	Autoclass	Mercedes	A Class finish
33	Autoclass	Gullwing	Glides to the finish
34	Autoclass	Brabus	A sure winner
35	Autoclass	Pagani	No 1 performance
36	Autoclass	Silver Arrow	A classic finish
37	We Make Footballers	Virgil Van Duck	No one ruffles his feathers
38	We Make Footballers	Bukayo Quacker	Often seen flying down the wing
39	We Make Footballers	Quack Grealish	Really adept at avoiding tackles
40	Aqua Include Ltd	QuAQUA	We hope QuAQUA does swimmingly well (just like our local swimmers)
41	Universal Blinds	Shutter Duck	He's in a blind hurry to get to the post
42	Universal Blinds	Perfect Fit	He'll roll to victory
43	Canine Company MK North	Barking Duck	Will Romp to the Finish Line
44	Really Awesome Coffee	Quackaccino	With a waddle, smoother than a baristas latte and a beak that's always buzzing with caffeine induced chai latte
45	Hickford Construction Ltd	Snowy	Swimming to find Tintin
46	Soul2sole Dancewear	Darcy	Her dearest ambition is to dance Swan Lake with the Royal Ballet
47	Cranley Barn Farm	Farmer Duck	Wellie boots won't slow me down
48	Lodge Farm Café	Duck Eggs Benedict	Winning this will be a piece of Cake
49	The Bop Won't Stop	Duck Berry	This duck's got rhythm
50	Elm Tree Farm B&B	Elmo	He's up early to get ahead

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51	Home Counties Toilets	Looley Loo-ey	Flushing good duck
52	No 52 Moorend Distillery	Juniper Jemima	Gin and bear it
53	Jackie Gommon	Joyce	Calm and kind, she'll pass the line
54	Eva Cockerill Cake Design	Iced Duck	Royally rolled
55	Sapsworth Glazing	Smashy clearer than the rest	Worth a punt, clear winning potential, conditions on the day may come into play, as like to have a clear view
56	Peachy Health Clinic	Peachy	
57	Graham Roberts	Geejay	There is life in the old duck yet
58	Graham Roberts	X Ray	Seeing through to the finish
59	Glenmore Farm	Jasper Carrot	Laughing his way to the end
60	Hanslope News	Reporter Duck	Big News
61	Project One Consulting Ltd	Real Change	We are Transformers, making a real difference for your organisation
62	Project One Consulting Ltd	Project Gone	For when you need a project delivered on-time
63	Project One Consulting Ltd	Transformation Duck	When you need the right people leading your business transformation
64	Project One Consulting Ltd	Optimus Duck	The original transformer!
65	Roger Loxton Stained Glass	The Jolly Roger	We love to see the refraction
66	Resonate Audio, visual & event hire	Sgt Resonate	We are the crew
67	MK Cat Rescue	Garfield	Swimming my way to Lasagne
68	BW Pet Treats	Scrumptious	Give me a bone
69	Sean Pickford	The Slush Barn	Refreshingly cool customer
70	Belinda Grant – The Hygiene Bank	Squeaky Clean	Shines on through
71	SSOP	Flexible Flo	Plans a painless race
72	Oakman Inns and Restaurants Ltd	Quackie Chan	Fights his way to the finish
73	Oakman Inns and Restaurants Ltd	Steve Quackshall	Forages his way to the end
74	Oakman Inns and Restaurants Ltd	Beakaboo	Stick it on the bill
75	Oakman Inns and Restaurants Ltd	Mallard Monroe	One glamorous contestant
76	Rentakeeper	Duck Repellent	Who you gonna call?
77	The Shooting Clinic	Speedy Bullet	Off like a shot
78	Father Gary	Father Quackers	Praying he wins
79	Inspire Change	Webby Walker	A quacking choice of duck
80	Inspire Change	Flat Feet Julian	He'll flip flop all the way
81	Inspire Change	MC Martin	Loud and proud
82	Inspire Change	Luscious Louise	Fast and gorgeous
83	Inspire Change	Kristine Kalling	A smooth contender

