



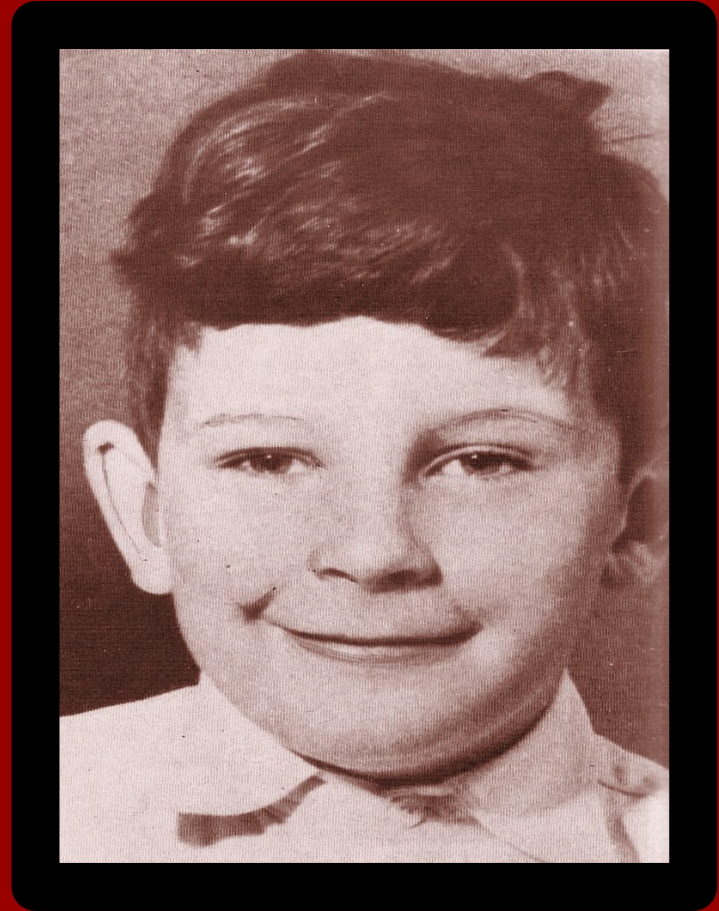
Graham Young

The Teacup Poisoner
1947-1990



Childhood

The peculiar tendencies that led him to
murder



Childhood



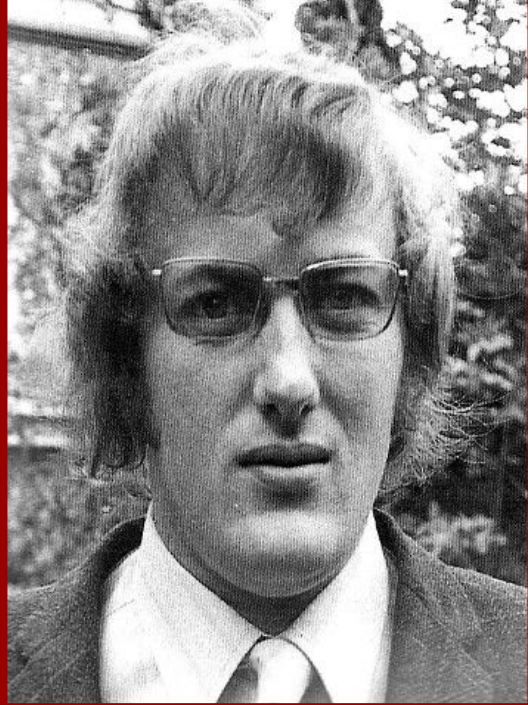
- Born on September 7, 1947 in Neasden, England.
- Strange child
 - Social Recluse
- Gifted chemist
 - Only interested in chemistry, forensic science, and toxicology
- Had only one friend
 - Christopher Williams

Crimes

The various victims of Graham Young



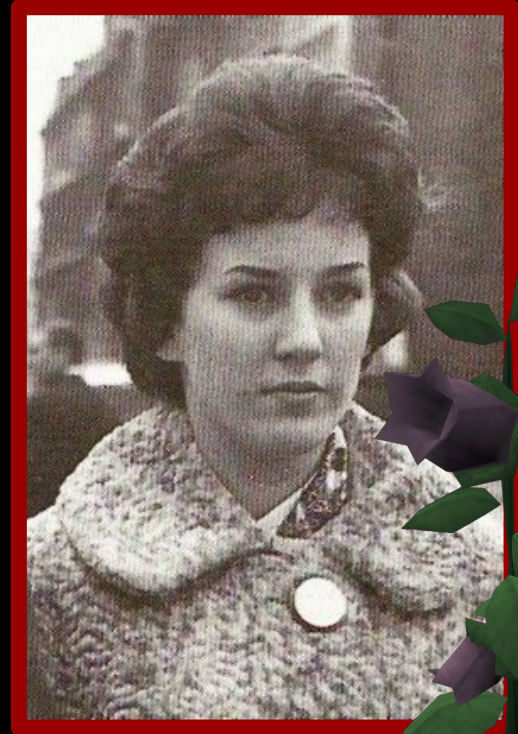
First Victim: Christopher Williams (1960)



