

Cambridge Borough Police, Station House Journal, August 1837

Tuesday 1st to Wednesday 2nd August 1837

Robbery

P.C. Spinks reports at 10 ½ o'clock Mr. Laxton of the Globe Bridge St. had half a ham stolen from his window - suspects a man that came in to buy 2d worth of Beef dressed in a Jacket and Cap - tall & thin. P.C. Spinks saw him in the Streets should know him again.

[Shutters open]

P.C.Hall reports he found Mr Harts shutters open Trinity St he called them up & they were thankful 12 ½ o'clock

Tea Party

There was a reform Tea party and Dance at the Waggon & Horses East Road - broke up about 2 o'clock am.

Wednesday 2nd to Thursday 3rd August 1837

Robbery

P.S.Stearn reports that some boys stole about 2 stone of bread from Mr Hatcarton Wellington Row and it was suspected that the bread and the boys were secreted in Mr Bradleys stable Stearn took a Blacksmith to force the door but could not find either the bread or the boys.

Tea Party

P.S. Stearn reports that there was a tea party at the Kings Arms King Street kept by Js Creeke. They broke up about 2 am - also there was tea party and a dance at the Light horse, Annesley Place kept by Ths Mitchell, they broke up orderly at 2 am.

Thursday 3rd to Friday 4th August 1837

Disorderly conduct at Mr Turtles in Sidney Street

P.S. Watts reports that he attended at Mr. Turtles House in Sidney Street from 12 to 1 o'clock by desire of Mr. Maile for the purpose of keeping peace when his officers were there on duty.

[PC Sick]

Barton went off duty sick at 12 ½ Sgt Stearn

Tea Party Castle End

There was a large Tea Party at a close down Rag Lane which was kept up till a late hour - some Police Constables were there to keep order by the desire of the Gents concerned.

Friday 4th to Saturday 5th August 1837

Police Order

The Constables will Parade to Morrow for their Pay at 12 o'clock

Disturbance suppressed

P.S.3 reports that he suppressed a disturbance in St Andrews Street at 3 ½ pm

Applications for the assistance of the police

Inspr Green reports that he was requested to go with J.Flindell & Osborn to the house of J.Collins Gold St, to preserve the Peace while they executed a distress warrant for 2.10.8 poods rates – the money was paid and no particular disturbance took place.

Disturbance stopped

P.C. 6 and 9 report they put a stop to several disturbances in George St and East Road between Irishmen at 11pm.

Tea Party New Square

P.S. 2 reports that there was a large tea party and dance in New Square. The[y] broke up very orderly at 3 am.

Shutters found open

P.C. Garner reports that he found Mrs Earl's shutters open in Bridge St after 11pm and called them up.

Accident

P.S. Spinks [reports] that a pole was fix'd across Trinity St Mr Archer drove his gig against it at 11 pm. He was thrown out and injur'd.

Attempt to commit a Robbery

P.C. Ellis reports that an attempt was made to take away some goods from Mr. Smith's shop, a Broker in Trumpington St - the adjoining house is pull'd down and a hole was broken thro to Smith's shop some boards which had been nail'd up were pulld away after Ellis passed at 11 ½ pm. Mr. Smith watch'd his house all night.

P.C. to report

P.C.7 Barton reported himself sick at 12 ½ am Thursday night & did not attend the Surgeon next morning, absent from duty all night of the 3rd Aug – told the Sergt he had leave from the Supt also late for duty on the night of 4th .

Ditto

P.C.12 Earl late for duty on the night of the 4th

Ditto

P.C. James Richardson gossiping 10 minutes at Willimots Corner Viz from 10 minutes past 11 till 20 minutes past 11pm 4th August – reported by Supt.

Saturday 5th to Sunday 6th August 1837

P.C. to report

P.C. 20 Atkinson absent from his Beat Market Hill on Thursday – when wanted by Mr Cribb – did not report himself coming off duty this evening at 9 o'clock.

