

## International conference on crime at HQ

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Senior officers pose during the international conference. Back Row, left to right: Mr. A. H. Whitfield, Representative, Director of Public Prosecutions Office; Mr. J. T. Ellis, Asst. Chief Constable (0), Hampshire Constabulary; Mr. A. Mener, Commissaire Divisionnaire, Northern Sector (Lille); J. Cabanne, Commissaire Principal, Regional Service of Judicial Police (Rouen); Supt. F. Van Kralingen, Gemeentepolitie, Rotterdam; Det. Ch. Supt. J. Marshall, Sussex Constabulary;

Mr. P. Carbonnier, Interpol, St. Cloud; Det. Ch. Supt. A. E. Wear, Kent Constabulary; Det. Supt. R. Johnson, Sussex Constabulary; Det. Ch. Insp. J. E. Smythe, Immigration Officer, Metropolitan District; Det. Ch. Insp. R. P. Pittaway, Interpol, Metropolitan District; Supt. G. Baird, Hampshire Constabulary; Det. Supt. F. Smith, Kent Constabulary.

Front Row, left to right: Det. Supt. G. A. Harris, Essex and Southend-on-Sea, Joint Constabulary;

Mr. L. Van Looy, Commissioner Principal, Gerechtigke Politie, Bruges; Det. Ch. Supt. C. L. White, Essex and Southend-on-Sea, Joint Constabulary; Mr. A. J. Vermeij, Commissaris, Gemeentepolitie, Rotterdam; Mr. P. Gillet, Commissaire Divisionnaire, Regional Service of Judicial Police (Lille); Mr. J. C. Nightingale, C.B.E., B.E.M., Q.P.M., B.A., Chief Constable, Essex and Southend-on-Sea Joint Constabulary; Mrs. E. Arnold, Conference Interpreter; Ald. S. Woodfull-Millard,

Chairman, Essex and Southend-on-Sea Joint Police Committee; Mr. C. H. Waller, Asst. Chief Constable (0), Essex and Southend-on-Sea Joint Constabulary; Mr. P. Ross, Asst. Chief Constable, Sussex Constabulary; Commander W. Virgo, Metropolitan Police District, (C0-C1); Mr. A. G. Warman, Asst. Chief Constable (0), Kent Constabulary; Mr. J. A. M. Boudewijn, Director-Interpol, The Hague.

FOR three days, Tuesday-Thursday, 6-8 April, 1971, the Headquarters Cadet School became the home of eight Senior Police Officers from the continent and the sound of Dutch, Flemish and French voices rang out. They were here for the Annual Cross Channel Liaison Conference which was held in the lecture room of the school on the 7th.

Also in attendance were Senior Officers from New Scotland Yard, Kent, Sussex, Hampshire and our own Force. After a formal opening by the Chief Constable, Mr. J. C. Nightingale, the delegates discussed a wide range of subjects including the movement of criminals, thefts of caravans and motor vehicles, and drug and illegal immigrant traffic. It was soon obvious that many police problems on both sides of the English Channel are closely related and the need for close liaison with a regular exchange of information was made absolutely clear.

The delegates were joined for lunch by the Chairman of the Police Authority, Ald. S. Woodfull Millard, who expressed considerable interest and talked enthusiastically to a number of the continental visitors.

### RNLI award for Cyril Perry

BEFORE a large gathering at Clacton Town Hall on March 12, the crew of Clacton lifeboat were presented with awards for their dramatic rescue last August of three fishermen stranded in a converted lifeboat in the mouth of the River Blackwater off Bradwell.

At the same gathering, Mr. H. E. Kingsman, president of the RNLI, presented a pair of binoculars to Cyril Perry, former chairman and secretary and a committee member for more than 20 years. The binoculars were inscribed, "Presented by The Royal National Lifeboat Institution to Cyril A. Perry Esq., 1971, in recognition of his long and valuable help at the Clacton Station Branch since 1953."

Older members of the Force may well remember him as Ex-P.s. 82 Perry, who completed his service as an instructor at Eynsham Hall. Although he never served in the Police Force at Clacton, he has many connections with the area



and when he retired he decided to settle there. It is his proud claim that he has been drawing his pension for almost as long as he served in the Police. He is still serving the Force well as he is now working in C.I.D. records at Clacton and it is from this office that he decides whether the lifeboat should be launched whenever there is a daytime call for assistance.

The most recent call on the lifeboat service was the Easter weekend when Cyril had to decide whether to "fire-up" to launch the lifeboat for a search at night for two young fishermen whose boat had capsized two miles off Jaywick. The lifeboat and inshore rescue boat were launched and with the assistance of a helicopter and aircraft from the U.S.A.F. at Woodbridge they searched for several hours but without success.

The lifeboat used in the search was received in 1968 by Cyril on behalf of the Clacton branch of the RNLI from H.R.H. the Late Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent.

### Welfare committee elected soon

The Welfare scheme which was launched last year under temporary arrangements should soon be in the hands of a committee elected by divisions.

Three divisions have yet to appoint their representatives but as soon as they are elected the committee will meet, to first decide on its own rules and functions and then draw up rules for the administration of the scheme.

These rules will then be publicised by Force Order and in The Law. Representatives so far elected are: Traffic, Ch. Insp. Andrews; Basildon, Ch. Insp. Brewer; Chelmsford, Ps. Horton; Clacton, Ch. Insp. Weall; Col-

chester, Ps. Frost; Harlow, Ps. Cowell; Staff, Insp. Cooper; Chelmsford, Ch. Insp. Harrison.

Draft rules have been produced, as a start point for the new committee's deliberations, covering such points as voting rights, the duties of the committee and secretary, and the alteration of rules. The committee will also be responsible for allocating the contents of station collecting boxes, where they are not already directed towards a specific charity.

# PORTRAIT

## Promotion for Southend man



# Ch. Supt. Farnsworth

**CHIEF Superintendent John Frederick Farnsworth will take up his appointment as Divisional Commander of Southend Western Division on May 3, upon the retirement of Chief Superintendent J. H. Crickett. He is 46 years of age and after service in the Army joined the Southend-on-Sea Constabulary in August, 1947, being fortunate enough to serve, at one stage or another, in every department of that Force.**

He has been on all the usual courses, including the Senior Detective Course, Advanced Driving Course, 'A' Course at the Police College and the Intermediate Command Course, but confesses that the most interesting course he ever attended was the War Duties Flying Reconnaissance Course at Cambridge. Most of the time was spent in very pleasant company flying around East Anglia in Chipmunks and he considers this a most worthwhile and recommended course!

While Mr. Farnsworth was on the Intermediate Command Course he obtained an appointment as superintendent in what was then known as the Home Office Research and Development Branch. The name of the branch has been changed from time to time since and at the time of writing is known as the Police Planning Organisation. After a two-year stint on this secondment he returned to Southend Eastern Division as Deputy Commander.

Before his war service, Mr. Farnsworth was destined to be an accountant, but on return to civilian

life a desk-bound job had lost its attraction and he therefore joined the Force, but he feels he has not got too far from the auditing side of accounting.

Mr. Farnsworth admits to playing a rabbit game of tennis. At one time he also played cricket, and remembers a proud occasion in an Inter-Divisional Tournament when he was the top scorer for the Headquarters Division, with a score of 16 not out!

## New housing policy taking effect?

### Just a rearrangement!



KNOWING what a cynical, disbelieving lot members of the Force tend to be we went to some trouble to get this picture. It shows a police house being demolished and should convince everyone that the long awaited liberalisation of the rules on owner-occupancy has really come about. So this is how surplus county houses are to be disposed of! At this stage there was a bit of a panic when

the demolition experts realised that both gas and electricity were still on—a dangerous combination which caused the men to down tools for a while so that they could be disconnected.

Note for the serious minded: this house was knocked down to give access to the ground behind on which houses and garages are to be built.

## Basildon boost Orphans Fund by over £500



Pictures from the highly successful fund raising Police Ball in March by which Basildon Division raised over £500 for the Orphans Fund. Above, members of the organising committee line up with cadets Alison Grange and Penny Mace, specially—and very successfully—imported to boost Tombola sales. Committee members from the left are Supt. Ted Horne, P.s. Peter Minterfield, D.s. Dave Mence, Insp. Joe Gazzard and Det. Insp. Terry Malone. Below, P.s. Brian Searle attends his sea food bar without which Police Balls would just not be the same.



### Censored

Mr. Charles Waller's census form was eaten by his pet poodle after being put through his letter box.

He was then told Mrs. X had moved a month earlier to a house a few hundred yards down the road, taking her old telephone number with her.



"No Miss, I'm afraid our dog handler can't go walkies with you and your poodle just now but I'm off duty very shortly."

## It's a knock out

By Country Cousin

THE Sergeant handed an enquiry to one of his more experienced Officers, who, being smart and efficient, made a telephone call to the woman subject of the enquiry, and fixed an appointment to see her.

At the set time, he appeared before the gates of the house, walked up the drive and knocked on the door. No answer! He knocked again, and again got no answer. He went round the back, and still got no answer so returned to the Police Station.

