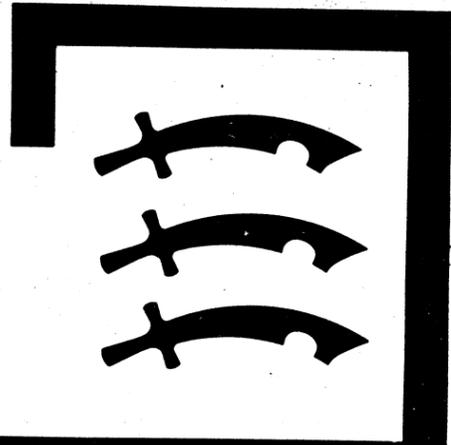




# THE LAW



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## Queens Police Medal for ACC



THE 1974 Birthday Honours list included the award of the Queen's Police Medal to Mr. William Petherick, Assistant Chief Constable in charge of Operations. Mr. Petherick was formerly in charge of Grays Division where he served all but two of his first 30 years' service. A native of Suffolk, Mr. Petherick has 35 years' service in Essex. The Law tracked him down in the Headquarters studio and where better to photograph him after the announcement of the award.

## Second in Command



LORNA Brooks, formerly of Southend Boro' and the Bramshill Special Course, and lately based at Basildon as Inspector, was promoted last month Chief Inspector and second in command of Women Police.

## Father puts his boots in —and his ticket, after 39 years



"AFTER thirty nine years and forty seven days service it is rumoured that he is now on his second pocket book," said the Chief at a "surprise" buffet luncheon given in honour of Chief Inspector Doug Andrews at Headquarters on 4th June.

Doug is retiring to take up a post with Tendring Council. In leaving the Force he vacates the position of Father of the Force and a

house with a beautiful garden, for gardening is one of his pleasures. Doug and his wife are taking up residence in Dovercourt and besides having the removal lorry or furniture he has had to hire a lorry to move all his prize plants!

Having seen service at Clacton, Frinton, Chelmsford Town and Headquarters he has watched the Force grow and the Traffic Section increase to a Division.

After a presentation of a clock, food mixer and other gifts Mr Andrews said, "Life has been good to me and I have enjoyed all of my service."

Doug Andrews could still turn in a nippy 100 yards not so long ago and played cricket right up to last month when he was in the H.Q. team which lost the final to Harlow.

It could be said that he bowled Harlow out. Laughing, Doug said, "They only threw me the ball to let



WITH the usual Andrews grin, Doug adds a pair of police boots to the contents of the dustbin. And why should he not grin? He had borrowed the boots just for the photo!

me have a go but I got their last man with the third ball." But he was less fortunate with the bat putting the first ball high into the air.

When the new Father was asked for his views on

becoming the longest serving officer in the Essex Police, Chief Superintendent Partis said, "I don't much care for the title. I am prepared to take on anyone in the Force at tennis or badminton."

## Joe Lambon swears in the last of 4,000



FIRST as a Constable and later as a civilian, Joe Lambon has been Mr. Recruiting since the war.

Everyone who has joined the Force since 1945 would have passed through Joe's hands. He reckons he has dealt with 25,000 initial enquiries and sworn in over 4,000 as Constables.

In 1969 Joe Lambon changed his status to civilian but continued in the same job. His connection with Recruiting finally ended on 21st June when at a short ceremony at Headquarters, Mr. H. Taylor, A.C.C., presented Joe with gifts from colleagues.

From colleagues at HQ and Training a tankard and picnic hamper — which must mean something — and a back scratcher which certainly does, though what, The Law would hesitate to guess.

## Concern at rising costs

SOARING cost of the new Headquarters extension is causing some concern. Estimated as costing £1,020,000 a year ago, the guess is that the price is now £1,300,000. In addition the County Council quantity surveyor reckons that costs will rise by 1½% each month, standing at



FATHER of the Force in succession to Doug Andrews is Supt. W. Partis of Headquarters.

## Ediview

### Is eighteen too young?

WE READ that the Home Secretary is "thinking" about lowering the age of entry into the Police Service from 19 to 18 and has said so in the House of Commons. While the manpower situation is bad, one is forced to wonder if it is quite serious enough for such a step to be even thought about.

The Home Secretary's thoughts were reported on the same page as events in London which led to the death of a young demonstrator. Without comment on that sad incident it is pertinent to wonder if 18-year-old constables are the best people to face such situations.

As a means of improving recruiting the effect will be marginal in any case. Eighteen-year-old school-leavers are not available until July when examinations have finished. Even if they had made their applications in advance they cannot be processed until the August intake by which time many will be nearly 19. That school-leaver who goes to other employment because he would have to wait before entering the Police at 19 was a point made by Mr. Jenkins.

With the trend in the educational world for even more young people to stay at school until 18 plus, recruitment at eighteen would mean a much greater proportion would come directly onto the beat from school with all the wide knowledge of worldly affairs

which the teaching profession had managed to give them since the age of five.

It is a cause of some concern now that some nineteen-year-old applicants are too immature for policework. How much worse would the situation become if the age limit were lowered?

### Rising prices hit HQ

IT IS NO surprise that the likely cost of extensions to Police Headquarters has risen by almost half a million pounds in the past year. Although the amount sounds larger, £420,000 represents something like 40% of what the building would have cost if it had been built a year ago.

And that, of course, is the crux of the problem. A year ago the extension would have cost £1,020,000 plus £176,000 for furniture and equipment: now these figures are estimated to be £1,300,000 and £275,000.

The County Council quantity surveyor considers that the figure for the building will rise by 14% per month which will bring the amount up to £1,440,000 by the date of tender. Perhaps even that estimate is optimistic.

What this sad tale shows very clearly is that building deferrals are a false economy. By putting off a capital building project for about four years, even at the present rate of increase, costs will double.

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And these projects are measured not in pence but in millions of pounds.

