

# Rochester: May Day Sweeps Festival: Morris Dancing, an English tradition.

To Rochester, where we like to go every May if we can for at least one day of the annual Sweeps Festival of folk music, dancing (especially Morris dancing) traditional crafts and family fun.

There was the usual range of Morris dancing.



Traditional Cotswold.



Molly Dancing, often disguised (aka guising, faces camouflaged or dressed as a lady) so as not to be apprehended for vagrancy later. I touched on this in my first long post back in 2006