

Berkeley Soapbox '25

Sunday August
31st

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A Message from the Chairman

Welcome to New Park Farm and the 3rd Annual Berkeley Soapbox Races!

Another year has passed and as Summer draws to a close, it's time for the madness that is Berkeley Soapbox to be reborn in its latest incarnation. The course kicks off with a sizeable jump, sponsored by R Williams Building, as a foretaste of the dangers ahead, closely followed by our notorious Rio Pools water obstacle which is slightly further up the hill this year, and now with the added menace of squeaky rubber duckies to distract any driver with less than laser focussed concentration. Hardened survivors of the splash then have to navigate a new challenge, tilting at a good 30 degree angle to traverse the length of Berkeley's Bank, navigating the slope with wet tyres, but hopefully with their powder still very much dry.

Because they are going to need it, as the increasing steepness of the track results in speeds that require split second decision making, as you approach the M D Collins Nerves of Steel Drop which will test your strength of character along with the strength of your engineering! Then it's on to another addition to the course this year, the catch-22 of the Rumble in the Jungle Chicane - do you waste valuable seconds and steer around, or risk it all in a leap of faith over industrial road ramps that take no prisoners? If you make it through, your steering is tested again with a sharp turn right almost back on yourself to break the timing beam on the finish line, registering your efforts officially and earning you the respect due to all real life heroes.

As if all that wasn't enough, you also have to make a song and dance about it before we even let you over the start line!

It all adds up to a great family day out, and a celebration of how we can all enjoy having a great laugh at how ridiculous and ingenious we can all be at the same time, and it's all in aid of fabulous local charities and community projects.

Huge thanks to all our sponsors, and to Charles and Daisy Berkeley for letting us into their home here at New Park Farm, because without all of them, it just wouldn't be possible.

Thanks also to Oisin Murphy, Champion Flat Jockey, who has sponsored the production of this programme, and please buy his book that comes out October 9th- because we need him to sponsor it again next year!

Let the games begin, and best of luck to all the brave souls racing today, especially to Green Arrow who gave us a crash last year that was worthy of a Hollywood action movie, and who responded with great humour and tremendous sportsmanship. They looked very fast last year, but with rival teams called The Outlaws and Star Wars, they have a real fight on their hands to emerge victorious today.

Hopefully the sun is shining and we have a spectacular day to enjoy in the company of BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2010 and twenty times Champion Jockey Sir A P McCoy.

Philip Pritchard

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Site Map



Start

Run

Descent

DJ &
Comentator

F&D

Pre-descent
Dance stage

Course Crossing Point

Competitors
Garage/Parking

VIP Parking

Spectator
Entrance

Finish
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1 Roger Williams Jump

2 Rio Pools Splash

3 Berkeley's Bank

4 M D Collins Drop

5 Rumble Chicane

6 The Finish 135°

Public Parking

Toilets T

Food & Drink F&D

Where Your Money Goes....



The local charities and projects we are proud to support today

South West Ambulance Service Charity- Community Responder Vehicle Appeal

Community responders are literally a lifeline for rural communities- saving crucial minutes in providing vital care to our ill and injured. This appeal aims to provide a brand new fully equipped rapid response vehicle to each of the areas covered by South West Ambulance, one of which is Gloucestershire.

Severn Area Rescue Association (SARA)

SARA are our local lifeboat and inland search and rescue organisation. They cover the area from Newport to Kidderminster to Cirencester, on land and water, from seven rescue stations. They are staffed entirely by volunteers, and are funded purely from donations.

St John's, Purton- Roof Restoration project- a message from Peter Bennett, committee member

The roof of the attractive little church in Purton is in decay and is in dire need of replacement, estimated to cost more than £100,000.

The opportunity will be taken to improve St John's environmental footprint by incorporating solar panels which will supply all its energy needs.

The local community has got behind the project and has raised about a third of what is required so far by putting on a variety of fund-raising events: church teas, village breakfasts, quiz nights, tapas & music nights, and a Harvest Festival supper. But we still have a long way to go, and we are very grateful for support from the Berkeley Soapbox '25 event.

Event Timings

Today's Prizes made by...

08:00	gates on for competitors	Welfare unit with Coffee and biscuits
08:15	Registration opens	Registration Number allocation Check insurance
9:30	Food Vans in place	NOTE Karts will need to be pulled up to START
9 - 10:00	Kart inspection	Please report to Nick Phillips
10:00	Test Run	All carts to have "test run". Jumps optional
11:30	Competitor Briefing and spectator gates opened	Marshalls briefing ALL in place for Spectators
Midday	Public Kart inspection	in PIT LANE
		Live Music from Local Band
12:30	Karts pulled to Start.	
13:00	First competitor down.. Andrew Mills co-ordinate teams	Dance, then transported to start and immediate descent
	Release every 3 mins.	OR SOONER
14:30	Last competitor down. (1st Run)	May have time gap for re-location of 1st run Karts.
14:45	Re-run for all. 2min gap between starts	
15:45	Finish	
16:00	Top 10 run off	or more if they want
17:00	Presentations	at Dance Stage
17:30	Event Closes	



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Fastest



Best Build



Crash !!!