### More equal than men.

THE LETTER on this page treats humorously a situation which can lead to further moans at the promotion system. Women officers are in the process of achieving equality of salary, are moving towards interchangeability in duties, but seem to receive favoured treatment in the promotion field.

At present, having gained selection against sparse opposition for a specifically female vacancy, the lady may find herself acting as duty sergeant in charge of men, probably of wider experience, who, against tougher opposition, were "not selected."

What would have happened one wonders if, in an attempt to stem this one-way tide, a man had applied for the position of Superintendent, Women Police? Even in the almanac the ladies get special treatment, "Women Police" appearing in italics rather than mere block letters.

Perhaps all is not what it seems. Perhaps men are considered for all vacancies. But the present system, women having a foot in both camps, having a separate establishment yet moving towards ordinary police duty, does seem anomalous. After all, when policewomen all belong to their divisions, what will a Senior Woman Officer actually do?

## Stab in the back for Flo Stone



IT IS NOT easy, when such pictures as this come to hand, to drum up a suitable caption — or an unsuitable one for that matter. How about, "My, (or goodness gracious me) what a man-sized meal," assuming the cove with the spear is meant to be a cannibal? Or we might ask which one is in fancy dress — or are both? Again the Shakespearian approach might be, "Et tu Sambo, then fall Warden."

A scene from the 1974 Grays carnival procession, caught by a Thurrock Gazette photographer (re-published by kind permission) in which Warden Flo Stone (of Cement City would you believe?) was not a part we should add. The onlookers?

## 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.



displaying the recognised badge of police rank.

Please excuse the rather lengthy script and I crave your indulgence on one more matter which I feel compelled to write about. I refer to your own opinion as expressed in ediview under the title "You, too, may opine." I attended the Open Meeting and witnessed the walkout but do not feel it my place to criticise or sympathise with those who took part. I do, however, feel that you were very misguided in your reference to Mr. Papple as formal and pompous just because he asked a perfectly sensible question and prefixed his question with the word "please." It is so nice, nowadays, to see that manners are still evident in some persons.

Yours faithfully,

W. CROWHURST  
Constable 506

### Priority

Dear Sir,

In view of Inspector Neil Butcher's remarks on 'muscular robots' I would have thought that he would have given priority to cementing relationships within the Force before turning his attention to the public.

SARTOR.

N/A supplied

### Amazement

Dear Sir,

I read, with some amazement, the letter from J. Carrington in postbag of the May edition. Surely Mr. Carrington cannot be serious when he "pleads" for chequered capbands for members of the Special Constabulary.

We are all too acutely aware of the mixed feelings entertained by regular officers for their "part-time" colleagues and I feel that this must be at the root of Mr. Carrington's apparent feeling of being left out in the new policy of police uniform. However, I wonder if he has stopped to think constructively on his part in the police service? He is a PART-TIME constable who performs duty to assist the ranks of the regular members of the Force. If he can comprehend this then he will also see that it would not matter if his only distinguishing badge of office was an armband with "Special Constable" thereon. As a Special Constable his weekly hours of duty are restricted to less than those performed by a regular officer in one day, so it is common economics that his uniform issue will not be as comprehensive as a regular officer receives.

Although I can see that it is advisable to display Specials in a police type uniform, I can also see that it should not closely resemble the approved uniform of the regular police. Many officers have been in the awkward, and sometimes amusing, situation of patrolling with a Special who holds a rank, and have seen how a member of the public will approach the apparently "senior" member of the duo with his query or problem. The amusement comes when, through lack of regular contact with the public or limited training, he is forced to refer the matter to his "junior" counterpart (the regular). The awkwardness comes from

### Male Lib protest

Sir,

I read with interest the recent list of promotions shown in Force Orders.

Having read these promotions I opened the Police Review and on examining the Official Announcements and Appointments page I saw advertised vacancies for Women Police Sergeants for the Ministry of Defence Police, Women Police Sergeants for Thames Valley Police, a Woman Inspector for this Force and a Woman Chief Inspector for Cambridgeshire. Vacancies for men, meanwhile, were restricted to the appointment of a Deputy Chief Constable for Merseyside and a Chief Superintendent for Hertfordshire.

Now that the female species of *Homo sapiens Polis* has achieved and even surpassed equality we poor male sufferers, having been so undermined, are wondering what we have to do to get on an even footing or even to just get 'abreast' of their liberations.

'FORTIS' (Male Libber)

N/A supplied.

### Change of rules needed

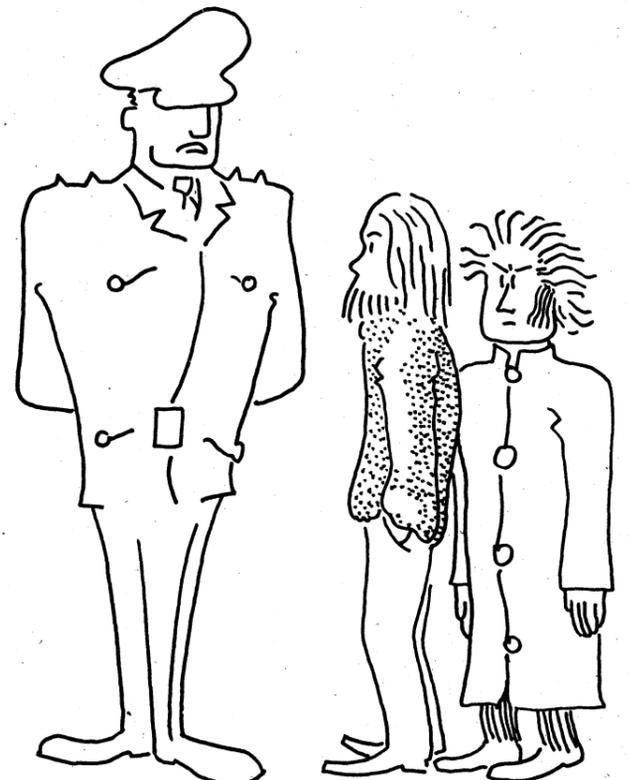
Dear Sir,

I refer to "The Law" for June, 1974, page 4.

