



Queen Victoria in her coronation robes in 1838

## *Local Events*

### *Wylye*

#### **CORONATION CELEBRATIONS**

Few and far between are the incidents which mark the life of the agricultural poor. He rises in the morning, goes to his labour, and returns in the evening to his humble dwelling. The days would be spent in the unvaried sameness of almost continuous labour, if it were not for a few events which enliven the whole. The Coronation day of our youthful Queen will long be remembered by the inhabitants of Wylye with pleasure. Through the liberality of the worthy Rector and the farmers and tradesmen of our village, ample provision was made for regaling the poor with bread and cheese, and, to our rural population, that most acceptable of all beverages – good strong beer. During the day, the bells rang merrily. A handsome flag was hoisted on the tower of our parish church. For the poor, tables were erected in the center of the street, and for the accommodation of the gentlemen, a marquee which, thanks to the ladies of Wylye, was decorated with an elegant V.R. and a Crown. The beauty of the day, combined with the joyousness of heart and decorum observable in the conduct of all present, would have delighted our noble Queen herself. May she long preside over the destinies of this great nation, and may she live in the hearts of all her people, as she does in those of her loyal subjects of Wylye!

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