Accident & death

P.C. Barton reports that a young Girl named Mead – near Aron Skinners fell down stairs & broke her neck & died instantly 4pm
[Inquest on Pamela Mead reported in the Cambridge Chronicle 12 August 1837 p2]

P.C.7 reported sick

P.S. Stearn reports that P.C. Barton went home sick at 1 o'clock am.

Accident

P.C. Lee Hull reports that about 11pm he found a poor man named Grant of Bourn – had fallen down & put his arm out in Gerrard (sic) Hostel Lane – he took him to Mr Catty's & also to the Hospital where he was attended to.

[Names of vagrants]

P.S. Rook has not complied with the order in taking the names of the vagrants – the Supt expects to have the names of the whole that are in the lodging houses.

Sunday 6th to Monday 7th August 1837

Robbery

Mr Creek of Trumpington came to the Station at 11pm and stated a Mr Goodbody a Drover had been Robbed of £50 in £5 notes at Walden Fair yesterday – a man in the fair trod upon his toes & he thinks that was the time he was robbed – he this morning saw the same man in Trumpington & from enquiry finds he set 2 females & a man down on the other side of Trumpington & took them up again on this side the supt saw two men in a gig set two females down by Melbourn Place at 9 and they drove down towards Mr Humfrey they had the appearance of servants.

Robbery

Stolen yesterday from the shop of Mr Jennings milliners New Market three pieces of ribbon – one a black gauze marked 1.1.11d per yard one piece of black at 2 ½ per yard one piece of purple selling at 4d per yard [...suspect ...] his appearance that of a county tradesman – had blue cloth coat high shoes light colored Leggings and small clothes of the same colour – a man answering the above description was afterwards seen in front of a travelers cart on his way towards Cambridge – information to be given to Mrs Jennings at Mr Marshalls on Peas Hill

Public houses visited

The Superintendent visited several of the public houses in the vicinity of the Town and found them in good order.

Ditto

Inspr Green visited the Public Houses in Barnwell and found them in good order.

Assistance of the Police called

P.S.2 Stearn reports that at 11pm he and P.C. 9 Richardson were call'd into Mrs Plucks House in Sun Street Barnwell – Mrs Plucks daughter was lying on the floor apparently in great pain Mrs P. requested that a P.C. might go for a Doctor which was done and they were thankful.

P.C. 7 to report

P.C.7 John Barton went off his Beat at 12 o'clock sick.

Monday 7th to Tuesday 8th August 1837

A fight stopped

P.C.6 Bidwell reports he put a stop to a fight in Green St at 11 o'clock pm

Shutters unfastened

P.C.13 Ballard reports he found Mr Feltons shutters in Petty Cury unfastened at 1 o'clock am he called them up and they were thankful.

Disorderly characters

P.S.3 Smith reports there were several very disorderly characters left the Waggon & Horses Public House in Market Street at 2 am Landlord's name Jas Stevens.

Tuesday 8th to Wednesday 9th August 1837

Police orders

The Inspector on duty will read the police orders to the men before they go on duty this evening.

Barton Again

P.C.Barton did no duty although returned fit by the Surgeon.

Shutters unfastened

P.C. 26 Reports Miss Biffens Kings Parade shutters were unfastn'd at 12 pm he called them up and they

were thankful.

Party

P.S. Rooke reports there was a party at the Star & Garter Eden Walk kept by Thos Oliver broke up at 3am.

Beer House open late

Insp Green reports that the Beer Shop kept by Thos Tarrant Eden Walk was open at ¼ before 1am saw three men come out at that time.

Over-written "Mr Green should [have] gone into the House – seeing people come out will not make a case"

Wednesday 9th to Thursday 10th August 1837

Disturbance prevented

P.S.3 Smith reports he put a stop to a disturbance in St Marys Street 10pm.

P.C.20 to report

P.C. Atkinson to be reported for being in the Chancellor of the Exchequer Beer House at ¼ before 8 am after coming off duty - reported Sergt. Stearn.

Thursday 10th to Friday 11th August 1837

P.C.to report

P.C.Barton neglected to come for his prisoner till 11 ½ am instead of ¼ before 11am.

