

ROCHESTER SWEEPS FESTIVAL

SAT, 2 SUN, 3 AND
MON, 4 MAY 2026
10AM-6PM



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FOLK MUSIC AND DANCE

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OF ORIGINAL FOLK

TF TRADITIONAL & HARMONY GROUPS

WR WORLD ROOTS

FR FOLK ROCK

FC FOLK COMEDY

CB CELTIC BANDS

S SINGER/SONGWRITERS

IF INDIE FOLK

P PERCUSSION

TD TRADITIONAL DANCE

CF CONTEMPORARY FOLK

C CLASSICAL

IA EXTERNAL INDEPENDENTLY BOOKED ACTS

THURSDAY, 30 APRIL

Time	Location		Band/Artist/Activity
7.30pm	Three Sheets To The Wind Public House	IA	Secrets of the Alcove*
8pm	Three Sheets To The Wind Public House	IA	IO*
9pm	Three Sheets To The Wind Public House	IA	Angered Kenneth*

FRIDAY, 1 MAY

7.30pm	The Rising Sun Public House	IA	Rosie, Guitch & Friends*
8pm	Three Sheets to the Wind Public House	IA	Spider Baby*
8pm	Nags Head Public House	IA	Staggered Ray*
9.15pm	Three Sheets to the Wind Public House	IA	Black Ship*
9.15pm	Nags Head Public House	IA	Staggered Ray*

SATURDAY, 2 MAY

10.45am	Guildhall Museum Forecourt	TF	The Mayor of Medway will officially open the festival, which will be followed by a dance showcase
11am	Castle Gardens Main Stage	TF	Mokum
11am	Boley Hill Stage	OF	Morklake
11am	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	S	Rosie & Guitch
11am	Eastgate Stage	S	Andy Smythe Band
11am	Guildhall Museum Chambers Room	TF	Kimber's Men
11.30am	Rochester Cathedral Nave	C	Jacob Bride's 'Mercurial V'
12noon	Guildhall Museum Forecourt	TF	A Brief History of Sweeps (Interactive Children's Theatre)
12noon	Castle Gardens Main Stage	TD	The Fabulous Fezheads
12noon	Boley Hill Stage	CF	Paul Corcoran
12noon	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	CF	Snooze You Lose
12noon	Eastgate Stage	TF	Pearly Kings and Queens
12.30pm	Rochester Corn Exchange - Queens Hall	IF	Theatre Royal

*ENTERTAINMENT SUBJECT TO CHANGES

12.30pm	Eagle Tavern Public House	CF	Crazy Water Common*
12.30pm	Coopers Arms Inn Public House	WR	Ian Petrie & Sue Hudson
12.30pm	The Granville Public House	CF	From The Workshop
12.45pm	Eastgate Stage	S	Nick Lawrence
12.45pm	Boley Hill Stage	CF	George Washbourn
1pm	Queen Charlotte Public House	WR	Henty & Bennett*
1pm	La Providence Stage	IA	Dryadic*
1pm	The Rising Sun Public House	IA	Naomi Ost*
1pm	Castle Gardens Main Stage	WR	Doug Hudson Band (Formally Hot Rats)
1pm	Three Sheets To The Wind Public House	TF	Hartley Morris Singers
1pm	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	S	Henry Sparks
1pm	Ye Arrow Public House	FR	Kindred
1pm	Queen Charlotte Public House	WR	Henty & Bennett*
1.30pm	Eastgate Stage	FC	Pretending People Band
1.45pm	Boley Hill Stage	P	Raven Drummers
1.45pm	Rochester Corn Exchange - Queens Hall	TD	Nula Sullivan Academy of Irish Dance
2pm	Guildhall Museum Chambers Room	TF	St George & The Dragon Mummers Play with the Kentish Hooden Horses
2pm	Castle Gardens Stage	TF	Pearly Kings & Queens
2pm	Bodega 51	S	Andy Smyth Band
2pm	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	CF	Morrison/Jones
2pm	Three Sheets To The Wind Public House	FC	Devil's Prefects
2pm	The Rising Sun Public House	IA	Gumbo*
2.10pm	Boley Hill Stage	IF	South Shore
2.15pm	La Providence Stage	IA	Ragged Magpie*
2.15pm	From outside the Huguenot Museum		City of Rochester Society Walking Tour of Historic Rochester begins (90 minutes)
2.30pm	Rochester Corn Exchange - Queens Hall	IA	Kimber's Men
2.45pm	Eastgate Stage	TD	Nula Sullivan Academy of Irish Dance
3pm	Guildhall Museum Forecourt	TF	A Brief History of Sweeps (Interactive Children's Theatre)
3pm	Castle Gardens Stage	FR	Shanakee
3pm	Boley Hill Stage	CB	Fire & Ice
3pm	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	S	Nick Lawrence
3pm	Three Sheets To The Wind Public House	P	Raven Drummers
3pm	Queen Charlotte Public House	IA	Zac Schulze Band *
3.30pm	Guildhall Museum Chambers Room	TF	St George & The Dragon Mummers Play with the Kentish Hooden Horses
3.30pm	Rochester Corn Exchange - Queens Hall	TF	Pytchwood
3.30pm	La Providence Stage	IA	William Harper*
3.30pm	Eastgate Stage	CB	George Washbourn & Matthew English
3.30pm	The Granville Public House	CB	Bellibone Rig*
3.50pm	Boley Hill Stage	TF	The Hartley Singers

