

Traditional MILTON KEYNES

Looking ahead...

The Olney Pancake Race

Shrove Tuesday, 16th February 2010

Race for Life

5th & 6th June 2010



Pancake Race competitors c 1970s

A pancake and a kiss!

Since 1445, a pancake race has been run in Olney on Shrove Tuesday. Tradition has it that when the 'Shriving Bell' rang out (for Confession), a local housewife, who had been busy cooking pancakes for Lent, ran to the church still with frying pan in hand, still in her apron and headscarf. The women of Olney recreate this race every Shrove by running from the Market Place to the Church. The winner, on crossing the line, must toss her pancake and be greeted by the verger with the traditional kiss of peace.

(See www.mkheritage.co.uk/odhs)



Now, in addition, thousands of Milton Keynes women raise money for Cancer Research in the annual 'Race for Life'.

(See www.raceforlife.org)

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