



Fires 1800-1899

1857

GREAT FIRE AT STRATTON Yesterday (Sunday) morning, about eleven o'clock a fire of most destructive character broke out, by which eight cottages, some stables and out-buildings, two ricks of straw, and one of hay, and other property were totally destroyed. The fire started by the Crown Inn in the yard of David Archer. Mr. Stone, the butcher, premises were one that was lost and another belonging to John Adams. **Swindon Advertiser, 29 June 1857 & Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette, 02 July 1857**

1869

Another instance of the numerous cases of fire which have originated through the carelessness of parents allowing their children access to lucifer matches, occurred on Tuesday last, at Stratton St. Margaret, by which two ricks, one containing 20 the other 14 tons, were almost entirely consumed. The hay was but partially insured, consequently, Mr. Brush, its owner, will sustain a loss. It appears that two children of a labourer named Griffin had set the ricks on fire with lucifer matches. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 25 November 1869**