

WILLIAM BAMFORD'S DIARY

By

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There has been in my family for a great many years a ledger measuring approximately 16" x 12" x 1 ½", which was at one time the property of W. G. and J. Strutt of Belper and Milford, Cotton Spinners. In the Ledger account has been kept of cotton bought, manufactured and sold, the number of hands employed and wages paid, the maintenance of buildings, the cost of installing the gas works and the expenditure on such undertakings as the new Chesterfield road through Duffield, Makeney, Belper and Heage.

However, to me the most interesting items are the jottings, interspersed between the accounts, of events which occurred at the time, that is between 1820 and 1845.

William Bamford was head clerk in the Counting House at the West Mill, Belper, and served Messrs. Strutt for nearly fifty years. Judging by the change in style of handwriting, other clerks added their comments. One of them was my own great-grandfather, Jonathan Harrison, who was born in 1805. He was paid the handsome salary of £50 yearly at a time when the average wage for a workman was eight shillings and sixpence weekly.

Jonathan Harrison's great-grandfather was Abraham Harrison (1686-1747) of the Laund, Belper, who was a Master Nailor and who is buried with his wife Mary and two young daughters, Mary and Martha, about six yards south of the old Yew tree stump in Duffield Churchyard.

From the notes in the Diary one can with a little imagination see how hard life was for the underdog and how a hard core of the underdogs were absolute ruffians.

Notes from the Diary

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| 1821 Jan. 15 | An account of dwelling houses and sundry other buildings in the Liberty of Belper. | |
| | Bridge Hill Hose and appertainances | 1 |
| | Farmhouses | 38 |
| | Cotton Mills | 3 |
| | Hosiers Warehouses | 1 |

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| | Nailers Warehouses | 6 |
| | Hat Factories | 2 |
| | Potteries | 1 |
| | Tanyard | 1 |
| | Corn Mills | 4 |
| | Malthouses | 2 |
| | Bakehouses | 12 |
| | Mercers, Grocers Butchers Shops | 35 |
| | Joiners Shops | 7 |
| | Blacksmiths Shops | 7 |
| | Nailers Shops | 162 |
| | Stockingers Shops | 27 |
| | Weavers Shops | 14 |
| | Population | 1801 |
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| | | 4500 |
| | | 5778 |
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| | Growth due principally to increase of cotton manufacture. | |
| May 16 | <p>Paul Brooks died on the night of May 16 1821. On May 13, he went to Heage and being at a Public House with A. Booth there happened several Belper men came in, B. Gration, Stephen Redfern, and a man named Walker, a shoe maker that worked with Jacob Smith and another that worked for Anthony Smith.</p> <p>It happened that Walker having been out and coming in again came and seated himself by Paul who had poured out his last ale into the glass and purposed coming home, this ale Walker offered t take but Paul resented it and withdrew to his own company when they began to insult him. In a while Gration came in and in someway pulled the chair from under Paul and he fell down and it is supposed Gration fell upon him with his knees as shocking to relate his bladder was burst. After he got out he was obliged to lie down, getting no further than the Barn which hard by, where he la at all his length till discovered by the people of the house. They got him in again and a man by the name of Pappleton stopped till daylight and came with him almost to Belper. Paul concealed the business from the Doctor whom he applied for relief and he was treated for Twist in the Bowels.</p> <p>The pain which he endured was excrutiating in the extreme. After his death, Pym and Radford (Constables) went off to Heage to collect what information they could and a Coroner and Jury were sent for, they sat on Friday May 18, when a verdict of manslaughter was given against Gration who was took up directly and conveyed to Derby Gaol the same night. (Aquitted at Midsummer Assizes.)</p> | |
| July 13 | <p>The Coronation of George the Fourth. A tea drinking given by Messrs. Strutt in Long Row and the whole of their hands at night were invited to Bridge Hill where they were all drawn up on the Lawn accompanied by a Band of music, with Flags and Staffs bearing appropriate Toasts. They had a plentiful supply</p> | |

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| | of ale from Mr. R A. Smith. Cost at Belper £16 19 6. and at Milford £12 0 7. | |
| July 13 | William Bamford gave up the wages department to John Bamford. (W.B. had been in this dept. since 1799.) Jonathan Harrison came in September 1829. | |
| July 27 | First time of paying Paupers in new Town Office. | |
| Aug. 7 | Queen Caroline dies about 25 minutes to 10 at night. | |
| Sept. 3 | The Architect from London and the Undertaker for the building of the Church (St. Peters) were at Belper. Architect, Habishon. Undertaker, Crowe. Jones foreman to Crowe in Masonic Dept. Johnson, builder. Wagstaff clerk of works. | |
| Sept. 26 | The new Regulator Coach overturned just coming out of Weir Lane, fortunately not much injury was sustained. There were two women passengers one of whom was very poorly. | |
| Oct. 1 | Mr. Geo. Henry Strutt died at Plymouth, was brought home Oct. 12 and his remains were deposited in the new Cemetary at the Meeting House in the first niche on the ground floor N.E. corner. On Sunday Oct. 14, a sermon was preached by the Rev. D. P. Davies which was most numerously attended. | |
| Oct. 15 | The melancholy intelligence came to Derby of the death of Joseph Douglas Strutt Esquire on the 27 Aug. 1821 at Constantinople the day after he there arrived, he was burried the day after his death and a small stone was put down to his memory merely stating his age and time he died. Oh cruel fate that would not spare A fathers only darling son With resignation let us bow And say great God thy will be done. (signed William Bamford.) | |
| Oct. 31 | At Belper Fair 2 persons were taken up for Pocket Picking. The largest Menagerie in the Kingdom (Geo. Womwell.) consisting of 11 carriages one of which had wheels with 5 rows of Tiers full 16 inches over (with 5 rows of tyers 16 inches across). | |
| Nov. 24 | Week ending Nov. 24. The Superintendents of rooms began to have only the time they realy worked entered in the Time Books and their wages raised. | |
| 1822 Sept. 14 | The first stone of the new Church was laid by Jedidiah Strutt Esq. with it a sovereign. The Foundation Stone was laid Oct. 31 1822 by the Most Noble Duke of Devonshire. | |
| | Under the Foundation Stone was deposited | One Sovereign |
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| | | One Half Crown |
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| | The coins were sent from Derby by Mr. William Williamson in a case wick cost one and sixpence making with its contents £1 10 6. | |
| | <p>The Tenantry of His Grace the Duke of Devonshire assembled at the stable yard about halfpast eleven and pressently after set of to meet him. He arrived at Weir Lane about 12 oc, in an open Carriage and four with Coachman and Postillion in superb liveries. The horses were took from the Carriage by the Populace and he was drawn to Bridge Hill amid the rejoicings of the people, as on this occasion every heart seemed elated with joy. It was a little damped by a serious misfortune happening to young Hatton of New Buildings, his horse happening to rear and he giving it a sudden check, tumbled over and broke his thigh. Another accident happened to a horse of J. J. Wrights having a pole of a carriage run into it.</p> <p>The people who were to Compose the Procession began to assemble at the Schoolroom. His grace set off from Bridge Hill to join it about 1 oc, in his State Coach and six horses in gold harness. The procession set of about half past one and arrived at the Church a little before 2 oc. It was conducted with the greatest regularity and order and every eye wanted to have a view of His Grace who bowed with the most smiling countenance to every one. The procession to Church was managed exceedingly well but the business of keeping the Ground clear by those on the spot was done very ill. One of the workmens sheds was entirely thrown down by people getting upon it but luckily no serious injury was sustained.</p> | |
| Sept. 15 | Sunday. The Liturgy was for the first time read by Mr. Davies as a specimen, a meeting of the congregation was called to meet at the Vestry on Sunday night to consider its adoption. No Service Sept. 28, owing to Mr. Jones's domestic calamity. Oct. 6, Mr. Jones preach a very affecting sermon from the 4 th Psalm. | |
| Sept. 20 | Friday morning, a man found lying in the orchard of Geo. Woolatt, Heage. Shot dead by a servant lad of about 16 while in the act of robbing it. At the Inqest the Jury gave it Justifiable Homicide. | |
| Oct. 17 | Mrs. Cooper relict of Mr Cooper of Mayfield and three of her daughters having been on a visit to her son, owner of the Cotton Mill at Hanging Bridge near Ashbourne, called on Mr. Joseph Strutt on their way home (she was his sister) to stay during the Musical Festival which began Oct.8, 1822 and continued four days. She was at the Ball on Friday night, she was taken ill on the Monday following and died Thursday Oct. 17 and was buried Sunday the 20, 1822. | |
| Oct. 24 | Geo. Jessop fell down in West Mill passage in a senseless state and has since | |

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| | become quite insane. |
| Nov. 18 | <p>The Gasometer at Milford was bought of Isaac Horton Westbromwich, Nov. 18 1822. Weight 6 tons 3 cwt 1q 22lbs. At 32 shillings per cwt. Size 40 feet diameter 12 feet deep at sides, rises 2 feet 8 inches in the crown. The Gas Meter was had from Mr. William Wigston, Derby. The large Timepiece with machinery and large counter was had from Whitehurst & Son Derby. Cost £16 5. 0. The alarm clock off same, £9 5. 0. The Gasometer at Belper had from Isaac Horton. Weight 91 tons at 33 shillings per cwt. Size 49 feet diameter, 12 feet deep at sides. The Gas Meter had from Mr. William Wigston of Derby. Cost £51 17. 0. Began lighting in Belper Autumn 1825. (8 lamps).</p> <p>The pipes from Gasometer at Hopping Hill to Mr. Wards Warehouse Belper are 3 inches bore, down to Mr. Hortons 4 inches, and from there to the Mills 5 inches, the pipes up King Street to Market Place 2 inches bore. In the Spring of 1835 The Main from the Gasometer at Hopping Hill the pipes of which were only 3 inches bore were taken up and replaced with pipes 5 inches bore. 1,000 were ordered, 500 each from Oakes and I. C. Mold.</p> <p>The Town lamps were lighted for the First time Sept. 30 1835. 23 lamps, Henry King lamplighter. The Lanterns were given by Mr. G. B. Strutt cost £32 19. 8 ½ .</p> <p>October 5th 1824. Began lighting the West Mill and Round Building with gas (The first gas made was Oct. 18 1823. C.H.)</p> |
| 1823 Jan. 5 | The Liturgy was read for the first time. James Barlow was appointed Clerk, both he and Mr. Davies wore black gowns the former Shaloon and the latter Silk. Cost £9 0. 0. found by Mr. G. B. Strutt. |
| February | Beginning of February 1823. A bank of "Picklocks" was found in an old building near to the residence of Joseph Pew, to whom it was supposed they belonged. The bank contained 14 keys made up in a workmanlike manner. |
| Aug. 7 | Miss Caroline Strutt, youngest daughter of Joseph Strutt Esq. was married to Mr. E. N. Hurt (son of Charles Hurt Esq. of Wirksworth) at St. Peters Church, Derby by the Rev Jno. Hurt brother of the Bridegroom. |
| 1824 Jan. 28 | Robert Lievers liberated from prison having been confined three months for stealing the property of his employers and appropriating the money to his own use. At the time of his release he had one year and eight months to serve of his apprenticeship but Messrs Strutt did not take him on again. |
| Jan 29 and 30 | A great Fete at Nottingham and Woollaton given by Lord Middleton to which most of the Surrounding Nobility and Gentry were invited. (The "Nottingham |

