



Crime & Punishment

Dinton

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
House	Jervoise	For Stealing wearing apparel belonging to Wm. Ingram, of Dinton; and also for stealing goods from Job Doughty. <i>*Outcome – Imprisoned for eight months for each separate offence</i>	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 23 rd October, 1815
Ford	Robert	Of Dinton, for breaches of the game laws. <i>*Outcome – Imprisoned for two months</i>	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 1 st January, 1835
Ford	James	Of Dinton, for breaches of the game laws. <i>*Outcome – Imprisoned for two months</i>	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 1 st January, 1835
Veney	John	Of Dinton, for breaches of the game laws. <i>*Outcome – Imprisoned for one month & to find sureties for one year</i>	<i>Salisbury and Winchester Journal</i> 9 th March, 1835
Gasper	William	For killing game at Dinton, without having a game certificate. <i>*Outcome – Imprisoned for three months</i>	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 12 th November, 1835
Humby	Samuel	For destroying game at Dinton. <i>*Outcome – Imprisoned for 6 weeks & to find sureties for one year</i>	<i>Wiltshire Independent</i> 17 th January, 1839
Viney	James	For having assaulted Mary Ann Forhead, at Dinton. <i>*Outcome – Imprisoned for one month</i>	<i>Wiltshire Independent</i> 12 th December, 1839
Viney	James	For destroying game at Dinton. <i>*Outcome – Imprisoned for two months</i>	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 21 st May, 1840
Weeks	William	For stealing vegetables from the garden of John Bragg, at Dinton. <i>*Outcome – Imprisoned for one month</i>	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 18 th June, 1840

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Sparey	Joseph	Of Dinton, for destroying game in his parish. <i>*Outcome – Imprisoned for one month</i>	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 12 th January, 1843
Bowden	Thomas	Of Dinton, for destroying game in his parish. <i>*Outcome – Imprisoned for one month</i>	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 12 th January, 1843
Giles	Thomas	Of Dinton, for destroying game in his parish. <i>*Outcome – Imprisoned for one month</i>	<i>Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette</i> 12 th January, 1843