



# Crime and Punishment

## *Sutton Mandeville*

### **WILTSHIRE QUARTER SESSIONS**

#### **TRIAL OF PRISONERS**

#### **BICYCLE THEFTS IN WILTS AND DORSET**

William Alwyn Trower (23), butcher and John William Thomas Chennergy (17), labourer, pleaded guilty to the theft of a bicycle at Sutton Mandeville, Tisbury, on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 1928. – Mr Robert Holt, who prosecuted, said the bicycle was stolen from the outside of the Cribbage Hut public House at Sutton Mandeville. The prisoners were seen by the police, and they admitted the offence, and also the theft of a second bicycle at East Stour, in the county of Dorset. He understood that the prisoners desired that the second theft should be taken into consideration. – Supt. Barrett stated that both men came from Sutton, Surrey. Trower was the son of very respectable people. He was bound over in 1892 for embezzlement. In February he disappeared with a bicycle belonging to his employers at Sutton, and he also collected various small sums, which he had not accounted for, amounting to £5 10s. Chennergy was an orphan, who was adopted as a baby by a very respectable man, and was brought up by him. Since leaving school he had been employed as an errand boy, but his character was reported as unsatisfactory, and he was described as lazy and dilatory, He was bound over on a conviction for embezzling small sums of money. He disappeared from Sutton, and it appeared that he had been sleeping rough and keeping company with youths of disreputable characters. – Trower asked the Court to give him another chance, stating that he had hopes of being taken on again by his former employers. – Judge Randolph reminded the prisoner that he had had his chance and sentenced him to three months' hard labour. – Dealing with Chennergy, His Honour said he was a youth who had got into bad company and the best thing for him was to send him to a Borstal Institution for three years.

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