You report that the Police Convalescent Home at Hove ran half empty in 1973. Might I make a

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## THE SHIFT



So you want to join the Fuzz, eh? Well it's only the

# Specials well beaten in Neville Trophy contest

HARLOW SPECIALS, who won the Inter-Divisional Salter and De Rougement Trophies in May represented the Special Constabulary in the Neville Trophy held at Romford on June 9, when they competed against City of London and 'K' Div. Metro Specials.

After a good start in the "Turn Out and Drill" Sections of the competition when they were inspected by Assistant Commissioner H. J. E. Hunt, O.B.E. Metropolitan Police, the team went on to the more serious side with questions in Police Duties, Highway Code and a practical accident team test.

With the Metro and City of London teams having completed the accident team test the stage was set for Essex to enter the arena but when they did so they did not do themselves justice and never really got to grips with the situation.

They were required to deal

with an injury road accident where a car had collided with a pedestrian on a pedestrian crossing and pinned him against a wall. The driver of the car had disappeared and there was only one witness to the event. Whilst they were dealing with the accident the driver returned, in a somewhat dazed condition, giving them two casualties to sort out.

The teams were marked on their accident reporting and manner in dealing with the accident and also for their first-aid knowledge and the practical application of this knowledge.

When the final results were given 'K' Division were seen to have won the trophy for the first time since their entry into the competition in 1966 with 138½/200 points, the City of London closely following with 137½ points and Essex (Harlow) trailing at the rear with 128½.



The scene as Harlow Specials tackle the staged incident.

## Demonstration turned into the real thing

WITH the annual inspection by the Coastguard Chief Inspector, Mr John Douglas, imminent the Police Inshore rescue team at Southend laid on a demonstration with the Coastguard at Shoebury East Beach.

However only minutes after the arrival of Mr Douglas the demonstration gave way to the real thing when an emergency call was received by radio.

The coastguard station on Southend Pier was reporting the sighting of two boys on an air bed near the Mulberry Harbour, apparently in danger of being carried out to sea.

The combined Police/Coastguard team took off in two 'beach buggies' and raced out across the sands, with Mr. Douglas and Sgt John Robinson in the lead. But the incoming tide stopped the buggies reaching the boys.

Meanwhile the inshore rescue launch was being rushed along the sea road to West Beach, escorted by both Police and Coastguard vehicles, blue lights flashing and sirens wailing.

Within minutes the inflatable boat was afloat and in another ten minutes the two boys were being helped ashore by the crew of P.c. Graham Ginn and coastguard station officer Frank Parkin.

When the boys were picked up one was lying on

the air bed while the taller boy was chest high in the water, trying to push the air bed towards the shore. The danger was that they would cross The Gut and drift out to sea.

### No panic

Said Graham, "The boys hadn't panicked. That was a good thing."

Mr Douglas said that he was deeply impressed by the efficiency of the rescue and

## SOUTHEND DIVISIONS POLICE LADIES' CLUB

SOUTHEND POLICE Ladies meet on the second Wednesday in each month at the Assembly Room, Police Headquarters, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. New members welcome — ring 21 8194 any evening.

Programme:

10th July, Mr. S. G. Hale talk — "The Banana Trade".

14th August, birthday party.

11th September, "A Cameo from the Courts" talk by Mrs. Lawrence.

9th October, demonstration by Mrs. B. Atkins — cutting and polishing stones.

13th November, Mrs. M. Bailey talks about the British Red Cross Society.

11th December, Christmas party.

that it was "a fine example of how the public can be looked after if they get into trouble." He said that it was no easy job to oversee miles of mud flats, sand and water from Shoebury to Leigh and

after praising the splendid organisation and co-operation between coastguards, police, and Southend Council, Mr Douglas set off to continue his inspection tour.

## Ticket leads to card



PUTTING a T30 on a parked car is such an everyday occurrence — even in Ongar — that when Pe Lee Weavers bagged a red Volkswagen on May 11 he never thought he would get a card from Boulogne. (That's in France and there must be a joke there somewhere.)

On the card the writer apologised for rushing off without facing the music but promised to look in on his return to England — and considering he was on holiday from Canada that was a pretty fair offer.

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suggestion that could assist in some small way?

Rule 5 of the conditions governing admission to the Home states that there are six double rooms reserved for husbands or wives of serving Police Officers at the annual leave charge.

If this rule was amended so that Police Pensioners' husbands or wives could also use these rooms, it might help to fill up the home and increase the income.

I happened to require convalescent treatment during 1973 and visited the Home, but I was not allowed to bring my wife and pay the going rate at that time (I believe it was £18 per week). Yet several of the double rooms were empty during the entire period of my stay.

I have brought the matter to the attention of NARPO who in turn took it to the Police Federation, but without result.

It would be perfectly fair if serving officers were given priority over pensioners — no-one would complain about that — but pensioners are not given the opportunity to use the double rooms even though they stand empty.

Like thousands of other pensioners I contributed regularly towards the upkeep of the Home during my service and I feel that the amendment of Rule 5 would benefit both Police Pensioners and the Seaside Home.

If you can in any way help this brought to the attention of the Management Committee, or have the Police Federation once more make representations on our behalf, I would be extremely grateful.

Yours faithfully,

FRANK V. WOODWARD  
Ex-Det. Inspector

## Thanks, everyone

Dear Sir,

May I please request this letter to be included in your next issue? It was almost impossible to think everyone could be so kind to a retiring officer. I was told there would be a presentation, but in no way did I think there would be a banquet.

Not only was a banquet arranged, we were also presented with such beautiful gifts. May I please express our sincere thanks to all our good friends at Headquarters and to all at Traffic Division staff for such a wonderful send off, in fact for everything.