Friday 11th to Saturday 12th August 1837

Tea Party

Yesterday about 1500 females sat down to Tea at the Brooklands & in the evening the Party amounted to about 3000. A band attended and dancing was kept up till past eleven o'clock when the band went off to Cambridge most of the company following. Ten police constables and three P.S. sergeants attended for the purpose of keeping order. Many persons who went away in the early part of the evening gave their tickets to persons of low character many of whom were turned back at the gate, others succeeded in getting in, but no disturbance took place only in the Booth where the Ale &c were distributed there was great disorder and many went away without refreshment.

[The Whig Revel at Brooklands, home of banker Richard Foster, was reported in the Cambridge Chronicle 12 August 1837 p2]

P.C. to report

Mrs. Cook and Miss Cook came to the station to complain of the conduct of P.C. Barton towards them at the Tea Party last evening & say they will appear before the committee on the subject on Tuesday next.

P.C.23 to report

P.S.Watts reports P.C. Deborix 1 ¼ hour off his beat for tea from 5 to ¼ past 6.

P.C.11 sick

P.C.11 Clements came to the Station at 10 and reported himself sick and went home.

Disturbance suppressed

P.C.Smith reports he suppressed a disturbance in Newnham at ¼ to 10pm.

Strayed brought to the Station

P.C.Barton brought to the Station at 5 ½ am 8 lambs mark'd N & 2 fat sheep with a blue mark on the rump which he found straying about Hospital back lane. Over-written "...by Mr Reeve Butcher"

Tea Party not reported by Sergeant

There was a very large party at Mr Searles Malting last Evening – one or two police constables were in attendance and the Sergeant of the Section has not made any report of the circumstances 12 Aug 37.

Saturday 12th to Sunday 13th August 1837

Beer House to report

Inspr Green reports that the beer Shop called the Friendly hand in Eden Walk was open at ¼ after 1 am and four men with ale in Jug and Glasses Landlords name [left blank]

Beer House to report

At ¼ before 2am Mrs. Brightwell at the William and Mary was standing outside her door with 5 men who were drinking from quart pot.

Horse ran away with gig

P.S. Smith reports that a horse with a gig was standing at the Castle door St Andrews [St] at 10pm the horse ran away and was stop'd in the Pety Cury. No damage.

Fights stopped

P.C.12 reports that he put a stop to a fight at Castle End at 11pm. P.C.6 reports that he stop'd a fight in Bridge St at 11 ½ pm.

Disturbance prevented

P.S.Watts reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Sidney Street at 4 o'clock pm.

Sunday 13th to Monday 14th August 1837

Beer House to Report

Thos Preston Beer House keeper Newnham had 4 persons drinking in his House at ¼ past 12pm. There were two pints of ale on the Table and some Ale in a glass.

Public Houses Visited

I visited most of the public houses in Barnwell between the hours of 11 & 1 o'clock & found them in good order. J.Corbyn.

Accident not reported

On Saturday night an accident occurred of a man named Thos Hyde falling down and breaking his leg and no report had been made of the circumstances P.C.Ellis knows the circumstances of the case.

P.C. 10 Charles Ellis reports he was on duty about 10 o'clock on Saturday night last in Newnham he saw a man laying down very drunk by the side of a can of milk near the Bridge, he took him up & shook him and gave him his can of milk into his hand, and followed him all along up to Newnham, he saw him turn into a Public House Yard & left him - he fell down just inside the yard - heard him say he would have a fit as he often had when he got drunk. On turning into the yard saw him laying down. In a short time he recovered and got on his legs and went away. Coming away through the house a man name Hyde was there who was swearing, he was very drunk - he was throwing his arms about in a fighting attitude. He fell down and broke the splint bone of his leg. He was sent home in a chaise.

