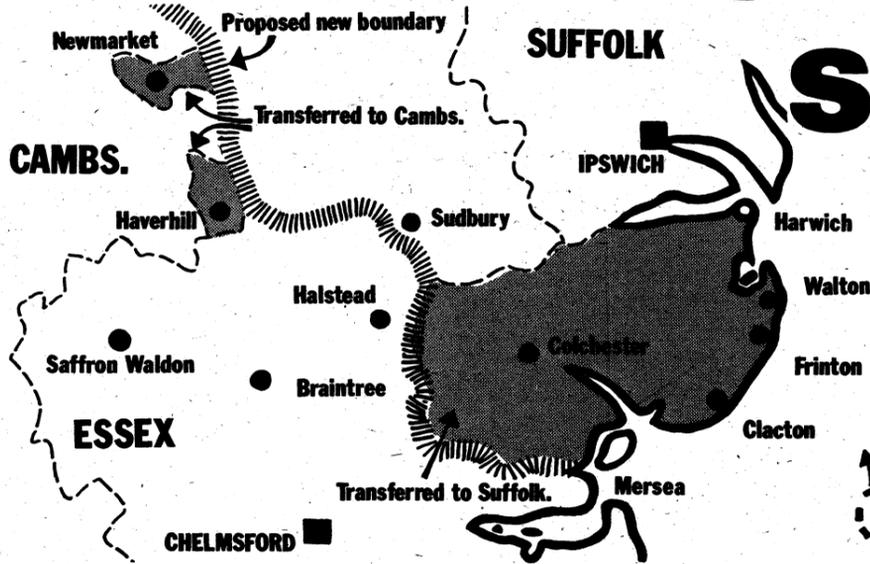


## Boundary Bill shock



ONLY 2½ years after the last upheaval hit this Force with the 1969 amalgamation, the next disruption was foreshadowed in early November by the publication of the Local Government Bill.

This recommends the transferring to Suffolk administration of North East Essex, including all the areas normally associated with that title, but also all of the Lexden and Winstreet Rural District Council area which includes such parts of the Essex heartland as Tiptree and the Layers.

What effect this will have on police arrangements can only be guessed as far as any detail is concerned though since police boundaries are to coincide with administrative divisions, these areas will clearly come under the control of Suffolk.

It is difficult to see how a full transfer option can be given to the men concerned in the terms used in the past. In the unlikely event of every Essex man wishing to remain in the new smaller Essex, Suffolk just could not police their larger area.

In the event reaction seems to be mixed. Concern at apparent differences in conditions in the two counties is matched by consideration of house ownership and the generally pleasant conditions in that area. But until something concrete is announced many will want to wait and see. Comment on centre pages.

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### First houses offered for sale under new

### scheme



The first county house to be offered for sale, a detached residence at Writtle, with a reserve price of £6,000.

DETAILS of the first three surplus police houses to be offered for sale to members of the Force under the new scheme were circulated on November 23 by way of Force Order.

Any member of the Force with permission to buy may survey the properties at any reasonable time bearing in mind that one of them, at Writtle, is still occupied. Tenders for the houses will be accepted up to January 4, and a form of tender is available from the Clerk of the Police Authority.

The order shows the reserve price—the minimum acceptable—placed on each house: 215 Ongar Road, Writtle, £6,000; 22 Bermuda Road, Tilbury, £5,750; 9 Grenville Road, Braintree, £5,000.

### Judo squad for Olympia

OPENING at Olympia on 9th December will be the "Opportunity 71" exhibition, sponsored by the Daily Express.

A unique feature of this exhibition (sponsored by The Daily Express) will be the Police stand designed

not only to show every aspect of police work, but also to allow visitors to take part in many police activities.

For instance, visitors to the Communications Booth will be able to radio a picture of a friend to a police car outside: in the CID Booth they can make a Photofit picture: elsewhere they can operate police radio sets and fingerprinting equipment. The stand will be manned by policemen, policewomen and cadets from many forces. There will be arena displays by cadets, dog-handlers and mounted police.

Chosen from Essex/Southend to help in manning the specialisation booth is frogman Pc Geof Lee, of Benfleet. A member of the Underwater Search Unit since 1965, Geoff will talk to visitors on this type of police work.

In the arena the cadet judo squad will perform twice daily under the eagle eye of instructor Ds. Jim Graham of Basildon. The team will be P. Bridge, S. Youngman, M. Beale, D. Hammond, M. Beaumont, J. Shanahan, S. Taylor and D. Sewell; and girls, V. Granville, J. Reddings, D. Wilson and M. Cooper.

### Boxes to stay

THE controlling committee for the Combined Welfare Funds Contribution Scheme for 1971-72 will be the Chief Constable or his nominee (Chairman), Ch. Insp. Andrews (Traffic), Ch. Insp. Brewer (Basildon), Insp. White (Southend West), Insp. Ryan (Grays), Ps Cowell (Harlow), Ps Horton (Chelmsford), Ps Groves (Southend East), Ch. Insp. Weall (Clacton), Pc Groom (Staff), Ps Frost (Colchester), Ps Smith (Joint Branch Board) and Ps Easlea, Secretary.

Collecting boxes will still be provided at police stations because the public still need some means of making small unsolicited donations. The boxes will be emptied quarterly under somewhat complicated accounting arrangements and the money forwarded to the secretary of the Combined Fund committee.

### Bill helps 'em out on his last parade

P.c. BILL LITTLEWOOD, one of only two former Colchester Borough Police Officers still serving in the Town, retires on 15 December. Bill, who for some years now has worked in the control room at Colchester Police Station, was chosen to represent the police at this year's Colchester Remembrance Day Parade. Immaculately dressed and with medals chinking, Bill lined up with civil dignitaries and representatives from other local organisations to place a wreath on the war memorial. Suddenly, there was an embarrassed silence. The Mayor's attendant had forgotten to bring a wreath for her to lay.

The Mayor's Secretary whispered to Bill who stepped smartly forward and handed his wreath to the Mayor who gratefully placed it on the memorial. Gallant to the last, Bill, who was soon approached by the pressmen present, denied that he had handed over his own wreath to the Mayor.

A former R.A.F. man who saw service



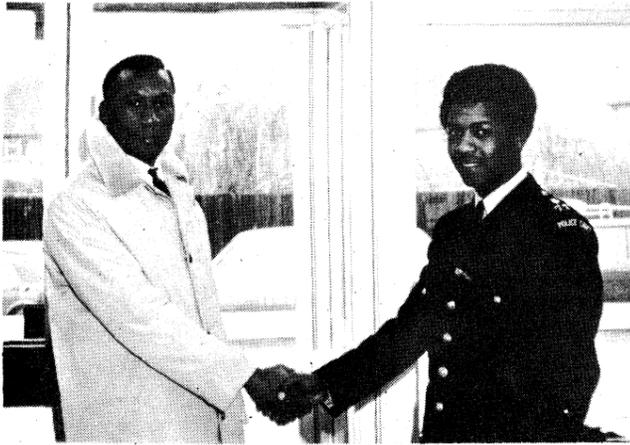
in the Far East during World War Two, Bill is to operate a vehicle delivery and collection service in Colchester when he retires. We wish him well.

### First aiders' success



DESPITE their relaxed appearance the Force first-aid 'A' team are in strict training for the No. 5 (S.E.) Region eliminating contest for the Pim Trophy. This will be held on 9th January and the Force has also entered a 'B' team. Pictured with the Lily Herbert Memorial Trophy, recently captured at Southend, the team are, left to right, Eric Knowles and Geof Butler, Basildon, and Ian Hunter and George Coulthrust, Colchester. Picture by Dermot Hawkins.

## Overseas visitor at H.Q.



Constable Fough, of St. Kitts, West Indies, has been attending a course at the Marconi, Chelmsford, for the past two months to familiarise himself with their equipment. And as he is a Control Room man back home a visit was arranged to H.Q. Information Room to see how things are done here. And there to greet him on his arrival was Cadet "Chalky" Beckford, who acted as guide.

## PLSGC medal list published

A LONG list of Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal recipients was announced last month, 27 members of the Force being so honoured.

The list is headed by Brentwood's Inspector F. W. Overend, who is followed by Sergeant No. 1 C. J. Deleay. Others are as follows —

Sergeants: T. Morgan, S. Williams, D. Clarke, A. Wilman, P. Risen, A. Plunkett, C. Skilbeck, H. Ranson, A. Bates, P. Ladbrook, N. Lonergan, F. Paxman. Costables: P. Cable, T. Ford, A. Gresty, G. Davis, D. Richards, H. Hockett, K. Waters, A. Bassett, J. Smith, P. Ashbee, D. Hunwicks, R. Pope, S. Stanton.

## Combining work with pleasure

A RECENT Divisional Memorandum related to the duties of Uniform Personnel at a county Police Station, especially Supervising Officers. Included in this was the Woman Police Sergeant and Appendix 'E' of the memorandum set out her duties and responsibilities. Sub section (4) read as follows:

The Woman Sergeant will have a special responsibility for giving on the job training and guidance to Women Probationers.

The memorandum was subsequently issued to all ranks throughout the Police Station, and when seen rapidly recalled in order that the above might be amended.

On seeing the original memorandum, three Detective Sergeants immediately volunteered to take part in practical exercises, even in their own time.

## CALL BOXES HITTING BACK?

WHAT could be taken as evidence, even if inconclusive, that telephone boxes have had enough of being "done" and are hitting back, comes from the Information Room.

One evening recently, V.G. sent the following message over the ether to a mobile unit: "Attend incident at . . . report of man being beaten up by the telephone box."

Rumours that the suspect disappeared on a time and space journey to HQ have been officially denied.

## Police Band Notes

By Harry Rossiter

THE BAND continues to spread its wings and make music in different localities. During November we have played at a concert at the TAVR centre at Leigh-on-Sea on the 3rd, at Hutton Church on Sunday, 7th November, when we played hymns during the service and gave a short concert afterwards; and on 13th November we played at St. John's Church, Ipswich, on this occasion sharing the bill-



ing with the Suffolk Police Male Voice Choir once again, and finally at Ongar Comprehensive School on November 24th.

We have been engaged to play at Brentwood College of Further Education on 15th December. Don't forget all band fans to come to HQ Assembly Hall on 22nd December for our annual Christmas Concert. We shall try to offer something different.

We shall be busy during December rehearsing with the Chelmsford Salvation Army Band with whom we are performing at the Chelmsford Arts Festival on 5th February. Another date to bear in mind if you care to travel is 16th February when we are due to give a concert at the Gaumont Cinema, Ipswich, commencing at 2 p.m. Owen Brannigan the famous baritone singer is also appearing.

