

Strange and Wonderful

¡Hola! We are called Jack and Jamie, we live in the same area and we are both the same age. We are going to tell you about strange and wonderful British traditions and events.

Summer Solstice



The Summer Solstice is held in Wiltshire and is an English tradition that started at the time of the Celts. Many people come from around England to witness Encounters of the third kind which is held at Stonehenge. Stonehenge is a pre-historic monument that is made of large standing stones held in holes. It is a World Heritage site and was created in the year 8000BC. Traditionally druids mark the solstice but sometimes the event has had to be called off due to riots

Cheese rolling in Gloucestershire

In England we have the dare devil event of cheese rolling on Coopers Hill. Every year people throw themselves down hills chasing 7 or 8 pounds of cheese. It is held in the Spring Bank Holiday. The cheese can reach speeds of 112kp/h. The aim is to be the first person over the finish line and the first person wins their cheese. The event is broadcast across the UK.



Pubs

A pub is usually an old building that has been changed for social occasions and as a meeting place. It is a traditional part of our culture and there are 53,000 pubs in the UK. Pubs are known for great beer but now they serve more food and spirits than ever before. In the UK all pubs must be non-smoking inside. A classic pub meal is a pie



with peas, chips, salt and a pint of real ale.



Scotch Egg

A Scotch egg is a hard-boiled egg wrapped in sausage meat, coated in breadcrumbs, and deep-fried. Scotch eggs are usually eaten with a salad as a cold snack. They were invented in London in 1783. We usually have them in picnics and you can buy them in most food stores.



Bog Snorkeling



Snorkelers dive into a bog, wearing goggles, a pair of flippers and a snorkel; they then race each other along a 120ft peat bog. They are not allowed to use normal swimming strokes. A World Championships are held in a peat bog near Waen Rhydd in Wales every year. Thousands of pounds are raised for charities each year.

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