

Críme Reports

Ludgershall 1850-1899

1858

Pewsey Petty Sessions James Landsley was charged with stealing £1 5s., the property of George Alexander, at Ludgershall, on the night of the 1st inst. Committed for trial. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 21 August 1858**

Everleigh Petty Sessions Joseph Reeves charged with stealing a quantity of turnips, the property of William Hutchins, at Ludgershall, on 3rd Oct, was fined 15s. including costs and in default of payment was committed for 21 days hard labour. Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 6 November 1858

1860

Everley Petty Sessions Henry Taylor, of Shoddesden, Hampshire, and Charles Chandler, of Ludgershall, were charged by PC Mundy with fighting and disorderly conduct at Ludgershall, on the 21st April last. The charge was proved against defendants, and they were ordered to pay 3s. 6d. each and costs. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 26 May 1860**

1861

Everley Petty Sessions Herbert Meall, Samuel Meall, and Charles Reeves, were charged with assaulting a woman, named Jane Blackmore, at Ludgershall, on the 12th December last. The defendants were all convicted and fined 5s. each and costs, and ordered to find one surety each in £10 for their good behaviour towards complainant for 12 months. Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 2 February 1861

Everley Petty Sessions Mr. Stephen Weeks, of Ludgershall, and Thomas Jennings of Wootton Rivers, out-door beer-house keepers, were charged with selling a half pint of beer in each case, and allowing it to be drunk on the premises on 19th of February last. The charges was proved by Mr. A. B. Richardson, officer of the Inland Revenue and defendants were fined £10. Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 13 April 1861

Committed to the New Prison Devizes Michael Sturgess, for one month, for poaching at Ludgershall **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 31 October 1861**

1865

Everley Petty Sessions Mr. William Hunt, miller, and Mr. Henry Norris, innkeeper, of Ludgershall, were summoned for non-payment of poor-rates, but upon agreeing to pay the rates, together with the costs, the informations were withdrawn. Mr. Evan Williams, overseer, was summoned for unlawfully causing two paupers to be conveyed from Ludgershall (in the Andover Union) to the Union Workhouse at Pewsey, contrary to the Act of Parliament, but on the authorities agreeing to pay the costs of maintenance, &c., the case was not gone into. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 6 April 1865**

Pewsey Petty Sessions James Fields, carpenter, of North Tedworth, a tall, powerful man, was charged with committing an indecent assault upon Sarah Sheppard, a married woman, at Ludgershall, on Friday, the

31st March. He was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, upon hearing which he said to Mr. Fowle, magistrate, "Thank you, Sir, and I hope you will sit there until I come out." **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 13 April 1865**

1867

Everley Petty Sessions Frederick Blackmore, of Ludgershall, was charged with trespassing in search of game on land the property of Mr. T. E. Fowle, at Chute, and the charge being proved, he was fined £1. and in default of payment he was sent to gaol for 21 days. Mr. Fowle left the Bench during the hearing of the case. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 2 March 1867**

1868

Pewsey Petty Sessions Samuel Sturgess, of Ludgershall, bricklayer, was brought up in custody, under a warrant, charged with having assaulted and beaten Ann Sturgess, his wife, on the night of the 8th inst. After hearing the evidence, the Bench committed him to prison for six calendar months with hard labour, without the option of paying a fine, and at the expiration of such sentence to enter into his own recognizance in £10 to keep the peach for six months. Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 18 January 1868

Pewsey Petty Sessions George Sawyer, labourer, who did not appear, was charged by Mr. Stephen Weeks, of the Prince of Wales Inn, at Ludgershall, with disorderly conduct. The defendant was ordered to pay one pound and the costs. Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 18 July 1868

1869

Everley Petty Sessions Elijah Parver, of Ludgershall, labourer, was summoned by Richard Fields, assistant gamekeeper on the Tedworth estate, for setting a wire for the purpose of taking game, at North Tedworth, on the 13th May. Fined 1s. and costs 8s., or seven days, the Bench having given him the benefit of a good character. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 3 June 1869**

Everley Petty Sessions James Lansley, of Ludgershall, labourer, was brought up under remand, charged with having committed an aggravated assault on Elizabeth Sheppard, of Ludgershall, single woman, at Tedworth, on the 13th June last. Complainant, a young woman about 20, stated that about 7 o'clock in the morning she was going to her work at the Warren, Tedworth, and near a clay pit on her way she passed the prisoner, who took hold of her and indecently assaulted her. The prisoner, who is nearly sixty years of age, asked the Bench to deal leniently with him. Committed for six months. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette. 5** August 1869

Pewsey Petty Sessions Mr. William Henry Sparks, of Ludgershall, baker, was summoned by Mr. Stretten, for selling bread from a cart, not being provided with correct beam and scales with proper weights, to weigh the same, at Chute on 11th October. Fined 50s. and costs 7s. Mr. Sparks was also summoned by the same officer, for selling bread otherwise than by weight, at the same time and place. Fined 40s. and costs 19s. 6d. William Kimber was also summoned by the same officer, for selling bread, otherwise than by weight, at the same time and place. Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 18 November 1869