After the Chelmsford Arts Festival we shall be commencing rehearsals for begin-

ners on Monday evenings probably at the Driving School, HQ. I would like to remind readers that membership of the Band is open to all serving members of the Force including Traffic Wardens and civilian employees of the Police Authority.

### Donation

There is little doubt that the Band is a good public relations medium especially with children. There was the case of one little girl recently who, recovering from a hole-in-the-heart operation, was taken by her mother to one of our concerts. It had quite a therapeutic effect on her according to the mother. After the concert our young fan offered her savings to the Police Dependents Trust Fund.

Lynne and Kevin Kelly, children of Chief Superintendent Kelly of Basildon, had a good idea. They held a "mini-bazaar" in their back garden

and raised the princely sum of £11.25 for the Band fund. How about that then?

A photograph recently appeared in a local newspaper showing Charlie Wood playing what was described as a B flat Bassoon. It was a brass B flat

bass actually. Well it was nice of them anyway to offer the publicity for free.

I have also compiled a short history of the Band as I know it to be and this should appear in the next issue of the Police Magazine. Good listening.

# Two popular members of the Force die suddenly

IT IS with regret that we have to record the death of Sergeant Charles George Francis. He was taken ill whilst on duty on Monday, November 1, and later died of a heart attack in Clacton Hospital. He was aged 52 and leaves a widow and son and daughter, both of whom are married.

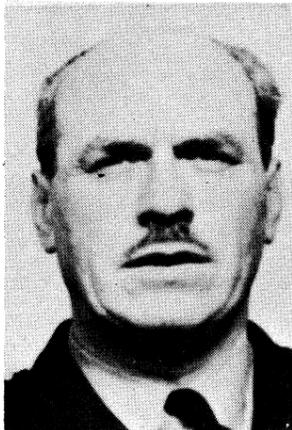
He moved to Clacton from Brightlingsea in 1965 and was for some time a patrol sergeant. He later took over as collar but for the past two months had returned to patrol sergeant's duties.

His death will be a great loss to Clacton Police Station where he was a popular and hard-working member of the social club committee and organiser of the children's parties. He was also captain of Clacton Division darts' team. He will be greatly missed by the younger members of the Division who looked upon him as a father figure who could be relied upon to help them out of any difficulty connected with work or of a private nature.

Sergeant Francis has also been actively concerned in the Town Twinning between Clacton and Valence, France, having gone with the official party from Clacton for the signing of the Twinning Oaths. He created quite an impression at the ceremony by leading the procession in his police uniform.

He was born at Brentford, Middlesex, and stayed in the area until he joined the Royal Artillery in the last war, seeing service with the Eighth Army at Tobruk,

North Africa and Italy. Later he was stationed for some time at Clacton and there met his wife who was serving in the ATS.



He first joined the Police Force in 1946 and started his service in Bradford (his wife's home) and transferred to Essex in 1950, when he was posted to Romford. In 1955 he was promoted to Sergeant and moved to Brentwood where he stayed for five years before going to Brightlingsea. He remained at Brightlingsea until 1965, when he came to Clacton DHQ. In 1968 he was awarded the Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal for 22 years' service and he had been commended on two occasions.

The funeral service was

held on Tuesday, November 9, at St. James' Church, Clacton. The Chief Constable and Police Officers from Clacton Division lined the driveway to the church door and six sergeants acted as pall bearers. The church was full of Police Officers who had served with Sergeant Francis and people from Clacton who had met him during his service in the area, all of whom had come to pay their last respects to a well-liked man.

## Well liked Borough Constable

We also regret to record the sudden death of Cons. Stan Horton, 49 years of age, who died on the 10th November.

Stan was serving at Southend Eastern Division having joined the old Borough Force in June, 1948, and spent his first years on the Southend Sea-front Foot Patrol.

He joined the Traffic Department in 1953 and remained there until 1969 when he returned to the Southend Eastern Division.

He was a very popular officer and during his younger days played football. He was also a nifty



dart thrower and supported the indoor games section for many years.

He was a devoted family man and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Sybil, and their 13-year-old daughter Debbie Ann. Mrs. Horton has written this letter to the Chief Constable.

Dear Mr. Nightingale,

May I say thank you for your sympathies to my daughter and myself in our tragic loss. I shall always be proud of Stan's connections with the force. The floral tributes from his friends and colleagues were greatly appreciated and their final farewells were overwhelming.

Yours faithfully,  
Sybil Horton

## Commended on last day

AN UNUSUAL commendation was earned recently by ex-Constable Albert Smith, who got a pat on the back from Harlow Justices, for the way he dealt with two cases of wounding.

Nothing strange about that except that at the time Constable Smith was on his last tour of duty before leaving the job, after 25 years.

## Take a good look

TOTHER day Pc Mike Gurdin, of Brentwood, felt as though he was in a glass case 'cause a young child and Mum were standing watching him while he was on High Street foot patrol.

Mum explained it all. She'd always told the youngster that if in trouble then only go to a policeman and no-one else, trouble was, junior was now getting close to school age and our Mike was first policeman on foot that they'd come across. Just goes to show how lucky Brentwood is that they should have policemen on the beat for visitors to stare at.

## Fixed penalties go rural

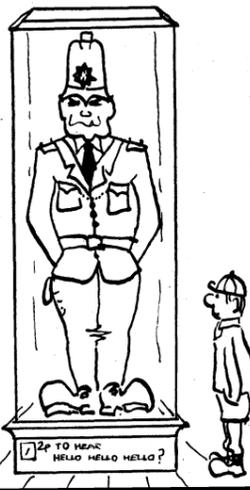
SAFFRON WALDEN has operated a fixed penalty system for minor motoring offences for three months and already it has gone well enough to be extended to Newport, Stansted and nearby villages.

From December 1st police and wardens have been able to place £2 penalty notices on vehicles parked in banned areas or without lights.

"The idea is to avoid congestion in the courts," says Ch. Insp. L. Dawson, head of the Saffron Walden sub. Motorists may pay up within

21 days—to the Justices' Clerk, not the police—and avoid a court appearance. Neither is a conviction then recorded against him.

The villages joining the "ticket brigade" are Elsenham, Manuden, Farnham, Birchanger, Widdington, Wick-en-Bonhant, Arkesden, Clavering, Wendens Ambo, Elmdon, Chrishall, Littlebury and Langley.



# Party time at Witham



Pictured with other guests, on left, Supt. Ron Canham, and Witham gov'nor, Ch. Insp. Ron Shayshutt, on right.

On October 8 Witham Public Hall was packed on the occasion of the Sub-Divisions' annual social and dance. Principle guests among the 250 present were Mr. J. Duke, A.C.C., and Mrs.

Duke.

Organiser again was Sgt. Steve Williams and there was the usual scramble for tickets — oh for a bigger hall!

Pic. by Braintree & Witham Times

# Eleven Forces publish papers

A NATIONWIDE survey recently carried out by Staffs and Stoke Constabulary showed that 11 forces now publish newspapers.

These vary from "The Job," 20,000 copies of which go out fortnightly to members of the Metropolitan Police and which is printed on the same machinery as "The Law" at Chelmsford, to Mid Anglia's quarterly "Newsletter" at 1,000 copies.

Costs vary too. "The Job" costs £900 per edition but a professional staff is employed to produce it. "The Law" costs £160 per edition which is much lower than some papers but more than for example Surrey's "Off Beat" which is printed at HQ by the same process as our E.P.s.

The communication game seems to be catching on. Most of the papers published go out to members of regular and special forces, civilian employees and pensioners.



THIS year's winner of the Peel Trophy which goes to the scorer of the highest marks in the promotion examination to Sergeant, Det. Con. Graham English, of H.Q., S.B., being congratulated by Det. Supt. George Harris.

**Essex Police Band**  
**Christmas Concert**  
 H.Q. Weds 22 December 7.45

## That Kommon Market Kaper

WITH the possibility of this country soon becoming a part of the European Community certain changes may take place in police organisation to bring us into line with German orientated continental systems. The following are some terms which may come into use:

- Constable: Kopp(er)
- Police Station: Koppnickenhau
- Police Dog: Schniffelhund
- Woman Constable: Schkirtonkopper
- Panda car: Minipanzerwaggen
- Fingerprint Officer: Dabbenkopper

More next month.

## Two doggy tales in which confusion reigns supreme

By Country Cousin

WHEN old age creeps on, one tends to think of death. To the Policeman death is ever present. Fatal road accidents, suicides and sudden deaths are all part of his daily routine. How refreshing to find humour in death, so I'll take the straw from my mouth and tell you...

Recently one of our local beat officers was dealing with a sudden death. As instructed, he left the deceased's house and went to the Police Station to arrange for the usual removal of the body.

He rang the number and a thick slurred voice answered him giving the digits in roughly the right order. The conversation then went something like this:

P.c.: "We have a body for removal. Can you arrange something?"

Voice: "Is it really necessary right now?"

P.c.: "Well the relatives don't want it hanging about."

Voice: "But can't you leave the thing on my doorstep and I will arrange for it to be disposed of in the morning."

P.c.: "Well it should be done as soon as possible."

Voice: "Well take it to my office in a sack and I'll get rid of it in the morning. I don't want to turn out now."

P.c.: "But they want to do the P.M. in the morning."

Voice: "What do they want that for. Is it a Ministry job or something?"

P.c., a little puzzled by now: "Who is that?"

Voice: "The vet, who else, and I'm having a dinner with...

One day two young girls were walking at Kirby le Soken when they came across a small dog that looked lost. They caught the dog and carried it to Walton Police Station.

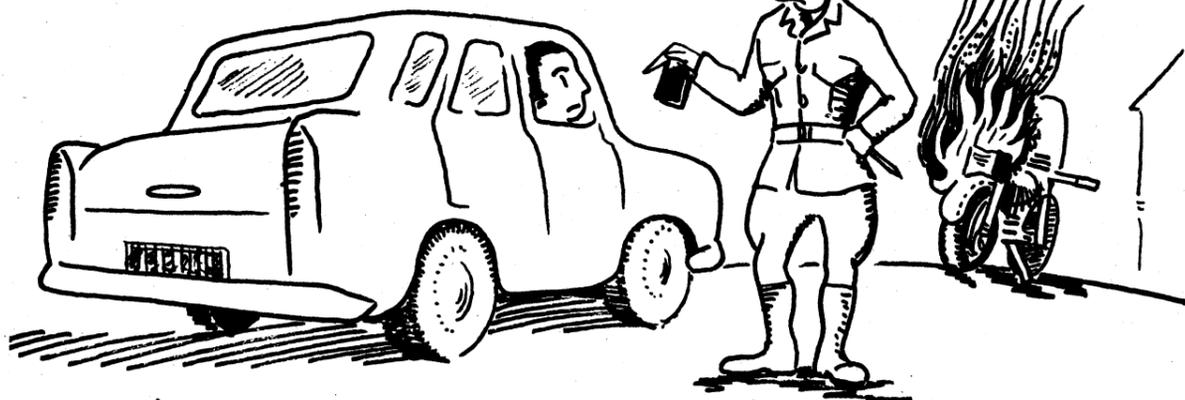
They were just about to hand the dog over to the officer on duty when it jumped out of their arms and ran into the garden of the house next door with the girls close behind. The door of this house was wide open and the dog ran straight in. Immediately a man's voice was heard shouting, "Get out. Get out." He sounded very scared and the poor dog came running out to be caught by the two girls who this time managed to hand him over to the Police Officer without any trouble. The dog was then locked in the Police Office waiting to be taken to the Dogs' Home.

