



Devizes

Crime Reports

1850-1899

1875

At the Borough Sessions on Wednesday, Albert Sheppard, 13 years of age, was charged with stealing 10s from a drawer in the Post-office of this town. The lad had for five weeks been engaged as a messenger, and was allowed to sell half-penny postage stamps. He confessed to buying a watch with 10s worth of stamps, which a commercial traveller had left on the counter. Prisoner was committed for trial. **Western Gazette, 8 October 1875**

1878

William Charles Webb, formerly member of a firm of woolen manufacturers carrying on business at Leeds and Trowbridge, and who was convicted at Winchester Assize last year of extensive embezzlement, has been found dead in his cell in Devizes Prison. The cause of death was heart disease. **Western Gazette, Friday, 3 May 1878**

1890

Devizes County Court Monday before his Honour Judge Gaillard. Nonpayment of a Debt.
William King, painter and decorator, Swindon, was committed to prison for 13 days, warrant to issue in 63 days in default of compliance with an order of the Court made over a year ago, for the payment of a debt owing to George Ashley of Devizes. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette 19 June 1890**

1895

16 April 1895 Alleged Patricide. A farmer named Butler, residing at Devizes, has been found dead with his skull horribly battered in. His son has been arrested on a charge of having committed the murder. **Unknown Newspaper, April 1895**