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| | Date Book" quotes "Lord Middleton gave a grand Ball and Supper at the Exchange Rooms to a large and brilliant assemblage of rank and fashion". C.H. |
| Jan. 31 | Geo. Bamford taken suddenly ill between 12 and 1 oclock in such a way his life was despared of. Mr. Evans bled him copiously in the arm and likewise in the neck and in a short time after he began to be better. An emetic was then given which operated very freely and by night he was comparatively well again to the astonishment of all who had seen him. |
| March 1 | The Matron at the Workhouse (Mrs. Marsh) was seized with cramp in the stomach about 4 pm and died before 6 pm. (We are in jeopardy every hour.) |
| March 17 | O. T. Oldknow Esq. the High Sheriff passed through Belper on his way to Derby accompanied by a respectable retinue. The Javelin Men had Olive green clothes faced with blue. |
| April 16 | Died H. Ratcliff after an illness lasting nearly four years, he was literally reduced to a skeleton. Buried at the Methodist Chapel. |
| May 18 | About 11 oc, at night Watson the Derby carrier had his thigh dreadfully broken by the waggon running over it a little way beyond Duffield. He lay till Five oclock next morning before he was found, died June 2, 1824. |
| July 4 | Talor of Cow Hill (a local pugilist) died on Sunday morning James Cholerton with whom he had been sparring on Whit Monday and from whom he received a blow which occasioned his death absconded but gave himself up on Friday before the Assizes and he was tried and acquitted Aug. 9 before Chief Justice Holroyd. Him and his friends came to the George Inn at Belper about nine oclock at night in a chaise making a great shout as they came along. |
| Sept. 6 | The Consecration of the Church took place by the Right Rev. Henry Ryder Bishop of Litchfield and Coventry. The morning being exceedingly wet; the congregation was but slender, the church being a third full. However the sum of £112 19. 1. was collected out of which was paid to the Bishop and others the sum of £63 16. 8. for the expences of Consecration. Received afterwards £5 4. 0. making a total of £118 3. 1. out of which Mr. Tunstall was paid £2 9. 0. for providing Prayer Books. The Bishop promised £5 0. 0. One of a number of questions put to Mr. Jedediah Strutt concerning the New Church. To what Saint is the Chapel to be Dedicated? Answer, We believe the old Chapel to be Dedicated to St. Peter, and as there is no good reason why the new one should have a different Patron, it had better be dedicated to St. Peter. |

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| Sept. 9 | John Monk died. A happy event, as he had been for a long time in such a state that scarcely anybody would come near him, he literally rotted on the earth and died by inches. He was the first to be buried at this Church (Food for thought). |
| 1825 May 5 | Spencer and Tunnidges Company of Comedians came to Mr. Walkers at the George Inn, Belper. Left June 6, Had but moderate success. They were the most respectable company that ever came to Belper, and paid their way honorably. |
| May 6 | The celebrated Indian Juggler Phiah Khan Khruse performed at the Schoolroom. |
| July 18 | About 3 in the afternoon Geo. Hunt was drowned while bathing at Hopping Hill. The ill luck attending this man is very singular. He was a Denby Collier and had been twice brought home in nearly a lifeless state. In consequence his wife wished him to seek some other less dangerous business, it is about two years since they left Denby in which time they have had one child burned to death. His wife in a weakly state and with five small children to lament his untimely fate. |
| Aug. 14 | The Duke of York passed through Belper a little after 1 oc. on his way to Baslow, the Duke of Rutlands. |
| Sept. 28 | In the summer of 1825, Nathaniel Moxon had the misfortune to receive a wound in his leg while stacking hay at Mr. Walkers. It became very painful and went on to such an alarming degree that his life was in danger and amputation was considered the last resourse to save him. He refused for a long time but at last consented and it was accordingly taken off by Spencer Junior of Duffield, Sept 28 th . |
| Oct. 15 | Saturday. A disagreeable and disgraceful scene ocured in the Market Place in consequence of W.B. having charged G. Hs. wife with 1lb of meal more than she had and wich was re-weighed by I.W. The row no doubt originated in W.B. having recently begun selling meal and flour, and I.W. and R.W. (the latter a very sanguinary man) suborned a man by the name of Spencer to publicly upbraid W.B. in the Market Place with the same, thereby annoying his business for nearly 2 hours and causing such dire confusion that the business of the whole Market for that time was suspended. Joseph Pym (Constable) says he had no power to put a stop to such proceedings. If this be true, the Law loudly calls for a remedy, If not, then there was a very great dereliction of duty on his part, he being on the spot at the time. |
| Oct. 19 | The Landlady of the Red Lion Inn, Belper, (Mrs Deaville) died Wednesday Oct. 19, 1825 about halfpast 1 pm. They came to the house at Ladyday last and |

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| | <p>had been married but about seven months. Was pregnant at the time of her death. She was a very fine looking woman and sister to German Ride's wife.</p> <p>A most distressing circumstance happened to the wife of Mr. Deaville, who was buried at Duffield on Monday Oct. 24 1825. On Friday the 28th some inacrable wretches in the form of men stole her from the grave and had gotten her doubled up in a hamper, her neck, back and legs broken. They were conveying her towards Derby when they were met by some men who insisted on knowing what they had gotten, when the Villains set the hamper down and made off.</p> |
| Nov. 10 | <p>A dreadful accident happened at the coal pit Hopping Hill, Milford. (50 yards south of Shaw Lane.) Geo. Davies's youngest son fell down the shaft and had both his legs broken, he was brought home on a cart and they were set by one of Mr. Evans's men but he expired soon after.</p> <p>Mr. William Harrisons shop at the Green robbed to a very considerable extent. A reward of 20 gns. is offered for the aprehension of the thieves.</p> |
| 1826 March 26. | <p>On Sunday nights a serious accident had liked to have happened to a Gentleman and a Lady, who were coming to Walkers at the George Inn, in a Gig, about half past eight at night, by driving over a heap of rubbish which lay on one side of the yard, there being no lamp lighted, and thereby caused the carriage to be overturned and they were both thrown out, but fortunately the met with no injury. The horse ran away and dashed the carriage to pieces, likewise broke one of the shafts.</p> |
| April 29. | <p>Samuel Radford died about ten oclock in the morning. (it is possible the above is the same Samuel Radford whose memorial plaque is in Holbrook Church. C.H.)</p> |
| Whitsuntide | <p>The Egyptian Mummy, belonging to Mr. Joseph Strutt, was on view at Belper, a great number of people came to see it. (One calls to mind the Mummy in Derby Museum? C.H.)</p> |
| May 28. | <p>Died William Milward. Landlord of the old Kings Head Public House.</p> |
| June 25. | <p>A woman died raving mad. Was the wife of a Mr. Walker Dison. Strolling Player and Quack Doctor. Was burried at the old Chapel.</p> |
| July 1 st . | <p>A most tremendous thunderstorm which did a vast deal of damage, the hailstones breaking hundreds of windows at Bridge Hill, and the Hot Houses, also the Mill windows, where 2101 were broken at a cost of £101 15. 10d.</p> |
| July 5. | <p>Mr. Green went up in a Balloon from Derby, he came over Belper about 5 o'clock, and was seen for a quarter of an hour. It shaped its course towards Alfreton. He alighted in a field at Ollerton near Mansfield and came back to</p> |

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| | Derby about 12 o'clock. |
| August 1 st . | At night "Taylor" Jackson died. His family were sent off about 5 o'clock at night on Wednesday, August 23d. in a cart to Manchester. There were four children, the eldest a young woman who carried a small child on her knee, another sat beside her and also a sharp little lad. The scene was really affecting. (It may be this was a case of returning the Orphan family to their original Parish. There was no Union Workhouse as yet. C.H.) |
| Sept. 14. | Mrs. Jedediah Strutt delivered of a son and heir about 9 o'clock at night. |
| Sept. 15. | William Harpur run over by a horse of John Walkers a little after eight o'clock at night. He died about noon next day. The Jury sat Sept. 17 and brought a verdict of "Accidental Death". Deodand on the horse one shilling. |
| Tues. Oct. 20. | Mr. George Benson Strutt met with an accident in coming from Derby in the Gig accompanied by S. Thornhill. The horse having gotten a nail in its foot, Thornhill got off the Gig and got it out and returned to his place again, but when they attempted to start, the horse began kicking violently, throwing its legs over the splinter board and breaking it and the shafts all down together, which caused Mr. G.B.S. to be thrown out. He fell on his shoulder and had his right leg cut at the ankle and shin. It is also feared that he received a blow from the horse, he having two ribs cracked. |
| Nov. 14. | Young Sarah Green died on Tues. about four o'clock in the afternoon, after a few days illness. Her body was opened on the 15 th . |
| Nov. 28. | John Brough, who had rode the Post from Wirksworth to Derby for a great number of years was taken up and conveyed to Derby Gaol for breaking open a letter and stealing therefrom Notes to the value of £80. which had been sent from Buxton to Northampton. He was tried at Derby Assizes March 1827 before Judge Best, and sentenced to be hanged, this sentence was afterwards commuted to "Transportation for Life". He was sent off, Thursday May 24 1827. (A marginal note entered later says "Reported to have died on his passage". C.H.) |
| Dec. 7. | Died "Old Newey", alias Samuel Spencer. The prospects of this man on entering the World was flattering. He married the daughter of Jacob Birkin, who kept a Public House on the Green and was in very good circumstances, and on his wifes parents retiring from the business, Spencer and his wife were put in possession of it and for several years maintained a very creditable appearance, but his wife dying he became excessively drunken and everything of course went the wrong way till at last he was reduced to comparative beggary. His property was all disposed of and he had only left the sum of six shillings per week to keep him out of the wreck. Shortly after his giving up keeping Ale, he got into prison and he had to give up his six shillings per week for a while to the liquidating of debt. After it was |

