

## British Festivals Snowball Activity

coal carrying	The town of Gawthorpe, Yorkshire, holds the annual World Coal Carrying Championship, where competitors run for one mile while carrying a sack of coal on their shoulders.
pig racing	Bath Racecourse hosts this annual competition, where entrants race their speediest piglets. Courses include hurdles, jumps, etc., and the wonderfully named “Ham Tastic”.
cheese rolling	Every year on the second May bank holiday, people in Gloucestershire chase round cheeses down a hill. The winner gets the cheese; the losers get bumps and bruises!
bog snorkelling	The Welsh town of Llanwyrtd Wells hosts the annual bog snorkelling competition, where participants (often in fancy dress) race to negotiate 60 yard long trenches filled with mud and gloop.
gravy wrestling	440 gallons of gravy are used annually in Stacksteads, Lancashire, where people wrestle their opponents to the bottom of a paddling pool. Local firefighters hose down the competitors afterwards!
black pudding throwing	This event, staged in September near Bury, consists of contestants hurling black puddings at a pile of Yorkshire puddings set on a 20-foot-high plinth. Competitors have three attempts to knock down as many Yorkshire puddings as possible.
stone skipping	Hundreds of people attend this festival, in which stones must be skipped on the water at least 3 times for the skim to qualify. Children and the elderly (or the “old tossers” as they’re affectionately known) get their own subcategories.
tar barrel running	This yearly celebration in Ottery St. Mary, Devon, is far from safe. Locals carry flaming barrels of tar through the town on Fireworks Night, with the aim being to run for as far as possible before you have to drop the barrel due to fatigue or pain.
worm charming	The annual May Worm Charming Festival in Blackawton, Devon, is often praised for attracting a younger audience to this old sport. People compete to entice the most worms from the ground, in whatever way they choose.
tin bath racing	Competitors on the Isle of Man attempt to sail their tin baths over a 400m course. The winner is usually the one who sinks the furthest away from the starting line!
egg throwing	Every June in Lincolnshire, people compete in a variety of egg racing activities, such as catching eggs from across a river, or playing Russian Roulette by smashing eggs against your head and hoping you didn’t choose the raw one.
gurning	During the World World Gurning Championships, contestants must make themselves as ugly as possible by curling their lips and extending their jaws into a “gurn”. It has taken place annually in Egremont, Cumbria, since 1267.

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