

Cambridge Borough Police, Station House Journal, November 1837

Wednesday 1st to Thursday 2nd November 1837

Disturbing the Neighbourhood

P.S. 3 Smith reports that the inhabitants of St Andrews Hill complain they are disturbed at night by some person springing a rattle. P.S. 3 saw some person springing a rattle over Mr Furbanks Back Gate on St. Andrew's Hill at ¼ past 10 am.

Door found open

P.C. 11 Clements reports he found Mr Peters yard door in St Marys Street unfastened at 1 ½ am he called them up & they were thankful.

Shutters found unfastened

P.C. 26 Hull reports at 1 am he found Mr Roes shutters unfastned he called them up & they were thankfull

Report of Gas

P S 3 reports that the Gas Burnt well during the night.

Thursday 2nd to Friday 3rd November 1837

Boots for the Police

The whole of the Police will go to Mr [Hughes?] and be measured for boots – but none to be bought away from the shop until the whole are made. [Entry in the Superintendent's hand]

11 o'clock men excused from 3 o'clock parade.

The men going on duty at 11 o'clock will, till further orders, have leave from 3 o'clock parade. [Entry in the Superintendent's hand]

Door found open

P.S. Smith reports he found Mr Taylors door in Sidney Street unfastened at 3 am.

Report of Gas

P S Smith reports the Gas burnd well during the night

Friday 3rd to Saturday 4th November 1837

Slaughtering horses without a license

Mr Jack Webb of Barnwell came and reported to the Superintendent that Chas Low of Barnwell at the sign of the Black Horse, slaughtered a horse upon his Premises this morning – to be summoned. [Entry in the Superintendent's hand]

Convictions for having beer shop open on Sunday between 3 & 5

Mr Watson landlord at the [Mellon ?] convicted in the penalty of 40/- for having his house open on Sunday the 15th October between the hours of 3 & 5 in the afternoon of that day.

Summons for carts standing in the street

Messrs Deacon summoned for allowing Carts to stand in Wheeler Street for more than one hour – promised to abate the nuisance complained of and paid the expences.

Stable door found open

P.C. 5 Garner reports he found Mrs Lawrences Stable door open in the Hay Market he called them up & they thanked him.

Lamp broken at the Mayors house

P.C. 21 Simkin reports at 11 pm he found the lamp over the Mayors door broken.

Disturbance prevented

P.S. 2 Stearn reports at 1 am he & P.C. Ellis put a stop to a disturbance between some University Gents and Mr Papworth who was very drunk in Bridge Street.

Property given to a P.C. to take care of for a University man

P.C. 13 Ballard reports that Mr. Parrott of St. Johns gave him his Watch and a purse with ten Sovereigns and a Gold ring to take care for him. Mr. P. is in lodgings at Rhadgund buildings 12. pm.

Report of Gas

P S 1 Rook reports that the Gas Burnt well

Gold Bracelet lost

Mr Creek came to the Station & reported that a Gold Bracelet was lost the 2nd of November between Kings Coll Back Gate & Emmanuel Lane anyone finding the [bracelet] shall receive one sovereign reward by taking it to the Porters Lodge at Emmanuel college.

Saturday 4th to Sunday 5th November 1837

Robbery

Stolen between the hours of 3 & 5 pm from the counting house of Mr Hopkins in Slaughter House Lane a Japan tin cash box containing 1 sovereign one half do £2.6.0 in silver and a note of hand for between £20 and 30 in the name of Rud [or Reid] Signed by Dybald. The Robbery was effected by some thief at present unknown – the door of the Counting House was left open and the key was left in the Desk. Over-written: "The Superd having made enquiry reports that robbery was committed during the temporary absence of either Mr Hopkins or the Clerk"

Horse slaughtered

P.C. Clements reports that a horse was slaughtered at the Black Horse Barnwell it was flay'd by Charles Low at [gap left] Faircloth witness.

Report of Gas

P S Smith reports the gas burnd well during the night

P.C. to report

P.C. Clements found asleep in Mr. Dee's gateway at 3 am Rose Crescent - found by P.S. Smith.

Sunday 5th to Monday 6th November 1837

Assault on the Highway

P.C. 5 Garner reports that Mr Vials a Butcher from Dry Drayton and two other Men were returning home from Market on Saturday night last about ¼ to 12 they were stopd by three men near Mr. Culance's House on the Huntingdon Road. One of the men struck Vials with a stick on the head they saw some person coming & they made off in to the plantation. John Hinson of Castle End was taken in to custody by P.C. Garner on suspicion of being one of the party but made his escape on the way to the Station.