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| | <p>completed and he was again in possession of his weekly allowance he availed himself in the usual manner of going off to Heage drinking and on his return home, heavily laden with Liquor, he fell into a Pool and hurt his back very much, as well as getting completely doused. In this pickle he got home and dried himself and tried to get warm but it all availed nothing, no heat could be gotten into him. At length he concluded to go and get himself a pint or two of Ale in hopes it would work off. He went to the Public House he once kept and on his going in he said he was come to die with them and soon after laid himself down and died on the spot.</p> |
| 1827 Jan. 14. | <p>Sunday. The wind being very boisterous blew the Pinnacles off Belper Church about noon, a little after the Congregation had come out from morning Service. Did much damage to roof and ceiling.</p> |
| Feb 5. | <p>Two women stood and fought a pitched battle. (Booth and Hallsworth.)</p> |
| May. | <p>Edward Moss, his wife and family, John Whitaker and George Ride and his wife, all set out for America this month.</p> |
| July 10. | <p>Mr. George Benson Strutt sworn in as a Magistrate at Derby and on Wednesday he took his seat as such at the Quarterly Sessions held at Chesterfield.</p> |
| Aug. 14. | <p>About eleven o'clock at night, as William Glew of the Common Side was returning home, and when about at his own house, he observed two men coming from his brothers garden and it appeared as they had been getting Onions. He said to them "Well lads youv'e been gardening". They immediately pounced upon him and got him down and one seized by the throat and the other jumped on his belly with his knees several times. He died in the course of next day.</p> |
| Sept. 18. | <p>Mick Robbinson had his thigh broken by a cart running over it coming from Wirksworth Market.</p> |
| Oct. 10. | <p>Mrs. Jackson, widow of the late John Jackson, commonly called "Yaffie", dropped down dead at the wash panchion at the house of John Yates, number 6 Hopping Hill, after having her breakfast and smoking her pipe, apparently in good health.</p> |
| 1828 Jan. 9. | <p>A woman of the name of Hadgate, who had lain in at the Workhouse of an illegitimate child, and having come out, and is residing at Mrs. Butlers, was to have been sent by Pym to Stockport. (Pym was Town Clerk.) In the meantime he paid her relief but not her satisfaction. She brought the child in a clothes basket to the Town Office and left it and went away. On its being discovered, Pym took it into the Office and warmed it and afterwards sent it</p> |

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| | to the Workhouse. The child about a month old. |
| Feb. 13. | Walkers flitted from the George Inn, Belper, to Derby. Died old James Malkin. Had been a very dissipated man in his youth and wasted his substance, whereby he came to poverty and compelled to labour for his bread. When he became incapable of work his brother allowed him a liberal weekly allowance and also found him coals and several other necessaries. This brother by his good and worthy conduct had become affluent, and great praise is due to him for supporting a fallen brother who otherwise of course must have become burthensome to the Parish. |
| Feb. 14. | Died Mr. Henry Stafford, after an illness of one week which baffled all faculty to describe. He was a little deformed man, a teacher of music, in which science it is said he had considerable merit. He was a very worthy man and had not been married more than two years to a young woman he met in London, a native of the Canary Islands who had a fortune of five hundred pounds, and by whom he had two children. Their attachment for each other appeared to be of the most sincere character. |
| April 7. | Easter morning. Part of Mr. Tempests Mill at Little Eaton fell down, owing to the arches giving way, by which catastrophe 70 quarters of wheat were taken down the river and 40 sacks of flour. Also two Lace Frames and the Water Wheel were dashed to pieces. Fortunately the Hands had left work. |
| June 19. | About half past eleven at night, William Street, who worked in the Making Up Room at the Mill, was killed in a scuffle with George Baggaley, in the Public House kept by Shorthous at the Green. (Baggaley was himself killed by T. Riley in the market place, Belper, on August 17 th 1833. C.H.) |
| July 9. | More rain fell in 19 hours than anywhere on record, vis. 3.59 inches. Very large floods upon Derwent, Dove and Trent, which did immense damage to Hay. |
| Oct. 12. | A terrible outrage in Queen Street, will William Street and Sarah Cottwell, (Widow of the late William Cottwell) about the former retaining a house in his possession which he held of her, contrary to her wish. About one hundred persons were assembled and the house was literally pulled to pieces. These people were bound over to the Sessions which happened on Jan. 13 1829. At the January Sessions, it was put off until the next. Brittlebank of Ashbourne was Lawyer for Street. |
| Oct. 16. | John Frost of the Talbot Inn, Bridge End, married to Miss Topliss of Shottle. Had a son born Dec. 10 1828. |
| Dec. 12. | An apprentice Turner at Milford hanged himself in the "necessary", having been abused and struck by a Journeyman named Simms. |

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| 1829 Feb. 3. | Miss Adsetts eloped with a man named Hunt of the Union Inn at Smithy Houses, and got married before their friends could overtake them. |
| Jan. 27. | Another disaster happened at the Bleach Mill at Milford between five and six o'clock in the morning, occasioned by the watchman "Sellors" Drawing out a Stove Horse near to a gas light. The yarn caught fire and immediately the whole was in flames. Loss of Yarn and repairs to buildings cost £352 8. 8d. |
| April 16. | A man of the name of Annable badly hurt at Belper by an explosion of Gunpowder. |
| May 4. | A hue and cry after Benjamin Watson, having stolen a quantity of lead from the Bleach Mill at Milford, the property of Messrs. Strutt, and sold to S. Mason for one halfpenny per pound. Mason undoubtedly knew it could not have been come by honestly and was highly to blame for buying it. In consequence of Messrs. Strutt intending to prosecute, Mason absconded. |
| May 16. | The Foundation Stone of the Alms Houses at the Butts laid by Mr. G. H Strutt, son of Jedediah Strutt Esq. a child of about 2 years 8 months old. (Later pulled down to be re-built by John Harvey). |
| May 21. | Benjamin Weston taken at Burton on suspicion of a robbery. The quantity which has been mentioned is 186 lbs at three halfpence per pound, 23/3d. He was brought to the Magistrates Office at Belper on the 23 rd of May and committed to take his trial at the next Sessions. |
| May 25. | A man by the name of Bainbridge from Ireton Wood had a cart of coals run over his body. He was taken through Belper in a cart and got as far as his Sisters at Shottle Gate, (Edward Stavelys wife) where he very soon after expired. |
| May 25. | This day died suddenly at Sunny Hill, Milford, a man well known in Belper by the name of Dick Wheatly, once Sergeant-Major in Belper, Shottle and Holbrook Volunteers. Had co-habited with T. Stringers wife for more than 12 months. Report says that Stringers wife had poisoned him, but this turned out unfounded. |
| May 26. | George Lees child hurt by a Lion in a Menagerie at Derby. |
| June 29. | Part of a new building at Cow Hill Fell down. A subscription was set on foot to re-build it. S. Melbourn and J. Holmes went about soliciting. Mr. G B. Strutt gave £1. |
| July 3. | Two brothers, sons of John Watson of the Upper Swan, quarrelled and had a fight, one of them threw a knife at the other and wounded him in the back. |

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| July 13. | Monday. William Adams's daughter of Hopping Hill married, and on the 15 she and her husband set off for America along with several others, T. Colledge, T. Ridgate and wife, Bland from Heage, Peter Smith, etc. |
| July 20. | Joseph Hall, commonly called "Rompey", came home after a confinement of 3 years in Stafford Gaol for paying bad money. |
| July 27. | Began raising the George Inn. T. Deaville at the Red Lion soon followed the example, and in 1833 pulled the old Blacksmiths Shop down and built a handsome brick building and made an Arching over the road to his backyard. The little room at the back was raised this summer. |
| July 31. | Joseph Hall again taken up at Alfreton Fair for paying bad money. He was brought to the Magistrates Office at Belper on August 1 st , but as the person could not positively swear to the money paid by him, he was set at liberty. |
| 1829 Aug. 19, 1829. | Confirmation at Belper Church. 89 Confirmed. Mr. Truman Strutt left Belper. Mr. Truman Strutt's first illegitimate child was born at Sheffield, and his second at Eliza Mills's fathers house in Belper. They were married and the remainder of their children were born at Tutbury and are supposed to have been Baptized at the Independent Chapel there. |
| Aug. 20. | John Tymperlys house was searched, some articles were found, supposed to belong to Messrs. Strutt, but the greatest surprise was to find about £40 in money as he always pretended the greatest distress. (He was a Painter by trade.) So great was his cry of poverty, that persons at whose house he had been working have been induced thereby to give a meal to him and his children, though some could ill afford it. Messrs. Strutt took no more notice of the business, but dismissed him from their service. |
| Sept. 1. | A Ball at "Turners" who kept the George Inn. A great disturbance about 10 o'clock and fighting. |
| Sept. 11. | Hannah Bamford, wife of William Bamford (Clerk at Derby) died about 10 o'clock and was buried at All Saints Church by the Rev. C. S. Hope just under the wall on the south side of the Church. |
| Sept. 25. | Friday morning about 10 o'clock a Scotch Baggage Waggon passed through Belper. The men were much gazed at, with their Tartan Plaid petticoats. |
| Oct. 15. | His Grace the Duke of Devonshire arrived at Bridge Hill about halfpast four on a visit. |
| Oct. 24. | Three men, Smith, Beeston and young Woollat of Hazlewood were brought up by Millward, (Constable) on suspicion of having robbed the house of a Mrs. Salt of Ireton Wood and in the next morning Samuel Hallsworth was also |

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| | <p>brought up. It being Sunday morning they were locked up till the following day, when an investigation took place before Francis Hurt Esq. and Hallsworth was discharged. Old Woollat was sent for, at whose house it is to be feared, a party of the nocturnal depraudators had “rendezvoused”. Old Woollat made his usual pious asservations of innocence. Nothing being come at satisfactory, the remaining three were locked up till next morning. Next day Beeston having divulged about there being several articles hidden in Old Woollats barn (such as China and Poaching Nets,) Old Woollat was again sent for and a man named Spendlove who had had some China stolen, came to identify it as his property, but he could not swear to it. Old Woollat was fined £5 for the nets being found on his premises and Smith and young Woollat were admitted evidence against Beeston who was sent to prison. The “hypercritical” wretch, old Woollat, carries it in his face so far that even at the slightest glance his real character may be discovered!</p> |
| Oct. 31. | <p>The throngest ever known, also the greatest number of Shows, more than one hundred persons were employed by them. A lurking informer took several Tradespeoples names down for trading without a Licence. The Magistrates would not act under such circumstances. This gentleman met with his deserts soon after at Ashbourne, by being well doused in Compton Brook for such despicable conduct, he begged hard for mercy and promised never to be guilty of the like again. It is said that it appears by Mr. Jodrells books that the Tolls have been taken at Belper for 93 years back.</p> |
| Nov. 2. | <p>Stone, who stole Barn’s ducks, sent to prison for stealing a shovel.</p> |
| Nov. 6. | <p>Joseph Butlers house broken into and robbed of full £8. Besides several other things. In consequence of searching a certain persons house, a quantity of cotton yarn was found, which gave rise to several other houses being searched.</p> |
| Dec. 1. | <p>A great row at “St. Georges Place” occasioned by Mrs. Bostock having her clothes hedge robbed, and of searching the house of George Bond for the stolen property which they did not find.</p> |
| Dec. 2. | <p>Joe Whitaker found in the Pantry of T. Deaville “Red Lion Inn”. They had a run for it and Deaville succeeded in capturing him. He was taken to the lock-up.</p> |
| Dec. 4. | <p>Mr. George Benson Strutt took the confession of Slater at Derby Gaol about the Bandits at Hazlewood. Newton (Constable) was sent off and he brought in old Woollat (silver Tongue) and he was committed to Derby Gaol. He was sentenced to be Transported for seven years at the Epiphany Sessions at Derby Jan. 14 1830.</p> |
| Dec. 31. | <p>A most distressing accident happened at Belper Mill. A lad of the name of Green was killed in a shocking manner by being caught in the Drum Shaft in T.</p> |

