

The Law

The Newspaper of the
Essex and Southend-on-Sea
Joint Constabulary

Engulfed

CH INSP Rands flew to Qatar (pronounced guttar) on the Persian Gulf (pronounced heat) last month to assist Mr. E. Gregory, Assistant Chief of Thames Valley, in the re-organisation of the Police Force there. He expects to be away for up to three months.

Entrenched

Dan Riley will remember to count — one, two, three, before he takes off after a fugitive in future.

Whilst questioning a man in London Road, Leigh, the man ran off and Dan gave chase across a building site. He slipped into a footings' trench and is now suffering from two compacted vertebrae. Will he, when he returns to duty, be the shortest constable in the force?

(Note P.c. Riley's number is 123.)



PC Ray Clark has had a strange bird in his bath — put there by his wife.

After the heavy winds during the month three penguins escaped from their shed at a wildlife reserve at South Woodham Ferrers. They were tracked over parts of this county but one was later apprehended

by a lorry driver who handed it over at Burnham Police Station.

Ray's wife, Pam, took the bird to the bath and fed him fish fingers whilst awaiting the arrival of the owner, Mr Peter Pointer. Photo by kind permission Anglia Press Agency.

Seasonable greetings from the Chief



1972 has given us an even wider variety of problems than 1971 but overall has been a successful year for the Force. Our general work has been successfully carried out, we have coped with large scale industrial disputes with some success, and the crime rate is showing signs of decrease for the first time in five years. The strength of the Force has grown slowly but steadily through the year and more officers than ever before are now living in their own homes.

Our successes are due only to the conscientious and devoted efforts of all members of the Force and I wish everyone, Regulars, Specials, Cadets, Civilians, their wives and families, a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, and look forward with confidence to 1973.

Award for Ex-County Ps

SGT PAT PHELPS, who will be remembered by many county officers who served with him before he transferred to Met Police in the 1965 takeover, has been awarded a Royal Humane Society Certificate on parchment.

The award marks Pat Phelps' efforts with a constable to locate the body of a 13-year-old boy who had fallen in to the lake at Harrow Lodge Park, Hornchurch. Stripped to their underwear the officers dived repeatedly for an hour. The boy's body was recovered later.

Sgt. Phelps was recently injured in a road accident. This month he has 25 in and plans to retire soon. A letter from him appears on page 6.

Police women fifth

IN THE national "Rose Bowl" first aid competition, southern eliminator, held on November 26, the Force policewomen's team, facing opposition from all over the south placed a creditable fifth.

The competition was won by the City of London team (366 pts.) by three points from Metropolitan. "On this form," says coach Terry Mortimer, "they will soon be challenging strongly for the leading positions."

The team was Lorna Brooks, Barbara Washbrook, Joan Murphy, Cheryl Ryan and Rosemary Palmer.

Get Fuzzbottle for Christmas. Stocking filling books of Peter Willow's character who appears weekly in Police Review are on sale, price 30p, from the Police Review Publishing Company Ltd., 14 St Cross Street, London EC1N 8FE.

Christmas box in December pay packets

DECEMBER salary cheques will be paid at the new pay rates agreed at the recent pay review. And if work goes according to plan members of the Force will also be presented with a Christmas gift of their back pay from September 1. This was confirmed by the Headquarters Finance Office late last week.

There is inevitably delay in paying new rates. The County Treasurer's department must first wait for official confirmation of the new scales. Then every individual member's enhanced salary must be calculated and only then can these figures be fed into the computer.

Adjustments to A.R.D. rates and other allowances may not be paid until early in 1973.

Poor little things

A recent female cadet applicant showed on her application form that she was interested in "small boar rifle shooting".

Next issue
will be a
**RECRUITING
SPECIAL**

And will be issued on
8 Jan 1973

Constable's wife joins Wardens

MARGARET Vinnell wife of Pc Mick Vinnell, Police River Patrol is at Chelmsford Police Station training to take up duties as a traffic warden at Maldon. Mrs. Vinnell was a nursing auxiliary for nine years. At Maldon she will work along with traffic warden Edward Joslin who at 23 years happens to be the youngest traffic warden in the Chelmsford Division.

Marine Section testing hovercraft for Home Office

THE FORCE MARINE SECTION are assisting the Home Office Research and Development department with the testing of a hovercraft in the coming month.

The hovercraft, a Sealand S.H.2., pictured right will be based at Burnham, and is designed to carry a payload of 1200 lbs., including crew. It is powered by a 7-litre Chrysler V8 engine and will develop 367 b.h.p. It has a maximum speed of 50 m.p.h. and will travel at full speed into 3-foot high waves at a 30 degree pitch.

During the experiments the craft will be crewed by two police officers and the driver, who is a professional. It will be seen in many places during the short time it has been hired (at a cost of £100 per day) as it will be patrolling the coast line of the County.)



INSPECTORS BEAR GIFTS

On the last of a three-day visit to the Force, Inspector Whiteside, Lancashire; Inspector Aird, Cumbria; Inspector Ballantine, Royal Ulster Constabulary, and Inspector Ritchie of Ayrshire Constabulary, all at present attending a Senior Inspectors' Course at Hutton, Lancashire, presented a plaque to the Chief Constable in commemoration of their visit. In turn, the Chief presented Inspector Whiteside with a Force plaque.

During their visit they have been looking at Communications and Public Order problems as part of their studies.

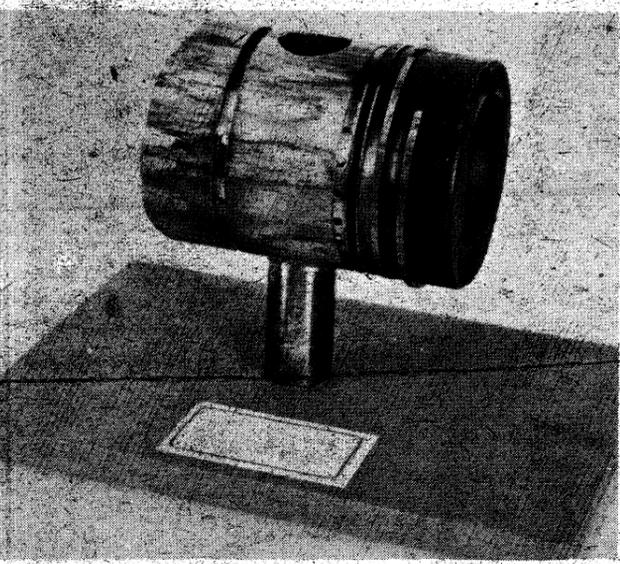
Said Inspector Whiteside: "Lancashire Constabulary extend greetings to the officers of Essex and Southend. We have enjoyed our visit very much and would like to thank the Chief Constable and all officers for their hospitality, help and co-operation."

On the unrest in Northern Ireland, Inspector Ballantine said: "Wherever I go in England I find that



we in the Royal Ulster Constabulary have the backing of all policemen, in the job we are doing. Morale within our force is very high and the liaison between the Police and Armed Forces is very good." Pictured are the four visitors with Mr. Nightingale.

Clapped out piston makes Driver Trophy



NEATLY mounted on a piece of board this piston-head has been named the "Driver of the Year Trophy" by HQ garage. The plaque shows that it is for award each year to the driver doing the most mechanical damage to a vehicle owned by the Police Authority.

National
Association of
Retired
Police
Officers



by Bert Brinkley

The Annual Luncheon of the Comrades Association held at the Chancellor Hall, Chelmsford, on 26 October, 1972, was a great success. A total of 132 members sat down to an excellent meal.

The Chief Constable, who is President of the Association, welcomed the distinguished guests who included H.M. Lord Lieutenant, Sir John Ruggles-Brise, Alderman S. Woodfull Millard, former Chairman of the Joint Police Authority, T. Hambrey H. Jones Esq., County Prosecuting Solicitor and the former Chief Constable of Essex — Sir Jonathan Peel. The president in his address of welcome said that next year he would be eligible to become one of us pensioners, and judging by what he could see it would not appear to be a bad thing. There were a good number of pensioners on whom age certainly did not seem to be taking its toll.

In replying to the toast of the pensioners, H. S. Philibrown Esq., said it was a privilege to answer the Chief Constable back, but in doing so he would first like to express the thanks of the Association and also N.A.R.P.O. for the facilities afforded for holding meetings at Headquarters and the various police stations. We in N.A.R.P.O. have a very lively National Executive Committee who are doing their utmost to improve the lot of pensioners and their widows. It is up to every pensioner to become a member of N.A.R.P.O. and thus support those who are striving to get better terms and conditions. It was also very noticeable, again, this year the few serving members who attend this function somewhere in the region of 24. It is generally felt that there are a number who are not aware of the qualifications for joining the Comrades Association and in order to get the matter clear I set these out below. The Secretary will be only too glad to give further details and ensure entry on the mailing list which is sent out annually from Headquarters:—

- (1) Pensioned Officers of the former Essex Constabulary, Southend Borough and Colchester Borough Police.
- (2) All serving members of the Joint Force with not less than ten years' service; and
- (3) All members of the former Associations.

This function serves to refresh the memory (some good, some not so good) although judging by the stories passing around times were not too dull or dismal. It is difficult to pick out individual faces for comment, but

Temple, who undertakes the journey from Nottingham each year, looking as hale and hearty as ever; and Sid Goose, though only residing at St. Ives (Hunts) had better luck this year, he managed to 'thumb it' all the way to Chelmsford. Last year Sid was dumped by the local milk cart at Ash Tree Corner, Lt. Waltham, and by the time he reached the Civic Centre Sid's tonsils were in need of some varnish. Good luck to you both and indeed all who were able to undertake the journey.

News has just come in that ex-Sgt. Bill Collins has remarried and is now living at 18 Branston Road, Clacton-on-Sea. The Branch send its best wishes for the future.

Members will have by now received the quarterly bulletins giving full report of the Annual Conference. Several have commented, and rightly so, upon the recent pensions increase. Although awarded from 1 July, 1972, payment will not be made until 1 December, 1972, and then without retrospect. This matter has been argued by the N.E.C. and the reply received leaves no hope for any alteration in the date of payment.

It is hoped to get some payments at least on the December pension, but the County Treasurer has informed me that as there are nearly 5,000 pensions to be calculated, many of them different from others, will require careful working out, but every endeavour will be made to get payments cleared as speedily as possible. So please, no phone calls.

Now on to a more personal note, I shall terminate my appointment at Headquarters on 31 December next. After 40 years of the powers that be have decided that I am to hand over the reins to a younger man. I have no complaint with this decision and am now looking forward to full retirement. Naturally I shall miss my associates at Headquarters and throughout the Force, but I am indeed grateful to everyone for the splendid co-operation I have received, especially towards the advancement of N.A.R.P.O. For those colleagues who frequently paid visits at Headquarters (for payment of subs. or advice) I shall be available at my home address — 93, Sandford Road, Tel. Chelmsford 55750, with no restriction of office hours.