I have to be honest and add that as I write, there is still a lump in my throat for such great kindness.

A very special thank you to the kind person who invited the retired officers with whom I had previously served.

Our very best wishes to you all and do please call and see the fuchsias.

Yours very sincerely  
Doug and Diddy Andrews  
(Ex Father of the Force)  
29 Balton Way,  
Dovercourt, Essex.

## Thanks, Specials

Dear Sir,

I have had the opportunity to thank the Chief Constable, Mrs. Nightingale and the Senior Officers for their expressions of appreciation for my services with them.

As I have had no opportunity to thank the Special Constabulary I should like to do so through the medium of your paper.

I thank them most heartily for the gift of the silver goblet, a memento which I shall put to good use. Their loyalty and support over

the years has made my task both easy and pleasant and I am sure they will show the same allegiance to my successor and he will be well satisfied.

To finish, may I thank all those regular officers of all ranks, past and present, and there have been very many, who have helped and encouraged me during my service.

Yours sincerely,  
C. T. RAINBIRD

## Being there

Police Station,  
Harlow.

Dear Editor,

I have often felt prompted to write to The Law in the past on matters that have been raised in Postbag.

It has taken a letter from Fred Paxman, who terminates his letter (Admin Sergeant (9 to 5 layabout)) to stir me into action.

If one does not work on an A.R.D. then one does not get paid for it. If one does not wear plain clothes, then one does not get Plain Clothes Allowance. If one does not do Detective Duty, one does not get Detective Duty Allowance. If one is not a Dog Handler, one does not get Dog Handler's Allowance. If one does not do overtime, one does not qualify for overtime payment. (Some work overtime and don't qualify).

An unsocial hours allowance is for BEING THERE during unsocial hours. If one does not work unsocial hours, one does not qualify!

R. A. NEEDHAM PS 259

## Help appreciated

Dear Sir,

I have had occasion recently to

**N**ational  
**A**ssociation of  
**R**etired  
**P**olice  
**O**fficers  
by  
**Bert**  
**Brinkley**

IT IS hoped by now that Members will have received the AGM reports, Invitation to the "get together" on 21st September and Spring quarter bulletin.

With regard to the Garden Party arranged by the Force for 17th July, the invitation form was included in "The Law" for June and should have been completed and returned by 21st June, but due to what appears a lack of co-operation somewhere along the line "The Law" has not yet been received for either May or June giving this information. It was

send out a large number of letters to members of I.P.A. in an attempt to clarify the index of members.

I would like to say thank you to the many people who passed letters on for me, and who took the trouble to send some back to me.

understood that from 1st May "The Law" would be despatched by post to every pensioner but unfortunately some hitch occurred and we are still waiting. However, I am instructed to say that if "The Law" is received within the next few days the Invitation form should be completed and returned as soon as possible as the Organisers will want to know a few days in advance the number that can be expected.

It is noted from the June issue of "The Law" that Regular Police up to the rank of Superintendent have been awarded an increase of £1.20 per week due to the increase in the cost of living, this award we believe has also been made to N.A.L.G.O. We are wondering when something of this nature will be declared for the Public Service Pensioners? We shall not know the result of the Conference at Huntingdon on 14th June, to which members of the N.E.C. were invited until our next Bulletin appears which will not be before the end of July. The Motion from this Branch deploring the late arrival of the Bulletins each quarter has been accepted for the Annual Conference at Harrogate on 13th September.

In the March issue of "The Law" we included a vacancy for Commissionaire at P. C. Henderson Ltd., of Harold Wood, Romford. The Firm has repeated the vacancy still exists and are anxious to hear from any ex Police Officer who may be interested.

Whilst on the subject of

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We communicate with our members very largely due to the assistance of police officers who are not members themselves; and we do appreciate the help we are given.

Yours faithfully,  
Chico Bates,  
Secretary,  
Essex Police Branch

## CHRISTIAN POLICE ASSOCIATION

ESSEX BRANCH

A Branch Meeting is being held at the home of Mr and Mrs Derek Stevenson of 102 Point Clear Road, St. Osyth (telephone number 0255 820977) at 7.30 pm on Friday, 26th July 1974.

# Flaming June season of s



THEY should look pleased! Their defeat of Sussex in the medley relay brought the crowd to its feet. Anchor man Pete Taylor examines his plaque while Kevin Nowell, left, Jim Dickinson, right, and Rick Harris grin for the camera.



GARY Matthews, No. 86, moves out to avoid being boxed on the first lap of the 1500 mts at Brighton. Gary put up a personal best time in taking 4th place.

## BASILDON SEIZE GRAYS' CROWN

ON A BRIGHT day but with the inevitable Melbourne Stadium wind blowing down the home straight the Force Championships got started only a few minutes late on May 30.

Even so the Grays contingent were too late for the first event and this let the Basildon team in to take an early points lead. This was a pity because these two divisions had brought large teams — in size as well as numbers — and a good contest seemed assured.

Each had its champion with lesser athletes to back him up. Basildon's Tim Mildinhal was just that bit more versatile, perhaps, than Grays' Peter Taylor was strong and took 29 points to Taylors 26. They met in a 200 metres leg of the last event of the day, the medley relay when Taylor, going like a train, made up a 30-yard deficit to hand over level.

### TWO EACH

The ladies contested four events this year with Maria Oldall landing a sprint double and Mary Holliday winning both jumps.

Andy Down won the 1500 mts. and steeplechase while Peter Taylor

achieved an unlikely double over 100 mts. and 800 mts. Tim Mildinhal went one better with a high jump — long jump — 200 mts. treble.

Two trebles came in the Cadet Championships as both Mike Sear and Jeanette Yoxen won 100 mts., 200 mts. and long jump. But on a windy day records were hard to come by and only in the high jump events did new marks appear.

