

## Nine receive awards at Shire Hall

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### Girl life-savers' success



Fourth place in the national life saving finals was the achievement of these cadets last month. And this was in their first entry into the event, in which they scored top marks in the staged incident test. From the left Jane Ayres, Ann Ranson, reserve, Terry Skinner, Jane Trollope and Diane Lewis; seated are Supt. H. Welburn and Wps G. Dockrell.

## THE VENNER REPORT Survey took much longer than anyone expected

By Brian Venner

THE text of my report on the questionnaires about manpower wastage which were completed at the end of 1969 is now being printed. It has been seen in final draft by senior officers in the Force, and it has been agreed that copies will be available through the Chief Constable for reference by any member of the Force who is interested.

It has taken considerably longer to reach this stage than I initially estimated. The responsibility for this is primarily my own—I have had to defer to the demands of other projects with only limited assistance.

The quality and usefulness of the report I leave for each reader to judge for himself/herself. Broadly, however, it suggests that,

in the context of wastage, a limited range of topics is of particular concern. As Miss Denise Newton from Brunel University is undertaking a period of secondment in the Police Scientific Development Branch we have proposed that she conduct a follow-up study looking at these topics in greater depth. The Chief Constable has agreed to this. Miss Newton will be interviewing some members of the Force as the first report becomes generally available.

Understanding service issues of this nature is not an easy task but it is very helpful to receive the high level of co-operation that I have enjoyed in Essex and I hope that the impressions we are now beginning to feed back to the Force will prove to be of some use.

Also honoured at the Shire Hall ceremony were the following:

Supt. Lewis Minshall of H.Q. who received the Queen's Police Medal for perfecting his Essex "two hand" fingerprint classification system.

Wardens Harry Morgan and Gilbert White for their work in connection with the arrest of three shoplifters in Chelmsford.

Civilians:  
Dr. A. E. Purkis, of Billericay, the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct for his part in the shotgun incident at Billericay.

Mr. David Simonz, of Latchingdon, for his rescue of a girl swimmer in Cornwall last year, received the Queen's Commendation as did Mrs. June Colvill on behalf of her husband, who at the age of 51, died in the course of the same rescue.

It wasn't just the men who went along to Shire Hall on 14th May when nine members of the Force received awards, it was Ladies' Day too.



P.s. Stan Smith, J.B.B. Secretary, was accompanied by Mrs. Smith to see the B.E.M. added to her husband's row of medals, awarded in recognition of his work during the amalgamation in 1969.



Billericay's Chief Inspector George Manning poses with his wife, Joyce, and daughter, Heather, after receiving the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct awarded after an incident at Billericay last year when a man fired shotguns out of the windows of his house at passers-by. With Inspector John Clark, of Laindon Traffic, seen below with his mother and wife, Doreen, he calmed the man down until he could be disarmed.



A wistful look from P.c. Ken Light (left) joint winner of the Wilson Trophy with P.c. Murdo MacInnes, for rescuing two youths from Walton mudflats last year, but Mrs. Mima MacInnes looks proud and daughter, Joanne, holds the cup and feels very important.



The Millard Trophy, for top public relations work in the year, went to P.c. Bob Collett, of Vange, for his youth work, and it was only right that Mrs. Collett should be there because she is closely involved in her husband's work.—Pictures by Tony Cole.

# 1971 bowls tour

THE fifth annual tour of the Police Bowls Tourists has just ended, in glorious weather. Although we had some rain it did not prevent any matches from being completed.

Some 46 attended the tour, including serving officers, retired officers their wives and friends and all agreed it was the most successful to date.

In the party were 26 male bowlers and 10 female bowlers and each day two stood down.

Harold Tredee once more brought along his Gonk which was carried each day by the losing skip, and for the ladies, Norge Viney made a doll Maggie May which got nicknamed Gink and this the losing lady skip had to carry.

Saturday saw both men and ladies visiting Princes Park, Eastbourne. The men met The Redoubt B.C. and started the tour off with a victory by 137 shots to 113. The ladies however suffered a narrow defeat 33 shots to 39.

On Sunday we all journeyed to Bexhill, where the men met Polegrove B.C. but this time found the opposition very strong and suffered defeat by 92 shots to 152. The ladies playing on the adjoining green against Egerton Park Ladies had a good game and won by 45 shots to 31.

On Monday we went to Newhaven but on the way we left two rinks of men and two rinks of ladies at Seaford to play Seaford B.C. as Newhaven could only accommodate four men's rinks.

At Newhaven the men did very well until the last end on each rink, when all four rinks lost, losing a total of nine shots between them which resulted in a defeat by 81 shots to 84. At Seaford, however, the men came out victors by 55 shots to 39, but the ladies were unable to repeat last year's win against Seaford Ladies and were defeated by 30 shots to 52.

On Tuesday we journeyed to the lovely greens at White Rock Gardens at Hastings. The men had a fixture with Rosemount B.C. and before the game commenced both teams stood round the flag pole when a new flag was hoisted to commemorate the opening match of the golden jubilee of the club. The police rose to the occasion and a very keenly contested game resulted in a draw of 111 shots each. Ted Horne was skipping the last rink to finish and with his last wood he wanted to draw one for victory, but with a good head he could easily have pushed one in and lost the game, and he was wide with his last shot. The ladies once again took on White Rock Ladies whom they defeated last year, but were unable to repeat the victory and lost by 29 shots to 46.

On Wednesday we visited Brighton where for the fourth time we took on Brighton B.C. in a rubber of five matches. Leading 2-1 in the series we were hoping to chalk up the decider, but Brighton had other ideas and turned out a strong team. One rink had success and two rinks drew, but for the other three rinks it was a sad story, and Brighton made the score two each. The final score being 105 to 147. Meanwhile the ladies were at Preston Park taking on Brighton Ladies and were full of joy when we picked them up for both rinks had won giving them victory by a score of 40-30.

Thursday saw the ladies resting, whilst the men took on Alexandra Park B.C. at Hastings. For the first time in the week rain was threatening when the game commenced, but although a couple of short breaks had to be taken for showers the game was completed. Five rinks had a very slow game but one rink going down by 22 shots was too much and we lost the game by 106 shots to 135.

## Marriage

Back at the hotel that night saw our social night, and it turned out to be one of the finest social nights the tour has ever had. Except for the committee of six, no one knew what they had to do or what was happening until 15 minutes before the opening. At 8.45 p.m. all members of the party

## a great social whirl

assembled in the small dance hall at the hotel together with members from the Plymouth British Railways Bowls party staying at the hotel and some residents. The dance hall was set out as a church and Ted Horne and Bert Ellis acting as ushers kept the females on one side and the males on the other. At the end of the aisle was a table on which was the tourist banner, and two woods to represent candles.

Elsie Spiller was at the "organ" and they all stood up and sang as Wilf Newnham (Archbishop of Langham) led in the choir of Vi Horne, Mary Newnham, Ivy Burrigge, Fred Lench, Harold Steady and Alec Thorogood, all of whom were suitably attired.

They were followed by Harold Tredee with his Gonk (bridegroom and best man) and at 9 p.m. to the Bridal March Norge Viney brought in the bride, Gink, on the arms of Reg Viney (Father).

The Archbishop of Langham carried out a full wedding ceremony in 'bowlers' language and bowls badges were exchanged between the Gink and Gonk instead of rings. After the ceremony the necessary marriage certificate was signed in the vestry and the bride (Gink) and bridegroom (Gonk) on the arms of Norge and Harold were led down the aisle and around the hotel, under showers of confetti, returning to the hall, which had been then transformed for a wedding reception.

The social evening continued with singing, dancing and entertainments. The evening ended just after midnight with the manager David playing on his guitar. After all the confetti had been cleared up we all went to bed with a severe thunderstorm raging outside.

Thanks are due to Eileen Heuer who spent the best part of two days making clothes for Harold (hot pants) and the Archbishop and the choir.

## Narrow win

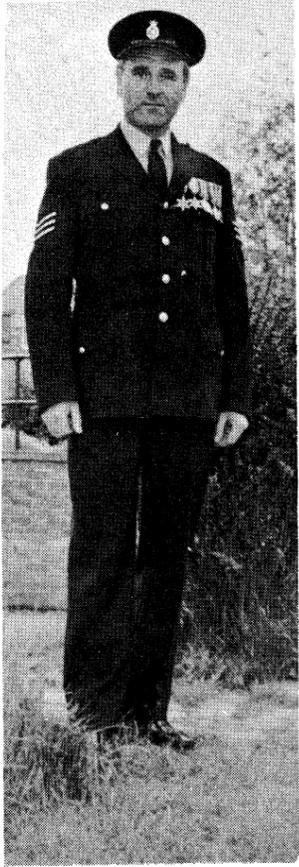
The storm was still about at seven next morning and whilst having breakfast it looked odds against the long-awaited return challenge match against the Plymouth British Railways touring team taking place. But with a break in the skies coming about 9 a.m. the teams were soon changing and at 10 a.m. Four men's rinks and two ladies' rinks were in action on Princes Park. With a keenly contested game the score remained fairly even throughout, and we finally came out victors by the narrow margin of 109 shots to 103. Of course, the ladies were really pleased for it was them that had pulled us to victory. For the record the four men's rinks score was 68 shots to 71 whilst the two ladies' rinks was 41 shots to 32.

In the afternoon the men took on the Parade B.C. and although the start was delayed by rain, the clouds soon moved over for sunshine. We ended as we started the tour with a victory this time by 125 shots to 112. This was a strange game because four of the rinks had a fairly close game, but while one won by the score of 40 shots to four, the other rink lost by six shots to 32, going 13 ends before getting on the card.