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84	Inspire Change	Terrific Toni	Talks the terrific talk
85	Hillier Hopkins	Paddlington	A marmalade sandwich will fuel this duck
86	Hillier Hopkins	Wisequack	Cleverer than most
87	Hillier Hopkins	Quacksparrow	This duck won't walk the plank
88	Hillier Hopkins	Quackerjack	It's that time
89	Brioche Pasquier	Pâtissier Penelope	Creamy canard
90	Brioche Pasquier	Brioche Bernadette	Chocolate chip canard
91	Brioche Pasquier	Biscotte Baptiste	Sweet and sure
92	Brioche Pasquier	Le Grand Fromage	Stinky but good
93	Grande Cuisine	Going Quackers	A crispy treat
94	Grande Cuisine	Quackadoodledo	The early bird
95	Grande Cuisine	DuckyDay	Is a lucky charm
96	Grande Cuisine	Confit De Canard	Smooth and tasty
97	Grande Cuisine	Duck a l'orange	Bitter but sweet
98	Grande Cuisine	L'escargot	Will come out of his shell
99	Stoaway Filing Systems	Jemima	No puddles for this duck
100	Blockaid	Bob	Bob, bob, bobbing along
101	Fierce Gym	The Cowboy	Will gallop ahead
102	Holmes Aesthetics	The Aesthetic Waddle	A duck's quest for beauty
103	Crossroads Dog Resort	Miss Diane	Trained to win
104	Acorn Nurseries	Love Heart	Splashing in lovely Welly Boots
105	Acorn Nurseries	Flower	Fragrant to the end
106	Hair Host	Tracey Beaker	Prefers hot and blowy conditions
107	YBR Construction	YBR	Built for speed
108	Gigiclear	Gigaduck	Fibre fast
109	Countrywide Estate Agents	Dave The Duck	Knows the landscape
110	Countrywide Estate Agents	Jasmin the Duck	Sweet and fragrant
111	Tompkins Butchers	Duck Pate	A tasty contender
112	The Cake Tin	Quackers4cake	Cool and creamy
113	Zen Dog Spa	The Punk Poodle	Can't escape the pup-arazzi.....
114	Blades Barbers	Kyle	A cut above the rest
115	Blades Dolls	Paige	She has fringe benefits



