

Weekend

Family fun

FREE EVENT OF THE WEEK The Great Christmas Pudding Race

SEEING as you're going to be in Covent Garden shopping anyway, nipping into the Apple Store for something nice for yourself, testing make-up on the back of your hand from the Burberry or Chanel shop or even trying out the new Ivy on the Piazza, you might as well let the kids think it's all about them. And that's where the annual Great Christmas Pudding Race comes in. Now in its 35th year, the Great Christmas Pudding Race is a fundraising event for Cancer Research UK - but

It's also a big pre-Chrimbo muck about with people, many of them dressed as Santa, running around a course with some Christmas puddings. Nuttiness! Add to that music from jazz trio Viva La Bop, some daft stuff

from a stage and activities for children and you have a great day out that just happens to be right where you want to be for your Christmas shopping. With plenty of opportunities for feeding and watering, and toilets right there on the Piazza, it's the cheap and easy Christmas day out - and if some money finds its way to Cancer Research UK, then so much the better.

Tomorrow, Covent Garden, London, xmaspuddingrace.org.uk



Run-up to Christmas: Santa Dash in Battersea Park last year

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Santa's gone on the run