After packing all the bowls gear away, all the party were invited into the bar where we took sherry with the manager Mr. and Mrs. David Lowe, who had done so much to make our tour a success.

Harold was M.C. at the final dinner that followed.

Ted Horne, president and captain of the tour, spoke of



IN THESE drab days of standardisation and uniformity one can only mourn the passing from the force of one of its characters. P.S. Phil China retired this month after "25". Originally a member of Colchester Boro' he has thus served in three forces, being stationed at Colchester, River, Castle Heddingham, Rettendon and H.Q. He is going to work for the Essex Water Co. as advisory safety officer and will live at West Hanningfield.

## Public service

A very agitated and remorseful employee called at a police station in the north of the county and confessed that he had gambled away the whole of his firm's takings. "I'm sorry, old boy," said the officer on duty, "but I can't lend you the money."

the committee's work (Reg Viney, secretary and treasurer; Bert Ellis, Wilf Newnham, Fred Lench and Harold Tredee).

The Reg Viney Cup was then presented by Reg to Ted Harll who had the best aggregate score of the week, and Vi Horne presented the second and third prizes to Reg Viney and Alf Brewster.

This year the ladies also had a cup for the best aggregate score of the week and this cup, which had been given by Doris Cordwell, was presented by Doris to Norge Viney, with Emmie Lench as runner-up.

Bert Ellis also spoke highly of the efficient way Reg had done his work, and the whole party thoroughly agreed, and in appreciation had donated towards a present.

The members then agreed upon another tour for next year, and agreed to come back to the Langham. When the manager heard of this, he offered a cup to be known as the Langham Cup. The committee were then unanimously re-elected en-bloc for next year.

## Stripped

Later that evening Harold went to his bedroom, and after all the tricks he had been getting up to during the week, found someone else had been up to tricks and on opening his bedroom door, found the room completely empty including bulbs and lamp-shade. Harold, not to be outdone, phoned the local police and got them on his side and they subsequently visited the hotel. But later when he visited the room with the manager everything was ship shape.

Most of the party have stated intentions of going next year, but if any bowler is interested in joining the party will they please contact Reg Viney at 29 West Road, Saffron Walden, at an early date, and avoid being disappointed.

Date for next year: Saturday, May 6 to Saturday, May 13. A full week's bowling for both men and ladies is being arranged.

# PORTRAIT

## Doug Wheatley

### Civilianisation with a difference for sports sec.

MAY 30th was the last day of police duty for P.S. Doug Wheatley who has worked in the HQ Stores Office for the past six years during which time he has filled the post of Match & Competition Secretary to the Force Sports Association.

But Doug Wheatley won't be going far because of his new title, far grander than before, is Supervisor of Office Services Group. This covers central dictation, central registry, inter-



nal messenger service, form control, furniture and equipment, and reprographic services.

Doug was one of the original cadet clerks serving in that capacity at Clacton after leaving Colchester Royal Grammar School. During his 30 years and 89 days service he worked at Clacton, Hornchurch, Grays and HQ for the last 12 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheatley have three sons all at school in Chelmsford and they will soon move to Great Baddow. One of the jobs Doug has taken up on retirement is publicity officer to Chelmsford Ballet Company. "I don't take part," he hastened to add, and looking at his burly frame one could see what he meant.

## First regatta a success

THE Force Sailing Club held their first Interdivisional Regatta on 11th May at the Marconi Sailing Club at Stansgate on the River Blackwater.

The first race, which attracted nine entries, started at 1130 hours in a very light wind with the flood tide.

Pc Petty-Mayor (Southend) sailing his "Albacore" dinghy, led from the start, a position which he held until the end. Det. Chief Insp. Hodges (Basildon) followed in his "Enterprise" dinghy closely followed by Pc Howard (HQ Traffic) in the single-handed "Toy" class dinghy. Pc Howard managed to overtake Chief Insp. Hodges on the final lap.

but was unable to beat his handicap and finished third.

Pc Gandy (HQ Traffic) sailing the slower "Graduate" class dinghy, managed to beat his handicap over the fireball dinghies of Insp. Wright (Colchester Traffic) and Pc Stenson (Harlow), both being unable to find their proper speed in the light wind, and the Wayfarer of Pc Cottee (Colchester).

The second race, in a stronger wind against the ebb tide over the same course, saw Pc Howard first away, followed by Pc Petty-Mayor and Chief Insp. Hodges. The rest of the fleet followed closely with the smallest dinghy, the Mirror class, sailed by Pc York-Wade

(Southend) bringing up the rear. Pc Howard kept the lead until the end but was unable to beat his handicap against the Albacore of Pc Petty-Mayor, who again won.

Chief Insp. Hodges was third home and third on handicap followed by the fireballs of Insp. Wright and Pc Stenson, these two again not being able to beat their handicap against the Graduate of Pc Gandy and the Wayfarer of Pc Cottee.

The overall result was a double win for Pc Petty-Mayor (Southend) a tie for second place with a second and third each by Chief Insp. Hodges and Pc Howard. Fourth Pc Gandy two 4ths followed by Pc Cottee, Insp. Wright and Pc Stenson.



Some tight tacking as the D.C.I. Hodges' Enterprise, with W. Insp. L. Brooks as crew, passes astern of P.C. Howard's Toy class dinghy. The races, the first sailing section has organised, took place on the Blackwater at Stansgate.

# Fuel for more liaison

By Michael Blackwell

THE following story will, I hope, be of interest to all police officers, proving as it does the usefulness of courses for those willing to put theory into practice, and the advantages to be gained from liaison with other law enforcement agencies.

During a recent Inspectors Course held at Police Headquarters, Chelmsford, three Customs and Excise Officers, Mr. A. Devaney, Mr. M. L. Chapman and Mr. J. Jones lectured on their work. Both Mr. Devaney and Mr. Chapman are Oils Liaison Officers, with responsibility for maintaining contact with various organisations dealing with hydrocarbon oils and the detection of offences concerning their illegal use.

We are all aware of the high rate of duty on Derv and petrol—a staggering 22½ new pence per gallon. Similar fuels, such as red gas oil, kerosene, i.e., paraffin and burning oils, carry only one new penny duty per gallon. Other oils, such as industrial solvents, oils for export or for use in ships, oils being moved between bonded installations, and oils for U.S.A.F. bases, are free of duty.

Red gas oil which is used for heating, farm vehicles, site vehicles, stationary engines, etc., is the same as Derv, but has a red dye and two chemical tracers added before it leaves the bonded warehouse. Kerosene can be mixed with Derv and petrol to produce a road fuel. Some kerosenes are dyed by the suppliers (e.g. Esso Blue, Aladdin Pink) whilst others are not coloured but have the two chemical tracers introduced at the warehouse.

## Roadside checks

As a control on the 1p oils being used as road fuels, Road Fuel Testing Units examine fuel from the running tanks of vehicles. These roadside tests can establish the presence of the two tracers and gravity and flash point checks may indicate the presence of kerosene.

In order to avoid detection, users may resort to such devices as installing concealed tanks in their vehicles or filtering marked oil through Fullers Earth.

There have been a number of very large frauds involving theft of Derv and petrol from bonded warehouses. As a result, HM Customs and Excise are interested in suspicious behaviour by tanker drivers, e.g. hurried deliveries at service stations or big spending, and potential recipients such as



Inspector Boon

garages and haulage firms, who may be in financial difficulties, who are offering excessive price concessions. They are also interested in the movement of plain, unmarked tankers, as such vehicles have been involved in nearly all the major oil frauds.

## No information

Unlike police officers, customs officers rarely receive complaints on which to act. They either have to detect offences themselves or act on information received. This is where police officers can be of assistance by reporting to H.M. Customs & Excise anything suspicious. The customs officers will be pleased to investigate and will carry out all the enquiries themselves so as not to involve the police.

Insp. Brian Boon, stationed at Braintree, returned to work from this course on May 17, 1971. At 4 a.m. on the night of May 17/18 he was called from his bed to accept charges in a case of theft of fish involving two men driving a private Landrover. Whilst "turning over" the vehicle, Brian noticed that the fuel tank was marked "Diesel only." Remembering the lecture given by the customs officers, Brian siphoned some fuel from the tank and much to his delight found that it was red diesel. Customs were informed and a testing unit went to Braintree Police Station and obtained samples of the fuel for analysis.

As a result, the two villains will face Customs and Excise charges in addition to the offences of theft for which they were originally arrested.

I understand that it is not true that all Braintree Sub-Division officers are now carrying lengths of plastic hose in their truncheon pockets.

Those of you wishing to contact H.M. Customs and Excise with information regarding possible fuel offences should contact the Road Fuel Control Officer for London, Essex and Suffolk at 01-472 1411, Extension 216.

# USA squad selected

OFF to the U.S.A. soon to represent the Police at the British Week in San Francisco, are three members of the Force. The lucky trio, selected from many applicants are, P.S. Cousins, P.C. Irwin and P.C. Ashby.

P.S. Peter Cousins is 41 and was born in Suffolk. After army service he joined the Force in 1949 and has served in uniform and dog section. Now serving at Ongar, he is married with one son aged 15.

P.C. Ron Irwin, stationed at Southend, is 40 and a native of Kent. After service in the Fleet Air Arm, he joined the City of London Police in 1951, transferring to Southend Boro' in 1964. He has worked in C.I.D., uniform and communications.

