

Cambridge Borough Police, Station House Journal, June 1837

Thursday 1st to Friday 2nd June 1837

Complaints of Beggars

In consequence of the many complaints of so many vagrants about the Town the Superd. ordered 8 of the night duty men to parade the Town for two hours each. 18 vagrants were brought to the Station. 6 of them were discharged upon promise to leave the Town immediately. One of them was again brought very drunk and with the rest detained.

[Police may well have exceeding their powers as a result of public opinion relayed to the Superintendent regarding the nuisance of beggars and vagrants]

Robbery

William Warboys from Oakington came to the Station to say that 15 fowls had been Stolen from his premises last night – he had great reason to suspect a man who was late at his house last night and wish'd him to be taken into custody P.C.Benton was sent but could not find him his name is Joseph Cousins – Barnwell.

P.C.to Report

P.S.1 Rooke reports that P.C. 16 Benton was $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour absent from his post at $\frac{1}{4}$ before 2 A.M.

Fight prevented

P.C. Simkin reports that he put a stop to a fight in George St Barnwell at 10P.M.

Friday 2nd to Saturday 3rd June 1837

Ladder found

P.C.Rider reports he found a ladder of about 20 rounds across the pavement by Pembroke Coll Gates which he left with Mr Peck's men at work at a new House at the corner of Mill Lane.

P.C. to Report

P.S.Smith reports P.C. 17 Robinson absent from a part of his beat one hour from 20 m to 11 to 20 m to 12 o'clock.

Disturbance prevented

P.C.21 Simkin reports he suppressed a disturbance in George St Barnwell at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M.

Public House open

P.C.13 Ballard reports the Prince Regent Public House open at 2 A.M. Landlords name Wilkin – Benjamin

Garden fence broken

P.C.21 Simkin reports that Mr Gunton's garden fence was broken down at 11PM in Eaden St

P.C. to Report

P.S. Rooke reports that P.C. 16 Benton was asleep on his Beat in the Spotted Cow Yard Northampton St at 1 o'clock am. and that he went home sick at 2am.

Apron of a Coach Box found.

P.C.Deborix 23 found an apron of a coach box in Castle St at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M.

Deranged woman taken home

P.C.s Barton and Bidwell saw a young woman in the Rose Crescent deranged and unable to take care of herself – they took her to her Mothers in New St who was very thankful.

Robbery

P.S. Watts reports that at 10 o'clock am. Mr. Parker of Corpus sent to the Station to say that a man who had money under false pretences of him and others and had stolen a hat from the Eagle Inn and he wishes a policeman to be sent after him as he was gone up the Trumpington Road. P.S. Watts went and overtook him at Sawston & brought him to the Station where he was charged with the Felony - committed for trial - .

[Edward Young was convicted at the town sessions of stealing a hat from the Eagle Inn – sentenced to 3 months hard labour – Cambridge Chronicle 1 July 1837 p2]

Saturday 3rd to Sunday 4th June 1837

Gratuity

P.C. Bidwell reports that Colonel Pemberton gave him 5/- as reward for his good conduct in taking a man into Custody who had cut down several young trees from his plantation in Trumpington who was committed by the County Magistrates for two months.

Attempt to set fire to premises

P.S. Watts reports that a bundle of rags on fire were thrown into Mr Burketts premises Castle End last night – no injury was done,

Galloping horses

P.C. Barton reports that John Sanderson of the White House Milton was Galloping a horse up and down Downing Street showing it for sale at 1 ½ pm.

Also that he put a stop to a great disturbance opposite the Hall at 8 pm.

Disturbance

P.C. Rider reports that there was a great disturbance at the Fitzwilliam Arms at 12 ½ pm (sic) he was call'd in the house was not clos'd till 20 mints past 1 am

Fight prevented

P.C. Bidwell reports that he put a stop to a fight between two Butchers in the Market at 6 pm.

Disturbances prevented

P.C. Spink put a stop to several disturbances during the night in George Street Barnwell.

Fight prevented

P.C. 17 Robinson reports that he put a stop to a fight in Gas Lane at 3 ½ am.

Complaint

Francis Johnson came to complain of the conduct of P.C. 8 Hackney on Friday between 7 & 8 pm at Barnwell H.J. Freeman Abbey St was very drunk and disorderly annoying every person & Hackney refus'd to take him in custody.

