



Drunk and Disorderly Bishopstone 1891

After the Wedding

Swindon Police Court, Thursday

Katherine Giddings, an aged woman, of Bishopstone, whose husband was stated to be in the workhouse, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Bishopstone on Saturday last, August 1st. P.C. Smith stated the facts.

Defendant who appeared to be in a somewhat excited state, denied being disorderly, adding that she "was no fool on the march". She further stated that "her youngest daughter got married, and she could not do less than have a drop of beer over the job". (laughter).

The Bench imposed a fine of 5s. and 7s. costs.

James Giddings, labourer, of the same place, and son of the last defendant, was summoned for a similar offence committed at the same time and place.

P.C. Smith stated the facts, and described defendant as "a terror to the neighbourhood when in beer". Defendant admitted the offence, and Mr. Supt. North proved a previous conviction against him. Fined 10s. and 7s. costs.

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