Monday 14th to Tuesday 15th August 1837

Robbery

P.C. 16 Benton set at liberty a Boy who had Stolen a Pistol from a shop in St. Andrews Street - the Supt. ordered Benton to go back and apprehend him, on his being brought back to the Station he was identified by Mr. Insp. Green as being a reputed Thief and was charged with Felony, the owner of the pistol promising to come forward to prosecute and produce the stolen property to Morrow. [Cambridge Chronicle 19 August p2 for the committal of William Howard age 12 years]

Application for the Police

Mr. A. Newland Master of the Infant School King Street came to complain of boys who from a lane between the National School premises and Radegund Buildings throw stones at the children and requests that a P.C. may look to it - the Supt. ordered the Day duty man on the station beat to see to it.

Robbery

Mrs. Balls Ram Yard Bridge Street was selling fruit in Elm Street about 12 pm., her scales were stolen from her basket while she was gone to carry a pound of currants to a house - suspects two girls who were selling matches in the same street.

Rue Howes Party

Inspr Green reports that there was a booth erected in R. Howe's Cinder dust yard and a party there at 2am. P.S. Watts reports that they broke up at 4am.

Party at the Jolly Brewers

P.C.24 Rocket reports there was a Party at the Jolly Brewers Beer shop, New Town. Landlord name: James Carroll: broke up at 1am.

Tuesday 15th to Wednesday 16th August 1837

To be deducted from the gas bill 50 feet by order of Mr Grafton consumed today by Mr Grafton's order.

P.C. to report

P.S. Smith reports P.C. Bidwell ½ an hour late for duty this morning & was gone 1 ½ hours to tea – fined 1/- for 2nd offence.

Tea Party

P.C. Richardson reports there was a Wig party at the Sun Barnwell broke up at 1 o'clock very orderly – also a Gent on the East Road at 10 ½ pm who insulted many persons by striving to get into their houses – he ran away & saw no more of him.

[Basket checked]

P.C. Ellis reports he stopt a young Woman with a basket in Wellington Row at ¼ to 1 am Ch'd it & found all right – her name was Farrant of New St.

Beer House visited

P.S. Watts reports he went into Thos Tarrant's Beer Shop Blucher Row at ¼ to 12 o'clock & found all well.

Door found open

P.C. Robinson reports he found Mr Searls garden door standing open at 4 o'clock am he went in & found all was correct and safe.

Tea Party.

P.S. reports there was a dance at the Hop Pocket Eaden St New Square broke up at 3 ½ very orderly landlords name Catchpole.

P.C. to attend in East Road from 7 ½ till 9

The P.C. from Castle End will go into East Road at ½ past 7 & remain there till 9 o'clock – reporting himself to Mr Sewell – East Road.

P.C. to report

P.C.7 John Barton 10 minutes late for 3 o'clock parade & not attending the Committee

P.C.12 to report

P.C.12 Thos Earl absent from parade at 3 o'clock pm – explain'd said his nose began to bleed when he

was coming to parade.

Wednesday 16th to Thursday 17th August 1837

Robbery

Mr Webb at the Albion, back beat Castle End came to say some two or three persons robb'd him of five fat ducks last night , it appears their heads were cut off in the old pound at the back of his premises a part of the ducks were found on Clare Hall pieces.

Over-written "What number of ducks were found" – [another hand] "2 restored to the owner and 3 carried away by some brick makers – unknown – the five ducks being found on Queens Green".

Highway Robbery

James Wortley of Longstanton was passing near to Chesterton fields about 12 am and was accosted by a young man who robb'd him of a gallon of beer in a stone bottle two other men immediately joined the one who stole the beer and they ran off with it. A man, brother to P.C. 25 Spinks, knows two of them. Insp. Green sent P.C. Spinks to take them into custody. The three men are Robt Hagger, Jo Darkins, Jn. Clarke.

Man saved from self destruction

P.S.Watts reports that Chs Venua was found near dead from drowning near to Barnwell Pools, he was taken to the Sun Barnwell w[h]ere every means to restore animation was afforded him with success he was found by Fred Martin & Thos Swann.

[Paul Pry]

P.C. Bullard reports that he was call'd into Mr. Phillips at the Paul Pry and rendered every assistance necessary -

Over-written "What had been the matter at the Paul Pry and what time did it occur" and added to the entry was "the landlord was crazy drunk at 12pm".

