



# *Drunkenness in Bishopstone 1892*

## **A Case of Drunkenness**

Swindon Police Court, Thursday

A Case of Drunkenness from Bishopstone

**Frederick Johnston**, labourer, of Bishopstone, appeared to a summons charging him with being drunk and disorderly at Bishopstone, on 25th June last.

P.C. Smith stated the facts, and said defendant was very drunk, and struck at him twice. Witness was obliged to draw his staff and strike him. Defendant was "mad drunk", and was eventually taken home by his wife.

**John Derham**, a labourer of Bishopstone, gave corroborative evidence, and said defendant pulled his coat off and struck P.C. Smith twice. The constable avoided the blow, and then struck defendant on the head and knocked him down.

Defendant denied what the witness had stated, and called his wife, who said her husband had come from the allotments, and not feeling well he had two three-pennyworths of whiskey.

Bench convicted, and fined 3s. 6d. and 16s. 6d. costs, and told him he was fortunate in not being charged with assaulting the police constable.

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