The sequel to this tale came several hours later when a man called Clacton Police Station saying he lived next door to Walton Police Station and that he wanted to see an officer about the dog that was shut up in the police station. The Walton officer called on the man thinking he was about to complain about the dog making a noise. But no. The man had walked by the police station and seen the dog in the office. He suddenly realised that the dog he had chased out of his house and the one in the police station were the same and that it was his dog.

Having had to spend 13p to recover his dog he now makes sure that he knows what the dog looks like before...

JOINT FORCE  
 TYPES No 30

THE MOTOR-  
 CYCLIST.



ALRIGHT, THEN, JACKIE STEWART,  
 WHERE'S THE FIRE?

## Medic-Alert saves lives in emergencies

IF YOU went to the scene of a road accident or to some other incident where you found an unconscious person who was wearing either the bracelet or the necklet pictured here, would you know what to do?

The first thing would be to read the inscription. On the front of the disc the words Medic-Alert appear. On the back is a warning that the unconscious accident victim has some condition or allergy which could make certain standard treatments fatal.

The Medic-Alert Foundation is a non-profit making organisation founded in 1956 by Dr. Marion Collins, of California, whose daughter nearly died when she was given a routine antitetanus injection after a traffic accident. The doctor did not know she was allergic to the antitoxin.

To prevent any further

mishap Dr. Collins designed the Medic-Alert bracelet and then realising the wider implications set up the Foundation.

### ONE IN FIVE

In the U.S.A. the need of such an organisation was underlined by a survey which showed that one out of every five persons has some hidden medical problem which could prove fatal in an emergency.

In the U.S.A. well over 300,000 people are members. In Britain the numbers are less spectacular though there are already over 21,000 members here.

One man in this country wears a bracelet with the inscription "ex-heroin addict". These words are hidden away on the inside of the bracelet. He wears

it because he fears that if he should be involved in an accident and becomes unconscious he might be given a heroin-based drug which could turn him back to addiction.

This is far more dramatic than many other cases. But all the other members in Britain are wearing the bracelet or necklet in an effort to prevent some well-meaning but disastrous treatment.

Between them the 21,000 members suffer from more than 100 conditions or allergies, like diabetes or epilepsy but many are in perfect health except that they have an allergy to certain drugs.

Members pay a small sum for life membership and are given a disc inscribed with their own particular problem. The disc also bears the member's reference number and a London telephone number.

### REVERSE CHARGES

This number will accept reverse charge calls from doctors and ambulancemen anywhere in Britain, 24 hours a day.

Each member's case history, supplied by his own doctor, is filed by Medic-Alert and the cards are kept at a London hospital. A doctor hundreds of miles away, warned by the Medic-



Alert disc can have access to a comprehensive case history within minutes.

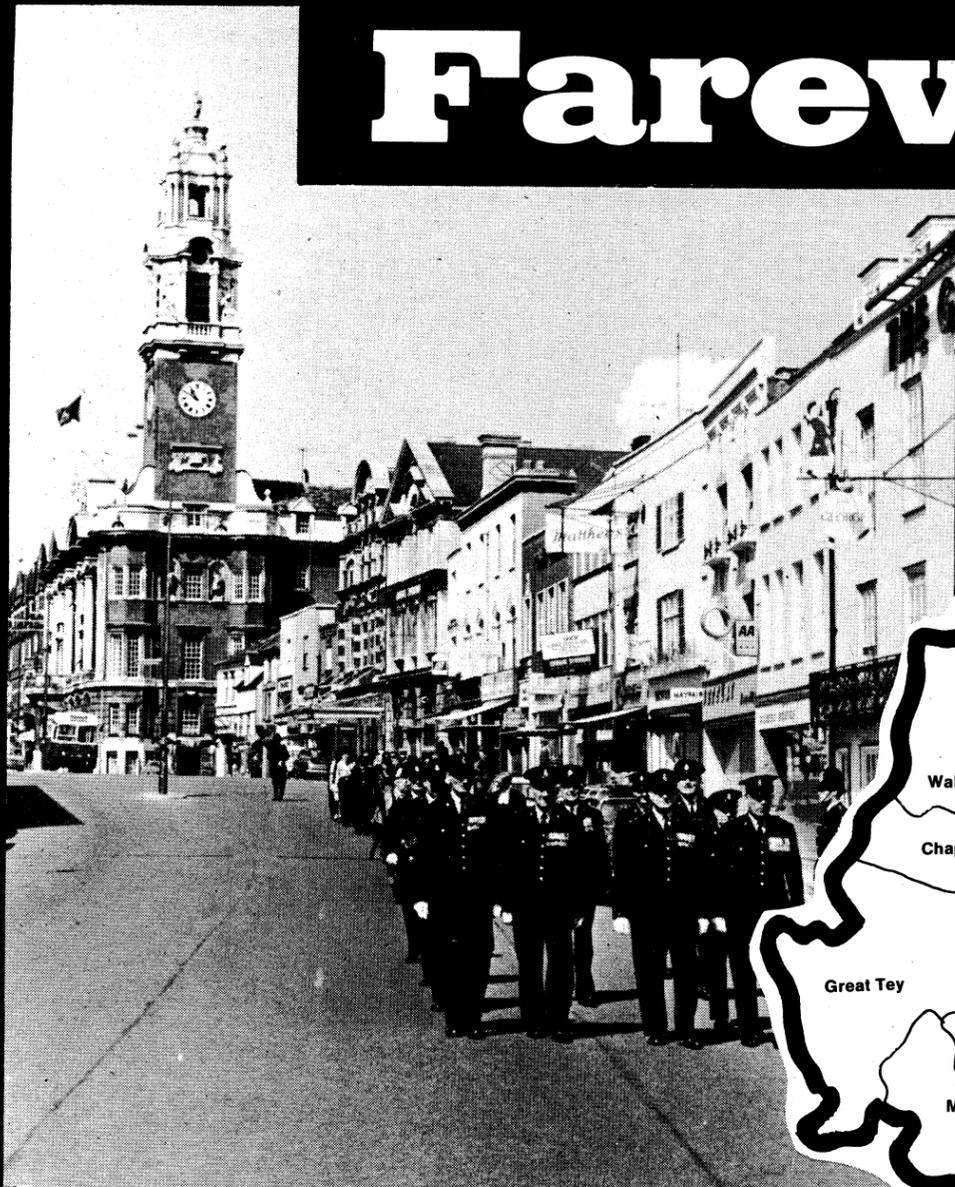
The Foundation lists among its members many people well known on both sides of the Atlantic, among them Dan Rowan, TV star, golfer Billy Caspar, and Stirling Moss, one-time car racer, whose disc shows his willingness to donate certain organs.

Clearly this wonderful organisation is something policemen should be aware of, coming into contact as they do with people who are in need of help after accidents of all sorts.

But anyone who has some personal illness or allergy which could cause him danger in an emergency could do worse than get in touch with the Medic-Alert Foundation at 43a Wigmore Street, London W1H 9LE.



# Farewell...



SCENE in the High Street of the ancient borough on the occasion of a civic procession. In the days of the Borough Force, the regular police would lead the procession but nowadays the Specials perform this duty. Will this soon be an Essex scene no more?



BACK VIEW of Colchester Police Station with creeper covered walls and car covered yard. Doubtless the yard will be no less congested if Suffolk take over, but what price the new Nick now?

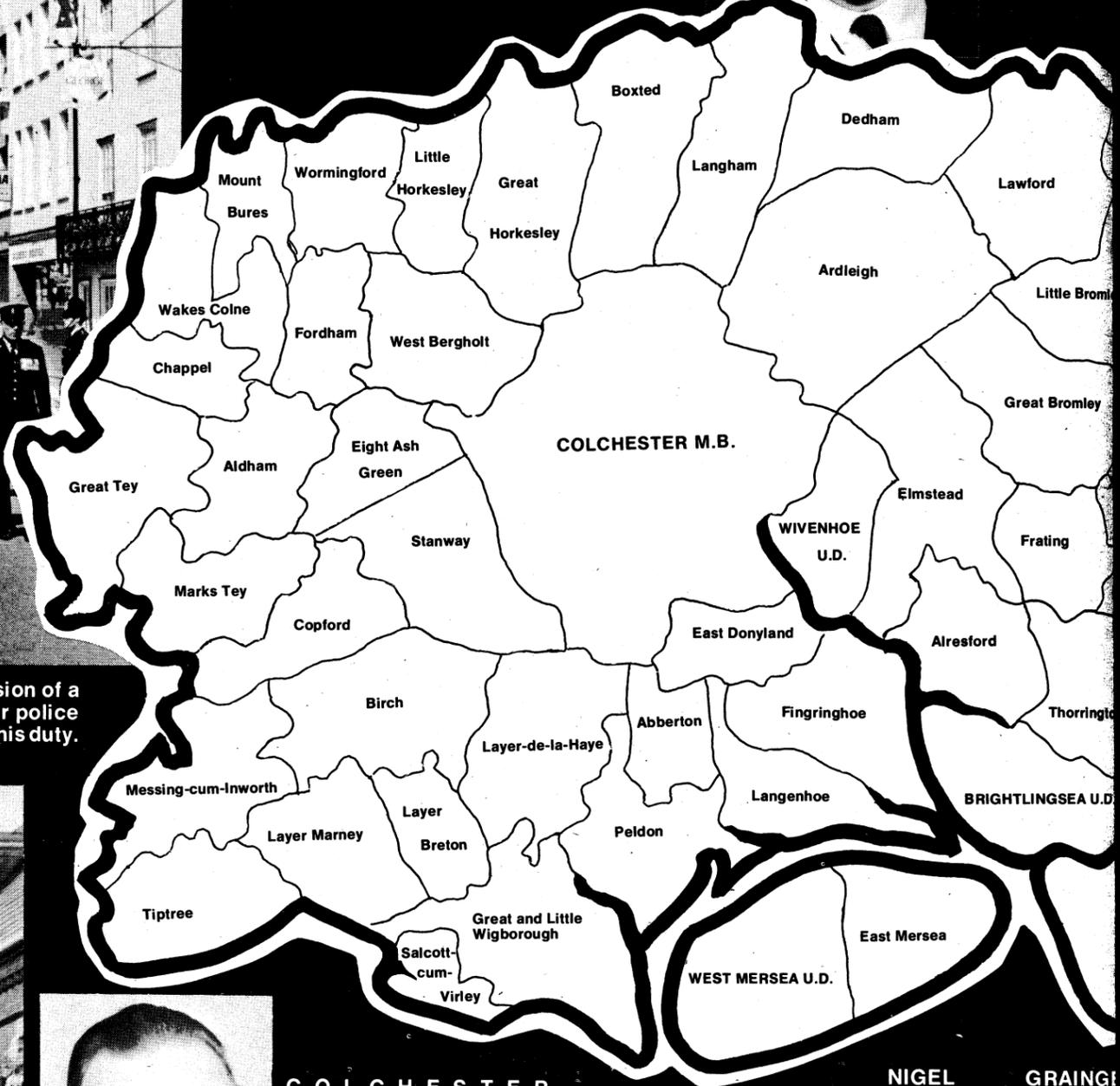


LEFT: Ah, well! Our loss will be their gain if the West Bergholt brewery is transferred to Suffolk. Village constable Bob Hall may well go, too.



