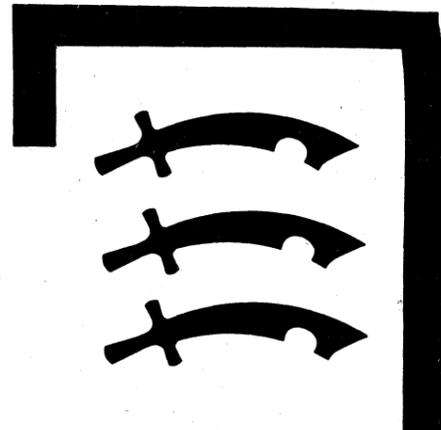




# THE LAW

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## The Newspaper of the Essex Police

### DJ Bob Sheridan spins discs on Hospital Radio



P.c. BOB SHERIDAN really set the turntables spinning on Basildon Hospital Radio 805, for their first broadcast on 1 May 1974.

The first request played on the Station was from a patient in the hospital and, as a token of this event, Bob and his assistant on the show, Tina, presented a bottle of champagne to the patient in the ward.

Bob says that there is only one major problem at the moment here on BHR, the requests are pouring in but records are badly needed — records and more records. So if anyone has any records that they would like to donate to the record library at Basildon Hospital, would they please contact Bob Sheridan at Canvey Island Police Station, or Mr. M. Potter, Warrants Officer at Basildon Police Station.

(Please . . . no more copies of the 'Laughing Policeman')!

Photograph by Basildon Standard Recorder.

### £1.20 FOR EVERYONE

#### Cadets get an additional £117

NOTIFICATION of a pay rise for cadets came last week when an increase of £117 on the starting rate was announced. Cadets now start at £711 p.a. at 16 and draw £909 as 19-year-olds.

And that's not all because they also benefit from the threshold agreement by which the rising cost of living has brought a flat rate rise of £1.20 to all ranks from Superintendent downwards.

### Warrants man gets praise

SMALL IN STATURE he may be, but when quick reactions and persistence are required, Ron Hey, a Southend-based Warrants Officer, is the man to call on.

Mr. Hey was recently sitting in Court at Southend when two young men were being remanded in custody, charged with burglary.

As the two men, who were brothers, were being taken from the Court, one of them made a dash for the door in an attempt to escape.

Immediately Mr. Hey, who was sitting at the rear of the Court, jumped up and stood between the door and the would-be fugitive.

Although he received a kick on the leg which caused abrasions and bruising he clung to the man and they fell to the floor. But with commendable fortitude, Mr. Hey clung doggedly to his man until assistance arrived.

The incident, which was over in a few seconds brought the prisoner a further charge of Assault occasioning Actual Bodily Harm and a commendation from the Chief Constable for Mr. Hey.

### First aid team win

ON, 11th May the Force Men's First Aid Team gained their most notable success, participating in the Eastern Regional Eliminator of the Casualties Union Competition against teams from Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk.

Not only did they win the Regional Cup but were also awarded the 'Diagnosis Test' Cup for top marks in that section of the days events.

As far as it is known this is the first occasion a Force team has managed to reach a National First Aid Final.

### NEW SUPERMA'AM



PROMOTION to Superintendent for Olive Butler on her resumption of command of Essex Women Police. Miss Butler faced competition from applicants for the position from outside the Force.

### Wilf Howard 'retires'



WILF "Duckhams" Howard retired from the Driving School — he arrived there way back in March 1953 — and promptly took up employment at H.Q. Garage. At a ceremony last month, colleagues presented Wilf with candelabra.

## Fun, but is it real?

INVOLVEMENT is the in word at present so it is not surprising that we should be taken to task by Mr. Butcher for our temerity in having no confidence in the new arrangements at Basildon having any lasting effects.

And of course we make the same comments about all specialist departments. The ideal policeman is all things to all men: he catches criminals, is an expert on traffic law, helps blind dogs and old ladies, and is involved with the community. The fact that this paragon is rarely found does not detract from the ideal. One has only to look at the definition of a constable to see that mere mortals can rarely aspire to such heights.

This definition has existed, more or less, since it was included in 1829 in the first general order of Rowan and Mayne to the New Police. The public may say, "Why did you not start this years ago?" The public is not always right: indeed we did start this years ago but the principles have got lost in the problems caused by under-manning.

The terms in which the letter on this page is couched indicates a highly sensitive reaction to mild criticism. Indeed, we have known for years the perils of being off-hand with proud parents, ever since we once remarked that all babies look the same.

Alas, Mr. Butcher must have us confused with another chap, who looks like us but trains cadets in his

spare time, as no-one was on the programme to meet his Unit in any capacity connected with The Law. We only have one robot and despite his name being Armstrong he has promised never to be muscular in Basildon.

But more seriously, the letter introduces the term "real" policeman and we wonder what this can mean. What is an unreal policeman? What is real policework? If we are to conclude that a real policeman is a constable who is engaged upon real policework, that is to say who is performing all of the functions defined in our little yellow book — the protection of life and property, the maintenance of order, the prevention and detection of crime and the prosecution of offenders against the peace — and if we are to admit that only in theory are we performing all of these duties then we must conclude also that there are many more unreal policemen about the county than those engaged in the production of The Law.

Although in theory members of specialist departments, retaining their status as constables, still have all the responsibilities listed in the definition, in fact many cease to actually operate in some spheres: detectives try to avoid being involved in traffic matters; traffic men tend to stay on the main roads. Are they still real policemen?

If real policemen are constables doing real policework can one argue that the Community Involvement Unit is real. Certainly our back page picture will give readers food for thought.

## Fielding a man short

APATHY, that ever-present problem of the sports organiser's life, is the inspiration for articles by Roger Parker in both the Southend Evening Echo and The Law. Teams which have a definite number of members have the most difficult problem in this direction whereas in some sports the team can vary in size.

True it is embarrassing for the captain to turn up with only 10 men, bad manners on the part of those who absent themselves and disillusioning to civilian opponents who genuinely believe that police sport is strong and thriving.

How wrong they are! Of course it is difficult to change shifts to enable players to get away. Why should the non-sporting be inconvenienced to carry the games players? How many of those about whom Roger Parker complains are always ready to play on late turn but are absent on their weekend off?

Perhaps we are trying to field too many teams. Maybe the enthusiasm of the organisers outstrips the pool of players available. Sports organisers have to be optimists to be involved at all. But perhaps team managers should firmly drop those prima donnas who only want to play in the firm's time, or just fail to turn up — even if this means the team's ability wanes.

It is a perennial problem. Policemen who are involved tend to be concerned in everything. But the converse, unhappily, is also true, the great majority just want to complete their shifts and sign off.

## National Association of Retired Police Officers by Bert Brinkley

It is regretted that the Spring bulletins did not arrive until 11 May — too late to be included with matter for the A.G.M., but these will be included at the first available opportunity. Representation has again been made to the N.E.C. for copy matter to be supplied to printers much sooner than at present in order to counteract industrial action, rail and postal delays which seem to be the reasons given for the delay. This Branch has put down a Motion for discussion at the meeting of the Cambridgeshire Branch at Huntingdon on 14 June to which the N.E.C. have been invited. Branches were invited but so far as Chelmsford Branch is

concerned it was found that travelling and the lateness of the hour of the meeting, 7.30pm, it was impracticable. However, our Motion would be put forward for discussion.

The Spring bulletin contains some interesting facts on Public Service Pensions. Readers are reminded that retail prices rose over 7% in the second half of 1973 and by over 9% in the period between June 1973 and 19 February, 1974, the last date for which statistics are available. An interim injection of pensions increase of the order of 7% with effect from 1 June, 1974, can accordingly well be justified.

A third issue of which much has been said already is the measure used in implementing the review procedure of the 1971 Act, namely, that if in the review period it is found the cost of living has risen by 2% or more, then the Ministry by Order provides that the annual rate of pensions may be increased appropriately. The Government in its wisdom makes use of the retail price index as the measure of change in the cost of living, a thoroughly unsatisfactory measure in that by its very nature it cannot give what all three political parties have agreed public service pensions should have, not only the maintenance of the purchasing power of pensions but also a share in the Nation's prosperity.

For some years past statistical information shows that wages have increased faster than prices. That surely means those who receive wages have an increasing standard of living. Why should not the pensioners be similarly treated?

## postbag

READERS' letters are welcomed but will not be published if unsigned. Those written under a pen name must be accompanied by a note of the writer's name. The editors reserve the right to edit any letter published in the interest of economy of space.

### Disturbed

I WISH to reply to your disturbing editorial in the May edition of "The Law," entitled "Everyone is 'involved'," which referred to the Basildon Community Involvement Unit.

You start by saying you would not criticise... and then go on to criticise the fact that "specially selected officers are merely doing what every policeman should do all the time." I assume you would make the same comment about CID, Traffic Division, Traffic Wardens, or in fact any other specialist department. Surely you would agree that specialisation is often necessary to increase efficiency.

### Chelmsford Branch A.G.M.

There was a good mustering of about 40 members at this Meeting. The chairman (G. H. Hodges) welcomed all and guest speakers the Deputy Chief Constable, J. Duke Esq., and Sergeant Smith, Police Federation. It was very encouraging to see so many which showed the interest that members were taking in the affairs of the association.

The Deputy Chief Constable dealt with the present strength of the Force and the difficulties in recruiting and urged pensioners to do all they could in this direction to obtain potential recruits. The Task Force, now firmly established, had been usefully employed. The new buildings contemplated at Police Headquarters would be well on the way by the time we had our next A.G.M.

