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## Essex Show deluged: best mud for years



With the month of June came County Show time and one of the wettest weeks on record. Outside the police tent the mud was almost knee deep. — More pictures on page two.

## Inspector Ted Boyle

INSPECTOR TED BOYLE, who was 41, died on June 19, after a long illness. Ted was station at Chelmsford after his transfer from Durham in 1969 but went sick while attending the inspectors' course at the Police College.

The funeral service, at Chelmsford Crematorium, was attended by many policemen including colleagues who travelled south from Durham.

Ted Boyle leaves a widow, and a son and daughter, who intend to return to the north.



## The Chief on Authority decisions

### Establishment—Even more chiefs than Indians

While we have so many men and women less than our proper establishment we are not at present allowed to work out and ask for the overall establishment to be reviewed so that our true deficiency is apparent. We are however allowed to ask for additional appointments in higher ranks as long as the overall establishment remains the same.

Accordingly the Police Authority has asked for an additional Superintendent (1)—an upgrading of the rank of the officer in charge of Southend Eastern Sub-Division, two additional Superintendents, (2)—upgradings of the rank of the officers in charge Harlow and Basildon Town Sub-divisions, 4 additional Inspectors for the River Section, Saffron Walden, Westcliff and Leigh Sub-divisions, and 5 additional Sergeants for the Juvenile Liaison Scheme.

The establishment has been reduced by 1 Chief Superintendent, 1 Chief Inspector, 2 Inspectors and 1 Sergeant in Administration, who have been, or will be, replaced by civilians.

### Rent Allowance—More to come

The Authority considered a long report on Rent Allowances prepared in conjunction with Joint Branch Board representatives, the net effect of which is to ask the Secretary of State to raise the maximum limit Rent Allowance as from 1 April, 1971. The exact amount of the increase requested will depend on the valuation of the house chosen as representative. It is 2 Partridge Avenue, Chelmsford, and if the application succeeds the rise should be a good one.

### House Purchase—a Problem

The Authority approved the rules for house purchase agreed with Joint Branch Board. The members expressed concern that when a police house is offered for sale only one of the officers interested should have to pay for a survey. The brains of the organisation have not yet found an answer to this one. Can you? Perhaps the Joint Branch Board could do it.

### The Venner Report—At last

In the last month Mr. Venner's Report has come to hand. It is a Home Office paper and for official use only and so its circulation will be restricted to the force. Copies are already in Divisions and I hope as many members as possible will read it, especially the 1500 or so who took the trouble to answer the questionnaire.

I don't suppose anyone will be surprised to hear that the main causes of concern—at the time the questionnaire was completed—were pay and house purchase policy. Major changes have taken place in these two fields while the report was in preparation. Promotion procedure was another area of dissatisfaction and there have been changes here too. Unfortunately promotion flow is at the moment much reduced so it will be hard to please everybody.

Again the complaints procedure came in for criticism but it was not possible to tell from the questionnaire whether it is the statutory obligation which is the trouble or our application of it. To help out in this and other areas of force policy where there is room for explanation of the replies, the Home Office have provided an investigator—Miss Newton—who is going round the force carrying out long interviews. I hope everyone concerned will help her. I gather my turn is to come.

Meanwhile I have been talking to members of the force whom I meet to find out how they interpret the report—and indeed their own replies. Already a minor alteration has been made to the complaints procedure as a result of these talks and I hope much more will follow.

The report of course was commissioned to find out what caused premature wastage. This has gone down so much since the pay award was announced that there is no need to look further than money.

After three years stagnation and losses we have gained 15 in three months. Prospects for the immediate future are even better. Currently we are doing not too badly. Each operational problem (and there have been a few) is surmounted as it comes along and generally in the past five months the increase in crime has been checked.

With a few more men to help you I am sure we can do better and better.

J. C. NIGHTINGALE

## C. H. Waller 37 n.o.



AT THEIR June meeting the Police Authority approved the retirement of Mr. C. H. Waller, A.C.C. (Ops). Mr. Waller joined the Force in 1934 and served as a uniform constable at Romford and Tilbury before detective work at Clacton. He progressed through uniform sergeant at Witham in 1946, Inspector at Grays in 1953 and Chief Inspector at Chelmsford in 1959. From 1965 Mr. Waller received rapid promotion and became A.C.C. in 1968.

He held his place in the Force cricket team for 30 years, the last 18 as captain. In June he accompanied the athletics team to Oxford where they bade him farewell by resoundingly defeating allcomers in the regional championships. (Full account on centre pages).



At the same meeting the Authority appointed two new A.C.C.'s. Best known of these will be Chief Supt. William Petherick, though to have seen much of him over the years you would have needed to serve at Grays. For Mr. Petherick has spent most of his service there with brief excursions to Romford and Basildon. From the hectic life of Thames side, Mr. Petherick will take over as A.C.C. (Ops) on 1st October.



The second A.C.C. to be appointed was Mr. Harry Taylor who joined the Durham Constabulary in 1946 after service in the R.A.F. and rose to the rank of Superintendent by 1969. In that year he attended the Senior Command Course at the Police College and was invited to stay on as Assistant Director (Chief Superintendent) of the Senior and Intermediate courses. In that year, too, he obtained his Master of Science degree as an external student to Durham University studying Management Sciences. He will become A.C.C. (Admin) on 1st August, 1971.

# The tide of bureaucracy

contributed . . .

TUCKED away on the Force Headquarters complex at the junction of Sandford and St. Margaret's roads, there has existed for as long as constabulary memory can recall a little oasis of peace among the feverish fuss of HQ activity. A large hollow, bounded by trees and hedgerow with a carpet of luscious well-mown grass overall, provided rural relief to the gaunt concrete jungle that gradually engulfed the area. Birds nested in the trees, children played innocent games in the dell, the cricket chirped his adieu as the shadows lengthened.

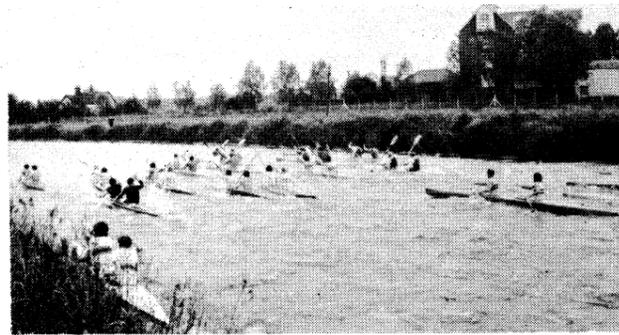
Too good to remain! One evening a stranger casually tossed a tin-can into the area as he passed by and unwittingly unleashed the full fury of bureaucracy gone berserk. Other cans joined the first: rubbish began to pile up. There were rumours of rats, local residents became uneasy, the public health inspector began to frown. Something had to be done, and fast!

Cover it over! Fill in the hole with the earth dug out of the foundations of the new Chelmsford police station site. And so it began! "Stop," said the planners, "you can't fill in the hole without planning permission!" And so it was: and so it stopped! And the police authority were left with half a hole unfilled, half a hole filled, albeit unlawfully. Conscious of the need to set an example in abiding by the law, they asked for planning permission to fill in the half-hole. Not to be! "You can have permission to do what you have already done, but you can't fill in half a hole. And you must spend £1,260 cleaning up the half-hole that you have filled in." Now what was to be done with the half-hole that remained? This clearly needed the best brains in the business and so, one rain-swept morning, a little knot of specially selected wise men gathered on the site. There was the chairman of the police authority, the chairman of the buildings and sites committee, a councillor, a solicitor to tell them the law, an architect to show them the plans and a plain clothes A.C.C. to see that the Queen's peace was maintained. And, of course, a clerk to do the writing. They looked, they inspected: they argued, they discussed: and, finally, they agreed. They would advise the police authority that the half-hole must be filled in.

And so it was that the 24 members of the police authority — 10 aldermen, six councillors and eight magistrates — together with the Chief Constable,

# Paddling downstream

Cadets get their first taste of senior opposition in the Chelmer canoe races from Chelmsford down to Maldon.



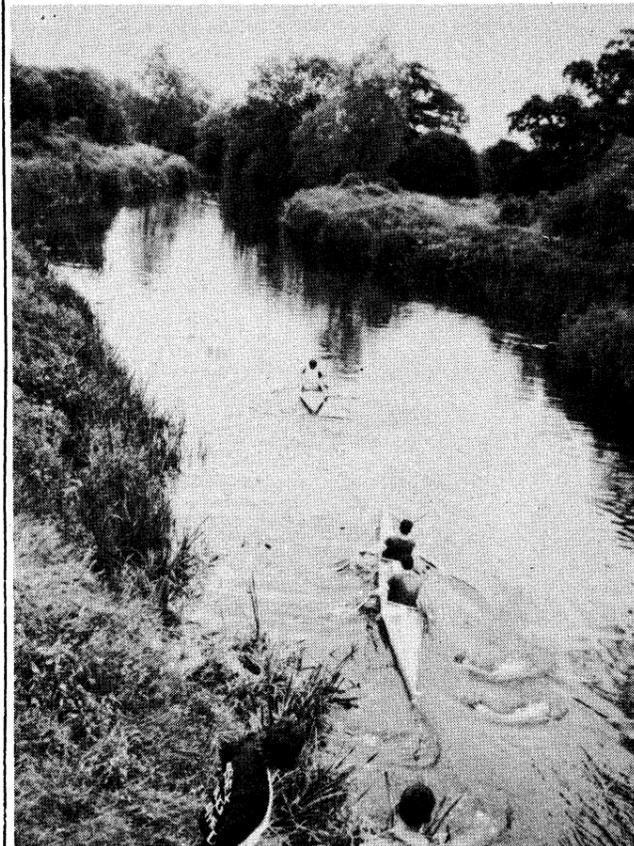
The start by Sadd's mill, and the paddles churn up the water as the fast international K2 doubles get away.



