

Pork pie enthusiasts will be "meating for a mouth-watering competition in Ripponden this Weekend. The popular charity pork pie contest will see butchers from across the country competing for the glory of being crowned champion pie maker.

The event, sponsored by Timothy Taylor Championship Beers, is organised by the Pork Pie Appreciation Society, and will be held at The Old Bridge Inn in the village on Saturday.

Organiser Kevin Booth said the competition would be in three rounds to whittle the pies down to a final 10. Guest judges include Ripponden Parish Council chairman

Geraldine Carter and Brighouse artist Peter Brook and they will be expected to munch their way through about 40 entries.

And the secret to a winner is, according to pie connoisseur and society member Stuart Booth, freshness, look, biscuity pastry and a peppery after taste.

The 11th annual event will raise money for Overgate Hospice, Elland, and judging will start at 2.30 pm. The top four pie makers will receive a trophy, and the overall winner will receive £100 from the sponsors.

For further information or an entry form, contact Mr Booth on 07740246172.