Sergeant Smith referred to recruiting and said it was apparent that the younger generation were not prepared to accept the Force discipline of today and it seemed on present lines the wastage would be even worse in two years' times. The present Orphans' Fund would very shortly be merged with the Benevolent Fund which has quite a substantial backing.

There is no change in the Secretary and Treasurer of the Chelmsford Branch for the ensuing year who are — Secretary: B. G. Brinkley, 93 Sandford Road, Chelmsford; Treasurer: H. S. Phillibrown, 7 Dalrymple Close, Chelmsford.



I realise that you have not been a "real" policeman for a number of years, and you may be excused for not knowing that nowadays officers have very little time for community involvement or public relations. Quite often the only time a member of the public meets a police officer is when that person is in trouble. The most frequent comment we have heard from schools, associations and the public generally has been "Why did you not start this years ago?" According to you we did.

In another part of this paper it is mentioned that over 41 per cent of crime in Essex last year was committed by juveniles. In Basildon, because of the young population, the juvenile crime involvement is much higher, and is increasing each year. We have been far too content in the past to accept this as natural instead of making sufficient efforts to aim at prevention.

I am very surprised that you did not see fit to express your criticism to members of the Unit when you met them recently. I can only assume you are "getting your own back" for some of the comments made about your muscular robots.

At the beginning of this letter I said I found the article "disturbing". We are very enthusiastic about the work of this unit and we are trying to spread this enthusiasm both to members of the public and the Force. While we are telling people how keen we are to maintain this form of contact, you are publishing, in a paper representing the whole Force, such irresponsible comments which could seriously damage the work of the unit.

Finally I would point out that last year I wrote to you regarding VAT, and you found it necessary to delete the final paragraph. Assuming you will do the same again — help yourself.

Yours faithfully,  
N. M. BUTCHER  
Inspector  
Community Involvement Unit

THERE you are Mr. Butcher, as you see, not only have you all your paragraphs intact, but, entirely free of charge, a few more to be going along with (never end on a preposition). — Ed.

### Get 'em in line

Dear Sir,  
Whilst eagerly scanning your Postbag for the latest epistles from my favourite correspondents, Messrs. Double and Slayden, I came upon a curious letter from a

J. Carrington, who advocates the integration of the Special Constabulary into the Regular Force.

As one who has been accused of prejudice against the Specials in the past, I would like to say that I am all in favour of such a step. I assume that then the Specials would be subject to the same qualifications as the Regulars on entry and would take the same entrance and Promotions Examinations.

Members of such an integrated Special Constabulary could then discard the hated 'labels' and would be awarded the desired chequered capbands. Who knows, they might even aspire to car coats and issue pullovers, in due course!

Yours faithfully,  
A. G. CHADD,  
P.c. 961.

### No discrimination -if you please

Dear Sir,

Like Mr. Slayden I haven't written to you for some time but I find the unjustified attack on his colleagues stirs me into writing.

It has always been Federation policy (and I hope it always will be) to fight for and obtain the best of conditions for all our members and not to be instrumental in taking anything away from a minority.

Many officers who are engaged on the duties described by Mr. Slayden are those who have completed many years of service outside, or who have received injuries whilst on outside duties.

Is it correct for Mr. Slayden to say that there is an exodus at 5 p.m. from police stations of 9 to 5 personnel, as most of these jobs which were worked by police are now done by civilian staff.

Mr. Slayden ought to know that in the Interim Report of the Royal Commission on the Police 1960 paragraph 178 an element included in our pay was for unsocial hours working. This, and quite rightly so, was and has since been accepted for all our members.

On Mr. Slayden's premise it could be said that anyone other than uniformed officers on outside operational shift duties is less subject to risk and danger. Where would this leave such personnel as C.I.D., Scenes of Crime and other officers in the pay structure?

I'm sure some will be surprised to know that when a constable was required for our administration office only one application was received.

As Authority is always pleased to see us fighting among ourselves, I would suggest we make every effort to be united in securing better pay and conditions for all our members in whatever section of the service they operate.

So please, Mr. Slayden, no discrimination in the Police Service — one rate of pay for all.

Yours faithfully  
F. C. PAXMAN  
Admin Sergeant  
(9 to 5 Leavert)

### Timely reminder

Dear Sir,  
The Law" express my sincere thanks to all my colleagues of The Force and to those members of the Civilian Staff who contributed to my retirement gift.

The clock will be a constant reminder of the many friends which I have made both as a member of The Force and more recently as a 'Civvy'.

My thanks to you all.  
Yours sincerely  
Harold H. Patmore

### Southend Jocks.

Dear Sir,

The Southend Scottish Pipe Band has several vacancies at present for both Pipers and Drummers and I feel that there may be some members of the Force who would like to join.

At present there are three officers from Southend in the band, which appears at carnival processions throughout South East Essex as well as at private parties and Dinner/Dances, etc. The band attended the Southend Police ball in 1972.

It is not necessary that recruits should have any musical experience, nor Scottish connection. The Band Tutors will train recruits free of charge, and a free uniform and instrument issue follows. In fact there is no expense involved in membership, merely attendance at band engagements.

With the high cost of petrol it has recently become policy to only accept new members from the Southend area and for this reason only officers serving in 'H', 'J' and parts of 'B' Divisions will be eligible for membership.

I shall be pleased if you can give the band a mention in the next edition of The Law. I enclose a photograph of the band for publication should space allow.

Yours sincerely,  
M. Whitney

Hon. Sec.  
(Pc 116)



INS.P. J. WATSON at present at Essex University contact at Colchester 70089 evenings — knows of a flat in a new development at Nerja, near Malga, Costa Del Sol, Spain, which sleeps 3 (4 at a pinch) and is available this summer for £10 per week.

Top quality judoka — (judo suit) for sale — large size a bargain at £5.

Contact P.c. Armstrong, H.Q. Ext. 236

## PENSIONERS

THE Chief Constable, Mr. John Nightingale, CBE, BEM, QPM, BA, on behalf of the Essex Police Force, cordially invites former colleagues or colleagues' wives to a Garden Party with light refreshments at The Cadet School, Police Headquarters, Chelmsford, at 3.00 p.m. July 17, 1974.

There will be a display by the Police Cadets and the latest Police equipment will be on show. All Divisional Sports Clubs, and in particular the Policewomen, are co-operating on the day and in meeting the costs.

If you wish to attend, please fill in form below and hand in to nearest Police Station. (Closing date June 21, 1974.)

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

- \* Police Pensioner and Wife
- \* Police Widow
- \* I can make my own way to Headquarters
- \* Transport is required
- \* Please delete or tick where applicable

In the event of transport availability you will be advised through Divisions.

# Harold Patmore's 35 years at Headquarters



**PRESSURE on space in the last issue prevented The Law from doing full justice to Harold 'Pat' Patmore who retired last month from Headquarters.**

Pat had been connected with the Essex Police for over 35 years, having started as a civilian telephone switchboard operator before the Second World War at the age of 30 years.

At the request of the Force he joined the Special Constabulary in June 1940 on full time duty. With the

formation of the War Reserve he was enrolled into this new body and so remained until he was accepted into the Essex County Constabulary — the regulars — in 1947 when the War Reserve was disbanded.

When the normal retirement age of 55 years came along he was to continue in service by special dispensation until he was 60.

Still Old Father Tyme did not have his way for at this

age he went back to being 'civilian attached' once again and so he stayed until last month.

In his very early days manning the Headquarters switchboard meant involvement with Crime Registry, something which was to tell later in his service, for, shortly after being inducted into the post war police he was posted to Chelmsford Town but within a matter of weeks was brought back to Headquarters for the

combined Crime Registry and M.O. Departments and in differing situations he stayed connected with this Department so that it became known as 'Patmore's Office' rather than the Crime Registry and M.O. Departments.

During these years he had humorous and sad incidents.

It was one of the latter which resulted in his being presented with a bronze medallion and parchment by the Royal Life Saving Institute after he swam

around in his underpants for 20 minutes in black, murky, icy cold water in a pond, no longer there, at the back of where the 'Hilton' Cadet School now is, in an unsuccessful attempt to save a young boy who had fallen in from an overhanging tree.

He was also commended by the Chief Constable of Southend.

Now after 35 years of faithful service to the Police Force we wish him and his wife 'May' a long and happy retirement.

## Specials parade in glorious sunshine



**IN BRIGHT sunshine, the hottest day of 1974 so far, the Special Constabulary paraded at their annual muster at Headquarters on May 19.**

With 250 on parade the gathering was larger than in 1973 and the good weather brought spectators out in large numbers too, 550 taking tea in the Cadet school afterwards.

The parade was preceded in the morning by the competition for the De Rougement Cup. Five divisional teams contested the event this year, the competition including drill, turnout, questions on police duty and the highway

code and a practical staged accident. This resulted in a win for Harlow the scores being: Harlow 132½; Basildon 131; Chelmsford 125½; Colchester 121½; Clacton 118.

Harlow also won the Salter Cup for the years best duty record and now go on to represent the Force against the City of London & Metropolitan Special Constabularies at Romford on June 9.

The parade was inspected by Sir John Hill, CBE, DFC, QPM, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary. Among other presentations a special one was made to Mr. Rainbird who recently retired as Special Commandant.

## May must have been Traffic Div's funny vehicles month



**NO! The Law hasn't been going through the archives again. The bus is a Dennis of genuine 1925 vintage a year or two before any of its passengers were born.**

Being in use in an advertising stunt in Colchester the vehicle was parked for safety behind Stanway Traffic Garage, and Inspector Denis Johnson and shift just had to get in the picture.