Robbery

P.S. 4 Watts reports that some fowls were stolen from Mr Swann's farm Madingley Road between the hours of 9 pm the 4th and 7 am the 5th one was a young white cock & 3 hens.

Child found & restored to its mother

P.C. 23 Faircloth reports he found a Child at 4 ½ pm in George St Barnwell & it was owned at 6 pm by Mrs Taylor of Broad Street East Road.

Report of Gas

P S Smith reports that the Gas Burnd well during the night

Rabbit found

P.C. 14 Richardson reports he found a very large Black Rabbit on East Road at 3½ am
Written across this entry in the Superintendents handwriting is "What became of the Rabbit?" This is answered, "The P.C. took the rabbit home."

Public Houses visited

The Superintendent visited the Public Houses in Bridge Street and Castle End during the hours of divine Service and found them all in good order.

Monday 6th to Tuesday 7th November 1837

P.C. to Report

Mr Ekin complains that P.C. 17 Robinson was very insolent and used abusive language to him at the time of a disturbance opposite his house.

No report of public houses

No report has been made in this book of the Public Houses being visited on Sunday by Mr Green & Sgt Stearn. [Entry in the Superintendent's hand]

[Inspector not visiting the Constables]

What was the reason Mr Green did not visit the Police Constables last night as usual. [Entry in the Superintendent's hand. To which is added in a different hand] Mr Green did not know he could as he knew not when they would come off duty.

Tuesday 7th to Wednesday 8th November 1837

Orders for P.C.s

In consequence of the men having been disturbed of their rest yesterday – they will be excused 3 o'clock parade and not come on duty till 10 this evening [Entry in the Superintendent's hand]

Public Houses visited

P.S. 2 Stearn reports he visited the Public Houses at the back of Downing Terrace new town and Barnwell found all correct.

Report of Gas

P S 2 Stearn reports the Gas burnt well during the night.

Application for the Police

Revd Baines Proctor of Christ's College came to the Station at 9 pm to say that a great number of Townsman and Collegians were collecting in the streets and requested the Assistance of the Police the Superintendent Patrolled the Town with several men saw a Great number of Collegians Parading the streets, no disturbance took place.

Tory Meeting

P.C. 12 Earl reports there was a Meeting of the Conservatives at the Castle Public House, Butcher Row broke up at 1 am very noisy - Wm. Christmas Landlord.

Wednesday 8th to Thursday 9th November 1837

Great Coats

The whole of the Polce Constables will go to Mr Smart to be measured for their great coats.

Dog Stolen

Mr Livermore of Union Street came to say that between 10 and 11 am a white tarrier [sic] bitch was stolen from him in Trumpington Street by Joseph Simkin who lodges at a house in a yard in Slaughterhouse Lane wishes him to be apprehended tonight and charged with the Felony – Chs Earl was with Simkin.

Disorderlies

P.C. s Rocket and Simkin report that Eliza Pryme and some men at the back of Cambridge Place were very noisy for a short time.

Drain left open in Barnwell

P.C. Clements reports that the drain in Barnwell was left open and no person to guard it.

[Report of Gas]

The gas burnd well during the night

P.C. 15 to Report

P.C. 15 Rider absent from his Beat one hour and a quarter – admonished. . [In the Superintendent's hand]

P.C. 19 to report

P.C. 19 Tylor absent from his beat $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour - to see Committee [In the Superintendent's hand]

Thursday 9th to Friday 10th November 1837***P.C. Sick***

P.C.21 Simkin sent his wife to the Station at 9pm to report himself unfit for duty in consequence of having sprained his ankle last night.

Gate found open

P.C. 10 Ellis reports he found Mr Stubbings Yard Gate and window unfastend he called them up & they thanked him at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 am.

Report of Gas

P S Watts reports the Gas burnt bad during the night

P.C. 15 Assaulted

P.C. 15 Rider reports that Mr. Papworth Junior, Brunswick Place assaulted him on his beat and called him a Post Office Robber at 1 am

[In 1836, before joining the Police, Rider, then a Post Office letter deliverer, was convicted of embezzlement – this entry suggests that he did not conceal the conviction]

P.C. to Report

P.C. 25 Spinks off his beat at $\frac{1}{4}$ to 12 pm – fined -/6d

P.C. to Report

P.S. Watts reports that he found P.C. 23 Faircloth off his beat at Mr. Schofields Corner at 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ am, very drunk. To which is added in the Superintendent's hand "to see the Committee J.T."

