

Cambridge Borough Police, Station House Journal, May 1837

Monday 1st to Tuesday 2nd May 1837

Barnwell Thieves Committed for trial at Hertford

P.S. Stearn reports that Edward Haycock, John Shed and Thomas Patman all of Barnwell were fully committed for Trial to Hertford Gaol on suspicion of stealing a quantity of Lead from Toft Church on the 18th. ulto.

[This theft was reported in the Cambridge Chronicle 22 April page 2 – three and a half cwt of lead was stolen. Haycock (25), Shad (38) and Patman (20) stole lead from a number of churches. They were all transported for seven years at Hertford for theft of lead from Layston church – Hertford Mercury and Reformer 4 July 1837 p3]

Cruelty to a cow

P.C.20 Atkinson reports that John Gipson of Cambridge Place ill treated a Cow in Jesus Lane 3 ½ P.M. Memo I know John Gibson Drover of Camdge Place – he is not of a cruel disposition – J.C.

Man apprehended for leaving his family

P.C.Carson went with the Constable from Evesden to apprehend Thos Baker under a warrant for leaving his family chargeable to the Parish – whom they found, & obtained from him the Money required.

Tuesday 2nd to Wednesday 3rd May 1837

Public House open all night

P.C. 22 Pond reports that the Blue Lion in St. Andrews Street kept by Charles Hutt was open at 2 A.M.

Wednesday 3rd to Thursday 4th May 1837

Public House Open

The Waggon and Horses Gin Shop was open at 1 o'clock am. and company upstairs but I did not go in. From the conversation I heard I consider the company respectable. J.C.

Enquiry respecting a gold ring lost on Parkers Piece

P.S. Watts reports that by order of Mr Supt he made enquiry about a gold Ring that was lost the property of Mr Mitchel & found that a man of labouring appearance went to Mr Peters Silversmith with a Ring of that description to ask a value of it - & stated that he found it & that he would restore the Ring to the owner if he knew him. Mr Peters directed him to the Crier in order that the Ring might be restored. P.S.Watts went to the Crier and found that the man had not been there.

Disturbance in Silver St.

P.C. Lee Hull reports he put a stop to a disturbance between a Collegian and some Townsmen at the end of Silver St. 10 ½ P.M.

Public Houses open late

P.C.23 Deborix reports there were three Persons drinking at the Harp Beer Shop Wellington Row at ¼ to 1 A.M. Landlord's name George Ellwood.

Ditto

P.C.Barton reports the Florist Society held a meeting at the New Inn Parkers Piece which broke up at 1 o'clock A.M.

Shutters Open

P.C.22 Pond reports he found the "Hobson" in Hobson St. Beer Shop shutters open at 1 A.M. could not make them hear left all safe in the Morning coming off duty.

Sheep Strayed

Supposed to have strayed some time on Tuesday last out of a yard of Mr Blands Publican at Trumpington – 3 sheard sheep fat with a pitch brand M on the rump & 2 red rings round the neck – belonging to Mr Lee Butcher Shelford – driven from St Ives by John Wheaton of Barnwell. Over-written “These sheep were found at Stapleford having been drove away in mistake with others”.

Thursday 4th to Friday 5th May 1837***Shutters not fastened***

P.C.17 Robinson reports that the window shutters of Mr Walters in Green Street were not secur'd at 12 ½ A.M. rang the bell but could not make them hear left all safe when he came off duty.

Ringing of Bells

P.C. 21 Simkin reports that he saw a Collegian ring several bells in Regent Street at 1 am. followed him to Trinity College the porter gave his name Barker.

Friday 5th to Saturday 6th May 1837***Driving a cart across Parkers Piece***

P.S. Watts reports that at ½ past 4 o'clock P.M. Benjamin Pryke of Hyde Park Corner drove his horse and cart across Parkers Piece over the Cricket Ground thereby causing an uproar with the Cricketers then at play - the cart was also without a name upon it. Written across the entry “reported”.

Beer shop open late

P.S.4 Smith reports the William and Mary Beer Shop was open at ¼ to 1 A.M. on the night of the 5th and 2 persons drinking therein.