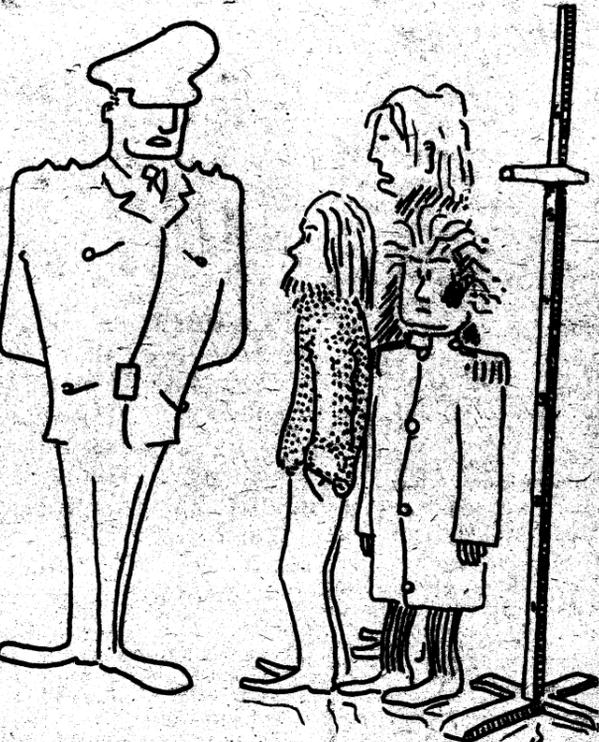
The passing of Jack Anchor will bring back happy memories of many pensioners of their brief stay at the Driving School and the first-class instruction received at his hands. The Association extends its condolences to his widow and family in their sad bereavement and will give all assistance possible at all times.

It is noticed in the last bulletin that reference is again made to the question of income tax being levied on thirteen payments in one year. Frankly, I can see no argument for this and gave my reasons to the General Secretary. I am glad to see the Income Tax Authority agree that tax has been applied in the correct manner. The position is therefore thus, if there is more than one source of payment (pension and salary) at any one time, they must be taxed accordingly. It is hoped that when the new tax methods are introduced in 1973 they will be more simplified and readily understood.

As this is the last publication for 1972, the Association sends best wishes to all and may the

Joint Force Types No 42

The Recruiting Officer



"What we're looking for are men who are willing to start at the bottom and stay there."

Noodle shop alerted by Bank alarm

WHETHER the phrase to fit the situation is "Leave well alone," or "Let sleeping dogs lie," makes little difference, but what happened at Bangkok just goes to show the danger of stirring things up.

Officials tripped the alarm system at a bank in a small town near the city to see how long it would take the police to arrive. The only response was a boy carrying a bowl of noodles.

Apparently the police station, where the alarm rang, was next door to a noodle shop and bank officials had arranged with police to use the alarm to order their lunch.

Southend Annual Dinner

ON WEDNESDAY 18th October the Southend Branch of NARPO held their annual Dinner at Garons Centre House, High Street, Southend.

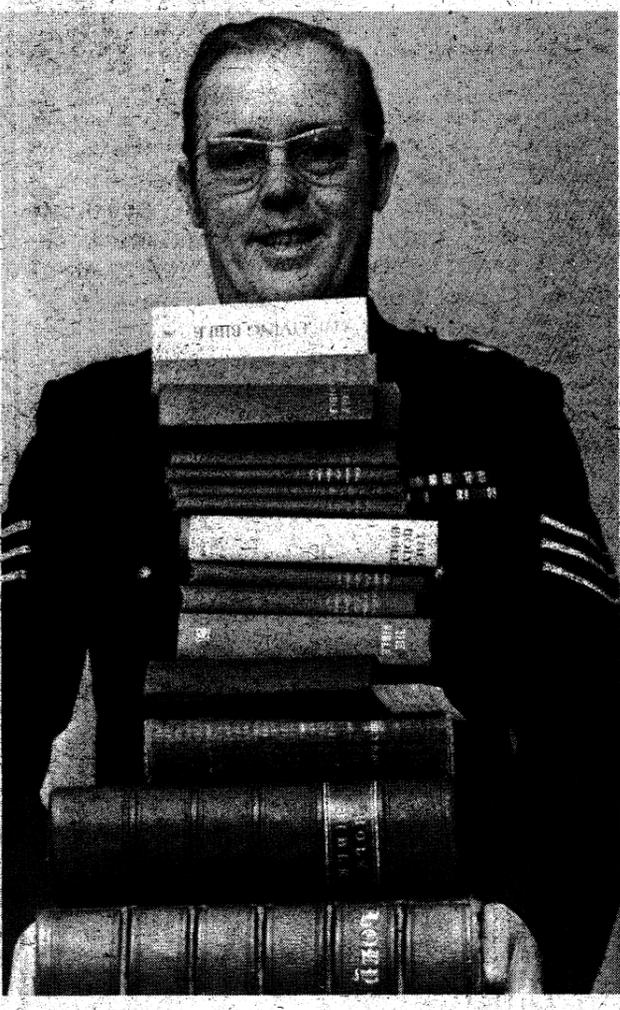
After a few words of welcome to members and guests by the Vice-Chairman Mr W. Wilcock and he having said "Grace," some 90 people sat down to a splendid, well-served meal. There were no speeches and after the loyal toast a presentation to Mr A. Owen for his past services to Southend Branch until illness forced him to resign was made on behalf of

who also gave Mrs Owen a Bouquet of flowers. Mr Owen replied on behalf of his wife and himself.

Afterwards all moved to the lower room to dance to the music of the Sid Uron Trio, who had played during the meal. During this part of the evening the main raffle was held and also a special raffle for NARPO members only, which was won by Miss Tomkins who received a record player in a case.

Dancing and yarning continued until 11:30 when with the joining of hands and the singing of Auld Lang Syne a very happy and enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

The committee wish to thank most sincerely all those who donated gifts and helped in any



Maldon is not going religious

THE arrest of an American citizen in Maldon has caused some headaches for Chief Inspector Alan Gilling, for the prisoner requested the use of a Bible whilst in his cell. Not having one in the station arrangements were made to borrow one from a vicarage in the town, to satisfy the prisoner's request.

Somehow the local and national press got to hear about this and as a result seventeen Bibles, ranging from huge family Bibles to small pocket-sized editions, have arrived on the sergeant's desk and offers of a further fifteen have been turned down.

"I don't want any remarks about Maldon going all religious," said Mr Gilling to The Press. "The Press got hold of this and put it all out of context."

Says Chief Inspector over his 17 Bibles

Company Secretary Exam Success

THERE should be no Admin problems at Chelmsford Town now that Inspector Allan Collins has passed the final examination for Associate Membership of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators.

For the past three years Mr Collins has been studying Company Law, Accountancy, Secretarial Practice, Taxation and English Law, and has had to pass four examinations, all of which he has done in his own time by attending Evening

Newcomers include top student



THIS month's new entrants to the force who joined their respective stations on Friday, 17 November, are from left to right; (standing) Jeremy Moore, Chelmsford; Russell Townsend, Southend East; Chris Holton, Leigh; Tony Vernon, Basildon; John Surgenor, Chelmsford; and Ray Newman, Harlow; (seated) David

Dawes, Brentwood; Stephen Rombaut, Harlow; Colin Mead, Brentwood; Nevil Robinson, Rayleigh.
Ray Newman won the P.M.A.S. Book Prize at Eynsham, and Colin Mead is no stranger to the police force as he used to be a "civvie driver" at the Cadet School.

Former Chief presents Trophy



SIR JONATHAN PEEL, former Chief Constable of Essex came back from retirement recently to present the Peel Trophy to W.D.C. Pat Hessey who scored top marks in the probation examination to sergeant. Picture by courtesy of East Essex Gazette.

Dependants Trust not yet self supporting

The Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 1971 has recently been published.

During the year the Board of Trustees was extended by the addition of two representatives, one from N.A.R.P.O. and one from the Retired Police Officers (Scotland) Association. The Management Committee considered a total of 1,013 cases and made awards totalling £57,503.20 in 564 cases of the following categories:—

Widows	346
Police Officers	207
Other Dependents	11

In addition two emergency awards of £100.00 each were made by the Trustees. The

Management Committee also granted £6,842.43, from the Children's Fund, in respect of children.

Pontins Limited donated a number of free places at holiday camps for widows and children and equivalent cash awards were also made in other deserving cases. Grants totalling £3,390 were made for fares, expenses and cash awards. During the year, £185,498 was received from Special Appeals Committees, independent fund raising activities and special events. The total income of the Trust including investment income and interest was £234,755. The Children's Fund

also received £10,000 from the Variety Club of Great Britain.

Close attention is being given to the building up and management of the Trust's investments and a continuous appeal has been maintained to build up a working capital of sufficient size to ensure an income adequate to meet the requirements for the assistance of persons within the scope of the trust. The Trustees warmly thank all who have given time and money in support of the trust. A continual effort is, however, necessary if grants are to be made at a level commensurate with rising costs.

St. John insignia for Superintendent



Superintendent Joseph Bird, who is the county director of the St John Ambulance Association, was, on the 16 November, presented with the insignia of Officer of the Order of St. John, by Lord Caccia, the Lord Prior of St John.

In receiving this honour, Mr Bird became the second serving police officer with the force to hold this position, the other being the Chief Constable.

On receiving his award he said: "I first be-

came interested in the brigade when I joined the police in Cambridge. I gradually became more and more involved."