Friday 10th to Saturday 11th November 1837***Robbery***

Mr Quinsee came to say that on Thursday night last week several short lengths of 2 inch redwood deal 10 inches deep were stolen from a building on Parkers piece and on Saturday and Sunday night several other pieces of deal were stolen from the same place and again last night 2 pails and a seive & shovel belonging to the bricklayer were stolen from the same place. Bricks and mortar have also been stolen

from the same place several times requests that the police may look particularly to the above premises. 2 Guineas will be paid by Mr Quinsee to any Police Constable that may detect any person stealing any property from the above premises to be paid upon conviction of the party so offending.

Disturbance in Sidney Street

P.C. 15 Rider reports he suppressed a disturbance at 11 ½ pm in Sidney Street

Candle found burning in a stable

P.S. 2 reports that a candle was left burning in Mr Fosters Stable over some straw – he put it out.

Report of Gas

PS reports that the Gas in Barnwell burned bad

Disturbance stopped

P.C. Benton & Clements put a stop to a disturbance in Binders Row at 3 am.

Milk Cans found

Insp Green reports that Pc 10 Ellis brought two milk cans and a pair of yokes with two measures to the Station at 10 pm found them standing near the University Arms. Over-written "Owned by Mr Ruder, Milkman, New Town.

Orders for the Police Constables and Sergeants

The Sergeant on the day duty and the Police Constables will be more particular in cautioning all Persons to keep the front of their houses swept - and report them to the Superintendent who do not do so. [In the Superintendent's hand]

Saturday 11th to Sunday 12th November 1837

Papworth fined

Mr Papworth Junior fined 40/- for an assault upon P.C. 15 Rider

Orders for the Sergeants

In future the Sergeants on the night duty will not come to the Station to write any reports until they come off duty in the morning. [In the Superintendent's hand]

Ditto

Two Sergeants must not be in the Station at one time during the night only for the time to make any verbal report to the one on duty – that may be necessary for his information. The Superintendent trusts the above will be strictly attended to. [In the Superintendent's hand]

The Station House P.C. not to remain in the Station, only to sign his name

Also that the Man on the Station House Beat do not remain any longer than to visit the Prisoners and Sign his name. 1 ½ am J.T. [In the Superintendent's hand]

Accident

P.S. 4 Watts reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Fair Street between Mr. Papworth Junr. and others at 11 pm Also reports that Mr Papworth Junr. and Saml Middleton was driving a Horse and Gig in Eden Walk at 11½ pm. Middleton fell out of the Gig being very drunk, the wheel went over his head, the Gig turned bottom upwards and they were a long time before they could extricate the horse. Neither of the individuals are seriously hurt.

Disturbances

P.C. 12 Earl reports he suppressed a disturbance at Melbourne Place at ¼ to 11 pm. P.C. 19 Tyler reports he put a stop to a fight in Green Street at 10 ½ pm. P.C. 9 Richardson reports he suppressed several disturbances in Bridge Street during the night.

Report of Gas

P S 2 Stearn reports the Gas burnt well during the night

Watch reported to be lost but afterwards found

P.C. 24 Rocket [reports] that a man name Muggleton of New Town lost his watch at the Chancellor of the Exchequer Public House James Street on his way home at 3 am. Over-written "the watch left in care of the Landlord Muggleton being drunk.

Disturbances

P.C. 11 Clements reports he suppress'd several disturbances in Barnwell during the night.

Public Houses open late

P.S. 4 Watts reports the Hearts Ease Public House Emmanuel lane open at 10 minutes past 1 am several Persons therein, saw no beer, landlord name, Chas Cross.

Beer Shop to report

P.C. 16 Benton reports a Beer Shop kept by John Halsey at Staffordshire Place open at 25 minutes past 12 o'clock with several notorious characters drinking therein saw beer in one quart pot and one pint pot.

Sunday 12th to Monday 13th November 1837**Public Houses visited**

The Superintendent reports he visited the Public Houses and Beer Houses in Bridge Street and Castle End and found them all in good order [In the Superintendent's hand]

Ditto

P.S. Smith reports he visited the Public houses and beer house in the Town and New Town and found them all in good order.

Ditto

Inspector Green reports that there were four men drinking at the beer shop kept by Wm Dennis corner of Abbey St at 11 ½ am.

Also that at the Public House kept by Edwin Morley near the Paper Mills there were 30 persons – 27 of them were drinking ale or mix'd liquor at 10 minutes before 12 am the greater part were smoking.

Man killed falling from a Waggon

Yesterday at Quay Christopher Chambers aged 58 a drayman in the employ of Mr Hopkins in Slaughterhouse Lane fell from the shafts of the Waggon supposed in a fit and was killed upon the spot – he has a wife but no family.