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| | Bridges's room, South Mill. |
| Jan. 26, 1830 | The Funeral of Samuel Slater's wives sister passed through Belper. Old Woollat said to be sent off from Derby. (He returned from Transportation Jan. 18 1836). |
| Feb. 6 | <p>His Grace the Duke of Rutland passed through Belper with two other gentlemen in a Coach and four horses and two servants in the Dickey behind. The Postillions drove at a very furious rate and yet were urged with dreadful imprecations to drive faster, although the weather was very severe and the horses could scarcely stand on their feet. When coming near Milford Toll Bar, a lad happening to be crossing the road, must inevitably have been run over and doubtless been killed, had not the Coachman pulled in. Owing to the great speed they were going at, it caused the hind part of the Coach to come in contact with the Post at Milford Toll Gate and the Dickey was completely severed from the Coach and the servants were thrown to the ground and very much injured. On this occasion His Grace swore very much and blamed the Coachman for so doing, saying, the lad had better been killed than the servants hurt.</p> <p>One of the gentlemen (Colonel Leigh) stopped with the servants and His Grace and the other went off. Him was stopped with the servants has been staying at Haynes's of Duffield and has continued to attend to them. They went away from Milford on Feb. 12. One of the servants belonged Colonel Leigh and the other to His Grace, the latter one received a severe concussion on the brain and it is said his recovery is very doubtful. (If this be a specimen of the British Nobility, then from such misanthropes Good Lord deliver us!)</p> |
| Feb. 17. | Levi Hunt and others were brought to the Magistrates Office for stealing a pig from Breadsall off a man named Porter. They were sent to Derby to take their trial at the Assizes which will commence on Wednesday March 17. |
| Feb. 23. | This day died "Sall Rompey", wife of Joseph Hall who was committed to Stafford Gaol for paying bad money. The whole family have been depredaters on the public in that way for a long time. |
| Feb. 27. | A great disturbance about the "Taylors" of Cow Hill having taken nails from the Union Club Warehouse. Application was made for a "Warrant", but they being a party concerned, one could not be obtained. The agrieved persons then armed themselves with guns, pistols and stones and proceeded to the house of Taylor, where they found that they had provided themselves in a similar manner and threatened to blow out the first mans brains who entered the house. For a long time the parties stood in battle array, expecting every moment the battle to begin and which certainly would have been the case and blood must have been spilt, ("The Taylors being of a very desparate and sanguinary character") had it not been for the timely arrival of Mr. Jedediah Strutt, who fortunately succeeded in restoring peace and order. |

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| <p>March 20.</p> | <p>William Tatem killed at Holbrook, he was carrying a large stone gate post on a dray, the wheel of which threw him down and passed over his leg and this jerk of the carriage caused the end of the post to strike him on the head and he was killed on the spot.</p> |
| <p>May 24.</p> | <p>Mr. Edward Strutt came to Belper to act as Magistrate in Mr. George Benson Strutts place during his absence in London. Thomas Smiths dog shot by Richard Walker, who followed it home and shot it in Smiths yard, it had been worrying Walkers sheep.</p> |
| <p>May 29.</p> | <p>Brown a Butcher of Openwood Gate had his shop robbed by Hunt and son of the High Wood, with them was a man named Lander and two men Holbrook and Garrat from Shottle. Millward (Constable) was after them on Saturday and Sunday and brought them all to the Lock-up. On Monday May 21st they were examined before the Magistrates, G. B. Strutt Esq. and Francis Hurt Esq., all five were locked together and taken to Derby in a cart by Millward (Constable) and John Wass (Game Keeper). They were tried at the July Sessions and sentenced to be transported for seven years. (Another son of Hunts was charged with robbery and violence at Belper in 1838 and sentenced to seven years transportation.)</p> |
| <p>May 30.</p> | <p>William Kirklands shop broken into at Broadholme and goods taken to the value of £3 or £4.</p> |
| <p>June 1.</p> | <p>Tuesday It being a flood. (The river to high for the water wheels). Dancing was held in the Waggon House.) It is said that Mr. Crompton has given up his seat in Parliament for the Borough of Derby, and that Mr. Edward Strutt is likely to put up as Candidate for it.</p> |
| <p>June 9.</p> | <p>Joseph Smith, Grocer, Bridge Street, lost a very good Cow, Jacob Smith and John Beardsley took her to Mansfield Market on the 10th and disappeared.</p> |
| <p>June 21.</p> | <p>The Toll Gate and Belper Bridge thrown open for all going Wirksworth road. On the morning of Saturday June 26 at a quarter past three, died His Majesty George the Fourth. It is a remarkable coincidence that all the Kings of England for the last three hundred years have died on a Saturday.</p> |
| <p>July 6.</p> | <p>Isaac Yates, not yet out of his apprenticeship married to a Widow woman who has not yet been living twelve months in Milford and has a family of five children. "Rompey" Alias Joseph Hall. Reported again taken up at Mansfield for paying bad money. (It is impossible to make a good nail out of a bad bar of iron.)</p> |
| <p>July 20.</p> | <p>A great number of people set off for America. William Adams and family said to have taken £1,500 with them. Went also W. Slack and family and two of</p> |

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| | David Bloods daughters. Caron White etc. etc. In all about one hundred persons. |
| July 31. | Colonel Cavendish and Edward Strutt Esq. elected Members of Parliament for the Borough of Derby. Mr. Jedediah Strutt and Mr. Thomas Walker going about town soliciting donations for Humane Society. |
| Sept 15. | The Nelson Coach met with an accident at Amber Bridge when coming from Manchester. |
| Oct. 6 1830 | A parcel of lads in Lock-up for putting bobbins (wood and iron) into the gearing of the Bobbin Shop, West Mill. Three of them were committed for two months in Derby Gaol. George Burgoyne, (ring leader) John Mellor and Thomas Porter. Outrages in Kent with the acquittal of agricultural labourers who burned several stacks of corn. (This is wanton destruction!) Quote from the "Globe" in the case of Messrs. Burket. "I understand that if the thief had been caught I should have had to pay over again for it more than it cost me in the first instance. This is not very creditable to a civilized country, when robbery can literally be committed with impunity, or the person robbed, in many cases will have to pay more for the recovery of his property than it is worth. In consequence Justice is permitted to sleep. We pay largely for protection and all the delinquencies should be taken up at the expence of the Government." |
| Oct. 11. | Eleven new Publicans opened at Belper. |
| Oct. 16. | Mr. Jedediah Strutt received an anonymous letter dropped at his door, full of indecent language. |
| Oct. 29. | At a Vestry meeting, John Millward and his wife were appointed as Govenor and Matron at the Workhouse. At the same time John Spencer of the Fleet was appointed Constable. Millward died in 1838 and William Taylor and his wife took the situation. Belper Fair held on Nov 1 st . As fine an Autumnal day as ever there was seen. The afternoon Fair was rather slender, there were but three Shows. One was Holloways Museum and the other an Irish Giant "Mons Louis" seven and a half feet tall. William Yeomans had his watch stolen from him when there was an affray at the "Cross Keys". About this time the Toll House at Belper Bridge was taken away. Beginning of December, much preparation for the prevention of incendiaries. 227 Special Constables sworn in at Belper and round about. |

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| <p><u>1830</u> Dec. 15</p> | <p>A man came through Belper from the neighbourhood of Hyde, spreading alarm about there being a great number of mills forcibly shut down in that district and that a body of men meant to pay a visit to the Mills of our neighbourhood. The man went towards Darley. On the morning of the sixteenth a man was sent by Messrs. Strutt with a letter to apprise Messrs. Evans at Darley Mills. This turned out to be nothing. The man came back again through Belper and called at Samuel Herrods beer house. He was had up at the Magistrates Office and proved to be a humble and inoffensive man.</p> |
| <p>Dec. 26</p> | <p>Joseph Stone was caught by Jonathan Harrison easing himself against his yard door, he suddenly attacked Harrison and kicked him over and threw a stone which cut him badly in the face. J.H. followed him and in the hurry ran against a post which knocked him out and he lay for some time quite insensible and Stone got away.</p> |
| <p>Dec. 29</p> | <p>Died Mr. William Strutt, about halfpast one in the morning. Few men have been so useful or so desirous to promote the interests of the town he lived in. (He was a good man.) Born July 20th 1756. Buried New Years day 1831 aged 74. Mr. George Benson Strutt is 69 and Mr. Joseph Strutt is 65.</p> |
| <p><u>1831</u> Jan. 4</p> | <p>Joseph Stone (an old offender) also a son of Wright the Barber, were taken up and put in the Lock Up for stealing butter from Thos Pott's cart in Belper Market Place. They were sent to Derby to stand trial and there tried at the "Sessions". Stone was sentenced to transportation for life and Wright to transportation for seven years.</p> |
| <p>Jan. 5</p> | <p>About eight o'clock at night, a fire broke out in the barn of Mr. Mason of Broadholme which communicated to the stack yard and consumed full three stacks of wheat. The barn was entirely destroyed also five cows and a calf were burned to death, the cows were all in calf. It was at first thought it was the work of an incendiary, but there is reason to believe it was accidental as the neighbours say the Masons had that night been winnowing by candle light. The latter case, dreadful as the thing is, must be more consolation to the parties immediately concerned and to the town of Belper generally. A great number of people were collected at the spot and behaved in a praiseworthy manner. Messrs. Strutt kindly lent their Fire Engine which the people worked incessantly and a great deal of property was thereby saved. The fire was not entirely out for several days.</p> |
| <p>Jan. 31</p> | <p>Mr. Lomas, "Surgeon" met with a bad accident at Duffield town end. (Died Feb.9. Buried Feb.14.) As John Harvey, was walking to Derby, he found a man, a shoemaker from Wirksworth lying flat on his belly, when he raised him up he could not stand, he said he was subject to a complaint in the bowels. He felt very awkwardly</p> |

