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Sherington's Maypole Dance

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May 2010



Sherington May Day dancers 2008

A dance, a race and a yard of ale!

Every year on Mayday Bank Holiday, the whole village gathers around the Knoll to celebrate the rites of spring and dance around the maypole. The dancing is led by the children from Sherington First School. The dancing is then traditionally followed by a race – like a fun-run. The Yard of Ale competition comes next: the 'Yard' is a long tubular glass vessel with a bulbous end that can hold 2½ pints of beer, and this has to be drunk in the quickest time (approx 13 seconds) 'generally by one of the young blades of the village.'

(See www.mkheritage.co.uk/shhs/mayday)



Sherington May Day dancers c 1960s

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