[Inquest reported in the Cambridge Chronicle 18 Nov 1837 p2 – verdict accidental death]

Refusal to assist the Police.

P.C. 6 Howlett reports that he charg'd John Hall and Charles Coot to assist him to bring Thos Smithers to the Station but they refused.

P.C. 19 Assaulted

P.C. 19 Tyler reports that he was assaulted on his beat on Saturday night about 9½ pm by a man named Samuel Middleton and threatnd to be severely beaten by him the first convenient opportunity respecting the business of Papworth and Rider which he gave evidence in when Papworth was fined by the Mayor on Saturday morning.

Shutters found open

P.C. 23 Faircloth reports that Mr Pratts Shutters in Trumpington Street were left open he called them up and they securd them and were thankful at 1 ½ am.

Furiously driving a Gig

P.C. 10 Ellis reports that at 12 at night two men were driving a gig past the Town Gaol where one of them fell out and hurt his face, but was able to go away in the gig.

Report of Gas

The Sergeants report the Gas burnt well during the night.

Nuisance

Mr Smith Surveyer reported to Mr Green this morning (Monday) that Thomas Preston of Newnham emptied a privy in the Chapel Yard Green Street and spilled it all the way along Kings Parade Trumpington Street, Silver Street and Newnham at 10 o'clock am, Witness Mr Smith Surveyer. [In the Superintendent's hand]

Monday 13th to Tuesday 14th November 1837

Post and Rail broke down

Mr Green Inspector reports he found a long rail and a short post on the Maids Causeway – which appeared to be knocked down by some violent means.

P.C. to Report

At 9 pm P.C. Simkin was brought to the Station by Alderman Bridges and Doctor Cribb - very drunk. Alderman Bridges said he had made a great disturbance on the Market Hill and had assaulted two Boys name Haggis and Casswell.

P.C. to report

P.S. Watts reports P.C. 6 Howlett Drunk and unfit for duty at 11 o'clock pm. Sent him home.

Ditto

P.C. 11 Clements on the Station Beat made no Appearance after 5 'clock pm J.W. P.S.4

Disturbance prevented

P.C. 7 Bye and P.C. 20 Seabrook report they Put A Stop to A Disturbance in Gas Lane at ¼ past 1 am.

Ditto

P.C. Spinks Reports he Suppressed a Disturbance in Jesus Lane at 3 o'clock am.

Party at Beer House up Mill Lane

P.C. Pond reports there was A Party at A Beer Shop up Mill road Given by Mr Nutter broke up at 1 am very quiet Landlords Name Bussey.

Report of Gas

P S Smith Reports the Gas Burnd well during the night

Disturbance at the Wrestlers

P.C. 16 Benton reports he Put A Stop to A Disturbance at the Wrestlers Inn Petty Cury 10 ½ pm.

Tuesday 14th to Wednesday 15th November 1837

Enquiry after a Gold Pin

Insp. Green reports that Mr. Parratt of St. Johns lodging at No. 5 Rade Gund Buildings requested him to go to Ann Miller at Barnwell to enquire of her if a Gold Maltese pin had been left with her - he believes he lost it on Saturday last, but could not hear of it.

Caravan removed from the Midsummer Common

P.S. 2 Stearn reports that at 3 pm he with two horses remov'd a Caravan from the Common to a piece of

ground of Mr. Parkers near Gas Lane.

P.C. 7 Sick

P.S. Smith reports he visited P.C. 7 Bye and found him unwell and in bed at 11 pm.

Disturbance prevented

P.C. 19 Tyler reports he suppress'd a disturbance in Regent Street at 11 ½ pm.

Report of Gas

P S Rooke reports the Gas burnt well during the night

P.C. 21 Simkin Suspended

P.C. 21 Simkin suspended for 3 days by order of the Committee and his clothes to be sent in from 14th to 16th Nov. [In the Superintendent's hand]

Wednesday 15th to Thursday 16th November 1837

P.C. 7 Sick

At ½ past 4 o'clock pm, P.C. Bye sent word he was too ill to attend the Doctor this morning and that he has taken medicine & is unable to to come on duty tonight.

[P.C.s to Report]

P.C. 20 & P.C. 25 Spinks Absent from 3 o'clock parade.

P.C. 24 to report

P.S. Watts reports that P.C. Rockett obstinately took out the Burner from P.C. Earls lantern to put into another to go on duty with and P.C. Earl refused to take any other after been repeatedly told, but worked his beat without during the night.