4pm	Castle Gardens Main Stage	WR	Black Ship
4pm	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	CF	Paul Corcoran
4pm	Bodega 51	S	Rosie Eade Band ft Guitch
4pm	Eagle Tavern Public House	FC	Thee Scarecrows
4pm	Ye Arrow Public House	TD	The Fabulous Fezheads
4pm	Three Sheets to the Wind Public House	IA	The John Golding Hyperactive Distractions*
4.30pm	Eastgate Stage	TF	Kimbers Men
4.30pm	Boley Hill Stage	S	Henry Sparks
4.30pm	The Rising Sun Public House	IA	Bad Pennies*
4.45pm	La Providence Stage	IA	Luna Barge*
4.45pm	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	CF	CJ & Dave Reay
5pm	Queen Charlotte Public House	IA	Fate the Juggler*
5pm	Olivers Wine Bar & Restaurant	WR	Henty & English
5pm	Rochester Corn Exchange - Queens Hall	P	Raven Drummers
5.30pm	The Granville Public House	FR	Shanakee
5.45pm	La Providence Stage	IA	Dog 'Ole Acoustic*
6pm	Three Sheets To The Wind Public House	IA	These Guilty Men*
6pm	The Rising Sun Public House	TF	Kimber's Men
7pm	Ye Arrow Public House	CF	Mokum
7.30pm	Three Sheets To The Wind Public House	IF	Theatre Royal*
8pm	The Rising Sun Public House	WR	Black Ship
8pm	Nags Head	IA	David-James Rumsey Band*
8.30pm	Coopers Arms Public House	IA	The Oakland Brothers*
8.30pm	Two Brewers Public House	S	Rosie Eade band
9pm	Three Sheets to the Wind	IF	The Singing Loins*
9pm	Queen Charlotte Public House	IA	Barnfire*
9.30pm	The Rising Sun Public House	FC	Thee Scarecrows

SUNDAY, 3 MAY

11am	Guildhall Museum Chambers Room	OF	Sally Ironmonger & Brian Carter
11am	Castle Gardens Main Stage	WR	The Old Country Crows
11am	Eastgate Stage	CF	From the Workshop
11am	Boley Hill Stage	TF	Broomdasher
11am	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	IF	Milton Hide
11.45am	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	CF	CJ & Dave Reay
12noon	Castle Gardens Main Stage	S	Rosie Eade Band
12noon	Boley Hill Stage	CF	Caramellos
12noon	Eastgate Stage	S	Graham Corbould
12noon	Guildhall Museum Forecourt	TF	A Brief History of Sweeps (Interactive Children's Theatre)
12.15pm	Eastgate Stage	TD	Morena
12.30pm	Rochester Corn Exchange - Queens Hall	IF	Luna Barge