Once at the Police Station he looked the number up in the telephone directory, saw it was the correct address, dialled the number given and the woman answered the telephone. She stated she had not heard the knock, but assured the Officer she would be waiting for him if he returned immediately.

Once again at the house, the Officer knocked on the front door, got no reply, knocked louder, again, no reply. He thrashed at the door, but still no answer. It was the same story at the back of the house.

Being an experienced officer, he contacted the control room. "Will you please telephone Mrs. X, and ask her to answer her door." In a short time the officer was told that Mrs. X had not heard the knock at the door, but would be there if the Officer tried again.

He approached the door once more. He knocked firmly. No answer. He knocked louder, still nothing. He hammered—silence.

He became cross. He jumped into his van, returned to his office, where he again telephoned the lady in question. She told him she was at home and had been all the time but that she had not heard the Officer knock. She assured him that if he returned, she would look out for him.

He drove quickly back to the house. He ran up the drive and knocked loudly. No answer, nothing. Not a sound.

By this time he had accepted his fate. She's mad, she must be. He drove away slowly, looking at all the windows of the house. He stopped at the local post office to purchase a packet of cigarettes. Whilst there, he happened to mention that he thought Mrs. X along the road was a little mad, and that she wouldn't answer her door.

## Do you know your law?

True or False

1. A police constable may lawfully enter, without warrant, a licensed pet shop.
2. All cases of "treasure trove" must be reported to H.M. Coroner.
3. It is an offence for a person to attempt to commit suicide.

### Subs by hand again

Division sports club secretaries are asked to note that the scheme for stopping subscriptions at source cannot now start until June because two divisions have not yet put in their returns.

May subs will have to be collected by hand.

New enquiry by psychologist

## For Venner read Newton

MEMBERS of the Force will recall that long ago an enquiry into the reasons for premature retirement from the Force, popularly known as wastage, was held by a psychologist called Venner from Home Office.

Now there is to be a new enquiry by another psychologist, of the female variety this time. Miss Denise Newton is on a sandwich course at Cambridge University which means that for six months each year she goes on field research. Last year she spent six months "on the inside" at Brixton Prison, now it is the turn of the Police.

The Venner enquiry is to be taken further to become a much more detailed review of the complaints which lead policemen to resign.

After a short time spent getting to know the Force and its procedure Miss Newton will be getting down to grilling complainants—all in strictest confidence, of course.

The reaction of the rank and file is likely to be amused tolerance. Said one, "Blimey they don't need a psychologist when they resign, they want their heads looking at when they ask to join."

Miss Newton thought that the pay rise, and change in housing policy would have removed much cause for complaint but that there would still be a good deal for her to work on.

## Police wedding at Gt Baddow



ON SATURDAY, April 3, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, P.c. Peter Brooks, of Chelmsford, married Miss Jacqueline Ann Stannard, also of Chelmsford.

Peter has been in this force for five years being stationed at Chelmsford Town and Moulsham Lodge. Prior to this he was a cadet.

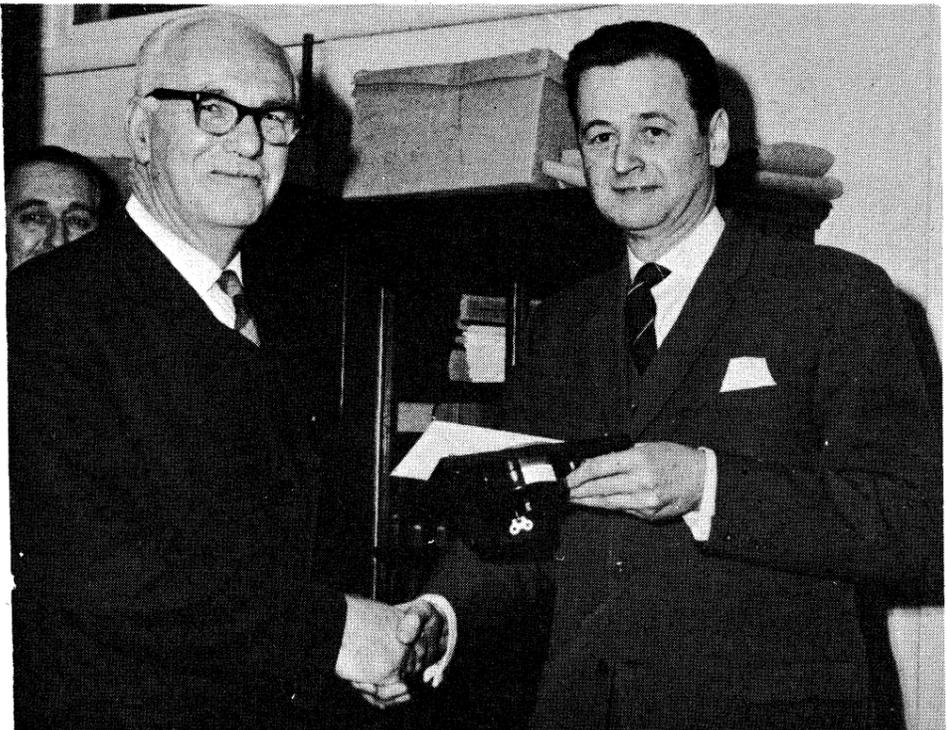
His wife is also employed by the county as a district midwife.

The best man was a friend of the groom, P.c. Martin Wynne, stationed at Stansted, and the two ushers were P.c. Raymond Stannard,

stationed at Chelmsford, and P.c. David Cur-tiss, stationed at Hertford Traffic Department. The bride was attended by three bridesmaids and a page boy.

The reception was held for 55 guests at the Civic Centre, Chelmsford, after which the couple left for a honeymoon in a secluded lodge in Scotland.

On their return they took up residence on detachment at Boreham, but unlike most detached beats this house has two telephones with different numbers, one for bobbies and the other for babies. —Photo: Ron Goose, Gt. Baddow.



Stan King, who has looked after the enquiry desk and post room at Headquarters in his own inimitable way in recent years, retired last

month. In a short ceremony Mr. A. Goodson, ACC(O), handed over a memento to which police and civilians had subscribed.

## The man who just couldn't win

The following comedy of "Classified" errors kept readers of a Californian paper on the edge of their seats for a whole week.

### MONDAY

R. D. SMITH has a small car for sale. Phone 958 after 7 p.m. and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him cheap.

### TUESDAY

We regret having erred in R. D. SMITH'S classified ad yesterday. It should have read: R. D. SMITH has a small car for sale. Phone 958 and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him after 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

R. D. SMITH informs us that he has received several annoying telephone calls because of an incorrect classified ad in yesterday's paper. It should have read: R. D. SMITH has a small car for sale, cheap. Phone 958 and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him.

### THURSDAY

NOTICE. I, R. D. SMITH have no small car for sale. I destroyed it. Don't call 958. The phone has been taken out. I have not been carrying on with Mrs. Kelly. Until yesterday she was my housekeeper.

### FRIDAY

R. D. SMITH wishes to hire a housekeeper. Phone 958. Good pay. Usual housekeeping duties. Love in.

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## Out on pension



A recently announced retirement on pension is that of Sergeant Phil China, head of the Force Underwater Search Team for many years and recently seconded to Home Office on similar work. He is pictured above with his last three trainees, Bob White, Bruce Berry, John Bowman, the latter masked by the new safety helmet developed by Phil

China and now going into production.

Another well-known member leaves the Force shortly. Russ Thomas, Sergeant in the Finance Office is taking his pension and will work as Secretary to Exeter City Football Club.

Below, Rus receives a memento from Mr. K. Alston, Deputy Chief Constable, with HQ colleagues looking on.



OUR picture shows Grays Police Station where one weekend a sign appeared showing the word "Circus" with the arrow pointing up the rear drive which is also the magistrates' entrance. At the time the sign was put up the only people on duty in the station were an inspector, two sergeants and two constables. The only performance going on at the time was a Panda being caned (P.c. 1438 Cane)—local joke! Uncle Rocky Revell wishes it to be made known

that he will give 10 per cent off any pop corns, candyfloss and ice cream sold from the emergency store, which at the moment is garaging his ice cream van.

Sgt. (we got problems, mate) Martin will not be doing his high-wire act. The performing pandas have again been severely restricted to short bursts due to the 20-mile per shift limit.

These Graysian witticisms were contributed by one who desires to remain nameless.

## Obituaries

The deaths of several pensioners occurred during the past month: Ex Ps Walter Percy Barker, who was 89, and Ex Ps Albert H. Wood, aged 80. Two former Inspectors also passed away; George Frederick Box, who was 88, and 65-year-old Alexander John Woolner. All were former members of the County Force.

## First Aid gets with it

THE following instructions are authentic as presented to the contestants in a recent examination. Could they be open to misinterpretation? And it is said that the St. John organisation is dwindling!

Setting: A teenage girl with long hair is being nursed in bed following an operation. She can move about the bed and adopt any position.

Test: 1. Gather up the

equipment you need; 2. Strip the bed, place the girl in a suitable position in bed; 3. Describe how you and your friend would carry out this task (N.B. The hair is not to be wetted).

Time allowed: 10 minutes.

