

# *Crime Reports*

## *Tidworth* *1850-1899*



**1865**

**Pewsey Petty Sessions** James Fields, carpenter, of North Tedworth, a tall, powerful man, was charged with committing an indecent assault upon Sarah Sheppard, a married woman, at Ludgershall, on Friday, the 31st March. He was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, upon hearing which he said to Mr. Fowle, magistrate, "Thank you, Sir, and I hope you will sit there until I come out." **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 13 April 1865**

**1869**

**Everley Petty Sessions** Elijah Parver, of Ludgershall, labourer, was summoned by Richard Fields, assistant gamekeeper on the Tedworth estate, for setting a wire for the purpose of taking game, at North Tedworth, on the 13th May. Fined 1s. and costs 8s., or seven days, the Bench having given him the benefit of a good character. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 3 June 1869**

**Everley Petty Sessions** James Lansley, of Ludgershall, labourer, was brought up under remand, charged with having committed an aggravated assault on Elizabeth Sheppard, of Ludgershall, single woman, at Tedworth, on the 13th June last. Complainant, a young woman about 20, stated that about 7 o'clock in the morning she was going to her work at the Warren, Tedworth, and near a clay pit on her way she passed the prisoner, who took hold of her and indecently assaulted her. The prisoner, who is nearly sixty years of age, asked the Bench to deal leniently with him. Committed for six months. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette. 5 August 1869**