

WALTHAM ABBEY MURDERS 1737-1995

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A listing of incidents which were initially thought to be the illegal taking of life, or an attempt at such, whether the courts ultimately saw them as such or not.

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HAROLD SCOTT,
The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis

Special Notice

M.P. (JF).—Re Special Notices of 20-11-46; 22-11-46, and 9-6-47, asking that all .38 Webley and Enfield revolvers coming into police possession be forwarded to New Scotland Yard. Mr. Churchill, the gun expert, has now requested that no weapon be forwarded unless there is some possibility that it could have been used in the murder.

Year	Victim	Location	Result	The suspect
1737	Thomas Morris	High Beech	Solved	Dick Turpin
1797	Ann Grey	Sewardstone Street	Not solved	
1802	Thomas Knight	Waltham Abbey	Although killed by another this matter does not appear to have been dealt with by the judiciary.	
1802	Miss Buers	Cut Throat Lane, Broomstickhall Common.	Attempted murder solved.	William Clark hanged at Chelmsford
1803	A Portuguese prisoner of war.	The Cock Inn, Highbridge Street	Lt. Storey censured	
1917	Charles Sharp	Sewardstone Road, Chingford	Solved.	Charles Edward Ward imprisoned.
1926	Christine Cordell	Sewardstone Road, Sewardstone.	Solved	George Pavett sentenced to 6 months hard labour.
1927	PC George Gutteridge	Stapleford Road, Stapleford Abbotts	Solved. Not local, an Essex Officer	

1946	Kenneth Dolden	Fairmead Road, High Beech.	Not solved.	
1952	The Whiten family	55 Honey Lane.	Solved. Not a murder but directly linked to the infamous murder, by Bentley and Craig of PC Sidney Miles in Croydon.	
DEATH	PENALTY	ABOLISHED		
1969	Gerald Hawley	Church Road, High Beach	Solved	Michael Muldoon sentenced to life imprisonment.
1969	Male	Highbridge Street	Attempted murder by shooting solved.	
1970	Gary Hanlon and Susan Blatchford	Sewardstone Road, Sewardstone	Solved after 30 years.	
1971	Female	Highbridge Street	Attempted murder, solved.	Ex-husband sentenced.
1973	Rachael Mulhearne	Woodredon Hill	Solved	Sheana Mulhearne
1974	Garett Defries	Cross Roads, High Beach	Solved. Murder suicide	Ronald Defries [deceased]
1978	Female	Milton Court	Attempt by spouse solved.	Husband committed to asylum.
1980	Patricia Malone	Fairmead Road, High Beach	Solved as failing to arrange a burial/tell the coroner.	Peter Swindell
1981	Frederick Miles	Claypitt Hill, High Beach.	Solved.	Derek Hopkinson and George Lomax sentenced to Life Imprisonment.
1983	Marie Payne	Lodge Road, Upshire.	Solved	Colin Evans sentenced to life imprisonment.
1985	Barry Lewis	Monkhams Hall	Solved	Leslie Bailey and others imprisoned for

				various terms.
1986	Robert Tucker	Farmhill Road	Solved.	Simon Lundie sentenced.
1988	Rashid Abdur	Fairmead Road, High Beach.	Not solved.	
1989	Judith Knight	Claypit Hill, High Beach	Solved	Colin Goundry and Jason Atkins sentenced.
1989	Terry Gooderham and Maxine Arnold	Lodge Road, Upshire	Not solved	Chief suspect was reportedly found murdered in what was said to be a gangland killing.
1990	Patricia Parsons	Long Street, Upshire	Not solved	
1991	Female	Milton Court	Attempt by spouse. Solved.	Husband returned to asylum.
1992	Brenda Howe	Epping New Road	Not solved	Husband declared not guilty when the court did not accept the eye witness account of a child witness.



The discovery of Patricia 'Lee' Parsons in 1990