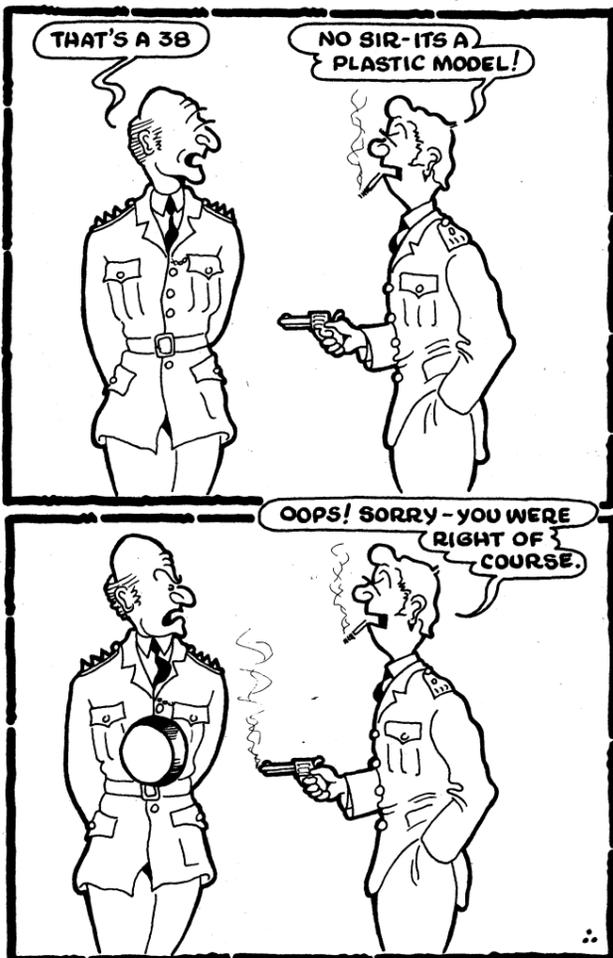
One of Mr. Bird's main achievements as county director, a position which he has held since 1967, has been the establishment of industrial training courses, in which he has been helped by Sgts Terry Mortimer, Roy Clark and Bob Mann. Picture by courtesy Westminster Press Ltd.

Band

notes

by Harry Rossiter

A LAWFUL LAUGH by Nala



I AM HAPPY to report that we had a good concert at the All Saints' Hall, Maldon on 25th October. As predicted the Vicar, Rev. Arthur Dunlop, provided some of his humour to round off a very pleasant evening. We performed to a full house in a very relaxed atmosphere. There was Brian Denton making jokes (as far as he could go) about vicars, and Arthur Dunlop making jokes about policemen and clergymen. Wally Thurgood sang some songs in his pleasant baritone voice which the audience enjoyed and Brian Tyrell and Harold Hull played instrumental solos in their usual polished style. Our Chairman was obliged to miss the concert but promises not to miss any more.

Did you know that we have some good connections in the band. Quite good relations with local bands including the Chelmsford Town Band and the Salvation Army Band and not at all least the Scots Guards. Perhaps they envy us our success — perhaps. However, this is the usual thing among brass bands. There is a certain camaraderie among bandsmen with common interests. It is interesting sometimes at contests to see bandsmen from opposite ends of the country conversing on the latest techniques. How's y' triple-tooting lad? or 'Did you hear Blacktown's Colliery band t'other day? Smashing weren't they? To an ignorant bloke like me, the conversation sometimes leaves me cold but the fact is there that brass banding is increasing throughout the country as more

and more young people are getting the 'bug.' Makes a change from the eternal twang of the groups no doubt. Although I have yet to see brass bandsmen wearing leather jackets and beads and granddad vests. One never knows.

We are playing at the Archer Hall, Billericay on Wednesday 15th November and I'll be giving you a report on that next issue. So far 140 tickets have been sold. That's promising considering that Billericay has a fair band of its own. No doubt there will be some stern critics watching.

Anyway fans, don't forget our Christmas concert, Wednesday 20th December at the Assembly Hall, HQ. This is always well attended so come early to ensure a seat and mind where you park

your motor. Be seeing you I trust. Incidentally, if any of you is interested enough to put pen to paper or paper to typewriter, drop us a line saying what you think of the band and our activities or if you think this column could do better. Remember that the band is an excellent public relations medium and I like to think that we are YOUR band to some extent and your interest is welcomed. Especially if anyone wants to try playing a brass instrument, only in that case contact Jack Ripley the Band Secretary, not me. Be seeing you Good listening.

Oh, one other thing. Heard at a crowd control training course the other day. "Why don't the Police band come along and play the 'Gay Cordons'!"

CONSTABLE DIES AFTER ACCIDENT



CONSTABLE MARTINDILL

IT IS with great regret that we report the death of Constable Robert Harry Martindill, of Colchester Division, on 9 November after being involved in a road accident, whilst off duty, and that of Constable Reginald R. A. Harris, who collapsed and died suddenly at his home in Harlow on 10 November.

Born 50 years ago at Bromley by Bow, Bob Martindill experienced the London blitz and later saw active service in the Army.

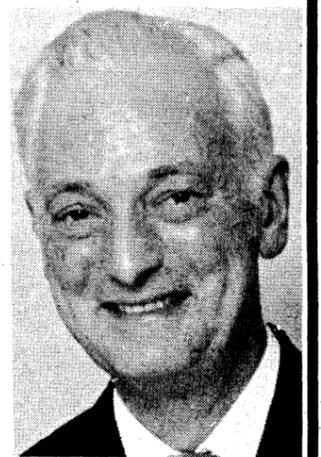
In December, 1946, he joined the Essex County Constabulary and served at Romford, Rainham and

as detached beat officer at Ridgewell before joining Colchester Division in 1963, where he was employed as a Station Officer.

Apartment from his duty commitments Bob was also a very proficient all round sportsman, excelling particularly in the fields of cricket, soccer and table tennis.

A well liked and conscientious officer, Bob will be missed by his colleagues and sympathy is extended to his widow and only son, Paul.

Traffic man collapsed at home



CONSTABLE HARRIS

Reg Harris was 54 years and looking forward to retirement next year. Before joining the Force he had served in the London Irish Rifles Regiment in the rank of Sergeant, and had spent two years of the war as a PoW after capture in North Africa.

After serving at Grays for four years he transferred to Traffic patrols and moved to Headquarters. In 1961 he moved to Harlow where he remained as a

traffic driver until his death. He was an all round sportsman, representing the Force at cricket and soccer for many years.

Popular and highly respected, Reg was one of nature's gentlemen.

A church service at Harlow attended by many present and former police officers, was followed by private cremation. To his widow, Pat, and daughter, Pauline, we offer our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

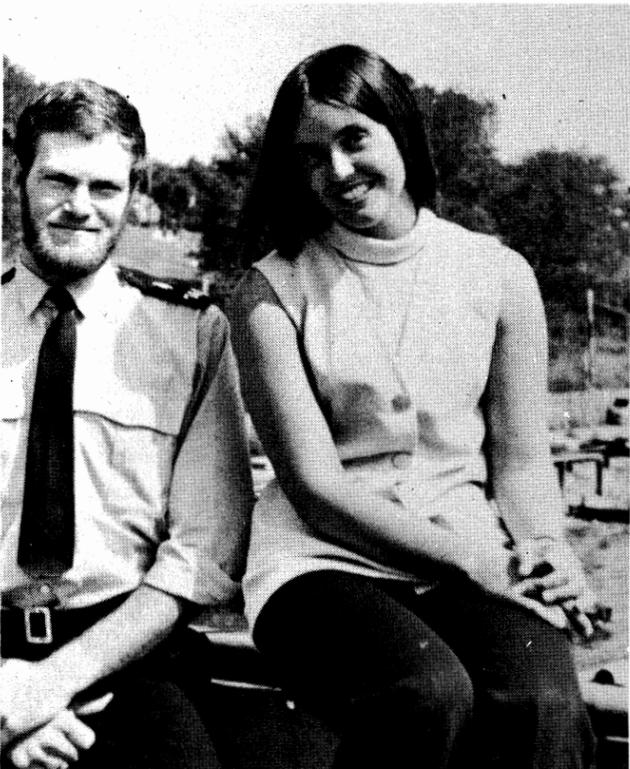
Law review of the year

THE year of our Law, four (1972 to the rest of the world) began with a report that the Force had risen to 2,000 strong. The Force will end the year well above this figure, the recruiting machine having found fodder for its cannon in the wide fields of redundancy outside.



Cross-country: the year began well

The ladies figured prominently in Force affairs this year. In January four cadets became regional cross country champions, later Pat Hessey won the Peel Trophy and Sue Harding the Bennett Trophy. Reversing trends set by an Italian magazine we succeeded, by sparing no efforts, to photograph Lorna Brooks with clothes on.



Miss Brooks after the long distance swim

There were changes at the top where Alderman Millard relinquished his Police Authority Chair, and Mr Goodson left for Leicestershire to be replaced from within we were pleased to note.



Mr Kelly Mr Duke Mr Goodson

Our efforts to please all of the people all of the time did not quite succeed and we were taken to task by Basildon Division for our comments on their comments about the Force Sports Association, and the inhabitants of Wix became inflamed on the subject of traffic and cycling in that region. Pedal power produced several column inches on the letters page after we reported a return to cycle patrols in Colchester.

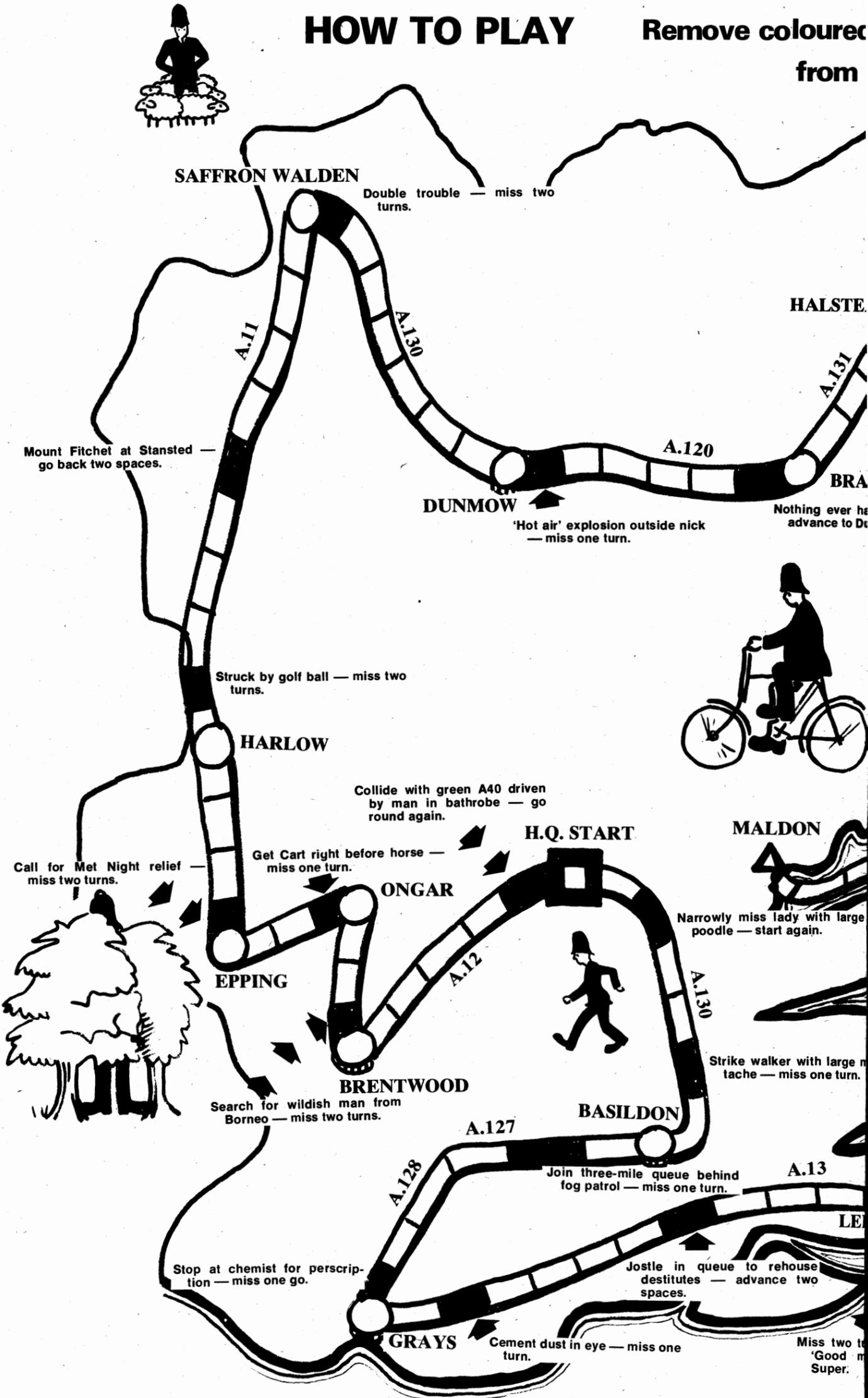
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A silly game