## Messenger

HQ now employs a man to go about departments collecting post. But the farthest flung office—recruiting and training—is not on his list. It is too far away.

# First aiders hit high stand



THE first week in April was quite a good week for Colchester. After being runners-up in the Force pistol competition they took back the Chief Warden's First-Aid Cup on Sunday, April 4, 1971.

Ian Hunter, their trainer / captain and Fred Brown, who obtained the highest individual marks must have been particularly pleased as they were both in the last Colchester team to win the cup — back in 1966.

This year's competition, which was held at the Cadet School, centred round the team test, which involved the pilot of an R.A.F. aircraft (ejector seat and all) who had baled out and broken his spine, leg, banged his head and who generally felt unwell. There was also a young lady who had managed to break her collar-bone. All to be dealt with in 12 minutes!!

Although Colchester won fairly and squarely, they were made to work for their victory by all the other teams, particularly the Women Police (placed 2nd) — well done girls — and Grays (3rd).

The standard of this year's competition, which with five teams competing was the largest for some time, can be judged by the fact that Basildon, last year's winners could only manage 4th place. And the Traffic Division were competing for the first time. Now that they have had a look, we hope to see them again.

The Chief Constable presented the cup and he was accompanied by Mr. Waller ACC(O) and Mr. Duke ACC (PI).

All in all, this was a very encouraging competition; more teams, a high standard of competition, and excellent co-operation between the Force and the local St. John Ambulance Brigade. If only we could have more teams next year (there were six divisions not competing) we might be able to put this Force back on the map in the National Competitions.

Finally, a thank you to all those who helped, particularly the St. John and of course our young Cadets who acted as casualties — and what acting — runners and stewards and of course who lent us their school for the occasion.



The winning Colchester team receive the Cup from the Chief Constable: from the left: Pc Roger Coleman, reserve, Chief Supt. Richard Dighton, Divisional Commander, the Chief Constable, Pc Ian Hunter, captain, and Pc's Roger Crane, Fred Brown and George Coulthrust.

The Women Police team, runners up in their first entry as a separate department look pleased with themselves. From the left: Wpc Pat Lambert, Inspector Lorna Brooks, Superintendent Helen Welburn and Wpc's Cheryl Ryan, Joan Murphy and reserve Rosemary Palmer.



Group pictures by Essex Chronicle

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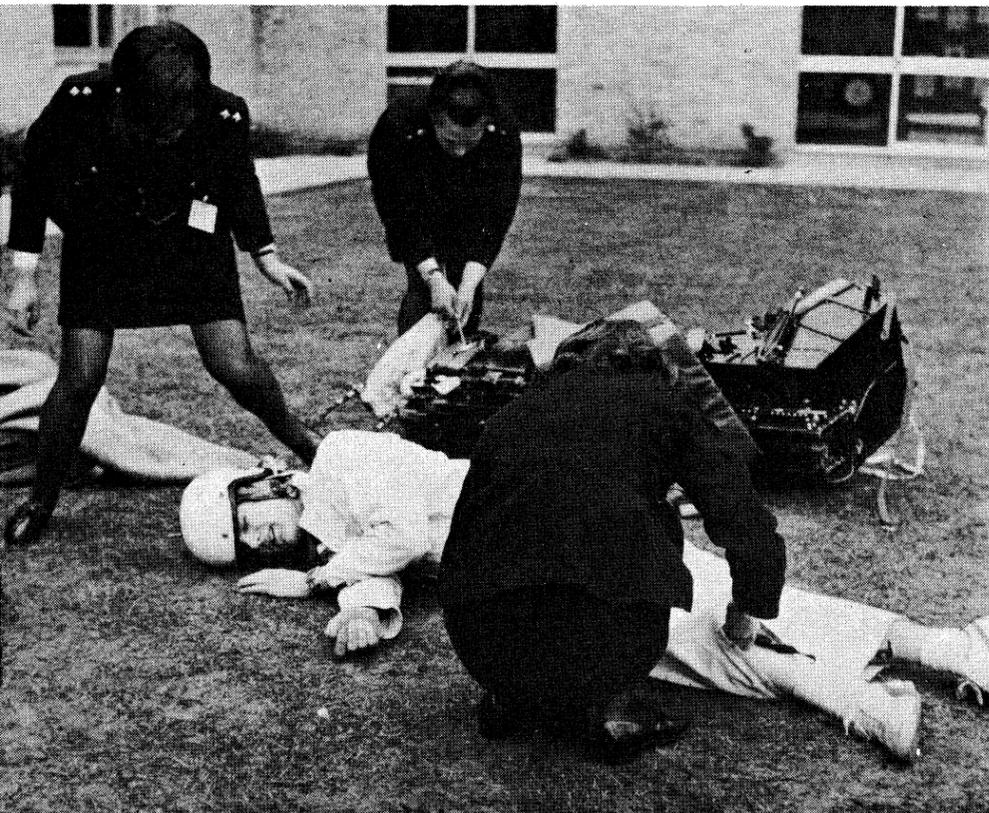
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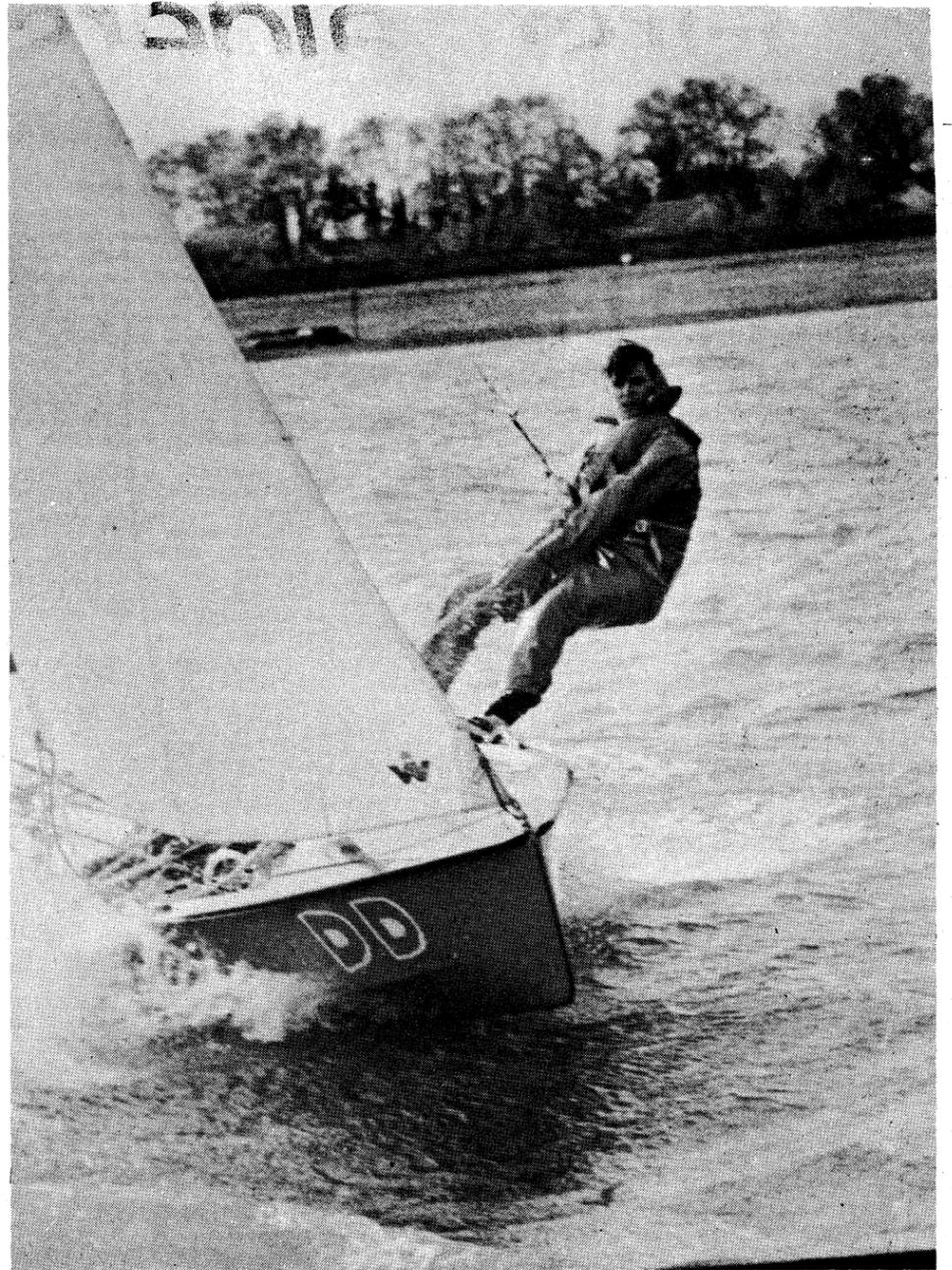
Pc Alan Deats the Basildon No 2  
his individual test — the patients  
adets. Below, the team test and

the Women's team provide the action. This  
test involved a pilot and ejector seat.