The race is broken by 10 portages, where the contestants have to get out and carry their boats round locks. Here John Shanahan and Lee Weavers cross the road at Ulting watched by coach P.C. Larry Piper and local constable.



The second cadet pair run into the lock at Ulting: in front Bob Foster, with Bob Neale behind.



The portage completed it's back to paddle power along another stretch of the picturesque course. In the open senior competition for the first time Shanahan/Weavers finished 19th and Foster/Neale 20th. —Pics by Peter Reeve

Deputy Chief Constable, Assistant Chief Constable (A), the clerk, the architect, the treasurer, the county land agent and many other advisers, met to consider a 1,228 word report on what they should do with their half-hole. With appropriate solemnity it was proposed,

seconded and unanimously agreed that the half-hole must be filled in. And, they thundered, if the planners will not give permission, the authority will appeal and take its half-hole to the Secretary of State for the Environment. Perhaps he will tell them what to do with it!

# Specials narrowly beaten

On Sunday, 6th June, 1971, the Chelmsford team of Special Constables representing the Force travelled to Romford Police Station to compete for the Neville Trophy against teams from the Metropolitan Police and the City of London Special Constabularies.

Marks were awarded for Drill, accident including first aid, and questions on the Highway Code and the law relating to firearms.

As the marks were recorded on the scoreboard it became apparent that the Essex and the City of London teams were running neck and neck and suspense mounted when all but the Essex score for questions on firearms were displayed when it could be seen they only required 26 marks out of 40 to win by half a mark. This was not to be, however, the Essex team scored 25 which meant the City of London retained the Trophy by half a mark with Essex runners-up.

# Nicked

ONE of the more notable arrests on Southend sea front on Whitsun Bank Holiday Monday was made by a Basildon Special Patrol Group member. His capture was Detective Inspector Terry Gibbons. Terry was in command of a group of detectives who were acting as trouble spotters in the area. He saw a skirmish in which uniformed officers appeared to be outnumbered and so went to assist only to be grabbed in a hammerlock and bar by the aforesaid Basildon PC. Despite loud protests Terry was bundled to the waiting van where his plight was seen by an alert Southend man. Terry was identified as being "one of us" and released with suitable apologies. Questioned by mirthful colleagues about the arrest the Basildon man allegedly said: "Well he was shouting that he was a police officer but I thought he was too small and then I saw his flared slacks which convinced me he was bluffing!"

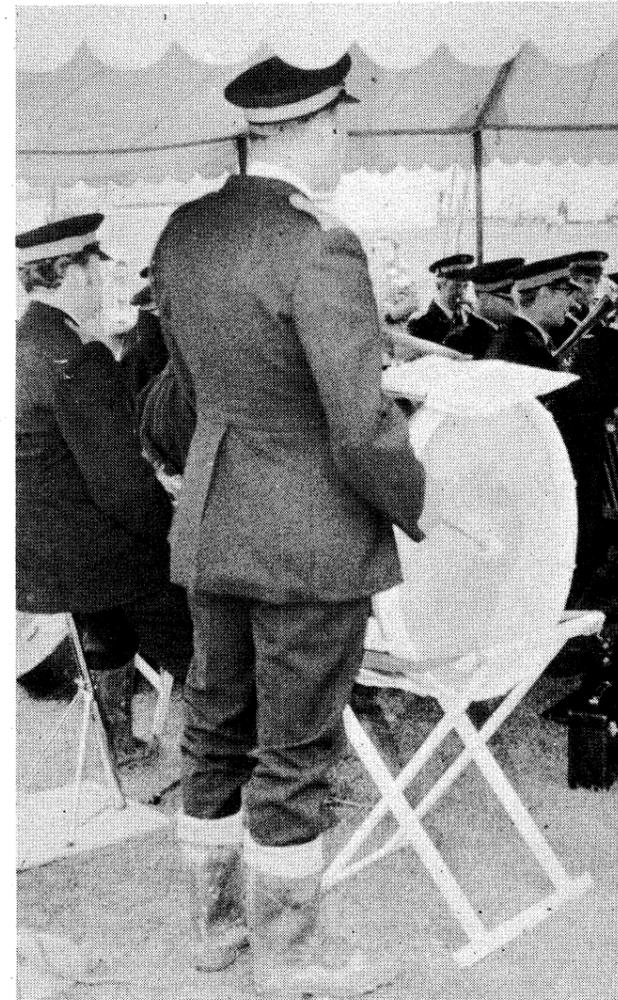
# Do you know your law?

1. On conviction for certain offences a court may order that scrap metal dealer keeps all scrap metal received in unaltered condition for a period of:
  - (a) 24 hours
  - (b) 36 hours
  - (c) 48 hours
  - (d) 60 hours
  - (e) 72 hours
2. A scrap metal dealer must keep records and an itinerant collector must keep records for:
  - (a) 1 year
  - (b) 2 years
  - (c) 3 years
  - (d) 4 years
3. The holder of a shotgun certificate can possess ..... shotguns at any one time.
  - (a) one
  - (b) two
  - (c) three
  - (d) six
  - (e) an unlimited number

# More Essex Show Pics.



Road Safety's reaction-testing model car was as big an attraction as usual. Here an elderly gentleman remonstrates with our photographer. "Stop flashing that thing, there's enough flashing lights about here already."



The police band had cover overhead but were a bit wind-swept for all that. And in footwear not quite regulation style, the band played on . . .



Cadets Liz Allman and Sue Moss pause to reflect while on a patrol of the ground. No prizes for suitable captions, but "How did we get here?" "Where do we go from here?" or just "Help!" might fit the picture. —Pics by Peter Reeve

# The Grays edition of the Tom & Jerry Saga

or how Phil Cane busted his stick

By Colin Davison

IT HAD been a quiet night within the Grays Division. The area car had only one prisoner all night. The front office man, our Phil, who swears that he was stone cold sober and wide awake at 3.45 a.m. called for the duty sergeant (who wishes to remain nameless but whose collar number bears some similarity to 235).

"What the heck is that tapping noise?" cries our Phil.

"I don't know. I've heard it myself for a couple of hours now. I think we should go and see," retorted the skipper.

Into the depths of the parade room they went and stood motionless in the darkness. There it was. Tap, tap, tap. The skipper felt the hair on the back of his neck rise. On tip-toe, they crossed to the darkest corner of the parade room and surrounded a locker. Tap, tap, tap. The monotonous sound continued. Our two heroes are joined by the night CID man (who also wishes to remain nameless but has permitted us to say that he hails from the Tilbury Sub.).

"What gives, skip?" asks the D.C.

"Can't you hear it. It's driving us mad. I think

it might be a fiendish plot by the bosses to keep us awake."

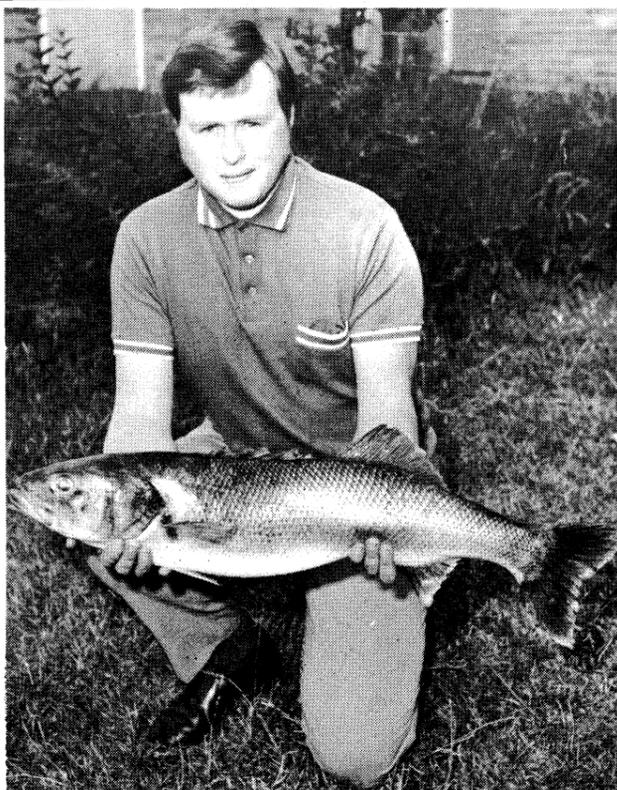
The tension mounts as a duplicate key is obtained for the locker. In one swift movement, the locker door is thrown open and the lights switched on.

