



# CORONERS INQUESTS *Bishopstone*



## *Inquest of William Belcher 1828*

On Monday last, an inquest was held at Ashburt, before John Slade Esq., one of the coroners for Oxfordshire, on the body of William Belcher, of Bishopstone. It appeared in evidence, that on the preceding Saturday, the deceased had been to Lambourn to take some clean linen for his boy in service there. On his return home, the night being severe, he took shelter under a hay rick in the open fields, where he was found on the Sunday morning in a dying and insensible state. Every assistance was afforded him, and means taken to convey him to Ashbury, but he died on the way. Verdict, "That the deceased came by his death in consequence exposed to the inclemency of the night".

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**OPC Note:** William Belcher was buried at St Mary's, Bishopstone, on 17 January 1828, aged 53 years.