P.C. Kenneth John Ashby, also a native of Kent, is 23, and has served at Grays since joining the Force in 1967. Before that he spent one year at university. In 1969 he was top probationer, winning the Bennett Trophy. He is married with one daughter aged 4.

# What a surprise!

A PLEASANT surprise recently for Sergeant Ed Easlea, the Force Welfare Officer. He and his wife, Hazel, received an invitation to a party being given by a colleague from Southend Police Station. In his best bib and tucker Ed drove to a high-class restaurant where, on entering, he found 100 of his friends including retired members of the old Southend Force who had served with Ed in the aptly named, "Sea Front Heavy Squad" of the late 1940s. Also present were colleagues who had joined the force with Ed and it was the sight of these that made him remember the date. The 25th anniversary of his swearing in as a constable. The party turned out to be a dinner-dance in Ed's honour which had been arranged by Mrs. Easlea and which had been planned for many months. A very good time was had by all, even by Ed after his initial shock and several of the other guests were heard to say "roll on his 30".

# Our aim is to please

Information room were surprised to receive a message on May 27 saying "I have broken into -----'s shop and now I can't get out."

A man was later detained to make yet another of our satisfied customers.



Two wee Jocks enjoy a wee dram at the interval. Chief Inspector Jock Brown and Chief Inspector Jock Watson.

# Audience acclaim show



The lid taken off the Scout movement by the nobby knees of Jim Allen and Taffy Thomas.

FOR some time now it has been thought that within the ranks of the Force there is sufficient talent to stage a successful variety show. As an experiment about 80 people (all with Force connections) attended the Civic Theatre, Chelmsford on Wednesday, April 28, 1971, and performed to a packed house.

It was for the first time that an attempt had been made to bring together the Force Band and the Headquarters Music Society and it was pleasing to see these two groups producing such excellent music.

The individual acts materialised into some polished performances bringing into the open some hidden talents, which pleased and delighted a most receptive audience who showed their appreciation in a collection and sufficient money was received to pay all costs, give donations of £10 to each of the Band and Headquarters Music Society and start the ball rolling for another "effort" next year.

Ed. It was pleasing to see the cementation of the Force amalgamation with both Southend and Essex officers being in one Show.

If any person knows of some talent or wishes to take part in the next show, they should contact Chief Inspector W. J. Thurgood, Assistant Editor.

# LADIES' CLUBS NEWS

members, arranged for a fashion show, which was provided by Morrisons of London and Glasgow, a firm which has branches at Paige of Romford and Henry Fields of Ilford. The firm provided models and a wonderful range of gowns and costumes free of charge, as a favour to our club.

The show, which seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present, consisted of eight models, from teenager upwards, from hip size 36in. to 44in., who showed us a variety of clothes from day suits to spring coats to "hot-pants," a very popular item, in all colours but predominantly navy and white, and in various materials from barathia to the new fibre polyester.

The show lasted for approximately an hour, after which refreshments were served by our members and a bar was opened for our husbands' benefits.

We were very honoured to have Mrs. Alston, Mrs. Duke, Mrs. Waller and Mrs. Mitchell sitting at our top table apart from the special guests already mentioned.

Our president, Mrs. Petherick, made a speech of welcome and gave out the notices and then the treasurer, Mrs. Miller, thanked everyone for coming and Mrs. Petherick presented Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Drury with a bouquet each.

Mrs. Alston thanked our president on behalf of all the clubs present and said that she was really overwhelmed by the whole evening.

I would like to say, though, that none of this would have been possible without the efforts of our members and

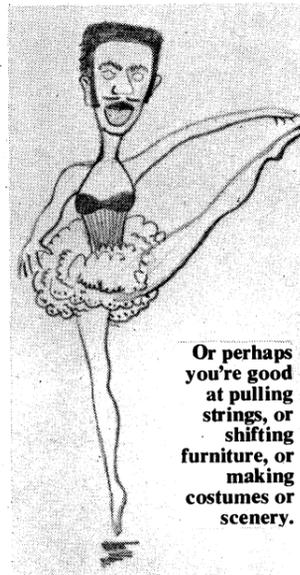
# Grass not greener on the other side

OUT of the eight former Southend Borough Officers who resigned in order to join the Canadian Police only one now remains in this service. Several of the others have taken other jobs in Canada and it is reported that the remainder are saving hard in order to return to this country. The last officer to leave Southend was ex traffic motor cyclist Pat O'Keefe who left a few months ago. He is already on the way home and it will be interesting to ask him the reason for the change or naad on his and his emigrant colleagues part. It might be wise for any officer contemplating moving to Canada to await the return of Pat when he can give his views on life and work there to The Law.

their husbands and the kindness and help of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett.

We also held a "May-Day" jumble sale on May 1, 1971, at Corringham which was in aid of the Police Dependant's Fund. We were really thrilled to find that the day's takings amounted to £30.11

Fancy yourself as a singer, or dancer, or both?



Or perhaps you're good at pulling strings, or shifting furniture, or making costumes or scenery.

The Headquarters Musical Society needs new talent in all these roles. Get in touch with Johnny Johnson, HQ CID, or any other member.



# All in the name of charity

By Dermot Hawkins and Brian Jones

On May 2 the ITN News Football team visited the Headquarters Sports Ground where, "strengthened" by the inclusion of two members of the Braden's Week team, Esthe Rantzen and Hilary Pritchard, they played the Chelmsford Hospital broadcasting service team for charity.



Above the Hospital Broadcasting Service team pose looking reasonably like a footballing outfit: below the ITN squad who look happy at the prospect of some exercise.



Escorted by Esther Rantzen the referee marched on to the pitch to the amusement of spectators and linesman.



The match got under way after the "kick-off" by Miss Rantzen's cricket bat—the ref looks apprehensive and most players have taken cover.



Hospital Broadcasting Service scored first but ITN quickly equalised through an own goal and the half-time score was 2-1 to someone. At the interval the

# Special Constabulary

THE Special Constabulary mustered at Headquarters for their annual competition and parade on May 16.

Five divisions were represented in the competition which included drill, turn out, police duty and highway code questions, first aid and accident procedure.

## Perfect weather

Out of a total of 200 marks Chelmsford Division specials scored 151 to win the De Rougemont Cup once again. And they added the Salter Cup, based on duties performed over the last year, to make a clean sweep.

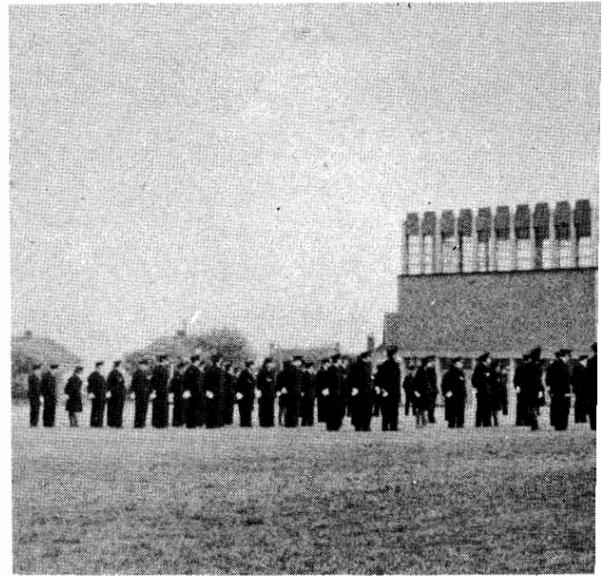
Other scores were: De Rougemont Cup, Basildon 144, Harlow 142, Clacton 131, Colchester 126. Salter Cup, Chelmsford 339, Basildon 336, Harlow 142, Colchester 304, Clacton 276.

## Inspection

In the afternoon the parade was inspected by Major General D. W. Scott-Barrett, G.O.C., Eastern Command, who afterwards presented trophies and long service medals.

The Chelmsford team will now represent the Special Constabulary in the annual Neville Cup competition at Romford in June.

Woman Special Constable Maureen Scollan, of Chelmsford, deals with one of the accident casualties, Cadet Peg Barrett.



During the second half Miss Rantzen sat down on a rug in the ITN goalmouth to watch the match with goalkeeper Nigel Ryan. When jokingly asked if she would like a cup of tea, she said: "Yes, I'd love one," so the cadets put the kettle on.

Meanwhile, back on the pitch Miss Pritchard was running around almost barefoot because her shoes were too big. So we offered to get her some training shoes to fit, but she was somewhat surprised to be handed a pair of size 10 mountain boots.



The match ended in a 3-3 draw and after the autographed ball was raffled and

# Muster Parade



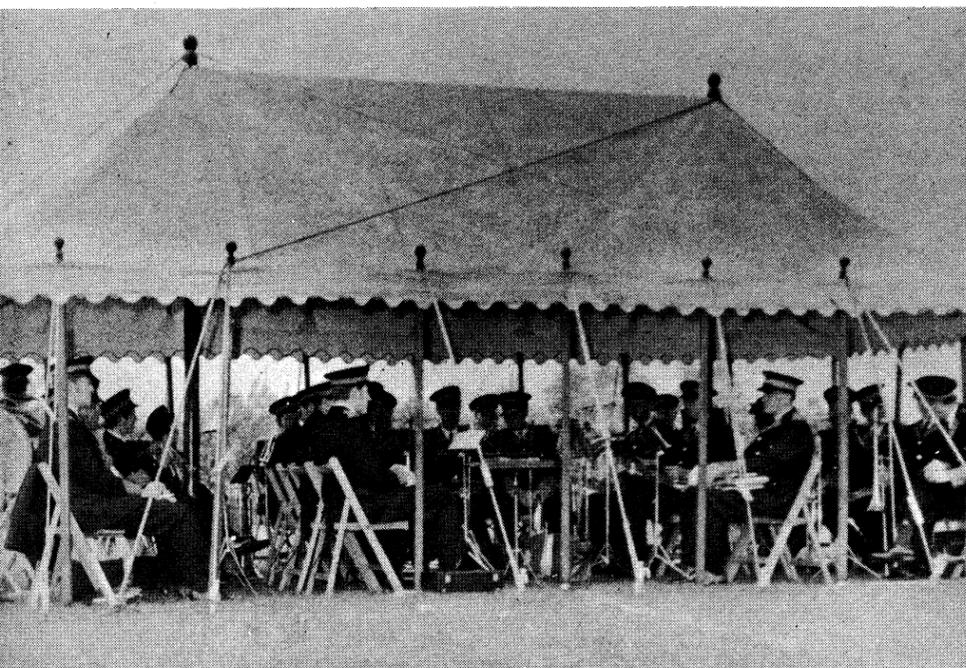
A general view of the parade.