Orders for the Police Constables

The P.C. on duty up Castle End will till further orders patrol the Passage opposite the Hoop Inn [All Saints] from 2 till 4 o'clock pm and take the Names of those Persons who come that way with wheel barrows - and report them at the Station House, in order that they may be summoned for the offence. [In the Superintendent's hand]

Report of Gas

P S Rooke Reports the Gas in the Town burnd well during the night

Thursday 16th to Friday 17th November 1837

Report of Gas

P S 3 Smith and P S Rooke reports the Gas of the Town burned well during the night

Lanthorn Broke

No. 16 Lanthorn was broken last night when taking a prisoner to the Watch House - by P.C. Benton - Prisoner's name (Burk).

Friday 17th to Saturday 18th November 1837

[Robbery]

P.S. 4 Watts reports he had been up to Mr Mores Castle end, and was Informed that Mr More had been robbed of 3 or 4 pounds of Black Grapes, but not of the best of quality, they believe they was stolen some time during the night of the 15th Inst but have no suspicion of any one . Missed them on the next morning.

Goods Removed

P.C. 6 Howlett reports at 12 o'clock last night 16th Instant he saw Caroline Clark of Blucher Row, removing Some Boxs out of her house he stoped them, and they said they had a sale that day and was removing to Royston. He was told also She was A going to be married to A Gentleman of that place.

Door found open

P.C. 5 Garner reports he found Mr Turners door and Mr Roberts door open in Cambridge Place at 1 o'clock am he called them up and they thanked him.

Public Houses late

P.C. 19 Tyler reports there was a Party of Gentlemen at the Fountain Public House Regent Street Broke up at 3 am but very quiet Landlords name John Newbury.

Report of Gas

P S Rooke and P S Smith reports the Gas of the Town burnd well during the night

Saturday 18th to Sunday 19th November 1837**Disturbance prevented**

P.S. 26 reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Trinity Street at 11 pm

Ditto

P.S. Smith reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Binders Row at 2 ½ am.

Shutters left unfastened

P.C. Spinks reports that Mr Headleys shutters in Jesus Lane were left unfastened at 1 am he called them up – they thanked him.

Shutters left unfastened

P.C. Tyler report that Mr Lee in St Andrews left the shutters unfastnd at 12 pm the P.C.s call'd them and they secur'd them and were thankful.

Report of Gas

P S Rooke reports the Gas burnt well during the night

Sunday 19th to Monday 20th November 1837**Public Houses Visited**

The Superintendent visited the Public houses in Mill Lane, and New Town, and found them all in good order, except one kept by Mr Bussley in Mill Lane there were 3 persons smoking and drinking therein at 11 ½ am. [In the Superintendent's hand]

Ditto

P.S. 4 Watts reports he visited the Public Houses & Beer Shops at Barnwell and the paper mills and found them all right and in good order from 11 am till 1 o'clock

Robbery

Mr David Hughes of Burun [Bourn?] at 1 ½ o'clock pm, came to the Station to say that last night his shop was Broken open and was stolen therefrom, 1 pair of mens new high shoes one pair of womans New ditto one pair of Boys old High Shoes, being repaired at the toe, and one old Boys shoe, one piece of Sole Lether and a quantity of Upper Lether, and an old sack, suspects John Willson, Jack Wright & Jack Bingley, Alias Gurd, all of Burnn.

Public Houses visited

P.S. 2 Stearn reports he Visited the Public Houses & Beer Shops in Bridge Street and Castle End and found them all right and in good order from 11 till 1 o'clock pm.

Wheeling Barrows on Pavement

P.C. 11 Clements reports he attended All Saints Passage from 2 till 4 o'clock pm, he saw at a ¼ past 3 pm Mrs Pearls Servant residing in Brunswick Place Wheel A Hand Cart through the Passage on the pavement.

Overwritten "To be summoned".

Robbery

P.C.s Bye and Rockett reported to me at ½ past 12 o'clock pm that a man was in at the Dog and Gun Beer Shop who had been robbed I went and saw he was bleeding very much & had been from the time he was Assaulted the blood could not be stopped. I sent for Doctor Wray who would not come, the Mans name is Griffiths and States he is a drover and is returning from Colt Hill Fair, was coming out of Mr. Watsons at the White Swann Public House Castle End about 9 o'clock pm when a tall man with a long dark smock frock on knocked him down and robbed him of one sovereign and half in gold and two half crowns in silver and ran away he believes the man was drinking in the house a short time before. I took Bye and Rockett with me to the Swann and searched the whole house. I found 9 men Lodgers all appeared to be drovers. I examined all there cloths saw no marks of blood on them two tall men had smock frocks belonging to them. I brought them to the complainant who said they was not the men. The complainant is still at the Dog and Gun Castle End but very much hurt and is left without money. P.S. 4 Watts.