Suddenly, to the horrified gaze of our three stalwarts, a fearsome three inch mouse bared its teeth at them and adopted an aggressive attitude. The CID man was out of the door before you could say Mickey, and a stifled cry of fear came from the sergeant's throat. Our Phil stood his ground.

The mouse drew itself up to its full three inches as the sergeant backed away in fear. As it leaped forward to attack the skipper, our Phil, with complete disregard for his own safety, threw the sergeant aside and drew his truncheon.

A violent altercation ensued which resulted in our Phil striking the mouse a mighty whack across the thinking gear, which, needless to say, resulted in the demise of the poor creature.

Even in death, the mouse had the last laugh as on the



You can't get over these fishermen. Even this big fish would have been bigger if...

P.c. Stuart Wilnot bagged this 9lb. 10oz. bass while boat fishing off Frinton (for the experts, using a 4.0 hook and garfish as bait). It could have weighed a couple of pounds more but shot its spawm in the course of its struggled before being caught. Contributed by Ken Adams, Walton.

final blow, Phil's truncheon shattered into two pieces.

Before the dust had settled, our Phil, was heard to say "I ain't arf glad you were here skip 'cos I don't think the Govnor would believe me."

As something of a postscript to our little tale, the writer wishes it to be known that our Phil has not been recommended for the Wilson Trophy.

In addition, if anyone knows of the whereabouts of the night duty CID man, they are requested in the strictest confidence to communicate with the Det. Chief Inspector at Grays.

**Tail piece**

A subsequent P.M. showed that the mouse died from truncheonitis.

## They laughed but paid up

WHEN Tilbury P.c. David Ellis stated his intention of engaging in a bit of walking for charity, the general opinion among his mates was that he wouldn't get far, and it would be quite safe to sponsor him to the tune of 1p per mile.

But he surprised them all with the result that this month the Orphans Fund treasurer received the sum of £42, the sum donated by his mates to mark his footslogging efforts.

# NARPO

By Bert Brinkley

There is still no news of the much awaited Pensions Increase Bill. It is anticipated the Bill has received the third reading but we are not aware of any amendments that may have been made.

As the result of a circular from the Public Service Pensioner's Council, representation was made to the Member of Parliament for Chelmsford (Norman St. John-Stevas) urging support for the motion put forward by the Council that the suggested minimum of 18 per cent be further increased to bring pensions more into line with the present cost of living index.

In 1970 when the Government's intentions to defer the increase to September were announced the P.S.P.C. made representations to overcome the delay either by securing payment in April or by retrospective payment in September. The Bill demonstrates that the Government has taken account of those representations by pro-

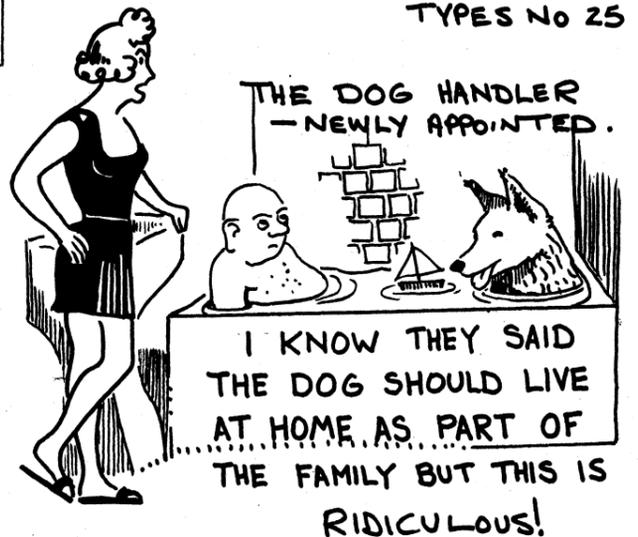
viding an 18 per cent increase whereas the increase in the cost of living from April 1969 to April 1971 was 14.4 per cent. While the additional 3.6 per cent is welcomed it appears that it may be inadequate as the trend in the rise in the cost of living over the past five months has been 4.2 per cent.

The Bill provided for biennial review, but although this is an improvement on past practice an adjustment controlled by so long an interval is out of harmony with current practice in relation to wage improvements. Consequently the P.S.P.C. has urged the Government for an annual review and this has been strongly supported by N.A.R.P.O. Members of Parliament were strongly urged to support this also. The question of an annual review will be placed before the annual conference in September.

The two delegates have been acquainted with all the happenings to date and we can be quite sure they will give full weight to the various motions put up for discussion.

It is hoped members will take advantage of the postal scheme (announced last month) in order to secure a regular copy of "The Law."

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# NINE LIVES ANTON PRANGS AGAIN

Life was full of surprises for Freiburg policeman Anton Honninger when he came to Harlow on an I.P.A. visit. One of the activities laid on by the active Harlow branch was a visit to the North Weald Air Show where Anton met his one-time mortal enemy, the Spitfire.

For war time flyer Anton Honninger was shot down nine times and lived to tell the tale. But his visit to Harlow brought about more than just a nostalgic reunion. He had another prang, this time in his Mercedes!

Our picture shows Anton beside his battered car. With him are Mrs. Honninger, Bill Howley, now of Met. Police, but formerly a Romford CID man, and Mrs. Howley. On the damaged door are the signatures of all the Harlow I.P.A. members, and Anton intends to have the door removed and mounted in his home as a souvenir.

Our second picture shows Anton Honninger chatting to the Mayor of Romford, Mr. Coffin, with Fred Lawes, 'K' Div. I.P.A. chairman, in the centre.

The group picture was taken on the occasion of a social held



at Harlow police station after the visit to North Weald. In Sep-

tember some Harlow members will be making a return visit to



Freiburg en route to the International Police Association rally at

Lucerne, Switzerland. Group picture by courtesy of Harlow Citizen,





Women's relay team, from the left, Sue Moss, Carol Lambourn, Peg Barrett, and Penny Mace, after their third placing run in the four x 100 metres relay. Carol and Penny were also finalists in the women's 100 metres, finishing fourth and fifth in good times.

# Force at

# fine

# Opposition Regional

The best athletics to the Force has ever produced went to Oxford last week bent on winning the regional athletics outright — and not only for first place last year. And despite the move on the part of the regional committee to include tug of war in the athletics team test, we not only won but destroyed the opposition.

The first track event set the trend when four walkers filled every position from second to fourth to score 14 points. The four put up personal bests and Mike Eldred really clicked to slip 35 seconds off the Force record. This was followed in quick succession by the first tripling event, the javelin where the Wallace-Watson-Mildinhall trio filled first, second and fourth places to score points, then the jumping event, the triple which Gary Egerton — on the first round — was the only jumper to reach the pit.

# Every point vital

And so the afternoon wore on with every member fighting for points. No other team were so well organised, fiercely team spirited or so successful. M

## Team scores

Essex/Southend	139
Kent	85
Herts.	78
Sussex	71
Surrey	56
Thames Valley	44
Hampshire	32
Jersey	14
City of London	9
Bedfordshire/Luton	7

## Essex/Southend performances

Pole vault: 3, M. Barlow, 8ft. 2½ in.  
 Javelin: 1, A. Wallace, 51.7m; 2, J. Watson, 48.24m; 4, T. Mildinhall, 47.26m.  
 3000 mts. walk: 2, M. Eldred, 13m 54.4s, force record; 3, J. Hedgethorn, 14m 27s; 4, R. Hammond, 14m 34.6s; 5, B. Jones, 14m 53.8s; 8, M. Blackwell, 15m 29s; 9, K. Mann, 16m 29.4s.  
 1500 mts.: 2, A. Down, 4m 5.3s.  
 Force record: 8, L. Britt, 4m 46s.  
 200 mts.: 1, P. Taylor, 23.2s; 2, M. Jackson, 23.5s.  
 High jump: 1, A. Armstrong, 5ft. 6in.; 3, P. Taylor, 5ft. 3in.  
 Triple jump: 1, G. Egerton, 13.27m. Force record.  
 Discus: 5, A. Wallace, 30.66m; R. Scott, 29.37m.  
 3000 mts. steeplechase: 7, C. Whiting, 12m 7s; 8, L. Britt, 12m 43s.  
 Shot: 5, A. Wallace, 10.64m.  
 800 mts.: 5, M. Barlow, 2m 5s.  
 100 mts.: 1, P. Taylor, 11.5s; 2, M. Jackson, 11.5s.  
 100 mts (wmn): 4, P. Mace, 14.7s; 5, C. Lambourne, 15.3s.  
 100 mts. (cdts): 2, G. Egerton, 11.9s; 5, P. Bayley, 12.5s; heats: R. England, 11.9s.  
 Long jump: 4, P. Campous, 6.20m. Force record.  
 400 mts.: 3, R. Madden, 54.8s; 4, M. Lewis, 55.6s.  
 5000 mts.: 2, A. Down, 15m 58s.  
 4 x 100 relay (wmn): 3, P. Mace, S. Moss, M. Barrett, C. Lambourne, 60.3s. Force record.  
 4 x 100 relay (cdts.): 2, A. Biddle, S. Evins, P. Bayley, R. England, 47.7s.  
 1600 medley relay: 3, A. Down, M. Jackson, P. Taylor, R. Madden, 3m 54.4s.