## Chelmsford Division win again



Major General D. W. Scott-Barrett presents trophies to the victorious Chelmsford Division. Below left: All concentration in the division as the team gather round to attend

to injuries. Below right: A casualty "playing up" — Cadet Graham Blois — though S.Sgt. P. Stephens, Colchester, doesn't look too concerned. Bottom: The Force Band in attendance.



# Cadets meet the General



The Boys' Brigade held a rally at Stanway on May 22, where one of the exhibits was mounted by the Cadet Corps. Our picture shows Major General D. W. Scott-Barrett, M.B.E., M.C., G.O.C., Eastern Command, chatting with Cadets L. Weavers, T. Jeffs and C. Govus. Nearest camera is Alderman A. C. Moles, of the Boys' Brigade.

## What's on Who's off

By Monty

WELL, it's happened again! A change in the "Who's Off" league. Colchester remain at the top of the table with three but we now have Southend in second place due to a splendid solo effort by Pc 202 Cliff Barnes on Southend Sea Front the other night. All the facts are not in yet but we believe he took the record with 114ft., straight! but spoilt the finish by terminating into the rear of a motor. Also, certain items of evidence on the road at the scene gave the indication of "What went WONG." Anyway Cliff, glad to hear you're okay now and no serious injury.

There are a few items of equipment now on trial which you may like to know about. Slinger Woods of H.Q. is now kitted out with the "Avia" and early reports are very good but still a bit too soon for a full report. Supt. Palmer has been doing a lot of "chasing" on our behalf regarding reflectorised material and already the results are being put to the test respecting belts and backing for gloves, so if you're asked to try this gear give it a good go and an early report please. The saga of the socks is now reaching an exciting climax—thanks to the co-operation of Inspector Marshall, who, after seeing a pair of the socks we would like, is taking steps to purchase some and give them a go. By the way, since the last edition all motor cyclists should now carry a First Aid kit. Still no sign of the Norton... don't despair, we're nearly there!

### Around the Subs

Halstead seem to be having their share of work lately according to the radio and are coping adequately. Stationed at Halstead is John Marshall, Dick Barham, John Paisley and Ray Finch. One Sunday in March Ray Finch escorted a cycle race around Halstead and district, a distance of about 90 miles, and after the race was approached by a member of the British Cycling Federation. He offered a chance of doing the same thing for the "Tour of Scotland" cycle race, himself and two Notts. traffic motor cyclists. The bikes, Norton or BSA, will be supplied and a complete set of gear plus blazer and flannels for leisure periods. They all ride up to Bonnie Scotland, escort the race on a complete circuit of Scotland (no night riding of course). Anyway the race is in July so expect to have a full report from Ray on his return. By the way, he is doing all this in his annual leave.—Sir!

I'm told that John Paisley

## JOINT FORCE TYPES No 24



THE PROBATIONERS WIFE.

"FOR THE LAST TIME, WILL YOU STOP REFERRING TO MY COOKERY CLASS AS THE PUDDING CLUB"

no longer rides along the A604 from Halstead but now comes in via the A120. By all accounts a certain wall has a fatal fascination for him. Never mind—very soon legislation will be in to stop walls jumping into the road along with black dogs and very quick growing trees.

If anybody sees Mitch Martin, from Colchester, don't mention wrestling—especially it being a fake. The other day Mitch was sent to arrest someone and the Information Room gave him all the information, description of car, age, name, his aliases, etc., but they failed to tell him that he was a professional wrestler — yes — you guessed, he found out the hard way. (The bloke must have been strong to even "lift" Mitch).

Dave Austin has now left our ranks after obtaining 88% on his driving course and has now "hung up his helmet." Good luck all those who ride "shotgun" with Dave, you'll need strong hearts. I hear "Timber Wood" of Clacton is in hospital with back trouble —yes, the bikes are heavy to lift aren't they?

Still nothing from Harlow—I don't like it! too quiet—I wonder if they should be moving up the league? Anyway, Arthur, see you at the meeting.

Good news from Laindon—Pc Radford was definitely seen again on two occasions riding a Police motor cycle and what makes it even more incredible—escorting an abnormal load. This report was given to me by a Southend motor cyclist (thanks Brian), who tried to photograph the event but Mick was too fast and it did look like rain!

At HQ we have had an addition to the team, namely Pc Frank Mascall. Frank has been absent from two wheels for about five years during which time he has been to another Force—rejoined Harlow in this Force and Information Room. Previously Frank

was stationed at Laindon and Headquarters on Traffic for about two years and has just recently had an addition himself, a baby daughter—Congrats Frank on both accounts.

Passing through HQ Garage the other day I happened to overhear a motor cyclist, from another Force, talking to another motor cyclist—"They say he's good on a motor bike but he looks a bit old for it to me." Reply, "Well, I'm not hanging about for him—he'll just have to keep up—Shh—here he comes"—I had to smile as I said: "Morning, Ron."

### Police Trials Section

Interest in Police Trials competitions nationally has increased greatly over the last two years and a full programme is now held throughout the year with numerous Police Forces acting as hosts.

At present the Force is being represented by two stalwarts from Laindon Traffic—namely, John Gaut and Albert Horne, who battle their way through the mud and bullets in the hope that they will be joined by other enthusiasts who will help to keep the County flag flying. It now appears that interest, County wise, has been rekindled by the purchasing of Trials machines by two "Aces" from Headquarters—Inspector Dick Parker and Slinger Woods. It is hoped that in the near future further interested persons will do likewise.

Any interested person contact John or Albert at Laindon Traffic.

That's it—ride safe and to the system. Next meeting—June 8th (Tuesday), The Three Cups Public-house, Springfield Road, Chelmsford. Bar and buffet.

P.S.—Thanks for all the items received and sorry if I didn't use some as I'm "over-me quota" now. Could use some photos.

## EDIVIEWS

## Hobby bobbies

The Special Constabulary came in for its annual knocking at the Federation Conference in May when three resolutions were passed unanimously. The first urged that their hours of duty should be limited to training and work in emergencies, the second called for the abolition of all ranks in the specials, and the third resolution demanded the disbandment of the Special Constabulary altogether.

Drastic resolutions, all but the first of which have little chance of success. The Federation can do little except pass such resolutions annually against the use of amateurs to bolster up a depleted Police Service. So long as the Specials can be relied upon to close the breach, the question of improving pay and conditions to the point where professionals will fill the gaps can be avoided. What Trade Union would stand for such goings on?

## Civilianisation

Within the Force, the Federation are presently huffing and puffing about a lack of consultation on steps being taken towards "Civilianisation" of various jobs in the Force. As we see it jobs not involving police work can be done by civilians and the fact that this includes our own is well appreciated. Most police work is done by constables, a little by sergeants, less by inspectors and so on up the ladder.

Taking this argument to its logical conclusion, a really searching enquiry would undoubtedly reveal that the higher a policeman goes the less real police work he does and the more replaceable he becomes, and that those who seek to push civilianisation ahead are the most expendable of all.

There is a strong argument for keeping some places inside, out of the cold, for the older constable who may have little else to look forward to. It is perhaps unfortunate that this replacement process which is inevitable and largely correct should serve to swell the number of surplus officers of middle rank, thereby closing up promotion prospects right down to constable level.

## Charity

The recent tragedies involving walkers for charity have served to emphasise that regardless of any rights in the matter, and there is a strong argument for saying that pedestrians have more right on the highway than motorists who must pay for the privilege, simple prudence ought to keep these people off the road at night. A.C.P.O. is officially against such walks and so should we all be. But, please, do not let us call for legislation on the subject, there is too much law already.

# Letters to the Editor

## Highly qualified

Sir,  
Regarding your article in The Law this month, about Sgt. China and his three trainee divers.

I would like to explain my qualifications:

1948, qualified as a Naval Diver;

1954, made a Petty Officer Clearance Diving Instructor;

1962, made a Chief Diving Instructor;

1966, became THE Chief Diver of the Royal Navy;

1969, left the R.N. as a Chief Diver after 21 years of continuous diving of depths to 600-800 feet and using all types of known diving equipment, this included training divers in all types of diving and equipment.

I think I should be classed as a somewhat more than a trainee diver.

R. T. WHITE  
P.c. 1036

*Indeed you should and we must admit to having thought at the time that you seemed highly qualified to be attending a course on diving, though natural politeness kept us from saying so. Your expertise will no doubt be invaluable with Philip China leaving and we are pleased to correct any wrong impression we have given.—Ed.*

## Living on the Border

Dear Sir,

Ford's initiated their prolonged strike in an effort to bring their wages into line with others in the same industry. Different employers, same work, different areas, similar costs of living. We may or may not agree with the size of their claim, or their method of achieving it, but, on the border, Police families, cannot help but sympathise with their basic discontent.