CH. INSP. Phil Weall, of Clacton, says: "I'm all for it and most of the men I've spoken to about it are happy to stay here and go over to Suffolk."

THE call and attack look at Weeley-Holiday Constable Chester thought when you de-la-Ha appropriate the Essex. S



COLCHESTER Borough man George Turner says: "It will be my fourth force, though we don't know yet that anyone is transferring. As a sitting tenant I've learned to accept these changes over the years."



NIGEL GRAINGE of Colchester, says: "That's the most ret grade step ever ma as far as the police concerned. I'm going back, I had years of it before."

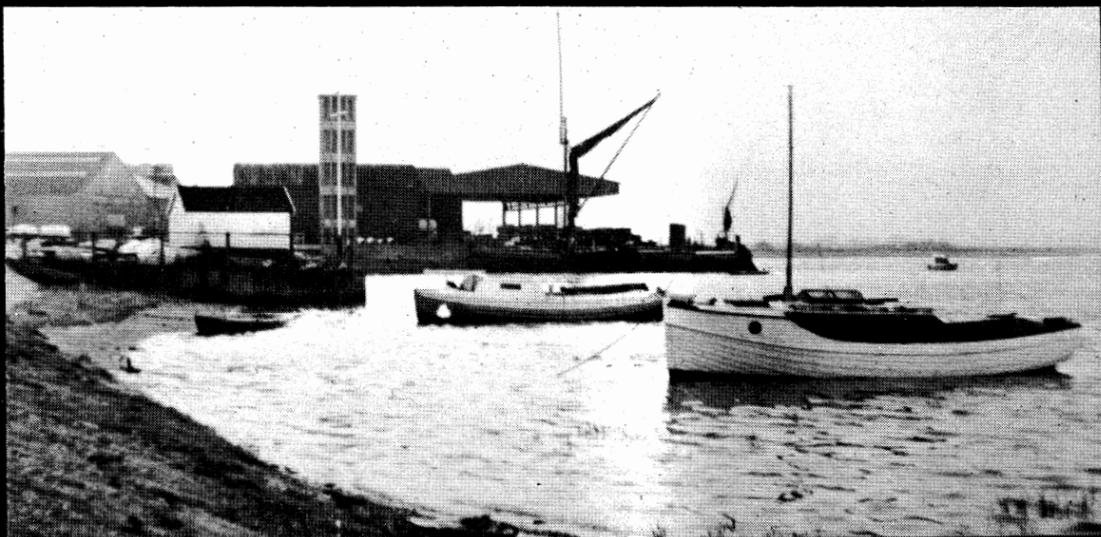
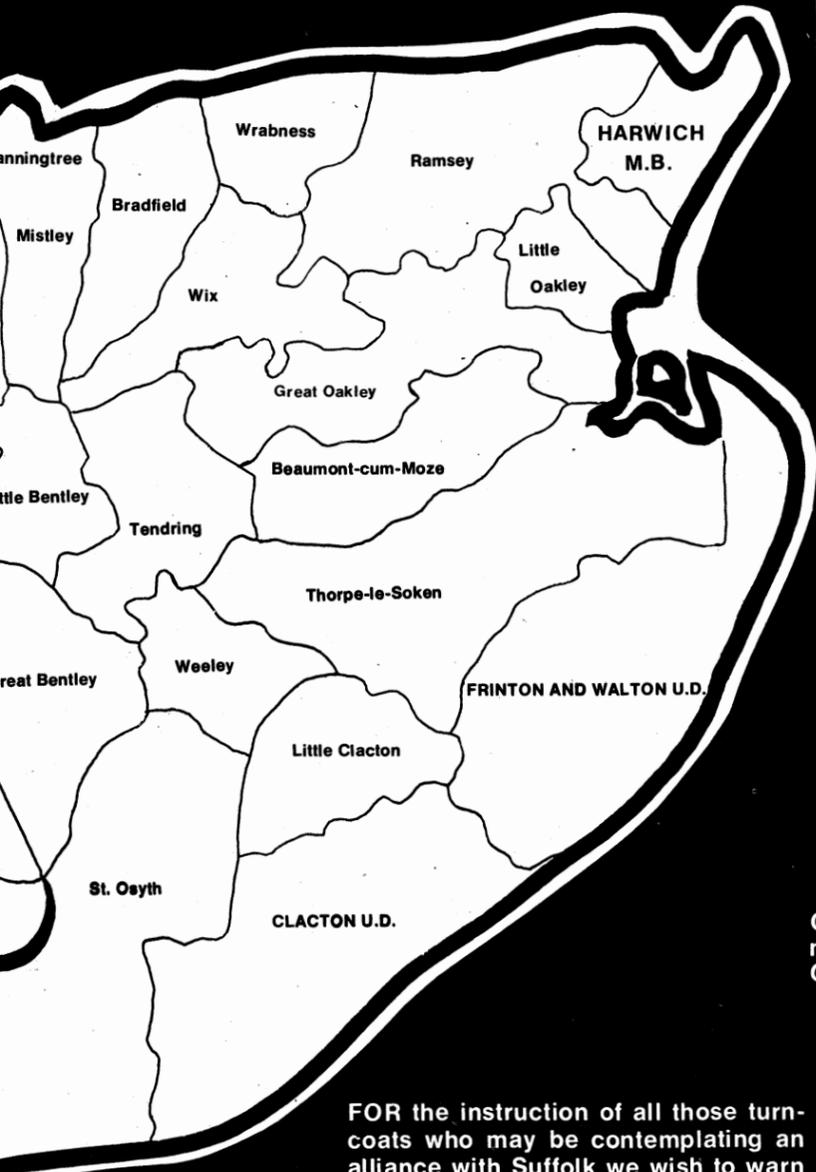


SERGEANT Bob Wager, of Kelvedon, will lose part of his section, Tiptree and Salcott-cum-Virley, being listed for transfer. "The local people are all for it," he says. "They want to keep their rates down."



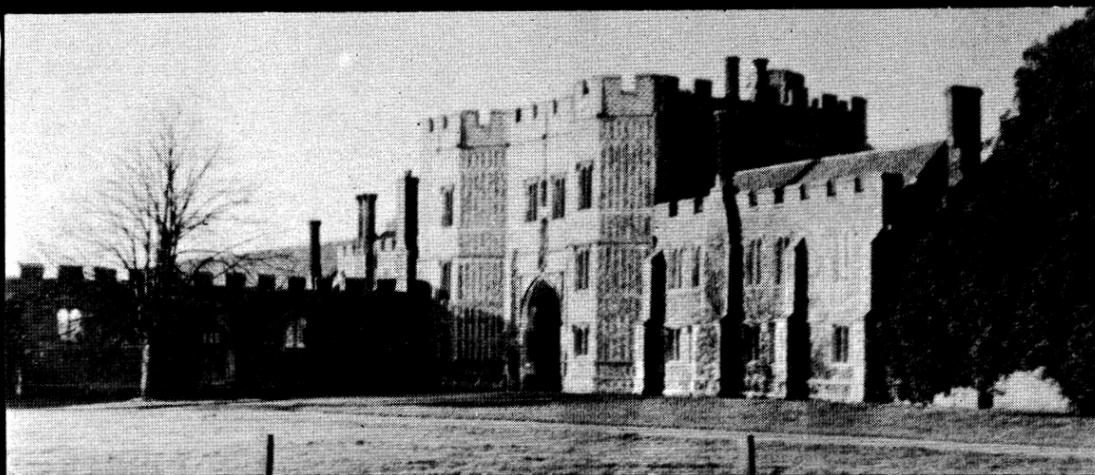
VIEW northwards into what will be Suffolk if Behind the hedge on the right is the Easthor

ious news of a Bill to sever our northern provinces them to Silly Suffolk sent us scurrying off for a last lost lands. Alas no more Wivenhoe Park, no more e pop, not the treacle pits—no more Clacton on Bank iplee strawberries, Mersea oysters, Mistley swans, Dedham vale—the southern half, anyway, Col- castle, Layer Marney Towers, St. Osyth's Priory—the these no longer being part of Essex is shattering. Yet come to think of it Beaumont-cum-Moze and Layer- and Little Wigborough and Thorpe-le-Soken are more e to Suffolk than to bustling, traffic choked, Foul- tened, London suburban, Thames-side orientated perhaps it is all for the best.



**BORDER** country at Manningtree, looking across to Suffolk. Loading at the quay side an Essex sailing barge, once a familiar sight, now a rarity except in their annual race on the Blackwater.

# ...to all this



**ONE** of the best preserved architectural monuments in Essex, St. Osyth's Priory. St. Osyth, murdered by Vikings over 1,000 years ago, was a citizen of the Earldom of Essex. All these years later the priory named after her may go to Suffolk.

**FOR** the instruction of all those turn-coats who may be contemplating an alliance with Suffolk we wish to warn that they have their own language up there. By kind permission of the Official Magazine of the Suffolk Constabulary, "Constable's County" we print a few verses in their tongue.

Oim jest back from the Training Skewl  
Rarin and reddy tew go,  
Hair cut short and yewniform prest;  
My owd boots hooly shoine tew.

Oim poostid hoom, wul neerly so,  
(Oi spect they dun they best);  
Oim stashund at a small town in the East  
Thow moi hoom be in the West.

Oive larnt them definishuns and can  
Resite them by the score,  
Oim a lookin owt fer lawbrakers—  
Oil give them what for Bor.

Oive larnt abowt thut Theft Act  
And them uthur dredful croimes,  
And stewpid things thet droivers dew,  
So with moi nollidge i shull shoine.

