

MALTON. – THE CORONATION

Thursday last, the coronation of her most gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, was observed at Malton with every mark of loyalty and affection towards her Majesty. Several meetings were held during the preceding week as to the course that was to be taken, and many handsome subscriptions were made. At ten o'clock in the forenoon of Thursday, the people from the neighbouring villages were seen thronging into Malton in such large numbers, that there has not been so many persons assembled together in Malton within the memory of the oldest man living in the place. The first thing which struck the eye of the visitants from the York side of Malton, was a grand triumphant arch erected across the highroad, a little above the Talbot Hotel, which was adorned with flowers, evergreens, and the leaves of trees; on the top was placed a crown made of red and white flowers, and on each side of the arch was placed in large letters made of white flowers the word "Victoria," and at the top at each end was hoisted two flags. The whole presented a very grand appearance.

A public procession took place through the town, in the following order –

Constables and Police officers with their staves of office.
The Borough Bailiff.
Gentry of the town and neighbourhood, four abreast.
Malton Brass Band.
Independent Order of Odd Fellows, three abreast.
Boys of the respective Schools attended by their Teachers, five abreast
Society of Ancient Free Gardeners, three abreast
Girls of the respective Schools attended by their Teachers, five abreast
Thornton Band
Society of Ancient Shepherds carrying their crooks, three abreast
Women who partook of the public Dinner, four abreast.
Men in like manner, four abreast.

The constables, police officers, and gentry of the town and neighbourhood assembled in the market-place at ten o'clock, and the societies and schools at their respective places of meeting at the same hour, and severally proceeded to the general rendezvous in the orchard field, from whence the procession moved precisely at half-past ten o'clock, through the lower gate, taking the route of the Low-street, Norton, and Old Malton gate, thence to the Lodge, down Greengate, up Newbiggin, returning down the same street, thence down Wheelgate, up Yorkersgate, and through the triumphal arch, and after defiling round the clump of trees opposite to the house of Mr. Robert Exley, returned again through the arch, and thence proceeded up the Market Place, opposite to the west end of St. Michael's Church, where they were dismissed by Mr. H. Smithson, the borough bailiff, in a short but neat and appropriate speech; the national Anthem and Rule Britannia were sung by the company in a very beautiful manner previously to and at the close of the procession. About one o'clock in the afternoon, many hundreds of both men and women sat down to an excellent and substantial dinner provided in the Market Place, consisting of roast beef, plum pudding, ale, &c. The gentry had also an excellent dinner provided by Mrs. Kimberley, of the Talbot Hotel, which was served up with her usual superior style and reflected the highest credit on the worthy hostess.

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