One good thing has come out of it. They needn't tell us any more than Stanway is short staffed — eleven in a vehicle, on or off watch, is overdoing it a little.



**SOMEONE once said, among other things about bishops and Josephine, that Harlow Traffic were resourceful, and here they prove it with a contribution to the energy gap. This "new addition to their fleet" has been allocated the call sign T115 and is for the use of personnel travelling to their temporary accommodation at North Weald.**

Technical note: the machine is an 1898 Ariel "quintuplet" built at Birmingham for track race pacing; it has fixed wheel and no brakes. Picture by kind permission Collins of Harlow Ltd.

### CHRISTIAN POLICE ASSOCIATION ESSEX BRANCH

There will be a branch meeting at the home of Mr. A. Hemmingway, No. 27 Spareleaze Hill, Loughton, at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 28th June, 1974. Anyone who would like to come along will be welcome.

because it was to be ridden eight hours not here and there by a part-timer! This hurt Choochy Face Martin who was heard to exclaim, "It's a diabolical liberty. He really knows how to hurt a guy and after all I taught him too. Where to get tea for NOTHING, and where to see the best 'crumpet' (Whatever that is) and how to look shattered when he hadn't done a stroke. I even showed him where to put the fuel and how to start the thing without losing his temper."

I would have thought that Container would have been a little kinder considering that he was riding motor bikes when Julius Caesar was the Chief. Since retiring to the Four Wheel Brigade, I am informed that he actually got himself conned into going to the Marks Tey Races the other week with his ex-motor cycle 'friend' Super Bugle Finch. They even went on bikes.

Mitch is still wondering if he is punched bored or countersunk and the Bugle was the Joint Favourite in the 2.30. Betting was fast and furious and if any more shirts, etc., had been put on the Gee Gee's then we would have had the first County Streaker!

Talking about Stanway Traffic, have your drums told you about another one of our Super Fuzz who had fun the other day? It seems that our erstwhile chum bought himself a brand new Lavatory, or was it La Girder, or Laverda motor

cycle? "I will show it to the other chaps," thinks our hero and duly travels towards the Traffic Garage. On route however, he met a chap with a big lorry. This twerp thought, "He ain't having what I ain't got," and duly reversed all over it. The La Girder, Lavatory or Laverda didn't like being run over and took umbrage and refused to start and took upon itself another shape. Never mind lad, we dub thee . . . Champion, the Accident Prone Cop.

Mind you, I had fun the other day whilst on patrol with 'The Sheik of the A.12' when about to enter a well known slip road. I espied a three wheeler type thing trundling towards me. Even in the dark I was able to realise that this was naughty. Surely I thought that cannot be. But low it was. Causing said triwheeler thing to halt I at once thought he's . . . drunk. Dragging small type idiot from the depths of this machine I said, "Have you been at it?" "No, Officer. I'm a religious man" This I thought deserves words of wisdom. Therefore I says to this fellow in my best Essex phraseology, "Surely you can see the light (namely a filthy great main beam headlight approaching thee). Not only but also with a sweet chariot swing low (big Scania Vabis artic travelling at nominal 60 mph) Causing you great anxiousness (Flatten three wheeled thing and occupant) Hence

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## What's on



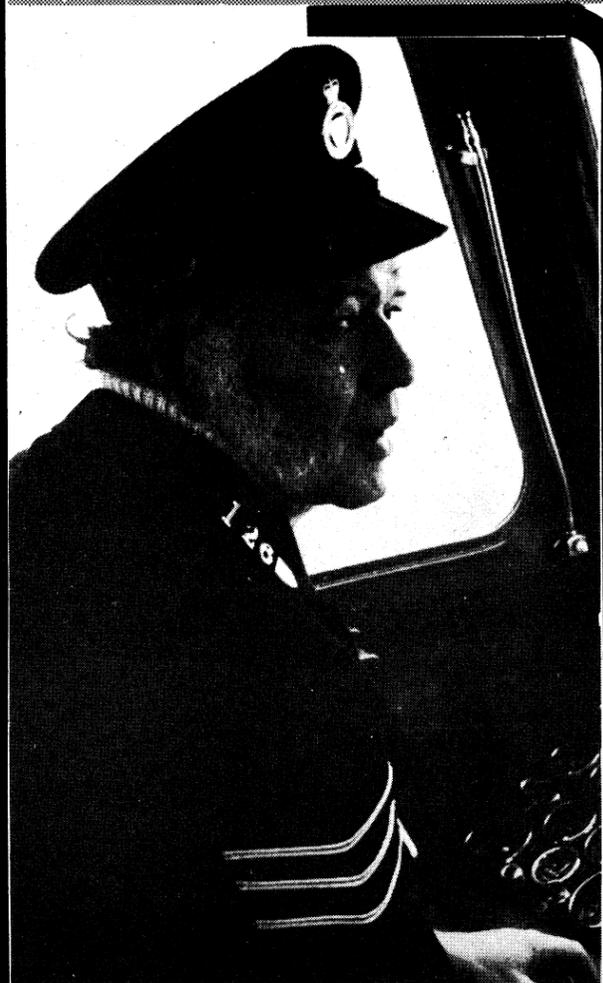
## Who's off

WITH the onslaught on the finer weather season I expected to see more of you blokes flying about the countryside generally causing havoc amongst the motoring public. Not so, there is a lack of sightings this month from all sides. Most unusual.

The drums tell me that the Colchester Super Bike is being ridden by the Super Cop, alias Continental himself . . . Container Paisley. The bike had one CAREFUL previous owner, or so HE tells me and went with low mileage to the Halstead Section. Naturally, it had to go with its necessities . . . numerous misc. tools and various spare parts and a five gallon drum of oil.

The lament from him was that it was acquired from Colchester

# On the river beat with Vigila



Sergeant Arthur Wilman, Waterman and Freeman of the River Thames.

"COME FOR A TRIP up river and see how we work." Thus came the invitation for a jaunt on the Vigilant II. Not being a sailor, my only attempt at tacking took me backwards, I didn't know exactly how to decline gracefully. However, a little later came the instruction from the Editor, "Arrange a time and date with Inspector

George and let's have a story."

## Wrapped up

Came the fateful day and I was togged up in thick roll neck sweater, jacket and waterproof jacket, with seasickness pills in my pocket. A quick car ride with Inspector Bob George and

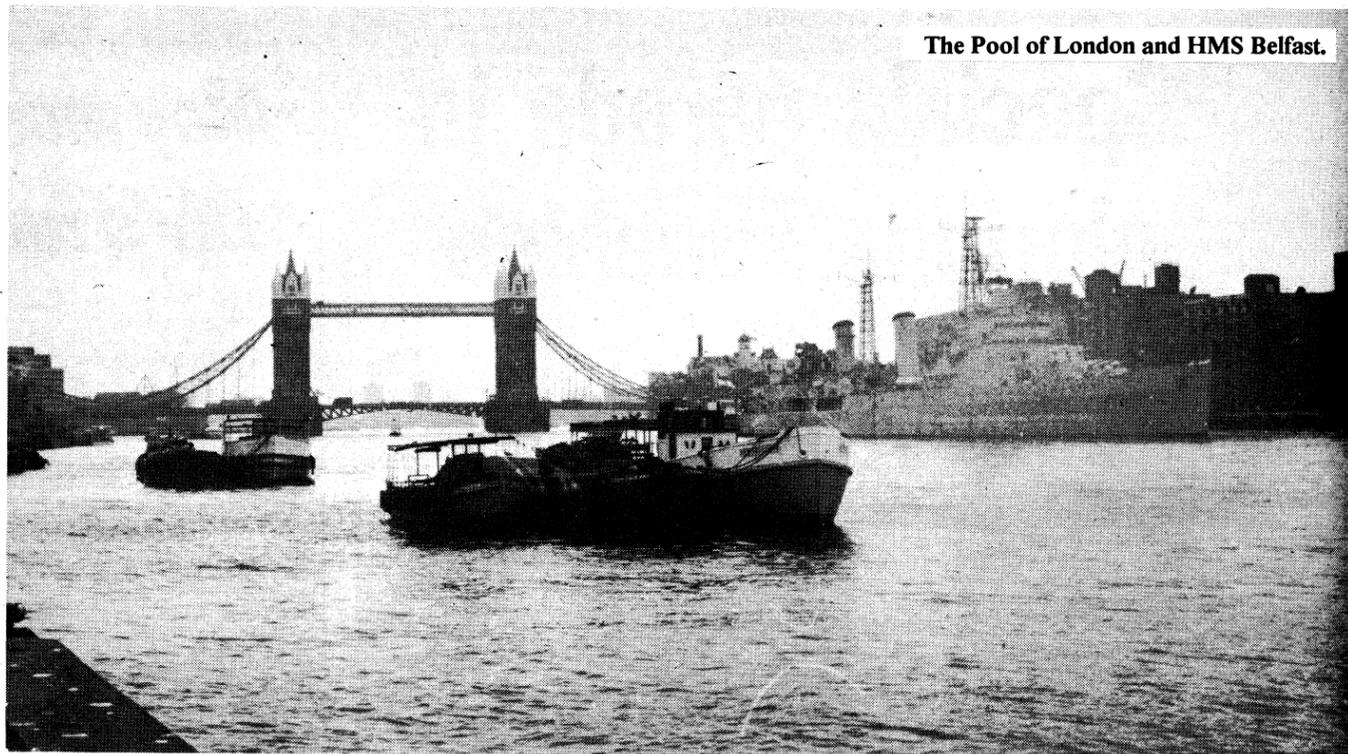
Sgt. George Thurkle of the Marine Section brought us to the British Rail jetty at Tilbury.

