

## 1 General Information

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## 2 Entry Form

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This needs to be completed in full and returned with your entry fee to the address on page 6

## 3 Sponsorship Form

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Raising funds? We've included a sponsorship form for you where you can nominate your charity.

## 4 Disclaimer Form

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All members of your team must read and sign this and return it with your Entry Form.

## 5 Terms and Conditions

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The small print!



Dear Rafter

Firstly, thank you for considering entry. If you decide to proceed, please return your completed **Entry Form** (Section 2 of this pack) and payment. All your details will then be entered onto our system and we will email you with any additional information you may need over the coming months.

This information pack contains everything you will need to know about the race including:

- Arrival
- Registration
- Start of the Race & Course
- The Finish Line & Pick Up Point
- Trophy Presentation
- Safety
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## Arriving on the day

The designated Raft Drop off Point on the Raft Race day is on the riverbank between The Waterton Arms and the footbridge start line on Bridge Street.

We are hoping to have over 50 rafts involved on the day, so we will need your full cooperation during the unloading process. Please be patient and do not try to unload your raft until 90 minutes before your race is due to start unless you have made the sensible decision to drop your raft off the day before at The Waterton Arms.

Please keep the number of vehicles involved in transporting your craft to a minimum. You will need to clear your vehicle as soon as possible in a safe manner. Under no circumstances is your vehicle to be parked on Bridge Street or Church Street as this will affect local residents and hinder fellow rafters.

## Registration

When you get to the start, point tell an official your name and team name. You will then be given instruction on where to unload your raft.

Section 4 of this information pack is a **Disclaimer Form**. Please ensure all team members have read the raft race rules and **Terms and Conditions** (section 5) and that each member has signed and printed their name in the disclaimer form.

The fully completed form must be handed in at the registration point on arrival if you have not already sent the forms in to be pre-registered for the event. You will then be issued with an approximate start time, and a sticky number which you must attach to your raft.

## Race start times

Youth Race (under 18s)	12.00 noon
Main Race	1.00 pm
Fun Race	1.30 pm
Ladies' Race	1.45 pm
Pub Race	2.00 pm

Rafts will set off in pairs at suitable intervals.



Don't forget to smile for the camera at the start, as we are hoping to Facebook Live Stream the event.

The races will begin at the footbridge on Bridge Street, Deeping St James, heading upstream under the old stone bridge up towards the locks. As a further challenge, teams (except the Youth rafters) will be required to take their rafts out of the river and up the bank, before returning them to the river then proceeding past the old meadow.

For logistics and other reasons the official time line (for all rafters) will be at the Boundary, although the race will still finish in Market Deeping by The Iron Horse Ranch House, from where you will be assisted out of the river.

### **The finish line and pick up point**

Officials will be at The Iron Horse Ranch House, where your raft should be removed from the water.

Upon completion of the race, please remove your raft and any debris from the river as soon as possible via the fenced-off exit point. Rafts should be taken across the High Street and through to the Rainbow car park where you should arrange for them to be collected.

### **Medal and trophy presentations**

The trophy presentation will be made in Market Deeping Market Place at 4pm. To ensure all participants are properly recognised for their efforts, medals will be handed out to all rafters when they come out of the river.

### **Safety**

We endeavour to make the race as safe as possible. Pre-approved precautions have been taken including ambulance, water rescue and marshals. Please follow the safety instructions provided and follow the marshals' instructions on the day. In the event that any of your team is injured, please let an official know as soon as possible. All marshals will have contact details for first aid.

Do not come armed with such things as eggs, flour bombs, etc. They not only cause river pollution but may also cause serious injury. If you are bringing a bucket along to help keep your raft afloat, please don't use it to soak other rafters. Please note most rafters have made the effort to dress up and will

not want to be soaked to the skin too early in the race. Remember it is a fun event, and although it is a race, it is strictly forbidden to try and sink a competitor. Your fellow rafters have also paid to take part in the event.

Have fun and be safe...

### **Further information**

Should you require further information or have any questions about the event please contact:

Kevin Barber

tel: 07703016492

e-mail: [raftentry@deepingsrafttrace.co.uk](mailto:raftentry@deepingsrafttrace.co.uk)

Or visit the website, which will be continually updated: [www.deepingsrafttrace.co.uk](http://www.deepingsrafttrace.co.uk)

## Basic Guide to Rafting

Consider the weight and design of your raft...

*As you will be required to lift your raft in and out of the river*

Stay with your raft...

*It's easier for help to deal with and it provides floatation*

Keep away from wildlife...

*Some can be aggressive!*

Look for marked exit points\*...

*Areas have been cleared to ensure a smooth and trouble free exit*

Under 16s and non-swimmers must wear a buoyancy aid...

*These will be available from our water safety marshals*

Keep out of the trees...

*Trees can tangle you up and push you under, especially where a current flows*

Wear sensible footwear...

*Discarded fishing tackle and sharp objects are potentially abundant and can cause unnecessary injury. Also, the banks of the river are slippery*

Be conscious of the current...

*There are hazards such as bridges and sluice gates that you can find yourself upon if not careful*

Don't get tangled up...

*Make sure your raft is as tangle-free as possible: no loose ropes or unnecessary entanglement issues*

Be aware of major obstacles (e.g. other rafts breaking up)...