Oim lookin forrard tew dewin a beat  
Thow oil make a few fooks sore,  
Speshly them keyhowders hew go hoom at foive  
And terget tew lock they doors.

Oi want tew droive a panda—  
That'll dew me for a start;  
Oid also loike tew git on traffic  
So oi can droive them pritty cars.

Oi fancy cid tew  
Beenasoim a clook and dagger sort,  
Oil disgoise meself with a cape and a hat  
Loike thut owd blook in Sandemans Port.

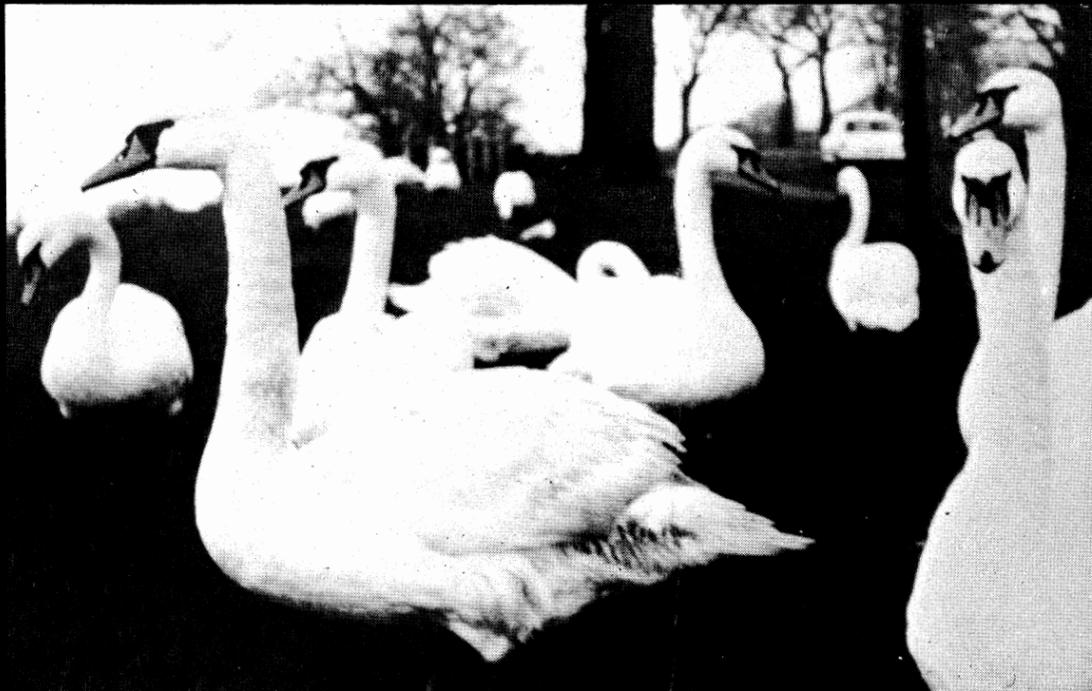
If oi wark hard, oil git on thut Spashal Cors  
So instid uv bein underneath,  
Oil clime up among they hire ranks,  
Moi hut Bor, oi mite even becum a Cheef.

Oid hooly make a good Cheef tew  
And oid be diffrent from the rest,  
Cus if a chap lived in the East  
Oid poost him away tew the West.

**ALTHOUGH** Suffolk has no equivalent of The Law their magazine is a lively and informative publication on the lines of the Essex and Southend Police Magazine.



**BOATS** high and dry on the mud, a scene typical of North-East Essex, ahem, South-East Suffolk.



**WELL,** really, all this fuss! We have lived here at Mistley for many years — where's the food, then — and it won't make any difference to us — not unless they're short of stale bread in Suffolk, that is.



e Bill goes through.  
a race course.

By Stan Smith

THIS issue of The Law will be the last of 1971 and with the festive season about to burst upon us in all its commercialised restfulness may we take this opportunity of sending good wishes to all our readers.

So solicitous are we for your peace of mind at this time of year that we will reverse our little homily on greater force involvement in news gathering until the next issue.

A merry Christmas to you all.

### Border incident.

The Local Government Bill seems to have greatly favoured Suffolk at the expense of Essex. Although it has been greeted with enthusiasm in some quarters, the Mayor of Colchester described it as "tremendous news," there is scepticism elsewhere. The Clacton U.D.C. Chairman said the proposals have no rhyme or reason. In between there are various shades of opinion which mainly come down to "what difference will it make anyway?"

Compared with all the problems which will arise in other public services the Police have no real headaches except that of not knowing what is to happen.

The Chief Constable's Force Order on the subject promises further information: the Federation's circular is equally uninformative. One thing is certain. This is a political matter and the issue of police morale and efficiency will figure fairly low on the agenda if the matter should come up for discussion. In the meantime we must wait and see.

### Up for sale

All sorts of dire predictions on how long the new housing policy can continue at the present rate of house purchasing by members of the Force are being made in various quarters, many uninformed. The recent sign that the scheme is beginning to work in all its aspects is therefore especially welcome.

The first surplus houses to be offered to members of the Force for 'first refusal' are on the market with ample time to survey and complete preliminaries before the closing date on January 4. With property prices in the county climbing daily the reserve prices are reasonable and one should not deride the fact that the houses are old and do not stand in Millionaires Row.

Of course, the first houses to be offered will be those which the Force, in all its caution, needs least. But things will get better. As more houses become surplus there will be some desirable properties offered. We are looking out for a spacious double fronted dwelling with own gatehouse and walled poodle pen within easy reach of our work. But perhaps things will not go this far.

### A swinging, high-speed, drip-dry Force?

The trouble experienced this year in fitting out the Force with new shirts makes good irony at a time when the Service is going overboard on improving its image.

When police uniform changed from closed neck tunics to 'collar and tie' the separate collar style of shirt was adopted. Behind this without doubt was the urge to lift policemen out of the labouring and into the collar and tie class.

This laudable end was probably achieved and so surely the time has come to abandon the dreadful garments worn nowadays in favour of nylon, drip-dry shirts with collars attached. And the recent change from blue to white shirts for policewomen only added to the storekeeper's troubles because girl cadets still wear blue. The expense of a countrywide search for tiny uniform-style separate collar shirts has fortunately not been calculated.

We live in hopes that our collar studs will last because they are becoming unobtainable. But mainly for the sake of the ladies who have to wash and iron for us the change to drip-dry nylon is long overdue.

### Work expands . . .

As if divisions and departments did not have enough returns to submit, headquarters recently asked for a list of all deadline dates and a periodic returns required of each office and a run down of deadlines for preliminary action needed in preparation for them.

Presumably this "return of returns returnable" will provide work for one of our hard pressed civilians who will send out Form R of RR1 to remind divisions that they should be now have booked the hall for the children's Christmas party, the reply going back on Form R of RR2 that the necessary action has been taken.

Professor Parkinson would be proud!

A NATIONAL campaign to get the Home Secretary to reconsider his edict that boundaries of police areas must conform to those of the proposed new local government areas has been launched with all Members of Parliament being asked to lend their weight to a motion before the House asking for consultations with a view to devising a system of police administration which will retain existing forces consistent with efficiency.

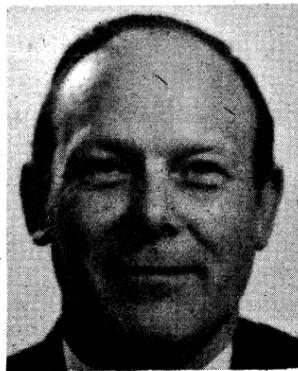
It is hoped that the majority of Members will support this motion so that those who will be affected by the proposed changes will be able to have their voice heard.

Throughout history the British people have reacted strongly when a steamroller is used to brush aside legitimate objections involving the liberty of the subject and the imposition of conditions which will inevitably worsen standards which have been achieved.

Members of the police service feel that they are being pushed around not for greater efficiency but for purely political expediency. We abhor this attitude and will strongly resist any change which will be to the detriment of our members.

On your behalf I have asked the police authority to do all in their power to prevent this carve up of our force which is only just getting on it's feet following the forced amalgamation of 1969.

Under these proposals some 300 men will be summarily pitchforked into the Suffolk Constabulary without, as yet, concrete guarantees that their conditions of service will be unaffected. Without wishing to be derogatory to our neigh-



bours, many of our members feel that there is a greater likelihood of expansion in the Essex area, with its accompanying increased scope for promotion or specialisation. It is generally agreed that Essex is the wealthier area and this has a marked effect upon conditions of service. From a purely financial angle our members are currently better off than our northern neighbours by virtue of greater overtime payments and higher rent allowances. With a larger force and greater expansion prospects there is a better chance to gain promotion and our present housing policy is superior to that in operation in Suffolk.

Imagine, if you will, the dilemma of an officer presently stationed in the area affected by the proposed changes who has reasonable hopes of being selected for promotion within the next few years. Is he to stay where he is; where his family



"The Super said his daughter was on the stage but I didn't know 'er name was Lola."

are happy, and take a blind chance on someone in Suffolk recognising his ability, or is he to pull up his roots and ask for a move out of the "danger area" as soon as possible so that he continues with "the devil he knows"?

There are all sorts of human problems tied up with these proposals, with strong family ties pulling against force loyalty and career prospects. These things must have a very unsettling effect upon our members and must have a considerable effect on morale, and therefore, efficiency.

Reg Gale recently said that there seemed to have been more concern to protect mayoral chains and aldermanic robes than policemen and their families. I think he was right

on the button and it is hoped that sufficient people will rally to our cause so that our members will be protected.



THE sergeants who have been successful on the recent Promotion Advisory Boards have been informed that they have been recommended for promotion during the coming year, and dare we hope that their names will be published? It puzzles me why there should be all this secrecy. In the space of a few weeks all the force will know who these men are, so what harm can be done in telling us at the outset who the fortunate ones are? This is something in which we are all interested.



IN THE federation elections now taking place there are to be a record number of ballots and four representatives currently in office are not seeking re-election. It is good to see such an upsurge of interest in federation affairs and I feel that at last the message is getting home that there is a worthwhile job to be done in representing one's fellow officers.

Last year there was a fairly high poll in the elections — dare we hope for 100 per cent turn-out this year?

Two particular officers of the Joint Branch Board are not standing for election this year, and because of their sterling service to the force and their Harlow members, should be mentioned here, Chief Inspector Wilf Newnham, the Inspectors' Board Chairman, and Sergeant Gerry Cowell, the Sergeants' Board secretary, have called it a day. We are sorry to lose them and tender our thanks for all they have done. Experience is something which has to be built up, and I am sure that there are sufficient able men to continue the good work.

### Another little Smith

PRESENT and past cadet school residents will be pleased to hear that Mrs. Smith, formerly the catering officer, has given birth to a baby daughter. Both doing well.

