



# Crime & Punishment

*Codford*



## Committed to Devizes House of Corrections

The Devizes County House of Corrections was opened in 1817 & was located on the west side of Devizes, nearby what is still called Prison Bridge over the Kennet and Avon Canal. In the 1830's, it averaged some 700 prisoners. The Prison officially closed in 1921 & was demolished in 1927. The land is now covered by a housing estate.

Surname	Given Names	Crime	Newspaper report
Sparey (alias Shergold)	John	Breaches of the Game laws. 3 months imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 16 <sup>th</sup> February, 1826
Carter	Jas.	Breaches of the Game laws. 3 months imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 8 <sup>th</sup> February, 1827
Woods	Benjamin	Breaches of the Game laws. 3 months imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 21 <sup>st</sup> January, 1828
Head	Ambrose	For destroying a fence, the property of Rev. Charles Philips, of Codford St. Mary. 2 months imprisonment.	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 4 <sup>th</sup> December, 1828
Woods	Benjamin	Of Codford St. Mary, for breaches of the Game laws. 4 months imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 15 <sup>th</sup> January, 1829
Sopp	James	Of Codford St. Mary, for breaches of the Game laws. 3 months imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 15 <sup>th</sup> January, 1829
Potter	William	Charged with a burglary in the house of Wm. Codrington, of Codford St. Peter.  Pleaded Guilty – Death recorded then commuted to imprisonment	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 21 <sup>st</sup> May, 1832

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Fry	George	For stealing a quantity of wood-fence, the property of James Slade, gentleman, of Codford St. Peter.  4 months imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 17 <sup>th</sup> May, 1832
Head	Ambrose	For beating Wm. Whiting, of Codford St. Peter.  2 months imprisonment	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 8 <sup>th</sup> October, 1832
Topp	John	Of Codford St. Mary, for breaches of the Game laws.  3 months imprisonment	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 4 <sup>th</sup> March, 1833
Woods	Benj.	Along with John Davis, both of Codford St. Peter, for destroying fish, the property of A.B. Lambert, esq. of Sherrington.  2 months imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 10 <sup>th</sup> October, 1833
Davis	John	Along with Benjamin Woods, both of Codford St. Peter, for destroying fish, the property of A.B. Lambert, esq. of Sherrington.  2 months imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 10 <sup>th</sup> October, 1833
Fry	Geo.	Along with John Bennett & Ambrose Head, for riotously disturbing the peace at Codford St. Peter 12 months imprisonment and severally fined 20s.  (First & last 3 months solitary & to enter into recognizances in 20l. for their good behaviour for 5 yrs)	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 17 <sup>th</sup> October, 1833
Bennett	John	Along with George Fry & Ambrose Head, for riotously disturbing the peace at Codford St. Peter 12 months imprisonment and severally fined 20s.  (First & last 3 months solitary & to enter into recognizances in 20l. for their good behaviour for 5 yrs)	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 17 <sup>th</sup> October, 1833
Head	Ambrose	Along with John Bennett & George Fry, for riotously disturbing the peace at Codford St. Peter 12 months imprisonment and severally fined 20s.  (First & last 3 months solitary & to enter into recognizances in 20l. for their good behaviour for 5 yrs)	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 17 <sup>th</sup> October, 1833
Wheeler	Sarah	For destroying a hurdle, the property of James Slade esq., of Codford St. Peter.  2 months imprisonment	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 16 <sup>th</sup> May, 1836
Woods	Benjamin	For leaving his family chargeable to the parish of Codford St. Mary.  3 months imprisonment	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 1836
Sparey	Henry	For trespassing on the lands of Harry Biggs esq., in pursuit of game at Codford St. Mary.  2 Calendar months imprisonment	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 26 <sup>th</sup> December, 1836

