



Crime Reports 1900-1949

1909

19 February 1909 The jury, who have tried Mrs. Heskett at Devizes, on a charge of the alleged murder of a cripple named Teddy on October 31 last, have disagreed. **Brisbane Courier**

1918

8 March 1918 Corporal Asher, also called Berney Aalsey who was convicted at Devizes, for the murder of a Lewis gun instructor, and sentenced to death, was executed in Shepton Mallet Prison Somerset. **Sydney Morning Herald**

1921

23 April 1921 Evidently cock fighting is not altogether a thing of the past as is generally supposed. At Devizes England Petty Sessions on 10th March, George Giddings Ruddle, a gentleman farmer of Horton, Bishop's Cannings, Wilts, was fined the full penalty of £25 and £5 costs for keeping a cock pit. Proceedings were instituted by the RSPCA and evidence showed that fighting had been carried on secretly in the district for several years. The bouts were attended by a considerable number of the sporting fraternity, some of the spectators arriving in motor cars. Thirty cocks, and blood and feathers were found on defendant's premises when raided. **Unknown Australian Newspaper**

1923

19 May 1923 According to the story of Miss Eliza Davis, who was admitted to Adelaide Hospital last week, apparently suffering from poisoning, she drank poison accidentally. Miss Davis, who is only 25 years of age, came to Adelaide from England 18 months ago. Her parents live at Devizes, Wiltshire. She is a domestic helper, but at the time of her admission to the hospital she was out of employment. Her condition was serious when admitted to hospital, but she is now considered to be making excellent progress to recovery, and she is said to be in no danger. **Chronicle, Adelaide**

1934

A dispute as to payment for a rick of hay was the subject of an action heard by Judge Gwynne James at Devizes County Court yesterday, when Leonard Archibald Merrett, of March Farm, Caen Hill, Devizes, formerly of Seend, sued A Parfitt, a smallholder of Seend, for £15 the price which the former claimed was the agreed price between the parties. Judgment would be for Merrett for £10 and costs. **Western Daily Press, Tuesday, 12 June 1934**

1940

Devizes Fines For failing to conform to "halt" sign, William Bell and Francis Ewins, both of Calne, were each fined 10s. at the Devizes County Police Court. They were riding bicycles at the time. Dr. D. G. H. H. Waylen, Devizes, who committed a similar offence when driving a motorcar, paid £1. **North Wilts Herald, 2 February 1940**