The Policeman's Progress

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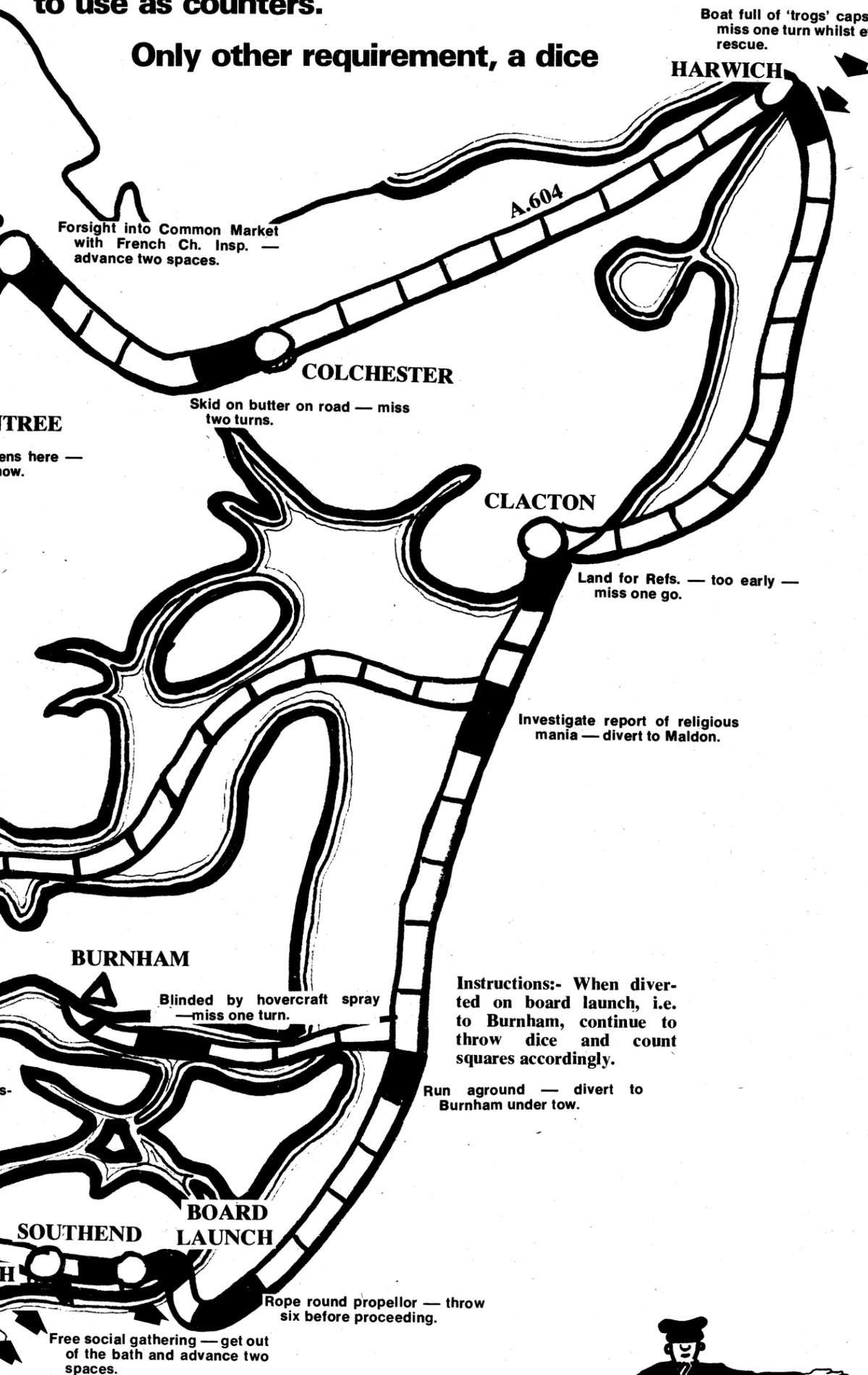
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to use as counters.

Only other requirement, a dice



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On the sports field Force teams won regional contests at soccer and athletics and in a sport near to our feet the team championship in the Barking to Southend was captured. At the other end of the scale we reported one young lady being carried from the hockey field with a broken leg after kicking herself.



The Ladies' hockey team

In the autumn the Old Comrades sat down to luncheon, in liquid form judging from the picture, and the Federation made efforts to re-introduce a Force Ball in to the calendar in aid of Police orphans.



The Comrades' Luncheon

As the year ends Ray Law pens some seasonal verses to his colleagues.

THE INFORMATION ROOM

Hullo VZ Hullo VZ can you hear my call,
It's freezing cold, I've got a flat, I'm going up the wall.
Answer me, spare a moi, put down that glass of cheer,
I don't feel Christmassy at all—but my tyre says "Goodyear."
(If sober, may be sung to the tune "Jingle Bells")

POLICEWOMEN

To our comrades who dance backwards at parties
Christmas time makes a lie of the rumour
Like—with mistletoe we would show our true thoughts
But our wives have got no sense of humour.

SUPERVISORY OFFICERS

To the Sergeants and Inspectors, here's all you wish yourself,
The shift has bought a pint of beer with which to toast your health.
Yuletide greetings warmly sent are from Tom, Dick and Harry,
To you and yours both young and old, and your parents when they marry!

NON FEDERATE RANKS

Here's a health unto you gentlemen, may nothing you dismay,
More re-fills for your biro's, Good Cheer this Christmas day.
A large scotch round the Christmas tree lit up by fairy lights,
I'd like to share the festive spirit — but I'm on B... nights!

ONE FOR US ALL

A Policeman stood at the Golden Gates
In reverence, head bent low,
He quietly asked the figure there
The way that he should go.
"And who are you"? St. Peter asked
"To seek admission here."
"I was a policeman" said the man,
"For many and many a year."
St. Peter opened wide the gate
And gently rang the bell,
"Come in my friend come in," he said
"You've had your share of Hell."

(Adapted from the original Anonymous verse.)

Late in the year — at a stroke —
the Law staff was doubled when
Tony Armstrong was conned into
swapping pen for truncheon. Our
pictures, from the extensive Law
photo library, depict both in
characteristic roles, the one striding,
oblivious, through life, the other
lying down, though not, we should
add, on the job.

A Happy Christmas.



Below, Tony Armstrong: Above No 13



USURPED

LONG ago at the behest of the Chief Constable the Police Authority had the enlightened notion of spending a good deal of money to put up a building to house the new style Cadet Corps. It was to be called the Cadet School.

In 1969 a Royal Princess came to officially declare the place open and went to the trouble of unveiling a plaque which left no doubt that the edifice was indeed a Cadet School. Alas, the Training Department already had a foot in the door. Since then rather more than a foot has been inserted until now three members of the cadet staff operate out of one little room — no, not that little room — which has the legend, "TV Room" upon the door, but is not equipped with a telephone. We must say that the Training staff are little better off.

The final, overt blow in this hitherto surreptitious insurgence came on 1st November 1972 when a memorandum from no less an authority than the Assistant Chief Constable, Personnel and Inspection announced of a visiting party, "They will be accommodated and will take all meals at the Force Training School." Very odd: We had always thought of it as a newspaper office.

MISSING THEIR QUEUE

AT A TIME when the Service has a bee in its bonnet about management — we use a small 'm' as to employ a capital might help to raise this subject to the proportions of a cult, whereas most of it may be briefly summed up in the maxim, "Do as you would be done by" — it is strange that some middle rank officers seem bent upon the destruction of all that others have wrought.

We have always looked upon various natural processes as being common to all and thus of equal importance to all. We are all born, must all die and must all eat. Such a transitory condition as police rank does not confer any enhanced gastronomic rights.

That a recent inspectors course at Headquarters should have been instructed to walk to the head of any queue struck us as rather heavy-handed. Leaving aside any weighty arguments on democracy surely the queue should first be examined to see who is in it. And is an inspector "senior" to a civilian college lecturer, a visiting senior detective or a chief inspector's wife? After all, most inspectors, in bunches of five, in many stations are nowadays doing what used to be left to two sergeants in the bad old days.

CLOAK AND STAGGER

WE have suspected for years that CID, particularly some of the multifarious departments at headquarters, have brought an almost comic strip touch of the bizarre to their activities. Now we hear that with the arrival of a new typist letters are going out topped with the reference BAT/MAN. And who plays Robin?

BABES AND SUCKLINGS

POLICEMEN who attend such celebrations as the Weeley Pop Festival may have certain ideas about the nation's youth which do not accord with Parliament's optimism in extending jury duty to eighteen-year-olds. The argument that if one is old enough to vote, one is old enough to sit on a jury is nonsense. Jurors must weigh facts coldly and make their decision: who knows what emotions and prejudices lead voters to behave as they do at election time. But not to worry, by the law of averages only one or two teenagers should be on any one jury and a majority verdict could cover that number if the worst happened.