There moored alongside other boats stood Vigilant II. A forty-two foot launch built to Police specifications, with a twelve foot beam, she lay glistening in the grey waters of the Thames.

My first problem. How do

we get out to her? There was no dinghy or gangway and at least five other boats were moored between the jetty and Vigilant. Although they were roped to one another there was a fair gap between some of them and I didn't feel like a ducking so early in the day.

Following the example of Sgt. Thurkle I started to



The Pool of London and HMS Belfast.

## Police Convalescent Home half empty in 1973

IN THE 84th annual report of the Convalescent Police Seaside Home at Hove the Chairman referred to alterations which took place in 1973 giving better staff accommodation and improvements to female patients' quarters.

Following a review of the administrative arrangements at the Home a smaller Finance Sub-Committee took over day by day running with a full Management Committee meeting every six weeks.

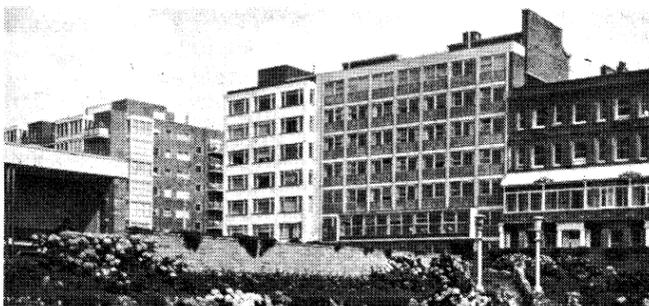
In 1973 expenditure rose by nearly £8,000, due mainly to rising prices, and totalled £45,525. Income exceeded this figure by £1,832 thanks to two large donations. Without these a deficit would have resulted and no doubt Forces will have to make

larger weekly payments if charges to patients are not to be increased.

In fact during 1973, because of rising costs, it was necessary to adjust charges to visitors and former police officers over 65, though this was in an effort to simplify the system. These people now pay £3.50 and £2.00 daily instead of weekly rates.

### Still half empty

The total of 844 patients, pensioners and visitors who stayed at the home during 1973 is the highest figure since moving to the new premises and is 157 up on last year. The Management Committee were pleased to note the increased use but the average daily number of beds occupied during the year was still only 29 when the Home's capacity is 53. This



increase has meant that the average weekly cost per resident officer dropped by 87p in comparison with the 1972 figure, to £30.72.

In November a new minibus was taken into service replacing the one supplied by the Staffordshire County Police in 1967. This was made possible by a donation received from the Metropolitan Police and everybody at the Home, patients included, would like to thank both Forces.

Anyone who has stayed at the Home will have appreciated the many trips made possible by such transport. In Essex, those making Welfare contributions make over 1½p per week to the Convalescent Home.

But when they meet in June the Welfare Committee will consider a proposal to raise this to 2p. They will hear that last year Essex sent 27 convalescing members to the Home at a cost of almost double our contribution.

### CONDITIONS GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE HOME

1. There will be absolute priority of admission for police officers in need of convalescence or recuperative rest.

2. There will be a second priority for police cadets of the age of 18 years or over serving in Forces associated with the Home and in need of convalescence or recuperative rest.

3. There will be a third priority for police pensioners in need of convalescence or recuperative rest, and for former police officers who have received an ill-health award under the Police Pensions Regulations and similarly are in need of convalescence or recuperative rest. To be eligible for admission, pensioners and former officers who have received an ill-health award must be able to walk, and acceptance is subject to the decision of the Superintendent.

4. Application for admission of an officer in need of medical or nursing treatment on convalescence must be made on the official form and sent to the Superintendent with the medical certificate duly completed and signed by his medical attendant. Officers recovering from any infectious or contagious disease, or suffering from fits, mental disorders or pulmonary tuberculosis, are not eligible for admission.

5. There are six double rooms available for husbands or wives of convalescent serving officers at the annual leave charge. It is to be clearly understood that the double rooms are not available to police officers and their wives for annual leave purposes.

6. Cases in which the Department of Health and Social Security will not accept financial responsibility will be accepted free of charge unless the patient is from a Force which does not pay the full rate of contribution. In such cases an appropriate charge will be made.

7. When the Home is not full, police officers and former police officers who are, or have been, recipients of an award under the Police Pensions Act may be received as visitors during their annual leave.

8. The charge for visitors is £3.50 per day, or in the case of former police officers over 65, £2 per day.

9. Residence at the Home will be subject to compliance with rules approved from time to time by the Management Committee for the conduct of the Home.

10. No alcoholic drinks may be brought into the Home by any patient or visitor.

### History of the Home

The Police Seaside Home was established in 1890 by the late Miss Catherine Gurney, O.B.E. (President of the International Christian Police Association), with the assistance of Miss Griffin, for the benefit of police officers of all ranks requiring rest and a change of air after sickness or injury.

In 1892-3 a new

building was erected on freehold ground, the site being given by the late Miss E. M. Bell. The foundation stone of this building was laid in October 1892 by H.R.H. Princess Christian, and the Home was opened in July, 1893. After that date it was enlarged four times. On the 26th September, 1966, the Home moved to the new building at 205 Kingsway, which was officially opened in

November, 1966, by H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

Prior to 5th July, 1948, the Home was maintained by the payment of a fixed charge by each patient, supplemented by subscriptions from members of all southern Police Forces, donations from police sports clubs, etc., and income from investments.

Since 5th July, 1948, the National Health

Service has contributed towards the costs of maintenance and treatment of patients accepted by the South East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board. No charges whatsoever fall on these patients or their Forces. A large proportion of the patients, however, cannot be accepted by the Board and the cost of these is met by the Police Forces concerned.

# nt II and Sgt. Arthur Wilman

jump from one boat deck to another, hoping that the Tilbury Ferry was not due to cause a wash and separate the already bobbing boats.

At last I was there. I set foot on the deck of the Vigilant and was thrust into the wheelhouse.

There stood the skipper of the vessel, Sgt. Arthur Wilman, his weatherbeaten face looking up as I stepped aboard. His pale blue piercing eyes looked straight through me whilst his grey side whiskers bristled at the thought of another landlubber coming onboard his ship.

With a slight change of clothing one could have imagined him stepping off the rigging of the 'Scarlet Rose' or with cutlass clanging against his side, climbing on board the 'Golden Hind!'

## Marine Law

Actually Arthur Wilman is very knowledgeable on the history of the Ports of London, River Thames and the laws relating to marine vessels.

He is a Waterman and a Freeman of the River Thames and had been a lighterman prior to joining the Police. It is rumoured that he has served all but approximately 18 months of his 25 years service on board one Police launch or another.

The remainder of the crew were two Constables, P.c. Robinson, who has experience as a crew member of an Air Sea Rescue Launch with the R.A.F. and P.c. Wilks who has considerable experience in sailing as a civilian.

With Inspector George, Sgt. Thurkle and myself the wheelhouse was rather crowded and so three adjourned to the galley and before we moved off the usual Police cuppa was brought forth.

As we cast our moorings at Tilbury the launch went 'mobile' not only with the Force radio network but also with the Marine Channel of the Port of London.

## New engines

We moved off smoothly with two new Ford Mermaid Turbo Plus engines throbbing powerfully and started to manoeuvre through the other boats moored around and then through the shipping lanes about Tilbury docks.

We then headed towards the Met Police boundary, through Thurrock and Grays passing the largest grain store in Europe.

Grays beach gave the impression of belonging to a quiet and peaceful little town.

Further up river we passed the new works at the Dartford Toll Tunnel and, on the Kent side of the river, the Merchant Navy training vessel, 'Worcester.'

Wennington Marshes was the next landmark and we

then had to alter radio channel to pick up the next sector of the Marine radio. We had entered the Met Police area and were being greeted by little patrol vessels of the Met Marine Section as they passed by.

Fords of Dagenham loomed up on the riverside and the traffic on the river was a little more dense around this section.

Finally we reached the Met Police River Division Headquarters at Wapping, with their large modern workshops. Here we moored and were taken on a tour of inspection.

To make this a real tripper's delight Sgt. Wilman then took the launch up to and through Tower Bridge and passed H.M.S. Belfast which stood over the Police launch like a vast grey giant.

A quick stop for lunch and then back towards Tilbury with the rain coming down intermittently and the spray caused by the bow wave of the launch making visibility in the wheelhouse none too easy.

However as we came passed Greenwich the rain eased up and a good clear view of the 'Cutty Sark' and 'Gipsy Moth IV' was available.

On the return journey the skipper opened the engines up until we were travelling at 18 knots and making very good time.

During the trip I learned much about life on board the launch where everyone has to work as a team and follow an order immediately.