- Christopher Williams
 - Graham's only friend
 - Science enthusiast
- Suffered from bouts of vomiting, severe cramps, and headaches
 - Hospitalized, but survived
- Poisoned using a complex mixture of poisons

Young Victims: Winifred Young (Nov. 1961)

- Winifred Young
 - Graham's older sister
- Graham made sister a cup of tea
 - Sister refused to drink - too bitter
- Hallucinated during train ride to work
 - Hospitalized
- Diagnosis: Poisoned with belladonna
- Father suspected Graham, but took no action



Young Victims: Molly Young (Apr. 21, 1962)



- Molly Young
 - Graham's step-mother
- Found writhing in agony in backyard
 - Graham took great interest in watching death
- Determined cause of death:
 - Prolapse of spinal bone
- Actual cause of death:
 - Thallium poisoning

Young Victims: Fred Young (Later in 1962)

- Fred Young
 - Graham's father
- Hospitalized shortly after Molly's death
 - Diagnosed with Antimony poisoning
- Suspected son of poisoning family
 - But denied Graham's involvement in poisoning



Confession

Graham's Arrest (Part I)



May 23, 1962
Graham is Arrested



School Chemistry
teacher contacts the
police



Graham confesses to
poisoning of father,
sister, and school friend



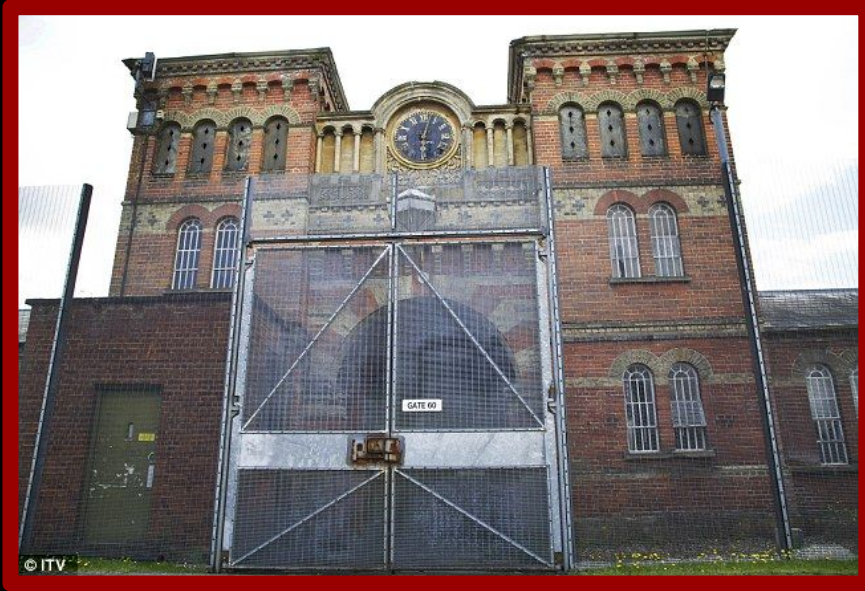
Committed to Broadmoor
Maximum Security
Hospital

Hospital Deaths

Because even a maximum security hospital can't contain all that crazy



Hospital Victims: John Berridge



- John Berridge
 - Inmate at Broadmoor Maximum Security Hospital
- Died within weeks of Graham's arrival
- Graham confessed to murder but no one believed him
 - Berridge's death written off as suicide