Sunday 4th to Monday 5th June 1837

P.S. Stearn returned

P.S. 2 Stearn ret'd from London last night having been there after two Dog Stealers from Cambg (Shadbolt and H.J. Lewis) Shadbolt was convicted and fined £16-00 adjudged to 3 Months imprisonment in the House of Correction at London & Lewis acquitted.

[Cambridge Chronicle 10 June 1837 p2 for more information on the dog stealing case]

Public houses visited

P.S. Watts reports he visited the Public Houses at Castle End and Newnham and found all right except the following Houses viz.

4 men drinking at the Castle Inn, Castle St. St Giles with Beer in 4 Glasses at 20 minutes past 11 o'clock am Landlords name John Ayres (being the parish of Chesterton) J.C.

The Cherry Tree Beer Shop Maddingley (sic) Road St. Giles doors wide open 2 large Jugs of Beer on the Table with Glasses and men escaped over the hedges 3 men drinking in the Yard with Beer in quart Pot & smoking at ¼ to 12 o'clock noon. Landlords name John Dear -

Public houses visited

I visited most of the Public Houses in Barnwell, Mill Road, Coldhams Lane & I found all in good order – except that at ½ past 12 noon there were several very respectable dressed Gents at & several Glasses of ale on, the Table of Thos Tarrant's Beer Shop in Blucher Row who appeared as if they had been there some time.

P.C. sick

P.C. Rider reported himself sick and unable to continue on duty at 11 ½ pm

Ditto

P.C. Ballard reported himself sick and unable to continue on duty at 12 P.M.

Monday 5th to Tuesday 6th June 1837

Disturbance prevented

P.S.3 Watts reports that he put a stop to a disturbance in Chesterton Lane at 11 ¼ pm

P.C.19 to report

Inspr Green reports that two watermen were drunk and making a disturbance on the Gt Bridge and were taken in custody by P.C.s Barton and Tyler, Barton brought his man to the Station, Tyler let the other escape from him – this is not the first time he has let a prisoner go.

[Reward offered]

Mr [Seymour] of Barnwell has offered a reward of 10/- to any Person who will give information of the party who have (sic) maliciously broken down a fence on Christs Piece.

Tuesday 6th to Wednesday 7th June 1837

Breaking Glass

Mr. Humfrey's Servant accused a little Boy with throwing Stones over the wall which broke 4 panes of Glass - he had with him sundry wire skewers &c which he was hawking about and which were left at the Station while he went for his Father to settle for the broken Glass.

Shutters unfastened

P.C. Lee Hull reports he found Mr Peaveys Shutters unfastened at 1 o'clock am, he called them up they made it safe & thanked him.

P.C. Bitten by a Dog

P.C. Barton reports at 6½ pm he was bitten by a Dog belonging to Mr. Patman of the Wrestlers Inn - he believes the Dog had the symptoms of madness.

Beer House to report

P.C.24 Rocket reports he put a stop to a disturbance in George Street Barnwell , - 11pm also that a Band of Music was playing at Thos Tarrant's Beer Shop Blucher Row & there was dancing till 12 o'clock pm the House was not shut up till 3 o'clock am.

Wednesday 7th to Thursday 8th June 1837

Assault upon a P.C.

P.C. Rocket reports that at 10½ pm a cry of Murder was heard from the Shamrock kept by W. Lowe who had been beating his wife, when he attempting to take Lowe into custody was struck by Lowe with a table leg which broke his hat. There was a great disturbance in the neighborhood.

Throwing stones

P.C. Rider reports that at 12 o'clock some persons threw stones at the doors in Gas Lane but he could not catch them

Disorderly Public House

P.C. Barton reports that two men, each with a prostitute came out of the X Keys Magdalen St ¼ before 1 am – Saml Bowtell.

Disturbance prevented

P.S. Watts reports that he prevented a disturbance in Trinity St and Bridge St at 3am

Men to be ordered to take beggars &c into custody

There is a Person named Samson about coming out of the County Gaol, who was committed some time past, there is a charge against the same man for stealing sacks from Mr Foster the Sergt on the day duty will go to the Gaol and make enquiry about him.

[see entry below 12 June 1837]

It has been reported to the Superint. that Carter at the Bird Bath and Savage at a Beer Shop in Barnwell have got some back Rooms where Persons are playing at Cards till a late hour, at night the Inspectors will take notice of these houses.

The Insp. on duty will send for four men to patrol the Town from 12 to 2 and also 4 men from 2 till 4 to take up all Persons who are founded idle and disorderly and cannot give a good account of themselves, and such as pretend to be selling Matches.