Saturday 6th to Sunday 7th May 1837***P.C. No 7 to report***

Insp. Green reports that Mr. Barron at the Fitzwilliam Arms informs him that P.C. 7 Barton and another of the P.C.s have frequently been treated by three common prostitutes who live at Trumpington once in particular about a fortnight back two of them had two glasses of rum each at their expense P.C. 7 being one of them.

Insp. Green also reports upon the authority of Mr. Haylock a member of the Town Council that as P.C. 7 Barton was going from the Station with Sarah Turner one of the prostitutes from Trumpington who had been brought to the Station House and charged with disorderly conduct was allowed with two other prostitutes to go into a Public House to get drink on the way to the Hall. P.C. 7 standing outside till they came out P.C. 16 also states that P.C. 7 kick'd and otherwise much ill-treated the girl Turner on her way to the station on the night of the 4th insomuch that Benton found it necessary to take her from him and bring her himself when she came quietly. P.C. Barton absent from 3 o'clock parade all the week (over-written across all of the above “False Report”).

Beer House to Report

P.C.19 Tyler reports there was company at the William and Mary kept by Mrs Brightwell at ¼ before 1 A.M. Mrs Brightwell told him he should not come in – there were 2 persons drinking there on Friday night about the same time.

Beer House to Report

P.C.24 Rockett reports there were 4 persons drinking at the Light Horse Annesley Place kept by Thos Mitchell at 1 A.M.

Over-written “Reported” [Mitchell was mentioned in the Cambridge Chronicle 27 May 1837, having appeared before the Mayor, when he was fined 40s.]

Disorderly Persons

P.C..21 Simpkin reports that he suppress'd a disturbance at the Light Horse Annesley Place at 9 ½ P.M.

House open late

Deborix there were 2 persons smoaking (sic) at the friendly hand Eden Walk kept by Thos Robinson at 2 A.M.

Over-written "they were not drinking"

P.C. to Report

P.C.6 Bidwell has been very negligent as to relieving P.C. Ballard at proper times during the week.

Over-written "Admonished"

Showing Horses for Sale

P.S. Watts reports that Thos Winter of Meldreth was riding and showing a mare for sale up and down Downing Street at 12 ½ Also that John Salmon, Haddenham was driving a mare up and down showing her for sale in Downing Street 1 ½ PM.

Over-written "to be summoned"

Timber Afloat

P.C.9 Richardson reports that he saw a large piece of timber go down the River at 1 ½ A.M. he went and made it fast at the sluice 7 ½ A.M.

Over-written "At the request of Mr Supt P.S. Smith made enquiry respecting it and found it belonged to Mr Bradwell and he would see to it and was much obliged."

Sunday 7th to Monday 8th May 1837

P.C. to report

P.C.s 9 Richardson and 19 Tylor absent from 2 o'clock parade – also P.C. 7 Barton J.C.

Public Houses Visited

I visited most of the Public Houses in Barnwell from 11 to ½ past 12 o'clock and found all in good order – J.C.

Beer House to Report

Samuel Turner at the Bricklayers Arms New Town had 2 persons in his yard drinking and smoaking (sic) at 20 minutes before 12 noon. H.Green

Monday 8th to Tuesday 9th May 1837

Assault by a Collegian

P.C. 23 Deborix reports that at 10 pm. he was call'd into the University Arms to take into custody a Collegian who had violently assaulted a man by the name of Green - the P.C. and two other persons took the Gent to his lodgings at Mr. Tunwells in Trumpington Street his name is Reynolds of Pembroke. He was very drunk at the time and assaulted several other persons.

Public House open late

P.C.Tyler reports that the Paul Pry Beer Shop St Clement was open at ¼ before 1 there were two persons one had beer, there was a private party upstairs.

Tuesday 9th to Wednesday 10th May 1837

Frying Pan and Boiler given up

An old woman named Greaves came to the Station to complain that Mrs Seakings of East Road had kept her Boiler and Frying Pan – a Policeman went with her and the said articles were given up.

Public House open late

The "Bricklayers Arms" Public House in St Andrews St had company at ¼ past 1 A.M. and I heard from the street but did not go in.

Disturbance in a Public House

P.S. Watts reports that he was called to a disturbance at the Pickerill Inn – two men scuffling in the House had broken a window & being a dispute which was in fault he advised the Landlord to summon the Party in the Morn.

