



Crime News

Bishopstone

1867

Attempted Highway Robbery

At the Faringdon Petty Sessions – Tuesday.

On Tuesday evening last, about eight o'clock, as Mr. N. Ballard, of Bishopstone, was returning from Faringdon in his pony chaise, accompanied by his daughter, who was driving, a tramp, named John Dyson, seized the reins and demanded Mr. Ballard's watch and also some money. Mr. Ballard thereupon jumped out and collared the fellow, and took him back to the railway station at Shrivenham, which he had just passed, sent for a policeman, and gave him into custody. On the following day the prisoner was taken before D. Bennett, Esq., and committed for trial.

Berkshire Chronicle, 22 June 1867

Berkshire Quarter Sessions

These sessions will commence on Monday next. The civil business will be taken on that day, and on the following day the prisoners, a list of whom we subjoin, will be brought up for trial

John Dyson, 50, charged with violently assaulting Nathaniel Ballard, with intent to steal his monies and goods, at Shrivenham, on the 18th of June last.

Berkshire Chronicle, 29 June 1867

Berks Midsummer Sessions

Assault with violence at Shrivenham

John Dyson (50), labourer, pleaded guilty to feloniously and violently assaulting Nathaniel Ballard, with intent to steal the monies and goods of the said Nathaniel Ballard, at Shrivenham, on the 18th of June, 1867.

Sentenced to six months hard labour.

Reading Mercury, 6 July 1867