Vagrants Relieved by the Mayor

P.C. Robinson reports that he was bringing a Vagrant named Patrick Mc Garter to the Station when the Mayor order'd him to take him to the High Constable to be relieved 8th inst.

Thursday 8th to Friday 9th June 1837

Suspected robbery

P.C. Curson reports that a Groom who lodged at Mrs Clarks – of the Salutation in Bridge Street went to the Waggon and Horses – in the Market Street & fell asleep – during which, a Niece of Mrs Clarks who lives with her, came to him & took his watch out of his fob & the key of his Box also – he desired the P.C. to take her into custody if she refused to give them up – but she gave them up to the young man in the presence of the P.C.

ditto

P.C. Rocket reports he was called into Kate Palmer's Wellington Row - by a man named Risley Shelton Pipe Maker, to take Palmer into custody for stealing a Watch - Palmer delivered up the watch to the P.C. saying it was given her as security for money he owed her for sleeping with her which Shelton did not deny & he then refused to charge her - the watch and metal guard was left at the Station - 5am.

Disturbance with prostitutes

P.C.24 Rocket reports at 12 ½ pm he put a stop to a great disturbance in Union Row between several Prostitutes - it appears he brought one of them part of the way to the Station & then let her go.

Disturbance Mrs Turtle

P.C. Simkins reports that he was called into Mr. Turtles House Sidney St. to make peace between him and his Wife when Mr. Turtles life was in danger.

Friday 9th to Saturday 10th June 1837

Disturbance prevented

P.S.2 Stearn reports that he put a stop to a Disturbance in New Street Barnwell at 10 ½ pm

Ditto

P.C.Simkin reports that he stop'd a disturbance in Broad Street Barnwell at 6 pm.

Saturday 10th to Sunday 11th June 1837

Mr Green and the donkey

Inspr Green reports he went to Bottisham after a Donkey that was stolen from Wm Purcey of Grant Pelham – the parties went before the Magistrates – viz the person who bought the Donkey and Purcey – the man who stole it being in Chelmsford Gaol; - it was ordered that Purcey should have his donkey – which he took home.

Gipseys in Beer Shop landlady alarmed

P.S. Smith reports that the Landlady of the Gareck (sic) Beer House being alone & there being some Gipseys Men at her House behaving in a disorderly manner was afraid of them and sent to the Station for Policeman to show himself & on his appearance there, they dispersed 5 o'clock pm.

Disturbance prevented

P.S. Stearn reports he put a stop to a disturbance in New St. at 8 ½ pm.

P.C. 7 sick disturbance stop'd

P.S. Watts reports P.C.7 Barton sick & did no duty – also that he suppressed a disturbance at Castle End at 11 o'clock pm. also on Market Hill at ½ past 11 o'clock.

P.C. to report

P.S.Stearn reports P.C. 20 Atkinson off his beat one hour from 3 ½ to 4 ½ am.

Shewing horses in Downing Street

P.C. Richardson reports that at 12 ½ Mr Peake, Haddenham was shewing a horse up and down Downing Street he persisted to do so although he caution'd him – Another man nam'd Farrance at 11 ½ was also doing the same at the same place.

Sunday 11th to Monday 12th June 1837

Beer House to report

Inspr Green reports that there were 4 persons at the Flower Pot in New Street at ¼ before 12 at noon with beer in a quart and pint pot which they were drinking, Landlord's name Goode. Also at the Britannia were 4 persons with ale in two half pint mugs at ¼ after 12 Landlords name Hy. Howard

Ditto

P.S.3 Smith reports that the beer shop on the Madingley Road kept by Richard Smith had two shepherds with one pint of ale at 12 ½ -

Disturbance suppressed

P.C.s 21 and 19 suppressed a disturbance in Bridge St at 1 ¼ am.

Public Houses Visited

I visited most of the Public Houses in Cambridge from 11 to ½ past 12 & found them in good order J.C.

Ditto

P.S.Rooke reports he visited the public houses both sides of the River and Castle End & found the whole in good order.

Monday 12th to Tuesday 13th June 1837

Alarm of a man throwing himself in the River

P.C.s Atkinson and Rocket went after a young man that some woman told them had thrown himself into the River. They found him asleep by the side of the river & saw him to his lodgings at the "Star" in Jesus Lane 10 pm.