The river police are required to have a good working knowledge of marine law as well as the usual duties of a Police Officer, without the benefit of a course on the subject. What lights should and should not be displayed on



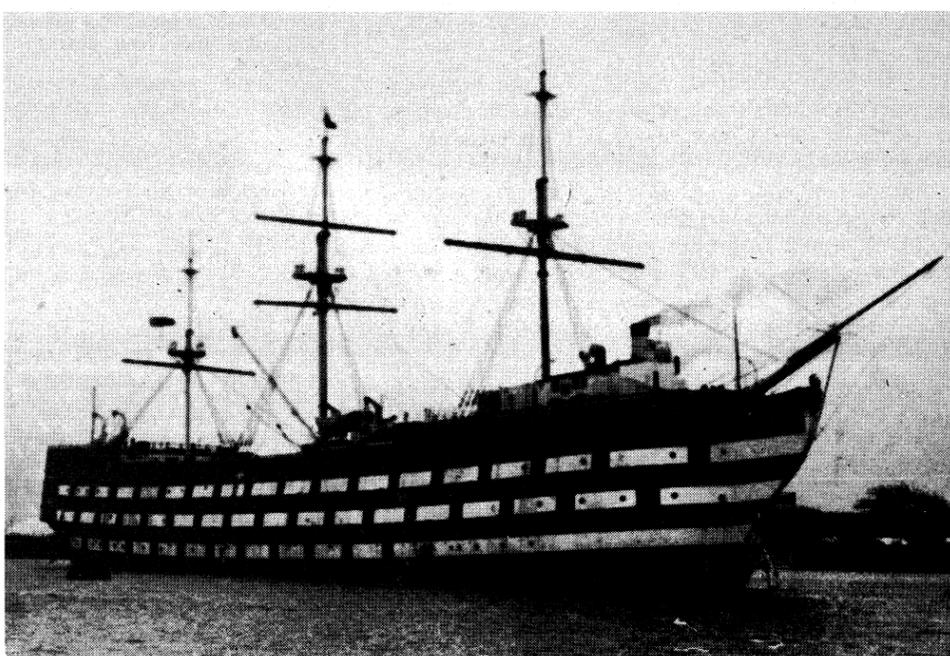
Spray on the windscreen as Vigilant beats down river at 18 knots.

vessels — how many tenders may be pulled by one barge and other little mind-benders.

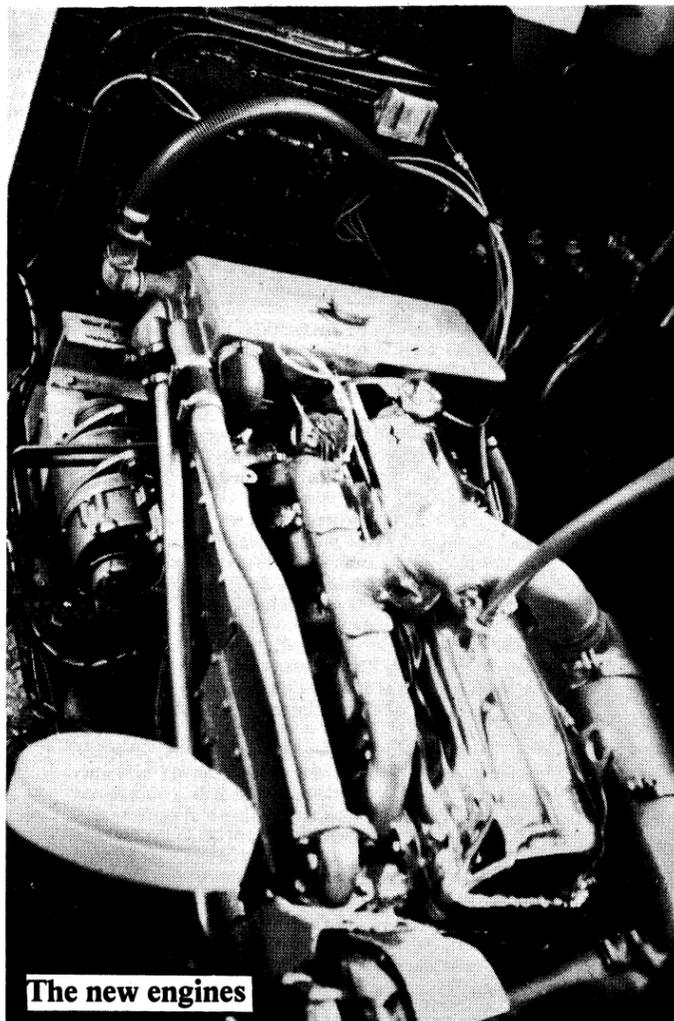
The patrols performed by the Vigilant II last for eight hours covering the Essex stretch of the Thames and the Thames estuary although they do go to the Kent side of the river and into the Met. Police area to assist if required.

After the trip we moored up back at the Tilbury British Rail Pier and I expected the skipper to 'splice the mainbrace' after a successful trip but I got very short shrift when I suggested this.

However I gained a lot from the journey and learned that all is not plain sailing on the river section of the Marine Police.



Merchant Navy Training ship Worcester.

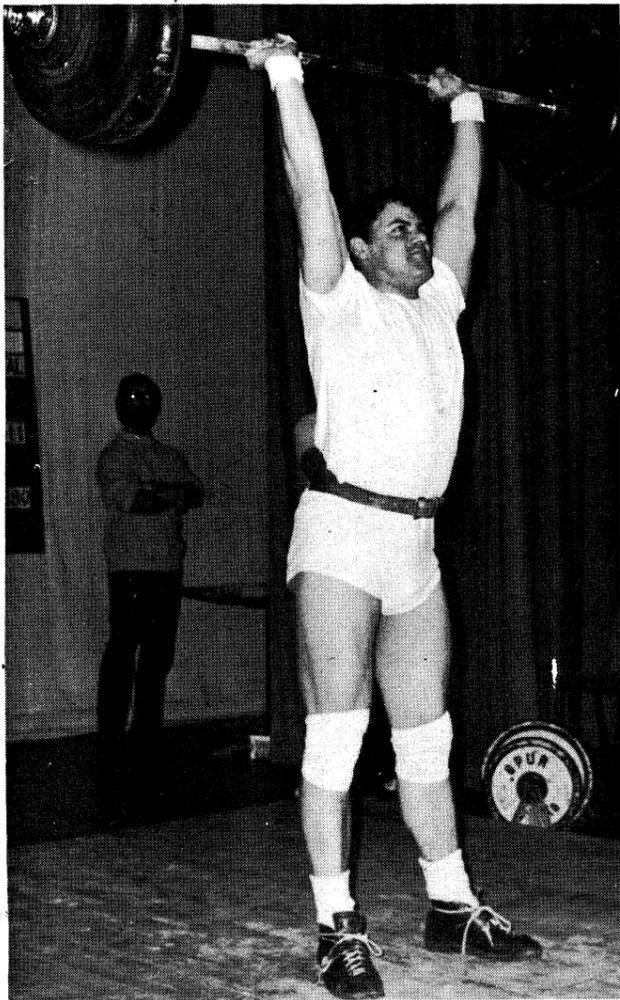


The new engines



Another trip done, Vigilant noses into Tilbury jetty.

# Overweight Lionel has to take on the big boys



ONE POUND body weight robbed Lionel Thomas of the Police Support Unit of the chance to win the P.A.A. Mid Heavyweight Lifting Championship held at Wanstead on May 18.

Lionel was forced to mix it with the big men, the majority of whom were three to four stone heavier, but nevertheless Lionel took the runner up position in this competition.

Although his total lift of 450 lbs. in the Snatch and Clean and Jerk were considerably less than McMahon of the R.U.C. it would have been good enough to put him level with the winner of the Mid Heavyweight section. However, a good second in the Heavyweight section was enough to keep his name in the limelight in Police Weightlifting circles.

## Bowls tour

ON 4th May, a fine day with a slight cold wind, 52 persons, members of the Essex Police Bowls Tour Party, once again descended on the Langham Hotel at Eastbourne for their Eighth Annual Tour. As the party arrived Reg Viney was handed a telegram from Best Wishes and Good Bowling, from Alf and Doris Brewster. Alf, an ever present member of the tour, unfortunately had to withdraw a fortnight early due to a serious illness from which we are all happy to record, is now making slow progress.

Both the men's and ladies' teams had Eastbourne fixtures in the afternoon and although the ladies started with a 5 shot win, the men went under by 19 shots. Sunday saw a visit to Hastings where they met the Hastings Sunday Bowlers, but again found the opposition too strong.

Monday the whole party journeyed to Worthing to be hosts to the Sussex County Police. Four members of the party were members of the Essex P.A.A. Triple team who had defeated Sussex by one shot to win the title last year, so a little bit of keenness was expected from the game. However, on the World Cup

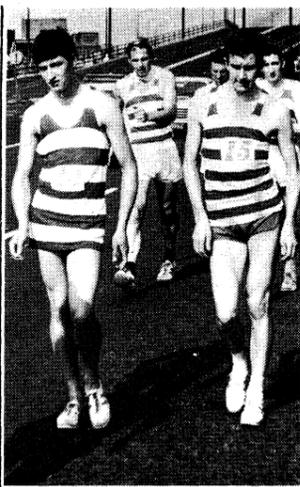
Greens — let's hope they improve — Sussex came out victors in a very close game by five shots. After the match the party were guests at the Worthing Police Station. Tuesday saw the teams journey again to Hastings, where the men recorded their first win against the Rosemount BC by 12 shots and the Ladies had a 15 shot victory over White Rock Ladies.

New greens in search of new friends on Wednesday, but although the Ladies continued their success the men suffered a further defeat by 15 shots. Thursday saw a visit to old friends at Brighton, and with the men holding a 3-2 lead, Brighton were all out to make it 3-3. But top form was produced and the men recorded a sound victory of 130-88. The ladies also continued their successful winning vein.

On Friday morning the ladies and men took on the Plymouth Hoe BC Tour Party in the annual challenge match of 9 rinks, and once again a very close-fought game resulted in last year's result being reversed. Plymouth winning by 10 shots. After lunch in glorious sunshine we once again visited the famous greens of the Eastbourne BC at the Saffrons.



Pictured on the World Cup green at Worthing, from left, John Dicker, Sussex Police, Reg Viney, Ted Horne and Alf Smith, Sussex Captain.



EARLY in the race four Essex walkers already look warm: Front T. Williams (left) and L. Berry; behind K. Mann (2nd left) and B. Daymond (extreme right).