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White	William	For a misdemeanor in the service of James Slade, of Codford St. Peter.  1 month imprisonment	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 14 <sup>th</sup> August, 1837
Topp	Jas.	Breach of the game laws at Codford St. Mary.  1 month imprisonment	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 12 <sup>th</sup> November, 1838
Topp	Chas.	Breach of the game laws at Codford St. Mary.  2 months imprisonment	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 12 <sup>th</sup> November, 1838
Wood	Benjamin	Breach of the game laws at Codford St. Mary.  3 months imprisonment	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 12 <sup>th</sup> November, 1838
Whale	Thomas	For leaving his family chargeable to the parish of Codford St. Peter.  3 months imprisonment	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 13 <sup>th</sup> January, 1840
Whale	Thomas	For leaving his family chargeable to the parish of Codford St. Peter.  3 months imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 9 <sup>th</sup> July, 1840
Topp	James	For leaving his family chargeable to the parish of Codford St. Mary.  3 months imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 9 <sup>th</sup> July, 1840
Cooper	Wm.	For destroying Game at Codford St. Mary.  2 months imprisonment	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 11 <sup>th</sup> January, 1841
Adlam	John	Of Codford St. Mary, for breaches of the game laws.  2 months imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 19 <sup>th</sup> January, 1843
Carter	John	Of Codford St. Mary, for breaches of the game laws.  2 months imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 19 <sup>th</sup> January, 1843
Topp	Thomas	Of Codford St. Mary, for breaches of the game laws.  2 months imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 19 <sup>th</sup> January, 1843
Topp	Charles	Of Codford St. Mary, for breaches of the game laws.  2 months imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 19 <sup>th</sup> January, 1843
Topp	Charles	Of Codford St. Mary, for destroying game in the parish.  2 months imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 11 <sup>th</sup> May, 1843
Carter	John	For destroying game at Codford St. Mary.  2 months imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 7 <sup>th</sup> March, 1844
Davis	John	Of Codford St. Mary, for destroying game in the parish.  2 months imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 14 <sup>th</sup> November, 1844

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Tapp	Isaac	Of Codford St. Mary, for destroying game in the parish. 1 month imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 14 <sup>th</sup> November, 1844
Topp	Thomas	For destroying game at Codford St. Mary. 3 months imprisonment	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 13 <sup>th</sup> February, 1847
Topp	Thomas	For poaching at Codford St. Mary. 3 months imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 16 <sup>th</sup> January, 1851
Adlam	James	For having assaulted and beat John Ghey, police constable at Codford St. Peter. 3 weeks imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 27 <sup>th</sup> January, 1853
Lee	Mary Ann	For being drunk and riotous at Codford St. Peter. 1 month imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 7 <sup>th</sup> April, 1870
Clark	Charles	For vagrancy at Codford St. Peter. 1 month imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 12 <sup>th</sup> May, 1870
Cooper	Charles	For vagrancy at Codford St. Mary. 14 days imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 28 <sup>th</sup> July, 1870
Gibbs	Albert	For leaving his service without his master's consent at Codford St. Peter. 6 weeks imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 25 <sup>th</sup> August, 1870
Williams	William	For vagrancy at Codford St. Peter. 14 days imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 25 <sup>th</sup> May, 1871
Dowling	John	Along with Joseph Ashley & James Drewett, for stealing ten hurdles, the property of Thomas Chisman at Codford St. Mary. 21 days imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 21 <sup>st</sup> December, 1871
Ashley	Joseph	Along with John Dowling & James Drewett, for stealing ten hurdles, the property of Thomas Chisman at Codford St. Mary. 21 days imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 21 <sup>st</sup> December, 1871
Drewett	James	Along with Joseph Ashley & John Dowling, for stealing ten hurdles, the property of Thomas Chisman at Codford St. Mary. 21 days imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 21 <sup>st</sup> December, 1871
Topp	George	For poaching at Codford St. Peter. 2 months imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 29 <sup>th</sup> February, 1872

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Dyer	James	For stealing a quantity of peas, the property of John Chisman at Codford St. Peter.  1 month imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 29th February, 1872
Hamilton	Ellen	For drunkenness at Codford St. Peter.  14 days imprisonment	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 1872