Beer Shop Open

P.C. Tyler reports that he went into the Beer Shop kept by Mrs Gray Park Street at ¼ to 12 o'clock P.M. there was 3 persons, but no beer.
Over-written "no case"

Wednesday 10th to Thursday 11th May 1837

Goods removed not reported

Mr. F. Eden came to the station to enquire if the constable in Bridge Street or Falken Yard Beat, saw any goods removed from the Falken Yard on Saturday night the 29th of April, it appears they were taken away in a truck. The above to be enquired into.

Goods removed

P.C. 10 Carson reports that some furniture was remov'd from a house in Botolph Lane to Mr Bridges Mart.

Knocking at Doors.

P.C. 7 reports that Mr Rose of Trinity knock'd at several doors and rang bells Mr Waters inform'd the Tutor.

P.C. to report

Inspr Green reports that P.C.9 was a quarter and P.C. 7 half an hour late for the 2 o'clock parade.
Over-written "admonished"

Disorderly Gownsmen

Insp. Green reports that several Gownsmen were very noisy in Jesus Lane at 1 AM one of them he order'd to be taken to Trinity Hall whose name is Seal.

Man getting over a wall

P.C. 11 Clements saw two men attempting to get over Mr. Beales' back gate to get to their lighters. He prevented them and call'd Mr. Beales - all was right -

Thursday 11th to Friday 12th May 1837

Vigolince (sic) of the Police

P.S.Watts reports he saw a man driving some Young Colts from the back of the Colleges he stopt (sic) him requested him to give his name but he refused but on P.C. Bidwell recognizing him to be Mr Lee the Farmer he was permitted to pass on.

Report of a dog which was stolen in London and sold in Cambridge

P.S Stearn reports that Mr Atenly of No 4 Pickering Place, Black Lion Lane, Bayswater, London, came to the Station to enquire after a Spaniel Dog which P.S.Stearn had reason to believe he bought 2 or 3 months ago on the Market Hill of(gap left for a name to be added)P.S.2 Made enquiry and found the Dog was gone to Bury – gave the Gent directions & he went & obtained the dog -

Beer Houses to Report

P.C.12 Earl reports there was a meeting late at the Bricklayers Arms in Cambridge Place kept by Saml

Turner and did not break up till 2 o'clock AM

Disturbance in Wellington Row

P.C.8 and 14 report they put a stop to a disturbance in Wellington Row at 3 AM

Dancing in Beer House to report

P.S. 2 reports there was dancing at the Hare and Hounds in Sun St. Barnwell kept by John Lee at 4 am. Written across the entry "Turning the cattle on the common it is customary to have a dance in the morning"

Friday 12th to Saturday 13th May 1837

[Fight on the Market Hill]

P.C.15 Rider reports that he put a stop to a fight on the Market Hill at 12 o'clock

Police Called

P.S.2 reports that at 10 ½ pm two University Gents stop'd Mr Nutter's Servant of Emmanuel Lane in Sidney Street she call'd police and requested him to see her home which he did – she was very thankful.

P.C. to Report

P.C. Bidwell absent from parade 2 o'clock fined 1/0

Saturday 13th to Sunday 14th May 1837

P.C. 24 Assaulted

P.S. 2 Stearn reports that at 10 ½ o'clock he and P.C. 9 heard a Rattle sprung in Eaden Walk & went & found P.C. 24 Rockett & P.C. 7 Barton with a Man in charge for rescuing a Prisoner from them and assaulting P.C. 24 who was oblig'd to go off duty in consequence of receiving a blow on his ankle or spraining it.

Disorderly Collegians ringing bells

P.C.22 Pond reports that at 12 o'clock PM he stop'd some Collegians that were kicking doors and ringing bells in Market Street one of them struck him in the face and ran away when he was stop'd by the Proctors to whom he gave his name viz Adams of Caius.

Disorderlies

P.S.Watts reports that he put a stop to several disturbances in the Town during the night.

Collegians assaulting a Coachman

P.C. Hull reports that at ½ past 10 o'clock pm a Collegian ill used a Coachman that was with a Carriage belonging to Mr. Willes of Gt. Shelford then standing at Trinity Gate, he detained the Gent till he gave his name to Mr. Willes and a Tutor of Sidney College.