Shutters found open

P.S. 3 Smith reports he found Mr Burrages Shutters East road open at 12 o'clock pm he called them up and they thanked him.

Report of Gas

The Gas Lamps of the Town burned very bad some of them went out before 10 o'clock pm

Monday 20th to Tuesday 21st November 1837

P.C. to report

At 3 ½ pm Rev'd Ventris came to complain of P.C. 16 Benton for not taking 3 Gownsmen in custody for being very drunk and one of them indecently exposing his person in presence of Ladies and otherwise grossly insulting them.

Over-written in the Superintendent's hand, "Benton ought to have got their names and Colleges"

Orders respecting a robbery

The Superintendent wishes every enquiry that [is] possible can be made respecting a robbery that has taken place in Regent Street, at the back of Surgeon Catty's House and that a Police Constable be placed inside the premises to watch till further orders - all a night. [In the Superintendent's hand]

Robbery

Inspr Green reports that he was informed by Mr Atkins that a robbery had been committed since Saturday evening on the premises lately occupied by F. Catty Surgeon in Regent Stret. [T]hat he went to the place and found that 2 hair trunks and a hamper had been removed from a house which is in the garden. 1 of the trunks had been broken open and the contents taken away two pairs of silver spectacles were drop'd in the garden. Mr Wentworth in whose care the property was left by Mr Catty has no means of knowing what were the contents of the trunk there is a considerable quantity of property left in the house in the garden which was lock'd up and all safe up to Saturday evening, the door must have been open'd with a key or picklock as no damage is done to the door or lock the other trunk and hamper which are very heavy were left in the garden – the thieves appear to have enter'd over a wall from Downing College grove.

Accident by furious riding

P.C. 13 Wm Ballard reports that Remington Pratt and some other person were furiously Riding their Horses and road (sic) over a boy name Cane nearly opposite the Shamrock - in George Street, Barnwell. The boy was taken home very much hurt at ½ past 4 pm

[Disturbance Union Row Barnwell]

P.C. 16 Benton reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Union Row Barnwell at 1 ½ am.

Report of Gas

P S Watts reports the gas burnt well during the night

Sudden Death

P.S. 3 Smith reports that on Saturday last at 4 pm Mrs Jennings the wife of a Market Gardener of Harston fell down in a fit in Trumpington Street. She was convey'd to the Hospital where she shortly after expired, a Coroner Inquest was held on the Body and a verdict, died of Apoplexy was return'd.

Tuesday 21st to Wednesday 22nd November 1837

Application for the Police

Applicant for Police Francis Hyde at Mr Brows Fishmongers Newmarket – a single man well recommended.

Orders for the P.C. on Station House Duty

In consequence of complaints being made from the inhabitants in Tennis Court Road, that they are infested with men and girls of the Town, who are very annoying to the decent & respectable House-Keepers - therefore the P.C. on duty at the Station House, will every night at 6 o'clock patrol that part until he is relieved at 9 o'clock. [In the Superintendent's hand]

Ditto on Castle End duty

The P.C. on duty on the Market hill need not go on duty before 9 o'clock am, and the man on the Castle End Beat will report himself at the Station, every hour – till further orders – after 6 in the evening. [In the Superintendent's hand]

Disturbance prevented

P.C. Tyler 19 reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Trumpington Street at ¼ past 9 pm

Fire left in the University Printing Office

[P.C. Tyler 19] also reports at ¼ to 2 am he saw a light in one of the windows at the University Printing Office he call'd up Mr Tall who with him went into the office and found that one of the Printers had left a fire which had burned up. Mr T was much oblig'd to him. They left all safe.

Report of Gas

P S Watts reports the Gas burnt well during the night

Beer Houses open late and playing at cards

P.C. Rockett 24 reports that ¼ to 12 pm he heard some persons playing at cards at the Earl Grey Beer Shop kept by Mr Deatry he knock'd at the door. Mrs D said do not let him in. Some minutes after he was let in. Saw four persons there but no beer.

Stealing potatoes

P.C. Ellis 10 reports at 1 am he with P.C. Benton was informed that some persons were getting potatoes out of a pit near Sturbich fair ground. The[y] went and found the pit had been open and a few potatoes stolen.

Orders to relieve vagrants

Should any vagrants make an application for relief – the Superintendent has left some orders in the inspectors Room – ready to fill up – for the Spinning House Signed by the Mayor.