Stoppage of the Waters during the heavy rain

P.C. 11 and P.C. 22 were requested to assist Mr Crawley and Mr Livermore, Bakers Trumpington Street on account of the water rushing into their cellars during the thunder storm - the gratings in the street were choak'd.

Thursday 17th to Friday 18th August 1837

Accident

About 2pm information was brought to the Station that a man was laying on the Midsr Common having received a very severe kick on the face from a horse he was taken to the Hospital by P.S. Smith & others on the Stretcher – his wound was dressed & he was discharged not being a dangerous wound.

Cruelty to dogs

P.C. Hull reports that he saw two Men driving 2 dog Carts heavily laden & the men were riding - one named Wm. Deighton alias Pink the other Wm. Pink 6pm.

Over-written "Summoned"

P.C.7 & 24 to report

The Supt reports he found P.C. Barton & P.C. Rocket gossiping together at Hyde Park Corner at 20 minutes to 2am . Barton said if he was fined he would leave his beat if he lost his coat

Station House gate not kept locked

The Station House gate was found open at ¼ to 2 am. and the Sgt fast asleep - an order was made by the Committee for it to be kept at all times locked.

Dancing Party

There was a dancing party in New Court King Street & also one at the bottom of Thompson's Lane which

broke up at 3 ½ am.

Disturbance stopped

P.C.17 Robinson reports he put a stop to a disturbance at 10 ½ pm on the Market Hill.

Ditto

P.S. Watts reports he put a stop to a disturbance in George St Barnwell at ¼ to 12 o'clock. P.C. Richardson reports he put a stop to a riot in Binders Row at ½ past 11pm.

Shutters found open

P.C. Barton reports he found Mr Chapman's Regent St shutters open unfastened at 11 ½ pm he called them up & they were thankful. Also searched 2 Waggons coming in & found all right.

Friday 18th to Saturday 19th August 1837

P.C.7 to report

P.C.7 Barton 10 minutes too late for 3 o'clock parade

P.C. 20 Atkinson 25 minutes too late for 3 o'clock parade - Explained

Orders for P.C. on Station Beat

The P.C. on the Station beat to visit St. Andrews hill every day once every half hour from 5pm. to 8 pm. as a number of disorderly boys congregate there.

½ a Crown given by mistake

P.C. Rocket reports that an old woman in Downing Street gave a boy a half crown in mistake for a penny piece for a pennyworth of turf the P.C. went after the boy to his home at Barnwell he gave up the half crown and P.C. Rocket took it to the woman and she gave him 6d for himself.

Door found open

P.C.16 Benton found Mr Edwards door open at 1am Kings Parade called them, they were thankful.

Disturbances stopped

P.C. Richardson put a stop to several disturbances in New Street Barnwell before 12pm. P.C. Rocket put a stop to a disturbance in Cambridge Place at 1am.

Tea Party

P.C. Watts reports that there was party at the Prince Regent. The Tory band was there they broke up orderly at 2am.

Saturday 19th to Sunday 20th August 1837

Fight prevented

P.C.17 Robinson put a stop to a fight at 1am on the Market Hill

Disturbance ditto

P.C.11 Clements put a stop to a disturbance at Newnham at 10 ½ pm

Man fell down in a fit

P.C. Earl reports that a Man named Matthews fell down in a fit in Kings St at ½ past 10pm & he saw him safe home in Orchard Street.

Disturbance stopped

P.C. Earl reports he put a stop to several disturbances in King Street.

Riot ditto

P.C. Barton reports that he put a stop to a riot in Cambridge Place at ½ past 11 o'clock

Sunday 20th August to Monday 21st August 1837

Beer House to report

Insp Green reports that there were two persons drinking at the beer shop kept by Thos Favell in Gold Street at ¼ before 12am.

Ditto

Insp Green reports there were 4 prostitutes with one quart of ale at the Shamrock kept by Wm Lowe at 5 mints before 12am.