## A warm day for walking

THE HOTTEST race day for several years blazed down on the competitors in the 1974 Barking to Southend race on 19th May. Even as the race began at 9.00 a.m. it was already uncomfortably warm and by mid-day sunburn was already becoming a problem for some walkers.

It was hardly surprising in these conditions that the highest drop-out rate for several years was recorded and consequently the shortest finishing list. Alas, this affected Essex as much as anyone else and the section was not to figure among the mere seven teams who got the minimum four men down to Southend.

With the redoubtable Charlie Fogg (Met) in the veteran class this year John Hedgethorpe had written off his chances of retaining the Veterans Cup. In fact Charlie achieved his ambition of being the first vet ever to win the race.

John, therefore, was more concerned with the Critchley Cup, contested by all those taking part who are not members of the Met Police. By holding back and easing through the field from 12th to 6th between 10 and 22 miles, John made it five wins in a row though his time, slower than 5½ hours, was 20 minutes down on last year.

As other members of the senior team gave up under the scorching sun, Denis Sheppard decided that he wasn't going to let it beat him and trudged on to take a creditable 30th place in just under 6½ hours.

Essex was well represented in the "cadet exercise" with eight starters, two of whom had finished the race in 1973. Should one be surprised that the higher-than-50% casualty rate did not affect the cadets at all? Well, no. On the bus en route for Barking they were casually

The greens looked great, and with a game a piece over previous visits, this was a rubber match. The men once again rose to the occasion, and for the first time ever recorded a win on all six rinks, and the unfortunate skip who had to carry the "Gonk" in as the losing skip, was Reg Viney who only won by 2 shots. Coupled with this record, we found the ladies had finished in grand style, and they too set a record, by being undefeated throughout the week.

Each evening both parties enjoyed singing and dancing in the dance room, but Tuesday night just after the singing had begun, in walked a troupe of ten tramps and although some were immediately recognised it was hard to recognise the others. As a result a glorious evening of fun and laughter was had by all, and many thanks go to the Saffron Walden and Harlow contingent for dressing up.

So good was this get up that the Committee requested them to dress up for an hour for the usual Thurs social, and this time they had Father O'Malley (Minus teeth) with them.

Friday evening saw the usual farewell dinner when the President of the tour (Ted Horne) once again thanked Reg Viney for his hard work and efficiency in organising the tour — despite a two month tour overseas — and for his splendid work was presented with an "Anglepoise Lamp" and his wife Bertha with a "Musical figurine." Mrs. Elsie Spiller for her piano playing was presented with a handbag.

# Harlow bowl out H. Q.

A FUNNY time to stage the Cricket Final one thought as the openers marched to the wicket at Headquarters on 20th May. Yes, May! But the sporting scene hadn't finally got with it! No, this was last year's final, between HQ and Harlow.

Batting first Harlow had 22 on the board before Lambourne was

caught. Coming in next, Greene, after one good hit, lifted the ball straight to Mead on the boundary and left for the pavilion.

A blow for Harlow but Henry 31, and Johnson 25, with the help of the tail, saw the score up to 101. Not a great score, though one thought it might seem larger as the evening wore on.

Bendall and Stonehouse with 3 wickets each were the most successful HQ bowlers.

After tea two quick blows were struck by Greene, thundering up to the crease to dismiss Fuller and Ball with only 3 runs scored.

Together with Johnson, Greene ran through the HQ batsmen, only Stonehouse, Cooper and Mead getting into double figures, these two bowling unchanged. The final wicket went down to a run-out with the HQ score at 60 and Harlow had won by 41 runs.

## Parker slams apathy

CRICKET Press Secretary to the Force Team, Roger Parker, today slated the apathy of Force members towards the summer sport. "We have 2,000 Essex policemen who are members of the sport and social club and yet we can only get 10 to turn out to play cricket. It's ridiculous, I'm sure there must be enough interested out of 2,000 to raise a team."

Roger's outburst followed the hammering the 10-man side took in their opening match of

the season.

They were beaten by seven wickets by Ongar who skittled Police out for 51 and knocked up the required runs with ease.

And 18 of the runs came from Erroll Green. Ongar bowler Collins turned in a hat-trick as the players around Green toppled.

Added Parker: "I'm just hoping that we'll at least get one more policeman who is interested in playing cricket during the rest of the season."

### HARLOW

A. Henry run out	31
J. Lambourne c Williamson b Bendall	9
E. Greene c Mead b Stonehouse	1
P. Whent c Mead b Stonehouse	18
C. Clark b Stonehouse	2
A. Ashworth b Fuller	2
E. Johnson b Andrews	25
A. Rulien b Bendall	1
M. Partrick c Bragg b Bendall	0
P. Symkiss run out	0
P. Horsfall not out	3
Extras	2
Total	101

### HEADQUARTERS

H. Fuller b Greene	1
J. Stonehouse c Greene b Johnson	15
C. Ball c Wheat b Greene	0
D. Wilkinson b Greene	6
A. Bragg b Greene	2
B. Tyrrell b Johnson	0
A. Cooper b Johnson	10
B. Mead not out	19
D. Andrews c Henry b Greene	0
G. Bendall b Greene	0
A. Davies run out	4
Extras	3
Total	60

## Basildon win soccer final



By Joe Gazzard

ON May 1, Basildon Division played Harlow Division in the final of the Collinge Football Cup on the ground of Epping Town F.C. in front of a crowd of enthusiastic supporters of both teams.

Basildon scored first through an own goal by P. S. "Bob" Hayes but Harlow replied through Thomason to even the score.

Shortly before half-time John Weatherley took a well-placed free-kick from just outside the Harlow penalty area and Bill Clark scored to bring the first half to a close with Basildon leading 2-1.

Within minutes of the game being re-started Basildon scored again through John Moran, an excellent movement which went from Bob Hunt, the Basildon goalkeeper, into the Harlow goal without a member of Harlow team touching the ball.

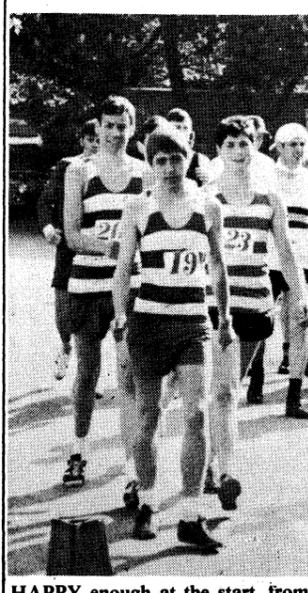
With about 15 minutes to go,

reminded that no Essex cadet has ever dropped out of this event. And that was enough.

Trevor Williams and Les Berry had notions of putting up a fastest ever cadet time but the weather was too hot and they had to be content with 5 hrs. 53 mins. — still good enough to take 13th place in a time only two cadets have ever beaten, both in 1973.

All eight cadets broke seven hours, a fine achievement which put them all in the top 60 finishers in a field of 192 starters.

Times: J. Hedgethorpe 5h 33m 20s; T. Williams and L. Berry 5h 53m 07s; D. Sheppard 6h 27m 23s; M. Faulkner 6h 39m 53s; A. Mason and I. Brown 6h 47m 03s; A. Trebilcock 6h 54m 30s; E. Walker and R. Simmons 6h 58m 34s.



HAPPY enough at the start, from left, Cadets R. Simmons, E. Walker and M. Faulkner.

Harlow made the score 3—2 when a fine movement ended with Clark scoring a great goal.

Harlow then put on unrelenting pressure to try for the equaliser which brought out the best in Bob Hunt's goalkeeping on a number of occasions. However, by pulling most of the team back into defence Basildon weathered the storm and ran out winners, 3—2.

This was a first-class game, played in an excellent spirit, a credit to both teams and to P.c. D. Powell the referee and his two linesmen.

It would be hard to pick out any player for special mention, with the exception of Alf Henry who, I am sure, was the oldest player on the field by a number of years. He still showed glimpses of his past skills and had the Basildon left back chasing shadows on many occasions. Well done Alf.

Mr. Duke, the Deputy Chief Constable, presented the Cup to P.c. Mick Benning, the captain of the Basildon team. To reach the final Basildon played Clacton and Colchester and Harlow played Southend 'H' and Grays.

Basildon team: Hunt, Brewer, Weatherley, Hurley, Moran, Farrow, Barkway, Benning (captain), Clark, Letch, Hurrell and Bird.

Harlow team: Sullivan, Hayes, Foskitt, Pitts, Theobald, Ferguson, Walker, Henry, Thomason, Clarke, Whidden and Jackson.

During the evening of Thursday, May 16, a Divisional social was held at Basildon Police Station, when the members of the Cup side

were presented with trophies to commemorate their achievement. The trophies were purchased by the Basildon Division Sports and Social Club and were presented by A/Ch. Supt. W. Gray. P.c. Benning presented a trophy on behalf of the players to Insp. J. Gazzard, the team manager.

The Basildon team also won the Second Division Championship of the Southend Wednesday League, only losing one match in the process.

## Cup final defeat

HAVING won their way into the Olympian League Cup Final the Force team took an early lead when Gamman scored after only 40 seconds, at Melbourne, Chelmsford, on 25th May.

This success put the team on the defensive and although Chadwell hammered away the Police back four put up a grand display of defensive work, keeping the opposition out until a mere three minutes from the final whistle when Chadwell got the equaliser.

### Penalty saved

As the pressure went on in extra time Scott, in the Police goal, conceded a penalty — and then saved it.

But this let-off was but a gesture and the tide was not to be stemmed, Chadwell going on to net twice before the end, and dash Police hopes of glory for 1974.

