



Crime and Punishment

Little Cheverell

Husband Beats Wife

Devizes Sessions Petty Sessions

Monday May 9,

(Before Dr Seagram and Mr Pigou)

James Giddings was sent to gaol for a month for beating his wife at Chiverell. He was a decent, respectable-looking fellow, and in palliation of his conduct told a long story of the provocation he had received; the which, if only half of it was true, shewed his wife to be anything but a respectable character. The Bench, however, told him that no provocation justified a husband in taking the law into his own hands; and to prevent a recurrence of the assault, required him to find a surety for £5 to keep the peace. This he was unable to do; and he was accordingly sent off to gaol.

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OPC Note:-

It is uncertain whether James came from Great or Little Cheverell since checking the 1851 census there is a James Giddings appearing in both villages and both married.