



CORONERS INQUESTS



Collingbourne Kingston *1850-1899*

1869

Collingbourne Kingston. Death from sunstroke On Wednesday an inquest was held by Mr Sylvester, on the body of a young man, named John Gibbs, who died rather suddenly on Monday. The deceased, who had been employed in the erection of cottage for the Marquis of Ailesbury, left his home on Monday morning in good health, but about ten o'clock he complained of a pain in his head. He went into cottage near where he was working, but soon after became insensible, and before medical assistance could be procured he died. It appearing from the medical evidence that the deceased died from the effects of sunstroke, a verdict in accordance therewith was returned.

Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 31 July 1869

1870

And at Collingbourne Kingstone, on the body of Wm. Matthews, a gamekeeper who was accidentally shot by a gun he was carrying, in consequence of a barn door blowing against him. Verdict Accidental death. **Devizes and**

Wiltshire Gazette, 24 February 1870

1872

Inquests taken before Mr. Coroner Sylvester At Collingbourne Kingston, on Lucy Alexander, aged 75 years. The deceased belonged to the tribe of gipsies, and was seen lying on the road in front of Mr. Jessie Gilbert's house. She was offered relief of every kind, which she refused, and was found dead the following morning. Verdict - that the said Lucy Alexander died from destitution and exposure. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 22 August 1872**