



Crime News

Bishopstone

1881

Swindon Police Court, Thursday
Public House Offence

Henry Norris, 24, and **Ed. Belcher**, 31, labourers, of Bishopstone, were charged by Edwin Stone, of the Royal Oak beer house, Bishopstone, with being drunk, quarrelsome, and refusing to leave his house on the 25th April.

Stone said the defendants came to his house drunk. He would not serve them, when they became abusive and used bad language. He told them to go out, but they would not until he went for a policeman. Defendants said all the drink they had they had in Stone's house in the afternoon, and they denied that they were either drunk or quarrelsome.

P.C. Read said both defendants were staggering drunk, and had been previously turned out of the True Heart Inn.

Fined £2 each and costs, or in default one month's hard labour.

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