

Cases before the Magistrates

Consumer Services

22 May 1920 Elizabeth Tarplett fined £1 for selling loaves of bread short weight.

5 July 1924 Silas Barker a fishmonger fined £2 for operating an unjust balance.

8 May 1926 Florence Giles fined £3 for selling adulterated milk.

22 October 1927 Frank Holtom fined £1 with 10s costs for operating a wireless set without a licence.

6 April 1929 Garnet Hewert Keyte and William Keyte charged with selling coal in less than 2cwts. Bags.
Case dismissed with 4s costs.

20 August 1932 Garnet Stanley fined £1 with £1-6s costs and Ernest Smith fined £1 with 6s costs both for watering down milk.

23 July 1938 John Galt charged with selling milk deficient in fat and from a can not bearing his name.
Fined 5s with 2gns. Advocates fee and 2gns. for the Analyst.

8 October 1938 Vincent Capaldi fined £1 for selling Ice Cream from a motor cycle and side car without a licence.

Children

4 August 1928 John Edward Brotheridge aged eleven, charged with feloniously and maliciously setting fire to a hay stack. Case dismissed through leniency of the Court.

5 October 1929 James Keyte and Charles Palmer both aged eight charged with killing chickens. The magistrates decide that as they had both been thrashed by their parents, this would be punishment enough.
The Magistrates congratulated the parents as they had done their best in the circumstances.

8 February 1930 Arthur Mayo, Fred Buckland, Ernest Clifford, Jack Bruce and Ernest Smith each fined 5s for playing football in Aston Road.

7 November 1931 Thomas Merriman fined 10s for throwing a firework.

19 June 1937 15 year old boy charged with driving a van under age, case dismissed with 4s costs. Samuel Phipps, a grocer fined £2 with £1 costs for allowing the offence. Mr Phipps said that he thought the boy was old enough.

27 August 1938 A twelve year old American Boy charged with driving with no licence and no insurance. Two policemen, who were alerted by his young looks stopped him on Westington Hill they both said they were impressed with his driving ability. In answer to the charge he said that he came to England from Cleveland, Ohio, where he owned his own car. Case dismissed. His aunt, Pauline Fenn who was in the car with him was fined £10 and banned from driving for one year.

14 January 1939 Charges against two 15 year old youths for riding bicycles without lights were dismissed on payment of 4s costs because they were riding home. A 13 year old youth fined 5s for riding a bicycle without lights because he was cycling **away** from home.

4th March 1939 Connie Smith aged 28 and Thomas Smith aged 21, charged with neglect of Connie Smiths two children aged 5 and 3 years.

Inspector Cucksey of the N.S.P.C.C. went to a bivouak shack under a wall in a coppice near Gunns Cottages where he saw the children inside shivering and covered with black verminous sores, some bleeding. It was very cold and Inspector Cucksey went to Campden Police Station and obtained an order from Sergeant Silvey to remove the children to the Stow Public Assistance Institution.

The children were first taken to Campden Police Station where they were washed and fed on bread and butter and milk, while waiting for the arrival of Dr Birch. He examined the children and wrote his report which was read out in court and stated that the children were neglected and caused unnecessary suffering by the open sores and malnourishment.

Connie Smith was sentenced to 3 months imprisonment and Thomas Smith to 1 month imprisonment.

Excuses given to the Court

7 Feb 1920 Charles Henry Wilcox charged with stealing a fowl from Mr W. H. Bricknell, Landlord of the Baker's Arms Public House. Wilcox did not appear and a warrant was issued for his Arrest.

17 Apr 1920 Charles Henry Wilcox brought up in custody to answer the charge of stealing a fowl. He was asked by the chairman of the Magistrates why he did not appear on 7th February to which he replied **"I could not attend because I was in Oxford Prison serving one month for stealing a fowl in Chipping Norton"**

Wilcox was given a one month prison sentence.

22 May 1926 Thomas Hall charged with stealing firewood was asked why he had committed this crime replied **"I needed the money to buy bread and cheese and cigarettes"**. He was bound over to be of good behaviour sum of £5 and ordered to pay costs of 15s- 6d.

23 Oct 1926

Frederick Edward Butler charged with being drunk and disorderly replied "I was not drunk but I had pulled and planted 1,000 lettuce plants that day and because of this, **all the bending down had made me giddy**". Fined 10s.

10 June 1939 Lionel Ellis when charged with cruelty to a cat that had taken a fish from his van said **"I went to recover my fish unfortunately for the cat my boot got there first"**. Fined £5.

