



# CORONERS INQUESTS



## Wylye

### 1866

An inquest was held by R. M. Wilson, Esq., on Saturday, on the body of Alfred Biddlecombe, aged 30 years, who died suddenly, the same morning, from haemorrhage, arising from the rupture of a large vessel on the lungs. Deceased had been in delicate health for some time past. Verdict, Died by the visitation of God. **Western Gazette 2 March 1866**

### 1875

Wylye Suffocated in a cider cask. An inquest was held at the Bell Inn, on Monday, on the body of Henry Groves. It appears that deceased, who was in the employ of Mr Waters, was cleaning out a cask of about 11 hogsheads on Saturday morning. As he was missed, a search was instituted, and the poor man was found at the bottom of the cask, quite dead. There is no doubt that whilst cleaning the cask deceased was suffocated by carbonic acid gas which was at the bottom. The jury returned a verdict of Death from suffocation. Deceased was 47 years of age, and leaves a wife and seven children. **Western Gazette 8 October 1875**