



Crime and Punishment

*Westport St. Mary
1850-1899*

1870

On Sunday evening the house of Mr. Stephen Rymell, a baker and shopkeeper, in the Horse Fair, Westport, Malmesbury, was entered by a window in the back part of the house, whilst the family were at chapel, and 16s. stolen from the till. Mr. Rymell had at the time about £100 in a room upstairs, which the thief fortunately could not find. It is presumed the robbery was perpetrated by some one well acquainted with the locality. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, Thursday, 31 March 1870**