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| | <p>situated as the man could not stand or go and he could not possibly carry him to Derby. However he bethought himself that Winsons Carriers Cart was not far away and when it came up he might be taken into it so he left him and when he had proceeded a little way he looked back and saw that the man was taken up and was then in a reclining posture. He was taken to the Eagle and Child public house where a little brandy was given him, when he immediately expired.</p> |
| Feb. 14 | <p>Two men were taken up by J. Noble, "constable", and brought to the Lock Up, where they were kept all night for trying Mr. Jedediah Strutts doors. Next morning they were brought before the Magistrates and sentenced to one months imprisonment in Derby Gaol.</p> |
| March 24 | <p>Mr. Conningham is lecturing on arithmetic at Messrs. Strutts school room at Belper. (He is a good driller of school boys.)</p> |
| June 9 | <p>The Duffield Court, now removed to Belper was held this day for the first time in a room at the house of John Frost, who keeps the Talbot Inn, at the Bridge end.</p> |
| June 11 | <p>Mr. Smedley, of the firm Smedley and Wilson, lost his life by a fall from his horse when coming home from Nottingham market.</p> |
| June 23 | <p>"Clark" the lecturer came to Belper. Lectured four nights. Charge for the whole course seven shillings or two shillings per night. The butchers shops below the George Inn, Bridge Street, pulled down. Houses are to be built on the site.</p> |
| July 26 | <p>Derby Assizes. Mr. John Strutt for the first time on the Grand Jury.</p> |
| July 28 | <p>David Hall died. He had been servant to Messrs. Strutt for 50 years.</p> |
| Aug. 7 | <p>Sunday. Just as the people were coming out of Church there came the most dreadful hailstorm which for the shortness of its duration was the most violent ever seen. It continued no more than six or seven minutes (Though it is said to have continued twenty minutes at Milford.) It did considerable damage, but few people escaped without having their windows broken in a greater or lesser degree. Mr. Jedediah Strutt had 680 squares broken including Greenhouse, New Portico, Hothouse and Hotbed frames.</p> |
| Aug. 30 | <p>The Rev. George Lee came from Hull to preach at the Anniversary of the Unitarian Chapel.</p> |
| Sept. 4 | <p>Sunday. The Unitarian Chapel was crowded to excess, beyond any former occasion of the Anniversary. Great numbers were obliged to go back and there were very rough goings on. The singing and the music were very well</p> |

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| | <p>executed and the sermon preached by the Rev. George Lee was very good. His text was "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth".</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. 8 | <p>The Coronation of King William the fourth and Queen Adelaide. It was intended for all the Sunday Scholars of the town to have met at the bottom of Long Row and to have gone round the town in procession but the day being so unfavourable the idea was abandoned and each school met at their own place. Messrs. Strutts Scholars were treated in the 3d room of the South Mill which was neatly decorated. They met at 3 o'clock and each was given a medal appropriate to the occasion. The boys were regaled with a pint of ale and a bun and the girls with a bun and a glass of wine. The Scholars at Milford were treated pretty well the same.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Main expenses were</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>1224 Medals off I. W. Philipson, Birmingham</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£14 0 6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Harrison (Rose and Crown) for 60 gallons of ale and loan of jugs and glasses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4 3 6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Decorating Rooms</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3 1 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Houghtons, Drapers, for Flannel and 36 yds of ribbon</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5 9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Samuel Brooks Junior for 100 dozen Buns</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4 3 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Four pounds of Gunpowder for Cannons</td> <td style="text-align: right;">9 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carrying Musicians to and from Milford</td> <td style="text-align: right;">6</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total expences Belper £18 7 5, Milford £10 18 10.</td> </tr> </table> | 1224 Medals off I. W. Philipson, Birmingham | £14 0 6 | John Harrison (Rose and Crown) for 60 gallons of ale and loan of jugs and glasses | £4 3 6 | Decorating Rooms | £3 1 7 | Houghtons, Drapers, for Flannel and 36 yds of ribbon | 5 9 | Samuel Brooks Junior for 100 dozen Buns | £4 3 4 | Four pounds of Gunpowder for Cannons | 9 4 | Carrying Musicians to and from Milford | 6 | Total expences Belper £18 7 5, Milford £10 18 10. | |
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| Sept. 8 | <p>John Spencer (Cock of Cow Hill) who has recently been made a Constable and has been very active in bringing drunken persons to the Lock Up, was himself found completely intoxicated and brought to the same Lock Up, by Taylor and Hunt and kept there until 4 o'clock in the morning.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The faults of our neighbours with freedom we blame. And take not ourselves though we practice the same.</p> <p>An Order given to Samuel Midworth of Mansfield for a Bell for the new Church. (St. Peters.) Samuel Midworth offers to furnish a full toned Bell with clapper, weighing about 18 cwts and will supply the whole of the material for hanging the Bell, that is, Yoke and pulley with wrought iron links, also bolts and side irons for fastening the Bell to the yoke pulley stock and to include team work (Delivery).</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Sept. 26 | A meeting of the town of Derby to petition the House of Lords to pass the Reform Bill. Belper, Duffield, Holbrook, Horsely Woodhouse and several neighbouring places also sent Petitioners. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 8 | <p>The mournful intelligence of the Bill for Reform being thrown out by the House of Lords arrived at Derby.</p> <p>In consequence of the above information the people began to assemble and be very riotous. They broke the whole of Mr. Bemrose's windows also the Rev. C. S Hope's and likewise demolished part of his house, he himself was bound to flee (This had such a powerful effect on the Rev. Gentleman as to produce insanity.) The mob did considerable damage to the property of Mr. Mundy of Markeaton and also Mr. Wilmot of Chaddesden.</p> <p>On Sunday morning the Mayor called a meeting at 9 o'clock, (Better if he had not!) but nothing was done.</p> <p>Three of the rioters having been taken up and put in the Town Gaol the mob demanded from the Mayor their liberation which of course was refused. The mob then proceeded to the Town Gaol where they demanded from the Gaoler their liberation and being denied they broke down the Lamp Post which served them as a battering ram and with which they commenced to batter down the prison which they certainly would have done had not the Gaoler opened the doors, whereupon they actually liberated all the prisoners therein. After they had done this they proceeded to the County Gaol with the intent to have done the same there but Mr. Eaton being apprized of their comming preparations were made accordingly.</p> <p>After having been repeatedly advised to go peaceably about their business, which had no avail, Mr. Eaton was compelled to fire upon them whereupon one lad was killed (Name of Garner) and several were wounded, this cooled their ardour and caused them to retire.</p> <p>The Military were sent for from Nottingham and a party of the 15th Hussars came in the afternoon under the command of Major Buckley. The mob assembled again at night and went off to Little Chester and pulled down Mr. Harrison's house and destroyed or stole his furniture, it is said a lot of his stolen furniture came to Cow Hill. On Monday the Mayor read the "Rit Act"</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | <p>after which the soldiers were occasioned to clear the streets. One man was shot when coming out of Mr. Bulls Public House. Report says the soldiers were all drunk and behaved in a very brutal manner. However this may be, the "Reporter" and the "Mercury" gave different accounts and said "The Officers and Men behaved in a very forbearing manner. I am perfectly aware that the truth at such times as these would not be prudent for the Press to send out, but posterity will know it and if the soldiers behaved in the way it is said they have done, such conduct is a disgrace to the British soldier. Mr. Harrison died this day in consequence of the injuries he received on Sunday night in defending his house from the mob, he being thrown down and trampled upon. Nottingham has also been the scene of riot and confusion. The Castle has been burned down. Mr. Eaton gave up his situation in October 1832 and went to live in the neighbourhood of Ashover. (The following is in a marginal note, in a different hand writing made about eleven years after the above events. C.H.)</p> |
| May 1842 | <p>A dog, supposed to be mad, ran into the house of Mr. Eaton. He took a gun and loaded it, his son also came to shoot it, the son being first. When Mr. Eaton was in the act of putting a percussion cap on the gun it went off and the contents lodged in his sons body dreadfully wounding him. On seeing this the father ran in a state of frenzy and blew out his own brains. This was related by his son who lived a few hours afterwards but the wound terminated fatally. (The ways of Heaven though dark are just!)</p> |
| Oct. 26 | <p>Two houses at the Four Lane Ends fell down. They had been built on the waste by a man of the name of Hawksley only four years ago. Fortunately Hawksley was not in occupation as he and his wife travel up and down the country selling Ginger-breads and other knick-knacks at Fairs and Wakes. A little lad of J. Harrison "Joiner" aged 9 had his hand badly crushed at work in the Mill.</p> <p>I saw a letter from J. Weston dated July 1831 from the town of St. Augusta in America. He gives a very good account of the flourishing state of the Country. He says old Whitaker is there, also his son-in-law and his daughter, they are anxious for his mother and their young child to come in. Charles Kiddy is dead, old Pat is still there also two of the Simpkinsons, one of whom married a daughter of old Pat after a very short courtship although he has a wife in England. John Wathey has begun to build a new house of stone. The Slack family has arrived also William Adams and family, who has time back preached at our house to large congregations.</p> |
| Nov. 15 | <p>Poor Phoebe Hunt died in child-bed. The conduct of her husband on this occasion has been most beastly and monstrous in the extreme (A human brute is the worst of brutes!) Mrs. Jedediah Strutt when informed of her deplorable situation, with her usual humanity came to her relief, but alas it came too late. "Green" who used to occupy the New Inn, Hopping Hill, Milford opened a beer shop in the house of John Arnot, Duffield.</p> |
| Dec. 7 | <p>The driver of the Peveril Coach, John Arkwright, was killed in Derby near to</p> |

