



ROCHESTER 2011 *30 April, 1 and 2 May*
SWEEPS FESTIVAL

CELEBRATING 31 YEARS WITH A COLOURFUL MIX OF **MUSIC**, **DANCING**
AND **ENTERTAINMENT**, FREE FOR ALL THE FAMILY.



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WELCOME

This year we mark 31 years of Rochester's Sweeps Festival. Over the years this festival, with its Morris dancing, music and ever-expanding activities, has become one of the most established May festivals in Europe.

It hardly seems possible that it's 31 years since local businessman Gordon Newton revived the spring celebration that originally began 400 years ago when children were used as chimney sweeps.

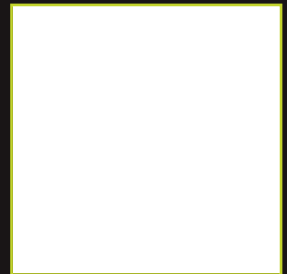
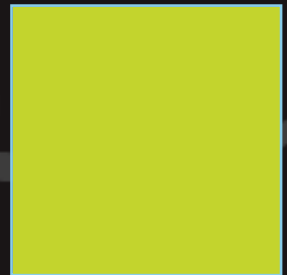
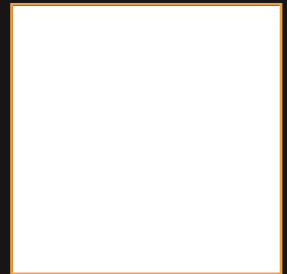
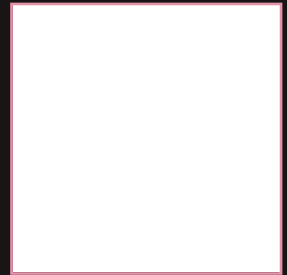
The festival recreates the joy and laughter enjoyed by the chimney sweeps on their traditional holiday. It was the one time of the year that the sweeps could leave the soot behind and have some fun by parading through Rochester.

Their fun also involved the Jack-in-the-Green ceremony. Jack was a huge character who they used to awaken at dawn on Blue Bell Hill, Chatham.

In 1981 keen historian Gordon Newton decided it was time to bring the festival back and over the years he has helped develop it into what it is today – an extravaganza of traditional Britain.

Today Gordon is festival producer and plays the melodeon for several of the Morris teams. Meanwhile Doug Hudson is the festival's music director, a role he has held for many years. Medway Council's Events Team organises the event.

As Rochester's Sweeps Festival marks its 31st year, it is fitting that it has become the largest May Day celebration of its kind in the country.



FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Gigs take place in Rochester Castle Gardens marquee



Saturday, 30 April, 7.30pm

Eliza Carthy and Band with special guest Martin Carthy.

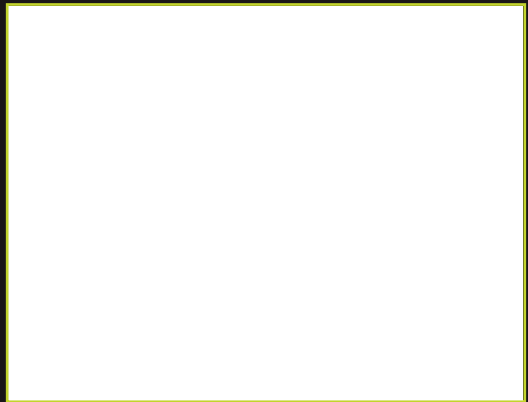
Musician, singer, producer, curator, multi-prize winner, scion of a UK folk royal family, Eliza is one of the UK's pre-eminent modern musicians. She is well known not just for her 20 years performing folk, but also her numerous innovative boundary-crossing projects and collaborations. Special guest Martin Carthy has been one of folk music's greatest innovators. His skill, stage presence and natural charm have won him many admirers, not only from within the folk scene, but also far beyond it. **Tickets: £18**

Sunday, 1 May, 7.30pm

Show of Hands

After a busy 2010 touring major concert venues, churches and cathedrals, hot property band Show of Hands - 2010 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards double winners - comes to the Sweeps Festival, showing just why they have been showered with accolades.

Tickets: £18



To buy tickets or for more information on any of these gigs visit
www.whatsonmedway.co.uk or phone 01634 338338



FESTIVAL GUIDE

New New for 2011

We always aim to bring you a new experience at Rochester's Sweeps Festival, so we have highlighted additions to the festival, making it easier for you to spot what's new for 2011. Why not sample something new, as well as all your old favourites.