Those who live on the border with M.P.D., suffer a mythical solid white line which separates us, and means more individual work and know-how for our husbands with much less pay and poorer conditions. This strains the loyalty which really does exist for the majority of Officers towards the County Force.

The main difference that has for so long been taboo in this County is paid overtime. Much has been said of an undermanning allowance and the necessity at times to refuse time off in lieu of overtime. If our force was fully manned, money would have to be paid, but, a marked reluctance is shown when mention is made of compensation by pay for those Officers bridging the gap whilst we await the arrival of the ghostly hordes from Eynsham who, we are told, will flood into the force sometime in the near future. Facts must be faced—total strength will never come into being, here or elsewhere. Expansion of industry and population, and the very nature of the work, will always keep actual and authorised strength worlds apart.

For the eight-hour day man who is against overtime, and when forced to do it, requires time off to get over it, there is no obligation to accept payment. But I am sure most Officers would be only too glad to have the chance to earn extra money. A very weak argument is that Officers serving in London have higher expenditure, a comparison of standards

of living destroys this argument. Many Metropolitan Officers actually live in Essex, and pay the same mortgage for their houses, whilst receiving greater assistance than County Officers. They commute in their latest model cars and their wives shop in the same stores as Essex Police wives. Looking at the two sets of families, the difference is striking even to the outsider—one set live whilst the other exist and there is no doubt as to which is which.

The steady exodus Westward from Essex can be halted by a better understanding of the living problems, then the uneasiness between the two forces on the ground can be eliminated and the borders could be erased. (I am not suggesting the amalgamation of the two.)

The Metropolitan Force obviously have their problems or there would be no shortage of men in their area, but they are facing their problems by giving their men self-respect by raising their standards of living to at least the equal of those people they must deal with daily. They also have the equipment to be effective in the eyes of those they protect.

Essex is usually very quick to experiment with new Home Office procedure, so let them be the first to agitate for equal conditions. Here we have some of the finest and most conscientious Officers in the country, well wouldn't it be nice for them to be shown that they are appreciated.

**Come on, Essex — you can, you know!**

Yours faithfully,  
E.V.A.  
(N/A supplied.)

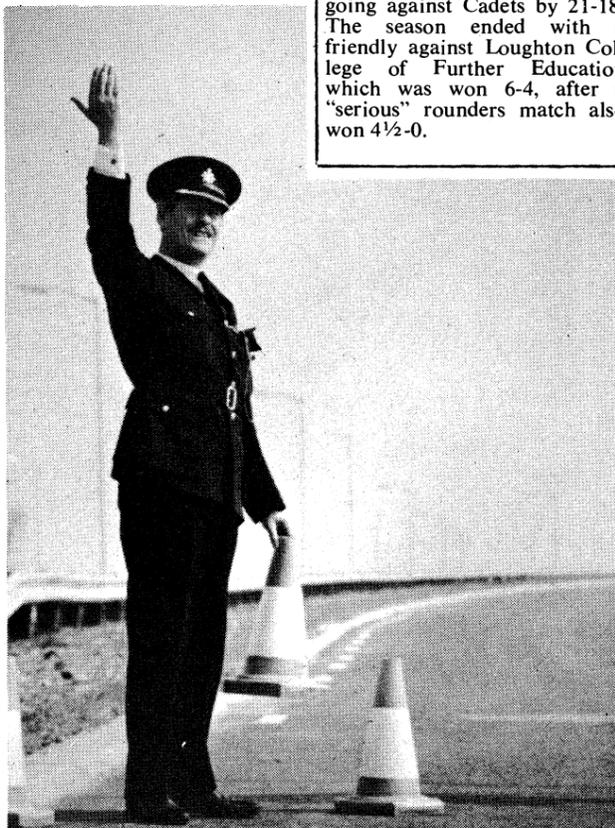
## Farewell

11 Springfield Park Road,  
Chelmsford.  
30th April, 1971

Dear Sir,

I was away from my office for the whole of Thursday, 29th April, my last day of service with the Joint Police Authority, and as a result was unable to speak personally to a number of well-wishers at HQ and at Divisions who were kind enough to leave messages of goodwill.

May I therefore, through your columns, offer my thanks and best wishes to the very many people (regular members of the Force, civilian staffs, Traffic Wardens and retired officers) who have been unstinting in their support over the period of four years that I have been Force Welfare and Civilian Establishment Officer, and without whose help, loyalty and support, my work would have been very difficult indeed. To these I offer my sincerest best wishes. I hope that efforts towards better understanding between the various sections which comprise the unified service will continue, not least of all, your own endeavours, as editor of the Force Newspaper!  
A. R. SORRELL



Traffic Division have heard so much about the Super doing or not doing traffic control duty that they just had to send in this photo of their gov'nor, Chief Superintendent Harry Smith, waving his arms about at the opening of the Boreham By-pass. Mr. Smith really was involved, too, for only a short time later he witnessed the first accident on the new piece of road, though by that time, he says, he was no longer doing traffic control duty.

# Cadet Gazette

BEST news of the month for cadets was their pay rise which was welcome despite being of a slightly lower percentage than the recent police rise. The new rates are:

Under 17 — £483 p.a.  
17 years — £525 p.a.  
18 years — £591 p.a.  
19 years — £654 p.a.

Board and lodging deduction £111 p.a.

## Canoeing

Hard training paid off on May 16 when the paddlers took part in a 10-mile event on the Stour, from Shotley up to Manningtree. Over 100 canoeists took part including 20 boats from HMS Ganges, which really put the cadets on their mettle, and they finished 8 boats in the first 10. Much credit for this is due to Pc Piper who has done a lot of coaching in his own time, so the cadets let him have 2nd place. The Shanahan/Weavers double was first in, followed by Grout/Sitch (3rd), Neale (5th), Kittle (6th), Debbage (7th), Bailey (8th), Bruce (10th), Foster (11th) and Puttick (16th).

## Cricket

The season opened with a much enjoyed match against Staff when cadets lost the match but avenged themselves by breaking D.O. Fred Stannard's finger.

## Walking

Although acclaimed elsewhere Mike Eldred's Barking to Southend time of 5h. 55m. 48s. should receive mention in this column as one never before achieved by a cadet and not done by many men.

## Life Saving

The girls' 4th place in their first entry into the National Life Saving Contest was a magnificent effort, particularly their first place in the staged incident. Team: Terry Skinner, Diane Lewis, Jane Trollope, Jane Ayres, and reserve Ann Ransom.

## Netball/Rounders

A return match against Freands, Basildon, brought another close result this time going against Cadets by 21-18. The season ended with a friendly against Loughton College of Further Education which was won 6-4, after a "serious" rounders match also won 4½-0.

# SPORT

## Jim Gorham

### BOWLS

## is Force singles champ

By A. J. Smith

ON THE 6th May, the Force Bowls Section opened the season with a 4-rink match against Lionmede B.C. Unfortunately the green in Lionmede Park was not up to standard nor was the weather very kind, and the game was curtailed to 18 ends due to the weather and approaching darkness. The result was a comfortable win for Lionmede by 74 shots to 61. Scores (Police skips named): Gorham 1st 15-16, Hitchcock 1st 16-20, Jenkinson 1st 10-23, Stibbards won 20-15.

The Force Singles Championship was held on the green at Headquarters on Wednesday, 19th May, 1971. All Divisions were represented and the weather proved exceptionally good giving brilliant sunshine for the whole day. In the preliminary round held in the morning, P.C. Burke (representing Chelmsford Division) locked in battle with P.C. Finn (Clacton). A close game developed until they reached deadlock at 19 shots each after 22 ends. One more end proved enough for John Burke to gain two shots and carry Chelmsford through to the first round proper.

The first round got under way at 1.30 p.m. with Pc Birkin (Basildon) v. Pc Storrar (Staff), Pc Cable (Southend West) v. Chief Insp. Gorham (Colchester), Ds Cass (Grays) v. Pc Luke (Southend East) and Pc Burke (Chelmsford) v. Pc Lench (Harlow). These games produced some dour battles with two of them lasting 25 ends. After some excellent bowling the semi-finalists emerged as Pc Birkin, Chief Insp. Gorham, Pc Luke and Pc Lench.

These four stalwarts took to the green again almost immediately. Fred Luke and Ted Lench kept the score line very close at only 5-6 to Ted after 10 ends. At this stage Ted took a crafty four and then started to build up a lead and by the 15th end was nine shots ahead. Fred stuck to his task and pulled a four back on the 18th end but could not maintain the pressure and eventually after 24 ends Ted Luke was 21-13 to take a well-earned place in the final. In the other semi-final fortunes fluctuated. At first Jim Gorham built up an early six shot lead after 5 ends. Eric Birkin reduced this to one by the 10th end and then himself built up a five shot lead at 14-9 by the 15th end. Jim Gorham then struck to gain eleven shots in four ends to regain his earlier six shot lead.

Eric reduced this lead to two shots but on the 22nd end Jim got the one shot he needed to go on to meet Ted Luke in the final.

After a short break Ted and Jim set to for the final. Steady bowling was the order of the day for the first few ends but in a moment of madness Jim let Ted get a four. This was not to prove as disastrous as it may seem as Jim settled down to some controlled bowling which built him a good lead and he never looked in danger of being caught. After 20 ends Jim Gorham was the winner by 21 shots to 12.