The meeting ran rather late at which no-one seemed particularly upset apart from officials struggling to cope with large entries in the field events. New rules to streamline this side of the meeting are likely to be proposed before 1975.

### RESULTS

**100 mts. Men:** 1, P. Taylor (Grays), 11.7; 2, T. Mildinhal (Bas), 13.0; 3, J. Dickinson (Bas), 13.2. **Women:** 1, M. Oldall (Bas), 14.0; 2, M. Holliday (Col), 15.0; 3, F. Ringer (Bas), 15.7. **Cadets:** 1, M. Sear, 12.9; 2, T. Williams, 13.1; 3, A. Odell, 13.2. **W/Cadets:** 1, J. Yoxen, 15.1; 2, B. Burgin, 16.0; 3, M. Hicks, 16.2.

**200 mts. Men:** 1, T. Mildinhal (Bas), 24.8; 2, J. Dickinson (Bas), 25.4; 3, R. Harris (Grays), 26.0. **Women:** 1, M. Oldall (Bas), 28.0; 2, F. Ringer (Bas), 32.3; 3, A. Ellingford (Chelms), 32.6. **Cadets:** 1, M. Sear, 25.7; 2, A. Odell, 25.8; 3, A. Walker, 25.9. **W/Cadets:** 1, J. Yoxen, 30.4; 2, B. Burgin, 31.3; 3, M. Hicks, 32.2.

**400 mts. Men:** 1, A. Biddle (Grays), 57.5; 2, P. Taylor (Grays), 58.5; 3, A. Hurrell (Bas), 59.3. **Cadets:** 1, K. Nowell, 55.4; 2, J. Carpenter, 60.0; 3, M. Fayle, 60.1.

**800 mts. Men:** 1, P. Taylor (Grays), 2m. 22.3; 2, J. Weatherley (Bas), 2m. 24.5; 3, M. Fairweather (Col), 2m 29.2. **Women:** 1, K. Nowell, 2m 14.5; 2, P. Blois, 2m 22.3; 3, L. Berry, 2m 22.7. **W/Cadets:** 1, S. Keeble, 2m 55.6; 2, B. Cussen, 3m 03; 3, J. Foster, 3m 04.6.

**1500 mts. Men:** 1, A. Down (SW), 4m 22.1; 2, G. Butler (Col), 4m 55.5; 3, L. Rampling (Grays), 5m 4.3. **Cadets:** 1, G. Matthews, 4m 39.8; 2, C. Skingley, 4m 42.1; 3, M. Mattack, 4m 49.8.

**3000 mts. Steeplechase—Men:** 1, A. Down (SW), 10m 10.6; 2, M. Fairweather (Col), 12m 12.0; 3, M. Blackwell (Col), 12m 30.0. **Cadets:** 1, C. Skingley, 12m 0.8; 2, L. Berry, 12m 48; 3, A. Imms.

**Medley Relay—Men:** 1, Basildon, 4m 18.4; 2, Grays, 4m 21.6; 3, Colchester 4m 34.8.

**3000 mts. Walk—Men:** 1, D. Sheppard (HQ), 14m 56.6; 2, J. Hedgethorpe (HQ), 15m 10.8; 3, K. Mann (HQ), 17m 00. **Cadets:** 1, L. Berry, 14m 57; 2, A. King, 15m 6.6; 3, M. Faulkner, 16m 35.

**2000 mts. Walk—W/Cadets:** 1, J. Foster, 11m 53.6; 2, J. Beer, 12m 55; 3, S. Moss, 12m 55.4.

**Long Jump—Men:** 1, T. Mildinhal (Bas), 5.68mts; 2, G. Egerton (Col), 5.64mts; 3, P. Taylor (Grays), 5.54mts. **Women:** 1, M. Holliday (Col), 4.50mts; 2, M. Oldall (Bas), 4.49mts; 3, F. Ringer (Bas), 4.12mts. **Cadets:** 1, M. Sear, 5.52mts; 2, T. Williams, 4.99mts; 3, I. Brown, 4.85mts. **W/Cadets:** 1, J. Yoxen, 4.16mts; 2, M. Hicks, 3.87mts; 3, B. Burgin, 3.82mts.

**High Jump—Men:** 1, T. Mildinhal (Bas), 1.77; 2, C. Buller (Grays), 1.65; 3, A. Armstrong (HQ), 1.60. **Women:** 1, M. Holliday (Col), 1.60; 2, M. Barrett (Bas), 1.20; 3, J. Trollope (Chelms), 1.13. **Cadets:** 1, N. Wiseman, 1.60; 2, M. Coleman, 1.54; 3, K. Nowell, 1.50. **W/Cadets:** 1, V. George, 1.20; 2, S. Keeble, 1.13; 3, P. Gubb, 1.13.

**Shot—Men:** 1, C. Buller (Grays), 11.21m; 2, A. Wallace (SW), 10.75m; 3, D. Williamson (HQ), 10.70m. **Women:** 1, A. Southern, 9.40m; 2, S. Youngman, 9.15m; 3, N. Draper, 9m. **W/Cadets:** 1, A. Ellingford (Guest), 8.09m; 2, V. George, 6.78m; 3, J. Ringer, 6.55m.

**Javelin—Men:** 1, T. Mildinhal (Bas), 49.20m; 2, A. Wallace (SW), 48.20m; 3, A. Murrells, 40.50m. **Cadets:** A. Elliott, 35.40m; 2, T. Williams, 33.80m; 3, P. Gamman, 32.20m. **W/Cadets:** A. Ellingford (Guest), 35.00m; 2, V. George 22.00m; 3, F. Ringer (Guest), 21.90m.

**Discus—Men:** R. Bourne (Col), 29.50m; 2, A. Wallace (SW), 29.40m; 3, S. Ewins (Grays), 28.90m. **Cadets:** 1, M. Cook, 27.60m; 2, A. Southern, 27.20m; 3, S. Youngman, 25.06m.

