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YORKSHIRE DAY BALE RACE

The annual Yorkshire Day Straw Bale race gets underway at York Maze on Saturday 1 August.

The event, which has become a firm favourite amongst maze goers, has captured international media attention as one of the Britain's quirky sports alongside bog snorkelling and cheese rolling.

Says York farmer and inventor of the Straw Bale Race Tom Percy, "The aim is to roll a giant round bale of straw along a 50m course. I got my inspiration after moving round straw bales around the farm. This is the fourth year we have held the competition and we see people coming back year after year to take part."

There will be individual and team prizes with a special category for children. Racing will take place at York Maze throughout the afternoon on Yorkshire Day (Saturday 1 August), with the winners announced at the end of the day.

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Photographs

A Yorkshire tradition. In training for the Straw Bale race, taking place at York Maze on Yorkshire Day 1 August are Hannah (front) and Rachael (back) Newell from Huntington York.

Photographers are invited to come to York Maze between 1pm and 3pm on Saturday 1 August to capture Straw Bale racing in action.

Editors Notes

At 18 acres York Maze is the largest maze in Europe and one of the largest in the world.

The theme of the Maze this year marks the 40th anniversary of the first Apollo moon landing the design is a Astronaut 1000ft (300m) long. Open daily from Saturday 18 July to Sunday 6 September from 10am to 6.30pm (last admission 4.30pm). 2009 admission prices: Adult £7.95, Senior £7.45, Children (3-15) £6.95, Under 3s Free,

Family (2 adults and 2 children) £28.00. Free parking. York Maze Elvington Lane (B1228), York, YO19 5LT, just off the A1079 Hull Road. Telephone: 01904 415364, www.yorkmaze.co.uk

A-mazing facts

- 1.0 million plants are used to make York Maze
- York Maze covers 18 acres, the size of 8 football pitches
- Maize plants grow up to 3 metres tall in less than 10 weeks
- Maize, has many uses from corn flakes to batteries.

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