Thief Escaped

P.C. Spinks reports that at 12 o'clock pm. Mr. Palmer requested him to apprehend - Samson Senr. of River Lane on suspicion of stealing Corn - he went to the House & knocked at the door & Samson said he would not let him in, the P.C. then said he would break open the door - on which Samson said wait..... while I put some clothes on and I will let you in. He made his escape back wards. The P.C. then got into the house and found about half a sack of Peas and half a sack of Barley which he brought to the station - & P.C. Carson was with him.

Garden Gate Found

P.C. Tyler found a small Garden Gate in New Square painted lead colour – owned by Mrs Barker New Square.

Tuesday 13th to Wednesday 14th June 1837

Shutters found open

P.C.22 Pond reports that Mr Baine's shutters in Portugal Place were unfastned at 12- Also Mr Walters in Green Street at 1 am – he call'd them in both cases and they thank'd him.

Wednesday 14th to Thursday 15th June 1837

Attempt at suicide

Insp. Corbyn reports that Robt Bond Rope Maker New St. Barnwell attempted to kill himself by cutting his throat on Monday last - they found him weltering in his blood about noon - they had missed him from 9 or 10 o'clock - it appears he inflicted a very severe wound on his throat but is likely to get over it, though not out of danger. It appears from report that he is labouring under pecuniary difficulties.

P.C.7 sick

P.C. Barton reported himself sick & unable to come on duty this evening 8 ½ pm.

Surgeon out of town

P.S.Watts reports that Mr Catty wishes to inform the Supt that he is going out of Town for a few days and desires the Sick Men to attend at Mr Edis's in All Saints Passage during his absence & he will sign the book when he returns.

Horse slaughtered no license

P.S.Watts reports that John Wright of Occupation Road Barnwell, slaughtered a Horse on his Premises this morning and cut it up for sale but has no license so to do. Wm Ballard P.C. witnessed the act.

Over-written "to be summoned"

[Cambridge Chronicle 24 June 1837 p3 reports that Wright was fined 10/- for this offence]

P.C. to report

Insp. Corbyn reports P.C. Tyler for leaving his Beat unnecessarily & coming to the Station to enquire what he should do - Mrs. Turtle having order'd him to go & take her Husband who was in Bed with some Woman in Burleigh Street.

Over-written "settled"

P.C. to report

Insp. Corbyn reports P.C. Garner for bringing a groundless charge to the Station at 10 pm. It appears there was a bit of a fight on Christ Pieces which was over before the P.C. got there & he saw nothing of

it. A Mr Reynolds gave Mr Jn Howett in charge but did not come with him to the Station – consequently there was no charge.
Over-written “settled”

Thursday 15th to Friday 16th June 1837

P.C.12 to report

Mr Pain Eden St came to complain that a lad named Algar has beaten his son last evening and this evening and that P.C. 12 Earl saw it this evening and did not bring the parties to the Station but took Algar, who was the aggressor home to his house.
Over-written “Explained a false report”

Door left at the Station

P.C. 20 reports he found a door which had been used to carry a boy home that was drown'd in the River on Sheeps Green in the afternoon.

Doors left open

P.C.20 reports that Mr Danby's house in Bridge Street was left open at 2 ½ went up two pair of stairs and call'd him up – Also the One Hawk door was open at 2 ¾ call'd them up & they were thankful.

Ditto

P.C.25 reports that the Waggon and Horses East Road was left insecure – he call'd them, they were thankful.

Alarm of thieves

Mr Turner, builder, Park St call'd P.C. 22 at 1 am as he suppos'd some man was in his yard, all was right

Disturbance

P.S.3 reports that at 10pm there was a great disturbance at Castle End and a sweep lad rescu'd from the custody of P.C.24 by John Mayes, [gap for first name to be added] Brown and others, the sweep was afterwards brought to the Station and discharg'd.

Friday 16th to Saturday 17th June 1837

Man taken into custody at Newmarket on suspicion of stealing ducks from Cambridge

A man who left Cambridge yesterday morning has been taken up at Newmarket and committed to the County Gaol for further examination, he had a Duck and a Drake supposed to have been stolen from Cambridge or on the road to Newmarket (Mr Green states)

[George Wren 41 charged with stealing two ducks the property of George Reeve. The prosecutor not appearing he was discharged having spent two weeks in Gaol – Cambridge Chronicle 29 July p4.]

