



# Crime and Punishment

## Alvediston

**1853**

George Button. Late in the employ of Mr Jas Parham, of Alvediston, was committed to gaol for 21 days for leaving his master's service.

**Salisbury and Winchester Journal Saturday 19 March 1853**

**1854**

John Isaak, for stealing a rabbit trap at Alvediston - three weeks hard labour.

**Salisbury and Winchester Journal Saturday 7 January 1854**

**1856**

Wilts Lent Assizes - Frances French, stealing clothes at Alvediston. - No Bill.

**Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 13 March 1856**

**1861**

Petty Sessions, Cranborne Thursday Jan 24 - ...Thomas Bradley, of Alvediston, committed for the second time to two months imprisonment, for refusing to obey an order of bastardy on complaint of Louisa Burden.

**Salisbury and Winchester Journal Saturday 26 January 1861**

**1868**

Wednesday 22nd April. - James Matthews, blacksmith, of Alvediston, was summoned for stealing a quantity of wood, value 3d, from a plantation in the occupation of Mr Wm Say. Ordered to pay damage and costs. **Western**

**Gazette Friday 24 April 1868**

Henry Brockway, of Alvediston, labourer, was summoned for stealing some thorns, value 3d, the property of Mr W Day, of the same place. He was let off by paying the costs of the summons.

**Salisbury and Winchester Journal Saturday 18 July 1868**

Wm Topp, 25, and Harry Brockway 33, both of Alvediston, were summoned for being drunk and making a disgraceful noise, on the public highway. Fined 10s 6d each, including costs, with a caution. The case was proved by PC Millard.

**Western Gazette Friday 5 February 1869**

**1869**

John Mullins, of Alvediston, was charged by the police with furious driving in the parish of Donhead St Mary. Fined 10s and costs.

**Western Gazette Friday 9 July 1869**

**1870**

Joseph Roberts, of Alvediston, was summoned for stealing a quantity of apples, from a garden the property of Mr Day. Fined 6d and costs; amounting altogether to 8s.

**Western Gazette Friday 19 August 1870**

**1871**

Robert King, George Macey, Albert Hussey and James Stanley, of Alvediston, were summoned for damaging the windows of some cottages, the property of Mr J Rogers, on the 4th inst. The windows were broken with apples, which defendants admitted were thrown by them, as admittance was refused them to a harvest home festival. They were ordered to pay the costs.

**Western Gazette Friday 20 October 1871**

Henry Poole and Henry Coombes were summoned for assaulting George William Mullins, at Alvediston. Fined 10s costs each, or 10 days. There was a cross summons against George William Mullins, by Henry Poole; and Coombes summoned William Mullins for assaulting him at the same place and time. - case dismissed. **Western**

**Gazette Friday 8 December 1871**

George William Mullins, of Alvediston, was summoned for assaulting William Hellier, in the parish of Donhead St Andrew, and threatening to "rip him up", on Sunday night, 12 November, - Fined £1 and costs, or three weeks. Paid.

**Western Gazette Friday 8 December 1871**

**1878**

Alfred Thick, of Alvediston, was charged with assaulting John Henry Gould, of the 15th inst. - Fined 2s 6d and costs, or seven days.

**Western Gazette Friday 22 March 1878**

James Adlam, of Alvediston, was charged by the Excise with carrying a gun without a license, on the 26th April. Mr McGoun, Supervisor, prosecuted. - Fined in the mitigated penalty of £2 10s, costs included. **Western Gazette**

**Friday 7 June 1878**

**1881**

Elizabeth Young, of Alvediston, was summoned for assaulting Henry Green, of the same place, on 16th Feb. - Fined 1s and costs.

**Western Gazette Friday 1 April 1881**

**1882**

James Philpott, of Ebbesbourne, was charged with being drunk at Alvediston, on 17th October. - Fined 10s and costs, or 14 days.

**Western Gazette Friday 3 November 1882**

**1883**

Henry Brockway, of Alvediston, was charged with using abusive and threatening language to Mr Elisha Bennett, farm bailiff, of the same place. At the conclusion of the evidence, a long discussion took place between the justices, and ultimately the case was dismissed.

**Western Gazette Friday 30 March 1883**

(At Shaftesbury) - On Friday Mr Strang (Mayor) and Mr Everett (ex-Mayor) fined Elisha Bennett of Alvediston, 5s and costs for being drunk and disorderly on the previous day. On Tuesday he was brought before them again on a similar charge, to which he pleaded guilty. He was sent to Dorchester for seven days, without the option of a fine.

**Western Gazette Friday 8 June 1883**

**1884**

Robert Andrews, of Alvediston, was summoned for riding without reins in the parish of Berwick St John, on the 28th April. PC Bryant proved the case. - Fined 1s and costs.

**Western Gazette Friday 9 May 1884**

Thomas Warren, of Deulin, was charged by George Lemon, of Alvediston, with committing an indecent assault on his daughter, a child of eight years of age. (The evidence adduced is unfit for publication). The Bench sentenced the defendant to a month's hard labour.

**Western Gazette Friday 5 September 1884**

**1885**

On Wednesday, before Lord Arundell of Wardour (chairman) and Mr W M King, Henry Fletcher, shepherd in the employ of Mr Gray, of Alvediston, was charged with assaulting a lad, named Harry Geo Francis, on the 15th inst.

From the lad's evidence, it appears that the shepherd stopped him and beat him about the head with a stick two or three times. The evidence was supplemented by the statements of the witnesses Martha Maidment and Mary Hillier, whilst Rose Frances Fletcher and PC Witchard were sworn for the defence.

Mr Nodder, of Salisbury, in an able manner, applied a searching cross-examination to the witnesses for the prosecution. - The Bench considered the offence proved, and fined defendant 1s and costs.

**Western Gazette Friday 24 July 1885**

**1887**

William Mullins, carrier, of Alvediston, was summoned at the instance of the RSPCA for working a horse whilst in an unfit condition, on the 5th July. Evidence was given to the effect that the horse had a large sore on the breast, which was much irritated owing to friction by the collar. The defendant denied that the horse was in an unfit condition, but the Bench considered the case fully proved, and defendant was fined £1 13s, including costs. **Western Gazette**

**Friday 22 July 1887**

**1891**

Thomas Baker, hawker, Shaftesbury, for being drunk whilst in charge of a horse and cart at Alvediston, on August 31, was fined 5s and costs. - Allowed a fortnight.

**Western Gazette Friday 25 September 1891**

**1896**

Henry Fay, a labourer, of Swallowcliffe, was summoned by Mary Jane Topp, a single woman, of Alvediston, to show cause why he should not contribute a weekly sum towards the maintenance of her illegitimate male child, of which she alleged he was the father. Defendant denied the paternity.

Evidence was given by the applicant, and by Jane Fay, and aunt of the defendant, of Alvediston, and in the result the Bench made an order on the defendant to contribute a sum of 1s 6d weekly until the child attains the age of 13 years, and to pay the costs. - Applicant admitted having given birth to two children previously.

**Western Gazette Friday 17 January 1896**

Henry Moxham, a labourer of Alvediston, pleaded guilty to being drunk on the highway at Alvediston on the 5th inst. PC Jones having stated the facts, a fine of 2s 6d and 7s costs was imposed.

**Western Gazette Friday 21 February 1896**