Every congratulation to Jim Gorham for a fine win at the end of a long, hot and tiring day. The best wishes of all bowlers in the Force will go with him later in the year when he represents us in the PAA Championships (Incidentally, Jim, we all wish your wife a speedy return to full health and the fireside). A hearty well done goes to Ted Luke, a worthy runner-up.

## Thorpe Bay beaten

On Monday, 24th May, four rinks took on the might of the Thorpe Bay Bowls Club. This is the first time that the amalgamated Force has played this fixture although it is one of long standing to our old borough colleagues. The green situated as it is on the sea front provides a very pleasant setting.

Barry Cable struck the first major blow for the Force by taking a 5 on the first end but generally speaking the scoring on a tricky green remained fairly level over the first few ends but by the halfway mark the Force had built up a good lead at 51-24. Unfortunately Wilf Newnham and Jim Gorham's rinks wilted a bit in the second half and each lost a 5 towards the end of the game. However, these losses were amply compensated for by Barry Cable's rink who took a six and an eight in consecutive ends. A little less spectacular scoring on Dennis Anderson's rink produced a 7 shot win which put the match result beyond doubt.

A swift half and tea in the pleasant club house after the game rounded off a very pleasant afternoon. Scores (Police skips names) Newnham 21-21, Gorham 15-19, Cable 36-14, Anderson 23-16; match 95-70.

Dear Sir,

The following appeared on the canteen notice board at Southend Divisional Headquarters recently:

Interforce Athletic Championship at Melbourne Stadium, Chelmsford, Thursday, 3rd June, 1971.

Full list of men's events, women's 100 metres, etc.

Please append your name below together with event entered.

Don't be shy, support 'H' Division.

Police officers are renowned for their sense of humour why else would they be police officers? But the list of events that appeared, I think, will amuse even the most sombre amongst us.

For obvious reasons I have left out the name of the officer which appeared against each event, no doubt someone somewhere will be able to fill in an occasional gap.

Name	Event
Cons Bloggs	Passing the buck.
Cons	Dropping a brick.
Cons	For High Jump.
Cons	Dodging the column.
Cons	Shooting a line.
W.P. Cons	Swinging the lead.
W.P. Cons	The flat race?
Cons	Catching rockets.
Serg.	Throwing weight about.
Cons	The beg and croon race.
Cons	The three-legged race—on his own!
Insp.	The creeping hurdles.
Cons.	Jumping the gun.

I have no doubt there are many more events which come to mind, but some of these listed should be interesting to watch.

R. M. LAW  
Inspector, 'H' Division, Southend Sub.  
7th May, 1971

# Soccer final even after 240 minutes



Above, the home team, Southend East, below, Colchester



COLCHESTER and Southend Eastern resumed their football contest to decide the destination of the Collinge Cup at Great Wakering on May 5. A good crowd of spectators had come armed with bells, rattles and raucous voices especially assumed, one supposed, for the purpose of addressing the referee on the subjects of his eyesight, sanity and general well-being. That these followers mostly favoured Southend was purely a matter of geography, see sheet 186 for the location of Great Wakering.

After a tentative start, Colchester provided the first excitement after 10 minutes when Handley swerved into the box to rattle the crossbar with a hefty shot. The rebound flew on to a Colchester head and from thence into the net but the referee ruled off-side.

This was the start of a period of great Colchester pressure against which one could hardly describe Southend as standing firm. They were in fact very shaky at this stage but somehow never let one in. The home 'keeper was working very hard and after 30 minutes made a great one-handed save from Keith Wilkinson, playing at less than full pace, with a knee strapped up from an injury received the week before.

The narrow pitch was allowing Dave Wilkins, the Colchester centre-half, to throw the ball into the goal-mouth. His throws seemed more dangerous than corner kicks. In the closing minutes of the first half Southend began making breakaway attacks but their long shots had a touch of desperation.

**Half-time: No score**  
The second spell opened with great Southend energy and Barry Ansell on their right wing showing he had the speed to beat the defence. But it was Dave Austin for Colchester who had the first near miss, heading just wide.

A Southend attack down the left-wing brought the first score after an hour's play, when a long cross was taken on the volley by Ansell, standing just inside the six-yard box, and whipped in. Twice soon after this Southend hit the woodwork in a period when they met Colchester's first-half trouble — the inability to finish off good moves.

Ten minutes later at the other end Dave Austin beat the 'keeper but hit the crossbar and Dave Wilkins following through, headed home low into the corner of the net. All square again.

Brian Arnell, well marked throughout, scored an offside goal two minutes later but full-time arrived with scores even.

Extra time began with a near miss for Colchester when Austin headed on to the post. Then Bob Craven shot wide for Southend. Colchester got another offside goal and all the players began to look rather jaded, though Brian Arnell seemed as dangerous as ever for Southend.

The final whistle came and with it discussions on what to do now. After much partisan

	P.	W.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Billericay T.	32	26	5	72	17	57
Brentwood A.	32	25	2	91	25	52
Chadwell H.	32	20	7	72	29	47
A.E.I.	32	18	4	84	50	40
Collier Row	31	15	5	67	46	35
E. Police	32	14	5	69	79	33
O.C.s	32	12	8	48	43	32
Dunmow	32	13	4	64	58	32
B. Mathews	32	12	8	44	47	32
Burnham R.	32	11	5	51	57	27
B.S. Swifts	31	12	2	48	68	26
Writtle	32	10	4	39	65	24
Basilston T.	32	8	8	38	65	24
Bowers U.	32	6	7	29	65	19
Sawbridgeworth	32	7	3	35	97	14
E.C.C.	32	5	4	30	70	14

shouting from players and spectators the two captains went off and quietly decided to share the cup, a decision taken, one felt, to save bloodshed. The two matches had been played hard with some bloodthirsty tackles "But that's police football" said Bert Turner the Colchester manager, philosophically.

It was good to see that this ferocious sport is not confined to constables. After Inspector Terry Gibbons' toes had twinkled for the first 45 minutes in the Southend forward line he had to come off with a pulled muscle, sustained, one might have suspected, through addressing the referee too vehemently. For Colchester, Chief Inspector Mike Humberston subbed on in the second half, ran about a good deal and nearly took the prize for the player spending most time off-side.

A good match: one goal each, two each on the woodwork, but 2-1 to Colchester in off-side goals. But perhaps that is unfair and after 240 minutes of play, we may get our flannels out for that other game, though if these two teams meet in the cricket final it will have to be a three-day match.

## Walking

IT WAS to be this year or never! Our best team was available and fit, weather conditions were perfect and we were all set to carry off the team title. Alas, as in 1969, the Force team finished second despite beating their previous total time by a massive 52 minutes.

With over 300 walkers on the start line at Barkling on May 16, the race was likely to be a good one and so it turned out with C. W. Fogg (Metro), the title holder, going flat out right from the start.

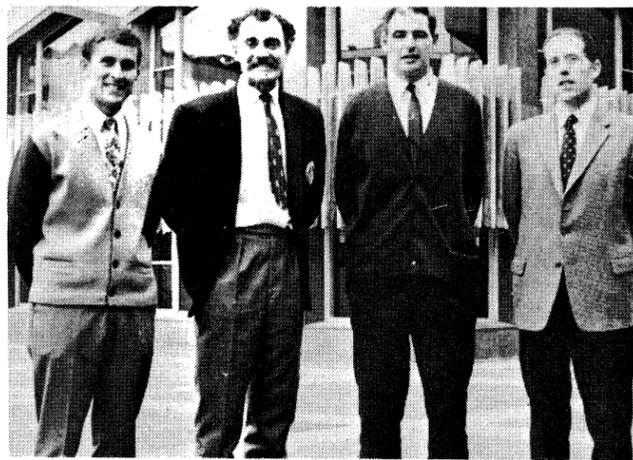
He was followed by D. Watts (Metro) and A. Seddon (Metro) more or less together and then John Hedgethorpe, starting more aggressively than ever before, with J. O'Brien (Warwicks and Coventry) close behind. These two were contesting the "provincial" race for the Critchley Cup: O'Brien won in 1969, Hedgethorpe in 1970.

By halfway, O'Brien had shot into a lead of almost half a mile but then blew up completely and within three miles John Hedgethorpe was in fourth place and going strongly. At this stage the whole team of four were in the first 25, the others, Mike Blackwell, Keith Mann and Geof Lee, with Cadet Mike Eldred in attendance, being all together.

In the last 10 miles these three split up to make the best time they could and the result was a handful of personal best performances.

Filling fourth position for the third year in succession John Hedgethorpe clocked 5h. 17m. 04s., over 14 minutes faster than last year. Only eight minutes behind the third man he left the fifth walker by over 16 minutes and recorded the fastest time ever by a "provincial" competitor.

# 52 minutes off but only second



The Force team, runners up for the second time in three years, from the left Geof Lee, John Hedgethorpe, Keith Mann, Mike Blackwell.

Mike Blackwell, looking very strong along the Prom, whipped 17 minutes off his previous record to finish in 13th position in 5h. 48m. 35s., his first time under six hours.

## Cadet Record

Next home in 18th position overall came Mike Eldred putting in the fastest time ever by a cadet, 5h. 55m. 48s. Right behind him Keith Mann was also under six hours for the first time at 5h. 56m. 30s.

Now it all depended on Geof Lee who needed frequent damping down to keep him going in the closing stages but his time too was the best he had ever done, 6h. 07m. 47s.

With the rest of the cadet team still on the road the attendants were still hard at it whipping them along.

