



Village Celebrations

DINTON

Festivities

On Thursday last, the pleasant village of Dinton, near this city, was enlivened by a very handsome treat being given by Wm. Wyndham, Esq., of Dinton House, to his servants of every description, with their wives and children. In consequence of Mr Wyndham's absence from home at the time of the Coronation, this day was fixed upon for the occasion. At five o'clock, all were on the move towards a spacious marquee erected in the centre of his Park, at a good distance from, and exactly opposite the front of his house, capable of containing upwards of 150 persons. Over the entrance was displayed, in very large letter, the word "Victoria." On one side, the words "God bless our young Queen Victoria, and grant her a long and prosperous reign;" on the other, "England for ever." The dinner, consisting of good old English fare- roast beef, plum pudding, and strong beer, having been served up, the village-band announced that all was ready. A number of the inhabitants, who had been invited to join in the festivity of the day, likewise partook of the entertainment, which was abundantly supplied. After dinner, the Queen's health, with a long life and a prosperous reign was proposed by Mr Wyndham (who, with the Miss Wyndhams, Capt. And Mrs Wyndham and family, Mr F. Wyndham, and several visitors, was present on the occasion), and drunk with enthusiastic applause. The rest of the Royal Family having been given, the health of Mr Wyndham was proposed by Mr Bailey and drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, with three times three – and as the toast went round, each heart breathed a wish, that the worthy gentleman might long live to enjoy that respect which he so highly merits. Wm. Wyndham jun., Esq., and the rest of the family, was also received in the same enthusiastic manner. The manly game of cricket was going on in one part of the Park – boys were playing foot-ball in another – in the front of the marquee, several parties were dancing to the music of the band – an amusement which was by many kept up to a late hour. All felt themselves happy in the enjoyment of the day- and when the hour of parting came, they separated to their respective homes highly gratified.- Miss H. Wyndham had previously given an excellent treat to the children of the Sunday school, consisting of tea and plum-cake. Prizes were awarded to those who had attended regularly, and behaved well during the last half-year.

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