*Pictured by Peter Reeve*



## Force sailing club floated



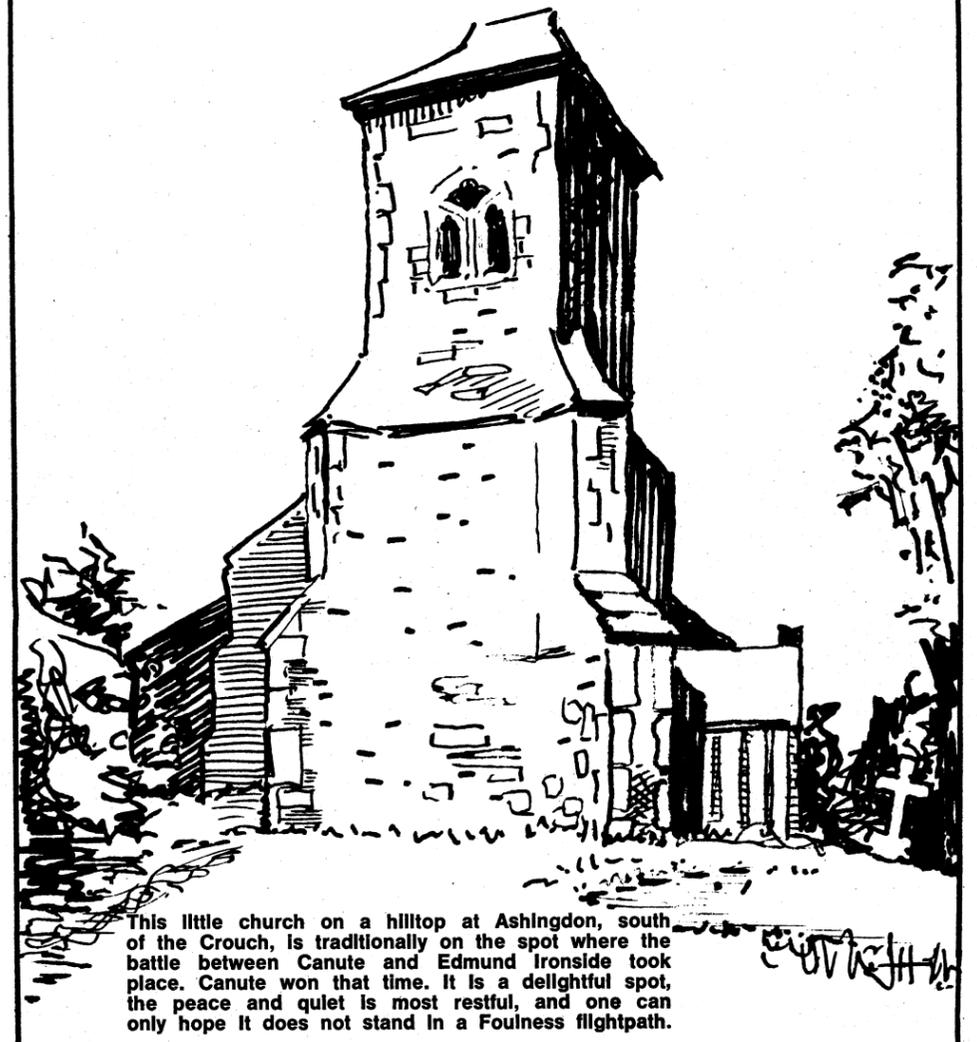
THE Force sailing section which was formed recently is holding its first get-together on the water on May 11, when they are taking over the Marconi Sailing Club at Stansgate Abbey on the Blackwater. There will be a chance for dinghy sailors to informally race against each other, starting times of 11.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. have been arranged. There will be plenty of time to potter in between, families will be most welcome, teas will be laid on and the bar will open at lunch-time. An entry fee of 50p will

be levied to cover expenses.

Met. Police are holding a regatta on May 15 at Egham Lake, first race at 11 a.m. Any member of the Force wishing to enter should contact Inspector C. Redman at Willesden Police Station, 96 High Road, London, NW10. Telephone: 01-459 1113, or Inspector Moore at 01-560-1113.

The picture above, by Essex Chronicle, shows P.c. Malcolm Gandy, "over the side."

## OFF-BEAT ESSEX



This little church on a hilltop at Ashingdon, south of the Crouch, is traditionally on the spot where the battle between Canute and Edmund Ironside took place. Canute won that time. It is a delightful spot, the peace and quiet is most restful, and one can only hope it does not stand in a Foulness flightpath.

Oh, Mr. Porter

ONE can have no doubt that the silly season is upon us when one reads of the fuss and bother over whether the new Mid Anglia police station should or should not be built in Pig Lane.

The Chief Constable feels that in the circumstances of the present day Pig Lane is not a good place for the police station to be. An alternative name has been suggested — Eastfield Road — but understandably local residents object.

And quite right, too. Surely the police have enough real problems with which to deal without dreaming up, through hyper-sensitivity, imagined difficulties. One would have thought that in Mid Anglia not many people address, or refer to, the police as pigs. That area being mainly agricultural the true worth and sterling characteristics of that animal are only too well known.

**Real problems**

Our attention has been drawn to a letter in the Times written by the High Sheriff of Essex in which he writes of a visit to Chelmsford Prison where he found the atmosphere relaxed and useful work being done. "In the vocational training section," he wrote, "prisoners were being taught the art of copper beating and I saw some examples of excellent craftsmanship."

Such instruction might seem hardly necessary for some of the inmates but on the serious side one can but reflect at this time of year when next year's estimates of expenditure are being savagely pruned, that an expensive art like coppersmithing is beyond the pockets of most of us but can be made available in prisons. No one wants the treadmill back but have things got out of proportion in recent years?

**Group behaviour**

While the Federation correspondent urges the case for a new and smarter clubroom at Headquarters the ground is cut from under his feet by the inconsiderate behaviour of a few who leave the premises in a disgraceful state, mainly after end-of-course celebrations. But perhaps surrounds more sumptuously furnished would induce more reverent behaviour.

**Group insurance**

The J.C.C. announced last week that they have negotiated improvements in the group insurance scheme under which there will be greater benefits for members remaining in police service after the age of 55, and members retiring at that age may remain in the scheme.

In addition an "open date" from May 17 to June 30 will allow police officers not already in the scheme to join with minimal evidence of health. This is an opportunity no one should miss.

letters to the Editor

The Super -again

Dear Sir,

I would refer to the letter in the April issue of the Law from Ex-Chief Supt. Simpson and would firstly like to say how pleasant it was to see that one of the 'Guvnors' has come out of retirement with guns blazing to defend the cause.

However, as he had to delve into the murky past as far back as 11 years ago, this surely proves my point. Unfortunately as Mr. Simpson so rightly says, I was not in the Brentwood Division during that era to witness for myself the amazing feats of endurance. I have been told that ToD (that infamous cartoonist) was, so to call a truce, I suggest that ToD be allowed to have the final say in the matter, which, I trust, Mr. Simpson will find agreeable.

Yours faithfully,

C. DAVISON

Cadet Gazette

Back to exams

RETURNING from the Easter break, Cadets settled down quickly. Indeed, some hardly took a break at all as they travelled to the Cairngorms in Scotland for a hill-walking or skiing "holiday." As Pc Piper led the hill walkers there was probably little of the holiday about it but one hears that the skiers took things steadily.

Apparently everything went very smoothly except at the start when Gary Egerton mistook 2000 hours for 10 p.m. and strolled onto the platform as the train was leaving. Only the fact that he is a sprinter and long jumper got him into the carriage.

Nearer home, Andy Crowne blundered into fame when sent out for a haircut because he was rather shaggy. On the way back he made a dramatic rescue from the river without getting his feet wet — obviously a good copper in the making.

One lost, one won

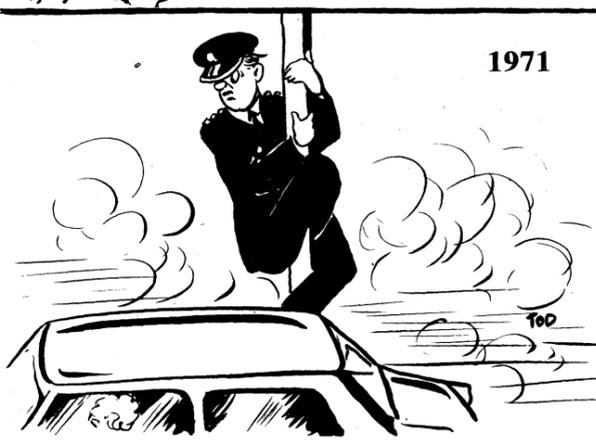
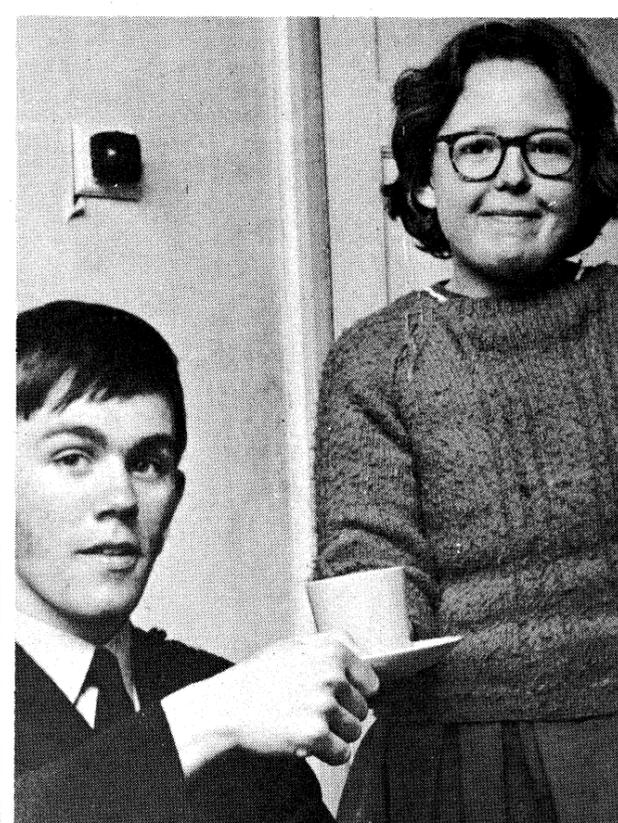
The only matches undertaken this month have resulted in an 8-1 soccer win against Chelmsford College of Further Education and basketball defeat at the hands of 2nd Light Infantry after a good game.