### Obituaries

WE REGRET to report the deaths of two pensioners. Former Borough man, ex Chief Inspector F. J. Acreman, died on 6.11.71, aged 68. At the age of 77, ex-Sergeant P. H. Garrett, formerly of the County Force died on 19.10.71.



### Is this a record?

Dear Sir,

I have read with interest the recent copy of "The Law" and while I would not dispute that Chief Inspector Andrews of the Traffic Division may be the "Father of the Force," I must place on record that my Division has a member with a greater length of service.

My secretary, Mrs. K. S. Sanftleben, joined the service on May 24, 1934 (a year before Mr. Andrews) when she was appointed secretary to the then Chief Constable of Southend-on-Sea. She was secretary in turn to all four of the County Borough Chief Constables, and I duly inherited her when I was appointed to this Division.

At the present time she has given 37 years to the police service, thus showing remarkable staying power! I am sure you will feel she is worthy of mention.

Yours faithfully,  
F. BONFIELD  
Chief Superintendent.

### The Cadet Scheme

Sir,

The new cadet scheme is often a target for sporadic verbal attacks levelled by those who I am sure do not possess a complete understanding of the aims and difficulties involved in such a venture. All new ventures of whatever

nature are regarded with a certain amount of suspicion, and as is often the case, it is far easier to handle the weapon of "destructive criticism" than it is to take the harder path and examine the subject more deeply and impartially.

The main criticism of cadet life is that it is too sheltered from the outside world. Cadets, it is feared, will one day face a public from whom they have become estranged by the forbidding portals of the "sanctum sanctorum" that is the Cadet School.

The expense naturally incurred in setting up an establishment such as the present scheme which educates and houses the cadets creates a certain amount of hostility with those who feel the money could be better spent elsewhere. There is, of course, the possibility that on completion of the two-year course the cadet will leave and the outlay will have been blatantly wasted.

The aim of the Cadet scheme however, is to produce intelligent, fit young men who will be a credit to the Police Service. To this end, cadets attend college classes throughout their working week; these are supplemented with evening activities such as motor mechanics, photography, art and pottery classes. Somehow, the time is found to fit in first aid training, physical education, life-saving, and drill lessons. There are, indeed, very few 17-year-olds with such facilities and opportunities at their disposal, and for this reason a mockery is made of the argument that the present day cadet will be educationally limited. Students of history will be aware of the importance given by the ancient Greek City State of Athens to an education where physical and mental development went hand-in-hand to produce a well-balanced, reasoning, healthy individual — the Cadet Scheme compares. To appease those who possess a mercenary outlook on the subject it must be pointed out that "in payment" for all facilities provided them, and the interest shown in their development,

the cadets play no mean role in an expanding force sports programme, and it is only a matter of time before they represent us on a national level. They also display a refreshing keenness which will one day be appreciated more fully when they are engaged on beat duties.

However, it is difficult to comprehend how one can claim what is wastage — in a purely monetary sense — and what is well spent; for, economically speaking, the Police Service is in all departments a strictly non-productive "industry" and as such has no material end product on which a value can be placed. Therefore, the scheme must be regarded as an attempt not only to ensure a steady flow of well-trained, alert young men into the Force, but also an attempt to elevate the status of the Police Service as a whole.

Richard A. Buller  
P.c. 626

### The last word

To the Editor,

While I appreciate that your footnote in the current edition of "The Law" stated that the subject of scruffy constables, etc., had now been closed I feel that such a short and abrupt ending to this very topical subject is somewhat undesirable and I would suggest that it might well be finally closed with a Force Day of Prayer on the following lines:

"We thank Thee on behalf of all our colleagues who may have to come into close contact with 'Federationist' that Thou hast in Thine infinite wisdom bestowed upon our Police Authority the foresight to supply paper in station toilets."

K. B. BURGESS, P.s. 171

### This subject is now closed

# Cadet Gazette

REHEARSALS seem to occupy much of the schools time recently as the groups involved in the judo display at Olympia and the annual pantomime spectacular for Parents' Evening prepare. As both events take place on the same day and involve the same people the confusion need not be described.

This year's intake sampled the seaside pleasures of East Mersea on a recent November weekend. Snow fell on Friday, several inches of rain on Saturday and despite some watery sunshine on Sunday the cadets voted unanimously to support by all constitutional means the transfer of Mersea Island to Suffolk forthwith.

## Soccer

A further step forward in the P.A.A. knock-out competition was taken this month when Mid-Anglia cadets were outplayed by 6-1. A fate which must overtake every Cadet

## Seaxes Auto Club

# New Year's Eve Dance

Boswells School

Tickets £1

# What's on



# Who's off

By Monty

WELL, it's here now — Brass Monkey weather — the time when there are better places to be than on a motor cycle. It's the time of the year when all car drivers become instant enemies for life as they wind down the window and the smoke filled heat hits you in the face! Who volunteered?

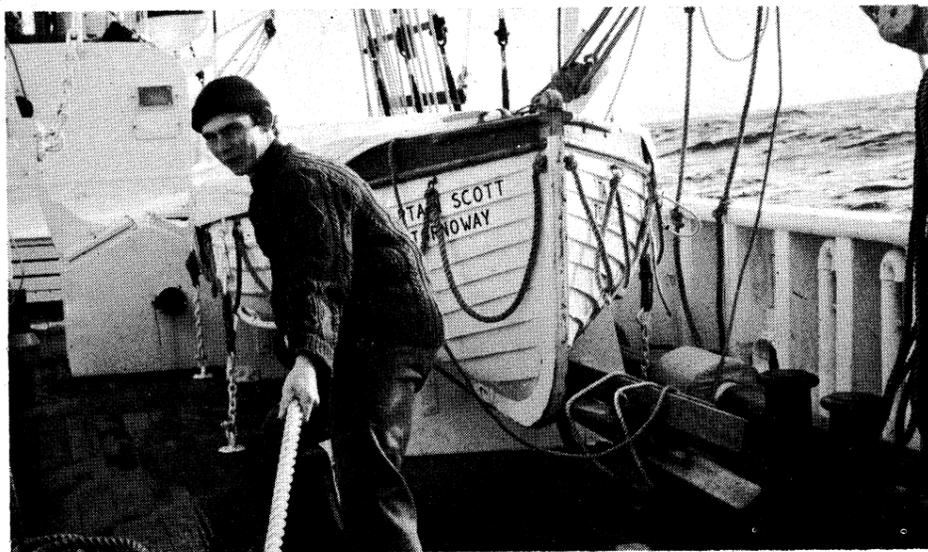
The visit to Nortons went off — as planned and although it was a long way and day, I think everybody enjoyed it — except the driver — he didn't bargain for a conducted tour of London, but never mind.

On the way down, and two bottles later, we stopped at a "place" on the North Circular to satisfy the inner man in the shape of bacon sarnies and coffee — well! the scene that greeted us on entering this "Hells Angels" paradise was staggering and after waiting for 30 minutes for a piece of cooked cat or dog and sharing one space we'd had enough. The place was literally infested and all swimmers used the outside loo. A couple of incidents occurred worth recalling — we were treated to the sight of a "Hells Angel" arriving with his "Bird" who promptly, the Bird that is, leapt into the doorless loo only to be greeted by one of our stalwart Southend lads performing — needless to say even she beat a hasty retreat. The other thing was that I, for once, felt 10ft. tall as a very small (3ft.) gentleman entered who was just below the height of the counter. Needless to say I stood very close to him for a long time and even considered pushing

# Adventure afloat

AMONG the crew of the new three-masted schooner "Captain Scott" on her recent maiden cruise was Cadet Richard England, 18, of Chadwell St. Mary, who was one of the initial school intake in 1969. He underwent sailing training as part of his third-year adventure programme.

His hobbies are camping and hill-walking so it seems strange that he should enjoy a 26-day course on the largest sailing vessel in the British Isles. But he enjoyed the exhilarating thrill of speeding along under sail and was fortunate never to be sea sick. He was not too happy though about working on the yards 80ft. above the deck. The unique element of the "Captain Scott" course is that three



expeditions are carried out from the ship into the magnificent mountains of Scotland and during these Richard was in his element. "After a hard day of 'the tops' in tough conditions

it was thrilling to drop below the clouds and see a beautiful sunny bay at the end of the valley" was how he put it.

Richard had a long journey before setting sail, going

by rail from Essex to Plockton in Rossshire to join the "Captain Scott". Severe weather conditions left him undaunted, "I thoroughly enjoyed it", he said, "A marvellous course."

Corps now befalls us because no fewer than four of the first XI go off to reinforce Eynsham Hall in the New Year. Fortunately replacements are already groomed.

## Triple Fixtures

A triple fixture against Hendon cadets began well with the walkers in dominating form winning easily — full result in walking column.

Disaster struck the runners, however, when Britton and Jeffs went off course leaving Barnes to lead the team home in fourth place. Jeffs recovered well to take seventh but the team went down by 17-42.

The hockey team in their first

fixture lost 2-0 — reported last month.

A triple fixture against Herts Cadets gave the rugby team a match to forget at Chelmsford on November 10 when they went to pieces to lose 62-0. They were depleted by course commitments as were the cross-country team who nearly surprised the opposition but went down by 34-44. It was left to the girls to salvage the honour of the Corps which they did in no uncertain terms beating the newly formed Herts girl cadets by 38-5.

On the same day the soccer team drew 1-1 with King Edward Grammar School. Also depleted they included in the defence Insp. H. Fuller, who paced himself well throughout.



John Woods, of HQ Traffic, goes carefully in the Chelmsford Motor Cycle Club trials at Broomfield Pits.

him around but some of the lads had left by then so I did not risk it!

At Nortons we were all treated to lunch and a brace of pints and a good visit was had. Dave James joined us there and on the way back we called into his pub at Croydon. Dave did us proud with sandwiches and beer and we had a most pleasant evening. Thanks, Dave, and your wife, for your kind hospitality.

Before we go any further — news has reached here of a change in the league — Colchester increase their lead at the top to FOUR due to a fantastic piece of stunt riding and a quickly deflating front tyre — guess who — yes, Mitch Martin, and in his own words "nearside to offside and sixpence, half-crown and base of gasometer — terminating in a heap of arms and legs."

Combining this piece of news with the fact that John Marshall of Halstead has recently been doing Acting Sergeant at Stanway and witnessed the above performance and through fits of laughter could only manage to mutter "T42, T42!" Never mind — no injuries.

Applications for the next force swim are beginning to roll in from motor cyclists already because, yes, you're right, after his last swim Mitch is getting a Norton in March — remember — he swam next to the "Chief". Now I'm not saying that there is any connection whatsoever but — I, for one, will be down the pool every day now practising to swim a

mile, saluting and holding a towel at the same time. Well, you've got to look after yourself, haven't you.

