

Poaching Charge

Hindon Petty Sessions

John Lloyd, of Tucking Mill, West Tisbury; John Ford, of Duck Street, East Tisbury; Edward Coombs, of Glaston, Wardour, all young labourers, were summoned at the instance of Samuel Marks, gamekeeper, of Ebbesbourne Wake, for trespassing in search of game on land in the possession and occupation of George Blandford Matthews, at Alvediston, on the 1st October.

Marks, who is gamekeeper to Mr. Matthews, stated that on the date named he was on the down at Swallowclift Corner, about two o'clock, when he saw the three defendants poaching on land belonging to Lord Arundell and Mr. Keevil. They afterwards came to Mr. Matthew's land, where they commenced to beat the bushes, being at the time accompanied by a terrier. He saw one of the lads catch a rabbit. Witness subsequently followed the defendants, and found them out with the assistance of the Police Superintendent at Tisbury.

Defendants were each fined 1s. and 8s. costs.

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