Splash

Safety FIRST. !!



Public Safety Message

Soapbox racing carries risks for both participants and spectators, and vehicles on our course may reach 30 km/h. The organisers have taken every reasonable precaution to prevent injury, but you **enter the course at your own risk.**

You must follow the instructions of the designated marshals (who will be wearing yellow tabards) **at all times.** Whistles will be used to warn you prior to each kart descent. Karts will not be allowed to travel whilst spectators are on the course.

You must keep behind the ropes and barriers at all times and all children below the age of 16 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult. **Dogs must be kept on a lead.** You may only cross the course at designated crossing points.

Toilet facilities are available as indicated on the map (please be respectful to those who might be using them after you). **Please respect the venue and use the bins provided or take all your rubbish home with you.**

The Teams

Team Number	Team Name	Dance Scaore	1st Run Time	2nd run	3rd Run (Top 10 only)	Prize & Placing
1	Baleout					
2	Postman Pratt					
3	Wise Guys					
4	The Outlaws					
5	SARA					
6	Surf's Up					
7	Downhill Gardiners					
8	Pepper Pig					
9	Glos Rugby Shags					
10	Mike's Marvellous Morris					
11	Wotton Fireman					
12	The Blues Brethren					
13	Gru's Crew					
14						



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15	Star Wars					
16	Neon Nomad					
17	Bus Anchors					
18	Pirates of the Car l Be In					
19	Pink Panther					
20	Batman					
21	Jockeys					
22	Bugsy					
23	Tickled Pink 2					
24	Sheep Happens					
25	The Green Arrow					
26	The Stig					
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Don't forget to register your
vote for the MOST
ENTERTAINING team.
Use the voting form on
Page 13



Thank you ARC



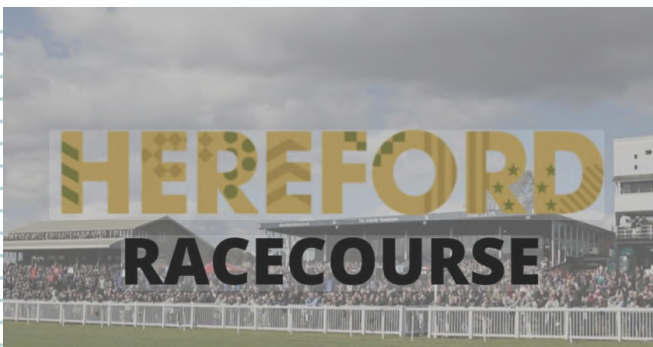
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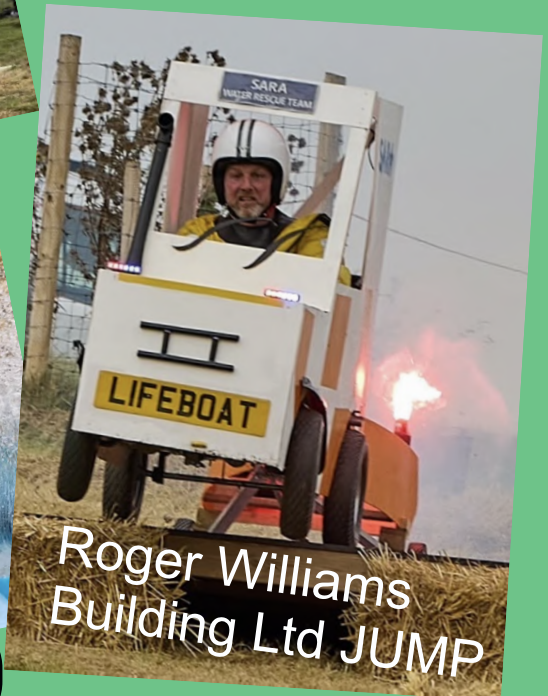
M D Collins LEAP



We Welcome back
The Green Arrow
team from
Lincolnshire after
last years
spectacular CRASH !



Taking their
OWN SPLASH



Roger Williams
Building Ltd JUMP

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.....Put it in your Diary NOW for
Sunday 20th September (tbc) 2026

and start building
your KART to join
in the FUN.....

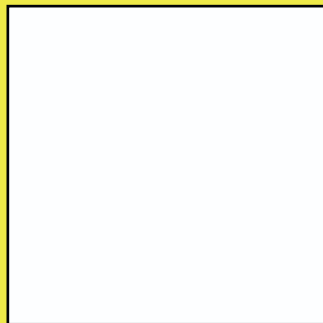


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Public Vote.....

.....Most Entertaining TEAM

Please indicate
the TEAM
NUMBER here



...and place in box by DJ / Commentator



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