Ditto

There were 6 or 7 persons at the Dog & Partridge smoking with no beer at 12 noon Landlord Tarrant.

Beer Houses visited

P.S.Rooke reports that the Public Houses in Castle End & Riverside were in good order between 11 & 1am.

P.C. to report

P.C.Barton late for duty at 9pm

Disturbances stopped

P.C.Garner reports that he put a stop to two rows in Barnwell lodging house at 2 ½ pm and another at Lowes public house the Shamrock in Barnwell at 3 ½ pm.

Report of a child buried in a garden

P.C. Barton reports that from information receiv'd he suspects that Venus Wilderspin has been the mother of a child which is buried in Chas Wilderspins Yard.

[There is no indication in this journal that this intelligence was investigated and no contemporary press reports. PC Barton was the subject of numerous minor disciplinary issues before he resigned on 22 August 1837, so may not have been felt to be a reliable source.]

Door not fastened

P.C. 19 Tyler reports that Mrs Disbury shop door unfast'd in Brandon Place at 11 ½ he called them up and the door was secu'd.

Shutters found open

P.C.8 reports that he found Mr Nutters shutters open nr the Bridge & called them at 1am.

Sow found

P.C. Barton brot (sic) a sow to the station at 11 ½ found on his beat.

Damages to be paid for by those on duty

Whoever was on duty in the station and allowed a sow to be put in the mens room will be expected to pay the damage done to Mr. Tittertons Childs chaise. The sow was found shut up in the room when Mrs. Smiths servant girl got up ¼ before 7 o'clock.

Cattle found straying to be impounded at proper place

For the future all the cattle found straying about the Town must be taken to the proper place for impounding cattle and not to the Station House - the Inspector on duty will see that this order is strictly attended to.

Monday 21st to Tuesday 22nd August 1837

[P.C. to report]

P.C. Barton neglected to come for his prisoner till 11 ½

[Missing lamp]

P.C.Lee Hull reports that No 5 lamp is not to be found. Over-written "brot back by Rocket".

Tea Party

P.S.Watts reports there was a party at the Old Red Lion Bridge Street broke up at 1am.

Ditto

P.C.5 reports there was a Tea Party at the Gardiners Arms Beer Shop kept by Henry Lee in Coldhams Lane broke up at 3.

Ditto

P.C.22 Pond reports there was a dance in Broad Street East Road. Broke up at 4am.

Ditto

P.C.Ellis reports there was a party at the Cross Keys Downing Terrace broke up at ½ past 12 – also a party at a beer shop kept by Wm Cooke in Cambridge Place broke up at 2am.

Tuesday 22nd Wednesday 23rd August 1837

Saw Dust sold for smuggled tobacco

Two men dressed as Seamen called at the house of Mrs. Tabraham in Gold Street and asked her if she would buy some smuggled Tobacco, at 2/- per pound, the men called twice before she would consent. She told them to call before 1 o'clock, as she was going down town to purchase some groceries. They contrived to meet Mrs. T on Parkers Piece with the tobacco and took the basket from her hand and put in the parcel, containing 5lbs, which she paid 9/- for. She went back home with the tobacco, but on opening the parcel it was found to contain saw dust. Search was immediately set on foot by both the Superintendent and constables but the swindlers could not be found.

[this case is recorded in the Cambridge Chronicle 26 August 1837 p2]

P.C.7 Resigned

P.C.7 John Barton resigned sooner than be fined 1 days pay for gossiping

Tea Party

P.S. Smith reports there were parties at the Six Bells Mill Road, at the New Inn Parkers piece, and at Mr Shearings New Street Barnwell, they broke up orderly

Wednesday 23rd to Thursday 24th August 1837

P.C. to report

P.C. Bidwell & Atkinson absent from 3 o'clock parade.

Ditto

P.C. Atkinson irregular in his duty on the Station House Beat & the worse for liquor as will be seen from the report paper J.C.

Thursday 24th to Friday 25th August 1837

Application for the Police to look after property

David Warren has been distrained upon for a year and a half rent for a 4 acre field down Coldhams Lane. Messrs Bullen & Himson of Cherryhinton would be glad of a Policeman to look to those premises.