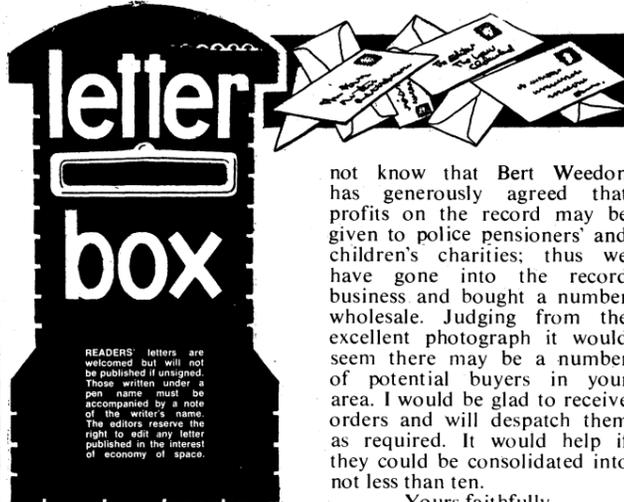
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ANNOUNCING that policeman may soon be trained in psychiatry — no not trick cycling he was being serious — Mr David Ennals said recently that every police station has its regulars who come in to complain that they are being spied on, persecuted or watched by invisible rays and that this training would help police to know how to deal with them. These harmless people, in the main, only want to talk and all the police need is the time to listen which they will not have if they are to spend more of their duty time having their heads filled with mumbo-jumbo by the head shrinking industry.

This column should not be interpreted as expressing the policy of the Chief Constable nor that of the Police Federation, and the views may be those of the writer alone.



BRAMSHILL courses for inspectors having been cut from 6 months to 4, Forces have been directed to organise preparatory one month courses on a regional basis. It was as guinea pigs that the inspectors pictured above came together for 4 weeks last month at the Cadet School as this was the first course to be run. There will be 3 in 1973. Standing from the left are: G. A. W. Coles (Kent), S. C. B. Bailey (Essex-Southend), G. L. Smith, R. E. Eames, K. James, J. E. Trotter (Herts), J. A. Tomlinson (Essex-Southend), D. J. King (Beds-Luton), A. C. Bentley, R. Wilkinson (Kent); seated, R. Dye, V. F. G. Drake, B. Townley (Essex-Southend), Ch. Insp. J. R. Griffin (Herts, Directing Staff), Supt. R. L. Sweeting (Beds-Luton, D.S.), Ch. Insp. W. J. Thurgood (Essex-Southend, D.S.), J. I. Papple (Essex-Southend), J. Temperley (Beds-Luton), T. Sandy (City of London).



Constables identified

Dear Sir,
With reference to the November issue of "The Law" regarding the photo of the Section House Grays 1912. The names of the men standing at the rear, left to right, are: Jim Scott, George Gutteridge, Sam Offord, Simpson, Herd, Succamore; seated: Gilbert Harvey, Harry (Busty) Sly, Jim Saunders, Charles Waller.
I was stationed at Grays from 1913 to 1916 and lived in the Section House with them.
Yours faithfully,
A. Jolley

Civilian madness

Dear Editor,
Is this madness ever to end, once again the Civilians have taken over. At Laindon Traffic Garage not only is the heating turned off at the weekends as the cleaner decides there are no civilians working now we have had an attempt made at our canteen being painted. I use the term painted in its widest sense as either the painters are Bus Drivers or their brushes have holes in them. Would anyone like to guess who chose the colour scheme for the canteen, bright orange wall and green woodwork. Yes you're right, the civilian typist and the cleaner. Not one member of the Police staff was even approached. I don't know why we bother. When is someone of High Rank going to have the guts to remind the civilian staffs who they are and what their job is in the Police Service. I may be wrong but I didn't think they ran it.
P.c. 440 Hunnable Laindon Traffic.

Road safety record

Dear Sir,
I was very interested to see in your excellent Force Newspaper, "The Law," an item on the Road Safety Record produced by us in conjunction with Bert Weedon. You may

not know that Bert Weedon has generously agreed that profits on the record may be given to police pensioners' and children's charities; thus we have gone into the record business and bought a number wholesale. Judging from the excellent photograph it would seem there may be a number of potential buyers in your area. I would be glad to receive orders and will despatch them as required. It would help if they could be consolidated into not less than ten.

Yours faithfully,
P. E. CROSBY
Force Welfare Officer
Headquarters,
Church Lane,
Lincoln.

Ex-County man retiring soon

Dear Editor,
May I through your newspaper say hello and au revoir to my many friends in the Essex & Southend Constabulary, as I will retire soon. After 20 years in the County. Prior to the Metro take-over in 1965, I look back at the many memories that these years hold for me first in Harwich, then Clacton, Kelvedon, Hornchurch, Romford, Harold Hill, and back to Hornchurch. I often say to myself "where have all the years gone" and no doubt the younger members of the Force are saying "here we go again the good old days are back again" and how right they are.

The wages were low but the comradeship was high, one incident at Clacton during the terrible floods, Joe Burgess was my shift co-driver, Don Harmer his operator, Joe had just sunk our brand new patrol car at Jaywick, his main worry was his food tin left on the back seat and what Supt Simpson would have to say about a dirty car on patrol, this could not be true because all you could see was the aerial above the water. Don Harmer was making his way along the sea wall to give a warning of the pending disaster. I was at Walton, where the water was right up through the town centre when I was recalled to Clacton, where I saw Supt. Simpson and C/Insp Alston and instructed to take them to Harwich and make it fast.

In true driving school manner and in driving school with Mr. Priestly's training I took the road through Thorpe, only to find that as I took a sharp left hand bend some one (no doubt a member of the driving school instructors section) had placed a large lake of water across the road, as we entered the water I heard the voice of Mr. Simpson — "Where the **** are we," as the water subsided one could just see water — water everywhere and just lapping into the car. As a true senior officer (I would have done the same) Mr. Simpson said: "Right, Phelps

NALGO notes

At the A.G.M. of the local Sub-Branch — H.Q. and Chelmsford Division the following officers were elected to serve on the committee for the forthcoming year:

Chairman, Mr. W. G. S. Austin; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. B. Byrne; Liaison Officer, Mrs. S. G. Powell; Membership Officer, Miss E. C. M. Staward, all of H.Q.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Brenda Byrne for her service as Sub-Branch Chairman during the past three years and have every confidence that we can rely on her experience as a committee member in the future.

Concessionary Leave

From the many queries which have been brought to our notice regarding Civilian Staff Memorandum No. 59 on this subject it is apparent that the repetition of the text of a JPA resolution to form the basis of a Civilian Staff Memorandum is not the most ideal form of communication. No reason was given for the resolution but it is understood that prior to amalgamation whilst civilian staff of the Southend County Borough Police were granted two days concessionary leave per year only one day was granted to those employed with the Essex County Constabulary. The resolution was passed in order to remove the disparity.

With only one possible Public Holiday (Christmas) left during the current leave year and the requirement of Divisional/Department Commanders for civilian cover over the holiday period it is felt that in some instances little imagination has been used to implement the arrangement. Maybe an example of man mismanagement for this year but let us hope not for next year.

It would appear that under the ruling of the Government's 'freeze' any offer made and accepted regarding the 37-hour week will be frozen until the end of the 90-day period. Roll on the warmer weather.

The death is reported on 27th October, of ex-Sergeant S. G. Glasscock, who was 71, and an ex-member of the Southend Borough Force.

— shoes off out you go and start pushing I will drive." I cannot tell you just how cold that water was, but without any telling I saw that Mr. Alston, had his shoes and socks off and without any further to do was out in that freezing water pushing the car. I am certain that I heard him say under his breath "One day I will be an Assistant Chief Constable then I can stay in the car." I hope need has never arisen.

On returning to Clacton to dry out I then returned to Harwich with Mr. Alston, and for 30 hours I worked alongside officers who had not slept for over 30 hours and never once did I hear a complaint, I was indeed proud to call these men colleagues, from P.C. to Senior Officers got on with the job that had to be done and one of the reasons why I will always class myself as a "County Man" and proud of it.

So many tales could be told

Tombola nets £400 in 50 minutes

After the disappointment of the standard of service, location and band at last year's Southend Divisional Sports Club annual Ball, the organising committee changed the venue to The Cliffs Pavilion for this year's function and the change produced one of the best evenings held at Southend for quite a few years.

The tombola, which had about 600 prizes, sold out in 50 minutes, raising a sum of £400, and, after expenses, the sum of approx. £150 will be donated to the Police Benevolent Fund.

The lesson of having a 'big band' from London, unheard, has been learned and this year the Roy Howard Band, a local line-up, produced music which was a pleasure to listen to, let alone dance. They were backed up by another local group, 'Take Four', which again was well received.

The Southend Div. Sports Secretary Sgt. Edgar Easlea, said, "It was really great. We have not received one complaint from the four hundred people that attended and we are already receiving bookings for next year's function, which will again be held at the Cliffs."

The Law Shop

FOR SALE: £300, 1971 Chateau Mobile—Swedish camping trailer fitted with trio awning and bogie wheels for upright storage. Cost £410. Contact Fred Feather Southend 522992 for inspection (or Rayleigh Police Station).

FOR SALE: High pram (Churchill), jade and white, blankets, pillow, sun canopy, shopping tray, pram bag; good condition; £10 ono. Bottle heater 75p. Contact Pc Reid Teleprinter School HQ ext 350.

FOR SALE: Austin 1100 car, August 1965 regd. Excellent running order, colour black, red leather upholstery. Just had complete new front, wings, radiator grille, bonnet, etc. 57,000 miles. £230. Contact Pc Reid Teleprinter School HQ ext 350.

we did not have much money or equipment but we had something that still brings a lump into my throat — "Loyalty to the uniform" — pride and above all comradeship second to none.

I would indeed be very grateful if any friends and their families are attending the Southend Xmas Dance on the 8th December, I would indeed be so happy to see them and buy them a drink, and to those who thought that I did not have either a mother or father I will make it a double. If you cannot make it thank you for your friendship.

Yours sincerely,
P. PHELPS
P.S. Ex County Constabulary

Federation *Pf*

Notes



by Stan Smith

I HAVE been informed by the Treasurer's Department that the new rates of pay, plus arrears, to September 1 and also arrears of overtime and allowances will be included in the December salary. These arrears are subject to a re-check of course, but the speed at which the calculations have been done and the good will behind the payment deserves a special mention from me as I did not think it possible for this work to be done in time for payment before Christmas, and to the persons concerned I say on your behalf "well done and thanks."

FEDERATION CONTRIBUTIONS

Having received your back pay you will all be in a better frame of mind for the increase in subscriptions to the Federation Funds which will be effective from January 1, 1973. The new subscriptions will be 9p weekly for regular officers and 3p weekly for Cadets. There is no need for anything to be done if you agree to the increase as the Treasurer will arrange for the deductions to be made at the new standard rate unless he hears to the contrary.

The increase in revenue will assist in the building up of reserves so that matters of importance to us and our job can be prosecuted to the highest level. There can be no doubt that in the past, decisions which have been made had to be accepted because there were insufficient funds to be able to take professional and legal advice with their attendant high cost. The federation are presently taking a case on appeal to the House of Lords, which if successful, will have a far reaching beneficial effect on members who are injured on duty.