Above: The Cadet School home-built canoe fleet with the newest launching, a two-man Canadian, in the centre, paddled by David Rowe and Bob Foster. Right: Cadet Andrew Crowne, with Claire Zissler, aged 12, who he rescued from the river at Chelmsford last month. Andrew, who was passing on his way back to the School from the barbers, fished her out after she had slipped at play.

had flagged them down, in true Western style, at a bend some 50 yards before reaching my car. Having shaken hands with all at the scene at least a dozen times we drove off up the slope. It was then that I received the coup de grace. Both half shafts on my car capitulated at the furious revving and we slithered to a halt. As we trudged across fields to the nearest garage I was hardly consoled by my colleague's menacing mutterings about "I told you we should have walked to the line" and other choice, unprintable remarks. The only redeeming feature was that British Rail, in their infinite grace, chose not to complain on this occasion.

A. D. COOK  
D.s., Harlow



On the track

Dear Sir,

The Law, April 1971, carried a cartoon which brought an instant recollection to me.

During 1963, in common with other parts of the county, overhead signal wires were being stolen from railway lines in the Halstead Sub-Division. I would hasten to add that the Colne Valley line was then still in use, albeit on a restricted timetable. P.c. Robinson (now P.s. Robinson, Ongar) then Earls Colne beat officer, and I went out one day to keep observation on a stretch of line between Colne Engine and White Colne. I drove my private car across a field and down a slope towards the track. P.c. Robinson advised that we leave the car and walk the final few yards. I knew better, or so I thought, and resolutely drove on to the cinder track, bordering the line, with the intention of turning round. Alas the cinder track collapsed and left half my car overlapping the railway line and precariously leaning over a water filled ditch. We slid

out of the vehicle and tried to rock it at least off the line. This met with no success and the next stage of the operation involved enlisting the help of a tractor and driver who then appeared on the scene. Our combined efforts met with little success and it was then that someone casually informed me that a train was due there at any moment. I suppose one could say I panicked! I ran off, without a clue as to where I was going, and eventually reached a cottage where I intended to telephone for help. As I opened the gate I heard the two-tone horn of a diesel locomotive and I then reached the second stage of panic. I ran back towards the line and caught my first glimpse of a situation which must be unique. I saw a fully laden goods train travelling in reverse along the line and attached to the locomotive by a series of chains was my car. I shuddered as it jumped from sleeper to sleeper and heaved a sigh of relief when it was eventually lowered down. The five man train crew were leaping about like five-year-olds at their little excursion but apparently hadn't been so pleased when P.c. Robinson and the tractor driver

Credit where it's due

Dear Editor,

I refer to your April edition of the Law and once again I feel that I must correct you on minor detail. You have said much about the new vehicle acquired and adapted by divers for divers but you have failed to mention those who did the hard work and really deserve the credit.

Pc Bruce Berry of Colchester, who carried out all the carpentry and adaptations.

Pc Eric Bridgeman of Headquarters Garage.

Ps Des Biggs, A.I.R.T.E.

Ps Ian Fitzjohn, who carried out the electronics and the many others whose advice has proved invaluable in the production of the end product.

PHILIP CHINA  
Police Sergeant 2  
i/c Underwater Search & Recovery Unit

Mini Coppers

Dear Editor,

They say "old soldiers never die" and I have often wondered about old Policemen, particularly in these days when the lower height standard has resulted in Essex Officers being referred to as "The Mini Men Of Essex."

However, I do feel that the practice, be it widespread or isolated, of which I read in the Essex Chronicle is wrong in principle.

An advertisement in that paper read as follows, "1967 Mini-Copper, with radio, exceptional, £535."

Sir, I do feel that it is degrading for discarded Officers to be "sold off" and would ask you to join your voice to mine in protest.

B. CORBU  
Special Sergeant.

Hear, Hear.—Ed.

Party for pensioners

ON FRIDAY, April 23, at Harlow Police Station a social was held for Essex Police Pensioners and their wives and widows of former serving police officers who resided within the Division.

Some 26 pensioners, wives, six widows and guests made a very enjoyable reunion party which ended at midnight.

Organised by the Sports Club Committee the catering was carried out by members of the Police Wives' Club. The Divisional Commander Chief Superintendent Vickers, Mrs. Vickers and the Divisional Chaplain the Rev. Ronald Williams were also present.

On arrival all were given a reception drink and the ladies were given a box of chocolates each.

Having heard one pensioner say to another he had not seen

him for 50 years, the Sports Club Secretary Sergeant Wadley then formally introduced them to each other.

After substantial refreshments during which full use was made of the bar, a game of bingo was held and gifts kindly donated were given as prizes.

All ranks were represented from a Chief Superintendent down. All expressed their enjoyment of the evening and hoped that similar functions would be held more frequently. In his welcome Mr. Vickers reminded them that as Honorary Members of the Sports Club they were entitled to the use of the bar and he hoped therefore they would drop in from time to time.

Members present thanked the Secretary for sending them a copy of the Law newspaper each month. Although many present are members of the Old Comrades Association it was felt that this intimate social venture confined to ex-members of the Harlow Division gave them the opportunity of meeting each other all together.

Back numbers

POLICE Review are now in a position to offer back numbers to complete your collection of the magazine. For £3.50 they will supply a complete year, bound in the traditional blue and gold binding which has been used since the first volume of the magazine and this sum will include postage and packing to your address.

Individual copies are also available and will be invoiced to you on a pro-rata basis depending on the work involved in search, packing, postage and other expenses.

Prospective buyers are warned that some years and some individual issues have been sold out so that the scheme is very much on a first-come-first-served basis. All orders should be completed by September.

# SPORT

## DOWN IN ONE

Is this a Force record? Chief Supervisor the well-known golfing enthusiast — some would put it as high as a fanhole — landed a "hole-in-one" last week at Cannons Brook Golf Course, Harlow.

## Soccer

### Age v. Youth at Clacton

THE "pensioners" at Clacton Police Station recently challenged the "youth" of the same station to a "friendly" game of football. The match was played in soft shoes with a soft practice ball on Eastcliffe playing fields, Clacton, on April 13.

Under ideal conditions on a hard pitch the upstairs pensioners gave the downstairs youth side a sharp lesson in defensive football. In front of a capacity crowd, veteran "Boots" Weall regained all his former magic. The game was set alight after only five minutes when youth defender Clive "Shovel foot" Burchfield had a shot brilliantly saved by his own goalkeeper.

A quick breakaway from defence found that wizard of dribble, Noddy Brooks, unmarked on the halfway line and a shrewdly miskicked through ball found "Boots" Weall well off-side in the youths' penalty area. He quickly brought the ball under control with his left hand and stroked it into the corner of the net past the bewildered keeper, Graham, who stood aslep on his line.

The pensioners soon had a second goal when once again "Boots" Weall broke away and shot a shrewd offbreak to the now shaky Graham. Graham was deceived and the ball flew from his left knee into the roof of the net.

Play was now held up for a short while as some of the pensioners needed oxygen and trainer Connell sprinted on with the mask.

Then, as excitement grew, came a hotly disputed penalty taken by the pensioners' keeper Tony "brickhouse" Wicks. Graham rose to the occasion bringing off a fantastic save. He quickly cleared the ball to his forwards who raced to the pensioners' goal. A header by "Blaster" Cannon just went wide of the post but seemed well covered by Chas' Watson who had assumed the role of goalkeeper as Wicks came panting up the pitch trying to get to his own goal. (Oxygen was very nearly needed again). Theobald and Wright were doing a grand job at the back for the youth team and stopping "Boots" Weall from getting too close to the now very shaky Graham who had to light a cigarette to calm his nerves.