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| | <p>the Infirmary. He leaves a wife and seven children to lament his untimely fate.</p> |
| Dec. 19 | <p>A very lamentable circumstance happened at Beeston near Nottingham. J. Ratcliff son of Richard Ratcliff who has married a daughter of William Wass, a native of Belper, having some altercation with his wife, he pulled off her Cap and threw it into the fire also a piece of her Gown, which annoyed her to that degree that she actually placed herself on the fire, saying that the piece of Gown should not burn alone.</p> <p>Of course she was soon enveloped in flames which the wretch, her unfeeling husband did not attempt to put out but looked coolly on. At last they were extinguished by the neighbours and she being very much burned was conveyed to the Infirmary where she died about a week later. Her poor father walked from Belper to Nottingham on Monday December 26 in the space of four hours and just as he arrived they were bringing the Coffin out to take her to her long home.</p> <p>Although the hair of his head was drenched with sweat, in that plight he followed her to the grave.</p> <p>An indiscreet thing on the part of the woman but an act of unheard of barbarity on the part of the man.</p> <p>(As though measurest it shall be measured out to thee!)</p> |
| 1832 Jan. 15. | <p>On Sunday afternoon about four o'clock, His Royal Highness, the Duke of Sussex arrived at Mr. Gores, for dinner. He was met by Mr. George Benson Strutt and the Revd. John Harrison, who dined with him. On Monday it was stated he was to set off for Newstead Abbey, the residence of Colonel Wildman, at half past eleven, but he did not set out till after twelve o'clock. Belper and Milford Mills stopped work at eleven. When he arrived at Belper, the horses were taken from his carriages outside Wards Warehouse and he was drawn through the town by men who had been provided with ropes and by the orders of Mr. John Strutt, (whose excellent Band of Music was also in attendance,) as far as Mr. Houghtons in Bridge Street, where a halt was made and he addressed the people somewhat as follows. Dear People, Fellow Countrymen, Fellow Subjects, Inhabitants of Belper, etc. etc. He declared himself the "Friend of the People" and told them the Reform Bill must pass. He expressed himself highly gratified with the reception he had received and the people of Belper would be remembered by him. He requested three cheers for King William the Fourth, which were heartily given and on his going forward, a person cried out "Three cheers for His Royal Highness," which were given in a like manner. He bowed very politely to all who noticed him as he passed through the town and very heartily shook hands with B. Wigley, who styled himself "General Blucher".</p> <p>Many respectable persons were with him and all seemed much pleased. The greatest praise is due to the Strutt family for their attention, and particularly to Mr. John, who on such occasions is indefatigable in his exertions.</p> <p>Mr. Joseph Strutt and Mr. and Mrs. Hurt, came from Derby.</p> |

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| | It is reported that nine men were sentenced to death at Nottingham for setting fire to the Castle. |
| Feb. 3. | Friday. Three men were hanged at Nottingham on Wednesday, for their part on the occasion of the burning of the Castle. |
| March 18. | Joseph Staley, who keeps the Beer shop, on Hopping Hill, Milford, "Speed the Plough", died suddenly about noon. |
| April 5. | The remains of Richard Akwright, junior, passed through Belper on their way to Cromford, the burying place of his family. |
| May 8. | News arrived of the Reform Bill, being lost in committee, by a majority of 35. |
| May 10. | News arrived that Ministers had resigned, the King refusing to create the new Peers, as he always professed he would. (Is not this very treacherous conduct?) |
| June 1. | Mr. Paas of No.44 High Holbourne, London, barbarously murdered in Leicester, and afterwards his body burned by a Book Binder, of the name of James Cook. Cook was taken up near the Black Rocks, at Liverpool, and conveyed to Leicester. He was tried at Leicester Assizes, where he pleaded guilty, was sentenced to be hanged and gibbeted, the latter was afterwards dispensed with under signature from the King. |
| June 5. | Tuesday. Received the news of the Reform Bill having passed the third reading in the House of Lords, majority 84. Preparations for a Public Festival in Belper. The town to be divided into 24 districts, each with its own committee. The committee for No.2 district, met at the George Inn, on June 15, and began collecting the same night. Two fat beasts given by Messrs. Strutt. Samuel Jackson commissioned to buy four more. |
| July 2. | Mr. Jedediah Strutt had in his Paddock, a very large party to tea. The day was very fine, there was a great number of flags on the ground and the excellent Band of Mr. John Strutt, made a very enlivening scene. A temporary Bridge was thrown across the road, for the greater facility of conveying the Tea Service from Mr. Strutts house, (Green Hall) and also it rendered the scene more private. The bridge was tastefully decorated with flowers placed in bottles with water. The Belper Union (Friendly Society) walked in procession with a number of flags bearing appropriate motto's, which had a very imposing effect. Annalysis. Making tables and forms and conveying to and from Paddock. <p style="text-align: right;">£11 7. 5 ½.</p> 1122 Buns and cakes 6 11. 3 |

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| <p>June 13.</p> | <p>A Lawyer, from London, with several "Limbs of the Law" from Derby, proceeded to the Four Lane Ends, Belper, and took possession of a house, (said to be owned by a man named Turner) on behalf of Samuel Street. Laws are so imperfectly made, that the honest and industrious man can be robbed of his property, by men of the most vile character and the Harpies of the Law.</p> <p>This is a disgrace to our nation, yet at the same time we are taxed beyond measure and surely in return, our property should be secured by good and wholesome laws, but instead of this, the taxes are applied to support licenced profligacy and the most unbounded dissipation, instead of the real interests of civilized society being, (as they ought to be) wisely attended to. (Lamentable!)</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>June 18.</p> | <p>A disturbance with fighting between William Butler, and young Bower of Fritchley, the former having about twelve months ago, bought from the latter, two cows of which he called for payment, but Butler, utterly denied the owing but for one only, consequently a scuffle ensued and Millward, the constable was sent for.</p> <p>The same night, William Stringer, broke his leg in a scuffle with some men in his house "The Talbot Inn", Derby.</p> <p>I took a walk after tea towards "Moscow" (The farm between Milford and Duffield C.H.) and on passing Milford House, stopped to view the beauty of the scenery and to hear the singing of the birds. The place indeed seemed calculated to efface all sadness and despair and a man would be loath to quit it to rest in the bosom of his forefathers. On contemplating the luxuriance which reigned around I was suddenly aroused from my reverie by the knell of death from Duffield Church, which proclaimed a fellow creature was about to be consigned to the grave, which all of us must sooner or later go. Then what avails Mansions, Lawns, Terraced Gardens, Hothouses and the pageantry of wealth. Verdict! Health is the greatest of all possessions.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>June 20.</p> | <p>Mr. Barber, a London Lawyer, and a Mr. Mosely, came to Belper to make enquiries concerning the patent rights of a cart with flat wheels made from iron and made by Messrs. Strutt in 1814.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | <p>Mr. Anthony Strutt, lent them the "Building Ledgers" for the years ending March 1st 1815 and 1816 to take to London.</p> <p>Samuel Marsh, William Roland, William Hibbert and Thomas Alcock to accompany them as possible witness's.</p> <p>Samuel Marsh was beastly drunk nearly all the time he was away, even to such a degree that when his companions came back, he was in such a state, he could not accompany them, and returned the day after. Judgement was given in favour of Jones. Pearce was fined one shilling and costs for infringement.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>July 3.</p> | <p>The Grand Jubilee at Belper.</p> <p>As early as three o'clock on Monday morning July 2. the different Public Houses and also private neighbourhoods began to make triumphal arches of evergreens, and garlands decked with ribands and flowers. Almost all the flower gardens and shrubberies in the town were put in requisition, likewise the females were very busily engaged in making the garlands and decorating the flags, of which each Public House had one and some had more. The sight was a very beautiful one.</p> <p>On the morning of Tuesday, the day of the Jubilee, the committees of the different districts in the town began to deliver their quotas of Meat, Pudding, Bread and Ale, and so anxious were the children, (even those whose parents were not in real need of it) to partake thereof that it engrossed their whole attention and in all probability will pin it indelibly on their minds, so that the Glorious Epoch of 1832, The most "Triumphant Victory of Reform" ever to be remembered, would be communicated to their childrens children and would, even by such traditionary means shew to prosperity (posterity) that a people to be free have only to will it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Analysis of Costs</p> <table> <tr> <td>Meat</td> <td>5633 lbs.</td> <td>£138 8. 7 ½.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ale</td> <td>836 gallons</td> <td>73 0. 9 ½.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pudding</td> <td>33 ¾ Cwts.</td> <td>76 14. 11 ½.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bread</td> <td>7242 loaves.</td> <td>25 16. 10.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Flags</td> <td></td> <td>3 3. ½.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dancing</td> <td>Long Row</td> <td>1. 5. 11.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Watering Streets</td> <td>1. 2. 5.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Printing</td> <td></td> <td>3. 0. 0.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Mr. John Spencers Services</td> <td>2. 2. 1 ½.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td><hr/></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£324 14. 8 ½.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td><hr/></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Money from sundry subscribers</td> <td>£224 11. 4.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Messrs. Strutt</td> <td>70 3. 4 ½.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Mr. George Benson Strutt</td> <td>30 0. 0.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td><hr/></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£324 14. 8 ½.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td><hr/></td> </tr> </table> | Meat | 5633 lbs. | £138 8. 7 ½. | Ale | 836 gallons | 73 0. 9 ½. | Pudding | 33 ¾ Cwts. | 76 14. 11 ½. | Bread | 7242 loaves. | 25 16. 10. | Flags | | 3 3. ½. | Dancing | Long Row | 1. 5. 11. | | Watering Streets | 1. 2. 5. | Printing | | 3. 0. 0. | | Mr. John Spencers Services | 2. 2. 1 ½. | | | <hr/> | | | £324 14. 8 ½. | | | <hr/> | | Money from sundry subscribers | £224 11. 4. | | Messrs. Strutt | 70 3. 4 ½. | | Mr. George Benson Strutt | 30 0. 0. | | | <hr/> | | | £324 14. 8 ½. | | | <hr/> |
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| July 20. | <p>This day, William Moon died. This man in his junior years had amassed a pretty competency, but his wide dying, he got connected with a female in Nottingham Infirmary, having been sent there by Messrs. Strutt to make some alteration to the Heating Stove, and with whom he went about the country drinking and rioting, so that in a few years he was reduced to complete beggary. He was found in an outhouse almost starved to death and taken and put in the Workhouse. When he had been made comfortable in here some time, he left and married Mary Needham, alias "Slack" who at first behaved very well to him, but latterly very moderately. He was, before his death in an insane state of mind and died rather a miserable death. "It is a rare occurrence for a man to get a fortune and then squander it".</p> |
| July 24. | <p>A party of the 35th Regiment of Foot passed through Belper on their way to Manchester.</p> |
| July 25. | <p>A Booth at Derby Race Course fell down, many people severely injured.</p> <p>The Festival to celebrate the Passing of the Reform Bill, was held in the Exchange Rooms at Nottingham on August the 6th.</p> <p>Mr. T. Wakefield, presided, and the speakers were Lord Viscount Lumley M.P. Sir Thomas Denman. General Sir R. C. Ferguson and Colonel Cooper Gardiner.</p> <p>The "Derby Mercury" says in words, "There was, at one time in the Market Place, fifty thousand persons and five thousand flags." The "Reporter" says in figures, 50,000 persons and 500 flags. One must be in error!</p> <p>It is much to be lamented that on such an occasion as this, any angry feelings should have prevailed, but alas this happened to be the case. It arose from Sir Thomas Denman, having been the "Prosecutor" of the three men who were hanged for setting fire to Nottingham Castle in 1831. George Beck, aged 20. George Hearson, aged 22 and John Armstrong, aged 26. The general feeling in Nottingham and neighbourhood was against the execution of the three men.</p> <p>During their evening at the "Change Rooms" these angry feelings burst forth when the parties were flushed with wine and from words they came to blows and a terrible scene of confusion ensued, decanters were broken and glasses shattered to pieces, and the meeting broke up in a very unsatisfactory manner.</p> <p>Such conduct, so diametrically opposed to what should have been, shews that mankind are not yet sufficiently enlightened to see their own interests and to know that a "Want of decency is a want of sence". They should know that such conduct tends to weaken any cause however meritorious in the eyes of sober reason. Unanimity is the indissoluble bond, no other can prevail. Brutal force and spoliation will only make the world a wilderness, which is the</p> |