Landlady at the X Keys found dead in her bedroom

Mrs. Boutell Publican near the Great Bridge was found dead in her Bed Room. It appears she went to bed in a state of intoxication so much so, that she could not be undressed & in about an hour afterwards they went to look at her & found she had tumbled out of Bed & was dead - this happened on Sunday 11th Inst.

[Report of the inquest on Mrs Boutell can be found in the Cambridge Chronicle June 17th p2 – verdict died from excessive drinking]

Boy Haylock drown'd

A boy named Haylock of Castle End was drowned near Sheeps Green - yesterday whilst bathg.

[Report of the inquest on Robert Haylock aged eight can be found in the Cambridge Chronicle June 17th p2 – verdict accidental death]

Sacks found supposed to have been stolen from Mr Palmer

P.C.Clements reports that he found five Sacks at the house of – Sampson. Mr Palmer can swear to two of them & a halter also found there.

Information of lead stolen

P.C. Clements reports that when he was at Sampson house he was told that Josh Thring Jn sold on Sunday last in New St about 40 lbs of lead supposed to have been stolen.

Wheeling a truck on the pavement

P.C.16 Benton reports that – Briggs of the “Tulips” Eaden St was running a truck on the flags – leading from New Square to Eaden Walk about ½ past 9 o'clock Thursday evening 15th Inst. Over-written “to be summoned”.

Man found drowned

P.S. 4 Watts reports that he received information at 12 o'clock noon that a young man's clothes were laying on the bank of the River near Hydes Beer House between Newnham and Grantchester and it was supposed that he was drowned. He went in search and with another Man pulled him out of the Water dead. He was seen alive at 3 o'clock am but not since - a surgeon was sent for who said he had been drowned some hours – went & informed the Coroner of it - who summoned a Jury to sit at 9¼ o'clock tomorrow morning. The deceased is name George Dennison a Carpenter - lodged in Silver Street whose friends reside at Linton.

[Drowning reported in the Cambridge Chronicle 17 June 1837 p2 – deceased was George Dennis]

Furniture removed

P.C.22 Pond reports he saw some furniture removed from Mr Brown's House in Trinity Stret to a house in Wrays Lane Castle End at 11pm.

Night soil spilt in John Street

P.C. 26 Lee Hull reports that some night soil was spilt in St. Johns Street from Scavenger Lowes' Cart. Over-written “to be summd”

Saturday 17th to Sunday 18th June 1837

Disturbance prevented

P.C.16 Benton reports that he put a stop to several disturbances in and near the Market during the day

Fight prevented

P.C.Rider reports that he put a stop to a fight in Wheeler Street at 7pm.

P.C.21 obstructed in the execution of his duty

P.C.Simpkin reports that a fight took place on Christs Piece at 11 ½ pm and that Austen of King Street Collard him and prevented him from doing his duty.

Disturbance prevented

P.C.20 Atkinson reports that he suppressed a disturbance in Sidney St at 10pm.

Horse & Cart stolen from Impington

P.C.12 Earl reports that a black mare and a light Market Cart painted green with the name of Dye on the off side was stolen from opposite the Chequers public house Impington at 10 ½ pm and was seen between 11 & 12 on the road towards Cambridge in the possession of two men who were driving very fast.

Sunday 18th to Monday 19th June 1837

Public Houses visited

I visited most of the Public Houses in Barnwell from 11 to ½ past 12 o'clock and found them in good

Order.

Lamb stolen

P.S. Watts reports that Mr. Sparrow of Chesterton came to the station to say that his Sheep Fold had been robbed of a Lamb last night which was killed - the entrails & skin left on the ground - he has no suspicion of anyone in particular & offers an additional reward to what is allow'd by the association. 12 o'clock noon.

P.C. to report

Insp Corbyn reports P.C. Simkin one hour off his Beat, Viz from ¼ past 12 to ¼ past one o'clock.

Monday 19th to Tuesday 20th June 1837

Fight Prevented

P.C. Hackney reports that he put a stop to a fight on the East road at 1 am

Alarm of fire

P.S.Watts reports that a house was accidentally set on fire on the Hills road at 12 o'clock but by timely assistance it was put out the engines were soon upon the spot but were not used very little damage was done.

Man found drowned

P.S.Watts reports that a Man was found drowned in the River on Sheeps Green name [Collins] by a Person who was fishing. P.S.Watts saw him conveyed to [Gerals] public house in Silver Street there to await the Coroner's inquest
[Report of the inquest on John Colling can be found in the Cambridge Chronicle 24 June 18837 p2 verdict "found drowned"]

[Fight prevented]

P.C. Deborix put a stop to a fight at Hyde Park Corner at 12 ½ am.

