



# *Crime News – Five Drunks*

*Chisledon  
1874*

## **CHARGE OF DRUNKENNESS**

SWINDON POLICE COURT  
Thursday

William Chandler, Jnr., Henry Winchcomb, William Chandler, Snr., John Legg, and Charles Chandler, all of Chisledon, were charged with being drunk at Hodson.

Joseph Hart, the parish constable, said he was sent for and found the defendants, Chandler, junr, in the road, with his clothes off, and in a fighting attitude. Henry Winchcomb was there, but was not drunk, and went home when he told him to. The others were there, and all the worse for beer, but he could not swear they were drunk. There had been a great row. George Robinson said he was a factory employer, and live at Hodson. On the 22nd of August he heard a great row, and on going out saw all the defendants in a row. He could not say they were drunk, although they might have had beer. They had just come from their work. Chandler, Jnr. and Winchcomb were down the road, but he did not see any blows struck.

All the defendants denied the offence. The charge against Winchcomb was dismissed. The others were fined 10s. Each, and 12s 2½d costs.

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