12.30pm	La Providence Stage	IA	Calgarry to open - Pass the Hat Busking - All Welcome*
12.30pm	The Granville Public House	WR	Henty & English
12.30pm	Coopers Arms Public House	TF	Four Gone Confusion
12.30pm	Boley Hill Stage	S	Bob Kenward
12.30pm	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	WR	Esperantza
12.30pm	Eagle Tavern Public House	FR	Kindred
1pm	Castle Gardens Main Stage	TD	The Fabulous Fezheads
1pm	Eastgate Stage	WR	Black Ship
1pm	Boley Hill Stage	CB	Ian Petrie & Sue Hudson
1pm	Ye Arrow Public House	WR	The Old Country Crows
1pm	Chertseys Gate	P	Drumskullz
1pm	Rochester Adult Library	IF	Inside Out: Selected readings of Chris Broderick with music from The Singing Loins ... (Book launch)
1pm	The Rising Sun Public House	IA	The Journeymen *
1.15pm	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	IF	David Demetriou
1.30pm	Castle Gardens Main Stage	FC	Pretending People Band
1.30pm	Queen Charlotte Public House	IA	Azzlan*
1.45pm	Boley Hill Stage	TD	Sovicka
2pm	Guildhall Museum Chambers Room	TF	St George & The Dragon Mummers Play with the Kentish Hooden Horses
2pm	Castle Gardens Main Stage	TF	Kimbers Men
2pm	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	CF	Pytchwood
2pm	Bodega 51	CF	From the Workshop
2.15pm	Boley Hill Stage	WR	Tanpura Knights
2.15pm	From outside the Huguenot Museum		City of Rochester Society Walking Tour of Historic Rochester begins (90 minutes)
2.15pm	Eastgate Stage	IF	South Shore
2.45pm	Rochester Corn Exchange - Queens Hall	P	Drumskullz
3pm	Guildhall Museum Forecourt	TF	A Brief History of Sweeps (Interactive Children's Theatre)
3pm	Queen Charlotte Public House	CB	Bellibone Rig*
3pm	Castle Gardens Main Stage	WR	Beard Conspiracy
3pm	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	TF	Broomdasher
3pm	Boley Hill Stage	IF	David Demetriou
3pm	Rochester Corn Exchange - Queens Hall	TF	Pytchwood
3pm	Three Sheets To The Wind Pubic House	IA	Martin Gallagher*
3.15pm	Eastgate Stage	TD	Sovicka
3.30pm	Boley Hill Stage	TD	Morena
3.30pm	La Providence Stage	IF	William Harper*
3.30pm	The Granville Public House	IF	Milton Hide
3.30pm	Guildhall Museum Chambers Room	TF	St George & The Dragon Mummers Play with the Kentish Hooden Horses

3.35pm	Rochester Corn Exchange - Queens Hall	TD	McManigan Academy of Irish Dance
3.55pm	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	CF	Caramellos
4pm	Eagle Tavern Public House	CB	Ian Petrie Band
4pm	Bodega 51	WR	Henty & English
4pm	Ye Arrow Public House	TF	Mokum
4pm	Eastgate Stage	P	Drumskullz
4pm	The Rising Sun Public House		Paul Corcoran & Dill Tasker
4pm	Three Sheets to The Wind Public House	IA	Mitchell Lane*
4pm	The Rising Sun Public House		Paul Corcoran & Dill Tasker
4pm	Rochester Corn Exchange - Queens Hall	TF	Pytchwood
4.15pm	Castle Gardens Main Stage	IF	The Singing Loins
4.15pm	Boley Hill Stage	CB	George Washbourn & Matthew English
4.30pm	Eastgate Stage	TD	Nulla Sullivan Academy of Irish Dance
4.30pm	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	CF	CJ
4.30pm	Coopers Arms Public House	WR	Tanpura Knights
5pm	Three Sheets To The Wind Public House	IF	The Medway Rakes*
5pm	Queen Charlotte Public House	IA	Frisky in the Bar*
5.30pm	The Granville Public House	FR	Kindred
6pm	Three Sheets To The Wind Public House	IA	The Missing Persons List*
6.45pm	Three Sheets to The Wind Public House	IA	The Sleepers*
7.30pm	Three Sheets to The Wind Public House	FR	Shanakee
8pm	The Rising Sun Public House	IF	The Medway Rakes
8pm	Nag's Head Public House	IA	Barnfire
8.30pm	Coopers Arms Public House	CB	Bellibone Rig
9pm	Three Sheets to the Wind Public House	IA	Gypskazz*
9.30pm	The Rising Sun Public House	IF	The Singing Loins

COMPERE - Graham Woodward Main Stage Monday

Sports and Event Presenter and Voice of England Cricket



MONDAY, 4 MAY

10.30am	Castle Gardens Main Stage		International Showcase - Gurkha Nepalese Community Medway
10.55am	Castle Gardens Main Stage		International Showcase - Baba Fateh Singh - Gatka Academy
11am	Guildhall Museum Chambers Room	IF	Ashen Keys plus Four Gone Confession
11am	Eastgate Stage	TD	Tribal Banshees
11am	Boley Hill Stage	TF	Mokum
11am	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	CB	George Washbourn
11am	Rochester Cathedral Crypt (Ithamar Chapel)	TF	Silver Darlings
11am	Guildhall Museum Chamber Room	IF	The Ashen Keys plus Four Gone Confusion
11.20am	Eastgate Stage	S	Graham Corbould