Collegians breaking Gas Lamps and assaulting the Police

P.C. 25 Spinks reports that at ½ past 11 PM he took 2 Collegians into Custody on suspicion of breaking a Gas Lamp in St. Johns St. he left one with P.C. Tyler while he went with the others to St. Johns College the Porter refused to open the Gate to let him in. 4 other Gents rescued the prisoner & violently threw him down & then escaped into College the P.C. again demanded his name & said he would report him. The Porter then promised to give it in the morning - it is Julius Lucius Brenchley.

Sunday 14th to Monday 15th May 1837

Beer House to report

Inspr Green Reports that there were 3 persons with two glasses with ale at Mrs Brightwells at the William and Mary on the Maids Causeway at 10 mints after 11 AM.

Ditto

George Robinson sign of the Hat and Feathers on the Grantchester road had his House open and about 15 persons smoking and drinking therein at 12 o'clock at noon on Sunday 14th May inst. Most of the Pipes and glasses were taken away or laid under the settle. One glass of ale was concealed behind a man as he was sitting down.

Written across this entry "Summoned and Fined 60/- and 10/6 costs 3rd June 1837 Mr. Wright and Col. Pemberton Magistrates - J. Titterton.

Ditto

Jhn Hide Gills Cottage Public House, Grantchester Parish had his house open at ¼ to 12 am Sunday 14th May inst. & about 20 persons therein, the place was full of smoke, but the pipes and glasses were put away, as a person was placed to watch for the Police they had plenty of time to put away their Pitchers & glasses.

[Public houses visited]

I visited several of the Public Houses in Cambridge & found them in good order. J.C.

Monday 15th to Tuesday 16th May 1837

Fight prevented

P.C.Pond reports he put a stop to a fight on Parkers Piece at 7 o'clock P.M.

Beer House Visited

P.S. 3 Smith reports that he visited the "Hat and Feathers" Beer Shop at Newnham kept by George Robinson at 11 ½ pm. and found it closed.

Beer Shop open

There was a Party at the Beer Shop sign of Sir Robert Peel in Hobson Street - broke up about half past 1 o'clock A.M. J.C.

Garden Gate found

P.C.Earl reports he found a small Garden Gate in New Square about 3 o'clock A.M. Over-written "owned by Mr Benson Elm Street.

Shutters found unfastened

P.C.26 Lee Hull reports he found the Shutters belonging to Mr Leach's in St John Street unfastened at 11 P.M. he called them up and they were thankful.

Tuesday 16th to Wednesday 17th May 1837

Robbery

Information having been received of a robbery committed at Bluntisham last night P.C.22 Pond was sent to the Watchmakers and Silversmiths with a description of the watch which was stolen that it might be stop'd if it should be offered for sale in this Town.

Private Party at a Public House

P.C.10 Carson reports there was a private party at W.H.Apthorpe's at the Hop Bine at 12 ½ A.M.

P.C. to report

P.C.7 Barton neglected 2 o'clock parade – fined 1/-.

Furniture removed

P.C.26 Lee Hull reports that at 10pm. W [or Mr]. Earl removed furniture from his house in St. Johns Street to a house in Sidney St.

Shutters not fastened

P.C.14 Richardson that Mr Jones' Shutters Sidney Street were not fast at 12pm he call'd them and they were thankful.

Do.

P.C. 11 Clements reports that Mr Skinners shutters in Pembroke St were not secure at 1 ½ AM call'd them they were thankful.

Wednesday 17th to Thursday 18th May 1837

Waist Belt found

P.C. Anable in coming to the Station found a Womans waist belt which he left at the Station.

Gas lamps extinguished by Gownsmen

P.C.Anable reports that he saw two Gowns Men extinguishing several Gas Lamps by Downing Terrace – he caught hold of one but he tore his Gown & made his escape.

Pane of Glass broken

P.C.17 Robinson reports that Mr. Saunders of Milton broke a pane of glass at the Hare and Hounds Public House Barnwell. The Landlord J. Lee wished the P.C. to take him to the Station but as it was done by accident and the man wished to pay for it he would not take him in charge - 12½ am.