**Teams:** 1, Basildon, 130; 2, Grays, 107; 3, Colchester, 63; 4, H.Q. 29; 5, Southend West, 22; 6, Chelmsford, 12.

ESSEX ATHLETES amassed no less than eleven silver cups in last months South East Region Police Championships at Witdean Stadium, Brighton, compared with four in 1973. With no tug of war team to back them up — Grays cried off the day before because of duty commitments — the track and field squad harvested an even bigger points total than last year, 192, beating second team, Sussex, by 51 points and third placed Thames Valley by a round hundred.

A full team effort ensured that in only two events did Essex fail to have at least one man in the first three, and in both cases the Essex man was fourth; not one field event competitor finished outside the first six.

SO MUCH for the statistics now for the heroes. In an afternoon when nothing went wrong the start nearly went awry. Caught in traffic the bus arrived to find runners already on the track. But a little hustling ensured that everyone got on to the starting blocks in time.

The first final of the meeting gave Kevin Nowell



THE GUN sends off the Essex trio who captured 2nd, 3 and 4th positions in the short sprint: Jim Dickinson, 81, Peter Taylor, 81; and Tim Mildinhal.



MARIA OLDALL eases away from the field to win the 800 mts.



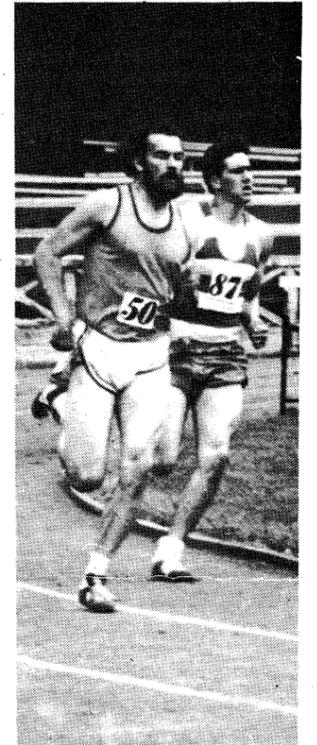
SHIRLEY KEEBLE, No. 100, still only 16, sets a cad record in 3rd place in the 800ms. at Brighton. Berr Cussen, No. 97, finished 4th.

### Essex Times and Places

800 mts:	3rd K. Nowell 2m 7.4s.
100 mts men:	2nd P. Taylor 11.4s; 3rd T. Mildinhal 11.9s; 4th J. Dickinson 12.4s. (Heats R. Harris 12.6s.
100 mts women:	2nd M. Oldall 13.00; 4th J. Yoxen 14.00; (Heats) M. Oldall 13.00; B. Burgin 14.5; A. Ellingford 15.2; J. Ringer 16.00; M. Hicks 14.7.
Discus:	4th A. Wallace 28.86 mts; 5th R. Bourne 28.40.
100 mts cadets:	2nd M. Sear 12.5s; 3rd A. Walker 12.6s; (Heats) A. Odell 12.8s; M. Fayle 13.0s.
Triple jump:	1st M. Sear 12.16 mts.
3000 mts steeplechase:	1st M. Down 9.51.6; 7th C. Skingley 11.48.00.
800 mts women:	1st M. Oldall 2.33.2; 3rd S. Keeble 2.45.1; 4th B. Cussen 2.47.6.
Javelin:	1st T. Mildinhal 56.46 mts; 3rd A. Wallace 49.90 mts; 4th R. Bourne 49.44 mts; 6th A. Murrells 45.38.
3000 mts. walk:	1st D. Sheppard 14.37.8; 2nd A. King 14.53.4; 3rd J. Hedgethorpe 15.12.0; 4th W. Stephen 15.58.0; 7th M. Faulkner 17.25.4.
1500 mts:	4th G. Matthews 4.30.7.
200 mts men:	2nd P. Taylor 23.8; 6th J. Walker 26.0; (Heats) A. Odell 25.4; A. Walker 24.3.
4 x 100 mts relay cadets:	2nd Essex 48.4; M. Fayle, A. Walker, M. Sear, A. Odell.
Shot putt:	3rd A. Wallace 11.15 mts.
400 mts:	3rd K. Nowell 55.1; 4th A. Biddle 57.7; 5th A. Hurrell 59.1.
Long jump:	1st T. Mildinhal 6.14 mts.; 3rd M. Sear 5.82 mts.
High jump men:	1st T. Mildinhal 1.83 mts; 4th A. Armstrong 1.60 mts; 5th N. Wiseman 1.55 mts.
5000 mts:	1st A. Down 15.46.6.
4 x 100 relay women:	1st Essex 'A' 53.9. B. Burgin, M. Hicks, J. Yoxen, M. Oldall.
1600 mts medley relay:	1st Essex 3.52.8. K. Nowell, J. Dickinson, R. Harris, P. Taylor.
Teams:	Essex 192; Sussex 141; Thames Valley 92.



A FORCE record high jump from Mary Holliday at Chelmsford on 1st June.



POWER: Youth versus experience: Kevin Nowell No. 87, matches strides with previous Olympic competitor Chris Carter, Sussex No. 50. Of similar build to his more experienced rival Kevin could aspire to Chris' success if he continues to improve.

# Success for track-field squad



REGIONAL relay champions and Force record holders, from left, Brenda Burgin, Maria Oldall, Jeanette Yoxen and Michele Hicks, front. Such is the athletics "turnover" that only Miss Oldall appeared in the 1973 relay title squad.

...first of three magnificent... In both 400 mts. and 800 mts. he pursued former Olympian, Chris Carter of Essex, right to the line to lock personal best times in each. In the relay he went aster still and was the downfall of Sussex — but more of that later.