PENSIONS

It is hoped that during the coming month every officer affected by the new provision of buying-in back service to qualify for the maximum widow's pension will receive an individual booklet published by the Home Office explaining in fairly simple terms the mechanics of the system. It will also contain a form upon which the option should be made. This is a very important step and members are urged to consider most seriously the affects of this opportunity to provide widows

with a reasonable standard of living. If anyone needs further information or guidance your representative or myself will be only too willing to discuss the matter with you. Remember there is no going back once the option has been made. It is final and I hope that members do not take a decision they will regret in later life. Informed Federation opinion is solidly in favour of all members opting to buy-in back service. Our negotiators have worked hard to give us this opportunity, so please don't throw it away.

New commutation tables have been published and take effect from December 1, 1972. The new rates are more advantageous and produce a higher lump sum on retirement for a reduction in pension.

Age next birthday	Capital Sum for each £10 of pension commuted	
	Women	Men
50 and under	£ 129	£ 129
51	151	127
52	149	126
53	148	124
54	146	122
55	144	119
56	142	116
57	139	113
58	137	111
59	134	108
60	131	105

For the benefit of those members who do not understand the system, commutation is a facility of giving up a proportion of one's pension on receipt of a lump sum

payment which is tax free. The maximum proportion of pension which can be commuted is one quarter, so an example for a Constable on the present maximum of £2,061 who wishes to commute the maximum of one quarter of his pension would be:

Two thirds of £2061 at 30 years' service—£1,371 Pension; one quarter of pension—£343 approx.; for every £10 of £343 he would be able to multiply the figure in the table against his age, so if he would be 52 next birthday when he retires, the sum would be £126 x 34 — £4,284. His residual pension would then be £1,371 less £340 — £1,031.

The chance one takes with commutation is the expectancy of life of both yourself and your wife. If your wife predeceases you, your pension dies with you. If you both live to a ripe old age you would have done better not to commute as the advantage of the lump sum whittles away and becomes less an advantage as time goes on, especially with annual increases in pension making the percentage given up into a larger proportion of one's pension.

On the other hand it is possible to invest such a lump sum to obtain a nine per cent income and this would amount to about £380 per year, which, after tax would mean about £5 a week with the capital still intact and able to be withdrawn by your widow upon your death or upon you requiring the repayment of the capital.

INSURANCE

The "open period" for increasing premiums in the federation "Return of Premium" Scheme has been extended to December 21 due to the avalanche of applications both to increase cover and to join. This scheme has caught the imagination of members and at last the message has got through that this is too good to be missed. Application forms are still available from this office.

I am still mystified by the number of officers who are not in the Force Group Insurance Scheme, which, for the sum of 10p weekly gives £2,000 upon death from any cause, plus casting and disablement benefits, and £4 weekly for absence from duty through accident. How can you afford not to be a member of this scheme with such a low premium. Check your pay slip to see if you are a member.

bruised to blazes. He is, at present, off sick at home in Honest Choppers' Used Car Yard. The poor old Triumph is also off sick with multiple injuries... We all know you wanted a Norton, Chopper, but...

League: Colchester 6, Southend 5, H.Q. 3, Driving School 3.

Ray Finch always gets into the news for one reason or another... on this occasion I was with him parked up at North Station waiting for it to happen when up strolls a male object complete with long hair, eye shadow, kinky brows, wooden eyebrows and dark brown breath... this THING spoke to Ray (and I breathed a sign of relief). The conversation went something like this... and it's been edited down to the bone. THING... "Hullo" (sweetly) RAY... "All right mate" (Common as muck)

T... "Do you like your motor cycle?" R... "Sortright mate." T... "Is it very fast?" R... "Not at the moment, it's parked."

T... "How fast will it go?" R... "Fast enough."

T... (Looking at me) "Is he your FRIEND?"

R... (Looks at me, blows a kiss and says) "Yes, he's all mine."

T... (Indicating blue light) "What's that?"

R... "A death ray mate."

T... "OOOH really, do many people ask you SILLY questions?"

R... "Yeah but you're the first to do that..."

Exit one of the twilight people writing Ray's collar number, address and telephone number down... Ray you are awful, but I like you... honky tonk.

In conclusion I must mention a remark made by Long John the Pink Paraffin drinker... he, like me, hasn't taken the Guvnors up on the option of five years then four wheels. John has decided that he and me will keep on riding and end up like Marie Celestes of the motor cycle world... not wishing to be rude, John's a bit like that now. If it wasn't for the bike knowing the routes John would fall off more often.

Regards Mr old horse, MITCH."

The last meeting held at "The Three Cups" Springfield Road, Chelmsford, had Mr. Searle in the hot chair and numerous points regarding motor cycles and equipment were raised. Briefly, as follows:— With reference to boots and socks, on the whole, it appears that the majority are satisfied until such time as suit-

ale substitutes can be located and acquired on a quantity and quality supply basis. If anyone thinks they can supply a suitable substitute then please let us know and we will look into it. We understand that there is a new visor at present being tried by this force although I haven't seen it but the drums are sounding out satisfactory comments when the item is used when riding a machine with a fairing. We understand that it is not suitable for a machine without one. A new helmet, also, is in the course of being tried and we are waiting the reports on it pending action regarding purchase. This helmet is a new Everoak, it may well be seen in the near future. As regards reflective material for use by motor cyclists numerous lads brought up favourable comments about bandaliers. The basic trouble with any form of reflective material is that it restricts access to pockets, therefore, making it somewhat uncomfortable. In view of the favourable comments on the bandaliers this is something that will again be investigated.

The Harlow motor cyclist raised the point of the checking of motor cycles, mechanically, at H.Q. This point is to be investigated and an understanding will be reached whether or not certain repairs may be carried out at HQ when the necessary arrangements have been made for the particular machine. As regards to the cleaning of machines, it is understood that bikinis will not be issued to ride through the rotary wash at HQ. Therefore, officers will have to rely on the discretion of the Duty Sergeant at the respective division and choose a suitable time when the machine can be cleaned without noticeable loss and effort to the traffic patrol at that time. This was appreciated by the majority in attendance at that time.

Immediately, the question of "shifts" was brought up and we have been led to understand that there is no reason why the previous year's system cannot be implemented again whereby the motor cyclists only ride between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. However, it must be understood that there may be occasions whereby an officer may be required to perform duties outside that period when manpower is at its lowest. However, I believe, by now there should be a memorandum in circulation from the Chief Superintendent at Traffic which is in possession of Traffic Commanders who will, undoubtedly, explain its contents to the man concerned. Ride safe and to the system. BEN

The Gala in Pictures



P.c. Ted Travers, Victor Ludorum and mainstay of the Basildon team, receives one of his awards from the Chief Constable.

TED TRAVERS, in helping Basildon to win the Sir William Butlin Cup, at the Force Swimming Gala, proved himself to be the 'Mark Spitz' of the Force.

Held at Chelmsford Swimming Pool on November 4, the gala proved to be a great success, both with competitors and spectators.

Travers started the evening as he intended to go on, by winning the 100 metres freestyle, in a time of 1 minute 14.5 seconds, and during the rest of the evening won the diving, backstroke, two - length breaststroke, 200 metres butterfly races, amassing a total of 15 points, and in so doing retained the 'Croker' Cup for the second year in succession.

Inspector Eric Scott, Headquarters Staff and P.c. Graham Blois, Grays Division, tied for second place in the Croker Cup Competition with 7 points each.

In the ladies 2-length freestyle race W.P.C. Terry Skinner of Grays came home in fine style in a time of 51.2 seconds, some 17 seconds ahead of the second place, Maureen Kidd of Harlow, with Cheryl Brake, Southend Eastern, third.

Miss Kidd almost upset the appercart by beating all but one in the diving event. Out of a field of eight divers she was the only female competitor, and although finishing second, 4.7 points behind the winner, took the highest mark of the evening — eight — from any judge, with her final dive.

Grays Division took the inter - divisional freestyle team race in a time of 1.24.7, with Southend Eastern second and Basildon third. Colchester were disqualified for only swimming three men in their team.

In the children's race Southend Eastern were well represented by a powerful team but due to a takeover fault were disqualified, leaving Basildon team winners with Chelmsford 'B' team (all girls) as runners-up.

P.s. Ken Sharpley of South Benfleet made rank wait when he won the 'old'

man's race, Supt. Peter Crust and P.s. Jack Draper, both of Basildon, taking second and third places respectively.

The trophies and plaques were presented at the end of the evening by the Chief, who made approving murmurs on the manner in which the gala had been run.

Supt. Crust of the winning division: "Last year P.c. Travers was virtually the only representative of the Division and managed to get second place in the team competition so I told the men that I would swim if more entered." This promise obviously succeeded and Basildon proudly carried away the main trophy.

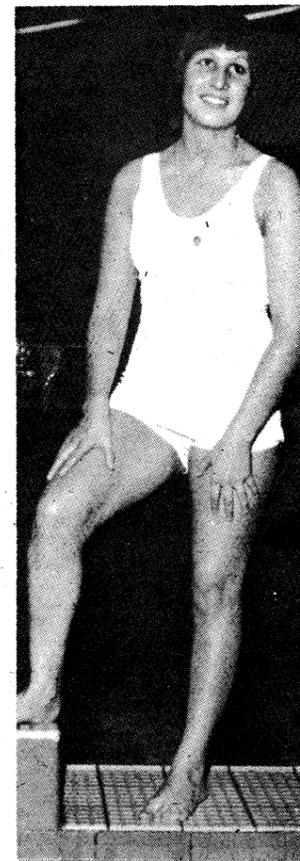
Thanks must go to members of the Chelmsford Swimming Club for their valuable assistance to the organiser, Insp. Allan Collins, who afterwards told the Law, "I would like to do away with the fun races at the end of the programme and include more races for women."

Results

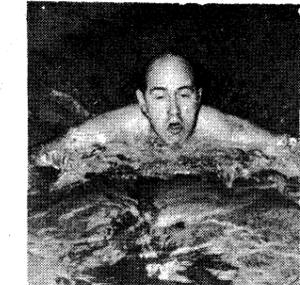
100 metres freestyle: 1, Travers, Basildon; 2, Blois, Grays; 3, Nairn, Chelmsford. Novices Race: 1, Bird, Basildon; 2, Hastings, Southend E.; 3, Bradshaw, Harlow. Inter-Divisional Team Race: 1, Grays; 2, Southend E.; 3, Basildon. Ladies Race: 1, Skinner, Grays; 2, Kidd, Harlow; 3, Brake, Southend E. Diving: 1, Travers, Basildon; 2, Kidd, Harlow; 3, Blois, Grays. Inter-Divisional Medley Relay: 1, Southend E.; 2, Chelmsford; 3, Southend W. Breaststroke (2 lengths): 1, Travers, Basildon; 2, Scott, H.Q. Staff; 3, Blois, Grays.