Throughout the festival

10am-5pm

High Street – Performances from morris sides from around the country

Princes Hall, Corn Exchange – Traditional musical instrument fair

Rochester Castle Gardens

Children's traditional fun fair, real ale tent, stalls, Dutch traditional herring smoking by Rene Godvliet and concert marquee

10am-4pm

MINI PSYCHIC FAIR

New

Psychic/Clairvoyant – Raymond Worthy*
Raymond believes that the angels speak through him. His gifts give him the unique opportunity to have a positive effect on the lives of others

Astrology and Tarot – Demian Allan*

Demian's aim is to help others to lead a more rewarding spiritual life

**Please note: There is no guaranteed or certain results and is for the purposes of amusement/entertainment.*

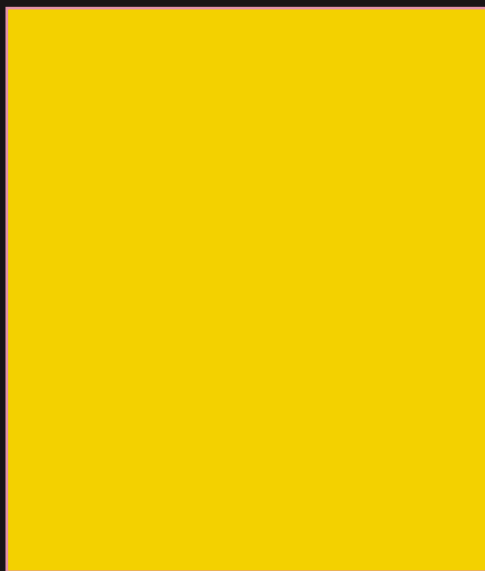
10am-5pm

NYR Organic Products – Organic skincare and cosmetics from Neal's Yard Remedies.

Mini facials and hand massages - £10 for 15 minute session

10am-5pm

Mini music fair hosted by Recollect Records – all types of records, CDs, DVDs, memorabilia and rarities



Friday 29 April - Pre-festival entertainment

7.30pm

Gordon Hotel – Songs of Love, Royalty and Weddings

A competition to find a song for the Royal Wedding

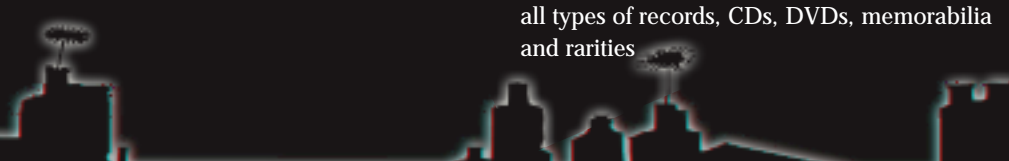
Coopers Arms – Pre-festival playalong with PJ

New

8.45 – 11pm

Prince of Wales, Strood – Sur Les Docks

Good Intent – Singaround session with John Barden



Eastgate House

10am – 5pm

New

Rochester Country Market

Home baked cakes and pastries as well as home produced jam, chutney and honey. Also based in Rochester weekly throughout the year.

In the gardens: Rochester Coffee Co will be serving afternoon tea, cream teas and a selection of treats.

Saturday, 30 April

10.45am

Guildhall Museum Forecourt, High Street

The Mayor of Medway will officially open the festival, followed by a dance showcase

10.30am – 5pm

BOLEY HILL VILLAGE, STAGE

Foolproof, No Worries, McManigan Academy of Irish Dancers, The Portraits, Fabulous Fezheads, Motely, Funke & The Two Tone Baby, Luke Jackson

Rochester Coffee Co will be serving freshly filtered wholebean coffee, teas, soft drinks and cream tea

11.30am – 5pm

City Wall Wine Bar, stage

Music hosted by Pigs Ear accompanied by guests, No Worries, Funke & The Two Tone Baby, Foolproof, The Portraits

11am – 5pm

Corn Exchange, bar

Singaround session with Bob and Kathy Drage

12.30-2pm

The Crown Inn – Prefect Strangers

The Eagle Tavern – Moveable Feast

Gordon House Hotel – Bounty Hounds

Two Brewers – Happy Trails

Prince of Wales, Strood – Phoenix

Expectations – Open Harp Surgery

Kings Head – Chimney Boys

Good Intent – Singaround with Ruff N'Reddy

Especially for Children

Rochester Castle Gardens

Ticklish Allsorts presents:

Saturday, 30 April

1-2pm Hallow Show – fun and games

2-4pm Punch and Judy show

4-5pm Parachute games

Sunday, 1 May

10.30am – 12noon Make 'n' take workshops, making Sweeps Festival costumes and props

1-2pm Dancing and music games

3-5pm Punch and Judy show, followed by parachute games

Monday, 2 May

10.30am – 12noon Costume prop workshops for afternoon procession

2-2.45pm Children from the workshop gather ready to take part in the parade

4-5pm Farewell show, concert marquee

Monday, 2 May

10am - 12noon and 12.30 - 4.30pm

New

MAKENDOO craft workshops

Come along, join in and make masks, hats and banners so you're ready for the procession at 2.45pm

1-2pm

Rochester Castle Gardens, concert marquee
– Los Salvadores

1-3pm

Ye Arrow – Ian Petrie Band

2-4pm

Man of Kent Alehouse – Pierre Vincent

2.15pm

Outside Medway Visitor Information Centre
Free guided walking tour of Rochester led by the City of Rochester Society. The tour will last for approx. 90 minutes

2.30-4pm

Rochester Castle Gardens, concert marquee
Concert with Truckstop Honeymoon

3-5pm

Coopers Arms – Chris Taylor (Irish music session)
Gordon House Hotel – McManigan Academy of Irish Dancers (until 3.30pm)

3-6pm

Expectations – Roy Golding

4-6pm

The Crown Inn – Open Harp Surgery
Eagle Tavern – Thee Waltons
Ye Arrow – Chimney Boys
Kings Head – J.D. & The Longfellows
Gordon House Hotel – Tanglefoot Appalachian (until 5.30pm)

6-6.30pm

Gordon House Hotel – Luke Jackson

6-8pm

Expectations – The Bounty Hounds

7.30-10pm

Man of Kent Alehouse – Sur Les Docks

8.45-11pm

Gordon House Hotel – Los Salvadores and Moveable Feast
Prince of Wales, Strood – Happy Trails
Good Intent – Singaround with John Barden
Two Brewers – Phoenix
Coopers Arms – Playalong session with P.J

Sunday, 1 May

5.32am (dawn)

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11am-5pm

Corn Exchange, bar – Singaround session with Bob and Kathy Drage

11.30am-5pm

City Wall Wine Bar, stage

Music hosted by Pigs Ear accompanied by guests Border Crossing, Louise Jordan, Hog Eye Men, Rustic Ramblers

12.30-1.30pm

Rochester Castle Gardens, concert marquee

The Fabulous Fezheads

12.30-2.30pm

The Crown Inn – Junk & Disorderly

The Eagle Tavern – Sur Les Docks

Gordon House Hotel – Truckstop Honeymoon

Two Brewers – Skinners Rats

Prince of Wales, Strood – The Biggin

Hillbillies

Expectations – Green Diesel

Kings Head – Atlantic Currants

Good Intent – Singaround with John Barden

1-3pm

Ye Arrow – Bubble Band

2-4pm

Man of Kent Alehouse – Galley Beggar

2.15pm

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2.45-4.15pm

Rochester Castle Gardens, concert marquee

Concert with Toby, Soph & Callum



3-5pm

Coopers Arms – Chris Taylor (Irish music session)

3-7pm

Expectations – Roy Golding

Good Intent – Gastove Special (Celebration of the guitar)

4-6pm

The Crown Inn – Green Diesel

The Eagle Tavern – Skinners Rats

Kings Head – Hobo Jones & The Junkyard Dogs

Gordon House Hotel – Tanglefoot Appalachian (until 5.30pm)

6-6.30pm

Gordon House Hotel – Didi Bergman

7.30-10pm

Coopers Arms – Playalong session with PJ

8-11pm

Gordon House Hotel – Sur Les Docks and the Singing Loins

8.45-11pm

Expectations – Phoenix

Man of Kent Alehouse – Truckstop Honeymoon

Prince of Wales, Strood – Rustic Ramblers

Good Intent – Singaround with John Barden

Two Brewers – Sons of Kirk



Monday, 2 May

Family Street Entertainment

New

Look out for family street entertainment throughout the high street. From jugglers to magicians and other family based street activities

11am – 2.30pm

Corn Exchange, bar – Singaround session with Bob and Kathy Drage

11.30am – 5pm

BOLEY HILL VILLAGE, STAGE

New

– Music from No Worries, Stern John and Missouri Gutts

Rochester Coffee Co will be serving freshly filtered wholebean coffee, teas, soft drinks and cream tea

