

# ALDINGTON SOAPBOX DERBY 2011

## **SUMMARY OF THE EVENT**

**IN AID OF:** The Pilgrims Hospice, Ashford and Kaleidoscope Childcare, Aldington.

**DATE:** The Derby will take place on Monday 29th August 2011.

**COURSE:** The Derby start will be opposite the Walnut Tree Pub on Forge Hill and the finish line will be at the corner of Pattison Farm Close, New Road Hill.

**ENTRIES:** The closing date for entries is the 20th August 2011.

A minimum of £30.00 sponsorship per entry is required. It is hoped that each team or individual will raise as much additional money as possible in donations and sponsorship. A prize of a £50.00 voucher for the Walnut Tree pub or Restaurant, will be awarded for the highest amount of sponsorship raised.

To be able to enter the most sponsorship please submit sponsorship prior to the day.

*Please make cheques payable to:*

The Aldington Soapbox Committee  
C/o S Prescott  
The Cot  
Mill Road  
Aldington  
Ashford  
Kent TN25 7AJ

Tel: 01233 720 166

Please submit your entry as soon as possible as numbers will have to be limited and a place can not be guaranteed until the fee is submitted

**DRIVERS:** Drivers must be 16 or over on 29th August 2011. Drivers under 18 on that date must have the written consent of a parent or guardian.

**PRIZES:** *Prizes will be awarded for:*

**The most eccentric and ingenious soapbox:**

**The Best Novelty Soapbox: 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>**

**The Best 'Turned out' Soapbox and team**

**The Most Sponsorship Raised**

**Fastest time Solo Entry (2 runs/fastest time/1 driver): 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Team event (fastest combined time 2 runs / 2 drivers): 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>**

**The Driver Bravery Award**

**The Deedes Memorial Trophy**

**GOOD LUCK!**

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## Entry Form Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2011

Name:.....

Contact Address:

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Tel No: .....

Email:.....

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

We the undersigned agree to pay a fee of £30.00 to guarantee a position in the Aldington Soapbox Derby.

It is hoped that additional sponsorship will then be sought by the entrants to benefit this years chosen charities. There will be a prize for the most sponsorship raised.

Please note that the fee is non-refundable and all Soapboxes will be allowed to race subject to rules of the event and scrutineering. (Please scrutineering guidelines)

The organisers of Aldington Soapbox Derby and the owners of the land do not accept any responsibility for any damage, loss or injury to the entrants or to the entrants' soapbox or equipment.

We the undersigned enter this competition having read and understood the rules and regulations of the event. We accept full responsibility for any damage to our person or soapbox or equipment.

<b>Team Members/Individuals</b>	<i>Box Name:</i>
<i>Names:</i>	<i>Signatures:</i>

<b>Driver</b>	<i>Name:</i>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> driver</b> ( if going for team challenge)	<i>Name:</i>
<i>Either I am over 18yrs on 30/8/2010</i>	<i>Signature:</i>
<i>Or I am over 16yrs on 30/8/2010</i>	<i>Signature:</i>
<b>Parent/Guardian:</b> <i>Names:</i>	<i>As parent/guardian to the above Driver I consent to his/her participation in the Soapbox Derby.</i>
<i>Address:</i>	<i>Signature:</i>
	<i>Telephone:</i>

**Please make cheques payable to:**  
**The Aldington Soapbox Committee, c/o S Prescott The Cot, Mill Road,**  
**Aldington, Ashford, Kent. TN25 7AJ Tel: 01233 720 166**  
**[www.aldingtonsoapbox.co.uk](http://www.aldingtonsoapbox.co.uk)**

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## ***RULES***

### ***General Regulations***

1. The closing date for entries is the 20th August 2011 by which time the minimum £30 fee must have been deposited with the organizers (see foot of Entry Form). Please submit your entry as soon as possible as numbers will have to be limited and places can not be guaranteed until fees have been submitted. Please note all drivers will be given a Aldington Soapbox Derby Tea shirt on completion of the race.
2. Soapboxes must position on the village green in Aldington by 12.00pm to allow for scrutineering and judging. Participants will be given their number at this time. Soapboxes will not be allowed in the Walnut Tree car park. There will be a driver briefing in the scrutineering area at 1.15pm. Awards will be presented at 5.30pm
3. Soapboxes and drivers will be scrutinised prior to participating and must adhere to the minimum specifications outlined below.
4. There will be two lines at the Start. Each soapbox will be accelerated between the lines by up to 2 pushers provided by the driver. No more than 2 pushers will be allowed.
5. Soapboxes will descend 2 at a time and will be timed.
6. Brightly coloured soapboxes, novelty, sponsorship and advertising are encouraged.
7. Every team member or individual must accept the rules and regulations of the event in full and sign the disclaimer. Soapboxes must be brought back to the start line via Knoll Hill. No soapboxes will be allowed to be brought up the event route. A trailer system will be available to recover soapboxes from the finish and return them to the Village Hall area.
8. The decision of the timekeepers is final.
9. Participants must not be intoxicated.
10. All Participants take part at their own risk. A signed disclaimer must be signed by the driver and all team members on entry (see Entry Form). The applicant will be held responsible if anyone takes part in racing without signing the disclaimer (see entry form)
11. Disclaimers must be also be signed by each driver on the day of the race and wristbands will be issued. No drivers will be allowed to race without a wristband.
12. Participants must be over 16 years of age on 29th August 2011.
13. Competitors aged 16/17yrs must have signed parental consent (see Entry Form).
14. There will also be a team event where 2 runs can be made by 2 different drivers.
15. Protective clothing must be worn. Crash helmets, gloves, long sleeved heavy duty jackets and full length trousers must be worn at all times while racing.
16. Soapboxes will be crewed by one person only.
17. Any person driving without consideration for other drivers or spectators will be disqualified.
18. Any person found testing on forge hill prior to the day will be disqualified. Please note testing without suitable road closures in place is discouraged by the organisers.
19. Any person found maliciously tampering with other peoples soapboxes will be disqualified.