Thursday 18th to Friday 19th May 1837

Horse Stolen

At 1 pm Mr J.Webb, Horseheath came to the Station to say that last night a bright bay colt 3 years old was stolen from his yard another 2 year colt was also stolen from a farm yard about ¾ of a mile from his home in the Parish of Witcham [More likely that this was West Wickham, the next village to Horseheath, Witcham being some 33 miles away – probably this reflects the writer's knowledge of the County outside the Borough – see also entry below 19 May 1837]. Mr Webb's colt is about 14 hands 3 inches high short switch tail white fetlocks behind narrow white blazes down the face lame off fore foot &c as described on the handbills printed. P.S.Watts went around the Town to make enquiries but could obtain no information respecting it.

Over-written "Bills with a description of the Colt was (sic) sent to Bedford 50, Wisbech 20, Huntingdon 20, Newmarket 20, St Neots 20, also a letter to the Editor of the Hue and Cry. J.C. Thieves taken horse recovered at St Neots."

Complaint

P.S. Watts reports that the inhabitants at Castle End complain that the Police do not do their duty of a night there.

Over-written "Explained".

Chimney on Fire

P.S.2 Stearn reports that a chimney was on fire in Melbourn Place P.S.Smith was also there – no damage was done.

Complaint against Collegions

P.C. Tyler reports that he was called by a collegian to go to Mr. Peach's Grocer in Petty Cury to go with him to speak to some Gentlemen who had been pelting him and his lady with shot as they passed under their window - the gents apologised and the gent who called Tyler gave him 6d.

P.C. to report

P.S.Watts reports that he could not find PC 20 on his beat at 8pm. Over-written "Explained"

Beer Shop to report

Inspr Green Reports that Beer Shop kept by [gap left to add first name?] Baker Castle Street was open at 3 AM several pots with beer and 6 or 8 very noisy and drunken men within

Gas Lamp Broke

P.S. Watts reports that at 7AM Mr. Grafton's Servant came to the Station to say two Gentlemen climbed over his Master's Gate and broke the gas lamp in front of his house and done other damage - P.S. Watts believes from the description that they are the same Gents that pulled down Tyler's sign board and are admitted to bail.

Friday 19th to Saturday 20th May 1837**Horse Stolen**

Stolen yesterday from Mr Haywoods of West Wickham a brown blood colt 2 ³/₄ years old small star in the forehead a little white on on the hind fetlock cut tail.

Over-written " the thieves were taken at St Neots on the 19th inst and the horses recovered."

Fight suppressed

P.C.7 Barton reports that he suppressed a disturbance at Newnham at 10 pm

Putting out gas

P.C.14 Richardson reports that he saw Mr Smith of St Johns College and four other Collegians put out the Gas in front of St Johns at 1 o'clock.

Charge of assault not taken

P.C.6 Bidwell reports that he was ordered by a Collegian named Gibson of St. Johns to take into custody a Man named Campbell who works for Mr Twiss the Brewer for striking him on the Mouth and knocking out a tooth - but he did not see him do it - & as it appears by the reports of the by standers the Collegian squared at Campbell and was the cause of the assault refused to take him but told him he could obtain a warrant if he thought proper - the affray took place at Binders Row, Barnwell - 11pm.

Gas pipe stolen

P.C. Rocket reports that a piece of Gas pipe about 6 ft long was broken down in St Johns back lane and taken away – about 1 o'clock A.M.

[Stolen Horse]

Mr Green and Sergt Smith left Cambridge for the purpose of going after a colt that was stolen from Mr Webb of Horseheath, with out any leave from the Supt or any of the Watch Committee contrary to the orders.

Over-written "Mr Green and Smith returned at 9 o'clock on Saturday night brought with them the prisoners and colt belonging to Mr Webb two prisoners com'd for trial."

[Charles Gray and George Savel were both committed to the Castle for stealing John Webb's horse from Horseheath and for stealing Elizabeth Haywood's horse from West Wickham – Cambridge Chronicle 27 May 1837 p3]

Saturday 20th to Sunday 21st May 1837**Application**

Mr Webb of Horseheath came to the Station this morning and stated he was going to St Neots and requested leave for a Sergeant to go with him there to assist him with the Prisoners should they be sent to Cambridge he having received information that two were in custody for stealing his colt, the Supt allowed Sgt Smith to go.