Larry Britt, at 6h. 28m. 03s., put in a strong race and he was well backed up by Brian Jones, Derek Reeve, Dermot Hawkins, "Coster" Buller and Trevor Cole all beating the deadline of 7½ hours.

## Ideal Conditions

After a week of hot sunshine the dry cool weather was perfect and a slick team of attendants, mainly cadets and School staff were on top form too. The only problem came

at Stanford-le-Hope where the railway crossing gates had jammed, necessitating a detour up the station platform, over the bridge and out through the booking office, very much to the surprise of the locals.

So the section must wait another year for a chance to win this race. This total time would have won in 1969 and 1970 perhaps it may in 1972.

## Result

1. C. W. Fogg (Metro), 4h. 55m. 24s.; 4. J. Hedgethorpe, 5h. 17m. 04s.; 13. M. Blackwell, 5h. 48m. 35s.; 18. K. Mann, 5h. 56m. 30s.; 22. G. Lee, 6h. 07m. 47s. Teams: 1. Traffic Division, 34 pts.; 2. Essex/Southend, 47 pts.; 3. D. Division, 76 pts. Cadets: M. Eldred, 5h. 55m. 48s.; L. Britt, 6h. 28m. 03s.; D. Reeve, 6h. 56m. 15s.; B. Jones, 6h. 58m. 58s.; D. Hawkins, 7h. 2m. 23s.; C. Buller, 7h. 6m. 57s.; T. Cole, 7h. 22m. 22s.

## Other results

**Junior 4m: Battersea: 1.5.71.**  
9th R. Hammond and M. Eldred, 33m 03s.; 19th B. Jones and J. Shanahan, 35m 15s.; 22nd D. Hawkins, 36m 09s.; 25th J. Hastings, 37m 55s. Teams: 1 Bromsgrove, 2 Police. 35 finished.

**Leicester 20m: 22.5.71**  
33rd J. Hedgethorpe, 3h 7m 27s.; 57th K. Mann, 3h 16m 9s. 220 started.

# Good run lifts Force team late in season

By Terry Hill

SO IT is then, the end of another season, one which has resulted in the assurance of better things to come. It was a fine finish to the season that gave us sixth place in the Olympian League.

I expect the lads must be wondering what they have got to do to win something after reaching the semi-final stage of two Police cups but as I said in an earlier edition, this year has been one in which we have had to build and in this respect we have had a great deal of success. It is frustrating for the lads turning up week after week and finding that in some games only half the full side can play because of duty commitments — if only we could field the same pool of

players each week there is no doubt we would have won the Olympian League outright.

John Rhymes finished up with 29 goals to his credit and also the honour of playing for the Olympian League side against the Border League team and in that match scoring the only two goals for his side — well done John. I must say I was surprised not to see Alan Rusbridge being picked for the representative side, a better left back I haven't seen for a long time and he has played consistently well.

Peter Taylor, from Corringham, and Mick Lewis, from Tilbury, teamed up well together but gave us one or two frights when turning up two

or three minutes from kick-off time!! In the early part of the season we were dogged with injuries and it was this that was responsible for the bad run mid-way through. Martin Thomerson, Leigh, has returned to the side and during the latter part showed that he has got all his class and coolness back — good to see you back Martin! It would be wrong not to mention all the players, but I haven't the space (those road walkers you know) they know they all did well. John Burke (amidst numerous resignations) was an ever present, running around or shall I say walking quickly, at the last minute to find replacements.

Dave Wilkinson has applied for water wings to enable him to cross the Strood at Mersea at High tide — he missed two matches that way. We have entered for the same competitions next season and I hope we get better draws because last season we played so many away matches. In this respect it becomes expensive having to fork out for coach bills and I get a bit cheesed off listening to those few who continually moan about the cost of the Football Section. The lads represented the Force well, particularly in away matches, their behaviour on and off the field was something to be proud of. The football section does more than its fair share of fund raising, we are all conscious of rising costs, so give us a break and encourage those who represent the Force.

## TENNIS

### Draw for 1971 summer competition

Chelmsford	)	)
Harlow	)	)
Headquarters	)	)
Bye	)	)
Southend West	)	)
Clacton	)	)
Southend East	)	)
Colchester	)	)

By Bert Brinkley

FIRST and foremost, it was very joyful news that we received in the Spring bulletin of the Review and Adjustment of Public Service Pensions. This was later confirmed by reports in the National Press of May 13. Although it is difficult at the moment to assess the degree of the increase, the figure of 18% minimum, which is quoted, will be welcomed by all. We must wait until the Regulations are published before any conclusion can be reached. Personally I was very surprised to hear of any decision being reached at such an early stage bearing in mind the Enquiry did not start till after April 1. It is difficult to reason why the Government decided to reduce the age from 60 to 55 and yet refuse to give an operative date. To quote "sometime during the life-time of the present Parliament" is very vague. As in the past those who do not qualify for pension increase merely because they have not reached the specified age will receive it automatically on reaching that age.

The Chelmsford Branch had its Annual General Meeting on May 1 when there was a goodly attendance. The meeting was addressed by the Deputy Chief Constable (K. F. Alston, Esq.) and Sergeant Stan Smith, Secretary J.B.B. Police Federation.

The Deputy Chief Constable said he was pleased to be invited to the meeting which would be the last occasion as a serving officer. He was very interested in the association and would be always and he knew the Chief Constable also shared his views. He gave a general overall picture of present day conditions and forthcoming events, including the rearranged boundaries for Local Government and Foulness as the third London Airport which will bring many more traffic problems and many more civilians will have to be recruited to implement the Regular Police. The Deputy Chief Constable once more emphasised that any reasonable suggestion for assistance would receive full consideration by the Chief Constable.

The members expressed their good wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Sergeant Stan Smith gave a brief outline of the activities of the Police Federation.



Courses for intending pensioners were being held in the West Country—courses to operate three years from date of impending retirement, to assist rehabilitation in civilian life, this was a good thing and he hoped the scheme would lend itself to other authorities.

The repairs to the Seaside Home were now completed, the home is also recommended for husband and wife to spend their holiday in addition to usual recuperation facilities. There were special tariffs for those over 65 and he strongly recommended the home for a thoroughly enjoyable holiday. Sergeant Smith also touched upon the benefits to be derived from the Benevolent Fund and hoped all deserving cases would be brought forward for consideration.

The chairman thanked both the Deputy Chief Constable and Sergeant Smith for their most interesting addresses.

The officers of the Chelmsford Branch for the ensuing year are:

**Chairman, G. H. Hodges; secretary, B. G. Brinkley; treasurer, H. S. Phillibrown. The committee were re-elected en bloc. Delegates to the Annual Conference 1971, W. S. Pope, W. S. Hindley.**

The scheme for the notification of deaths of pensioners appeared to be working well

but may have to be amended from time to time.

A reminder of the annual bowls fixture with the Regular Police on Wednesday, July 14, at Headquarters Green. Names please to W. S. Hindley, 64 Oliver Road, Shenfield (Brentwood 4614).

The photograph of members taken before the A.G.M. once again proved successful. Copies can be obtained from the secretary at 10p (including postage).

Some members expressed concern at not receiving "The Law," others said it was not received until late in the month. The matter has been taken up with the editor and it would seem the most appropriate course to ensure delivery would be to send an annual donation of 30p to cover postage, etc., to The Editor, "The Law," Police Headquarters, Chelmsford. This I am sure will obviate the present difficulty. But make cheques or orders payable to Essex Southend Joint Constabulary.

The treasurer in presenting the accounts remarked that we had an increase of 20 members during 1970. The branch was in a healthy position financially, but with the increase in postal charges great inroads were made upon our resources. However, we shall be able to meet all our commitments.

## Federation News

By Stan Smith

THE 1971 Annual Conference was held at Scarborough last month and your delegates were successful in having their 3 resolutions carried. These were in relation to Compensatory Grant being discontinued, with Rent Allowances being paid with Salary tax-free; Annual Leave regulations being amended to allow for two-thirds of entitlement being taken during the Summer period; and recall to duty from annual leave being compensated by double time. The Motion dealing with the abolition of averaging for pension was remitted to the J.C.C. being part of their policy on pension matters.

Members are warned not to expect these amendments to take place immediately, if at all, because the hard work will now begin by the Central Committee preparing a case for submission to the Police Council and the negotiations round the table. It is possible that the amendment to the system of the payment of rent allowances will be introduced for the next financial year as many of the components of the Police Council are in favour of the proposed change. The other matters dealing with annual leave may receive stiffer opposition, but at least they are now the policy of the Police Federation and will be pursued at national level. In Forces like ours, where there is serious undermanning, we are not likely to be able to take all the leave in the summer period that we would wish, however, but if this provision is written into Regulations, there will be more likelihood of obtaining this concession as soon as circumstances allow.

Constables Sage and Saxby gave sound speeches on behalf of the Force, and are to be congratulated.

Advance warning is hereby given to all members of the Force who have the skill and energy to produce items of handicraft. During the summer of 1972, an exhibition of handicraft by Police Officers will be held at the Police College, Bramshill, in conjunction with a series of Open Days, for the



benefit of the Police Dependents Trust. Now is the time to get cracking on your entries, or to make arrangements for the exhibition of articles already made. Further particulars will be published in due course.



Members will note that in future payment will be made for all time worked on a Bank Holiday. Previously, payment for only eight hours was made, with the remaining hours being taken off in lieu.

This is only a small improvement in conditions of service, but these small concessions granted by the Chief Constable make for fewer moans by members, and the fewer the moans, the happier members must be.

