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2001

SEDGLEY'S MAY DAY FESTIVAL

Saturday May 19th 2001

by *Rob Jones*

Every May, St Chad's RC Primary School used to take part in the **May Day Festival** in the village.

This was due to the very successful **English Country Dancing** activities that were a feature of the curriculum in the Infant Department, led by the Head of Infants, **Mrs Pat Jones**.

The parade assembled at Sedgley's Red Lion pub in the Bull Ring, where crowds were entertained by Sedgley's Morris Men in the car park at the rear of the pub.

The Maypole was then carried by volunteers at the head of the parade, which passed through the Bull Ring, up Dudley Street, wheeling right into Vicar Street and into Vicar Street Gardens (the former All Saints' cemetery).

The Morris Men hoisted it into a pre-prepared socket in the ground, in the open space in the gardens near to Ladies Walk, where we danced with ribbons attached to the Maypole.



Rob Jones, then aged 9, takes part in the 2001 May Day Festival Parade through Sedgley village to Vicar Street Gardens.



The Sedgley Morris Men at the Red Lion Pub's rear car park.



St Chad's children dance round the Maypole in Vicar Street Gardens in 2001.