Childrens Relay: 1, Basildon; 2, Chelmsford 'B'; 3, Harlow. Backstroke: 1, Wright, Southend E.; Crout, Southend E.; Blois, Grays. Breaststroke 200 metres: 1, Travers, Basildon; Scott, H.Q. Staff; Naden, Harlow.

Veteran's Race: 1, Sharpley, Southend W.; 2, Crust, Basildon; 3, Draper, Basildon. Butterfly: 1, Travers, Basildon; Blois, Grays; Wright, Southend E. Waiter's Race: 1, Basildon; 2, Chelmsford; 3, Southend E. Life-Saving Race: 1, Scott, H.Q. Staff; 2, Wain-Williams, Basildon; 3, Burrows, Harlow. Boat Race: 1, Southend E.; 2, Harlow;



Terry Skinner, once again winner of the women's race.

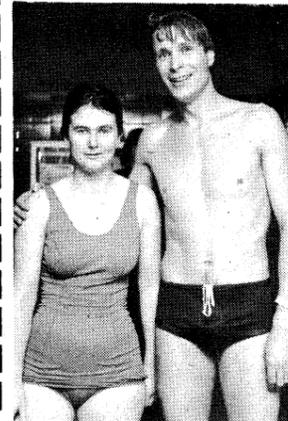


Insp. Eric Scott, Force life saving captain, ploughs through the water.

3, Colchester. Uniform Race: 1, Wright, Southend E.; Burrows, Harlow; 3, Wright, Southend E.

Croker Cup: 1, Travers, Basildon, 15 pts.; 2 equal, Scott, H.Q. Staff, and Blois, Grays, 7 pts.

Sir William Butlin Cup: 1, Basildon, 25 pts.; 2, Southend E., 14 pts.; 3, Grays, 13 pts.



Harlow competitors Maureen Kidd and Roger Burrows.



The victorious Basildon squad with their trophies.

First ever win in Cross Country League

FOR the first time in the four-year history of the S.E. Police cross country league the Force won the men's team race at Welwyn on November 8. And not to be left out of the act the women's team also won.

With several of their usual scorers missing the girls faced tough opposition in Herts on their home course. Ros Beardwell, winner of the previous race at Brighton in October, could not hold S. Hart (Beds.) or G. Galvin (Herts.) and had to be content with third place over the fast and furious 1½ miles of grassland.

But she was followed in the next three places by Ann Ellingford, Julia Foster and Brenda Burgin and this clinched the team contest, putting the Force well ahead in the overall scores table.

Large field

An impressive field of about 140 set off on the shortish 4½ miles men's race. Bean of Surrey, soon showed ahead of Barnes, questing for Warwick-Coventry, and Andy Down, leading the Essex squad. Not far behind throughout, Larry Britt drove himself into a best-ever seventh League place with Barry Daymond less than a minute behind, 15th.

This was the best start the team had ever achieved and it was consolidated by Peter Blois and Paul Davies, 25th and 26th. And there was not long to wait for the sixth scorer Clive Skingley in 36th position, giving the team a remarkable 255 points.

Every other team had at least one man missing or below form. Though the Force was without Mervyn Fairweather, on duty at Braintree, their ability to cash in on this speaks well for the team's current form.

This win puts the cross-country squad in second place overall though the season has four months to run.

DRAW RESULT

THE result of the AAA Members Draw 1972 for which members of the Force Sports Club bought over £100-worth of tickets brought no luck to Essex this year. List of winners is shown below:

1st £500, E29645, J. W. Mavin, N. Shields; 2nd £250, F14625, P. Gittings, Woodley, Reading; 3rd £100, C5703, Mrs R. Williamson, Leicester; 4th, 'Automatic' 52 Electrolux Refrigerator, J7842, Mrs K. Purvis, Heaton, Newcastle; 5th, 2 Return Air Tickets to Jersey (BEA), A28442, M. Foster, London N1; 6th 1 Week Pontin's Holiday for 2, J29784, P. Doyle, London SW19; 7th Gal. Teachers Highland Cream, K22811, Y. Banks, Ludlow; 8th 25,000 Green Shield Stamps, B20594, Peter Raven, Wealdstone; 9th £15 Marks & Spencer Voucher, A4528, K. Wager, Borehamwood; 11th Gold Bag (Simon's Piccadilly), A13638, Mrs C. A. Painton, Solihull; 12th 24 Jack Nicklaus/Uniroyal Golf Balls, J17594, Mrs E. Mead, Westbury; 13th Ronson Pocket Lighter, E19466, Mrs M. Ellis Stretton-u-Fosse; 14th Ronson Pocket Lighter, A20005, E. Madeville, Benson, Oxford; 15th Three Bottles Martini, D25050, J. Winbolt-Lewis, London SW1; 16th One Gordon's Gift Pack, J16925, J. E. Harding, Trowbridge; 17th One Gordon's Gift Pack, F21905, Ian Smith, Crowthorne; 12 Ofrex Letter Opener/Staple Removers, C28465, A. Purvis, London W12; C24191, C. C. Murray, Leamington-Spa; B16218, D. McMullan, W. Croydon; E24565, Michael Mair, North Shields; G24897, Patricia Dunford, Worbury; H1412, Miss J. Sims, Yeovil; E7606, Alan Attrill, Ryde; H8564, E. J. Neil, Tiverton; A23322, Mrs P. Hanson, London SE25; A23327, Mrs M. Fernin, London E17; H20013, S. L. Allen, Chesterton, Cambridge; D1470, Mr C. E. Findlay, Whitstable.

Essex-Southend Scorers

Men:

2nd A. Down, 7th L. Britt, 15th B. Daymond, 25th P. Blois, 26th P. Davies, 36th C. Skingley, 43rd A. King, 50th G. Matthews, 53rd D. Sheppard, 55th T. Williams, 56th L. Berry, 63rd M. Faulkner, 74th M. Thornton, 75th I. Brown.

Women:

3rd R. Beardwell, 4th A. Ellingford, 5th J. Foster, 6th B. Burgin, 10th L. Robinson, 14th K. Meikeljohn, 17th V. Granville, 18th J. Ringer, 19th J. Reddings, 20th C. Mullender.

Teams:

Men: 1st Essex-Southend 255, 2nd Herts 241, 3rd Kent 211, 4th Sussex 209, 5th Thames Valley 206, 6th City 184, 7th Surrey 170, 8th Hants 97, 9th Beds-Luton 81. Women: 1st Essex-Southend 106, 2nd Herts 98, 3rd Kent 73, 4th Surrey 32, 5th Beds-Luton 30, 6th Thames Valley 8.

League Tables (2 races)

1. Sussex	486
2. Herts	476
Essex-Southend	476
4. Kent	463
5. Surrey	426
6. City of London	341
7. Thames Valley	280
8. Hampshire	173
9. Beds-Luton	81

Women

1. Essex-Southend	213
2. Kent	168
3. Herts	98
4. Thames Valley	37
5. Surrey	32
6. Beds-Luton	30

Angling

David Blackiston, the Force Angling Section Secretary, has put away his pen and is now concentrating on trying to become 'the compleat angler', and his position has been taken over by Brian Costin of Southend (H). However, in order to still keep in the swim Dave will continue as Clacton Rep. on the Committee, to ensure that all his hard work as secretary will not be spiked.

On 22 November a team of 13 from this force competed in an inter-force match on the River Ant, in Norfolk. After a morning's fishing no one saw a fish let alone caught one and consequently at 1 pm moved to a new venue. Norfolk anglers finished the day with a top weight of 12 pounds of bream whilst the nearest Essex man was Neil 'Shut that Door' Everard with a catch of 3 pounds of bream.

The new Secretary is hoping that section members will forward to him, any newsworthy items for recording in future publications.

Shooting

The National League got under way again this month with two teams from the Force taking part. So far no wins have been recorded.

RESULTS

Div. 4, round 1: Draw with Mid Anglia 7/8 all: scores, Brangham 98, Williams 98, Sanderson 98, Breeding 95, Light 95, Stenson 94.
Div. 4, round 2: Lost to Metro 2. B* 572-575: scores, Sanderson 98, Breeding 96, Brangham 95, Williams 95, Light 95, Stenson 93, Harvey 92.
Div. 6, round 1: Lost to Metro 2. C* 524-577: scores Carter 94, Snow 92, Smith 89, Westwood 86, Viney 86, Whiddon 77.

Life saving

The Allington (Girl Cadets) Cup lifesaving competition for 1973 will take place at Blackpool on 26 May, 1973.

Walking

AFTER claim and counter-claim on behalf of the rival Metro and Essex walking squads recently appearing in the Police Review the confrontation to decide the issue took place at Chelmsford last week. And although the day went to the home team the Metro squad was so badly depleted by flu — 120 cadets, more than we have, in bed — that the victory was a little hollow.

P. Burt, the talented Metro No. 1, had a hard time getting on terms with Denis Sheppard who walked with tremendous aggression in the first half. Alas he didn't get away with it and Burt left him by a minute on the way home. M Eldred, A King and B Jones coming in together in the first six made the team race safe and the scoring was completed by L Britt — converted from running for the day — and T Williams, to give Essex a morale boosting win 33-45.

Record Seven

It has been Denis Sheppard's month. At Enfield he produced a fast even paced effort to set a new record of 56m. 52s. a good performance after a drenching from a sharp shower at the start. Alan King, in his first season, had the misfortune at this event to miss the magic "7-in the hour" by only 12 seconds.

Sheppard led the junior team home to second place medals in the Surrey W.C. junior race on November 18 in a fast time. The team backed up well at a time when they are not completely fit, to take 2nd team place for the third successive year. At Crystal Palace Sheppard put in a fast 3,000 mts, 14m. 01s., on a cold November evening.

