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INFAMOUS GRAVE RUBBERS, BURKE & HARE ACTIVE IN CITY

‘Ravaged’

Yesterday, the city was ravaged by the news that, A. Burke & A. Hare were practising their evil trade in the normally tranquil suburb of West Bridgeford, writes B. Ugger

‘Fox’

It came to light at approx. 11.00 yesterday (Sunday) morning when the duo led a party of their followers, from their meeting point at the rear of the South Notts. Hussars hostelry, to the city’s graveyard. Trying to fox anyone trying to follow their path, they weaved their way through the headstones, until they found their previously laid markings giving them directions to their quarry.

‘Penetrated’

Someone must have disturbed them from their mission, as the ‘pack’ didn’t stop in the graveyard, but continued on into the woods behind. They must have had someone stashed here, as they penetrated very deeply into the woods, so deep, that when they finally emerged they were missing A Burke.

‘Scuttling’

Had they done in one of their own? a worried Hare went back to look for Burke, who eventually, came scuttling out the trees with the some of the others, all believed members of the infamous ‘Knitting Circle’ band of sisters.

‘Diving’

Having lost time in the woods and obviously fearing capture, the pack sought refuge in the maze of streets that border the river. Hoping to evade their captors they increased their speed, diving down alleyways whenever the opportunity arose until they ended their sortie back at their safe house, where they were seen to drink vast quantities of the local ale.

‘Initiation’

A new recruit to this gang later reported to the Post, that they had to participate in a ‘initiation’ ceremony involving drinking a mug of ale with Hare and other sinners.