



Crime Reports

Devizes **1700-1799**

1771

At the Quarter Sessions of the Peace for this county holden this week at Devizes, John Hillier, for stealing a silver pepper box from Mr. Edgerly of Burbage, and Walter Gastrell, for stealing a pair of spurs and a pair of sugar cutters from Mr. Reeves, of Malmesbury, were found guilty, and sentenced to be publically whipped; the former in this town, and the latter in Devizes. **Marlborough Journal, Saturday 13 April 1771**

1791

August 27th - Joseph Cole the youth who was condemned at Salisbury Assizes for robbing his master, Mr. Anstie of Devizes owes his life to the humanity of that gentleman who having vigilantly pursued his conviction ceased the painful task of prosecution, became his advocate, interceded with the Judge and procured him a free pardon. After which in the true spirit of philanthropy he took him again under his protection to make him an honest and deserving member of Society. **Bonner & Middletons Bristol Journal September 1791**