A poor man taken to the infirmary

P.C. Atkinson reports he took a man to the infirmary in Barnwell by the order of the Mayor at ½ past 4 pm.

Sunday 21st to Monday 22nd May 1837

Charge sheets to be ordered from the printer

Public houses visited

I visited most of the Public Houses in Barnwell from 11 to 12 ½ o'clock and found them all in good order J.C.

P.C. to report

P.C.14 James Richardson found gossiping with a female at ½ past 12 in Bridge Street on Saturday 20 inst – reported by the Supt.

Ditto

George Richardson P.C. gossiping with a female by the University Arms at 10 P.M. Saturday night 20th fined /6d each – reported by the Supt.

Gratuity

P.C. Rocket reports that some Gentr gave him 2/- for finding a crooked sixpence.

Disturbance in East Road

P.C.s Earl and Benton report they quelled a great disturbance in East Road near the Waggon and Horses about 11 o'clock P.M.

Complaint

P.S. Watts reports that Mr. Blinkhorn has stated to him that a number of Boys are in the habit of playing at pitch halfpenny on a Sunday afternoon at the back of Broad St. East Road also at the end of South Street. The Inspectors and Sergeants will attend to the above complaint.

Monday 22nd Tuesday 23rd May 1837

Robbery

Mr Rickard cooper New Square came to the Station at 3 P.M. to say that a ham was stolen from his back premises this morning he suspects Jo Bransby who is a sawyer.

Over-written "Bransby is apprehended and the ham found at his lodgings in Barnwell."

[James Bransby was later convicted of the theft and sentenced to two month's hard labour – Cambridge Chronicle 1 July 1837 p2]

Beer shop to report

P.C.16 Benton reports that the turn stile beer shop East Road was open at 1 A.M. and 10 men and a common prostitute drinking therein - Wm Henry Apthorpe landlord.

Ditto

P.C.7 Barton reports that the First and Last beer shop kept [gap left for a first name?] Wilkenson Melbourn Place was open at 12 at night and 4 persons drinking there.

Public House open

P.C.12 Earl reports that the Waggon and Horses public house Market Street was open at 1 A.M. and 10 persons came out at that time Landlords name Stevens.

Tuesday 23rd to Wednesday 24th May 1837

Stearn absent from duty at 9

P.S.Stearn being detained by the Mayor on duty from about 8 o'clock P.M - did not go on duty with his Section at 9 P.M.

Furious Driving

P.C.s Deborix and Hull report that a Man named Robert Adams was very furiously driving a Gig belonging to Mr. Palmer, the Wine Merchant - up East Road & Barnwell about 8½ pm. (over-written - "to be summoned").

Dog lost and found by a P.C. and given to the owner

Mr Roberts of Magdalene Coll came to the Station at 9 o'clock P.M. to say he had lost a valuable Pointer Dog – black and white with tan'd checks answers to the name of Shot – was seen in Barnwell by one of the Sarvants – who after being told by the Gentr that the Dog was lost offered 50/- for it if the gent would sell it.

Over-written "dog found in the possession of Bicheno" [best interpretation of surname]

Fight prevented

P.C. Simkin reports he put a stop to a fight between a Townsman and Gownsmen on the Market Hill about 7½ P.M.

Disturbance prevented

P.C. Clements reports that he put a stop to a disturbance in St Andrews St at ¼ to 1 A.M.

Disorderly Soldier

P.C. Barton reports he was called into the Wrestler Inn Petty Cury - to a disorderly soldier at 11 o'clock P.M. but the Serjeant Major came in & took charge of him.

Stearn not on duty

P.S.2 Stearn reports at 9½ P.M. he was ordered by the Mayor to get a waggon for a Detachmt of the 17th Lancers to Potton.

Atkinson on duty at the Bull

P.C. Atkinson (for 11 o'clock duty) having been ordered by Mr. Newby to keep the foot way clear opposite the Bull Inn for 4 or 5 hours, came off duty at 5A.M.

Wednesday 24th to Thursday 25th May 1837***P.C.s to report***

P.C.16 reports P.C.5 absent from his Beat 20 minutes and P.C.20 absent from his beat ½ an hour

Night soil

P.C.8 reports that Wiseman of Barnwell spilled a quantity of night soil on the pavement at Jesus Lane at 11 ½ o'clock A.M.

