



Village Celebrates Manor House Wedding

On Thursday last the little village of Berwick Bassett was the scene of great festivities, the happy occasion being the marriage of Emily, second daughter of Henry Stratton, Esq, of Strensham, Worcestershire. Arches of evergreens and flowers were erected in every available place, with banners bearing the words "Welcome", "May they be happy", "God bless them" &c &c. This was done by the willing hands of the villagers, who spared neither time nor trouble to make the place look gay and bright. The bridal party, twenty four in number, proceeded to the church (only a short distance), where the bridegroom and his best man, Mr R W Lloyd, were waiting. The church was very tastefully and prettily decorated by Mrs Bingham; and immediately after the ceremony the party returned to the Manor House to breakfast, and about three o'clock the happy pair started for their wedding trip. We cannot, in alluding to the many handsome presents given to the bride, help mentioning two in particular. One was a large photographic album from the school children of the parish; the other a very pretty card tray from the labourers and their wives. At four o'clock the whole of the school children were regaled with cake and wine in the old dining hall with profuse liberality. In the evening a large party again assembled under the hospitable roof of the old Manor House, where dancing was kept up with great spirit till morning.

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