Wednesday 22nd to Thursday 23rd November 1837

Razor Stolen

P.S. Smith reports that a man dressed in a green Coat and fustain [sic] trousers went into Mr. Burnett's shop at 11 am in the Petty Cury to be shaved. Mr. Burnett was not within the man shaved himself and put the razor in his pocket and ran away with it. There was a little girl in the shop.

Accident

P.C. 23 Faircloth reports that at 11½ pm Mr Herring of Balsam was driving in a gig in Regent Street on his wrong side of the road. A Post Chaise was coming down the Street and as both parties were driving rapidly they could neither pull up in time they coming in contact the Gig was broken all to pieces. No person received material injury.

Disorderlies

P.C. 20 Seabrook reports he put a stop to a disturbance with some University Gents at the Mail at 2 am.

Robbery by an apprentice

P.S. Watts reports that [gap left for Christian name] Skinner apprentice to Willm Henry a shoemaker stole from his master 10/- and some tools on Thursday 9th Inst and absconded.

Report of Gas

PS Watts reports the Gas burned well during the night

Fire at Landbeach

P.S. 4 Watts reports that a fire broke out at a house at Landbeach at 9 pm. A girl 13 years of age ran out of the house with only her stays and petticoat on several persons have been looking for her during the night she has not since been heard of 5½ a.m the fire did a very little damage.

P.C. 16 and P.C. 7 to report

The Superintendent reports that P.C. 16 Henry Benton and P.C. 7 Edward Bye – neglected to visit a part of their beats for 40 minutes Viz from 20 minutes past 3 to 4 o'clock am 23rd Nov Inst. [In the Superintendent's hand]

Thursday 23rd to Friday 24th November 1837**Mrs Williams Address**

The address of Mariah Williams who was robbed of her clothes at Mr Wells, Royal Hotel Saracens Head New Church Street Paddington Green London.

Fight stopped

P.C. Howlett 6 reports he put a stop to a fight in Castle End ¼ to 10 pm.

Ditto

P.C. Seabrook 20 reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Bridge Street at 10 pm.

Shutters found open

P.C. Pond 22 reports he found Mr Flacks in All Saints Passage Shutter open at 12 pm he called them up and they thanked him.

Disturbance Jesus Lane

P.C. Robinson 17 reports he put a stop to a disturbance at 10 ½ pm in Jesus Lane

Ditto

P.C. Benton 16 reports he put a stop to several disturbances during the night in Union Row Barnwell.

Report of Gas

P S Watts reports the gas burnt well during the night

Lamp Iron broken

P.C. 15 Rider reports that a Horse & Cart broke a lamp Iron at Mill Lane Corner at 11 am – the name of the owner of the Cart is known to the Gas Company.

Friday 24th to Saturday 25th November 1837

Watch stolen

Stolen from Mr Hardcastles rooms in Trinity College between 5 & 7 pm last night a silver double bottmd hunting watch Makers name Littlewort, it is a little tarnished inside and does not shut well

Ditto

Stolen from Mr Sharpes rooms Sidney College last Saturday evening a silver engine turned Hunting Watch Maker Fowler Doncaster, with S engraved on the back Sharpe scratched on the works, a tall man with a green coat on who went into Mr Sharpes rooms with a pretence of selling a dog is suspected.

Shutters found open

P.C. 22 Pond reports he found Mr Fletchers Shutters open at 12 pm in Clement Lane he call'd them, they were thankfull.

Saturday 25th to Sunday 26th November 1837

Robbery

At 8pm a man by the name of Wm O'dell came to the Station to say that he had been robbed of between 10 and 12 Shillings in Castle Street by a man of the name of Wm Castells.

Fight stopd

P.C. Benton 16 reports he put a stop to a fight in Binders Row at 3 am.

Report of Gas

P S Watts reports the gas burnd well during the night

Blind pulled down and broken

P.C. Hull 26 reports that the weather blind of a house in Sidney Street was pull'd down by some person or persons and broken 12 ¼ am.

Report of a dog to be destroyed.

P.C. 14 Richardson reports he saw Mr Liverman of Newnham the owner of the dog that bit Mr Crisfords horse on Thursday last. Mr L promis'd to destroy the dog.

Sunday 26th to Monday 27th November 1837

Enquiry to be made respecting an highway robbery

Inspector Green reports that the County Magistrates requested him to go and make the necessary inquiries respecting a highway Robbery which was committed upon Saml Ripkin near the Suspension Bridge between Littleport & Hilgay for which James Kilday is remanded till Saturday next. The County Magistrates promis'd to pay all the expenses that may be incurred as the evidence that may be obtained upon the spot appear to be necessary to convict the party concern'd, considerable violence was used toward Ripkin by the person now in custody for the offence, another man is concern'd.

