

The Gravity Grand Prix[®] 2012

Entry Pack



Sunday 9th September 2012 1:30pm

The Sixth Cookham Dean Gravity Grand Prix will be held on Sunday 9th September 2012.

It is a fun event run by The Kaffirs of Cookham Dean to raise money for **The Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance**. The course will be from the junction of Church Road and Spring Lane to Uncle Tom's Cabin.

Up to thirty carts will compete for a variety of prizes.

Themed, fun, carts will be encouraged since they provide the most interest to spectators.

Prize Categories

- **Spirit of the event.**
This top prize will be awarded by the organisers to the team, which in their opinion best reflects the fun and sporting nature of the event.
- **Fastest single time on the day 1st 2nd 3rd**
- **Best technical design and appearance 1st 2nd 3rd**
- **Best novelty cart 1st 2nd 3rd**

In all categories, the prizes awarded will be restricted to worthless trophies.

No team can win more than one prize.

How to enter

- 1) Read this Entry Pack
- 2) Complete the entry form.
- 3) Write a cheque for £50 for private or (£100 for corporate sponsorship) per entry made payable to "The Kaffirs of Cookham Dean"
- 4) Send completed form(s) and cheque made payable to The Kaffirs of Cookham Dean, to:-

Peter Bartlett
Five Elms
Popes Lane
Cookham Dean
SL6 9NY

Please Note; Numbers are limited to 30, on a first come first served basis. We would hope that each team set themselves a target for sponsorship of £200. Extra sponsorship forms can be downloaded from cookham.com Enjoy the day!

Raising Money...

The Gravity Grand Prix is intended to be a free family fun day for the benefit of local residents. It is held in September so it gives families and individuals a project throughout the long summer months.

The popularity and fun of the event means it's a great platform to raise money for good causes. This year we have a target of £10,000! And remember it's all for charity, nothing is deducted as we're all volunteers.

You too can help to reach this target in three easy ways. Each one is a good business opportunity.

- 1) **Sell a programme page** - An ad costs only £100 per page (£ 55 half page.) Thousands will see it!
- 2) **Find a cart sponsor** - For only £100 cart sponsors get their name and logo in the programme and get mentioned by the commentator.
- 3) **Take up a sponsorship opportunity...**Contact.....-Peter Bartlett.

Rules and Regulations 2012

Introduction

These Rules and Regulations apply to all entries; they have been designed for your safety and the safety of others around you. They enable us to run the event effectively for the maximum benefit of all, so, please ensure you read them carefully and comply with the details.

If you have any comments or concerns please contact, by email or by phone:- peter_bartlett@btinternet.com. 01628 485 224 or mobile 07771 99 6000

The Course

The course will be from the junction of Church Road and Spring Lane to Uncle Tom's Cabin with a length of 700m and a drop of 32m. It should be noted that the course has some very tight corners; drivers can expect to reach speeds of 30-40mph.

The S bend is sharp and the gradient at Uncle Tom's is steep; your cart **MUST HAVE EFFICIENT BRAKES.**

The Rules

1. Every team must accept these Rules in full.
2. A team will consist of a maximum of four persons two in the cart and two pushing.
3. Pushing, by up to two team members will be allowed from The Start to a line near The Jolly Farmer. Any infringement will preclude the team from the fastest time awards.
4. Participants must be over thirteen. Anyone under eighteen must have signed consent from a parent.
5. Each team must finish their carts at least two weeks before the event to allow for programme photography.
6. The Organisers reserve the right to refuse entry or participation to any team, at any time. Their decision will be final.
7. No head first driving.
8. Carts must be fitted with strong eyelets front & back to accept the towropes provided by the Kaffirs.
9. Numbers provided at registration must be prominently displayed on the front of each cart.
10. The organisers reserve the right to disqualify any and all participants that demonstrate inappropriate conduct.
11. Teams with a good idea for a fun cart may apply for exemptions to the rules and the design criteria.
12. The official's time is final, even if it's incorrect.
13. There will be two runs down the course;
 - Run One: **An opportunity to show off the carts and set the pace.**
 - Run Two: **The Gravity Grand Prix.**

After the Grand Prix all entrants will be towed to prize giving on the village green.

Technical Design Criteria

1. All carts must be constructed with pedestrian and spectator safety in mind. Sharp edges for instance will not be permitted.
2. No glass or other materials that would shatter or cause injuries to drivers, passengers or spectators in the event of a crash can be used in the construction of the cart.
3. Maximum width 1.2m measured from outside to outside.
4. Maximum eye height 1.2m measured from driver's or passenger's eye-line, when seated, to the road surface.
5. No protuberances outside these dimensions will be allowed
6. Once seated, drivers and passengers must remain seated.
7. Carts must have a minimum of three wheels. All wheels should be in road contact during normal running.
8. Good brakes are essential and will be checked. Wheel braking must operate on at least two wheels on the same axle and be effective. Road braking should not damage the road surface.
9. Seats must be securely bolted to the cart.
10. Carts must be designed to carry no more than three persons, in a feet first direction.
11. Any steering column, brake lever or other protrusion must be designed and fitted such that the risk of injuries is minimised.
12. Bodywork and controls must not impede the driver / passengers in exiting the vehicle unaided.
13. Any doors or hatches required for access must be readily operated from both inside and outside the vehicle without the use of tools.
14. Steering must not have excessive free play or any characteristic tending to promote instability.
15. Gravity propulsion only – i.e. no motors, no pedals & no stored potential energy.
16. Seatbelts are not mandatory, but if seat belts are used they must be of a minimum four point fixing and only on carts with a roll-bar.
17. It is recommended that drivers and passengers should wear a safety helmet and appropriate gloves. Clothing must be capable of withstanding a spill on tarmac or concrete. No bare limbs please.
18. The Organisers may change or make exceptions to the design criteria at any time

Important

Safety Info and Conduct on the Day

The purpose of the event is to have fun, but the safety of the team, supporters and spectators is paramount throughout the day, and accordingly, the organisers reserve the right to amend these rules or go above and beyond their guidance.

- 1 Registration will commence at 11:00 am on the day of the event. Racing is expected to start at **1:30** pm
- 2 All drivers and passengers must familiarise themselves with the course.
- 3 All drivers and passengers must attend the Drivers Briefing at the start at 13:10.
- 4 All members of the team will be issued a wrist band when they sign **the indemnity**. Only entrants wearing wrist bands will be allowed to take part.
- 5 After crossing the finishing line drivers will need to apply their brakes and quickly depart from the track under the Marshal's instructions. An uphill towing service will tow the carts up hill. Please make sure that your cart is strong enough to tow 10 other carts. (tip: use a rope slung under the cart)
- 6 No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from the publication of or compliance with these rules and / or regulations. This publication is in no way a guarantee against injury.



Yes – We are stupid enough to enter.

Cart Name		
Sponsors Name		
Theme / Description		
Contact Name		
Address		
Home Telephone		Mobile
email		

The rules and regulations of this event have been drawn up for the benefit and safety of the competitors and spectators and must be strictly adhered to.

The organisers of The Cookham Dean Gravity Grand Prix 2012, The National Trust and the local council accept no responsibility for any damage, loss, or injury to the entrants or the entrant's cart and equipment.

I the undersigned, enter this competition having read and understood the Rules and Regulations as set out in the Entry Pack. I accept that the team as a whole will be required to sign an indemnity at registration on entry day accepting full responsibility for any damage to our persons or cart and equipment.

Signed on behalf of The Team. _____ ***Date*** / /2012

Name in Capital Letters _____

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