Mr. Alf Morris, M.P., our new Federation Consultant, remarked at Conference that "not to advance is to retreat." It is the job of your elected representatives to be continually on the advance and those who have a few years' service will know on looking back, that conditions have improved considerably over the years.

Some of the more painful thorns in our flesh are more difficult to remove, but we shall continue to keep picking away until they have disappeared. Some representatives have a difficult task and it is incumbent upon members to support them to the full, thereby counteracting those few who are willing, for personal advancement, to make things difficult for those men prepared to work for their colleagues.



Snap Add

Does your camera need repairing? Then contact P. Colbert, Traffic, HQ ext. 348.

## The Law Shop

**FOR HIRE:** 12ft. four-berth touring caravan, Sprite Alpine, 1970 model. Contact Det. Con. Roger Phillips, Grays CID.

**FOR HIRE:** Large Continental frame tent, insect proof sleeping quarters, Color gas cooker, etc.; £5 per week. **Ted Davidson, H.Q.** extension 352. Home, Chelmsford 57092.

## WHAT'S ON

**Life saving dates 1971**  
**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.

**Force long distance swim**

Commencing at Westcliff Jetty at 11.15 a.m., Thursday, August 5, 1971. Organiser, Constable 155 Sadler, Southend Police Station.

Pamphlets and applications forms will shortly be available from Div. P.M.A.S. representatives giving information regarding the P.M.A.S./Federation Special Scheme for house purchase. I understand that this publication will only be available on request, so anyone interested should contact their rep. through Admin.



Considerable interest has been shown in the Federation "Return of Premium" Group Insurance Scheme, which is presently offering an opportunity, up until June 30, 1971, for existing members to increase their benefit. Anyone wishing for information or an application form should contact me as soon as possible as my stock of literature is going fast. This Scheme is ideal for owners/occupiers in connection with mortgage protection.

# Grays retain athletics championship

ON THE best afternoon's weather for several sports' days past, seven new records were put up at Melbourne Stadium on June 3. And with the standard of performance, keenness of competition, and numbers taking part, all up on previous meetings, a pleasant afternoon was assured.

It was a new event, 2,000 mtrs. walk for girl cadets, which brought the first record when Susan Moss clocked 12m. 36.4s. to win easily. In the men's walk the expected Hedgethorne-Hammond-Eldred battle began

at a furious pace but after three laps the teacher slipped away from the pupils though he had to set a new record to stay in front. Mike Eldred sprinted in for second place.

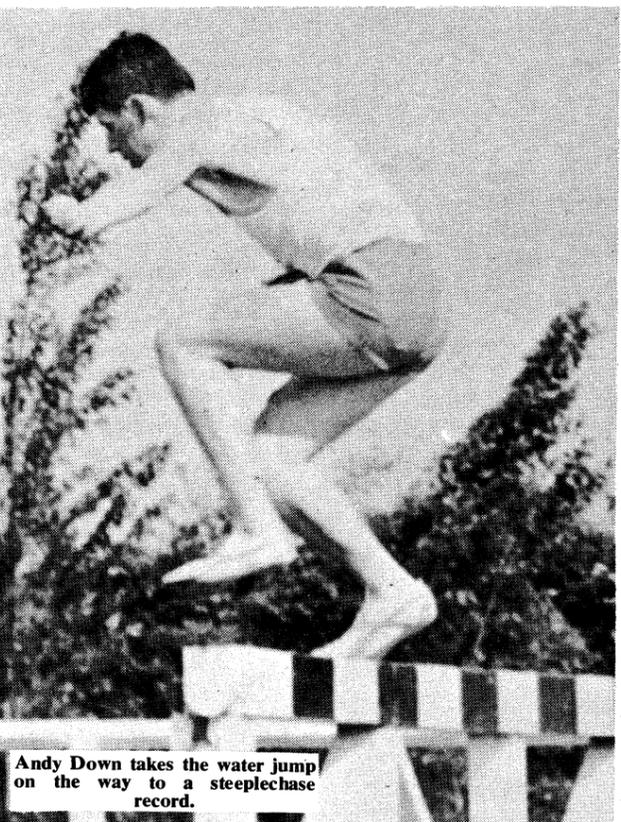
Andy Down was soon in winning form to secure an efficient 800-1,500-3,000 steeplechase treble, setting a new best in the last before leading off for the winning Southend West relay team.

Second in the relay were Grays. In their team was Peter Taylor who had a wonderful afternoon with wins at 100 mtrs. and high jump and second spots at 200, 400 and 1,500 mtrs.

This personal tally of 27 points did much to ensure the return of the Charrington Cup to Grays. Team scores were: Grays 63, Southend West 57, Harlow 47, Southend East 25, Basildon 43, Chelmsford 45, Clacton 17, Colchester 15, H.Q. 6. Cadet team scores: Crouch 150, Blackwater 142, Colne 91, Chelmer 82.

### RESULTS

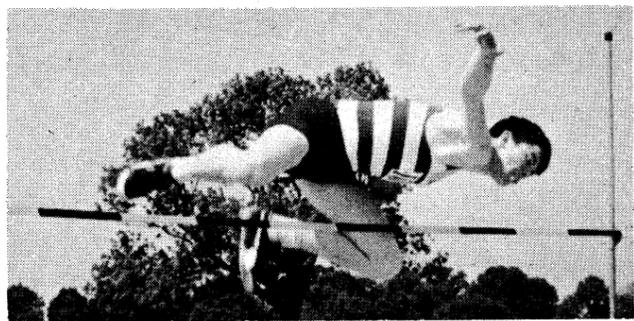
**100 mtrs. Men:** 1, P. Taylor (G), 11.4; 2, M. Jackson (H), 11.5; 3, J. Welborn (S.W.), 12.5. **Women:** 1, M. Barrett (Ch.), 16.2; 2, C. Johnson (H), 16.5; 3, C. Brake (SE), 18.1. **Cadets:** 1, G. Egerton, 11.8; 2, R. England, 12.1; 3, P. Bayley, 12.7. **Girls:** 1, C. Lambourn, 15.3; 2, L. Grimwade, 15.7; 3, A. Grange, 16.1. **200 mtrs. Men:** 1, M. Jackson (H), 23.3; 2, P. Taylor (G), 23.8; 3, J. Dickinson (B), 25. **Cadets:** 1, G. Egerton, 23.4; R. England, 24.1; 3, P. Bayley, 25.2. **Girl Cadets:** 1, L. Grimwade, 32.3 (rec.); 2, P. Cole, 33.2; 3, S. Moss, 34.6. **400 mtrs. Men:** 1, M. Lewis (G), 56.6; 2, P. Taylor (G), 60.1; 3, R. Allman (B), 63.1. **Cadets:** 1, R. Madden, 55.8; 2, A. Biddle, 59.5; 3, R. Bruce, 60.5s. **800 mtrs. Men:** 1, A. Down (SW), 2m. 10.5s.; 2, L. Rampling (G), 2m.



Andy Down takes the water jump on the way to a steeplechase record.

27.1s.; 3, M. Lewis (G), 2m. 29.1s. **Cadets:** 1, M. Barlow, 2m. 12.2s.; 2, R. Madden, 2m. 23.5s.; 3, T. Jeffs, 2m. 25.4s. **1500 mtrs. Men:** 1, A. Down (SW), 4m. 15.9s.; 2, P. Taylor (G), 4m. 48.6s.; 3, M. Fairweather (Cl), 5m. 2.1s. **Cadets:** 1, M. Barlow, 4m. 30.1s.; 2, L. Britt, 4m. 46.8s.; 3, C. Whiting, 5m. 0.4s. **3000 mtrs. Steeplechase, Men:** 1, A. Down (SW), 10m. 19s. (rec.); 2,

J. Trott (B), 12m. 39.2s.; 3, M. Fairweather (Cl), 12m. 40.4s. **Cadets:** 1, L. Britt, 12m. 12s.; 2, C. Whiting, 12m. 35.8s.; 3, M. Groult, 12m. 44s. **3000 mtrs. Walk, Men:** 1, J. Hedgethorne (HQ), 14m. 29.4s. (rec.); 2, M. Blackwell (C), 15m. 40.2s.; 3, K. Mann (B), 16m. 2.6s. **Cadets:** 1, M. Eldred, 14m. 44.2s.; 2, R. Hammond, 14m. 48.6s.; 3, B. Jones, 16m. 1.8s. **2000 mtrs. Walk, Girl Cadets:** 1, S. Moss, 12m. 36.4s. (rec.); 2, E. Allman,



John Weatherley straddles the bar to win the cadet high jump title.

## Season's first match

In the first encounter of the season a team competed in a limited programme of events at Melbourne Park, Chelmsford. Best performances of the evening saw Andy Down lap the field in his first 10,000 metres, and Mick Barlow run away from the opposition in the 800 metres, to clock a Cadet Corps best.

**Results: 100 metres,** R. England, 12.7s.; T. Mildenhall 13.4s., A. Biddle 13.5s.; **200 metres,** R. England 25.2s.; R. Neale 26.7s., A. Biddle 27s.; **800 metres,** M. Barlow 2m. 6.5s.; **10,000 metres,** A. Down 31m 54s (Ford Record), R. Madden 40m 11.8s, C. Whiting 40m 25s.; **4 x 100 metres relay,** Police 3rd in 49.1s (Mildenhall, England, Biddle, Neale); **High Jump,** Taylor 5ft. 1in.; **Shot** Fielding 32ft. 3in.

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Susan Moss breaks the tape for a record 2000 metres walk.