



Crime Reports

Mere 1850-1899

1867

Hindon Petty Sessions, Wednesday 5th June. Before Robert Graves, Esq., John Lock, Esq., and Lord Arundell. J. Charlton was summoned by P.C. Cruse for allowing three horses to stray on the highway in the parish of Mere. A former conviction was proved against defendant and he was fined £1 3s, including costs. Henry Charlton was also summoned by the same officer for allowing his three horses to stray. Fined 2s 6d each horse and costs. **Western Gazette, Friday, 7 June 1867**

Hindon Petty Sessions, Wednesday 5th June. Before Robert Graves, Esq., John Lock, Esq., and Lord Arundell. John Denbeigh, Mary Denbeigh, and Eliza Denbeigh, all of Shaftesbury, were summoned for assaulting Jane Weldon, at Mere, on the 16th of May. There was a cross-summons in this case. Mr Atkinson appeared for the Denbeighs, and Mr George Chitty for Weldon. This case occupied the Bench a considerable time. Ultimately it was dismissed, each party to pay their own costs. **Western Gazette, Friday, 7 June 1867**

1868

Hindon Petty Sessions. Wednesday. Before John Locke, Esq. - Charles Gatehouse, a lime burner of Stourton was summoned for being drunk and incapable of taking care of a horse and cart in the parish of Mere on the 20th September. The case was clearly proved by P.C. Maggs. Fined 2s. 6d. and costs. **Western Gazette, 9 October 1868**

1871

Hindon Petty Sessions, Wednesday Before R. Graves, Esq. (chairman), Lord Arundell, J. Locke, Esq., V. Bennett-Stamford, Esq., and T. F. Grave, Esq., M.P. George Trim, butcher, was summoned for being asleep in his trap, on the side of the road, on the Mere Down, at half past three o'clock in the morning. Fined 5s and costs, or seven days. **Western Gazette, 8 December 1871**

1872

Hindon Petty Sessions, Wednesday. Before R. Graves, Esq. (Chairman), Lord Arundell, Troyte Bullock, and V. F. Benett-Stanford, Esqs. William Maidment was fined 5s and costs, for being drunk in the street at Mere, on the 3rd inst. John Gray was convicted of leaving a cart and two horses in the street at Mere without anyone in charge, on the 17th inst. Fined 1s and costs. Troyte Bullock, Esq. proved the case. William Baker and Edward Burt, two vagrants, were charged with absconding from Mere Union, without performing their allotted task. Committed – Baker to 21 days and Burt 14 days hard labour. Henry Jones and Charles Mason, two tramps, were convicted of begging food on the 20th inst., at Mere. Committed - Jones for one month's, and Mason four weeks hard labour. **Western Gazette, 23 February 1872**

1881

Hindon Petty Sessions, Wednesday. Before Lord Arrundell, and Messrs. W. Grove and W. R. King. Thomas Clothier, of Mere, was charged with being drunk at that place on the 8th January. Ordered to pay 2s. 6d. and costs. **Western Gazette, 4 February 1881**