



Village Celebrations

Durrington

Tuesday last being the day when G. P. Moore, Esq. attained his 21st year, the morning was ushered in by merry peals from our village bells, and a band of music played on the lawn before the house. A fat bullock was afterwards distributed to the poor inhabitants, with plenty of strong beer taken to their homes, in addition to a bounteous quantity handed from the premises. The bells were rung, the band played, and guns fired at intervals the whole of the day, attended with dancing on the lawn, where the old appeared young; and the whole village presented a scene of the utmost gaiety and mirth.

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