Fight put a stop to

P.C.Anable put a stop to a fight on St Andrews Hill at 11 ½ P.M. and P.C. 12 & 9 put a stop to a disturbance on the Market Hill at ½ past 2 A.M.

Fire Works

The Supt. reports that about fifteen Thousand persons assembled to witness the Fire works upon the Lawn of Kings College in honor of the Princess Victoria's Birth day. She having arrived at the age of eighteen years. No accident occurred or is it known that any robberies were committed.

[The event was reported in the Cambridge Chronicle 27 May 1837 p2 where it was stated that the crowd at the fireworks was 10,000 persons]

Thursday 25th to Friday 26th May 1837***Dog lost***

Lost last night a small Spaniel Dog King Charles kind answers to the name of Charley from Mrs Case in Downing Street – quite young, black & white with tan'd cheeks.

Beer shop to report

I found the "Sir Robert Peel" Beer shop open and 8 or 10 gents drinking therein after 1 o'clock A.M. they were singing & all appeared very respectable in Hobson St Landlord name Freman J.C.

Putting out gas

P.C.Hackney reports at 2 ½ o'clock A.M. he saw Mr Simpson of Trinity Coll with other Gents climb the Lamp Post the corner of Maids Causeway he pulled him down and & followed him up Kings and St Andrews Streets & prevented them doing any more mischief . Mr Simpson used most obscene & discusting language.

Malicious damage

P.C. Clements reports that that two Gents pulled up a post near Christs Pieces at the end of Christ Lane but he was not able to catch them he bought the post to the Station.

Night Soil

P.C. 21 Simkin reports at 11 ½ P.M. that Mrs Porchen of Northampton Street emptied a quantity of night soil in a gutter in Castle St. - he warned Mrs Porchen not to do so some time ago.

Report of Dogs – a nuisance

P.C.13 Ballard reports that Mr Collier Landlord of the 3 Crowns in Silver St Keeps several Dogs & lets them loose of a night & that it is dangerous for any person to pass by.

Friday 26th to Saturday 27th May 1837**Wrong Charge taken to the Station and dis'd**

Pcs. Clements and Hackney bought a Gent named Charles Edward Stewart of Triny Coll to the Station at 2 o'clock on Saturday Morning - Clements stated he asked the Gent who he was & the Gent abused him - he then took him into custody! Bought to the Station and discharged. P.S.Stearn. Over-written "if there was nothing more than abusive language the Gent should not have been taken".

Collegian reported to his Tutor by a Prostitute

Before this entry, which appears in parenthesis, is the word "copy"
"Mr. Davies of Magdalene Coll, has call'd to thank the Inspr. for his Kindness and says that he has got over it and that P.C. No. 6 Bidwell behaved very well.

Disturbance prevented

P.C.8 Hackney reports that he put a stop to a disturbance between a Collegian and a Townsman the Gownsmen gave his name Antrivus of St Johns. Hackney states he struck him after he advised him to go home but P.C.Atkinson says that the Gent was cruelly used at first by the other man coming out of the Salmon Public House or otherwise he would have been quiet. P.S.Watts.

P.C.Sick

P.S.Watts reports that P.C. Garner went off duty sick at half past 11 o'clock P.M.

Fight prevented

P.C.14 Richardson put a stop to a fight in Blucher Row at 1 ½ A.M. Sunday morning.

Saturday 27th to Sunday 28th May 1837**Disturbance prevented**

P.S.Smith reports he suppressed a disturbance in the Market Hill at 2 ½ o'clock P.M.

Ditto

P.S.Watts reports that he prevented a disturbance at Mr Langton the Yorkshire Grey King St the House being open at 1 o'clock A.M. and company therein – it appeared they had been gambling.

P.C. Sick

P.S.Watts reports that P.C. Clements went off duty sick at 11 ½ P.M.

P.C.s to report

Also that P.C. Hackney absent from his beat 40 minutes between 11 & 12 o'clock P.M. – also P.C. Rider absent from his Beat 1 hour from 25 minutes after 11 o'clock to 25 minutes after 12 P.M.