11.20am	Castle Gardens Main Stage		International Showcase - MJ Prise
11.45am	Eastgate Stage	WR	Beard Conspiracy
11.45am	Boley Hill Stage	CF	Mojo Rising
12noon	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	S	Sam Brothers
12noon	Castle Gardens Main Stage	TF	International Showcase - A Brief History of Sweeps (Interactive Children's Theatre)
12.30pm	The Rising Sun Public House	WR	Doug Hudson Band (Formerly Hot Rats)
12.30pm	Boley Hill Stage	TD	McManigan Academy of Irish Dance
12.55pm	Castle Gardens Main Stage		International Showcase - Bulgarians in Kent
12.55pm	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	CF	Jaqdor
1pm	Eastgate Stage	IF	Horse Thieves
1.15pm	Boley Hill Stage	TF	Hog Eye Men
1.20pm	Castle Gardens Main Stage		International Showcase - Romano Khamoro
1.30pm	Castle Gardens Main Stage	FC	Pretending People Band
1.30pm	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	CF	CJ & Dave Reay
1.30pm	Cathedral Crypt (Ithamar Chapel)	TF	Mokum
2pm	Eastgate Stage	TF	Theatre Box Choir
2pm	Boley Hill Stage	TD	Tribal Banshees
2pm	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	TF	Four Gone Confusion
2.15pm	From outside the Huguenot Museum		City of Rochester Society Walking Tour of Historic Rochester begins (90 minutes)
2.30pm	Boley Hill Stage	TF	Pearly Kings & Queens
2.30pm	Castle Gardens Main Stage	TF	Silver Darlings
2.45pm	Starting from - Almon Place and concluding at the stage in the Castle Gardens	TD	Sweeps Procession with Jack in the Green
3pm	The Rising Sun Public House	CB	Barnfire *
3pm	Eastgate Stage	S	Sam Brothers
3pm	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	CF	Mojo Rising
3pm	Ye Arrow Public House	TF	Mokum
3pm	Guildhall Museum Forecourt	TF	A Brief History of Sweeps (Interactive Children's Theatre)
3.20pm	Castle Gardens Main Stage	IF	Vicky Price
3.30pm	Castle Gardens Main Stage		Closing speeches and awarding of the Green Man Shield with the High Sheriff of Kent & Deputy Mayor
3.45pm	Eastgate Stage	TF	Hog Eye Men
3.45pm	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	CB	Fire & Ice
4pm	Castle Gardens Main Stage	WR	Gypskazz
4.15pm	Boley Hill Stage	CF	Jaqdor
4.30pm	Eastgate Stage	TF	Pearly Kings & Queens
4.30pm	City Wall Wine Bar Stage	CF	Pytchwood
5pm	The Rising Sun Public House	IF	Barnfire*

MORRIS SIDES



Anderida Border	East Sussex	Rampant Rooster Morris Dancers	Surrey
Red Cuthbert Morris	Bedfordshire	Iron Spring Morris	Kent
Invicta Morris	Otford, Kent	Hertfordshire Holly	Hertfordshire
Phoenix Morris	Hertfordshire	Horndon-on-the-hill Formally Handsaround	Horndon-on-the-hill
The Screaming Banshees	Dartford	Steampunk Morris	Maidstone
Mythago Morris	West Sussex	Tribal Banshees	Kent
Old Palace Clog	London	Morena Slovak Dance Co	London
Green Dragon Border Morris	Suffolk	Westrefelda	Suffolk
Pump House Clog Morris	Hertfordshire	Goose Feather Morris	Kent
Cockleshell Clog	Essex	Pennyroyal Clog Dancers	Surrey
The Wild Hunt	Surrey	Wild Moon Morris	Somerset
Dacre Morris	London	Hook Eagle Morris	Hampshire
Golden Hare	Bedfordshire	Wantsum Morris Men	Thanet
Greenwich Morris	London	Brixton Tatterjacks Morris	London
East Kent Morris	Ashford	Ragged Phoenix	East Sussex
Pretty Grim Border Morris	Suffolk	Bishop Gundulfs North West	Kent
Black Path Border	Greater London	Lordsword And Bishop Gundulfs Novices	Kent
Dead Horse Morris and the Broomdashers	Kent	Motley Morris	Kent
Wolfshead and Vixen	Rochester	Seven Champions Molly Dancers	Kent
Loose Women	Kent	Slack Man Griddle	Cambridge
Danegeld Morris	Suffolk	Wild Women Morris	Kent
Offcumduns Border Morris	Kent		