Still at Colchester, I see Chris Lay had to do some pretty fast motoring the other day. Arriving at the Nick at 4 p.m. and told he had to be at Bristol Court at 10 a.m. the following morning — that's what I like — plenty of warning!

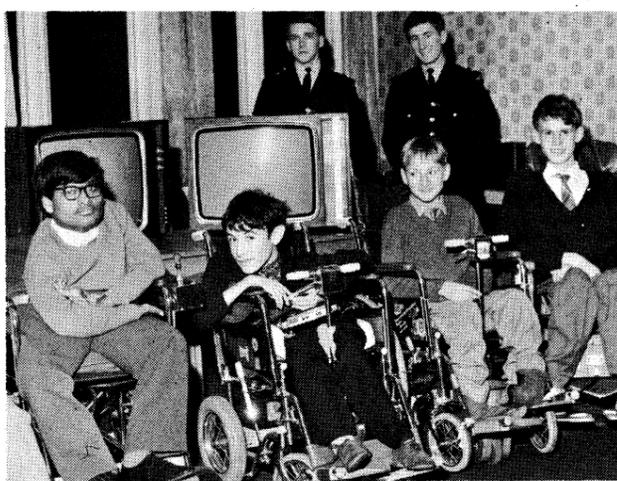
I've very sorry to hear that Vic Webber, of Harlow, has been in hospital for tests of some kind — hoping to hear good news on that score Vic as soon as you know, please, anything you need.

Still at Harlow, Arthur "Jason" Johnson was called upon recently by "The Higher Court" to give his expert advice on some Nortons and after riding the "bad 'un" of Southend pronounced it a death trap and that bike is being returned to Nortons, and we now know what's at Nortons.

Still no news from Laindon — drop us a line or telephone and let's have some info — even if it's just domestic news or trials.

Nothing new at Headquarters — everybody is behaving and I'm pleased to say no complaints.

Regarding equipment — Superintendent Searle was approached recently on the question of fire extinguishers for bikes and has given us the go-ahead to produce one for inspection so Arthur of Harlow is going to sort one out and we will see where we go from



SOME time ago the Chief Constable suggested that fund-raising efforts should be taken off the highway. One result of this was the Chelmsford sponsored bath race, held on the Chelmer every summer and supported this year by cadets. And last month two TV sets bought with the money raised were presented to Trueloves School, Ingatstone, with Cadets John Shanahan and Bob Foster, bath racers both, at the ceremony. They are pictured here with some of the young handicapped patients. Photo by Essex Chronicle.

# Exchange camps a great success

By Carol Lambourn

# say cadets

AT OUR LAST girls' camp held at Thetford we had seven visiting Cadets, two from Cheshire Constabulary and five from Dorset and Bournemouth, who from what we have heard thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Well Maria and I were nominated to repay the visit and go camping with the Cheshire Cadets in the Dovey Forest.

The camp itself was totally different from ours, for a start two-thirds of the Cadets going with us were boys, although apart from the first and last day we never saw them. Secondly our daytime activities consisted solely of walking, due to our surroundings of mountains and forests, but this did not deter Maria and I and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves in the whole week.

In all there were only nine girls camping on that course, so if we didn't get on life would have been unbearable but as luck would have it we remained friends throughout even if I did get our group lost on our first day.

there — heated jackets haven't arrived yet — just waiting — any minute now — I hope. Oh, yes — socks. The address is required from Southend lads of the shop where their socks were bought and as soon as Inspector Marshall receives it he will order some. So up to you Southend (Brian).

That's about all this month — no more meetings before Christmas but we will be having a night out with our wives at Christmas. Will all Div. Reps. please contact me with suitable dates as soon as possible.

Well, last one before Christmas, so Merry Christmas to "ALL OUR READERS" and prosperous New Year and remember—

When on the bike  
Christmas is the time of cheer  
Stick to tea  
And not the beer!  
Ride safe and to the system.

We met Ps Rowlands on our arrival at Crewe station; he was to be in charge of us all. WPs Appleton, the new training sergeant, and WPC Cross (known as God Save the Queen Lorraine), were in charge of the girls, and we met them on the Monday when we were introduced as "two dolly girls from Essex and Southend Cadets."

We all travelled down to the Dovey Forest in their coach and on arrival the boys carried our rucksacks to the hut (wait for it), while we carried the food. The girls spent the first and coldest night under canvas while the boys slept cosily in the hut.

The following morning the boys walked 15 miles to our second camp site Bryn Eglwys which is an old ghost town, where they stayed for two nights while we slept in the hut. Then we walked over the mountains (a shorter route) to Bryn Eglwys and the boys stayed in the hut. It was quite fun sitting in the tumbled down Smithy around a roaring fire, singing camp songs at the top of our voices.

The weather was on our side even to the fact that the mist came up only when we should have climbed Cader Idris thus preventing us from doing so. We shouldn't really say that we were glad, but we were.

Maria and I think the exchange camps were a great success. We not only made friends in another force but we saw their good and bad points, while they saw our good points we were glad, but we were.

We also gained an insight into the workings of the Cheshire Constabulary.

Overall, it was a good camp. The cadets were friendly and made us feel welcome while the instructors made sure we enjoyed our stay. Both Maria and I agree that, should the chance arise, we would love to go again.

# NARPO

By Bert Brinkley

At this time of the year when your subscriptions are flowing in the Treasurer and I look forward very much to hearing from Members, some letters make delightful reading but the thing that amazes us most is the handwriting—that at least can be read—a fine tribute to those days when typewriters were taboo and to possess one put the owner in the capitalist bracket. The up and coming generation would do well to imitate this handwriting. However, the Treasurer and I appreciate the kind remarks offered and will ask all to accept this as a general acknowledgment—to reply to all would be an impossibility.

Many members are in the dark as to what period the subscriptions refer to and to refresh memories, subscriptions are payable by 31 December for the year following. The Chelmsford Branch has decided that new Members joining after 31 October shall regard their subscriptions as for the year following.

A recent Circular from the General Secretary points out that thoughts for the moment are in favour of a campaign to secure annual review of pensions, as a first step. It will be appreciated the Act makes provisions for upward adjustment if the cost of living rises by 4 per cent in two years. If by the Spring of 1972, that is one year, the cost of living has risen by 10 per cent, we could have a good case. On the other hand, the Government proposals for the National basic pension includes a two-yearly review, so there is little doubt but that if Public Service Pensioners are to get an annual review the National pension must also have an annual review.

The N.B.C. accepted the Motion that all pensions be paid from the age of 55 years and are striving to that end. Whilst they view this issue with grave concern they cannot expect much help from the Public Service Pensioners Council as the majority of their Members of the Constituent organisations do not qualify to retire before the age of 60. The Government's stated reasons for not implementing immediately the promised age reduction to 55 is that the basic cost of the Pensions Increase Act, 1971, was such that the additional burden could not be met at the same time. So once more we must be patient and hopeful. It would seem appropriate at this time to lobby our local Members of Parliament for their support.

In conclusion, may I extend to Members the seasonal good wish for a very happy Xmas and a bright New Year.

B. G. BRINKLEY

# The Law Shop

FOR SALE: 1964 Hillman Minx Saloon De-luxe, v.g.c., 2 owners, genuine 53,000 miles; any trial; regular service; MOT Sept. 1972. £250 o.n.o. D.s. 12 Frost, Colchester, ext. 35.

FOR SALE: Austin 1800 Mk. II saloon, green, Jan. 1969, in immaculate condition, new exhaust system; £795. Insp. Craig Bailey, Harlow.

HOLIDAY CHALET, sleeps 6, brick built, in select Seaview Holiday village, overlooking sea at Talland Bay, Looe, Cornwall. All mod. cons. including TV. Quiet site with modern club, swimming pool and shop. Insp. Craig Bailey, Harlow.

## GREETINGS

Christmas Greetings to all my colleagues and their wives on the Broomfield Section; Sgt. Stuart Rigg at Dunmow, and all members of the Special Constabulary.

Jack Carrington (S.P.c. 472)

A PICTURE postcard of Cologne, Germany, has arrived at Headquarters, addressed to the Chief Constable. It is written to 'Peter and Family' and is from a Renet CRAMER of Cologne. If anybody would like to claim this postcard please get in touch with Inspector Craig Bailey at Harlow.

# Cross country lasses win first police race

TRAVELLING to Brighton with what seemed, on paper, a strong team, the cross-country squad did not quite come off in the second league race and were placed 5th.

The women's team, however, ran strongly to outpace the opposition and won the team race well. As they circled the course only once the girls finished first, Maria Oldall being the first to appear, winning the slightly less than two miles race in 14m. 31s., nearly 2m. ahead of Susan Moss, 16m. 16s. Rosalind Beardwell and Carol Lambourn completed the scoring in 5th and 6th places.

The men's race, over 3 laps, developed into a struggle between Roger Bean of Surrey and our own Andy Down, but Bean got away on lap 2 and won by a distance with Andy comfortably holding off the pursuit. Larry Britt took his best placing yet, 10th, in a goodish time to give the team a good start.

The scoring was completed by Jeffs, Fairweather, Hurrell and Cole.

## TEAMS

Sussex won again but only just, Surrey showing great improvement, two of their men getting into the first three. Although placed 5th, Essex/Southend were only three points behind Kent but drop one place overall to 5th.

## SCORES

1st, Sussex, 290; 2nd, Surrey, 260; 3rd, Herts, 256; 4th, Kent, 201; 5th, Essex/Southend, 198; 6th, City of London, 176; 7th, Hants, 144; 8th, Thames Valley, 79; 9th, Beds/Luton, 53.

Essex/Southend placings: 2nd, A. Down, 31m. 22s.; 10th, L. Britt, 35.07; 29th, T. Jeffs, 37.48; 35th, M. Fairweather, 38.25; 43rd, J. Hurrell, 39.16; 49th, T. Cole, 40.31; 55th, A. Barnes and A. Bird, 41.35; 61st, Trott, 42.35; 71st, Schofield, 44.50; 73rd, Barlow and Madden, 45.17; 85th, Howe, 53.10.

## WOMEN

1st, M. Oldall, 14.31; 2nd, S. Moss, 16.16; 5th, R. Beardwell, 17.31; 6th, C. Lambourn, 18.21; 11th, V. Granville, 20.20; 12th, P. Mullender, 20.24; 14 started.

## TEAMS

1st, Essex/Southend, 14; 2nd, Kent, 29; 3rd, Thames Valley, 39.

# Down in strong police country squad

ANDY DOWN has this month had two representative runs for P.A.A. In the first he was part of a strong police team which easily defeated Royal Navy.

In the second race Police placed third out of five strong teams with Durham's Ernie Pomfret winning individually. Scores: P.E. Colleges 57; Universities 71; Police 106; Civil Service 107; Army 177.