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20. Names will be drawn prior to racing for participants of the Deedes Memorial race. This draw will take place at 1.30. This will be the first race off the grid and will have its own trophy.

## ***Soapbox design***

- 1 Each soapbox must clearly display the number given to them on registration. Numbers must be placed on the front and each side of the Soapbox and must be kept clearly visible. Soapboxes must have 3 number plates measuring a minimum of 200mm x 200mm. This will enable scrutineers to attach numbers easily. No other numbers will be allowed on the soapboxes. Please do not use numbers in your soapbox name. If numbers are not fixed in this manner the timekeepers cannot record the times at the event ... this is important...!
- 2 Soapboxes must have effective brakes, steering and must be powered by gravity only. Brakes will be tested during scrutineering and failure to be effective will lead to disqualification (please see scrutineering guidelines) Please be advised that Soapboxes can travel at speeds of over 50mph and effective brakes and steering is imperative to protect driver and spectator safety.
- 3 Soapboxes must be of original construction.
- 4 Soapboxes must weigh a maximum of 80 kilos.
- 5 Soapboxes should only carry one person in a feet first direction.
- 6 All soapboxes must be safe. Any soapboxes believed to be dangerous to the public or the participant will not be allowed to race.
- 7 Soapboxes must have a minimum of 3 wheels
- 8 The soapbox construction process should be independent of any professional organisation who are actively involved in the construction of such soapboxes and motor racing vehicles
- 9 When designing Soapboxes participant should take extra consideration for other soapbox drivers and spectators. Sharp or protruding objects outside the body of the soapbox will not be allowed. Any sharp or protruding objects must be removed to pass scrutineering. Teams are requested to design Soapboxes with the safety of others in mind.
- 10 No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from the publication of or compliance with these rules / or regulations or scrutineering. This publication or scrutineering is in no way a guarantee against injury to team members, drivers, supporters or spectators and the organisers will not be held responsible for injury to team members.

## ***The Scrutineer***

**The Head Scrutineer's decision in regard to any of the above rules are final.**

**Please see scrutineering guidelines overleaf for more details**

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## ***Scrutineering guidelines***

There will be a scrutineering session from 4pm on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> August in the Walnut Tree Pub Car Park. Alternatively Soapboxes can be scrutineered on the day of the race. Please note all soapboxes must be in position on the Village Green at 12pm on 29th August.

- 1) Braking will be tested on a ramp at a maximum angle of 1 in 4. The Soapbox will have to remain stationary with the driver in it on the ramp. The ramp size will be 8 x 4ft therefore soapbox wheels must come within this size to enable testing.
- 2) Steering must work with immediate effect. Excessive play in steering will not be allowed
- 3) Any soapboxes believed to be of excessive weight will be tested
- 4) Soapboxes must not have sharp or protruding edges. No glass or other materials, that would shatter or cause injury to drivers or spectators in the event of a crash, can be used in the construction of a soapbox.
- 5) Motorcycle / racing Crash Helmets must be worn and must be road legal. Mountain bike helmets are not acceptable. Gloves, long sleeves and long trousers must be worn during racing
- 6) There must not be loose objects within or on the Soapbox. All components must be fixed firmly
- 7) There must be no sharp or protruding objects within the soapbox that would cause injury to the driver in the event of a crash.

## ***Recommendations***

We would strongly recommend wearing race suits, motorcycle clothing, or elbow and knee pads while racing. We would also recommend boots and full face helmets should be worn. Please be aware that soapboxes can travel at speed and driver protection is important.

We would also recommend that you can apply the brakes without removing your hands from the steering and that rope steering, although acceptable will be thoroughly checked for excessive play.

Please also be aware that large spoke bicycle wheels can be subject to collapse especially on corners and may need strengthening.

If you are concerned about any aspect of your soapbox and scrutineering you can contact the scrutineers before the race on

01233 720 166

On the day please contact the scrutineers,  
Martin, Andy or David with queries

More entry forms can be downloaded from our website at  
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