



Olney Pancake Race Tuesday 17 February 2026 Application

Welcome to the 2026 Pancake Race! To secure your place in this historic Race please complete the form, sign it and then return **as soon as you can** to the Olney Pancake Parlour, or email your signed form to olneypancakerace@yahoo.co.uk

Please read the form carefully as it gives you all the information on timings and what you need to wear and bring on the day. We look forward to seeing you on Race Day 😊

NAME:.....

HOME ADDRESS:.....

TELEPHONE NO:.....

EMAIL ADDRESS:.....

WHERE DO YOU WORK? (if you don't live in Olney)

RUNNING AS AN INDIVIDUAL ☐ RUNNING THREE OR FOUR LEGGED ☐ Please tick one box only

RUNNING THREE OR FOUR LEGGED WITH (if applicable)

RULES FOR THE RACE

To qualify for entry in the Olney Pancake Race competitors must be women of 18 years of age or older and have lived in the town of Olney for at least 3 months prior to the event or, if living away, have their permanent home in the town, or work in Olney. You can run as an individual or as part of a team with two or three others.

This is an historic Race so we ask you to wear the traditional costume of a skirt, apron, and head scarf, together with the race t-shirt. Please note only Race sponsorship logos are permitted. In addition, you must carry a frying pan containing a pancake.

You need to provide your skirt and a pancake – these are essential items, and you won't be able to run without them!

We will provide you with your race t-shirt, kindly donated by Bonne Maman, plus a frying pan, an apron and head scarf. Please return your pan, apron and headscarf after the service - thank you 😊

Please be at Race Control in the marquee on the Market Place at 11.00 am. You can collect your t-shirt etc and then publicity photographs will be taken prior to the start. We will also have a runners' warm-up. The Race will start from the Market Place at 11.55am.

The starter first tells the runners to 'toss their pancakes' and then starts the Race with the Pancake Bell. At the finish the fastest runner is required to toss her pancake before being declared the winner. *Continued overleaf*

All runners are required to attend the Shriving Service in the Church immediately after the Race.

The winner's prize and prize from Liberal are presented during the service.

The second and third prizes and goody bags for every runner will be given out at the end of the service; please wait at the back of the church. The winner receives £100, second £50 and third £25.

The race winner is required to join us for a brief video call with Liberal, Kansas in the evening. Liberal run their own Pancake Race and we compare the winning times with them at the end of their Shriving Service, to declare the international winner who wins an additional prize of £100; this challenge dates back to 1950.

Please note that there is no general evening event this year.

We hope to attract publicity for the Race both immediately afterwards and in the following year to promote the Race for 2027; this means that photographs and video will be taken throughout the event.

Please note, all entrants take part in the race at their own risk.

Please sign the declaration below and return your application form to the **Olney Pancake Parlour** or email your signed form to olneypancakerace@yahoo.co.uk as soon as possible to secure your place and no later than **Monday 19 January 2026**. Please note we have places for 25 individual runners plus another 20 runners to participate as three or four-legged teams, so don't delay! You will receive confirmation of your place via email.

Declaration: I have read and accept the rules governing the Olney Pancake Race and I consent to my photograph/footage of me being taken and used for publicity purposes on the Pancake Race website, Facebook and Instagram accounts, and in local press and tv.

Signed.....Date.....

If, after entering, you wish to withdraw your entry please advise the organisers as soon as possible so we can offer the place to someone on the waiting list.

Any enquiries, please contact Barry Donaldson by email: entry@olneypancakerace.org

Please follow us on Facebook or Instagram, tell your friends you've entered, and remember that all the details about the rest of the event are on our website:



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