



# *Celebrations*

## *Old Sarum*

### **Celebrations After the Defeat of Napoleon**

The inhabitants of the village of Old Sarum on the late day of thanksgiving, rivalled their neighbours in rejoicing. Provisions were amply distributed among the poor at their own houses, and in the evening they all assembled, near the ruins of the ancient castle, where three hogsheads of beer were given away by the voluntary subscription of the landowners and other respectable inhabitants of the place. Two-penny loaves were thrown from the summit of the castle to be scrambled for by the children; other rustic festivities were kept up during the evening, and the company did not depart till the last drop was drawn from the casks, and the light of the morning began to appear.

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