Assault upon the Police

P.C. 23 Deborix went to Castle End to apprehend J. Hinson for felony. After he had taken Hinson he was beset by Walker and Hagger who made a determined attempt to rescue Hinson. P.C. Deborix was knock'd down and is so much hurt as to be oblig'd to go home - his coat is much torn. J. Stevens and Richardson turnkeys at the Castle and Quinsee, Parish Constable saw greater part of the affray.

Dancing Party

P.C.Rocket reports there was a party at the Ram Bridge St dancing at 3 ½ am.

P.C. to report

P.C.7 H Cornel absent from his Beat ½ an hour from ½ past 10 till after the clock struck 11pm. Supt.

Friday 25th to Saturday 26th August 1837

[P.C.s to report]

5, 6, & 19 Absent from 3 o'clock parade. 19 had leave. 6 explained. J.C.

Beer House to report

The Superintendent reports he found several persons drinking at the beer house kept by Wm Lowe Sign of the Shamrock Barnwell at ½ past 12am 26th Augt.

Ditto

He also found the house of Mrs Brightwell Sign of the William & Mary open at 1 o'clock am 26 Aug 37 several persons were drinking & singing up stairs. She said they were odd fellows – they were making a great noise, one man came out very tipsy and went home.
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Clothing to be seen on Tuesday

The men will be particular cautioned to have there (sic) Boots, gt coats and the whole of there clothing in good repair by Tuesday next, they will be inspected at 3 o'clock pm. by the Supt - & Committee.

Saturday 26th to Sunday 27th August 1837

Robbery

Mr Neobird No 7 Britannia Place East Road came to say that two Coppers the property of Mr Kent, broker, East Road were stolen this evening between 7 & 8 pm from his door.
Over-written " Restored J.C. – taken in a lark"

Disturbances prevented

P.C.23 Deborix [reports] that he put a stop to several disturbances on the Market Hill during the evening.

Fight prevented

P.C.8 Hackney reports that he put a stop to a prize fight in Sun Street Barnwell at 8 ½ pm.

Damage done to a house in Collinses Buildings, Northampton St.

There was considerable damage done by the lightening to furniture in a house in Northampton Street several P.C.s were there to preserve order. Geo. Bright broke his leg. Pryor is the person who suffered by the fire.

Beer house to report

Inspr Green & P.C. Garner report there were 5 or 6 persons with two pints of ale at the Saracens head Sun St Barnwell at 12 ½ pm Landlord [..] Fromant.

Fight prevented

P.S. Rooke reports that he put a stop to a fight in Sidney Street at 10pm – also to several disturbances on the Market Hill between 10 & 11pm.

Disturbance prevented

P.C.5 Garner reports that he put a stop to a disturbance in George St Barnwell at 12pm.

Sunday 27th to Monday 28th August 1837

[public houses visited]

I visited most of the Public Houses in Barnwell between the hours of 11 & 1 o'clock & found them all in good order J. Corbyn.

[Fire in Collinses Buildings Northampton St]

Yesterday morning about 9 o'clock fire broke out on the premises of Bell Pryer and Houghton, in Collinses Buildings, Northampton Street, St. Giles occasioned by the electric fluid during the Thunder Storm. The whole of the furniture in the lower apartment was destroyed - not by the fire but by the quantity of water that had been used, which totally destroyed a feather bed. Other articles of furniture were broken as also the top of the House broken in when there was not the least occasion.

[Gipsey tribes at Trumpington Road]

The Supt having received information that several of the Gipsey tribes were encamped on the Trumpington road side he immediately went and ordered them to leave or they would be taken into custody - in ten minutes they packed up and left the ground.

Beer House to report

P.C. [name omitted] reports that the William & Mary Beer House kept by Mrs Brightwell was open at ¼ before 12am Sunday night.