The three 100 mts. finals gave Essex a total of 29 points, Pete Taylor, Maria Oldall and Mick Sear all getting silver plaques. After the team championship was assured. Miss Oldall made up for losing her 100 mts. title by winning round the 800 mts. and Mick Sear won easily with Shirley Keeble and Bernie Cussen moving into third and fourth places on the second lap. Looking sharper than for some time, on the track,

Andy Down got into gear after a fall at the first water jump to win both the 3,000 mts. steeplechase and 5,000 mts. races.

Peter Taylor took a second place in the 200 mts. and the walkers, who have always had four home in the first six, went one better and had the first four finishers, led by Denis Sheppard.

## Throws and jumps

Meanwhile in the field, Essex men were doing perhaps even better than their colleagues on the track. Led by Tim Mildinhal they out-leapt everyone else to win all three jumps, Tim taking long and high jumps, with Mick Sear winning the triple and obtaining third

place in the long jump.

These two wins, added to his javelin title and bronze position at 100 mts. gave Tim the Victor Ludorum — highest individual points scorer.

## Relays

Usually Essex falter at the relay stage, being somewhat blown by the end of the afternoon. In 1974 even this part of the meeting was like a dream.

First the cadets (Fayle, Walker, Sear, Odell) took second place in their sprint relay. Then the women's squad (Burgin, Hicks, Yoxen, Oldall) went one better, by holding their championship in a Force record time. But it was the last event of the day which



RUNNERS-UP in the Regional cadet relay, from left, Andy Odell, Mick Sear, Tony Walker and Martin Fayle.

had the crowd on their feet, the medley relay, usually a procession.

The first leg, 800 mts., behind two Sussex runners — the home Force having entered two teams — and there he stayed for 500 mts. before moving through on to the shoulder of the leader

who had gone ahead. In the home straight Kevin found something to give Jim Dickinson a 10-yard lead.

Now Jim, and sprint colleague Rick Harris were only in the team because they felt under-employed, having only run the 100 mts., so the captain took pity on them. But after a brilliant

baton change Jim doubled his lead to 20 mts., an advantage Rick Harris just about held over the second 200 mts. stint.

Far from being under-used Peter Taylor had spent a busy afternoon and had to face Chris Carter on the final leg. But Carter had done himself down by selecting his fastest 800 mts. man for the 'B' team so he had the discomfort of watching Taylor disappear round the bend while he waited at the change-over point.

But how Chris ran when once he had the baton! He was past the intervening runners as if they were marking time and after the Essex man, eating into the lead with every stride.

In the home straight Peter was tightening up but a quick look back produced another effort and put him beyond the Sussex man's reach.

So Essex really rubbed it in, taking the medley which Sussex have held for several years. A fine team win, the fourth in a row, emphasise the Force's athletics domination of the South East Region.



ANDY DOWN leads the field round the first lap of the steeplechase. After a fall, Andy got up to win. Mick Wayland, Surrey No. 166, finished second.

## FRIENDLY MATCHES

IN TWO friendly athletics meetings at Oxford a somewhat depleted team triumphed by margins of 16 and 28 pts.

In the first match on June 5 Maria Oldall scored a 100/800m double, and repeated this on June 19 in the second match.

On both occasions she was well supported by Jeanette Yoxen and Michele Hicks in the sprint, and Shirley Keeble in the 800ms. The girls combined to win the sprint relay on both dates.

On June 5, to their shame, the men had no event winners. But they steadily scored points in lower positions, Sear and Nowell doing well over 400ms. and Ian Brown an "unknown", producing an excellent 3rd place in the 800ms.

## WINNERS

On the second date, despite the more fancied competitors being absent on exams, the men won four events to give the team an easier victory than before.

Peter Taylor and Tim Mildinhal made it 1-2 in the 200ms. while Kevin Nowell got a double at 400/800ms. In the latter event he ran a good tactical race, taking the lead at 300ms. and winning from the front.

Alas, in the medley relay, the team who had conquered the S.E. Region the week before had to bow to Thames Valley and accept second place.

Two useful meetings, a chance to try out new runners or those who don't always get into selected teams.

Teams: (June 5) Essex 85, Thames Valley 69, Warwicks 61,

Northants 34, City of London 26. (June 19) Essex 97, Warks. 69, T.V. 55, Northants 40, City 5.

## ESSEX PLACINGS

(5th June) 100m Women 1st M. Oldall 12.8, 2nd J. Yoxen 13.0, 4th M. Hicks 14.3, J. Foster 15.6, S. Keeble 15.7. 100m Men: 1st M. Walker 12.1, 6th T. Williams 13.1, M. Sear 12.3, K. Rowe 12.6, A. Odell 12.6, M. Fayle 12.8.

400m Men: 3rd M. Sear 57.9, 4th K. Nowell 57.9, A. Odell 59.0, K. Rowe 60.2, A. Walker 61.8, P. Gamman 61.9. 800m Men: 3rd I. Brown 2m 13.3, K. Nowell 2m 32, M. Mattack 2m 35, P. Blois 2m 52. 800m Women: 1st M. Oldall 2m 43.8, 4th S. Keeble 2m 50.7, 6th J. Foster 2m 54.

1500m Men: 4th G. Butler 4m 49.6, 5th G. Matthews 4m 52, 7th J. Carpenter 4m 56, A. King 5m 07, M. Fairweather 5m 18. 3000m steeplechase: 7th C. Skingley 11.57, 8th G. Butler 12.13.

4 x 100 relay Men: 2nd 49.2 (Williams, Walker, Sear, Odell). 4 x 100m relay Women: 1st 57.5 (Yoxen, Hicks, Foster, Oldall).

(19th June) 100m Women: 1st M. Oldall 13.0, 2nd J. Yoxen 13.9, M. Hicks 14.6, A. Ellingford 14.9, V. George 15.6. 800m Women: 1st M. Oldall 2m 31.8, 2nd S. Keeble 2m 45.5. 4 x 100m relay Women: 1st 56.4s (Ellingford, Hicks, Yoxen, Oldall).

