



CORONERS INQUESTS



Netherhampton

George Tutt - 27th June 1902

An inquest was held on Monday evening at the Victoria and Albert Inn in Netherhampton into the death of George Marsh Tutt aged 14.

Francis Thomas Tutt said his son went out to get some chalk which he often did. He went with a school friend from Bishop's school, namely 11 year old Walter Tirrell. They both went to a place called Anthony's Cross near the Race Plain (Salisbury Race Course). They went by pony and cart and took with them a prong and shovel.

Walter said George was picking the chalk out while he loaded it into the cart, when all of a sudden the chalk fell upon George.

Walter immediately ran for help and got the assistance of Fred Whitlock who found George partially covered with chalk. He had been knocked on the head and blood was oozing from his head and mouth. He had a slight pulse but by the time he was dug out he had died.

PC Elkins said the chalk that fell on to him would have weighed nearly a ton.

Dr Richmond who examined the body found there were extensive injuries which were sufficient to cause almost instantaneous death.

The Coroner remarked that the excessive rains had probably loosened the chalk.

The jury recorded a verdict of accidental death.

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