Monday 28th to Tuesday 29th August 1837

Fire in Mill Lane

About ¼ before 11am a most destructive fire broke out on the premises of Mr. E. Foster in Mill Lane which in a short time consumed the whole of his extensive warehouses and granaries. The different Engines in the Boro. were very soon upon the spot and a plentiful supply of water with the assistance of the public who all behaved in the most praiseworthy manner & did the best they could to assist where they were the most useful, and the fire was got under much sooner than it was expected from the nature of the materials.

The Police were there as soon as they could be collected & were engaged in keeping order & looking after the property taken from the different houses in the neighborhood of the fire.

A deal of furniture was broken in the removal. It is not known at present if any thing is missing.

The police were placed at the end of the streets to prevent persons from taking things away.

Three Police Constables were stationed there during the night and the Supt. did not leave the premises till 3am when there did not appear to be any fire or any Symptoms. At ½ past 3am the fire broke out again but was got under by the persons on the premises who were left there on the Watch - the damage is great and the property insured.

J. Titterton

[Mr Foster was the Mayor. A full account of the fire is in the Cambridge Chronicle 2 Sept 1837 p2. The fire caused over £4,000 worth of damage]

P.C. to report

P.C. Benton 16 absent from his beat from ¼ past 10 to ¼ past 11 pm - P.C. Simkin absent from his Beat for most part of the night. P.C. Bidwell absent from his beat at 1 o'clock - P.C. Deborix absent from his beat at 3 & also ½ past 3 am.

Tuesday 29th to Wednesday 30th August 1837

P.C. to report

P.S. Watts reports P.C. Deborix absent from his Beat at 2 o'clock am. P.S. Watts never saw him from the

time he was put on his beat at 11pm.

Dance at Wm & Mary

P.C.Rocket reports that there was a dance at the William & Mary Beer Shop kept by Mrs Brightwell & did not break up 'till 3am.

Dog detained

At 2am P.C.Rocket found Wm Pink with a large black Dog which he said he bought of Mr Lovell of Haddenham for 2/- the dog is detained.

Men taken off at 4

It having rained heavily all night without intermission the Sergeants took the men off duty at 4 o'clock except the 11 o'clock men.

P.C. at Mr E. Foster

Three Police Constables viz Hull, Anable & Robinson, were on duty in Mill Lane at the House of Mr E.Foster for the purpose of looking after the Premises which had been on fire

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Information of persons in barns to be removed

Mr Toft came at 9pm to request that 2 P.C.[s] might go to his farm at Newnham at 12 or after tonight as 3 or 4 persons are in the habit of sleeping in his stables he is fearful they may with pipes set fire to his premises or that they may steal fowls or other property. Inspr Green with P.C. Bidwell who knows the situation of the premises with another P.C. will go at 1am. Went but found no persons – 2 of the party were brought from Castle End

Party at New Inn

P.C.22 Pond reports there was a party at Mrs Leedings at the New Inn Parkers Piece broke up at 2am.

Disturbance at Barnwell

P.C.7 Cornwell reports that he put a stop to a disturbance in New St Barnwell at 11pm.

Ditto

P.C.8 Hackney reports he put a stop to a disturbance & fight in George St Barnwell at 11 ½ pm.

Ditto

P.C.s Benton & Deborix report they put a stop to a disturbance at ¼ before 12 in Fields Court St Andrews caus'd by a man who ran out of his house naked

Lantern broken

P.C.16 lantern broke as he was walking his beat.

P.C.26 at Mr Fosters

P.C. Lee Hull was stationed at the Mayor's House all night to watch the premises

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Flaying horses not licensed

P.C. Ballard reports that Reuben Howe bought a dead horse & flay'd it in East Road. Over-written "to be summoned"

Fight prevented

P.C G.Richardson reports he put a stop to a fight on the Blackmoor Piece Castle End 6 ½ pm

Alarm of thieves

P.S. Watts reports that Mrs Jerrald Silver Street thought she heard some one in her house at 12 o'clock pm she called the P.C. in to examine the House but they found nothing amiss.

Disturbance prevented

P.C. Cornwell reports he put a stop to a disturbance at Elams Lodging House East Road at 11 o'clock.