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Country people often sang folk songs together in Tudor times. There were festivals on the village green. People played cards, dice, chess or draughts at home or in the inns. In the summer, villagers could practise archery, fishing or wrestling. Some people made their own musical instruments to play tunes for the singers. May 1st was a special festival day when people danced round the maypole. Football was played with a pig's bladder filled with air and it was a very rough game in those days. Travelling entertainers visited the villages to act out plays, and acrobats and jugglers also toured the countryside.