

Police Occurrence Book

Extracts from Police Occurrence Book covering the period January 1941

8th January 1941

Suicide : Annie Berry , 68 years, 14 Fern Hill Drive, by Inhaling coal gas.

9th January 1941

Enquiry : Supt Seaforth, A barrage Balloon , broken away from moorings at Vale Park, trailing 6,000 feet of cable, and travelling at 25 miles per hour in N.N.E direction.

12th January 1941

Crimes : Barker Holden, 135 Burnley Road, Weir, Bacup a coal dealer, reported that 2 sacks of poultry food were missing from a hen cabin situated in a field off Burnley Road Weir.

Horace Brassington, 3 Rosehill Street, Bacup reported that a sum of money had been entrusted to Margaret Allen, and he suspected that she had converted some to her own use.

John William Greenwood, 20 Shepherd Street, Bacup reported that a sum of money had been entrusted to Margaret Allen, and he suspected that she had converted some to her own use.

James Robert Ashworth, 11 Princess Street, Bacup reported that a sum of money had been entrusted to Margaret Allen and he suspected that she had converted some to her own use.

Tuesday 18th February 1941

Street Accident : At 0.10 pm Thomas Bolton, 69 years of 169 Market Street , Bacup, was knocked down and injured by a Morris 8HP motor van. Reg No. HG 3707 in Market Street, Bacup.

Friday 28th March 1941

Foot and Mouth Disease : A large number of County boroughs, and parishes have been declared Infected Areas, Bacup and the surrounding boroughs included.

Sunday 25th May 1942

Reports :

P.C 21 , Reported Annie Conway using abusive language.

P.C.26 Obstruction of Smith Brow by load of ashes.

S.C.77 Thurston Seville, Breach of lighting restrictions.

P.C.21 J Thompson Breach of lighting restrictions.

Monday 16th June 1941

Enquiry : Evacuee missing from his home.

Sunday 13th July 1941

Special Supervision : The regional police headquarters reports that in the 16th instant a military convoy would pass through the borough consisting of 67 vehicles and 8 motor cycles.

Reports :

P.C.10 Barrage Balloon, straying over the borough.

P.S.2 Cpl W Stratton Instructed to return to unit.

Tuesday 11th November 1941

Sudden Death: At 9.20am information was received at the office of the sudden death of Alice Eckersley age 60 years, of 334 Newchurch Road, Stacksteads on Stacksteads railway station.

Monday 22nd December 1941

In view of the special liability of larceny of poultry round about Christmas time patrols will give special attention to this class of crime.

Friday 8th May 1942

Enquiry : Chief Constable York : Express message, Escape of three Italian prisoners of war.

Friday 9th May

Enquiry : Chief Constable York, Italian prisoners of war recaptured.

Regional Police message new type of bomb used by enemy.

Sunday 14 June 1942

Report : Children playing in the office at Rakehead Quarry.

Tuesday 14 July 1942

Street Accident : At 8.55 a street accident occurred in Rochdale Road, near to the Empire theatre whereby Betty Ashness aged 4 and half years of 13 Heys Street, Bacup sustained head injuries.

Monday 24th August 1942

Alien Reporting : At 10am Audino Luigi and alien of Italian nationality reported his arrival in this borough and will reside at 4 Pembroke Street, Bacup.

Tuesday 29th September 1942

MVB Message : James Davies and James Brennan absconded from remand centre.

Monday 19th October 1942

Occurrence : Unusual sounds heard by night-watchman at Reed works, Beech mill, Bacup.

Saturday 28 November 1942

Occurrence : Prize draw tickets found in Kimberley Working men's club, Rakehead, Stacksteads.

Monday 11 December 1942

Enquiry : Edward Allan Harris and Robert Chatman absconded from Dolroyd Approved school.