**Half time: Upstairs 2, Downstairs 0.**

After the interval the pensioners lined up in a determined mood. Dainty Tony Chadd and Bob Goodall, a player with plenty of "guts" marked tightly those devastating youth wingers "Ossie" Browning and Sean "Georgie Best" O'Reilly. Soon the youth team attacked strongly and chances fell to "Ossie" Browning and "Snap shot" Rhymes but they were foiled by crunching tackles from the pensioners' twin centre-halves "Hard man" Hammond and "Clouter" Camp.

Suddenly there was a skirmish in the pensioners' penalty area. There was Brian Templeman rolling on the ground in the goalmouth obviously in agony. Over comes the referee "Biased" Chilver. "Is it a penalty?" No! Out comes his book and in goes Templeman's name for obstruction, apparently blocking the goal

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## Rugby

### District 5's at Guildford

THE Annual P.A.A. Rugby Seven-a-side Tournament was held at the Guildford and Godalming Rugby ground, Surrey, on Thursday, 15th April, 1971. The Force sent a rather depleted side down to the event due to sickness and injuries. Despite this handicap they proved themselves no mean side although knocked out in the first round by Hampshire 'B'.

The game started in favour of Hampshire, who after four minutes scored a try which was converted, leaving Essex down five points. Essex rallied and after a combined movement, Cooper sent Sparks away down the centre who was tackled but centred the ball to Jackson who ran 40 yards to score under the posts, his speed beating three men. Sparks converted to make the score 5-5. After six minutes a penalty was awarded to Essex 45 yards out which Sparks converted to make the score at half-time 8-5.

After the restart Essex realised their potential and played well to hold the Hampshire men, who eventually broke away to score under the posts, their goal-kicker missing the all-important kick. This made the score 8-8 which Essex held until full-time.

Extra time was then played to the first score which Hampshire secured after a long struggle to clinch the match. The general feeling was that Hampshire were lucky to win this match.

Hampshire 'B' went on to the semi-finals only to be knocked out by Hertfordshire who were themselves knocked out by the winning team, Hampshire 'A'.

The fixture this year was a very worthwhile outing, although it must be noted that Essex had the least support and that was the driver and reserve!

Essex: Buller, Moore, Wilson, Cooper, Sparks (Capt.), Jackson, Rowe and Radford as reserve.

This match marked the end of an eventful season, during which we have impressed other teams and supporters with our standard of play and gamesmanship. It is hope that the same standard can be continued next season. Any interested parties phone P.S. D. Byrne J.L.O. at Southend.

mouth. A CRO check proved negative and Templeman was allowed to continue.

Then "Woody" Woodcock calls to the line for a "tie up" but his socks aren't falling down. On comes trainer Connell and ties a new ribbon in "Woody's" hair. "Woody" gives the trainer a quick kiss and rushes back into the battle.

The pensioners packed their defence leaving Jock Whitehill to prompt the attack. He was using the talented "Dazzler" Oehlich to great advantage. "Power house" Dennis was coming on strongly, forcing his way through the youth defence time and again only to be foiled close to the goal.

Then "Snap shot" Rhymes forced his way into the pensioners' area and "Iron man" Steele grabbed him round the waist and carried him away. The referee pointed to the spot. Up came "Shovel foot" Burchfield and he completely deceived both of the pensioners' goalkeepers with his shot. Score 2-1.

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## Athletics

The Force and Cadet Corps championship meeting will be held at Melbourne Park, Chelmsford, on Thursday, June 3rd, 1971.

### Events — Force

Men: 100m., 200m., 400m., 800m., 1500m., 3000m. steeplechase, 3000m. walk, 1600m. relay, shot, discus, javelin, high jump, long jump.  
Women: 100m., long jump.

### Events — Cadets

Men: 100m., 200m., 400m., 800m., 1500m., 3000m. steeplechase, 3000m. walk, 1600m. relay, shot, discus, javelin, high jump, long jump.  
Women: 100m., 200m., 2000m. walk, 400m. relay, shot, javelin, high jump, long jump.

## Walking

RACES this month have varied from two kilometres to 20 miles and it was over the latter distance that the best race took place.

This was our own Chelmsford to Southend race, taken over by Essex AAA as a full championship this year, to ensure the best field ever. This in turn led to a very fast race with the first 14 walkers beating 3 hours and the winner, Olly Flynn, Basildon's national junior champion, clocking 2h 35m 04s.

In perfect conditions John Hedgethorpe improved the Force record, set last year, by almost 4 minutes, to 2h 55m 19s. But quite close behind came the surprise of the day as Keith Mann got to grips with juniors Ron Hammond and Mike Eldred with the latter getting home to beat Ron for the first time. All did personal bests for the race as did Brian Jones and Mike Blackwell close behind completing the scoring.



MIKE ELDRED

The last few minutes proved very hectic. Chilver disallowed a Templeman equaliser and was very nearly violently attacked by angry youth players but he soon regained control. The pensioners' defenders were now staggering about like punch drunk boxers, kicking, tripping and holding to stop the younger youth forwards. Then suddenly a breakaway ball reached "Boots" Weall on the halfway line. He turned and streaked towards the youth goal with John Wright in hot pursuit. "Boots" swerved and

## CRICKET

# 1971 Fixture list

By Fred Nicholls

The fixture list is now all but complete, the last few games will be fixed shortly, and is shown below.

As can be seen several new clubs will be played and the opposition will be stronger than in previous years. It is hoped, therefore, that everyone will assist by playing when selected.

The team be will selected by the Committee and everyone who wishes to play will be given a chance. The strongest possible team will be picked for P.A.A. matches.

It will assist me greatly if everyone who wishes to play this season would contact me at Canvey 2266 as soon as possible. And a list of annual leave dates would be helpful.

We think the cricket we play is enjoyable for spectators, too. We play our games all round the county so why not come along and watch—you would be welcome.

### Fixtures

MAY					
Sunday	2	Ongar C.C.	Away	2.30	
Sunday	9	Halstead C.C.	Home	2.30	
Sunday	16	Tendring C.C.	Away	2.30	
Sunday	23	Braintree Crittall C.C.	Away	2.30	
Sunday	30	Braintree Town C.C.	Away	2.30	
JUNE					
Sunday	6	Runwell Hospital C.C.	Away	2.30	
Saturday	12	Tendring Park C.C.	Away	2.30	
Sunday	20	Sudbury C.C.	Away	2.30	
Sunday	27	Saxmundham C.C.	Colchester	2.30	
JULY					
Sunday	4	Witham Crittall C.C.	Away	2.30	
Sunday	11	Poslingford C.C.	Away	2.30	
Sunday	18	To be arranged			
Tuesday	20	Wickford C.C.	Away	2.30	
Sunday	25	Stort (Harlow) C.C.	Away	2.30	
AUGUST					
Sunday	1	Clacton C.C.	Away	11.30	
Sunday	5	Ipswich and East Suffolk	Away		
Sunday	8	Witham Crittall C.C.	Home	2.30	
Sunday	15	Colchester Garrison C.C.	Away	2.30	
Saturday	21	Stock C.C.	Away	2.30	
Saturday	28	Frinton C.C.	Away	2.15	
SEPTEMBER					
Thursday	2	P.A.A. 6-a-side	Hastings	10.30	
Saturday	4	Ongar C.C.	Home	2.00	
Sunday	12	Tendring Park C.C.	Home	2.00	
Saturday	18	Mistley C.C.	Away	2.00	
Sunday	26	Braintree Crittall	Away	2.00	

## Draw for P.A.A. competition

THE draw has been made for the South-East Region Knockout cricket competition. This year the committee of the region decided that zoning of the draw should be ended. In the draw we were drawn to play Kent at home and arrangements are being made to fix a date for this game to be played.

The full draw is as follows: Preliminary round: Thames Valley v. Hertfordshire. Round One: A, Essex and Southend v. Kent; B, Bedfordshire and Luton v. Sussex; C, Winners of preliminary round v. Surrey; D, Hampshire v. City of London. Semi-final: Winners of C v. Winners of A; Winners of B v. Winners of D.

A flurry of league races came this month with other events over 10 kilometres at Newham and our home race over 20 kilometres at Chelmsford. With only three out for the 10 kilometres we took a beating in the league but all three, inspired by Phil Emberton's amazing British record of 41m 55.6s, put in personal bests, including a new Force record from John Hedgethorpe.

By comparison our home race was tame though a good team effort landed us a second league place. League points have had to be fought for this year with the "big three," Southend, Ilford and Police, scoring six men in every race. Our third place after 10 races is our best yet.

### Handicap

Early in the month, on an excursion to Battersea Park John Hedgethorpe, broke through the handicaps at 20 kilometres to pick up third prize and Mike Eldred captured a third place medal in the youths three miles.

Mike Eldred must be our man of the month with good times put up at three miles, 10 kilometres and 20 miles. But it is perhaps unfair to single him out above Hammond, Jones and Hastings all of whom put in remarkably good 20 mile times.

Cadet and Force teams take on the Barking to Southend on May 16 and are all hitting form together.

The girls, with three races this month found the outside opposition rather hard to cope with but Susan Moss is putting up good times and with Liz Allman and Margaret Cooper are a much improving trio.

