



# Hilperton

## Newspaper Reports & Notices

**1874**

**Playing With Firearms** - On Thursday last a young girl named Helps, of this village narrowly escaped death under the following circumstances: It appears that a young man was in her fathers house, exhibiting a revolver, and just as the girl, who is about 13 years of age, was entering the door, he fired off the revolver, not knowing that it contained ball. The girl immediately cried out, and it was found that the ball had entered her neck. Mr Sylvester, of Trowbridge, was called immediately sent for, and the ball was extracted and we rejoice to hear that the girl is going on favourably.

**The Wiltshire Independent, Thursday July 9, 1874.**

**1890**

**Singular Explosion** – On Thursday week Mr. Hunt of the Lion and Fiddle, met with a serious accident brought about in a singular manner. He connected a whiskey barrel with a steam pipe in the adjoining milk factory for the purpose of cleaning it out, but neglected to provide sufficient outlet for the escape of steam. The result was that the barrel was blown to pieces, and some of the broken staves struck Mr. Hunt on the face, chest and other parts of the body, inflicting severe injuries. The engine man at the factory, a man named Williams, was also struck with a piece of timber, causing a slight wound.

**Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette. April 10, 1890.**