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**ASCOT RACECOURSE INVITES BERKSHIRE BUSINESSES TO ENTER THE
INAUGURAL BRITISH SAUSAGE ROLL CHAMPIONSHIPS AHEAD OF THE
AUTUMN RACING WEEKEND & ASCOT BEER FESTIVAL**



- Two-days of premier Flat racing alongside 200+ real ales, ciders and perries, in association with CAMRA
- Ascot launches the inaugural British Sausage Roll Championships
- The Great British Gin Festival returns for 2019 with more than 80 boutique gins from around the world
- Tickets from just £15pp for groups of 10+ or £19pp for individual advance tickets

Friday 4th & Saturday 5th October 2019

The Autumn Racing Weekend & Ascot Beer Festival returns to Ascot Racecourse on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th October offering racegoers barrels of racing fun for a 13th year.

The penultimate meeting of Ascot's Flat racing season offers a high-quality racecard and a choice of almost 200 real ales, ciders and perries as the Grandstand Concourse is transformed into one of

Berkshire's most comprehensive beer festivals, held in association with the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA).

Brand-new for 2019 Ascot is inviting Berkshire businesses to enter their tasty creations into the inaugural British Sausage Roll Championships as the racecourse searches for the region's best savoury snack.

Local pubs, cafes, bakeries and other foodie establishments are invited to get creative and enter their take on the much-loved British classic. From BBQ pulled pork and smoked cheese, to a Sunday roast-inspired creation. Flavours of the Mediterranean to a veggie plant-based masterpiece. Chicken, game, beef, black pudding or something on the sweet side – entrants are encouraged to think outside the box with this much-anticipated competition.

[Click here to enter your business into the British Sausage Roll Championships 2019.](#)

The finalists will be judged by a panel of experts and the winner announced following racing on Saturday 5th October. The winning recipe will be crowned the champion, awarded a trophy and named 'Sausage Roll of the Jumps Season' where it will be crafted and served by the Ascot team for the duration of the 2019/20 Jumps season.

Added oompah to the two-day event comes in the form of bratwurst, beer steins, lederhosen and dirndl, and traditional German music in the Ascot Bierhaus where racegoers can enjoy an exclusive table of six for the day for just £120 (admission not included).

If beer isn't your tippable of choice, the Great British Gin Festival will showcase more than 80 boutique gins from around the world, perfectly paired with premium Fever Tree mixers and garnishes to offer racegoers plenty of 'ginspiration'.

On the track, the feature race comes on Saturday in the shape of one of the most valuable sprint handicaps in the UK – The Challenge Cup. The £180,000 seven-furlong contest is always fiercely competitive with a close finish almost always guaranteed. Also on the card are two Group Three events including the John Guest Racing Bengough Stakes over six furlongs and the Cumberland Lodge Stakes over the 1m4f trip.

Jonathan Parker, Director of Food & Beverage at Ascot Racecourse, said: *"This is one of our most popular food and drink focused racedays and offers a fantastic atmosphere for individuals and groups of friends looking to sample an array of real ales, ciders, perries, and even gin! We're particularly looking forward to the addition of the first-ever British Sausage Roll Championships that will conclude after racing on the Saturday – partly because I am one of the judges. This is our last raceday before the finale of the European Flat Season here at the end of October, so it really is one of the last chances to enjoy the thrill of the Flat before Ascot's Jumps racing calendar kicks off."*

Admission starts from £15pp for advanced group bookings of 10+ or £19pp for advance individual tickets, including access to both the beer festival and racing.

Private Boxes available from £195+VATpp with Fine Dining packages from £207+VATpp.

For further information and to book visit www.ascot.co.uk/autumnracingweekend or call 0344 346 3000.

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