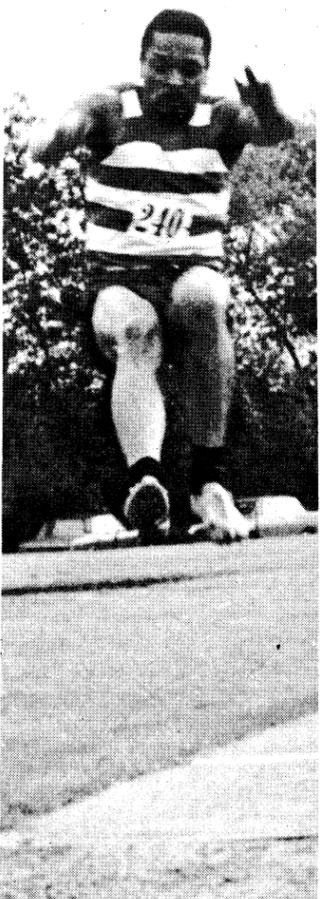
Mick Barlow lost his title of regional champion in the pole event but took third place at a height which the judges seemed unable to determine.



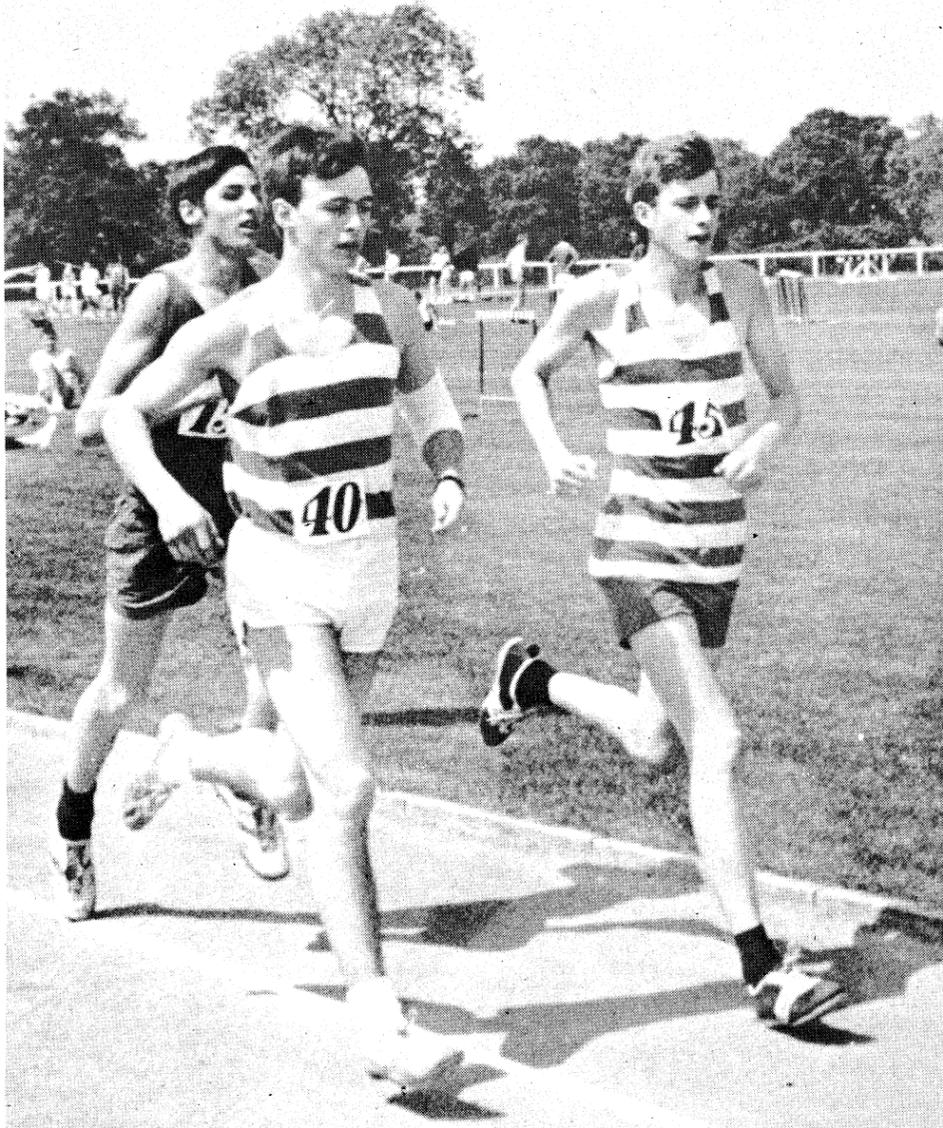
Garry Egerton touches down for a Force record triple jump. He also took second place in the cadets' 100 metres.



Tim Mildinhall lets go a big one to take fourth place in the javelin event, a great achievement in his first year as a cadet.



In the last event of the day, Paul Campous leapt to a new Force record of 20ft. 4in to take fourth place.



Cadet trio Mick Barlow, pole vault and 800 metres, (40), Larry Britt, 1500 metres and 3,000 metres steeplechase, here competing in the Force championships in early June — Essex Chronicle Picture.

## Pictures taken at Oxford by Dermot Hawkins



This sort of exercise is rarely gentle and if done properly, hurts most of the time. Brian Jones getting stuck into 3,000 metres at Melbourne Park, Chelmsford.



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## rushed at ampionships, Oxford

of the credit goes to Bill Pratt filling the role of team manager for the first time.

The best team performances of the afternoon came in the walk, when the blue striped vests caused a plunge in the opposition's morale, and the medley relay where the Down-Jackson-Taylor-Madden line-up came close to the Force record, set up long ago in 1961 (incidentally two members of that team won plaques at Oxford in 1971) and grabbed a third place in the last track event of the day.

### Still a winner

Best veteran: Tony Armstrong, who was in the relay team in 1961 and who came out of retirement and ill health to win the high jump at a still competent 5ft. 6in. Cheekiest performer of the day: Mick Barlow, who went past Chris Carter, no less, on the second lap of the 800 metres as if he was standing still. Alas, he went too soon and died in the home straight, but clocked a great personal best time. Most exuberant runners: the cadet relay team, Biddle - Evins - Bayley - England, who ran into second place and were so delighted you might have thought they had set

a world record. Most competent: Andy Down's Force record 1500 metres to be beaten by a yard, followed by a brave 5000 metres second place on blistered feet and then that relay leg right afterwards. Most powerful: Roger Taylor's sprint double. Most unlucky: Richie England's 11.9s. clocking in his 100 metre heat which was one foot away from a final place, and which would have won him second or third in the final — the luck of the draw.

No one seemed to be below form, personal bests came in handfuls, Force records fell, and the points tally rose. By halfway our lead seemed unassailable, but having been caught at the relay stage of the meeting for the past two years the team captain was wise to the danger of easing off — so no one eased up and the last four events produced 29 points — just to make sure.

### The Cup is ours!

So the cup which we had to share last year came back to Chelmsford for a 12-month stay. Twelve months? If the team spirit exhibited at Oxford is anything to go by, that cup could stay at Chelmsford for the next 12 years.



While not exactly breaking into a chorus of, "We are the champions," indeed there is almost an air of grim satisfaction at a job well done about some of them, the team pose with the cup which was last year shared with Sussex.

#### District champions.

Javelin Bert Wallace  
Triple jump Gary Egerton  
High jump Tony Armstrong  
100/200 mts. Peter Taylor

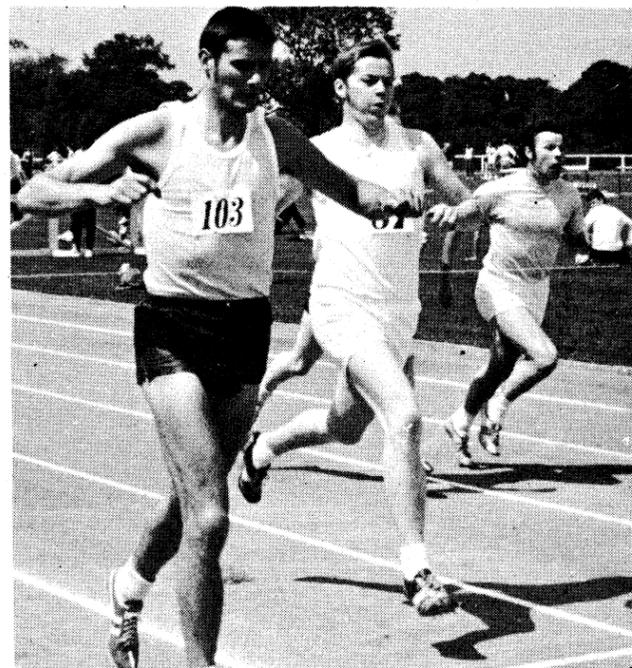
#### Runners-up.

