



Crime and Punishment

Seend

1900-1949

1901

Wilts Quarter Sessions held Tuesday at Warminster. --- Abel William Longhurst was charged with attempting to commit suicide at Seend on the 26th May last. He was found not guilty, and accordingly discharged. **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Thursday 4 July 1901**

1902

Trowbridge Petty Session on Wednesday. --- Benjamin Jones of Seend Cleve was fined 30s including costs, for cruelty to a horse by working it while it was suffering from ringbone. **Western Daily Press Friday 7 November 1902**

1903

Thomas Powell, a trading boatman of Seend, Wilts, was summoned at the instance of Sidney Buckingham, of Weston-super-Mare, an inspector of the NSPCA for cruelty ill-treating a gelding by causing it to be worked whilst in an unfit state at Claverton on the 2nd inst. The Bench having considered the case out of court, the Chairman said there was no doubt that the defendant had ill treated the horse and fined him 20s to cover costs or seven days. **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Thursday 21 May 1903**

1908

Wilts Quarter Sessions --- Jesse Slugg (41) painter, was charged with the theft of a handkerchief which contained bread and cheese, the dinner of a workman named Maslen, at Seend on May 22nd. Sent to gaol for a month. **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Thursday 2 July 1908**

1925

Fined for passing through a mile control at speed... --- Capt Thomas Frederick Watson of Priory Lodge, Wells (who it was alleged drove his car at a speed of upwards of 44 miles and hour), Jack Martin the Old House, Sutton Veney, Wilts (38½ miles), Howard Sims Ganderton, Deputy County Surveyor of Wilts (40 miles) and Frederick John Brewer of Seend, Wilts (40 miles 7 furlongs) were each fined £5 with £2 costs. **Western Daily Press Monday 11 May 1925**

1934

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A dispute as to payment for a rick of hay was the subject of an action heard by Judge Gwynne James at Devizes County Court yesterday, when Leonard Archibald Merrett, of March Farm, Caen Hill, Devizes, formerly of Seend, sued A Parfitt, a smallholder of Seend, for £15 the price which the former claimed was the agreed price between the parties. Judgment would be for Merrett for £10 and costs.

Western Daily Press Tuesday 12 June 1934

1936

Ernest J Pike, Seend, Gilbert Welsh and Albert H Hawker, Melksham, and Ralph Fussell, Pewsham, fined 2s 6d each for highway obstruction.

Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Saturday 5 September 1936

1937

Fined for exceeding the speed limit: Frederick J Jeffrey, Seend, Melksham, 10s.

Western Daily Press Saturday 15 May 1937

Frome Petty Sessions --- Major Alexander John Kidley, Badbury House, Seend and John Ludwell White, South Brewham, Bruton, fined 10s each for failing to observe a "Halt" sign.

Western Daily Press Friday 23 July 1937

1938

At Bath Police Court on Wednesday Kathleen Emma Piggott, the Wharf, Seend, was fined £2 for exceeding the speed limit with a motor car in Newbridge Road, Bath. Her speed was stated to have reached 42 miles an hour. On defendant's behalf, Mr J B Taylor pleaded guilty.

Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Saturday 5 November 1938

1940

George Charles Olive, aircraft engineer, Arms Cottage, Brougham Hall Avenue, Seend, summoned at Bath Police Court on Friday for driving a motor car at a speed exceeding 20 miles an hour at 10.45pm in Upper Bristol Road, was fined 10s.

Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Saturday 24 August 1940

Mr F Lander, Hilperton Marsh, was fined 10s for displaying an unauthorised light on her car and L P Roberts, Seend, for a similar offence was fined 17s 6d, and Lieut Croft of the Northants Yeomanry 10s.

Western Gazette Friday 27 December 1940

1942

Two conscientious objectors, who were remanded for 14 days in order that they might submit to a medical examination, were at Bath yesterday sent to prison for refusing to do so. They were Jesse Albert Titcombe of Swindon, and Reginald Vivian Sawyers of Seend near Melksham.

Western Daily Press Wednesday 24 June 1942