[Details of the offence and the arrests Cambridge Chronicle 2 December 1837 page 2]

Public House to report

Inspr Green reports that there were 4 persons with ale in 4 glasses at the Beer Shop Call'd the Hop Pocket in Eden Street St Andrews the Less Landlords name John Catchpoole at 10 mints past 11 am

Vagrants Relieved by Mr Bell

P.C. 14 Richardson reports that Mr Bell, Castle End sent for him to remove two vagrants from his stables

at 6pm. Mr Bell gave them 1/- to procure lodgings.

Shutters not fastened

P.C. 22 Pond reports that Mr Freaks shutters unfastnd Globe Passage at 11 ½ pm and call'd them up.

Report of Gas

P S Stearn and Watts report that several of the Gas lamps went out by 11 pm in the Town and Barnwell and that the others generally burn'd very bad

Disturbance prevented

P.C. 10 Ellis reports he put a stop to a disturbance in George St Barnwell at 11 ½ pm.

[Monday 27th to Tuesday 28th November 1837]

Complaint

The Mayor having made a Complaint that the Streets were infested with Beggars and that there was a relaxation of duty on the Part of the Police in consequence of which the Superintendent sent for six men from the night duty and one Sergeant, and gave them orders to patrole the Town and take into Custody all those Persons who were wandering about the streets with matches, and unable to give a satisfactory account of themselves - several were taken into custody. [In the Superintendent's hand]

Public house to report

Black Swan Bridge Street 4 Persons drinking in his house at ½ past 11 on Sunday the 26th of Nov Inst. [In the Superintendent's hand]

Report of Gas

P S 3 Smith reports the Gas Burnt well during the night

Suspicious person

P.C. 15 Rider reports He Stopped A Suspicious Looking Man on a fine looking horse in Chesterton Lane at 4 o'clock am who stated he worked for Mr Nash of Inkston and was sent by him to some sheep that he had at Water Beach. P.C. 15 knowing there was a Mr Nash at the above place allowed the man to pass on. J.W P.S. 4

Tuesday 28th to Wednesday 29th November 1837

Cart to be summoned

P.C. 23 Faircloth reports that a cart load of muck with three horses were left standing at Hyde Park corner near the Blue Coat boy from 11 ¾ am till ¼ to 3 pm the cart and horses were the property of Peter Green of Shelford Cambridgeshire.

P.C. 11 sick

P.C. Clements was oblig'd to leave his beat at 12 o'clock on account of hurting himself by running against a post.

Shutters found open

P.C. 21 Simkin reports he found Mr Jones shutters open in Sidney Street at 1 am call'd them they were thankful.

Disturbance satopped

P.C. Seabrook reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Jesus Lane 11 ½ pm.

Report of Gas

The Gas was very dull in the Town

Wednesday 29th to Thursday 30th November 1837

Attempt to poison

P.C. 19 Tyler reports at 2 pm a Female who resides in Blucher Row attempted to poison herself by taking a large quantity of Oxalic Acid. Mr. Ficklins Assistant came and got most of it off her stomach & she is now doing well.

Disturbance in Bridge Street

P.C. 16 Benton reports 6 ½ pm he put a stop to a disturbance in Bridge Street.

Report of Gas

P S 3 Smith reports the gas burnt well

Enquiry by Mr Green Inspector

Mr Green went to the Suspension Bridge to make an enquiry respecting an Highway Robbery – by the wish of the County Magistrates, and returned same night was off duty at the time.

Thursday 30th November to Friday 1st December 1837

Public Houses to Report

P.C. 10 Ellis reports that a party left the Unicorn Petty Cury at 2 am very disorderly, Esther Mathews landlord. Also a very disorderly party left the Whitev Swan at 2 ½ am Petty Cury kept by Elizth Rattey

Report of Gas

P S Smith reports the Gas burnd dull all night

Nuisance

P.C. 15 Rider reports Mr. Crawley's boy Baker, St. Andrews Street at 7½ o'clock am did empty a quantity of dirt out of a pail into the run, he told the boy to lay it on the road for the Scavengers who were then present. Mr. Crawley came out and prevented the boy doing as the P.C. directed him. J.Watts P.S.4

Orders for the Police Sunday Morning

The Police Constables must order all shops to close after 10 o'clock on Sunday mornings and report them who do not comply with the regulation. [entry in the Superintendent's hand].