## Badminton

IN A match at the Cadet School the home team ended all square with Suffolk with one match to go. Then Pc Bruce Brown and Cadet Ian Schofield clinched it with a good win.



The start of the first regional ladies' race at Brighton in November. Essex runners V. Granville (106), C. Mullender (on her right), R. Beardwell (105) and beyond her individual winner M. Oldall, won the team race.

## Rally to Kassel

IN SEPTEMBER this year a team from Essex took part in the 26th International Police Motor Rally at Lucerne, Switzerland. (See November issue).

It is hoped to enter a team for next year's rally, to be held at Kassel, West Germany, on June 20-23, 1972.

This is not a speed event and although you must arrive by 8 p.m. on June 20, you can commence your journey any time after 8 a.m. on May 1, 1972.

On June 21-23 there is a programme of events arranged which every participant in this year's rally will tell, is most pleasant.

Accommodation can be provided and the cost of entry is reasonable. There are two other sporting competitions arranged. Full details and entry forms may be obtained from P.C. Roger Howlett, at Harlow Police Station, but please before December 25, 1971, as the entry must be in early in January.

## Athletics

IN THE recent effort by the Athletics Section to raise funds for the Sports Club in conjunction with the A.A.A. Draw a total of 3,600 tickets were sold giving the Sports Club £54.

Main selling effort came from Southend division where over 1,100 tickets were sold Harlow followed with 665 and Grays with 300. Individual members of the section were also active, Geoffrey Lee, at Benfleet, maintaining his fund-raising reputation well.

No doubt the first prize, a Capri 1600 GT XLR helped.

The Capri was won by a Mrs. Venters, of Peterborough, the draw being made by international athletes, David Bedford, Rosemary and Howard Payne, and Pat Lowe, at Birmingham on November 12.

Other prize winners were: £100 cash, M. Bishop, Brentwood; refrigerator, Mrs. Wright, Farnborough; air tickets to Jersey, Mrs. Bailey, London; Pontins' holiday for two, Mr. Woolf, Sandy, Beds.; Weekend for two at Wish Tower Hotel, Eastbourne, J. Gartland, Epping Police Station; Gallon whisky, Mrs. Marlow, Henlow; 25,000 Green Shield stamps, Smith, Strood; £15 Marks and Spencer voucher, Flt. Lt. Smith, Leicester; £10 voucher, Mrs. D. Brown, Blackpool; Golf Bag, R. Jennings, Bath; Two dozen golf balls, C/T McLean, R.A.F. Marham; Transistor radio, Mrs. Elks, Leicester; Ronson pocket lighter, P. Wilson, Hull; Ronson lighter, Mr. W. Dunford, Stamford; three bottles Martini, Miss A. J. Silk, Billericay; Gordons gift pack, F. C. Lloyd, Plymouth; Gordons gift pack, J. Kelbourne and D. Buxton, Derby; cigarettes, F. P. Chapman, Birmingham.

## Walking

NOVEMBER is a month of fast 7's in the walking world and collectively the team has responded with some good efforts.

But the best team effort came from the juniors at the odd distance of 3¼ miles at Croydon on November 20 when in a high-class field they came from the back to almost win. Third with a quarter-mile to go they took second place and nearly caught the leaders.

The regular scoring trio of Hammond-Eldred-Jones are being well backed up these days by new-boy-this-year Dennis Sheppard, whose times are improving by great strides and are already faster than the others were last year.

At the seven-mile distance John Hedgethorpe has been consistently under the hour and although he held off his proteges at Vauxhall Motors and Imber Court, both Mike Eldred and Brian Jones got past him at Enfield, the latter to his great jubilation for the first time in a good 58m. 51s.

Team building is going on quietly for the league, championship and police battles of the New Year for which adult new blood is being urgently sought. Anyone interested should ring the Cadet School where almost anyone can advise.

## RESULTS

Vauxhall 7 miles: 29.10.71. 49th, J. Hedgethorpe, 59.57; 50th, R. Hammond, 60.03; 70th, B. Jones, 62.44 (p.b.); 86th, D. Sheppard, 64.55 (p.b.); 99th, M. Blackwell, 161 started.

Imber Court 7: 6.11.71. J. Hedgethorpe, 58.34; R. Hammond and B. Jones, 59.37; D. Sheppard, 63.26 (p.b.); K. Mann, 67.54; L. Britt, 72.32.

Enfield 7: 13.11.71. M. Eldred, 58.00; B. Jones, 58.51 (p.b.); J. Hedgethorpe, 58.52; D. Sheppard, 62.02 (p.b.); K. Mann, 67.05.

Croydon 3¼: 20.11.71. 6th, R. Hammond and M. Eldred, 30.43; 17th, B. Jones, 32.11; 22nd, D. Sheppard, 32.55; 28th, D. Hawkins, 34.50; 31st, L. Britt, 37.50.

Hendon 4½ miles: 27.10.71

1, M. Eldred, 40m. 18s.; 2, R. Hammond and B. Jones, 40m. 49s.; 5, D. Sheppard, 42m. 24s.; 6, D. Hawkins, 42m. 46s.; 14, J. Turrell, 47m. 25s. Team race won by 31-49.

## Soccer

THE inter-divisional knockout football cup competition is beginning to take on a familiar look with Colchester and one Southend division through the first round on November 25 they were joined by Clacton who got an early goal against Chelmsford but had to wait until well into the second half before adding three more without reply.

The Southend inter-division struggle gave Western the decision over Eastern by 2-1. Harlow defeated Basildon by the odd goal in five and Colchester overcame Grays by 4-1.

## Netball

WHETHER revenge played any great part in their approach to the PAA Cup match at Chelmsford on November 17, the Force 'B' team certainly achieved it.

Hertfordshire must have felt faintly confident after defeating our 'A' team last month by 30-15. They were not to know that with feminine logic—or is it cunning—Essex/Southend teams are entered in reverse order; the cadets, by far the best team, are called the 'B' squad.

From the start on November 17, the opposition were left in no doubt what was in store for them and at the end of the first quarter they were already 14-1 in arrears. Pat Cole and Jenny Reddings, shooters, rarely missed, and defenders Jane Trollope and Penny Mace were almost in a state of redundancy. Outstanding at centre was Diane Lewis and the team was completed by Cilla Mullender and Lindsey McGhie.

Fifty-two goals in an hour's play is a great scoring rate, nearly a goal a minute, but in a warm-up match the week before Herts Cadets had conceded 28 goals in 30 minutes, again getting only five in reply.

In one other match this month Cadets have beaten Bilericay Comprehensive 28-11.

The self-styled cadet 'B' team—who are probably strong enough to hold their own in PAA competition, entertained Essex Chronicle to two evening matches last month when after a good deal of pushing and shoving in the gym—too small for seven-a-side—they won by 23-13 and 25-15.



Mr. A. Goodson presents trophies to Barry Cable, centre, and Basil Uren at the Bowls Section social evening.

# Kent and F Div. put out of Southern Cup

In two cup matches played this month the Force soccer squad have shown up well. Their second game against Kent, played at HQ on December 1, was revenge for defeat in 1970 by a penalty.

## Orienteering

ON NOVEMBER 14 — this is a Sunday sport — a cadet team travelled to Guildford for an orienteering meet. There were 400 other competitors present who were divided into several classes.

The sport is enjoying increasing popularity because you can either take it seriously, strip down to vest and shorts and belt round flat out, or just take life easy and ramble round with the family. Courses are often only four miles in length for these events, well within the capabilities of quite young children.

It's a bit like a "treasure hunt" without the treasure. Each contestant has a map and compass and progresses round the course on a series of "clues."

Most successful cadet entrant was Andy Barnes who competed in the "intermediate men" class. He covered 7km in 83 minutes, placing 43rd in a field of 120, for which he won a silver standard award.

Anyone interested in the sport should contact Pc Larry Piper at the Cadet School.



Members of the successful netball 'A' team at a recent match. From the left standing, Jenny Reddings, Alison Grange, Jane Ayres, Donna Wilson, Jane Trollope, Ginny Granville; kneeling, Lindsey McGhie, Penny Mace, captain Diane Lewis, and Peg Barrett. Also in the squad, but missing on this day, are Pat Cole and Cilla Mullender.

## BOWLS

By A. J. Smith

ON Wednesday, 24th November, 1971, the Force Bowls Section held a social evening in the assembly hall, Headquarters. In a short speech the Force Bowls Captain, Supt. Horne, Basildon, thanked all officers for their efforts throughout the year and welcomed all those present. He then introduced Mr. A. Goodson, Deputy Chief Constable, who kindly presented the sections trophies to the various winners and runners-up. Later in the evening the assembly was entertained with various renderings by a hitherto unknown group believed to be called the Gonks (or was it Ginks).

## Golf

# Sun shines on Autumn meeting

By John Clark

THE autumn meeting of the Police of Essex Golf Society was held at the Saffron Walden Golf Course and was well attended by 21 members of the society. The meeting got away with an early start in near perfect autumn weather, in fact I heard several members complaining of the heat! The morning round of 18 holes was for the Presidents Putter and this was eventually won by Alex Mackman, with a Nett 74. Four players, Dick Bright, Phil Weall, Lionel Lee and Alec Mackman, all returned cards with a Nett 74 for this morning competition and the winner was only decided by the best score over the last six holes.

The afternoon round over 18 holes, a Stableford competition was for the 'Two J's Cup', this is a partner competition, the pairs being drawn for after the round so that all players are kept on their toes at all times. The 'Two J's Cup' was won by Lionel Lee and George Kermath with a combined 60 points and the winner once again was decided over the total points scored over the last six holes.

The Best All Day Scratch score prize was won by Dick Bright with a Gross 174. The individual Stableford winner was Steve Bardwell.

The Three meetings Challenge Shield was won by Lionel Lee with a total Nett score of 440 for the six rounds of this competition.

After the autumn meeting the annual dinner was held at the Eight Bells Public-house at Saffron Walden and after the meal the Golf Society held their Annual General Meeting.

The future and past fixtures were discussed by the members as well as all other business regarding the running of the society.

During the Annual General Meeting Society officers were elected to the following positions:

Chairman, Mr. W. Vickers; secretary, Mr. J. Clark; assistant secretary, Mr. R. Irwin; treasurer, Mr. B. Snipe.

Mr. Vic Brooker was elected as vice-president of the society.

## TWO DOWN IN ONE

Congratulations are called for to both Bill Vickers and Doug Anderson, both of whom have recently joined to 'Hole in One Club'. Both these members have their ties to prove it as well. Well done both.

I would like to thank all members of the Police of Essex Golf Society for the support they have given me during the season without which we could not continue.

Inter-Div. Cross-Country H.Q. Weds. 19 Jan.