

Celebrations



Seend

1824

On Christmas day, Thomas Bruges, Esq of Seend, gave a dinner, consisting of roast beef and plum pudding, to 85 poor children belonging to the Sunday School of Seend. **Westmorland Gazette Saturday 10 January 1824**

At Seend feast, or revel, on Sunday se'nnight, a man named Richard had his thigh broken in a fight. **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Thursday 17 May 1824**

The Devizes Bear Club - Nearly 80 gentlemen met on Friday se'nnight at the Bear Inn, Devizes, to celebrate the anniversary of the above institution... The following new members were elected:.... Mr Smith of Seend Head... **Salisbury and Winchester Journal Monday 6 September 1824**

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Coronation of Queen Victoria - At Seend the coronation was celebrated with much spirit, the morning was ushered in by a merry peal from the church bells – the union flags, surmounted by a garland of evergreens floating on the tower. A handsome subscription was made for entertaining the poor, with an old English dinner of roast beef and plum pudding.

A Awdry, Esq, kindly consented to allow the delightful and picturesque field opposite his mansion to be used for that purpose. A banner with "Victoria Old England's Glory". and flags with appropriate devices, presented by the ladies of Seend, together with triumphal arches, composed of flowers and laurels, intermixed, decorated the field. Shortly after five o'clock, dinner was announced, when grace having been said by the Rev W G Sealey, the poor to the number of about five hundred, sat down with merry faces. The village band playing, "O the roast beef of Old England".

After partaking of a hearty meal the following toast was given by A Awdry, Esq, who presided on the occasion, "The Queen and may her reign be long, happy and glorious". After this the national anthem was sung and responded to with many a hearty cheer; soon after which the assemblage separated. The great propriety with which the lower orders conducted themselves, and the gratitude which they expressed for their entertainment, was a subject of general admiration, and redounded much to their credit. The children of the National and Sunday Schools were regaled with tea and cake, and their orderly behaviour and cleanly appearance were very striking. **Wiltshire Independent Thursday 19 July 1838**