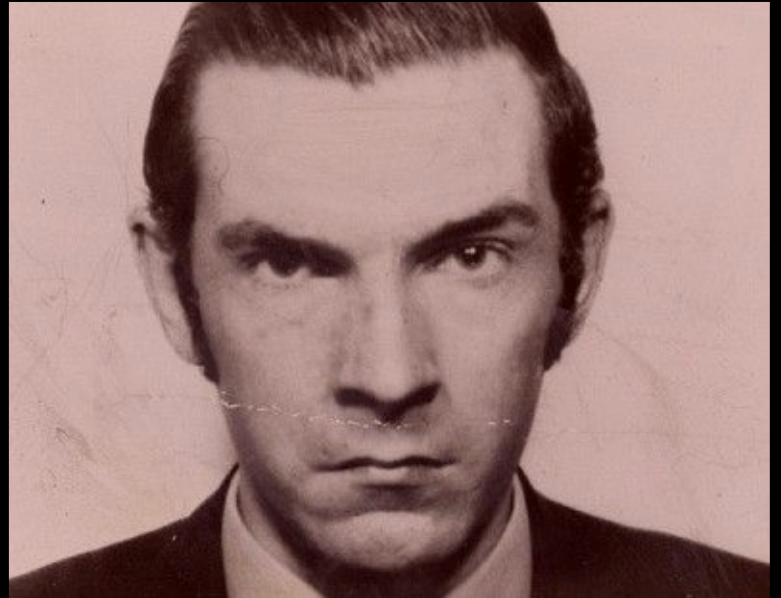
“When I get out, I’m going to kill
one person for every year I’ve
spent in this place.”

-Graham Young

February 3, 1970

More Crimes

Because this guy enjoyed poison way too much



Work Victims: Bob Egle (July 7, 1971)



- Bob Egle
 - Worked at a photographic supply firm in Bovingdon, Hertfordshire
 - Young's boss
- Suffered from severe cramps, vomiting, and diarrhea.
 - Attributed to a spreading virus
 - Admitted to hospital and died 10 days later (July
 - Diagnosed cause of death: pneumonia

Work Victims: Fred Biggs (November 18, 1971)

- Fred Biggs
 - Stock Manager at photographic supply store in Bovington, Hertfordshire.
- Suffered from severe cramps, vomiting, and diarrhea
 - Admitted to the London National Hospital for Nervous Disease
 - Suffered excruciating pain for weeks until he finally DIED.



Arrest

OMG FINALLY



Suspicious Minds



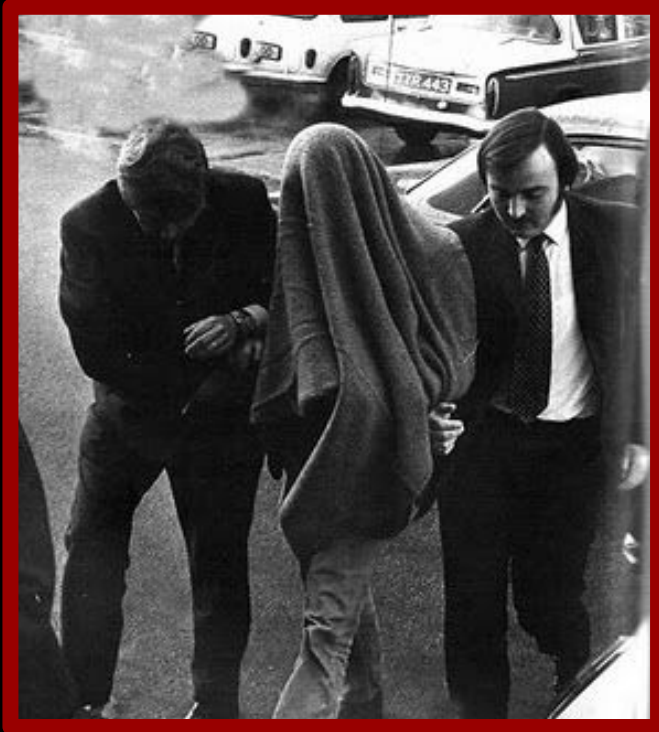
- Suspicion grew at the photographic supply firm
 - Over 70 employees suffered from similar but non-fatal symptoms
- Police launched an investigation
 - Victims had been poisoned with Thallium
 - Ascertained illness began shortly after Graham's hiring
 - Discovered that Graham was a convicted poisoner

In His House...

- In Graham's room (at the Hostel), police found...
 - Numerous vials of poison
 - Diary
 - With the names of his victims along with the effects of the poison
 - With a list of who he was going to kill and who he was going to let live



The Trials of Graham Young (June 2, 1972)



- Convicted of...
 - two murders
 - two attempted murders
 - two counts of administering poisons
- Sentenced to...
 - four life sentences at the Maximum Security Parkhurst Prison on the Isle of Wight

Impacts

- First recorded case of deliberate heavy metal poisoning
- Wax figure added to Madam Tussaud's Chamber of Horrors
- Young's work brought Thallium into focus for the first time
 - Inspired US to coat missiles during the Gulf War
- Inspired the Aarvold Report
 - Reformed the way prisoners were monitored upon release
 - Created the Advisory Board for Restricted Patients
- Influenced 16-year-old Japanese girl.
 - Tried to kill mother