11.30am – 2.30pm

City Wall Wine Bar, stage

Music hosted by Pigs Ear accompanied by guests

12.30-2.30pm

The Crown Inn – Pierre Vincent

Eagle Tavern – The Bounty Hounds

Gordon House Hotel – The Hot Rats

Prince of Wales, Strood – Junk & Disorderly

Expectations – Skinners Rats

Man of Kent Alehouse – Toby, Soph & Callum

Two Brewers – Greg McDonald &

Gemma Gayner

Kings Head – Phoenix

Good Intent – Singaround with Ruff 'n' Reddy

Ye Arrow – Happy Trails

1-2pm

Rochester Castle Gardens, concert marquee

– Cocos Lovers in Concert

2.15pm

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the City of Rochester Society. The tour will last for approx. 90 minutes

2.45pm

Rochester Sweeps Festival's traditional bank holiday procession

The finale to the Sweeps Festival 2011 will involve many Morris sides, chimney sweeps and Jack-in-the-Green. The procession will start in Rochester Castle Gardens and move through The Esplanade, Rochester High Street, Crow Lane, Vines Lane, St Margaret's Street, Boley Hill, Epaul Lane and back into Rochester Castle Gardens

3-4pm

Rochester Castle Gardens, concert marquee

– The Village Preservation Society

3-7pm

Expectations – Roy Golding



Thanks

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Rochester Cathedral service and event times

Saturday, 30 April

8am Morning Prayer
8.30am Holy Communion
2.15pm Choir rehearsal
3.15pm Choral Evensong
*10am-5pm Encountering
the Angels

Sunday, 1 May

8am Holy Communion
9.45am Mattins
10.30am Eucharist with Baptism
2.15pm Choir rehearsal

3.15pm Choral Evensong
5.45pm Organ concert
*10am-5pm Encountering
the Angels

Monday, 2 May

9.10am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Communion
1pm Organ recital
2.15pm Choir rehearsal
3.15pm Evensong
*10am-5pm Encountering
the Angels

**Held throughout the day - offering readings from the Jesus Deck, foot and hand massage and prayer for healing in the Christian tradition*

MUSICAL BIOGS

Truckstop Honeymoon – Plays tough, funny, high-octane songs about interstates, pinball arcades and true love. Katie Euliss pounds a doghouse bass while Mike West punishes a banjo mercilessly. Together they charm festival crowds and drive roadhouse drinkers to the dance floor.

Sur Les Docks – Dynamic Dunkerque based French folk/rock seven-piece band.

Cocos Lovers – Featuring violin, tenor banjo, mandolin, guitars, flute and ukulele. The intricate musicianship is fused with lush harmonies, which make for a rich, dynamic and interesting sound.

Hot Rats - Festival favourites feature Ian Cutler's world-class fiddle playing.

Thee Waltons – Crazy band of Gravesend musicians with a unique blend of vegabilly and cross dressing.

Chimney Boys – Six middle-class youngsters from Canterbury taking the folk scene by storm.

Green Diesel – Folk, funk, klezmer, jazz and Morris dancing from another young band of Kentish songsters.

Luke Jackson – Superb teenage songwriter whose songs tell of the angst of growing up.

The Bounty Hounds – Suffolk-based folk/rock band.

Los Salvadores – Original young band who use violin and French Horn to augment great harmonies.

John Barden – Singaround supremo and charismatic figure who encourages others to play.

J.D. & The Longfellows – Cajun rock at its best.

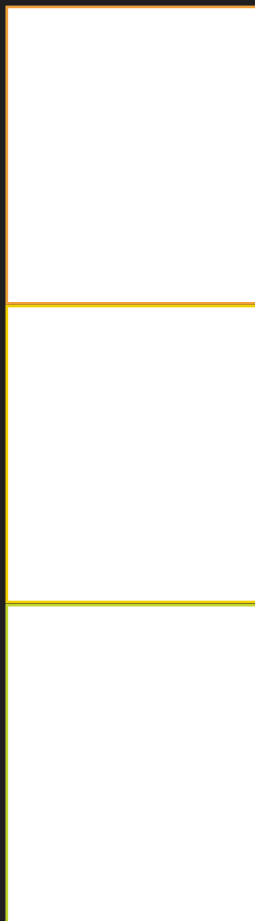
Border Crossing – Old fashioned singing and playing in the traditional vein.

