



# MAY DAY.

A. D. 1851.

The ancient and once universal custom of celebrating, with marked demonstrations of festivity, the return of the joyous and enlivening season of Spring will be revived this year.

## ST. ELPHIN'S PARK,

Will be opened to the Public on the payment of 6d. each, preparations having been made therein for the encouragement of Athletic Exercises and Rural Sports.

## THE MAY POLE

Will be raised at TWO o'clock, when the Games will commence.

## A SOIREE

In ST. ELPHIN'S SCHOOL will close the proceedings of the day, commencing at Half-past Seven o'clock.

*Tickets for admission to the Soirée may be had at Messrs. Haddocks', price 2s. each.*

As in olden times all ranks of society, under manifold diversities of religious and political regulations, have joined in association to promote innocent pastimes at this and other seasons, it is hoped that an attempt to revive MAY DAY Receptions will meet with the hearty co-operation of all classes of the community of Warrington.

N. B. If this first experiment should prove successful, and due order be preserved, other opportunities of similar gatherings for general recreation may be given.

Every person entering the Park is considered to be pledged to assist the Park-keeper in maintaining order, according to such rules and regulations as may be found necessary.

**THE ONLY ENTRANCE INTO THE PARK IS AT THE LODGE GATE, MANCHESTER ROAD.**

### Warrington May Day Celebrations

## WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

This is a poster from 1851 advertising May Day Celebrations at St Elphin's Park in Warrington. The poster aims to revive the old celebration and invites “all classes” to attend the event.

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