18th June Communication

There was a festival at the House of Commons kept by Jas Carvely Hills Road, Music dancing and fireworks &c, in commemoration of the Battle of Waterloo - which was kept up till the morning.

Tuesday 20th to Wednesday 21st June 1837

Dog lost

Lost this evening about 7 o'clock a small Black and tan terrier dog the property of Mr. W. Herring Smith Treasurer.

Drunken man taken home

P.C. Hackney reports that he found a Man named Beaumont drunk and laying on Maids Causeway which he saw to his home near the Race Horse Barnwell.

Complaint of dogs and nuisance to be reported

P.C.21 Simkin reports that Mr Collins (three Crowns in Silver Street) dog bit a Gentleman some time during the night and that it is dangerous for any one to pass at any time of the night.

(In red ink and underlined is the entry) King William the 4th died at 25 minutes past 3 this morning.

Peter Dunwell Taken

Mr. Inspr. Green brought Peter Dunwell for attempting to poison his Wife in custody to the Station at ¼ to 4 am having taken him near Bury.
[Cambridge Chronicle 24 June 1837 p2 reports on Dunwell's committal. He appeared for trial in July

1837 at the Cambridgeshire Assizes and pleaded that he had accidentally contaminated his wife's beer with Laudnum which he had bought to help him with his toothache. He was acquitted – Cambridge Chronicle 29 July 1837 p4]

Alarm of thieves in a garden

Mr Haywood of Downing Terrace sent a note to say some thief had been seen in his garden at the back of his House at 3 o'clock on Monday Morning. Mrs Haywood said she was awoke by the ring of a bell on their back door, and on looking out of the Bed Room window she saw a Man in his Shirt Sleeves getting over the Garden Wall, who made his escape, the wall is a good height but there being a quantity wall fruit trees they answer the purpose of a ladder make it easy of access.

Wednesday 21st to Thursday 22nd June 1837

Public house to report

Inspr Green reports that the Jolly Brewers at the corner of Princes Street kept by Joseph Carrol had 7 persons with 7 glasses and half pint pots with ale in them at 10 minutes past 12 on Sunday last 18th June

Night soil

P.C.11 reports that Lowe of Barnwell was carrying night soil from Mr Johnsons School in Regent St in a cart that was no fit for the purpose spilling it from there to Parkers piece near the Town Gaol at 12 ¼ am.

Woman found drowned

P.C. 16 Benton reports that Mrs Deeks was found drowned in the River near the University Arms river side Barnwell. He pulled her out at 3am and convey'd her then to await the Coroners inquest.

[A report of the inquest on the body of Sarah Deeks can be found in the Cambridge Chronicle 24 June 1837 p2 – verdict insanity]

Shutters unfastened

P.C.Hackney reports that he call'd some persons up who had left their shutters unfastened in Adam and Eve Row.

Fight prevented

P.C.6 reports that he stop'd a fight in pound lane Barnwell at 1 am.

Thursday 22nd to Friday 23rd June 1837

Fight Prevented

P.C.Bidwell reports that he suppress'd a fight in New St at 11 o'clock pm and on East Road at ½ past 11-

Alarm of Thieves

P.C.21 Simkins reports that at 11 ½ pm on the 21st Mr [Guning] of Newnham heard some Person about his Premises which he searched but could find no one there – P.C.21 also reports that he found a quantity of cooked meat in the River near Queens Coll at 3 am.

Friday 23rd to Saturday 24th June 1837

Window found open

P.C. Barton reports that Mrs Pedleys window was wide open at 12 ½ pm call'd them up and found all right.

Disturbance prevented

P.C.Benton reports that he put a stop to a disturbance between Low and his wife in George St at 11 ½ pm also a fight at 12 in George St Barnwell.

[Procession]

The whole of the Police marched in procession with the Corporation to proclaim Princes (sic) Victoria

Queen, they afterwards went to the Horse and Groom, King Street and had refreshment.
[Reported in the Cambridge Chronicle 24 June 1837 p2]

Saturday 24th to Sunday 25th June 1837

Robbery

On Thursday night last the 22nd inst the Shop of Mr John Ludbrook Watch Maker &c of Soham was broken open & from 40 to 50 Silver and gilt Watches also a quantity of Plate consisting of Table and Desert Spoons 2 silver Cups with the initials R.L.P. and Crest of Sea Horse engraved thereon and Jewellery Wedding Rings &c &c stolen therefrom – suspicion attaches to a man having the appearance of an Irish Pack Man about 35 years of age – short and slender with projecting mouth – showing his teeth much - & had on a long cloth coat.