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| | duty of every honest man to deprecate. |
| August 24. | A man brought through Belper, by the Constable of Crich, who was taking him to Derby Gaol for having killed a woman at Crich. This man had not been liberated long out of prison, and is the same person who flung himself into the canal and afterwards attempted to cut his throat. |
| Sept. 6. | Spencer, the Constable had some ribs broken by Cooper when taking him up for poaching. |
| Sept. 7. | John Poyser brought to the Lock-up for stealing glasses from Polly Deukers. |
| Sept. 24. | Monday. This day died Mr. Evans, Schoolmaster. He had been preaching at Morley the day before and was taken ill in the Pulpit. (thoughtless man, boast not of tomorrow!) He was brought home to Belper on the morning of Wednesday September 26, at which the people of Belper were very indignant. He was buried same night at the Methodists Chapel in a grave over six feet deep, the Minister refusing to approach the grave to perform the last sad rites over an unfortunate fellow creature until it was nearly filled up with mould. He had Preached for the first time in the Methodists Meeting House on Sunday morning. |
| Sept. 25. | Another instance of the uncertainty of human life happened at Derby. Ann String who lived at Bridge Hill, from whence she was married to her cousin of the name of Kniveton, was at her fathers house at Derby, the Talbot Inn, at half past eight in very high spirits, her husband and her went to bed about ten o'clock, when no sooner was she there when she ejaculated "How very ill I feel" and never spoke again after then and life was extinct before half past ten. |
| Sept. 27. | Dick Millward was taken ill at one of the lodging houses in Derby, and died some time in the night. The man who kept the lodging house is said to have since died. (It may be the above were isolated cases of that dreadful scourge, the Asiatic Cholera. A few cases appeared in Nottingham and round about earlier in the year, but in August it reached alarming violence and in the second week of September 104 cases were reported and thirty-six deaths. The authorities allowed only a short time between death and burial so that it created in the minds of many, the victims were buried alive. So dreaded was the disease and so rapid the decomposition of the body, that in once case no-one could be found to bury the victim and the Doctor and his assistant carried her to the Churchyard for burial and the Clergyman read the burial service to her relations two hours after the grave had been filled. C.H.) |
| Oct. 3. | Lord Waterpark commenced his canvass at Belper. The reception he met with must be highly gratifying to him as the votes almost universally were |

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| | <p>promised to him. Mr. Evans, Surgeon, objected but at the same time promised not to vote against him. Mr. Tunstall and Mr. Ward were out of the way, supposed to be intentionally so.</p> | |
| Oct. 4. | <p>Out of ninety votes at Heage, Lord Waterpark got fifty-five. Sir Rodger Greasley had been there before him. Very unfair means were tried at Duffield to cause the electors to vote for Sir Rodger Greasley, this is contemptible and will lead to the secret ballot. The Balguy's and the Curson families have disgraced themselves by such august interference. Sir Rodger was ill treated at Holbrook, this is very wrong. Those who behave in such a manner are no true reformers.</p> | |
| Oct. 11. | <p>A most dreadful circumstance happened at the Pennock Heron House. Mrs. Langton and one of her daughters having some quarrel about a Cap, the daughter pushed the mother down the stairs, where she caught the back of her head. She lay in a poor state till next day when, dreadful to relate, she died.</p> | |
| Oct. 17. | <p>George Plimmon, who was apprenticed to Mr. Lomas, Surgeon, at Belper, and after coming out of his time went to London, and got soon after to be foreman in a large Druggists Store in the High Street, Borough of Southwark, was seized with Cholera and died a few hours afterwards.</p> | |
| Oct. 23. | <p>Tuesday. The Duchess of Kent, and her daughter, the Princess Victoria, arrived here at the Mills a little past twelve o'clock in the Duke of Devonshires Coach, drawn by six excellent horses, accompanied by the Duke himself. There were two other Carriages drawn with four horses each and a numerous retinue of young Noblemen, likewise several young Ladies. Messrs. Strutt had spared no expence to make the visit equable. Coffee and dry buscuit were provided in more than one place, of which, as soon as they arrived the Duchess and Princess partook.</p> <p>Nothing could exceed the cleanliness of the place and carpets were laid along the water-wheel houses where the floors were damp.</p> <p>The girls at the Mills wore white aprons and stood in rows for the Duchess and party to pass between. The young Princess, (she is thirteen) seemed much amused. Mr. John Strutts Band were in attendance and played admirably.</p> <p>After having visited the most interesting places they went up Bridge Hill to Lunch. Mr. George Benson Strutt's carriage came and took the Duchess and her daughter.</p> <p>After staying on the whole about two hours, they again set off for Chatsworth being highly gratified by the reception.</p> <p>The day was very fine and a numerous assemblage came to witness the scene, all very respectably dressed and on the whole behaved very well. Expenses were £5 7. 2.</p> | |
| | <p>The names of the Party were –</p> | |
| | <p>The Duchess of Kent</p> | <p>Mr and Lady Caroline Lascelles</p> |

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| | Princess Victoria | Hon. Mrs. Talbot |
| | Lady Catherine Jenkinson | Count Karoli |
| | Baroness Stockmar | Lord Waterpark |
| | Sir John Conroy | Hon. Mr. Cooper |
| | The Duke of Devonshire | Mr. H. Greville |
| | The Earl and Countess of Newbourghe | Mr. Rombold |
| | Lord and Lady Wharnecliff | Mr. Edward Strutt |
| | Lord and Lady Cavendish | |
| | Mr. Williamson and son William came from Derby with Mr. Joseph Strutt. | |
| Oct. 31. | Belper Fair. Old Billy Peat of Wirksworth buried this day out of the Alms House. He had been an eminent boot maker, also had much to do with the Church, singing in his junior days and playing the German Flute. | |
| Nov. 21. | Wednesday. A most brutal attack was made on John Banks (Clerk) by Joseph Taylor (Clerk) when coming in the Counting House. He knocked him down and afterwards kicked him, he lay for some time while Taylor put his coat and hat on to go home again, when Banks was getting up, Taylor on passing knocked him down again. Such a brutal ruffian is a disgrace to society and whoever supports such a wretch will be treated the same as the countryman who cherished the frozen viper his bosom. | |
| Nov. 23. | The brute Taylor has absconded. He clucked to his neighbours about what he had done and meant to do more had he not been prevented. | |
| Nov. 26. | Mr. Edward Strutt began "canvassing" in Derby. A little after three o'clock in the afternoon the "tea place" was demolished by an explosion of gas, fortunately no personal injury was sustained. | |
| Dec. 4. | <p>Sir Rodger Greasley and his Party came to Belper. There was much prejudice against him, however, his reception was more favourable on the whole than might have been expected.</p> <p>A concourse of people followed him down to the George Inn, where he addressed them from a window but they were very noisy. Kerry (a local orator) got on a wall and spoke to the people.</p> <p>He exhorted them to be more peaceable and, though they did not approve of Sir Rodgers sentiments, he requested them to give him a patient hearing. He said "for once let the people of Belper, whose character is considered so very black, shew to the world they can behave like rational human beings".</p> <p>This had a good effect on them and Sir Rodger addressed them from the window for a full half hour, but all his oratory could not convince that he was a fit person to represent them in Parliament. The people were very attentive and behaved civilly, Kerry put some questions to him which he declined to give an answer or answered not at all satisfactorily. On his retiring, he thanked them for their attendance and civility shown him, (which was indeed praiseworthy for the people of Belper) but there was no applause. Joe Palmer got up and talked a great deal but in a manner not very becoming, his</p> | |

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| | <p>object was display and the very thing he professed to reprobate, he in a great measure was guilty of. He himself has to learn "Imodesty admits of no defence". Kerry behaved in a more dignified way than Palmer.</p> |
| Dec. 10. | <p>Nominations for the election of Members for the Derby Borough. Cavendish. Colville. Strutt.</p> |
| Dec. 11. | <p>Polling day. Strutt 563. Cavendish 483. Colville 234. Sir Charles Colville said to have made a poor do of it!</p> <p>Sir Rodger Greasley served very scurvilly at Ashbourne. (This is wrong.) The vote by Ballot must be adapted in pity to some of our fellow citizens to prevent them exposing themselves to the quantity of trash which has been sent forth, it becomes nauseous.</p> |
| Dec. 14. | <p>A great many of the more respectable inhabitants of Belper, sworn in as Special Constables.</p> |
| Dec. 15. | <p>It is reported that eight men were killed in Manchester, and eight in Sheffield in electioneering fracas's.</p> |
| Dec. 18. | <p>The first Election held at Belper. Three Booths were erected by T. Ride, for Polling. No. 1 at the Market Place, No. 2 at the Butts, No. 3 at Field Head. At about half past eight in the morning the electors began to assemble. At the termination of the day Poll there appeared for Vernon 658. Waterpark 660. Greasley 248. At the close of the Poll for the whole Southern Division, the results were, Lord Vernon 2956. Lord Waterpark 2775. Sir Rodger Greasley 1923. At night Lord Waterpark met the electors in the schoolroom and addressed them. There were there also Kerry, Palmer, Vickers and Smith, who all displayed their oratorical powers on the occasion. The meeting was numerously attended and perfect order prevailed. It broke up about nine o'clock when Lord Waterpark set off in his carriage for Derby, drawn by four horses.</p> <p>Poor Sir Rodger has closed his carrear in the political world for ever. Let us not insult a fallen opponent, but rather wish he would ammend his ways.</p> |
| Dec. 19. | <p>William Crooks had his leg broken this morning in the "Clusters" when comming with a load of coals, by the horse running away and the wheel of the cart went over him.</p> <p>Contributions to the County Elections, Southern Division, included, George Benson Strutt Esq. £200. Jedediah Strutt Esq. £50. Anthony R. Strutt Esq. £100. John Strutt Esq. £100.</p> <p>A man lodging at John Watsons, fell downstairs, he was so injured he died in a day or two. Came from Ilkeston as a Constable, name of Bostock.</p> |

