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WELCOME TO CASTLETHORPE DUCK RACE & FUN DOG SHOW!

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

Our Main Sponsors

A very big thank you to our main sponsors, **Hillier Hopkins** and **The Navigation Inn**, for so generously supporting today's event again. We would also like to thank **Hickford Construction** for their substantial support. Thanks are also due to **Brioche Pasquier**, who once again have provided valuable sponsorship, along with **Roka Dental**, **RS Kitchens**, **Grande Cuisine** and **Autoclass Garage**. We are grateful to **Phil Dowson, Director of Rugby at Northampton Saints** for agreeing to open the event and for providing a signed shirt and ball for us to raffle off to a lucky winner.

To our **Corporate Duck owners**, thank you for buying a duck(s). Simply put, we couldn't run this event without your support. May the best duck win!

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, and to **Jordan Webster of Tove Landscapes** for all the help he has given so willingly. We would also like to thank **Udi and Dina in the village shop** for their support, **Reform Fire** who provide and maintain our fire equipment and **Blackened Sun Brewery Company** for allowing us to name two of their special beers just for the Duck Race! Last but not least, we would like to thank **Martin Clarke** our MC, who does such an awesome job for us every year – thank you!

Get the most from this afternoon

Our main Duck Race takes place at 4.15pm when we release 1,000 ducks into the River Tove. Each duck carries a unique number and there are cash prizes for the first 3 ducks across the finishing line. The first prize is £150!

If multiple ducks with the same winning number finish in a prize position, each ticket holder will receive the full prize amount.

Buy a duck ticket – or a family of 5 – from a member of the team at the gate from £2.

Time	What's on	Location
1.00pm	The Bop Won't Stop	Stage
1.30pm	Jackador Dog Demonstration	Dog Arena
2.00pm	Fun Dog Show Starts	Dog Arena
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. Remember to return to the marquee after judging to collect your creation!

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 £2.50 each. Our judges are Jason Evans from Jackador Dog Training and Behaviour School and Debbie Aylmer from Radleys Pet Styling & Academy.

Over 50 Attractions

Visit our exciting range of local stalls and our food vendors 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, plus the newly created Duck Beers!

Tea Tent

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

Exiting the Car Park

Please note the gate you entered through 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!
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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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Corporate Duck Race: 3.45pm

See pages 9 - 11 for our Corporate Duck Entries

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.

If you see anything untoward, please report it to the information point near the main entrance gates 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 Entries

No.	Company Name	Duck Name
1	A5 Electrical	Watt A Duck
2	Acorn Day Nursery	DYLAN
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18	Castlethorpe Village Shop	Jaki
19	Chihuahua Town	ChihuahuaTown
20	CP Locks	Paddy Lock
21	Cranley Barn Farm	Farmer Duck
22	Dean Harris Motor Vehicle Engineers	Louie
23	Doggy Day Dreams	Peanut
24	Elm Tree Farm Self Catering	Waddle Well
25	Elm Tree Farm Self Catering	Elmo
26	Fair Fire Ltd	Edless Hero
27	Father Gary	Papa G's Quackers
28	G Dads	G Dads
29	Graham Roberts	Gee Jay
30	Graham Roberts	Robbo
31	Grande Cuisine	Going Quackers
32	Grande Cuisine	Quackadoodledo
33	Grande Cuisine	DuckyDay
34	Grande Cuisine	Confit De Canard
35	Grande Cuisine	Duck a Forange

Corporate Duck Race Entries

No.	Company Name	Duck Name
36	Grande Cuisine	L'escargot
37	Grove & Sons	Kabota
38	Hair by Gemma	Hair by GS (Gemma)
39	Hair Host	Perfect Bob
40	Hickfords Construction Ltd	Snowy
41	Hillier Hopkins	Paddington
42	Hillier Hopkins	Wisequack
43	Hillier Hopkins	Quacksparrow
44	Hillier Hopkins	Quackerjack
45	Home Counties Toilets	Looley Loo-ey
46	Inspire Change	Bufflehead Expressive
47	Inspire Change	Ancona Analytical
48	Inspire Change	Andean Amiable
49	Inspire Change	Ruddy Driver
50	Inspire Change	Ducky McDuckface
51	Inspire Change	Vera Duckworth
52	Jackador	Jackador
53	Kingsman Gentleman Cobblers	Nellie
54	LOTSJEWELS	Jewels
55	MB Civil Engineering Ltd	Structurally Sound
56	Mindful Gardens	Bella
57	MK London Link	James Pond
58	No 52 Moorend Road Distillery	Let The Duck Race Be Gin!
59	OC Sawbridge Artistic and General Blacksmith	Ollie Anvil
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65	Project One	Project Gone
66	Project One	Transformation Duck
67	Project One	Optimus Duck
68	Radleys Pet Styling & Acadamy	Sir Quacks-a-lot of Radleys
69	Raptor Kickboxing	We are Raptor
70	Rapture Accounts Ltd	Ducking Tax

Corporate Duck Race Entries

No.	Company Name	Duck Name
71	Reform Fire	Dame Duck
72	Reform Fire	Sir Duck
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74	Resonate	Resonate
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76	ROKA Dental	Brace Yourself
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81	SSOP	Crick (neck), not Watson
82	Team Builders MK	Jamie Hartwell
83	The Barley Mow	The Cosgrove Flyer
84	The Bop won't stop	Duck Of Earl
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87	The Navigation Inn	Waddle I do now
88	The Navigation Inn	Emily
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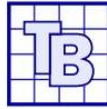


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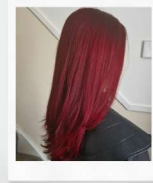
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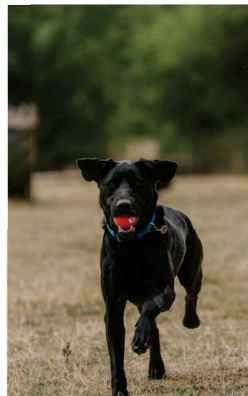
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By 1990, the church had taken over the event, and since then, the Duck Race has been held nearly every other year, alternating with Open Gardens. Notable exceptions include 1993, when a horse race was hosted in the Manor Farm barn, and 2020, when the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