### Results

#### Battersea Park: 3-4-71

20 Kilos: J. Hedgethorpe, 107m 59s; K. Mann, 123m. Youth 3 miles: 3rd, M. Eldred, 28m 55s; 6th, B. Jones, 29m 19s; 10th, J. Shanahan, 31m 19s. Junior 5 miles: J. Hastings, 49m 51s.

#### Chigwell: 7-4-71: 10 miles

18th, J. Hedgethorpe, 87m 19s. 28 started. Teams: Police 39; Civil Service 60; R.A.F. 79pts.

#### Newham: 14-4-71: 10 Kilos

12th, J. Hedgethorpe, 52m 48s (Force record); 15th, M. Eldred, 54m 35s; 18th, K. Mann, 56m 11s. Women's 2,000m: 4th, S. Moss, 12m 48s (Force record); 6th, E. Allman, 13m 57s; 7th, M. Cooper, 14m 46s.

#### Chelmsford: 17-4-71: 20 Kilos

11th, J. Hedgethorpe, 108m 26s; 15th, R. Hammond and M. Eldred, 117m 11s; 17th, K. Mann, 119m 25s; 21st, B. Jones, 123m 19s; 22nd, M. Blackwell, 123m 37s; 31st, G. Lee, 143m 31s. Women's 2 miles: 4th, S. Moss, 20m 07s; 5th, E. Allman, 22m 02s; 6th, M. Cooper, 23m 18s. Teams: Southend 172; Police 158; Basildon 146; Ilford 124; Essex Beagles 98; League 42.

#### Chelmsford: 21-4-71: 3 miles (women)

Leading times: S. Moss, 30m 42s; E. Allman, 32m 12s; A. Grange, 34m 58s; D. Wilson, 35m 44s; S. Tyes, 35m 57s; J. Ayres, 35m 58s.

#### Chelmsford-Southend: 24-4-71: 20 miles

11th, J. Hedgethorpe, 2h 55m 19s (Force record); 18th, M. Eldred, 3h 10m 42s; 19th, R. Hammond, 3h 10m 49s; 20th, K. Mann, 3h 10m 49s; 21st, M. Blackwell, 3h 16m 35s; 22nd, B. Jones, 3h 16m 35s; 25th, G. Lee, 3h 23m 07s.; 36th, J. Hastings, 3h 36m 01s. League team race: Southend 199, Police 138, Basildon 130, Ilford 129, Essex Beagles 79, Woodford 25.

League scores: Overall scores after 10 races: Teams: 1, Southend, 1511; 2, Ilford, 1259; 3, Police, 1211; 4, Basildon, 1156; 10 teams scoring. Individuals: J. Hedgethorpe 289 (4th), R. Hammond 218, K. Mann 213, M. Eldred 142, M. Blackwell 109, J. Hastings 77, B. Jones 76, G. Lee 56, D. Hawkins 47, J. Weatherley 38, J. Shanahan 22, M. Puttick 16.

# More Sport P.8

other three cheers and then the referee three boos. The crowd were saying "What a game" as they dispersed. The players were saying "Where's the beer?" as they departed.

And so the trophy was won but perhaps after the youth team gain more experience in the coming year they will pull off a victory next year.

I spoke to supporters of both teams as they left the stadium. Here are their comments:—

Insp. Rookyard: "I was proud of my youth team. I will

give them a bit of coaching and we will win next year."

Mrs. Wicks: "My Tony was great. Some of the others were all right as well."

Master Wright: "I thought the youth team were very good but how does my Dad get in a youth team?"

C/Insp. Cole: "What a fiddle. All the pensioners' goals were off-side. The ref was fixed, but the pensioners had one or two up and coming players like Noddy Brooks."

D/Sgt. Connell: "I was only here for the beer."

# NARPO

By Bert Brinkley

THERE seems very little this month on which to comment but it is hoped, after the A.G.M. on May 1 (Chelmsford branch) there will be plenty. It is hoped the bulletins for March will be despatched before that date.

Incidentally, it is worthy of note that our membership has increased by 30 members during the year. There are still many residing hereabouts upon which the gentle arm of persuasion has failed to fall, but we persevere and hope consciences may be stirred and thus prevail.

The scheme for the dissemination of messages concerning deaths, etc., of pensioners is now complete. Following discussions with the Deputy Chief Constable who has gone to great lengths to introduce a workable plan, a list has been drawn up and published in Force Orders, setting out those persons in Divisions and Sub-Divisions who are prepared to take part in the scheme. It is hoped everyone — whether on the list or not — will do his utmost to see that the scheme is carried out satisfactorily and thus show appreciation for the manner in which the Deputy Chief Constable had endeavoured to satisfy the wishes of pensioners. Divisional Commanders will notify all on the list immediately a teleprinter message is received from Headquarters.

At a meeting of the Police Magazine Committee on April 13 it was agreed to publish the magazine for a further period after 1971 — this period to be agreed in due course with the publishers. The meeting was informed that as the result of the notices sent with our last bulletins a further 60 subscribers had enrolled. The emphasis is still on photographs, material and anything of interest. It is hoped to include a photo in the next issue sent by a person, unconnected with the Force, which he found and "thought it might be of interest." If any difficulty is experienced I am sure there is someone who will readily assist with the script. Who knows it might prove very lucrative.

Members will have read in "The Law" of the departure of the Force Welfare Officer, Mr. A. R. Sorrell, who was a co-opted member of our committee. When the new Welfare Officer is appointed it may be possible to co-opt him also. In the meantime if any member comes across a case, which in his opinion is deserving of consideration by the Benevolent Fund Committee, will contact the Branch Secretary, the necessary steps will be taken to set the wheels of fortune in motion.

## What's on Who's off

By Monty

HAVING now got the general idea of what is required for the column we all have something to aim at. Response from the first attempt was very encouraging indeed, with articles received from Colchester and Southend. Halstead and Colchester offered their apologies for not attending the first meeting at Halstead, I have been told, were not informed and two-thirds of Colchester were performing duty elsewhere. Hope to see them all next time, which we hope will be in the near future at H.Q.

It appears that I personally made a bit of a "faux-pas" last meeting in that I didn't invite the people that made all of this really possible in some cases, "i.e. to be a Traffic Motor Cyclist" and they were certain members of the Driving School. I hope that when the next meeting is arranged they will come along and offer their unlimited experience and also pick up a bit of "patrol expertise."

At the moment there is no new equipment "doing the rounds" and still no sign of

# Federation News

By Stan Smith

IT HAS come to notice that a large number of Officers are not completely satisfied that they know their correct rate of pay, particularly those affected by age-pointing on the previous scales. Their gross monthly salary shown on their last pay advice slips was not the amount they expected. Enquiries reveal that in order to speed the payment of the arrears of pay from last September, it was necessary to calculate the basic arrears of pay on the increments ruling as at 1 September, 1970, and in effect, the arrears paid do not take into account any increment due to members since that date. Those Officers affected by this calculation will receive their additional arrears with the next pay cheque in May and at the same time their correct gross monthly pay will be brought up to date.

## The Law Shop

**FOR SALE:** Set 4 Arden wheel spacers, as new, complete with extension studs, 1 1/4 in., gives track increase of 2 1/2 in., suit B.M.C. 1500 or similar with four-stud drums, cost over £4, will sell £2.50. D.C. Green, Harlow, ext. 12 or Harlow 33027.

**WHAT OFFERS:** A Hamilton Health Appliance complete, adjustable. Widow of Ex/Detective Sergeant (Paddy) Jackson, 84 Severnake Road, CHELMSFORD, Essex.

**WANTED:** Garden shed, maximum size 7ft. x 5ft., reasonable price. Peter Reeve, Cadet School, HQ, ext 296.

### FOR SALE

**BEDROOM SUITE,** walnut (lined mahogany) consisting of 4ft. lady's wardrobe, 2ft. 9in. gent's fitted robe and large dressing table, excellent condition, £20. **Dining-room suite** in walnut, 4 dining chairs with padded seats, sideboard complete with cocktail cabinet and strip light, extending table with middle section used as coffee table, excellent condition, £25. **2 fireside chairs,** upholstered in dark brown nylon material, £10 the pair. **Wall fitting telephone table,** with frosted glass top, semi-circular wrought iron 22in. wide, £1. **Hawkins "Hi-Dri" Electric Clothes Dryer and Airing** complete with cover, equals 30ft. of clothes line, 1 kW, extended 5ft. high, collapses for easy storage, automatic cut-out and safety switch. As new £3.50. **Venetian Blind,** white, 6ft. 6in. wide, as new, £5.—Contact: Pc 582 Knowles, Basildon.

When the printed Regulations and the usual Home Office explanatory letter which accompanies Regulations are received it is hoped to be able to publish a memorandum giving sufficient information for all officers to be able to check their scales of pay.



Members are again reminded that the possibility of joining the very worth-while and advantageous insurance scheme is still open to those who have not yet taken advantage of the generous terms offered. A telephone call to the Federation Office, ext. 248, or a short note addressed to me will result in application forms and an explanatory leaflet being forwarded by return. For the information of members of the scheme who are now being required to complete Income Tax forms the name of the scheme is: The Essex & Southend-on-Sea Joint Constabulary Group Insurance Scheme, run by Geo. Burrows Ltd., of 32 Cambridge Park, Wanstead, E11. The annual premium is 44p x 12 — £5.28 p.a. The normal death benefit is now £1,340 and the accidental death benefit is £2,740. For Income Tax purposes the Code No. C/20013/9014/960 should be quoted.