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| | George Slater taken ill at Thos. Smiths, owing to excessive drinking, went partly mad. |
| Dec. 29. | Saturday. Mr. Jedediah Strutt sent Mr. Tunstall down to Mr. Barber in his own carriage to get to know if he would allow marriages to be solemnized at St. Peters, Belper, on paying double fees, he intending his eldest daughter who is on the point of matrimony with Mr. Abney, to be the first couple to be there married. (Mr. Barber was Vicar of Duffield. Mr. Tunstall was Schoolmaster and Lay Reader. C.H.) |
| 1833 Jan. 1. | A girl of the name of Bunting had her arm and thigh broken near to Milford Bridge by the Bruce Coach running over her. The same afternoon her mother was taken in labour. The family are very poor and this sad accident to this poor girl, who went to work and earned a little, will only make their situation more wretched. (A marginal note says "This girl almost miraculously got better".) |
| Jan. 17. | On Thursday afternoon, a climbing boy of Dakin, the chimney sweeper from Wirksworth, suffocated in Ormond Leivers chimney. |
| Jan. 7. | <p>A dinner was given to the members of the Southern Division of the County of Derby, at the house of Joseph Deaville, host of the Red Lion Inn, Belper, dinner on table at four o'clock.</p> <p>The company was numerous and among them were John Strutt Esq., Chairman (and he behaved extremely well), Lord Waterpark, The Hon George Vernon, Joseph Strutt, Edward Strutt, Jedediah Strutt, Antony Radford Strutt and Mr. Mathew Gisborne. Mr. Ingle was Vice Chairman. Great confusion prevailed about serving the dinner, but it is the first time such a thing has been held in Belper, and it was to be expected to be the case, on future occasions an improvement must be attempted. The dinner was well cooked and great plenty of it. The Hon. George Vernon found Venison and Lord Waterpark, Game.</p> <p>At the anniversary of the Infirmary at Derby, it was reported the funds were quite insufficient for the next year.</p> |
| Jan. 14. | On Monday night occurred a most dreadful fire in Liverpool, which destroyed property to the value of quarter of a million pounds. Bags of cotton destroyed, American, 5000, Brazil 2200, Egyptian 600, Surat 750, West Indian 20. |
| Jan. 24. | The Musicians Annual Feast. Great harmony prevailed, Mr. John Strutt, the leader has a refined taste for music and has formed a 'Musical Society' by selecting more than forty of the most respectable people from the mills and workshops and making a Band of instrumental performers and a Choir of |

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| | <p>singers who are trained by Masters and taught to play and sing in the best manner, what time is consumed in their studies is recorded into their working hours.</p> <p>On the night of a general muster for practice, there are forgermen, mechanics, clerks and millhands blasting away on their Ophiclides, and Trombones. After the commencement of the Music School, it was found that the proficient were liable to be enticed away and to commence as Teachers of Music. To remedy this, members of the Band are "Bound" to remain seven years. Mr. John Strutt ingeniously contrived an Orchestra with the music desks and boxes containing the instruments, to fold and pack up so that with the addition of a pair of wheels, the whole forms a carriage and with a wagon for the performers, he can when required, move to Derby or the surrounding villages when their services are wanted for charitable occasions. As an incentive to excellence when he visits Town, he occasionally takes half a dozen of this cleverest people with him to the Opera or a Concert, to hear the finest performers of the age.</p> |
| Feb. 27. | <p>The infants school near to Mr. Tunstall's house, was erected in the summer of 1832. Began teaching there at the end of September same year. Cost of building including land, £347.10.5. Furniture £11.0.0. Swings £2,13.10.</p> |
| Mar. 27. | <p>The Town Meeting was held to pass the Overseer of the Poors Accounts. J.W. and his party have had it in contemplation to make a row about the doing of the whole business. They mustered all their forces and succeeded in reducing Pym's and Radford's salaries. The former to £45., and the latter to £55 per annum. They did all in their power to turn Jedediah Strutt out. When we consider the character of such a man as J.W. and the course of life he has been the habit of leading, combining also the paltry establishment he keeps and the low lived persons about him, it cannot be a matter of surprise that nothing but meanness should emanate from such a fellow whose whole life has been one continued scene of immorality and it is very probable he will come to want, as the people he has about him are fleecing him unmercifully. The whole row was occasioned by the cupidity of Joseph Pym, whom they conceived was paid far more than he deserved.</p> |
| April 12. | <p>Tuesday. Ludham executed in Derby for Bestiality and is the first man to be hanged at the new Gaol. The sentence was passed by Judge Bosanquet, who at that time must have been half drunk or mad, as it was evident to all in court that the prisoner was more than half an idiot and the Judge's conduct afterwards, when petitioned for a mitigation, showed him to be an arrogant, cruel and unfeeling fellow. Likewise a petition was sent to the Secretary of State, signed by four thousand of the most respectable people in Derby which was rejected and said to be returned unopened.</p> <p>Must the voice of the people be treated with such contempt for every? No; The time will come when their decision (as it ought to be), must be the criterion of reward or punishment. His Lordship in this instance has acted very unwisely, indeed, through the whole of his Circuit he has acted like an</p> |

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| | <p>avenging or destroying Angel.</p> <p>At these Assizes, four people were Transported for Life, two of them were of the notorious "Taylor" family of Cow Hill, Belper, nailers.</p> |
| April 13. | <p>Mr. Hutton fell down stairs when in a state of intoxication at 'Shorthous' beer house on the Green. (THE NEW INN), he died next morning.</p> <p>Mr. Hutton was a man of rather superior qualities, he came to Belper full thirty years ago as an Excise man, a post which he relinquished and turned Schoolmaster. He had a very good school for a number of years and also did measuring and surveying and made Wills Etc., thereby he made a very comfortable livelihood, but his propensity for drink was so very great he at last gave these up and became a regular land Surveyor and then an Auctioneer. With these callings he went on pretty well with the assistance of his son Charles, but the death of this son deprived him of his services and this was a terrible shock to his wellbeing as after this he became more addicted to drinking and his fortune became worse every day. He was very much in arrears with his rent and in everybodys debt who would trust him, indeed at the time of his death he had but eight shillings in his pocket and his habitation was truly miserable, there was not any linen in the house and it is said his wife was destitute of a shirt. The Town found him a coffin and must have borne the whole expense of the Funeral had not his widow been assisted by several voluntary contributions. He lived just long enough to escape the Workhouse. In his profession he had not the very best of characters for probity, in one instance I know of he acted very improperly. This was in the case of Andrew Richardson, and his wife, an aged couple and possessed of some property. Mrs. Richardson had a niece whom they had brought up from infancy having no children of her own. This niece, with the assistance of Hutton, persuaded Andrew to make a will in her favour and to the exclusion of other relatives of Mrs. Richardson.</p> <p>On the day of the funeral of Andrew, Mrs. Richardson said 'if she lived till morning she would alter her own Will, but unfair means were used and they gave her 'sleeping drops' although she was violently troubled with asthma, she was found dead in bed next morning. The niece shortly after married a profligate young fellow and I now understand they are reduced to beggary. (The ways of heaven though dark are just).</p> |
| May 8 th | <p>John Hunt and his wife set off for London, he is to be operated on for Stone in the Bladder. (He died under the operation).</p> |
| May 14 th | <p>Mr. Haslam died about noon. Few men were more respectable than he and he was blessed with a handsome competency and might have been called a happy man had not his wayward fate willed it otherwise.</p> <p>Alas, his family, consisting of three sons, led such profligate lives which quite embittered his peace. Two of them died at an early age through intemperance and one survived him, the worst one of all, who for his</p> |

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| | <p>drunkenness and filthy habits he had turned out of doors, yet allowed him a comfortable maintainance for several years. He wandered from place to place about the country like a common vagabond and was often in want of the common necessaries of life, having at times scarcely any clothes to his back. His father several times clothed him in addition to what he allowed him. What he will do now is to be shown. If the property comes to him it is to be feared he will soon make an end of it.</p> <p>It is wonderful how children can act so contrary to example and advice, so as to wilfully blight the most flattering prospects. The ways of heaven are dark and intricate, full of mazes and perplexed with errors, our understanding leaves them in vain. This day, the large dog of Jackson, the butcher, ran mad. Eli Hunt shot it from a window in Harrison's yard.</p> |
| May 17 th | <p>Widow Liggett, found dead in bed in the forenoon of this day. Thomas Bostock (to whom it is said she owed money) came and searched every hole and corner of the house for what he could find and at last walked off with a Bible under his coat.</p> <p>It will not be surprising if this wretch dies a more miserable than Daniel Dancer, who died in a sack without a shirt on. His meanness and rapacity exceed all bounds. He would go to the Devil thrice to save a penny. It is said, she had a sweetheart with her the night before she died, but he left between ten and eleven o'clock.</p> <p>Also this day, John Cholerton set sail for America, but on May 24th, Messrs. Strutt, "arrested" him for adept of between four and five pounds.</p> <p>On September 24th he was returned, said to be as lousy as a beggar, he had been to New York only.</p> |
| June 5 th . | <p>Ralph Poyser found shot in a wood near to his house, the "Navigation Inn", Bull Bridge. There is much reason to believe it was done wilfully, though the Jury brought it in "accidental".</p> <p>Also this day the Bruce Coach met with an accident in Weir Lane, when setting off for the north. One of the lead horses ran into the pole of "Turners" cart and although dreadfully gashed and bleeding the ruffian coachman drove it on. These brutal men are, on many occasions, intoxicated when setting off on a journey.</p> |
| June 26 th | <p>A most shameful piece of business came out about Joseph Lees wife, she has been harbouring a man of very low character who has been committing robberies up and down, and part of the stolen articles were found secreted in her house. It also turned out she was pregnant by him and has been taken to Alfreton Workhouse.</p> |
| July 15 th | <p>The Post Office, shifted to Hanah Haslams own house. (In the Spring of 1842, it was removed to King Street).</p> |
| August 9 th | <p>Edward Wheatley, at Belper, exceedingly drunk and boasting (as usual) about his great wealth. His assertions were to palpable not to be mistaken and</p> |

he must have a more than ordinary respect for himself if he can be so far flattered into the belief that people are so credulous as to be gulled with such glaring falsehoods.

The Duke of Devonshire passed through Belper. He left a Portrait of himself for Mr. John Strutt.

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