



2010

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This year's race will take place on:

Sunday 4th July

The Challenge:

- *Find yourself a partner*
- *Raise lots of money for local charities*
- *Run 3 miles*
- *Consume a pint of beer in each of five village pubs*
- *Carry a bale of straw up a hill*
- *Keep smiling!*

If you're up to the challenge - join in.
If not – bring the family and enjoy the entertainment of this unique local event

What is the Straw Race?

Many years ago, a group of locals decided to race through Oxenhope village for charity – “why don't we stop for a beer in each of the pubs on the way?” said one; “let's make it more difficult by carrying a bale of straw?” replied another - and so the Oxenhope Straw Race was born.

Since then, the race has become an annual event and has got bigger but the aim has remained the same: to raise as much money as possible for local charities and have fun in the process.

This is not just an event for the determined fun runner and the serious athlete; past years have seen colourful and imaginative entries in the fancy dress categories too. Even for those who do not compete this is a unique family day out with access by steam train, live bands at village pubs and a genuine carnival atmosphere.

Over the years the Straw Race has raised around £300,000 for local charities including Manorlands, The Keighley Resource Centre and many community and youth groups in and around Oxenhope village. On presentation evening each November the competitors and helpers can see how their hard earned cash is used to make a real difference to local people.

Straw Race Entry Form

1st Runner:

Name:

Address:

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Phone:

Email:

Signature

2nd Runner:

Name:

Address:

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Phone:

Email:

Signature

Personal details will be used to contact you with Race information

Please tick the category in which you wish to enter (please only enter as an athlete if you are racing for a quick time) (you should enter as veterans if both team members are 40+)

Male

Female

Mixed

Male Athletes

Female Athletes

Mixed Athletes

Male Vets

Female Vets

Mixed Vets

I enclose £25 entry fee (cheques payable to 'The Straw Race') (£25 per team of 2 competitors – any individuals wishing to enter will still be required to pay £25 entry)

We agree to abide by the rules of the Oxenhope Straw Race. A copy of the rules is available on request. For any team entering on Race day the fee will be £30. **Please note that in previous years we have had to turn teams away so please enter early to avoid disappointment.**

Please return this form to:

Karen Denby
Rose Lea
36 Canberra Drive,
Cross Roads, Keighley, BD22 9DG
or to a participating Oxenhope Pub

By entering this race, you agree to do so at your own risk

The Oxenhope Straw Race has been operating for more than 30 years and the organisers are not aware of any significant injuries to competitors or to the public arising out of this event. Whilst we hope that this will remain the case for many years to come, competitors are reminded that the Straw Race is a strenuous activity involving alcohol. Competitors should therefore ensure that they are fit to take part in the event and that they have made themselves aware of the risks before they start.

If you are in any doubt about the risks involved in the event then please ask one of the organisers or consult the Rules & Regulations section on the website:

www.strawrace.co.uk

Race details

The race is run in teams of two - the cost of entry is £25 per team - teams can be men, ladies or mixed (ladies may carry ½ bales and drink ½ pints).

Teams entered as “athletes” will be given early start times where possible but this cannot be guaranteed.

Registration will take place at the Bay Horse from noon on Saturday 3rd July and at the start from 10.30am on Race day.

The Race starts at 12.00 at the Waggon Horses, Hebden Bridge Road, Oxenhope

A free bus service is available on the day from Oxenhope Station to the start and throughout the village during Race day, kindly donated free of charge by Hodgsc of Oxenhope.

All roads on the route from the Bay Horse to the Dog & Gun are closed to traffic during Race.

Further information

A fact pack is available with full details of the race, how to get there, car parking, road closures, free buses, etc.

Sponsorship forms are also available and competitors are reminded that the main purpose of the Straw Race is to raise much needed funds for some very worthwhile causes so start early and obtain as much sponsorship as possible.

You can obtain a fact pack and sponsorship by:

- Visiting the Oxenhope Web site or www.strawrace.co.uk;
- Emailing: info@strawrace.co.uk;
- writing to Ian Barrett at 7, Lee Lane Oxenhope, Keighley, West Yorksh BD22 9RB with an SAE;
- calling Ian or Jane on (01535) 644796.