It is anticipated that the new scheme of mortgage facilities linked with endowment insurance being floated by the Police Mutual Assurance Society is likely to be promulgated within the next week or so and will receive publicity through the national Police publications as well as by leaflets distributed throughout the Forces.

A scheme, under which the difference between the purchase price of a property and that amount which can be obtained from a building society, is available to members from an insurance firm, is under investigation and details will be published as soon as it has been found to be worth-while.



I have been asked to advise members to co-operate with Miss D. Newton, a Home Office Psychologist, who is following up the report issued by Mr. Venner. Some members will be able to remember that some time ago, Mr. Venner and his team investigated the causes of wastage in this Force. Apparently he produced his report in March and I hear on the grapevine that it has proved not to be as helpful

as was hoped, mainly because the reasons given for members leaving the Force were not gone into deeply enough—hence the arrival of Miss Newton, presumably to dig a little deeper. Not having had the advantage of reading Mr. Venner's report, I feel that I cannot advise members what they should do on this subject and you must make your own judgement if you are approached. The biggest cause of premature wastage at the time of the investigation was obviously pay, and now that this has been temporarily remedied the Force is gradually gaining in strength. People will put up with many things if they are paid well enough and one wonders if the very many other reasons for members leaving the Force can be alleviated by the publication of reports no matter how highly qualified those reporting may be.

the "Norton" although certain people in higher places are making encouraging remarks, and "Slinger" Woods has been measured for a full "Avia" kit. News from the front line at Colchester is that P.C. John Marshall of the Halstead Sub did a bit of brake testing on a slippery road to avoid a gentleman in a four-wheeled heated type "Thingame." John then found out that the claims of Headquarters respecting the twin leading shoe arrangement was correct, he took a short, sharp trip through the air. I am told that the air was a delicate shade of blue for some 1,000 yards around the ground zero. No further comment as the matter is pending at the moment regarding the gent in the motor. John states that apart from a few bruises, the thing that was hurt most was PRIDE. Anyway John was not divested of his "wings."

Another matter resulting in a grounding for a few days was Mitch Martin, the man of whom the Chief Constable once said "WHO???" The only claim to fame of Mitch is that he was the first ever (civilians included) to prang something on the new Stanway By-Pass. That should cause a few headaches at Accident Statistics as the new road is not plotted on the maps. The map reference therefore put Mitch as having crunched in the middle of a field. Once again injuries slight at the time but on waking the next day he was heard to say "I can't move" the expression stiff as a board was no exaggeration.

Sergeant Joe Bassett wandered into the canteen yesterday looking very posh in his motor cycle gear, someone said as much too, there was a muttered reply from one of the brave souls of the motor cycle section to the effect, "I should think so, he never goes out in it," and "Don't we know the warmer weather's here." Joe, whose replies to remarks of that nature are cryptic to say the least eventually proved the second remark wrong as he patrolled with the Colchester lads at Marks Tey races the next day (he was third in the ladies' race), that particular day was right brass monkey weather as proved by the fact that Joe started off wearing his shortie raincoat and developed throughout the day, he was last seen wearing a greatcoat and about six layers of scarf wrapped round his face and a nose glowing like a Transit's stripes after dark.

We are informed from Southend that their ranks are to be depleted by one, Constable 176 David James. David joined the Force on November 14, 1963, and on January 1, 1968, joined the Traffic Department as a motor cyclist, when on an Advanced Motor Cycle Course he obtained very high marks of 92. He is hoping to become a publican when he leaves the Force. I understand he has a period of training before being let loose on the public. He is hoping that when he does eventually take on a pub it will be in the

Essex area and so we all may be able to "taste the wine." Anyway, David, all the best in the future and please keep in touch and let us know where you settle. We will let you know what your beer is like! Laidon report all is quiet and promise that in their next edition they will supply us with info of their now very popular trials squad, so looking forward to that next time.

At Headquarters everything is ticking along very nicely, nothing new to try on or wear. We also realise the nice weather is with us as on two or three occasions recently two certain very tall Sergeants have been seen "astride" the spare machines. I have heard through the grapevine that if this is to be the case throughout the summer then new tea stops will have to be found as our previous "stops and signals" could fall into enemy hands. Still at Headquarters we regret the loss of one of our stalwarts, Terry Peck, who we wrote about in the last edition. He opted for four wheels permanently, so farewell Terry, we'll miss you at Beeleigh Races. On closing, it is hoped to arrange a visit to Triumphs of Coventry in the very near future or a like establishment and also arrangements are being made for the next meeting at Headquarters. Would appreciate Sub Divs representatives phoning me with suitable dates. **Ride safe and to the system.**

## SHOOTING

In recent smallbore shooting competitions the Force Team have not been able to notch a win, though they drew with the bogey score in round 5.

### Scores

**S.E. Region championship**  
Beaten by Kent: scores, G. Bread-



Competitors firing from behind cover at last month's Force Pistol Meeting.

## Football finalists must play again

By John Weatherley

IN THE final of the Inter-Divisional Football Competition both teams, after a dull start, produced an exciting and entertaining game. It was Colchester who had the better chances of scoring in the first half and as a result Mike Walker shot in the first goal for Colchester after only 12 minutes. From then on both sides missed good chances and it was not until the 30th minute that Brian Arnell turned well to ram home the equaliser off the goalkeeper's hand and post. Arnell went close again several times but it was still even at half-time, one all.

In the second half Colchester again started very well and went ahead through a good move by the forwards. Austin, who received the ball in the middle of the Southend half, pushed it out to Bolingbroke on the wing and from the centre Keith Wilkins rose to nod home. This gave Southend East the incentive to play better and harder football and gradually they came more into the game until they were well on top and producing many scoring chances. Their revival was marred by the fact that Edkins was booked for arguing in the 68th minute.

Finally the Southend pressure told and a mix up between Williams and Tyler let in

ing 197, J. Stenson 195, R. Wolton 195, R. Sanderson 191.

**S.E. Region individuals**  
J. Stenson 289, G. Breeding 286, R. Sanderson 286; all eliminated.

**Nat. League Div. 3, Rd. 5**  
J. Stenson 99, R. Wolton 96, A. Gowers 94, J. Cottee 97, R. Sanderson 97, G. Breeding 89, C. Snow 88 —572, drew with bogey.

**Nat. League Div. 3, Rd. 6**  
J. Stenson 95, R. Wolton 94, J. Cottee 90, R. Sanderson 98, C. Snow 92, G. Breeding 99—lost to Metro 3 'B', 576-586.

Southend's Gibbons to equalise again. Southend brought on their substitute late in the second half and were still pressing hard at the end of normal time with the score still even at two all.

In extra time Arnell was immediately on the attack for Southend and put them ahead for the first time when he banged in a through ball. This was the sign for Colchester's Wilkinson to move up into the attack and immediately he equalised after some good work by their man-of-the-match Mike Walker.

The second half of extra time was very even but after Arnell had had a goal disallowed for offside Colchester were the team who finished stronger.

**Final score: Colchester 3, Southend East 3.**

**Colchester team:** Tyler, Davies, Handley, Williams, Wilkinson, Walker, Potter, Wilkins, Austin, Hayes, Bolingbroke, Sub.: Jones.

**Southend East team:** Wilson, Craven, Ross, Croot, Edkins, Moss, Ansell, Donovan, Arnell, Lee, Gibbons, Sub.: Florence.

**Replay: Wednesday May 5th, at Southend.**

The Force team took the field only a few minutes after the final ended to lose 1-0 to Brentwood. They thus come to the end of a run which has brought them 15 points from nine games and shot them up the league table.

John Rhymes recently represented the Olympian League in their match against the Border League. After only turning up to watch, he was put into the team and scored both their goals in a 5-2 defeat.

## TENNIS

The 1970 (yes, 1970) tennis cup final was played at H.Q. on April 29 and resulted in a thumping 3-0 win for Chelmsford over Colchester. Inspector Jock MacDonald and P.C. Mick Marlow took the doubles in straight sets and singles' players, John Virgo and "Taff" Jones also won without conceding a set.

## Know your law answers

1. False
2. True
3. False

## WHAT'S ON

### Life saving dates 1971

- May 15: West Riding Cup finals — Hendon.
- May 22: Allington Cup (Girl Cadets)—Blackpool
- June 19: Police Baton (men) eliminator — Hendon.
- September 4: Allington Cup (policewomen), southern region eliminator—Hendon.
- October 3: Allington Cup finals —Walsall.
- October 23: Police Baton finals —Newport, Mon.

### First Aid

May 16: Salter and De Rouge-mont Cups (Special Constabulary) at Cadet School all day.

### Other dates

- May 16: Barking to Southend Police long distance walking championships. Start 9 a.m. Leaders will arrive on front about 2 p.m.
- June 2: Force Derby Day draw.
- June 3: Force Athletics Championships, Melbourne Park, Chelmsford, 1.45 p.m.