



MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

OBCHODY MAJOWEGO ŚWIĘTA W ANGLII

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Although **May Day** is on the first of May, since 1978 it has been observed on the first Monday of May. It's a bank holiday, a day off for the majority of people.

In 2020 May Day will be celebrated on the eighth of May (Friday) as part of the 75th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe), the day which marks the end of World War II.

In England May Day has a long history and tradition. The first celebrations were held over 2,000 years ago.

This holiday probably originated in ancient Rome. The ancient Romans had a similar festival to honour the goddess Flora.

May Day celebrations are associated with flowers as trees and plants begin to blossom around this time.

The purpose of May Day is to celebrate the oncoming summer.

The most famous tradition is **Maypole dancing**. Children, mostly girls, dance around the pole decorated with colourful ribbons.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ctK4tswNEs>

Another traditional dancing is called **Morris dancing**. Morris Dancers in England wear hats decorated with flowers, suspenders and ankle bells. They stomp their feet, wave handkerchiefs and bang sticks together when they dance.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sArAC2_ow2k

People use flowers and leaves to make hoops and hair garlands.

Also, girls compete for the honour of being **crowned the May Queen**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wanRISZz9I>

Na podstawie powyższego tekstu napisz w języku polskim kiedy i jak jest obchodzone May Day w Anglii.

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