Javelin John Watson  
100/200 mts. Mick Jackson  
3000 mts. walk Mike Eldred  
1500/5000 mts. Andy Down

400 mts. rly (edts.) Andy Biddle, Steve Evins,  
Peter Bayley, Richard England

#### Third places.

Pole vault Mick Barlow  
3000 mts. walk John Hedgethorpe  
High jump Peter Taylor  
400 mts. Richie Madden  
400 mts. rly (wmn) Penny Mace, Sue Moss  
Peg Barrett, Carol Lambourne  
1600 medley rly Andy Down, Mick Jackson,  
Peter Taylor, Richard Madden



Strong man, Peter Taylor, wins a heat at Chelmsford, a process he repeated at Oxford, snatching both sprints by narrow margins from team-mate Mick Jackson, who raced during his honeymoon.

### Essex A.A.A. championships

THE 1971 championships were much more successful for Force athletes than previous meetings, four medals being won.

Last year, in one of his earliest races, Ron Hammond had the distinction of winning our only medal, third in the junior walk, and this year he had the misfortune to repeat this. Both of those finishing ahead of him were absent last year but it was some consolation that team-mate Mike Eldred should take second spot. Both put up personal best times. Mike 14m. 44s. and Ron 14m. 45s., and were supported by Brian Jones, fifth in 15m. 42.8s., and Jon Hastings, seventh in 16m. 44s.

#### Double record

The meeting began well with Tim Mildinhal finishing second in the junior javelin with a throw of 45.18 mtrs. Also on that day Richard Madden clocked 55.9s. in taking fifth place in the 400 mtrs. and Mick Barlow qualified for the 800 mtrs. final with 2m. 5.6s. In the last event of the day Andy Down took fourth place in the 5,000 mtrs. setting Force records in the process at that distance and three miles (15m. 23.6s. and 14m. 47s.).

The second day got off to an even better start with Bob Scott winning the junior discus with a throw of 35.76 mtrs. which he followed with a 10.40 mtrs. shot put to take fifth position. In these events Paul Bradshaw was measured at 24.64 mtrs. and 7.82 mtrs.



Caught in that wonderful moment of crossing the line with all the hard work behind, Andy Down breaks the tape at Melbourne Park to win the Force 1500 metres last month. He lowered the Force record in this event at Oxford. Picture by Essex Chronicle.



is how it leaves those who don't train enough!

**Charge 'em up**

The news that the National Westminster Bank is to introduce a scale of charges for interviews with bank managers is an interesting sign of these modern times when cost consciousness seems to be more important to some organisations than good old fashioned service. On the basis of the more frivolous the reason for the interview, the higher the charge, any such scheme introduced into the Police Service might place interviews for the purpose of making unfounded complaints high on the scale of payments, thus doing everyone a great service.

**Must be joking**

The recent "Notification of Vacancy for Retiring or Retired Police Officer Night Commissionaire" seemed hardly worth the paper it was generously duplicated on. The position, in a hotel, which included looking after property, telephones and customers needs, and collecting cash, carried the princely salary of £2 per night for an 8½ hour stint. If this is the sort of position and salary the public think a retired policeman is worth perhaps serving policemen should decline to circulate the details.

**Riposte**

The letter in defence of the Specials makes good reading but will only serve to add weight to the Federation's argument. It is precisely because a Special can be called upon when all other personnel are away that the extent of the shortage of policemen is not apparent. The Chief Constable reports that the Force was 390 below establishment at the end of 1970 with an effective strength 46 lower than on amalgamation day two years ago. Although we may feel that financial considerations have much to do with this the existence of the Special Constabulary is also a factor as all those incidents they now cover would just not be attended to. The resulting public indignation might prod into action those who hold the purse strings and those under whose control conditions of service fall. These are the thoughts behind conference motions.

**Good enough**

Wishing to set up a more efficient machine to bring the monthly quota of news and views to the Force, the editorial office indented for a new typewriter to be supplied in the next financial year. We were delighted to be supplied with a machine immediately but not so impressed when it arrived to find that it was a battered relic of indeterminate age which Traffic had returned unwanted.

**PORTRAIT**

**Our new man in the Gatehouse Mr John Hudson**



**Civilian Establishment Officer**

**THE** long journey from Dusseldorf, West Germany, where he was then serving, to Chelmsford for selection interview, was far from being a waste of time for Captain John W. Hudson. As a result of the interview he recently took over as Civilian Establishment Officer to the Force.

Mr. Hudson was serving in Germany as a regular officer in the Royal Pioneer Corps in charge of the British Employment Office, handling 1,300 civilians employed by the services. Although he now has fewer civilians under his wing — a mere 769—

the two jobs are very similar.

After schooling at the Christ's Hospital Blue Coat School, John Hudson joined the army at 18 and worked through the ranks to gain a commission in the Royal Pioneer Corps. He is a native of London, his parents still live at Wandsworth, but has not lived there since he was five and has been in the army for the past 19 years.

Mr. Hudson is 37, and is married, his wife, Nadezda, was born in Yugoslavia, with a small son aged five months. The Hudsons are now living in Chelmsford.

**Cadet Gazette**

Youth six a side football tournament when three teams of cadets were entered to represent the College of Further Education. Despite the rules being changed midway in favour of the opposition, cadets (or rather College 'A' team) won through to the final which had then to be postponed for a week due to the gathering gloom.

CADET Corps activities have varied considerably this month, members having taken part in a bath race, canoe races, football, cricket, visits to places as varied as Kew Gardens and H.M.S. Ganges, and, not least, examinations at 'O' and 'A' level.

The successes of the cadet component of the Force athletics team are reported elsewhere, and the cricket team scored a good win over Chelmsford through some big hitting by Fletcher and Hastings.

The judo group put on a display at Stock which was reported enthusiastically in the press including a picture of D.S. Graham being thrown about — serve him right.

Greatest success came, however, in the Mid-Essex

The five previous matches having been won by a total of 62-8, the team started off confidently in the final, especially after an early goal by Gary Egerton to which two corners were soon added. Billericay then pulled back a goal and a corner to give a close half-time score of 5-4.

In the second spell things could have swung either way for the first five minutes but after Richie Madden got an angled goal the opposition fell apart somewhat and just before the end the same player made sure with a quickly toe-punted free kick.

**Letters to the Editor**

**Civilisation**

Dear Sir, It will be seen that this force is in the process of being overtaken by civilisation.

I think it is true to say that we have no argument against this course of action because the Police Federation has agreed and accepted civilianisation for some years, although one wonders if proper safeguards have been laid down for the protection of our members.

Having said this I feel that everything possible should be done for our members when they are replaced by civilians.

It is important that when officers are being replaced and returned to other duties that their loyalty, length of service, the importance and expertise of the jobs they have done in the past is considered and that they should be dealt with as individuals and not someone else to put back on a beat to make up manpower deficiencies.

Many are also worried about the man who is not medically fit for outside duty and who in the past has been given an inside job and has been able to carry on as a police officer. Consideration has also been given in the past for the constable and sergeant who is on the last few years of his service. What of these men when we become completely civilianised. Another important point is that civilianisation appears to be eroding away our rank structure and if this is allowed to continue there will be far fewer vacancies on the promotion ladder than at present.

If the Joint Branch Board agrees with these views then the time to act is now before the civilian organisation and rank structure becomes properly established.

Yours sincerely,  
F. C. PAXMAN  
Sergeant

**A Special hits back**

SO THE busy Bobbies have been at it again. Disband the Specials! Whatever next! They were in being long before the regulars and would their removal really improve pay and conditions in the force as "Edviews" suggests?

On my section the duty roster

for five constables and a sergeant sometimes leaves the section bereft of all cover; annual leave, on course, rest day, sick leave, special duties, the latter can be anything from tracking down hi-jackers at Stansted Airport to chasing skin-heads on Southend's beaches. So, as a last resort I am allocated a night turn on the minivan, sometimes at short notice, but never at the expense of a regular officer.

Would my premature retirement improve the situation? Of course there would be a saving of 22½p per week, but this split six weeks would hardly put my colleagues in the surtax class. On the lighthearted side my uniform could be auctioned off before the county could put a preservation order on it. We have been together now nine years and before we met, judging by the cut, it must have belonged to a nautical man. This relic, which in turn serves as my working dress in summer and winter alike, and becomes my best bib and tucker for the carnival, doesn't cost the county a new halfpenny piece to maintain. Compared with the Metropolitan and City of London Police we are kitted out like "Dad's Army" and yet expected to look like policemen.

It may sound strange, but when serving in the Territorials I never heard it suggested that we should be disbanded. And were they less professional during the war than the regulars? No one seems to worry about the existence of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force or the Royal Naval Reserve, and while we are disbanding things why not disband the British Red Cross and the St. John Ambulance Brigade and rid ourselves of another band of dedicated amateurs and think of the indignity of having your fire put out by a part-time fireman.

I dare say the proposer of this resolution got a standing ovation, no wonder it was unanimous, no specials were invited to oppose it. Already our hours are limited to four hours per week or 16 hours per month and what happens if at the scene of an accident your time suddenly runs out? On a number of occasions my duties have over-run so I am not being facetious.

I am a believer in the old saying "two heads are better than one" so surely two policemen are safer than one or are not the federation concerned about the number of attacks on its members. One safeguard would be to see that its members patrol at night in pairs even if it means being accompanied by an amateur. When will the federation realise that no matter how much you improve pay and conditions you will still have an under-strength force? Are they trying to create a situation where the prime consideration for being a policeman is a financial one. If so it makes a mockery of the latest recruiting advertisements which claims that being a policeman will test any man. He'll need tact, intelligence, patience and guts. He'll need to use his brains and education.