Hog-Eye Men - Shanties and sea-songs both traditional and new. Simple, rhythmic, often loud.



FESTIVAL DANCE LIST

Morris sides
will be
performing
throughout
the High
Street



Name	County	Type of dance
Alive & Kicking	Essex	North West Morris
Bacchus Border Morris	London	Border Morris
Baldock Midnight Morris	Hertfordshire	Cotswold Morris
Bedfordshire Lace	Bedfordshire	Cotswold Morris
Bishop Gundolfs Morris	Kent	North West Clog
Bishop Gundolfs Longsword	Kent	Longsword
Blackhorse & Standard	London	North West Clog
Black Pig Border Morris	Nottinghamshire	Border Morris
Boekka Border Morris	Cornwall	Border Morris
Bows 'n' Bells	Essex	North West Clog
Bury Fair Ladies Morris	Suffolk	Cotswold Morris
Chiltern Hundreds	Middlesex	North West Clog
Cockleshell Clog	Essex	North West Clog
Copperfield Clog	Kent	North West Clog
Dacre Morris	London	Cotswold
Dark Horse Morris	Essex	Border Morris
Dead Horse Morris	Kent	Kentish Blackface
East Kent Morris	Kent	Cotswold
Fabulous Fezheads	The Kingdom of Fez	Sand Dancers
Fox's Morris	Warwickshire	Border Morris
Frog Island Morris	Kent	Cotswold Morris
Gong Scourers	Kent	Border Morris
Green Dragon Morris	Cambridgeshire	Border Morris
Greenwich Morris	London	Cotswold Morris
Hands Around	Essex	Border/Cotswold
Harwich Morris	Essex	Cotswold Morris
Hertfordshire Holly	Hertfordshire	North West Clog
Hunters Moon Morris	East Sussex	Border Morris
Invicta Morris	Kent	Cotswold Morris
Kent Korkers	Kent	North West Morris
Pork Scratchins	Kent	Border Morris
Kits Coty Morris	Kent	Cotswold Morris
Lady Bay Revellers	Nottinghamshire	Cotswold Morris
Loose Women	Kent	Border Morris
Maenads	Kent	Border Morris
Maldon Green Jackets	Essex	Cotswold Morris
Manor Mill Morris	Cambridgeshire	North West Clog
Marlings Morris	Kent	North West Clog
Maybe Morris	West Sussex	Ubiquitous
Merrydowners Morris	Middlesex	Cotswold
Minster Mayhems Morris	Kent	Morris/Maypole
Motley Morris	Kent	Border Morris
Mutineers	Leicestershire	Mutiny Morris
Mythago	West Sussex	Border Morris
Obby Oss Dance Group	Cornwall	Cornish Tradition
Offcunduns	Kent	North West Clog

Name

Oojah Kappivvy
 Oyster Girls Morris
 Poacher Morris
 Pretty Grim Morris
 Priory Morris
 Pump House Clog
 Rampant Rooster
 Ravensbourne Morris
 Rising Larks
 Rockingham Rapper
 Royal Liberty Morris
 Sheppey Beaver Groups
 Slubbing Billy's
 Soken Molly Gang
 St Clements Clogs
 Stockport Morris
 Wadard Morris
 The Wild Hunt
 Westrefelda Morris
 Witchmen
 Wolfshead
 Vixen
 Young Miscellaneous

County

Sussex
 Isle of Wight
 Lincolnshire
 Suffolk
 Essex
 Hertfordshire
 Surrey
 Kent
 Essex
 Cambridgeshire
 Essex
 Kent
 Yorkshire
 Essex
 Kent
 Cheshire
 Kent
 Surrey
 Suffolk
 Northamptonshire
 Kent
 Kent
 Hertfordshire

Type of dance

Border Morris
 North West Clog
 Border Morris
 Border Morris
 Border Morris
 North West Clog
 Cotswold Morris
 Cotswold Morris
 North West Clog
 Rapper
 Cotswold/Border
 Sweeps
 North West Morris
 Molly Dancing
 North West Clog
 North West Clog
 Cotswold
 Bedlam Morris
 Cotswold Morris
 Border Morris
 Border Morris
 Border Morris
 Multiple Traditions

What's on

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Dickens Festival	3, 4 and 5 June
Fuse Festival	17 – 19 June
Castle Concerts	13 – 16 July
Will Adams	10 September
Bonfire Night	5 November
Dickensian Christmas	3 and 4 December

£250
 voucher