### Walking

ALTHOUGH the events of the A13 road overshadow all else in the month of May, other important races take place. The Essex County sprint championships on the Newham track, three races, and the National Schools' events at Redditch, all involved members of the Section.

Stepping down to two miles in the midst of training for 33 is a tall order, and was too much for the senior squad. The best they could manage in the County Senior 3000 metres was Hedgethorpe's 12th.

In the Junior championship over the same distance Alan King captured the bronze medal and Les Berry put up a personal best in 4th place.

Mike Dunion, who has joined up with the section as an honorary member hacked half a minute off the championship best performance to win the youth 2000 metres race by a street. In second place Roy Sheppard younger brother to Denis, was on good form too.

Mike, who is still at school, but in the process of applying to become a cadet, travelled to Redditch for the National Schools'

5000 metres on 11th May and ripped the field apart to win comfortably. He has held this title for two years.

Early in the month the junior squad picked up another cup in Battersea Park (at least they will when the previous runners send it back) by winning an under-21 event. A good win with King, Dunion, D. Sheppard and Berry being the scorers.

### RESULTS

Biggin Hill 7 miles (1.5.74): 9th A. King 58.33; 16th G. Matthews 64.00; 20th P. Blois 65.14; 26th K. Mann 66.53; 31st A. Armstrong 68.52; 45th I. Brown 83.00; team 3rd.  
Battersea 4 miles (4.5.74): 4th M. Dunion 30.53; 8th D. Sheppard 32.39; 16th L. Berry 34.14; 24th M. Faulkner 38.00; 32nd R. Simmons 39.42; team placed 1st.  
Essex AAA 2000 metres (8.5.74): 1st M. Dunion 9:11.2 (Essex County record); 2nd R. Sheppard 11:0.6.  
Essex AAA 3000 metres (8.5.74): 3rd A. King 14.49; 4th L. Berry 15.14; 5th W. Stephen 16.14; 6th A. Trebilcock 16.34; 7th A. Masson 16.45.  
Essex AAA 3000 metres (8.5.74): 12th J. Hedgethorpe 15.24; 16th K. Mann 16.41; 18th A. Armstrong 17.45.  
National Schools (11.5.74): 1st M. Dunion 23.31.

# Shooting

A DOUBLE FIRST. Never before have the pistol shooting team ever won a P.A.A. league title and now they have topped two divisions in a season.

"Congratulations to everyone on a good season," says sectional secretary Inspector John Page, "and thanks for submitting the cards in good time." When the awards have been received John will be arranging a presentation evening.

In the final rounds the 'A' team lost to Devon-Cornwall but beat City of London. The 'B' team defeated Bradford and West Mercia. This gave them victory, respectively, in Divisions 4 and 7. Averages for the season were: Webb 84.9; Sutton 84.1; Page 81; Watson 80.1 Brooks 76.2; Brangham 72.3; Barrett 79.

A 5th team position resulted in the NSRA Competition where averages were: Sutton 82.7; Watson 80; Page 79.6; Brangham 69.2.

Medals were won in the Essex County Individual Handicap Competition where Sutton finished first and Webb 3rd in Div 6; with Page 2nd in Div 9.

John Page writes, "After the mortification of losing the title in the last match last season it is very pleasant to really make a good job of it this time by winning two divisions of the PAA competition. As far as I know this is the first time Essex has ever won a PAA pistol league."

# Athletics

YOU have to start somewhere and in their quest of athletics glory in the fiercely competitive world of civilian athletics the Section took on their first League match in Div. 4 of the Southern League on 11 May.

It might have been worse: 3rd place out of five teams was a fair reward for the effort put in.

Despite some good performances early in the season only three events were won; 100 m. Peter Taylor; 400 m hurdles Kevin Nowell; 3000 mts steeplechase Clive Skingley; the two latter setting cadet records, as did Tony Southern in the hammer.

Andy Down earned useful points in the 800 and 1500, 2nd in each, a far cry from his 20 miles of the previous week (2hrs 04m).

Bert Wallace had a strenuous afternoon getting 2nd or 3rd in all four throws.

**Teams:** Victoria Park 177, Barnet 166, Police 139, Eton Manor 111 and London School of Economics 111.

**100m** P. Taylor 11.5; T. Williams 12.5. **200m** T. Williams and A. Odell 25.6. **400m** K. Nowell 56.3; K. Rowe 60.8. **800m** A. Down 2:52; W. Stephen 2:30.3. **1500m** A. Down 4:17.3; A. King 4:53. **5000m** G. Matthews 17.46; L. Berry 19.05; **3000m** St. C. Skingley 11.04; I. Brown 12.07. **110MH** P. Taylor 20.3; K. Rowe 22.4. **400MH** K. Nowell 64.0; M. Sear 67.0.

**Shot:** A. Wallace 10.18m; M. Cook 9.08m; **Discus,** A. Wallace 30.24m, M. Cook 25.44m; **Javelin** A. Wallace 44.30m, S. Youngman 31.80; **Hammer** A. Wallace 33.05m, A. Southern 25.30m.

**High jump:** P. Knight and N. Wiseman 1.52m; **Long Jump,** M. Sear 5.66m, S. Youngman 5.47m; **Triple Jump,** M. Sear 11.90m, S. Youngman 11.36m; **Pole vault** M. Barlow 2.40m, N. Wiseman 1.90m.

**4 x 100** (Williams, Odell, Southern, Taylor) 48.4; **4 x 400** (Nowell King Sear, Down) 3:56.4.

# Newham

AT NEWHAM on 11th May cadet athletes had an early season outing clocking 4m 5.8s for a mile medley relay. C. Skingley, 10.07 and G. Matthews, 10.22, competed over 3000 m.

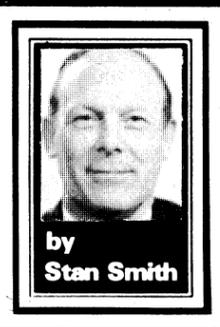
# Essex Women

A GOOD high jump mark resulted from the Essex Women's championships at Southend on 25th May, when, after a 10-month lay-off, Mary Holliday, Colchester, came back with a 1.55m high jump. Jeanette Yoxen put in a 13.9s — 28.7s sprint double and Ann Ellingford, Chelmsford, competed in the javelin event.

# Crystal Palace

**800 Mts, Crystal Palace, 15.5.74:** 3rd K. Nowell, 2:9.8; 4th G. Matthews, 2:21.4; 5th C. Skingley, 2:24.8. **Newham: 18.5.74** Essex championships: 400 mts, 5th K. Nowell, 56.4; 1500 mts, G. Matthews, 4m 48s.

# Federation Notes



by Stan Smith

FORTUNATELY the Joint Central Committee of the Police Federation made an agreement some months ago that should the Government's Stage Three Threshold Agreement come into force, all members of the Police Service would automatically qualify for full payment. This does not mean that you can expect the money in next month's pay cheque because the agreement only comes into effect from the next forward pay period from the date of the announcement. As we are paid on the 15th of the month for the whole month we shall qualify for the payment of £1.20 per week as from June 1. As this payment will be included as pensionable pay it will be necessary to await the Regulations or receipt of a Home Office letter before payment can be made so we cannot expect the cash until July at the earliest.

The Home Office has promised to be as quick as they can about it so we must wait and see. One problem arises from this payment and that is in relation to the calculation in respect of overtime earned following the introduction of this cost of living bonus.

The Pay Board has ruled that the bonus is a flat payment and cannot

be included in basic pay for the purposes of overtime. This means that the overtime rate will be calculated on the present rate of pay with the £1.20 per week being excluded in the calculations. We certainly live in a crazy world today!

The benefit of having the payment included in basic pay assists us when we come to calculate the percentage interim award we shall expect from September 1 pending a review of all Police pay scales. There have been prophets of doom in the National Press recently who forecast that there will be a complete freeze on wages by mid-summer. There have been no indications so far about at what level in society the present Government think the Police ought to stand financially and the crunch will come very shortly when negotiations on our Pay Review begin. We shall then know where we stand.



# C.I.D. OVERTIME

There are indications that the Detectives of this Force are not alone in their preference for a higher Detective Duty Allowance instead of overtime being performed and paid for in the same way as the Uniform Branch. I know of one Force in this District where 95 per cent of the Detective Officers have indicated that they wish for a change in the present official Federation policy. In the event of negotiations breaking down when the Police Council again consider the question of payment for overtime worked by Detective Officers the Joint Branch Board of this Force have submitted a Motion to the Annual Conference to be held in October instructing the J.C.C. to find out and take note of the present wishes of the C.I.D. members in relation to payment for overtime. If this is accepted and passed then we will not have to wait a further eight months before bringing it to the next Annual Conference in June 1975.

# PENSIONERS' GARDEN PARTY

It is very pleasing to note that the Force are inviting all the Pensioners of the Force to a Garden Party at Police Headquarters on Wednesday, July 17. This event is long overdue and I hope that all members will do their utmost to make this an event worthy of the cause. In relation to other Forces we do not seem to do enough on a Force scale to remember and entertain our former colleagues.

# ESSEX POLICE ORPHANS' FUND

With great regret and reluctance the Joint Branch Board have decided that the assets of the Orphans Fund be wound down over the next two years or so and that all monies due to be received by the Fund be transferred to the Force Benevolent Fund. The Board will still arrange fund-raising events on behalf of the orphans and the proceeds will go to the Benevolent Fund who, we hope, will carry on the tradition of looking after our orphans in the same manner as before. We hope that all members of the Force who are active in raising money for the orphans will continue to do so and send the proceeds to the Benevolent Fund who will need the extra money if they are to find some £1,500 a year in addition to their usual commitments.

