



Crime Reports

Alvediston

1850-1899

1853

George Button. Late in the employ of Mr. James Parham, of Alvediston, was committed to gaol for 21 days for leaving his master's service. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, Saturday, 19 March 1853**

William Coombs, of Alvediston, and Andrew Rudge, of Dinton, for one month each, for leaving their service. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, Saturday, 23 July 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 January 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. William 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**

1869

William 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 P.C. Millard. **Western Gazette, Friday, 5 February 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 George 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**