



Pancake race

One of the most weird sports of Britain

Pancake race is a part of the Shrove Tuesday's celebrations, the second day of Lent in Western Christianity.



In a "pancake race" each participant carries a pancake in a frying pan. All runners must toss their pancakes as they run and catch them in the frying pan.



This event is said to have originated in Olney, England in 1445 when a woman was still busy frying pancakes to eat before the Lenten fast when she heard the bells of St Peter and St Paul's Church calling her to the Shrivings Service. Eager to get to church, she ran out of her house still holding the frying pan complete with pancake, tossing it to prevent it from burning, and still wearing her headscarf.

The most famous pancake race, at Olney in Buckinghamshire, has been held since 1445. The contestants, traditionally women, carry a frying pan and race over a 415-yard course to the finishing line. The rules are strict: contestants have to toss their pancake at both the start and the finish, as well as wear an apron and a scarf. Traditionally, when men want to participate, they must dress like a housewife .





A pancake race in Olney





“The preparation for the Shrove Tuesday”



“The Fight Between Carnival and Lent” (detail), 1559

Since 1950 the people of Liberal, Kansas, and Olney have held the "International Pancake Day" race between the two towns. The two towns' competitors race along an agreed measured course. After the 2009 race, Liberal was leading with 34 wins to Olney's 25.



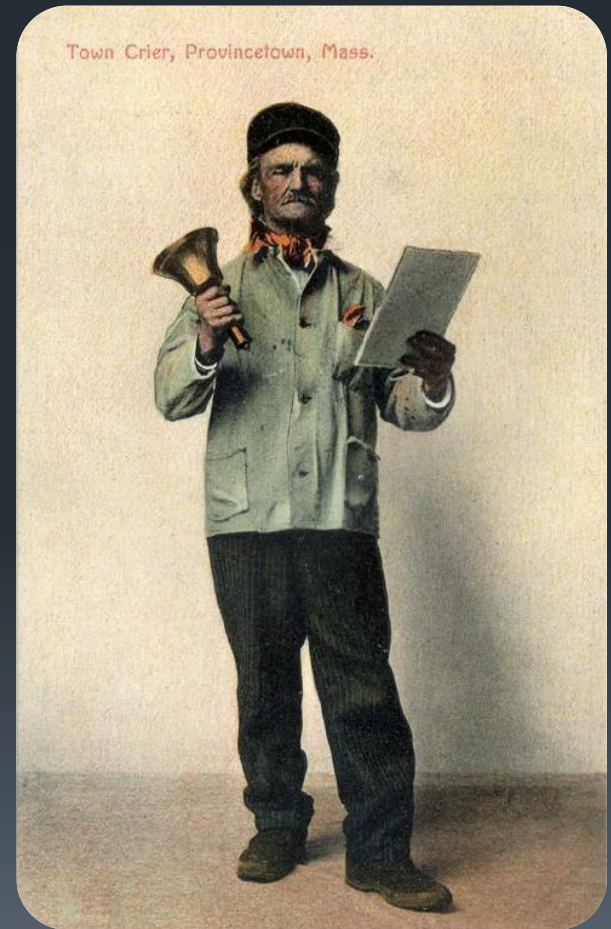


News In Flashes - Pancake Race At Olney (1951)



<https://youtu.be/OzmqUM8ijnM>

Scarborough celebrates Pancake Race by closing the foreshore to all traffic. The town crier rings the pancake bell, situated on the corner of Westborough (main street) and Huntress Row.





Thanks for Watching
and have a good meal :)