



# *Crime News - Assault*

*Swindon  
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## **Assault by Edward Pavior**

SWINDON POLICE COURT

Thursday

BRUTAL KICKING

Edward Pavior, saddler, of Wanborough, was charged with assaulting William Middleton, labourer, at Swindon, on the 26th May.

Complainant said he lodged at the Bell and Shoulder of Mutton Inn, and was having his dinner, when he saw defendant kick Mrs. Pope's dog. He told him not to do that, and after sometime he came up to him and kicked him on his thigh, injuring him so bad as to cause him to lay up several days. The Chairman said he had seen the thigh, which was very much swollen and injured.

In answer to the Bench, complainant denied that he gave defendant the least provocation. He did not knock his pipe out, or touch him. Defendant had since offered to make it up. The defendant said he kicked the man because he broke his pipe. He did not mean to kick him just where he did, but missed his aim. The Chairman said he had never seen such a kick in his life before. It was a wonder the man was not killed. The fine would be £1 and, 12s costs, or 14 days. Complainant was allowed 5s.

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It would appear that the Bell and Shoulder of Mutton Inn, now closed, was located in Marlborough Road, Swindon.