Personally, I think the proposer of this resolution lacked tact and certainly didn't require any guts. Every day through the mass media the

for five constables and a sergeant sometimes leaves the section bereft of all cover; annual leave, on course, rest day, sick leave, special duties, the latter can be anything from tracking down hi-jackers at Stansted Airport to chasing skin-heads on Southend's beaches. So, as a last resort I am allocated a night turn on the minivan, sometimes at short notice, but never at the expense of a regular officer.

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E. J. CARRINGTON  
472 S.p.c.

**Be humble not sensitive**

Dear Sir, The bleat of our newish colleague, P.c. 1036 White, may be well founded, but for one who has earlier sunk to considerable depths he has reached a new record abyss.

Humility is a characteristic common to many policemen who gain this as they experience the job. One thing we must not be is sensitive. Even elderly probationers would be advised to take note of this.

Yours faithfully,  
John Double, P.c. 876.

**It's class distinction — again**

Dear Sir, I quote Force Order 'B' dated June 28, 1971:—

**838 RETIREMENT**  
Mr. C. H. WALLER, Assistant Chief Constable (Operations) will retire from the Force on July 31, 1971. Police Pensions Regulations 1971, Regulation 19.

**839 RESIGNATIONS**  
Ps 44 BLOODWORTH, 18.7.71, Police Pension Regulations 1971, Reg. 19.

Same regulation—what's the difference! Another of the anomalies to help "fester" good relations?

R. F. Bloodworth

The "College" six-a-side team. Standing from left are: John Weatherley, Bob Scott, Jon Hastings, Mr. Baker, manager; front, Peter Symkiss, Richard Madden, capt., and Gary Egerton.



## Angling

By Dave Blackiston

WITH the season started it looks as though the club has a busy time ahead. The club has an entry of 21 in the No. 5 (South East) Region open match to be held at Petworth Park, Sussex. This is a water that is only fished three times a year and so the sport should be good. Ours is the largest entry that the organisers have received so far—so we can only hope.

The number of waters open to members is on the increase. The club has just rented a six-acre pit at Broads Green which shows great promise. We have a stretch on the River Stour at Nayland outside the Anchor Inn. (Stories of the one that got away at the bar afterwards).

Permission has also been given to fish waters fished by Marconi's Angling Society. This includes stretches on the River Chelmer and several pits. Tickets are held by me. As well as these waters we have the same ones as last year including the River Chelmer by the Green Man Public-house at Howe Street (a pub again).

All of these waters are available for the membership fee of £1.

Tickets are now available at a cost of 50p per season for the River Stour and Mill Pool at Dedham. As well as an enjoyable fishing spot, it is an ideal picnic spot for the family with boats for hire further down the river.

River Board licences are now available from me. Freshwater 20p. Salmon, trout and freshwater 50p.

An individual knock-out match is to be held during the season, and also an inter-divisional match with teams of two. Every division should be able to enter at least one team.

Full details of these matches and the waters available from me at Harwich Police Station.

### Forthcoming matches

**July 21**  
Kingfisher Cup match.  
**August 4**  
Inter-divisional match.  
**August 18**  
Individual match.  
**September 1**  
Isle of Ely and Cambridgeshire Fire Brigade match on the Queen Adelaide Straight on the River Ouse.  
**September 30**  
P.A.A. National Angling Championships to be held on the River Dee, Eccleston, Cheshire.  
**October 27**  
Individual match.  
Venues of the Force matches have not yet been finalised.

# SPORT

## Walking

### 3,000 MTS—100 MILES MAKES FOR A BUSY MONTH

JUNE proved to be a busy month for the Section with various age groups engaged in seven races in eight days at distances from 3000 mts. to 100 miles.

On 19th June at Basildon the girls got among the prizes for the first time, even if modestly, when they picked up 3rd team prizes in a 3000 mts. race against high class opposition, several of whom had international experience.

On the same day the juniors, racing over 5000 mts. took on their old — and only — rivals Bromsgrove. Ron Hammond slightly below form just made the difference, only a matter of seconds at the best of times, and once more they were second. Mike Eldred took first youth position and Brian Jones also walked well.

Next day at Chelmsford Ron got his revenge for several recent defeats by Mike to notch a good 4th place in senior company. Brian Jones put in a personal best for 3000 mts. on a track resembling pudding, a great effort.

The walkers' contribution to the Force victory in the regional championships at Oxford is reported on the centre pages: the psychological effect of these blue stripes grabbing valuable points was very great.

### 100 miles

And so to Ewhurst, Surrey, for this year's 100 miles. John Hedgethorpe, who had surprised himself with a personal best 3000 mts. at Oxford two days before, was well supported by juniors to pass the drinks and sponges, and it was just as well because after a good start which carried him well up into second place he went through a gruesome lap around 40 miles which dropped him back to 4th.

Recovering to take 2nd place at 100 kilometers (62½m) John trudged on to finish 3rd, in a personal best time of 18h. 2m. 11s.

### Team race

For the last race of this hectic period the Eldred-Hammond-Jones combo went

other scores Tarbun 23, Croot 20, Arnell 16.

### 30th May v. Braintree

Having lost the toss and been put in to bat on a very wet wicket, the first wicket fell at 20. After this wickets went down regularly and the side were all out for 98, of which 24 were contributed by Alf Henry making a return to the side. In their turn Braintree did rather better, passing the police total for the loss of only five wickets: Tarbun 3—45, Hicks 1—4; Nicholls scored 20.

### 3rd June P.A.A. v. Kent

Playing on the County ground at Chelmsford, on a wicket which was a delight throughout, the Force were knocked out of the P.A.A. competition in the first round.

Kent had 60 on the board before the first wicket fell, and although B. Tarbun and N. Grainger then slowed the scoring rate somewhat and seemed to be getting on top, M. Epps came in and scored 60 at more than a run a minute. So Kent totalled 175—6.

Hoping for a good start in face of this total the Force lost both openers quickly. Fred Nichols, Barry Tarbun and Tony Bragg stopped the slide momentarily but once they had gone it was left to Alf Henry and John Johnson to make the score respectable.



Mike Eldred pictured in a 3000 mts. race at Chelmsford. In the Regional Championships at Oxford, Mike lowered the Force record for this distance by over half a minute to 13min. 54.4sec.

down to Grays and made it 1-2-3 in the Thurrock Harriers open junior 5000 mts. A successful month!

### Results

**19.6.71, Junior 5000, Basildon:** 4th, M. Eldred, 24.02; 11th, R. Hammond, 25.01; 12th, B. Jones, 25.01; 25th, D. Hawkins, 27.33; 26th, L. Brett, 27.39; 27th, J. Hastings, 27.47. Teams: 1, Bromsgrove, 9; 2, Police, 12.

**19.6.71, Women's 3000, Basildon:** 12th S. Moss, 18m. 56s.; 13th, E. Allman, 19m. 38s.; 18th, M. Cooper, 21m. 11s. Teams: 1, Birchfield, 9; 2, Selsonia, 12; 3, Police, 26.

**19.6.71, 15 kilo, Basildon:** 23rd, K. Mann, 89m. 58s.

**20.6.71, 3000, Chelmsford:** 4th, R. Hammond, 14m 51s; 5th, M. Eldred, 14m 57.9s; 6th, B. Jones, 14m 59.6s; 13th, J. Hastings, 16m 49s; 14th, D. Hawkins, 16m 50s; 15th, J. Shanahan, 17m 02s.

**27.6.71, 5000, Grays:** 1st, M. Eldred, 24m 35s; 2nd, R. Hammond, 24m 35s; 3rd, B. Jones, 24m 50s.

## BOWLS

By A. J. Smith

ON WEDNESDAY, May 26, 1971, the Force Bowls Pairs Championships were held on the green at Headquarters. As with the singles championship held the previous week, all Divisions were represented.

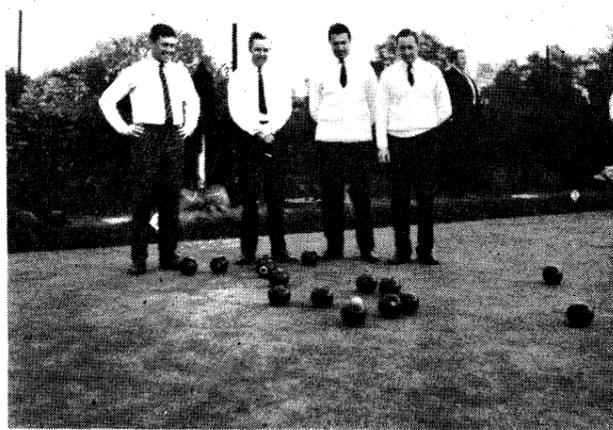
In the morning, Basildon and Clacton (D.c. Lee and Supt. Horne, P.c. Hughes and D.s. Hueur respectively) played a preliminary round. The Basildon pair started off in fine form with a four on the first end but the Clacton pair came back and after six ends the scores were level at 5-5. The game continued as a very tight struggle with the lead changing until at the 16th Clacton held the advantage at 13-12. However, in the last five ends the Basildon pair collected nine shots to Clacton's six and went on to the first round.