# UNIFORM SHIRTS

In reply to a referendum to all Forces the Joint Branch Board have decided to recommend that an open-necked dark blue short sleeved twill summer shirt be asked for in addition to the normal issue of regulation shirts and that we are in favour of all shirts being white instead of blue with sufficient issue being made to compensate for the extra washing involved.

# Wives Club enters sixth year

H.Q. Police Wives Club — writes Hon. Sec. Phyllis Ellis — has now entered its sixth year. During the past year we have had many interesting evenings which have included speakers, films and holiday slides, photograph competitions, sports nights and beetle drives. Our year ended with an anniversary dinner to celebrate five successful years. A new programme is being prepared for the coming year and as you can see, this will be varied to suit all tastes. In the coming weeks we will have speakers covering all subjects from skin care to holidays abroad. On June 19 there will be a car rally treasure hunt which has proved very popular in the past.

We are always pleased to welcome new members so why not come along and see for yourselves. I was new to the district last August and knew no one but thanks to the friendliness of the wives club, this was soon remedied. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 7.45 p.m. at the Police Cadet School, Kingston Avenue, and all police wives will be welcome for further information you may contact me at 17 St. Margarets Road, or phone Chelmsford 68938.

# Football

DURING the weekend 10-13 May 1974, the Zaandam Football Club of Holland, visited Southend as guests of Southend Joint Divisions Social Club, staying with members in their homes.

During their stay the Zaandam team played the Joint Football team, winning by the only goal scored. This was followed by a very enjoyable social evening, at which an exchange of gifts was made, Zaandam presenting Southend with an inscribed tankard to be hung in their "Off Beat" bar.

Then followed a 'ladies' match, when a team of ladies took on a team of club members in 'drag', the real ladies winning by 3-0. The losing team was: Inspector Jim Dickinson, Sergeant John Croot, Det. Sergeant Rod Ellis, Pc Alan Watkins, Pc Peter Scott, Pc Chris Jacob and Mr. Ted Pratten.

Alan Watkins, Southend Divisions Football Secretary sends his thanks to all concerned for the help he received in making this a very successful and enjoyable weekend.

# BOWLS

By L. Stibbards

THE SECTION made a good start to the season with a win against Thorpe Bay Bowls Club. It was a poor start however, as far as support from members was concerned. The match was reduced from five to four rinks and two players had to be found at the last minute.

The game itself was played in the best weather conditions of the spring and the views from the clubhouse along the estuary made it a most attractive and enjoyable match.

Despite the late call up of players, the club ran out winners by 73 shots to 68 shots.

# New Organisation for Catholic Policemen

IN 1914 the Metropolitan and City Catholic Police Guild was formed to foster the spiritual and social welfare of Catholic police officers in these two Forces.

The Guild prospered with more than a thousand members, survived two world wars, and in recent years the Guild's activities have extended into the area of Christian action and community work, in particular assisting in the welfare of handicapped children and pensioners.

In 1972 the London Guild decided that in order to keep step with a changing world the Guild should be extended throughout England and Wales. There are already Glasgow and Bedfordshire branches.

Plans are already well advanced and on Thursday, 13 June 1974, the new Catholic Police Guild will be launched by a Mass at Westminster Cathedral concelebrated by Cardinal Heenan, Archbishop of Westminster and the Chaplains of the Guild. The Mass will be followed by a reception and both will be attended by Church, State and Police dignitaries as well as by Catholic policemen from throughout the country.

Membership of the Catholic Police Guild is open to all Catholic, serving and retired members of recognised Police Forces, their Special Constabularies and Cadet Forces properly constituted by the State and application for membership can be made to the Membership Secretary, The Catholic Police Guild, P.O. Box 42, Francis Street, London SW1 PIDE.

# Basildon win athletics Cup

BASILDON Division carried off the athletics team championship at Melbourne Stadium, Chelmsford, last week. Gray's long run of victories ended in a contest which just about came down to Mildinhall

(Bas.) versus Taylor (Grays). The former, fresh from his force record javelin throw the previous evening — 200ft. for the first time — just had the edge with 29pts. to Taylor's 26.

Mary Holliday high jumped a new force record of 1.60m and then beat Maria Oldall in the long jump by just 1cm.

Full results next month.

# Hats off again



HATSWOPPERS of the IPA have been indulging in their favourite exercise again — and having a drink as well. Entertaining German visitors at Chelmsford are Frank Joslin (right) and Dick Giggins (second left) both sporting Germanic headgear, while Lawrence and Fritz, their guests, are resplendent in those white helmets. Pic by Essex Weekly News.

May has been a busy month for visits to Essex from our colleagues abroad. Harlow section entertained a large party from Holland and Headquarters a small party from Germany. The party from H.Q. joined Harlow on their outings (Windsor, London and Cambridge), who all agreed that it was very well organised and most enjoyable.

"Chico" Bates had the party from H.Q. for a day at Southend, and what a day! Well done, Chico, they couldn't stop talking about it, you did them so proud.

Frank Joslin thanks all members and wives who "put up" our foreign friends during their visit to Harlow and Chelmsford.

All tickets for the Grays Section Barn Dance have been sold.

# THE SHIFT

I don't think they completely understood, Sir, when you said, "Wedge advance."



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you surely see the error of your ways? (Do it again and your nicked, chief). "Oh I do, I do Officer. I can assure you it won't happen again" says little lad. So I... did verily justly and with due thought to the statistics require of this man to go his way in peace having made me the usual sample of breath that I did ensure was of the usual negative result.

To finish up, what's happened to you out there. It took one of the other Fuzz to see last month's deliberate mistake. La Scala is in MILAN not ROMA!!! The lucky chap will be treated to a night out at 'The Great West Road Cafe' to a menu of Fried Fricasse of Fire Extinguisher, Deep Fried Cortina in Sump oil sauce and coach trimmings and to wash it all down, second hand 1950 Gunk (Decanted) from Fred's scrap yard. By the way lad, Jack Boots and Polaroids optional.

Don't forget... ride to a system

# Miss UK on 2 wheels



JOIN Britain's Modern Police urges the poster in the background. Things are developing so fast at Basildon that one might be forgiven for thinking that our Evening Echo picture shows the Laindon Traffic two-wheel squad about to take to the A127. (Are they not making toys just down the road). But no, modern living but not the modern police — alas. When a Modern Living exhibition took place at Basildon in early May a police public relations stand was mounted by Inspector Joe Gazzard. And who should turn up but Miss U.K., Kathie Anders, which really made Joe's day.

# Dogs win trials

THE DOG HANDLERS and their charges have been keeping their name forward in the recent Working Dog Trials held around the country with some good results.

In the East Anglian Working Trials Training Society's Championships held at Knapwell, Cambridgeshire, there were four stakes with about 30 dogs in each stake. These were from all walks of life and included dogs from five Police Forces.

Sgt. Clive Ferrie, of Harlow, with "West," won the Utility Dog Stake with a score of 192 out of a possible 200. The dog was classified as 'excellent' and won the Banworth Trophy and a cup presented by the judge, Mrs. B. Bastable, of Barrimilne Kennels, Hitchin, Herts. A tankard was also presented to Clive for his permanent retention.

## Excellent, too

In the Working Dog Stake Sgt. Bob Jackman with 'Jase' was awarded an 'Excellent' certificate having gained 182½ out of the 200 maximum, and P.c. Alan Gilfillan with 'Drummer' also gained an 'Excellent' Certificate with a score of 177½.

Following this event P.c. Don Goldsmith with 'Max' entered the Utility Stake of the Bensfleet Working Trials Society and won the Championship with 188½ out of 200 and in doing so took the Shanbe Trophy and an 'Excellent' Certificate.

# Grays Constables wed



IT WAS an arresting scene the church when the at Castle Methodist Church, Colchester, when P.c. Andy Gibson made the biggest capture of his life.

After a considerable chase he captured his prisoner in the form of W.P.c. Elizabeth (Jane) Ayres at the altar of

the church when the minister joined them in holy wedlock on Saturday, May 12.

Both are serving in the Grays Division.

Picture by Peter Clements.

# The Boss pulls 'em up



THEY do things in style at Maldon. Not only have they adapted part of the station premises to use as a club room and bar but they got the boss to come along to act as barman.

At the official opening of the bar, Chief Supt. John Challis serves Ch. Insp. Trevor Naylor, Maldon Sub commander, with a quick half. Picture by Keith Egglestone, Maldon/Burnham Standard.

# While Miss Hales gets involved in teaching kids to swim

JULIE'S busting out all over. She really has thrown herself in the deep end in the new Police Community Involvement project.

Our picture, by courtesy of Evening Echo, shows Policewoman Julie Hales teaching Laindon schoolchildren to swim.

Since starting with the team Julie has been meeting families and discussing problems with them, visiting local schools in a bid to build up the children's confidence in policemen, and taking part in the children's social education — hence the swimming lesson.

She is also apparently teaching children to make toys!

## Love letters

Now Julie is receiving lots of 'love letters' from junior school boys. She's had several letters from seven and eight-year-olds

which read: "I love you." And the girls are just as taken with their new 'teacher.' They paint and draw for her.

She told the press: "It's all very flattering and nice to know they like me. The children bring me pictures and paintings and write that they love me. The children bring me them."

## Responsive

She continued: "I joined the police force because I like meeting people and because of the variety of work involved. I really love being involved in the scheme. I particularly enjoy working with children. They are very responsive."

In her spare time Julie enjoys sailing and, of course, swimming.

