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Although 1..... British are more health-conscious than they used to be, many of them still like to eat 2..... bacon for breakfast once or twice 3..... week. But most are unaware that there is 4..... unusual custom surrounding bacon. 5..... custom is known to date back hundreds of years to 6..... 13th century or even earlier.

According to tradition, 7..... married couple could win a large piece of bacon if they could prove to a judge that they had not regretted their marriage or had 8..... argument for at least 9..... year and 10..... day. In one town, Dunmow, 11..... couple had to kneel on sharp stones and say 12..... special poem which ended with the lines: 'For this is our custom at Dunmow well known, Though the pleasure be ours, the bacon's your own.' After 13..... poem, there was a noisy parade around town. Dunmow claims to be the only town in 14..... Britain which still continues 15..... tradition to this day.