

Speldhurst Wedding - Mr. T. Martin - Miss E. Brown

The wedding took place at St Mary-the-Virgin, Speldhurst, on Saturday, of Miss Eva Brown, the adopted daughter of Mr. Ernest Gibb, of Poundsbridge, Penhurst and Mr. Thomas Martin, son of Mr. J. Martin, of Whaddon, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

The bride, who was given away by her uncle, was in ivory satin, and her tulle veil was held in place by a wreath of orange blossom, lent by a friend. She also carried a bouquet of dark red carnations and lilies of the valley, and wore a gold bangle, the gift of the bridegroom.

She was attended by four bridesmaids – the Misses Sheila Hazeldine (friend of the bride), Janet Flinton (cousin of the bride), Nancy Brown (sister of the bride) and Emily Hollamby (friend of the bride). The two smaller bridesmaids were in pink frocks, with tinsel bonnets, and carried posies of violets. Their silver bangles were gifts of the bridegroom. The older bridesmaids wore floral silk frocks, with headdresses of blue leaves. They also wore blue beads, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried bouquets of violets and pink carnations. The aunt of the bride was in a blue and white ensemble and carried a bouquet of carnations.

The best man was Mr. W. Dacey, a friend of the bridegroom and the choral service was conducted by the Rev. Canon H. Masters. Canon Masters drove the bride to church and also drove the bridal couple from the church after the ceremony. At the service the hymns sung were "The Voice that Breathed o'er Eden" and "Love Divine". Mr. Robins being at the organ. An eloquent and encouraging address was also given by Canon Masters.

A reception took place at the Old Inn, Poundsbridge, and later the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon at Hastings, the bride travelling in a dark green ensemble. Their future home will be in Newington.

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