

Blandford Georgian Fayre

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Barrel Racing

History

In the 1700's most Inn's in Blandford brewed their own liquors. It is said that around 1750 the excise officers raided the Inn's and seized their ales which they then took to their warehouse in Whitecliff Mill Street.

During the night locals broke into the warehouse, removed the barrels and emptied them into the street. To commemorate this event, each year barrel races were held in the town with barrels being raced through the streets. At the start of the WW1 most of the young men went to war and so the event stopped.

The Georgian Fayre with the help of our sponsors Hall & Woodhouse would like to revive this event with a race from The Brewery Visitor Centre, over the river bridge, along West Street to the Market Place.

Rules: Teams of 4 people rolling a full 18 gallon barrel from the brewery to Market Place using only hands and feet, the barrel must be in contact with the ground at all times. The judge's decision will be final.

Entry Fees: £10 per team (Non-refundable)

All teams enter at their own risk

Prize: 1 x 18 gallon barrel of Hall & Woodhouse finest ale
1 Trophy to be contested annually

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Team Name _____

Address _____

Tel. No _____

Please return with payment to: Blandford Georgian Fayre,
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