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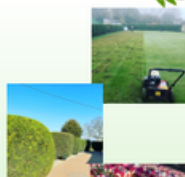
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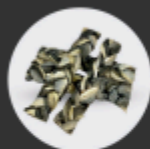
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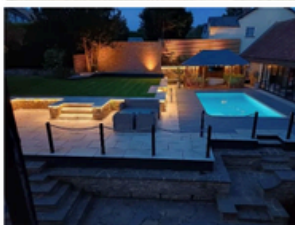
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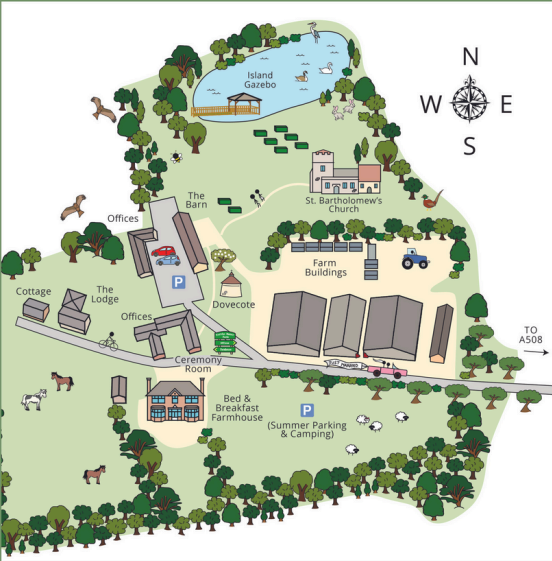
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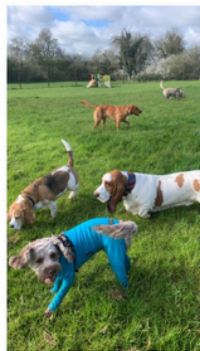
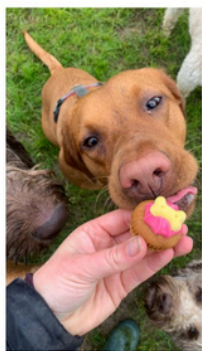
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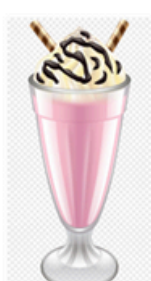
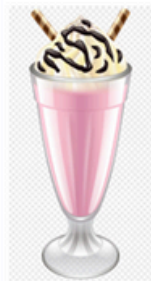
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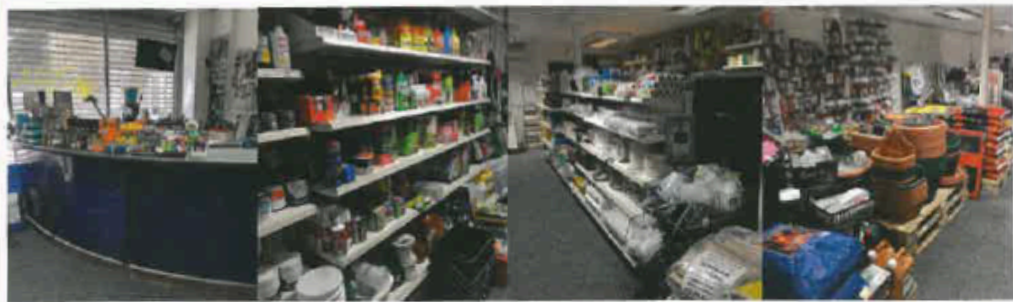
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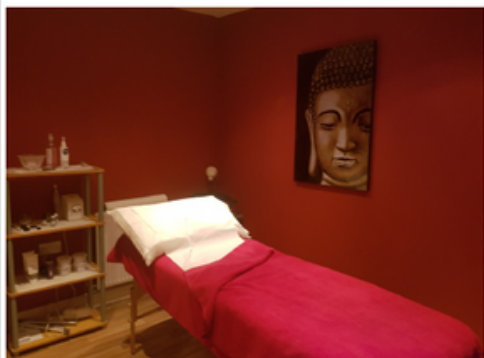
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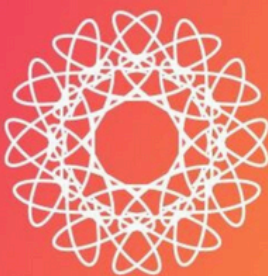
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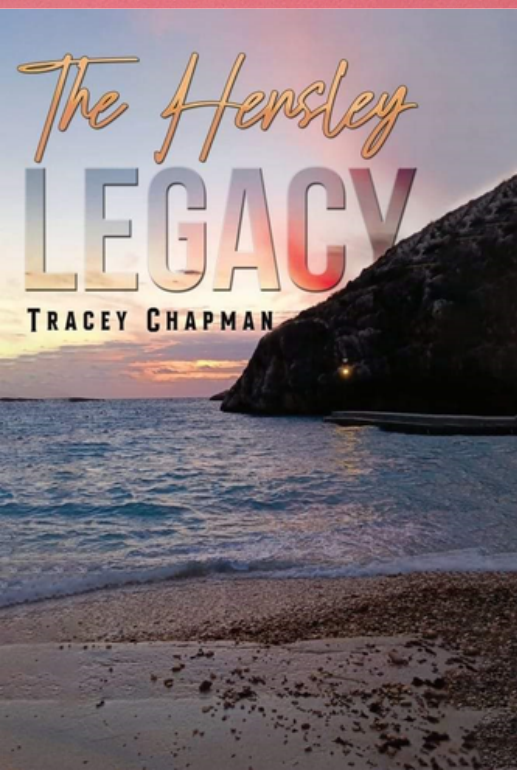


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By 1990, the church had taken over the event, and since then, the Duck Race has been held nearly every other year, alternating with Open Gardens. Notable exceptions include 1993, when a horse race was hosted in the Manor Farm barn, and 2020, when the race was canceled due to the Covid pandemic.

Over the years, the Duck Race has flourished, thanks to a dedicated team of volunteers who start planning in September. While 1,000 ducks still race on the River Tove, the event has expanded to include a variety of activities. Recently, funds raised have supported extensive renovations in the church, such as installing a new bathroom, kitchen, and improving heating, lighting, and decoration.

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