In the first round after lunch Basildon (Lee and Horne) played Chelmsford (P.c. Lawrence and C/Insp. Shayshutt), Headquarters (P.c.s Fleming and Storrar) v. Grays (D.s. Cass and C/Insp. Drage), Southend West (P.s. Uren and P.c. Cable) v. Harlow (P.s. Cowell and Insp. Newnham), Colchester (P.c. Clarkson and Wright) v. Southend East (P.c.s Maxim and Daldry). These four games produced some excellent bowling and all finished with very close scoring except that Gerry Cowell and Wif Newnham could not come to terms with Barry Cable and Basil Uren although the actual score did not perhaps fairly reflect the game.

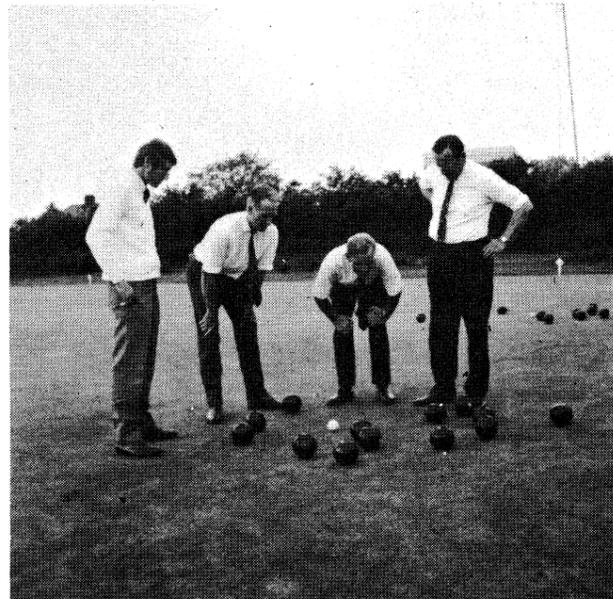
The semi-finals brought Basildon v. Staff and the two Southend Divisions to battle. Basildon had an easy run against the Staff pair who, although in contention for the first half of the game could not keep up the pressure and were eventually well beaten. The two Southend pairs played excellent bowls and produced a game that would not have been shamed at Mortlake. So tight was this game that with the last end to play Barry and Basil held a one-shot lead at 16-15. A tense last end eventually came to an end with Barry and Basil holding one shot and going on to the Final.

Unfortunately, the final could not be played the same evening due to the time and this was held over and eventually played at Priory Park Southend on June 7. Barry and Basil were again in sparkling form and although Derek and Ted started off with a five, they were from then on never in the game which the Southend pair took easily.

Many congratulations to



Competitors in the all-Southend semi-final in the Force pairs championship. From the left: P.c. Maxim, P.s. Uren, P.c. Cable and P.c. Daldry.



Measuring-up time in the second semi-final as the contestants give the woods their close attention. From the left: D.c. Lee and Supt. Horne, Basildon, and the H.Q. pair, P.c. Fleming and P.c. Storrar.

Barry Cable and Basil Uren our Champions for this year and all our best wishes to them in the PAA competitions later on when they will represent this Force. Well done to the remainder who produced of their best. You will all have the chance again next year and who knows which pair fortune will favour in 1972.

## Tourists win

On Thursday, 17th June, the Force were the hosts to a touring side from Nottingham Constabulary. At 3 p.m. four rinks filled the headquarters green and after a few words of welcome from our Captain Supt. Horne and suitable replies from Peter Bromley the Notts

Captain, battle commenced. Considering the weather of the preceding few days, the green played very well, and as the afternoon turned out to be fine the whole game was very much enjoyed. At no time was either team able to establish a commanding lead and so tight became the scoring that the outcome of the match rested on the last wood of the last end. Ted Horne lay four shots giving us an overall winning score, but the Notts skip accepted the challenge sent his last wood right into the head to leave Ted only one shot up. This one wood gave the match result to Notts by 2 shots overall. Result: Essex skips first: Hitchcock 23, 21; Newnham 24, 17; Horne 14, 18; Gorham 14, 21; 75-77.

Unfortunately this was the end of the Notts tour and the lads had to return home directly after tea as some of them were due on early turn the next day. They had played four matches altogether and had won them all but they were never nearer defeat than at our hands.

## Monster scoreboard

Those of our bowlers in and around Chelmsford may well have noticed the new score board which has been erected on the green at Headquarters. Actually if you are within hailing distance it is almost impossible not to see this splendid edifice. Incidentally, there is no truth in the rumour that the secretary can read the score whilst lying in bed but it is possible that Superintendents Canham and Bird will be recruited as scorers. This board has been made entirely by voluntary labour and has saved the club many pounds (approx. £150) and our sincere thanks for this go to Basil Uren for organising the project and to Bill Mann at Southend for all the splendid hard work and craftsmanship he put in. If there is anyone else who contributed to this in any way who I do not know and therefore have not mentioned by name please include yourselves in the thanks and praise from all the Force Bowls Section.

## Lee Ho!

THE Sailing Section held their second inter-divisional meeting on June 22, at the Half Way Sailing Club, Southend, of which Pc Charley Petty-Mayer is Commodore. A total of 11 boats competed in conditions which were fine for the brave at heart with Force 5 winds.

The conditions caused early casualties but nothing serious. A broken mast, torn sail, and damaged centre board kept things interesting for the spectators and one wit suggested that Ian Wright was practising for the Southend Swim after he had capsized his Fireball for the third time. The first race was over 10 miles and the winner was Det. Ch. Insp. Arthur Hodges (Enterprise), Basildon. Crewed by W/Insp. Lorna Brooks. Second was Pc Charley Petty-Mayer (Albacore), Southend, and third, Pc Scott (Graduate), Rochford.

In the afternoon the wind dropped slightly and Pc Petty-Mayer mastered the foul tide to take the winning gun. Pc Howard was second and DCI Hodges third. The plaques for overall first position went once again to Pc Petty-Mayer and second overall to DCI Hodges.

The races were held under strict R.Y.A. rules as the helmsmen will be competing in open police events in the near future and in particular the P.A.A. event to be held at Chichester in September.



Mr. C. Waller, Chief Supt. L. White and Supt. R. Canham were among the spectators and they must have left thinking "things ain't what they used to be."

Kent 175—6; Grainger 3—38, Culham 2—51, Tarbun 1—26. Essex/Southend 107; Johnson 27, Johnson 22, Henry 13 n.o.

### 12th June v. Tendring Park

Despite a goodish tea time total of 121—7, of which Arnell made a great 53 and Tarbun 27, Tendring passed the Force score for the loss of only four wickets. Johnson took 3—49 and Barham 1—13.

Sailing his "Toy" class dinghy, Ken Howard, of Headquarters Traffic. Photo by Essex Chronicle.

### Sailing

KENT police are holding their annual sailing regatta as usual in Dover Harbour, on Thursday, July 22.

This is a well organised event, comprising a practice race at 11 a.m. followed by two races to count in the afternoon. Meals will be available. Anyone interested should contact Det. Ch. Insp. Hodges at Basildon for an entry form.

## CRICKET

Summaries of matches played so far this season are written by Fred Nicholls, himself having a good season.

### 2nd May v. Ongar

After Ongar scored 126 for six declared, the Force began by losing two wickets for two and were all out for 62. A poor start to the season.

### 16th May v. Tendring

Only eight men turned up to represent the Force in this game, a disgraceful effort, but spectators Geoff Bendall, Dave Metcalfe and Dickie Gould, came to the rescue, and at tea captain Barry Tarbun declared at 93—8, Rod Ellis 34 n.o. Tendring put on 29 for the first wicket but at the close were a few runs short to close at 86—8. Johnson 3—15 and Bendall 3—16 took the wickets in this well-earned draw.

### 23rd May v. Braintree

Fielding a full side with the aid of only one spectator, the Force fielded well to restrict the opposition to 95—9 (Johnson 4—20, Tarbun 4—26). In the last over of the day Dave Rogers got the winning run:

Essex and Southend-on-Sea Police Magazine

The Summer 1971 Edition of the Magazine will be on sale during July price 5p.

Among the many interesting items are included a full-length article by Mr. C. H. Waller, A.C.C.(O) on the History and Development of our Marine Section, an account by Craig Bailey of the Essex I.P.A. visit to Yugoslavia and Greece — "Marathon to Minerva," and Jim Willis writes about his unusual hobby, "Collecting Rocks and Minerals." All the usual features and prize competitions are also included.

Orders for copies may be placed with your Divisional Correspondent now.

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, Calor gas cooker, etc.; £5 per week. Ted Davidson, H.Q. extension 352. Home, Chelmsford 57092.

**FOR SALE:** VW Beetle 1300 saloon, 1967 model, green with beige interior, genuine 44,500 miles, new exhaust, brakes. Excellent condition. £490 o.n.o. Contact Pc 1380 Young, South Ockendon. South Ockendon 2332.