RESULTS

Vauxhall 7: 28.10.72.
46th, D. Sheppard, 59.43; 64th, M. Eldred, 61.29; 65th, J. Hedgethorpe, 61.32; 71st, A. King, 62.52; 74th, B. Daymond, 63.16; 80th, B. Jones and R. Hammond, 64.38; 109th, K. Mann, 71.09. 130 starters.
Imber Court 7: 4.11.72

16th, D. Sheppard, 58.22; 18th, J. Hedgethorpe, 58.56; 36th, B. Jones, 62.43; 39th, B. Daymond, 63.19; 52nd, T. Williams, 67.12; 60th, K. Mann, 68.20; 67th, M. Faulkner, 69.24; 73rd, L. Berry, 71.19; 78th, M. Thornton, 72.39. 85 starters.
Enfield 7: 11.11.72

47th, D. Sheppard, 56.52 (Force record); 82nd, J. Hedgethorpe, 59.28; 87th, A. King, 80.12; 102nd, B. Daymond, 62.06; 123rd, T. Williams, 65.44; 131st, K. Mann, 67.05; 142nd, M. Faulkner, 69.54; 147th, I. Brown, 71.27. 160 starters.
Croydon 3*: 18.11.72

6th, D. Sheppard, 30.02; 15th, M. Eldred, 31.50; 17th, A. King, 31.52; 20th, B. Jones, 33.17; 23rd, T. Williams, 33.52; 27th, L. Berry, 36.16; 30th, R. Sheppard, 36.32; 33rd, M. Faulkner, 37.01; 36th, I. Brown, 41.06; 37th, A. Blackwell, 42.02. Team placed 2nd.
Crystal Palace 3000m: 22.11.72

10th, D. Sheppard, 14m. 1.8; 20th, J. Hedgethorpe, 14.48; 25th, T. Williams, 16.06; 34 finished.
Belgrave 7: 25.11.72

D. Sheppard, 59.33; J. Hedgethorpe, 60.42; K. Mann, 68.25.
Chelmsford 5: 29.11.72

2nd, D. Sheppard, 40.16; 4th, B. Jones, M. Eldred and A. King, 43.02; 7th, L. Britt, 43.35; 9th, T. Williams, 44.21; 15th, D. Hawkins, 46.38; 17th, L. Berry, 46.46; 18th, P. Blois, 46.53; 21st, G. Matthews, 47.53; 23rd, P. Davies, 48.16; 24th, M. Faulkner, 48.30; 25th, P. Knight and M. Sear, 50.32; 28th, I. Brown, 51.08; 29th, C. Skingley, 57.42.

Badminton

MATCH WENT ON TILL 1 AM

The Force Badminton team opened the season with a match against City of London Police at Headquarters on 9th November and after a hard fought game won the final game and the match by 5-4. Team: P.c.s Reed, Deans, Bendall, Mead, Clark and Insp. McDonald.

The County have entered a team in the Chelmsford and District Badminton League under the name 'Expol'. The first game was against 'Rainox' at Chelmsford and was won by 5-4. Team: Insp. Page, McDonald, P.c.s Westrop, Deans, Reed and Mead.

The second league match was played at Chelmsford Police Station on Monday, 27th November, against Burnham Wednesday and after a long and hard fought match lost by 7-2, the final game finishing just before 1 am. Team: Insp's Naylor, Page, P.c.s Bendall, Deans, Reed and Westrop.

Hockey

ON TUESDAY, 21 November, the policewomen's hockey team travelled to Welwyn Garden City for the first of their two fixtures against Hertfordshire.

A bright but bitter day produced some very good hockey, and possibly made the slower members of the team move faster, in order to keep warm.

Hertfordshire attacked strongly from the outset and had many shots at goal which brought some outstanding saves from the Essex goalkeeper, Maureen Chaplin.

Shot too soon

Essex made a few raids on the opponents' goal and were unlucky not to score from a move which finished with Peg Barrett putting the ball into the net, but she shot too soon, and was not within the circle before she let fly.

Eventually Hertfordshire got the ball into the net and scored again in the second half, whilst Essex failed to score, although they had another goal disallowed. The final result was 2-0 to the home team.

Netball

ON 15 November the girl Cadet team were at home to Suffolk cadets winning by the overwhelming score of 44-0, in a friendly match. The shooters, Jennie Reddings and Lesley Robinson, were in good form, both scoring freely with some spectacular shots.

The girls were much faster on the ball than their opponents and this counted strongly in the centre court where the home team were attacking all the time.

Both defence players did some very good goal keeping, and, having no sympathy on Suffolk, kept their score to nil throughout the match.

P.E. Staff included

The team visited Freands School, Basildon, on November 22 where they played a school team, re-inforced with three of the school P.E. staff. A very hard and fast game resulted.

Jennie Reddings again came to the fore with her scoring and, although the teams were evenly matched the cadets triumphed again, clinching the match by the odd goal, the final score being 19-18. This nail-biter probably did the team more good than their previous 'exhibitions'. Teams from: J. Reddings, L. Robinson, B. Cussen, C. Mullender, K. Meiklejohn, V. Granville, P. Gubb, A. Ellingford, R. Beardwell.

Kent beaten

In playing the game on 8 November against Kent, at Chelmsford, the women's netball team had a good work out for the National Championship.

Kent fielded a very strong team, the shooters being exceptional, and goals were being scored from all angles. Essex were, however, equal to the occasion and eventually after a close game finished victorious by 16 goals to 15.

Six days later the girls travelled to Norwich to play against Norfolk Policewomen, a notoriously strong team, in the second round of the Becke Trophy.

High shots

The game was played indoors and on seeing the height of the goal posts, which were apparently built for normal sized policewomen, the Essex girls nearly returned home without playing. However, the girls were three goals down after the first quarter and had managed to reverse the position at half-time, leading by four goals.

After an extremely tough game, amounting to almost a blood bath in stages (who said that our girls are not ladylike) Essex paved their way into the third round by winning with the score of 20 goals to 12.

The teams for these games were drawn from W.P.c.s Attwaters, Cole, Chaplin, Grange, Lewis, Lilleker, Mace and Trollope.

Force and Cadet teams make Cup progress

THE Cadet Corps continues on its conquering path brushing aside opposition which considered itself pretty strong. In a clean, sporting mid-month fixture against Suffolk Cadets, our only defeat last year, five goals were scored, four by centre-forward Paul Gamman, goal snatcher par excellence, to give a pleasing 5-0 scoreline.

The National Cadet Cup encounter against Devon-Cornwall at Chelmsford on November 18 was by contrast an ill-tempered affair. The visitors seemed bent on a "physical" game and if they had been fitter might have got away with it. But their trainer had them out training for an hour the evening before and a similar period in the morning — all before a 10.30 a.m. kick-off. It was inevitable that big and heavy as the visitors were, the home forwards left them standing the second half. Their pre-match methods lost them the game.

An even first half saw Essex-Southend ahead by 2-1 at the interval. Territorially Devon-Cornwall had won the half but Gamman had scored twice to wind up swift raids.

From the restart the visitors pressed but the home back four, Youngman, Clark, Mildinhall and Ellison were equal to anything they had to offer and the athletic Scott in goal was firmly in command of the box.

Deflated

The lead was soon extended when Hurrell got away on the right. Harrison nipped in from the left to volley home his cross. Much of the fire went out of the Devon-Cornwall effort now and Gamman was able to complete his hat-trick.

He got his fourth when he ran through alone — the off-side trap had failed again — and waiting for the 'keeper with a coolness beyond his years slipped the ball under him.

The last was Gamman's too but the whole front line

seemed to be involved. Sub. Smith crossed from the right much too hard. The ball flew almost to the left corner flag but Harrison kept it in, beat the back and dropped it right on the near post for the centre forward to nod in. The best of the match.

Metro 'X' concede four goals

THE FORCE football team were hosts to Metro 'X' Div. in the Southern Counties Cup on November 21 on a bitterly cold day with a strong wind blowing that did not allow good open football.

However, using their wings sensibly, the force team opened up the visitor's defence time and time again and it was only poor finishing that let them down.

John Rhymes opened the scoring from a corner in the first half and that was the only goal scored during this half.

Following some mid-field play that was rather scrappy the Force again forced a corner and in following through on an in-swinging corner John Rhymes got his second.

The home team had several near misses with shots going just over the bar and then Tony Bragg made it 3-0 by neatly heading in from a good cross from Pete Taylor.

The score line was completed by Taylor, who, after a bad mistake in the Met defence, shot home a fierce right foot drive.

The only things that marred this match was the dissent shown by one player, having been penalised by the referee for 'foot up' and the obvious disgust that some players showed at the way that some of their colleagues played in certain circumstances.

Seaxes Auto Club

By Roy Clark

I had a little go at "rallying" this month. Nothing too strenuous, just as "3rd man" with Derek Abermick Anchor in a Vauxhall Viva in "Old" Mick Lawson's 12-car rally for SEAXES.

It lasted two hours and spread round the lanes of central Essex. Very interesting. Later in the bar, Derek told me "WE came second", which since my sole contribution had been to keep my head out of his rear-view mirror, was generous, to say the least. Others placed were: 1st John Allen and Dave Wakeling, and 3rd Dave French and Mike Blackmore.

The tickets for the "Farewell '72" dance are going fast, but there are still a few left and are obtainable from the Seaxes shop. The Chelmer Tyre Trophy will be presented at this dance. To date it's still very close between Mick Lawson, Derek Stone, Dave French and Derek Arber. Final result will depend on rallies entered during December. This trophy is awarded to the best overall competitor for Seaxes during the year.

The County Motors are running a 12-car rally on 8th December 1972 started at 7.00 p.m. from County Motors HQ. Seaxes have been asked to provide six crews and marshals for this event. Details from D. Arber, Driving School.

The Seaxes Table Top Rally will be held on Friday 5th January, 1973 at the Assembly Hall HQ at 7.30 p.m. This is an "Essex 6" event and our friends will be competing in strength. The bar will be open and the route will be on map O.S. 148. Novices are very welcome and will compete on an easier route card. Watch notice boards for further details.

The Trails Scene

It's about time I brought you up to date with our team in the current Police Trials Championship. First let me tell you that last year we were a very strong team holding up all the teams in England and Wales by being at the bottom. At the beginning of this year we began to improve and

decided to send our strongest team to Wolverhampton in September. A three-man team consisting of John Gaut, Dick Parker and John Woods.

About three or four days before this trial the team acquired a new bike each. The Police Trials all consist of two-day events, starting on the Saturday afternoon and finishing on the Sunday evening, with a social evening on the Saturday which, I might add, our team never attend as we are always too tired to drink any of the beer and eat any of the free food, just sitting in our rooms to get our strength back for Sunday!

After the first day's results Dick Parker had done very well indeed leading the novice class and having dropped fewer marks than John Gaut who is, in fact, an expert but on the second day the sections were a little bit harder and we ended up with Dick Parker winning a second class novice award, John Gaut very close to winning an experts' prize and our team third overall.

We also attended the South Wales Trials in October which were held near Pontypridd. Equipped with size 11 wellingtons we thought we must improve our placings from Wolverhampton but typical Welsh weather, torrential rain, thick black mud, kept us back and we did very well to finish the trial at all and with one event to go which is the Hampshire Trail in December we are fifth team overall in the Police Championships. If anyone else is interested in starting Motor Cycle Trials riding John Woods will be glad to give any information and help, telephone Headquarters, extension 348.

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