18 May 1940 Mary Knott charged with speeding while towing a horse box. She said **"I was trying to get to Stratford races with the horse he was entered in the last race"** The chairman asked the outcome. PC Crump said that she made it in time and the horse won. She was fined 30s and her license endorsed.

10 Aug 1940 George Fletcher charged with riding a bicycle without lights. Said " I was pushing my bike when a I came across a man of the tramping , pea picking classes who accosted me by asking me to take him home and give him a bed for the night, **so jumped on my bike to get away from him. But unfortunately I ran against the Constable"** Fined 10s.

Licences

10 January 1914 Mrs Matilda Simmonds was granted a twelve months renewal of her licence for a cinematograph show which is at present situated in Campden.

1918 The Magistrates decided not to renew the licences for six public houses in Chipping Campden and Broad Campden.

15 October 1921 Magistrates grant all day Licences on Market Days.

10 February 1923 Superintendent Bunker gives his report to the Brewster's Sessions in which he states that there are too many licensed premises in Blockley. One for every 177 inhabitants, by far the highest in the whole of the North Cotswolds. Stiff opposition from Blockley Licensees who win the day.

5 February 1927 Brewster's Sessions- Superintendent Bunker reports that there are ten Public Houses in Blockley one for every 177 people. "This is too many pubs so three must go".

8 February 1930 Brewster's Sessions, Population of licensing area is 6,981 a ratio of 249 people to each license.

26 April 1930 Two Policemen who are suspicious about the possibility of late drinking, hide in the Noel Arms Hotel. When the barman locked the doors he serves two customers with drinks. The two Policemen jump out and caught them red handed. Landlord, Mr Wakeham, who was not present in the bar was found guilty of allowing drinks to be served after hours and fined £5.

8 February 1936 Inspector Williams gives licensing report - 32 licensed premises and the Parish of Ebrington created, Hidcote Bartrim abolished.

'Foreigners'

The Magistrates seemed to be harder in their sentencing on 'foreigners' to the area.

29 August 1931 Special Sessions to deal with the problems caused by Pea Pickers.

28 November 1931 Miss G B Sheppy's first case; Roronhama Akitana Teaki a Moari seaman charged with stealing a torch from Samuel Stanley of Ebrington. Sentenced to seven days in Prison.

7 November 1936 A Gloucestershire Police spokesman says there will be more Police on duty in Campden during the Pea picking season.

14 August 1937 John Evens and his wife, pea pickers, each sent to prison for 14 days for being drunk and disorderly.

20 August 1938 Polly Long in the dock fined 10s for assault on Jane Butler then steps into the witness box to give evidence against Dennis Smith fined 10s for assault on herself. All three were pea pickers.

7 October 1939 William Parker charged with begging and assault on John Moss.

Sgt. Silvey was called and arrested Parker. Sgt. Silvey said "The Prisoner was of the tramping class, dirty and filthy" Parker was asked by the Chairman where he belonged and what his occupation was. Parker replied "I have never done any work and don't intend to, all I want is another chance I am willing to give him all the money that I have". He was fined 5s for begging and one month in prison for assault. Parker said, "you have made a criminal of me the next time I go to prison it will be for worse than this."

A Family Matter

24 December 1920 William Thomas Travill, former Drill Instructor with Campden "K" Company Gloucestershire Regiment Guilty of bigamously marrying Edith Mary Plested.

23 July 1921 William Thomas Travill ordered to pay Edith Mary Plested 10s per week.

9 April 1921 Margaret Taylor and Lily Taylor of Paul's Pike charged with brawling in a public place. Although the evidence was conclusive the magistrates discharged them both "As this was a family matter".

13 December 1930 Victor Matthews is sentenced for the tenth time to a months imprisonment for non-payment of maintenance.

8 July 1933 Madge Davis awarded a separation order, with 10s per week payment, from her husband Victor.

18 November 1933 Charles Ladbrook charged with default of an affliction order being £2-7s-6d in arrears. He is told by the Chairman to pay up or go to prison.

20 October 1934 Charles Ladbrook brought up in custody for default on affliction order to the sum of £4-18s. He was ordered to pay £1 per week until the deficit was paid off or go to prison.

5 October 1935 Charles Ladbrook £5-15s in arrears to Cynthia Hayes given a two month suspended prison sentence and ordered to pay £1 a week.

19 October 1935 Charles Ladbrook applies for a variation order on the Maintenance Order made against him on 7th December 1932. The bench agrees to reduce the order to 5/- per week but he must also pay an extra 5/- per week until the arrears are paid off.