Shutter found open

P.C. Barton reports he found the shutters of Mr Burbage Butcher open at ½ past 12 o'clock he knock'd them up and they were thankful.

[cart accident]

P.C. Atkinson reports that John Germyn in the employ of Wm. Low Saverger Barnwell was riding in a cart without reins in the Petty Cury and was caution'd but persisted in so doing - he drove against and damaged a gig the property of Mr. Henry Shelverton, Burwell, Cambshire.

Sunday 25th to Monday 26th June 1837

The Sergeants Patroled the Fair & found all in good order
[Cambridge Midsummer Fair would have been one of the largest local events of the year, but the Force seems to have used its constables to maintain normal patrol work while leaving the Sergeants to police the busy event.]

Robbery

A Servant Woman of Mr. Salmon's Trumpington Road had her Pocket pick'd at the Fair of 2 Sovs. and 2 half Sovs. with a puce velvet purse. Monday 26th 7pm.

Monday 26th to Tuesday 27th June 1837

Fight prevented

P.C. Hackney reports he put a stop to a fight in Barnwell between 10 and 11 o'clock.

Tuesday 27th to Wednesday 28th June 1837

Shutters open

P.C. Clements 11. reports that the Window Shutters of Mr Spalding in the Crescent were not fastened he called them up they were thankful 12 ½ am

Destitute persons

He [P.C. Clements] went to the High Constable with two Men that were destitute of Lodgings and that Mr. Smith gave them relief 12 am.

Ditto

P.C. 5 Bidwell brought a Man & Woman to the Station at 12 ¼ am destitute, they were allowed to remain till 6 o'clock the Woman was large in the Family way.

Wednesday 28th to Thursday 29th June 1837

Accident

A frightful accident happen'd to Mr. Mills on Monday last on the Hills road - it appears the Horse

stumbled and broke his knee and threw Mr. M. out. Mrs. Mills fainted and fell down in the Vehicle cross ways the horse going full gallop as far as the University Arms.
[Reported in Cambridge Chronicle 24 June 1837 p2 – but no mention of police involvement]

P.C. to report

P.C.s 15 Rider, 19 Tyler, 20 Atkinson, & 23 Deborix absent from 2 o'clock Parade – to explain. P.C.s Benton and Ellis only, reported themselves off duty at 5 ½ am – others to explain.

Thursday 29th to Friday 30th June 1837

Fight Prevented

P.C. Simkin 21 Reports he put a stop to a fight in Barnwell between 7 and 8 pm. P.C. Clements 11 Reports the Windows and Door of Mr Deer in the Crescent was not fastned he called them up they were thankful 1am.

Flag Brought to the Station

About ¼ past 12 the Superintendent was coming past Emmanuel College he saw a man name Burbage drunk with a Blue Flag in his hand, he followed the Supt. down the Street, to use his own words to see if he was of a good sort, he was told to go home and not make such a disturbance, on which he said he would do so, and gave the Flag to the Supt. who brought it to the Station.

Friday 30th June to Saturday 1st July 1837

P.C. to report

P.S. Stearn reports P.C. Simkin 20 minutes late for day duty. Fined 6d.

Robbery

Stolen on Wednesday 28th Inst from the premises of Mr Bird late of the Blue Boar, 18 desert silver spoons with crest a Hog (11) 7 marked with - the initials -

A Boy Missing

Missing, Joseph Farr aged 13 apprentice to Mr Edwd Elles shoe maker Caxton he is cross eyed – light hair fresh color & rather slender - & was seen coming towards Cambridge – information to be given to Mr Farr Erith near St Ives.

Shutters unfastened

P.C. 13 Ballard reports he found Mrs Clabbords Shutters and P.C. Atkinsons shutters in Regent St unfastend at 1 ½ am he called them up and they were thasnkful, also that he found Mr Birds door in St Andrews St unfastend at 1 am he called them up and they were very thankful. P.C. 5 Garner reports he found Mr --- shutters Downing Cottage Tennis Court Road unfastend at 11 ½ pm he called them up and they were thankful.