Disturbance prevented

P.S.Stearn reports that he prevented a disturbance at 11 ½ P.M. at the Waggon and Horses Market Street Landlords name Stevens – P.C.21 Simkin reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Castle St at 12 ½ A.M.

Beer Houses to report

I found the "Kings Arms" Beer Shop in King St open at 1 o'clock & several men smoking & drinking therein – Sunday morning J.C.

Garden Seat found in the river

P.C.s Robinson & Simkin drag'd out of the River at the Great Bridge a Garden Seat painted green about 9ft long with foot board – brought it to the Station at 4 A.M. – supposed it came from Queens College Grounds.

Over-written "Owned by Queens College"

Sunday 28th to Monday 29th May 1837***P.C. with sprained ankle***

P.C. 10 Carson left his beat at 12 ½ having sprained his ankle & P.C. 7 left duty at 2 A.M. being sick

Public Houses Visited

The Public Houses in Barnwell and Castle end in good order between 11 and 12 ½ pm

P.C.9 leave

Richardson P.C.9 has leave of absence from 29th to the 31 May – to go to see his friends.

P.C.7 sick

P.C.7 John Barton left his Beat at 2 o'clock being Unwell.

Monday 29th to Tuesday 30th May 1837***Public Houses Visited***

I visited the Public Houses in Cambridge from 11 to 12½ o'clock and found therein good order - there were several persons drinking at the Hoops Tap - before half past 12 noon. Mr. Ekin says he will open his Tap at 12 o'clock according to the Old University Custom until the question of licensing now pending in the court of Kings Bench be settled - there were also several persons drinking at the Crown in Jesus lane before half past 12 o'clock noon and the Landlord claims the same privilege as Mr. Ekin - Sunday 28th May J.C.

[The "question of licencing" mentioned was a dispute between the Town Council and the Vice Chancellor of the University over who had the exclusive right to grant licences for the sale of wine, spirits and beer in the Borough of Cambridge. There were 140 licensees in the Borough. Was the power, as hitherto, with the V.C. or with the local magistrates? Eventually the Court of Queen's Bench ruled in favour of the Vice Chancellor. Details can be found in the Cambridge Chronicle, 28 January 1837 p2, 8 April 1837 p2, 5 May 1838 p4 and 16 June 1838 p2]

Public House to report

P.S.Smith reports there was a dance at the House of Commons Hills Road beer shop kept by James Carvely – broke up at 3 A.M.

Beer House to Report

I found the beer shop "William & Mary" kept by Mrs Brightwell, Maids Causeway open at 1 o'clock A.M. and full of Company drinking and singing.

Table found

P.C. Anable reports he found a painted table about 7 ft long in Market Street which he brought to the Station.

Over-written "Owned by Mr Edwards"

Fight prevented

P.C.21 Simkin reports he put a stop to a fight in Blucher Row at 1 o'clock.

Information of donkeys stolen

P.S. Stearn Reports that he receiv'd information of two stolen donkeys being sold on St. Andrews Hill on the 14th inst. From information receiv'd believ'd one of them were gone to Bumstead - Insp. Green reports he met with one of the men and one donkey at Helions Bumstead and left it in the custody of Day the Constable of Linton and from information I have receiv'd believe shall be able to trace the other and the two men who stole them.

Tuesday 30th to Wednesday 31st May 1837

Gas lamp broken

P.S.Rook Reports that Mr Taylor of Triny College had a party at his rooms in the Rose Crescent – broke up at ¼ before 4 & saw them break a pane of glass at the next house Mr Ingles – went to the House this Morning and learned from Mrs Currie the same party broke a Gas Lamp which Mr Tweed is informed of .

Wednesday 31st May to Thursday 1st June 1837

Disturbance in Jesus Lane not reported

H.Headly Esqr reported to the Supt. that there was a great uproar in Jesus Lane last night but there is no report made of it by the man on that beat. [Headley was a member of the Watch Committee]

Disturbance prevented

P.S.Watts reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Eaden Street at 6 o'clock P.M.

Fight prevented

P.C.Barton reports that he put a stop to a fight at the Great Bridge 3 o'clock P.M.

P.C.16 to report

P.S.Rooke reports P.C.Benton off his beat ½ an hour – ¼ to 2 A.M.