**1968 Lynton Scamp "T" 11ft.** luxury 4-berth touring caravan. Suitable for towing by small car. Full awning and fitted carpet, underfloor insulation, toilet compartment, gas and electric fluorescent lighting and many other extras. Immaculate condition. £270. Telephone: South Ockendon 2332, extension 12.

**For Sale:** One EaseLec 2 1/4 kW storage heater, £15. One Berry Magicole 2-bar electric fire, £7.50p. One Wilson Silver Cross high pram, complete with canopy, tray, bag, electric bottle heater, etc., £12.50p. Contact D/c. Mike Frost at Colchester ext. 35.

WHAT'S ON

Life saving dates 1971

**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.

Charity Cricket Match

Between the Force and Braintree Tradesmen on Braintree Town C.C. ground.

Thursday, July 15, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This is the centenary match between the two sides and the proceeds are to be divided between the Orphans Fund and local Braintree charities. It is hoped that several former Essex C.C.C. players will take part, plus Ray Crawford and Brian Hall, of Colchester United F.C.

Federation News

By Stan Smith



THE Police Authority have approved the revision of the maximum limit rent allowance to be effective from April 1, 1971. They have also agreed that the formula set in 1969 should be used and that the Police house at No. 2 Partidge Avenue, Chelmsford, should be the property to be valued as being representative of a constable's accommodation in this Force.

To stop unfounded rumours, the 1969 procedure for the revision of rent allowance is briefly as follows:—

A Police Authority purpose-built house, deemed to be representative of accommodation at constable level, is selected and approved. This house should have been built between 1960 and 1965; the District Valuer then gives his opinion as to the notional rent of the house compared with other property locally, plus general and water rates, with the landlord defraying the cost of decorations and repairs. The District Valuer's assessment of this house is binding on both sides, and when the Police Authority have been notified of the assessment, the approval of the Home Office is sought to give effect to the maximum limit set by the Valuer's assessment on this one house.

The procedure is in train and the District Valuer has been asked to make his assessment. It is anticipated that when the Police Authority receives his report, the Home Office will be asked to approve payment

and the new limits will be confirmed at the next Police Authority Meeting in September.

No sum has yet been mooted, so you can discount any rumours, sit tight and wait, bearing in mind that any increase will be back-dated to April 1. Those officers in houses presently valued above the current maximum will automatically receive the new rates up to the maximum of their valuation if this is up to, or below the new maximum limit. Valuations of owner-occupied houses are made every two years to keep them up-dated.

The Quarterly Housing Meeting on June 28 gave all but a few of the 63 applicants permission to become owner-occupiers. This, despite the fact that there are a considerable number of empty Police houses, and this result emphasises the good will which exists at top level in respect of this important aspect of a Police Officer's family life.

Now that the system of disposal of surplus Police houses has been agreed, steps will shortly be taken to realise the assets of these properties. It is not expected, however, that there will be any real bargains to be had, the only advantage to Police Officers being that they will only be bidding against other Police Officers and not the general public.



Material for inclusion in the new J.B.B. Diary has been sent to the printers and it is intended to sell the diaries to contributors to the Federation funds for a nominal sum. They will be of a handy pocket size and will contain Powers of Arrest; Judges' Rules; Driving Licence Groups; particulars of Federation insurances, etc. The diary formerly produced by the Police Review has been discontinued due to rising costs and falling demand.

What's on Who's off

WELL this month it's easy to start off—firstly we've had our second meeting and secondly THEY'RE HERE—THE NOR-TONS, the elusive Commandos. Anyway, more about them later.

On June 8 we held our second meeting at the "Three Cups" at Chelmsford and I think I can safely say it was a success. We never changed the motor cycling world very much but we certainly "supped some ale." Before the dreaded hops took over the meeting we managed to discuss a few items which included an inspection of the Avia kit and here we were all in agreement that it appears to be the answer for the future.

Derek Lee, of HQ., brought up the question of breeches, regarding better fittings, etc., and it was unanimously voted that a word in the right (or left) ear of a certain person would have to be made. Either that or take an observer with us in each pair of breeches.

It was also agreed by all that a visit to Norton's should be arranged for October. The

question was brought up concerning having our own tie. After a long and humorous discussion on this subject we were all in agreement that it was a good idea but after about one hour and four pints later all we had decided was that it would be worn round the neck. So don't forget any ideas for colour and motif let's have them.

One thing I was very pleased to see was that we had representatives from each Division present and the total number was 15, so thanks once again for turning up. The next meeting will most likely be the same place.

By the way, everybody is riding very careful lately—I'm pleased to report—as the league remains the same: Colchester 3, Southend 1.

AROUND THE SUBS

Harlow—that den of iniquity and hard work—have been put in the picture this week by Arthur "Jason" Johnson against who, I'm pleased to say, the complaint was not substantiated.

On Whit Monday the Harlow Motor Cycle Section was seconded for duty at the North Weald Air Show between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. and due to the departure of P.s. Mather to Colchester just prior to the Air Show P.s. 144 Tomlinson, Driving School, was put in charge. He had not been astride a motor cycle for some considerable time and I hear that due to the usual friction between the seat and saddle, decided that he would remain standing for the following three days and go back to motor car instruction in future.

Headquarters is due to lose one of its members to Southend on July 27 in the form (and I use the expression very loosely) of P.c. "Magna" Carter. His place is being taken by Ian Sparkes from the Town so more



On June 7, 100 members of Colchester Div Sports Club attended a dinner at the George Hotel to mark the retirement of P.s. Fred Hagon after eight years as Div Sports Secretary. After an excellent meal Ch. Supt. Derek Dighton presented Fred with a barometer, suitably engraved, and Mrs. Dighton handed Mrs. Hagon a bouquet. So successful was the dinner that it is hoped to make it an annual event — without the presentations.

Members of the Force Group Insurance Scheme will now be receiving a Certificate of Membership for filing with their personal papers. These have been produced in response to a request for some documentary proof of membership of the Scheme. All this certificate does is to notify members that they are registered and remind them of the benefits. At the present time there are 1,250 members of the Force in the Scheme, but it is a sad reflection that the majority of those members of the Force who have died in the past two years were not members. Even if we consider that we have enough insurance, with the rapid escalation of living costs, this insurance is very cheap for the extra money it brings to a widow.



Promotion Advisory Boards are again in the news, with the second Boards sitting from July 5. Only 8-10 officers per day can be interviewed, so it will be some time before all who have qualified can be seen.

The same system as was



operated last year will be used, with those members selected being notified through Divisional channels. Those not selected will have to sweat it out until the Boards are finished because they will not be notified of their non-selection. The initial Sergeants P.A.B.'s will also begin in Divisions on the same day. There are very few vacancies occurring this coming year and the competition will be tougher than ever. There is still time for some of you to get that haircut and shave!

Some members may have read in the national press recently that the Police Federation are submitting another pay claim. There is no news of this as yet, but members will recall that in the pay agreement there was a clause which permits a further claim to be made after one year has elapsed provided the wastage figures have not improved. It is much too early yet to see the trends, but as far as this Force is concerned, the position is this:— Strength on amalgamation, April 1969—1,938; Strength on January 1, 1971—1,926; Strength on July 1, 1971—1,938. Wastage has certainly improved as was expected in the short term, but there has been no sudden rush of suitably qualified applicants so far.

that he'll be doing more than morse code. It's nice to be able to talk about him instead of him about us. Myself, Monty, Ben Bentley and Dick Barham, and Les Elkington, chaperoned by Chalky White and Stu Mather, went to the Essex Show. Yes Chalky and Stu were on motor bikes and as you'll know by now it rained, by heavens how it rained and you'll never believe it, Chalky and Stu were actually seen riding when it was raining, AND they got wet. Later on that evening Stu was seen in the drying room, doing just that, with DRY motor cyclists looking on, who had been out, wait for it, in a CAR. Also from the outback we have reports that Monty was seen performing point duty, no not on his bike, standing up. Mind you, it was outside the "Green Dragon" so the sighting may have been right.

I have received a bit from Mitch Martin about the tie, the suggestion from Colchester is a Winged boot, so let's have some others.

See you all at the next meeting.

SLINGER (WOODS)

WHAT a pity it is that the Police Authority were unable to unanimously agree to a resolution put to the meeting on June 21, welcoming the Chief Constable's statements regarding the decrease in crime in Southend, which repudiates the suggestion that Southend has suffered as a result of the amalgamation.

I am sure that this was put to the members in all honesty in an attempt to spell out to the populace that the Police Authority supported the Chief Constable and members of the Force in their efforts to get on with the work of policing the area without regard for political considerations.

The Southend members of the Committee smelled a rat and their hackles rose at the suggestion that they should join in this public statement that the Force are doing their job properly and effectively.

We, the members of the Force who have proved their loyalty and determination to do the job to the best of our ability, and especially those in Southend who have done such a good job, are surely entitled to receive the support of all members of the Police Authority.

Congratulations to P.c. David Ellis, of Grays, who recently collected the princely sum of £42 on a charity walk, and more to his credit, he donated the whole amount to the Orphans' Fund. When one considers that this year we shall be providing for a minimum of an extra four orphans, involving additional expenditure of £200, donations of this kind are doubly welcome.

Know your law —answers:

1. (e) 2. (b) 3. (e).