



## Wilts Quarter Sessions

17<sup>th</sup> Century

# Codford

**1610**

### **VERY DRUNK AT CODFORD**

Richard Gibbens of Codford St. Peter was so drunk he could “no sett upon his horse nor speake playne words”.



**1611**

### **SOME CONVICTIONS**

John Alexander was committed for “assaulting and beating Xpofer Gire, gent, his master”. He was adjudged “to remain in gaol for a fortnight & then conveyed to Codford St. Marye there to sitt in the Stocks for fower houres, then to acknowledge his falters and ask forgiveness of his master and yf he shall reuse soe to doe then to remaine in the Stocks until he shall willingly doe it and then be delivered.”



**1614**

### **ROAST VEAL AND WHITE POT**

At the Quarter Sessions held at Warminster July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1614.

The Jury do psent upon therey othes that upon the last day of Aprill 1614 last past Walter Davis smythe of Codford St. Peter did receive into his house divers hines (servants) and mayd servants of his neighbours and there feasted them with rosted vale, whitpott and monstrellseyall at the charges of the neighbours servant thereabouts, some of Codford & some of Stockton, and at many other tymes he hath done the like. The Minstrell that as there at this tyme was one Nicholas Bennett of Knooke.

(Note – Whitepott was a dish composed of milk with Eggs, fine bread, sugar and spice baked in a pot).

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They also present "that upon the 5<sup>th</sup> of June being Sondag George Dyer servant unto George Imber of SHerington & Mathew Begger of Codford played at kittles for xxd a throw & a typp wch they call xxd againe, insomuche that one in the Company won xxs at that play at that tyme".

The Constables of the hundred of Heytesbury "present Nicholas Bennett of Knooke as a common Minstrell or Crowder (= a fiddler) Y useth to play about in the County upon the Sabbaoth daie to the great dishonor of God."

