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Royal wedding in Chilwell

THE children of Meadow Lane Primary School, Chilwell, were very impressed with the wedding reception-cum-street party held at the school on April 14.

The event was arranged after Nottinghamshire County Council decided to deliver wedding cakes to a number of schools across the county to celebrate in advance the Royal Wedding due to take place on April 29.

With pupils chosen to play the roles of the Queen, Prince William, Kate Middleton and bridesmaids, pageboys and ushers and so on, the young Meadow Lane schoolchildren went over to Christ Church, Chilwell, in the morning for the wedding. The school choir sang at the make-believe wedding service arranged by Rev Alan Howe, designed to give the youngsters an educational insight into the tradition of marrying in church.

Back at school in the afternoon, the bridal party settled themselves on the 'top table' at the street party after posing for photographs of them cutting the wedding cake. The school had made sure there would be cake enough for all by organising a three-tier cake to supplement the beautifully iced cake provided by NCC.

The other schoolchildren – the wedding guests – sat at long tables draped with red, white and blue at the 'street' party back in the Meadow Lane playground, which had been adorned with bunting. They were joined by parent governors, school staff and invited dignitaries, such as the Mayor of Broxtowe, who all tucked into a grand party tea.

Seven-year-old Hayley Watson, playing the part of the Queen, said: "I've really enjoyed this party because there are more people than you'd get at an ordinary party, and I've enjoyed being Queen today."

Asked how she came to be Queen, she said: "Our names were all put into a hat. When they were drawing the names out, I heard the name 'Hayley Watson' read out for the Queen and thought: 'Oh, that's the same name as my name... That is my name!'"

The idea of choosing the Royal family by drawing the names of suitable contenders out of a hat has a certain appeal...

Meanwhile, the bride and bridegroom at Chilwell's royal wedding, Evie Moore (6) and Matthew Bates (7), were wooed by the idea of getting married again when they're older.

Evie said: "I think I'll probably enjoy my own wedding when I grow up." Matthew added: "It's been a good wedding today. I'm fairly sure I'll want to get married when I'm old enough."

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