*We may have to stop a race to remove debris*

Don't drink before the race (you can make up for this afterwards)...

*Alcohol and water sports very rarely end well when combined!*



\*See the **Terms and Conditions** (section 5)



Please complete this form and send a printed copy, together with the cheque of your entry fee, to the address below in order to pre-register your entry.

**Your team and contact details**

Team name: .....

Contact name: .....

Please sign to confirm you have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions: .....

Address line 1 .....

Address line 2 .....

Town .....

County ..... Postcode.....

Daytime phone number .....

Evening phone number .....

Mobile number .....

Email address .....

Number of team members (minimum 2, maximum 8) .....

**Race details**

Please specify your preferred trophy race (tick one box only):

Main Race (aimed at rafters who are primarily after a fast time) .....

Fun Race (open to all rafters who just want a laugh and to entertain the public).....

Ladies' Race (at least 75% of the team must be female, and any men must be dressed as women) ....

Pub Race – aka - Bruce Tokens Memorial Race (Baker Perkins, Perkins Engines, pubs and any groups or associations who wish to be associated with the memory of Bruce) .....

YouthRace(at least 75% of the rafters need to be under 18) .....

Tick here if you have entered the race before .....

Tick here if you are raising sponsorship .....

Tick here if you don't want to be contacted by either of our nominated charities.....



### Fee Details

Charity entry donation is £5.00 per rafter (e.g. if there are four on your raft, then the donation is £20.00 and so on), for all races except the Youth Race.

The Youth Race is £2.50 per rafter (e.g. if there are eight on your raft, then the donation is £20.00 and soon).

Please make cheques payable to: **The Deepings Raft Race**

Completed entry forms and donations to be sent to:

**Raft Entry, c/o Kevin Barber, 27 King Street, West Deeping, Peterborough PE6 9HP**

Please ... do help us raise money for this year's nominated charities: Section 3 of the information pack is a **Sponsorship Form** you can use to do this.



# 3 Sponsorship Form

### Your details

Team name: .....

Contact name: .....

Address line 1 .....

Address line 2 .....

Town .....

County ..... Postcode .....

Phone number .....

Email address .....

**Please indicate which charity you want your sponsorship money to support. If you want the amount you collect to be divided between more than one of our worthy causes, then tick all boxes that apply. Small donations will also be made to other good causes.**



AGE CONCERN DEEPINGS  
New Minibus Fund  
Charity number 519643



DEEPINGS SWIMMING CLUB  
Special Training Opportunity  
Not for profit organisation



THE DEEPING SCOUT GROUP  
To replace aging equipment  
Charity number 306101

We would like to raise sponsorship for another good cause:

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and we will let you know how much is raised.







This form must be handed into a race official at the Registration Point on the day, before your crew can participate in the competition. Please ensure that each crew member completes and signs this form.

Team name .....

Team coordinator .....

Number of team members .....

By signing below I confirm that I have read, fully understand and will comply with the **Terms & Conditions** (section 5 of this entry pack and on the [www.deepingsrafttrace.co.uk](http://www.deepingsrafttrace.co.uk) website) for the Deepings Raft Race event.

I will not hold the organisers of the Raft Race responsible in any way for injury, accident or death to any person or myself as a result of my participation in this event.

I confirm that I will not hold the organisers liable for any loss, theft or damage of personal possessions as a result of our participation in this event.

I understand that my participation in this event is entirely at my own risk and that I will take all such steps as are reasonable to protect myself and others from harm or injury.

I confirm that I can swim, am medically and physically fit enough to take part and do not have any medical conditions that may affect my participation;

The organisers reserve the right to refuse access to the river to any person who is under the influence of any intoxicating substances or who, in their opinion, is not fit to participate.

**If any crew member is under 18 years of age there must be a counter signature by a parent or Guardian**

<i>Crew member's name (print)</i>	<i>Signature</i>
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1. All rafts and oars must be of a home-made construction.
2. Any raft deemed to be too similar to a boat, canoe or catamaran will be asked to enter the Main Race and may incur a time penalty. This is an attempt to allow a level playing field in each category.
3. All participants must register with the organisers and sign the **Disclaimer Form** prior to the race.
4. Each team is limited to a maximum of eight crew members.
5. All competitors must be competent swimmers.
6. We advise you to wear a life jacket or buoyancy aid during the race. It is a requirement that all under 16s wear life jackets. These will be supplied on the day thanks to \*PGL Caythorpe Court or alternative provider.
7. **Under 18s are required to provide parental consent on the Disclaimer Form.**
8. All crew members **MUST** wear footwear in the river and whilst on the raft **at all times**.
9. In order to avoid pollution of the river, you must ensure all materials used in the raft construction are thoroughly cleaned.
10. All rafts must enter and exit the river at the designated points only, except in an emergency.
11. Each team is responsible for ensuring that their own raft and any debris are removed from the river. Any costs incurred by the organisers in cleaning up any debris after the event may be passed on to any individual responsible.
12. Race organisers accept no responsibility for any accident resulting in death or personal injury to persons entering, associated with, or in the vicinity of the raft race.
13. Race organisers accept no responsibility for any loss, theft or damage to the property of persons entering, associated with, or in the vicinity of the race.
14. In the interests of safety, crew members are prohibited from using water cannons or throwing eggs, or similar, during the event.