

## Crime and Punishment

## Hankerton

## Malmesbury Divisional Petty Session Wednesday 2 April 1873

## **Trial of Charles Woodward**

Charles Woodward, of Hankerton, was charged with selling beer without a license. Supt Woodman said that he, in company with PS Hobbs, went to defendant's house and found one cask containing best beer, and another containing ale. Each barrel was on tap. Defendant, when asked by the bench if he had any questions to ask, replied, "No, it's quite true I had the beer for sale. I did it on purpose to get some firestuff, as I didn't know what else to do." He asked the bench to be merciful to him, as he was very poor and badly off.

Fined 15s 6d, including costs.

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