200m Men: 1st P. Taylor 24.3, 2nd T. Mildinhal 24.9, 6th J. Dickinson 25.9, A. Masson 26.4, A. Biddle 26.5, A. Southern 26.5, R. Harris 26.6, P. Alston 26.7, R. Howe 27.7. 400m Men: 1st K. Nowell 56.3, 3rd A. Biddle 58.9, 4th A. Hurrell 59.1, R. Howe 65.1.

800m Men: 1st K. Nowell 2m 8.2s, W. Stephen 2m 34. 5000m Men: 5th L. Berry and M. Mattack 19.20. 1600m Dickinley: 2nd 4m 0.5 (Nowell, Mildinhal, Harris, Taylor). 4 x 100m relay: 1st, 47.8 (Mildinhal, Dickinson, Harris, Taylor), 4th 52.1 (Alston, Masson, Southern, Biddle).



A HEAT of the cadet 100ms., Mick Sear, No. 76, shows in front while Andy Odell qualifies. Mick placed second in the final.

## League third place

LICE sneaked into 3rd place in their second Southern League match of the summer at Basildon stadium after the recorder had placed them 4th at the close of the meeting.

This was lucky because only Andy Down and Bert Wallace were available to supplement the cadet squad. Between them these two clocked up 30 of the team's total of 50, Bert even propelling himself over the pole vault bar at 2.11m. The meeting ended well, however, with a Force record in the 400m. relay from Nowell-

Walker-Rowe-Mattack, to earn 5pts. and 3rd place.

## RESULTS

100m: M. Sear 12.3, A. Odell 12.8. 200m: K. Rowe 26.8, A. Odell 26.4. 400m: K. Nowell 55.4, R. Howe 65.0. 800m: M. Mattack 2:20.5, J. Carpenter 2:24.4. 1500m G. Matthews 4.52, J. Carpenter 4.57. 5000m: A. Down 15:52.8, C. Skingley 19:30.2.

3000m steeplechase: A. Down 10:25.8, C. Skingley 12.11. 110m hurdles: A. Walker 19.8, N. Wiseman 21.6. 400m hurdles: K. Nowell 65.9, A. Walker 65.6.

Shot: A. Wallace 10.77m, A.

AN AMUSING exchange took place when the athletics team assembled for their home league match at Basildon.

Lo and behold, the Community Involvement Unit turned up in strength — a sergeant and two men, that is. The Force athletic secretary said, "It's nice to see you chaps here, but what exactly are you doing?"

"Ah, well," replied the sergeant, "we have to get involved in what our young locals are doing," to which the Secretary replied "You cheeky devil! The home team today! Is Essex Police."

Exit Unit, no longer involved.

Southern 9.24m. Discus: A. Wallace 27.24m, J. Hedgethorpe 26.20m. Javelin: A. Wallace 45.01m, P. Gamman 30.87m. Hammer: A. Wallace 32.23m, A. Southern 26.04m. Long Jump: M. Sear 5.82m, P. Gamman 5.12m. Triple jump: M. Sear 11.33m, S. Clarke 10.12m. High jump: N. Wiseman 1.57m. Pole vault: A. Wallace 2.11m, N. Wiseman 2.11m. Teams: Barnet 182, Victoria Park 178, Police 121, Eton Manor 119, L.S.E. 114.

THE best cadet time of the season over 200ms. resulted at Crystal Palace on June 15, when Kevin Nowell clocked 24.7. Andy Odell, at 25.1, was also on best form. Gary Matthews clocked 4m 41 for 1500ms.



BILL STEPHEN took the photographs of the Brighton events shown on these pages and found time to score points for the team with a fourth place in the 3000 mts. walk in a personal best time.

## Girls net a trophy in their first season



THREE of the team who won Division III in the Chelmsford Netball League for 1973-4 with their trophy. From left, Brenda Burgin, Bernie Cussen and Pat Gubb, all of whom will be passing out from the Cadet School this month.

## Fell overboard in flat calm

THE Sailing Section Annual Regatta was held at Stansgate Abbey on June 10 by kind permission of the Marconi S.C. Thirty boats were entered by eight Forces to provide a varied day's sailing at which all forms of weather were experienced.

The morning races, with a strong incoming tide to combat, starting with a wind, fresh if slightly variable in direction promised to be close but a sudden squall, which caused ten retirements, and an equally sudden and prolonged calm really called for a high degree of sailing skill in the first case and a degree of luck and an intimate knowledge of the waters in the second. It was creditable, therefore, that R. Jones of Bedfordshire in his Mirror came home first followed by J. Stenson of Essex second and D. F. Jones of Sussex third.

The fast handicapped boats were led in by A. Hodges of Essex in his Enterprise, D. Glen of the Metropolitan second and L. Gooch

of the Metropolitan third.

The afternoon races, which were delayed until 3.45 to let all the morning's entrants finish, were sailed over a shorter course and on a tide just starting to ebb. Again light winds dictated that maximum attention be paid to tide and position and the slow handicap was led in by A. Gimes of Kent in his Solo, followed by D. F. Jones of Sussex second, and P. Scott of Essex third. The fast handicap was enlivened when David King, the crew of S. Batten of the Metropolitan, fell out of their 470 in a flat calm and earned himself the Force Major Disaster Trophy.

R. Grace of Bedfordshire in his Enterprise was first, D. Glen of Metropolitan second, and C. Petty-Mayor of Essex third.

The prizes were presented by the Chief Constable who expressed his appreciation of all the assistance given by the various helpers and of the extremely good response by other Forces to the Regatta.

## Force 5 damaged boats

The 2nd National Police Dinghy Competition, organised by the Metropolitan Police Sailing Club, was held on May 30th and 31st, 1974, on Queen Mary Reservoir, Ashford, Middlesex with an entry of 79 dinghies from Forces as far afield as South Wales, Lancashire and Durham.

Essex was represented by Sgt. John Stenson, at present seconded to No. 5 District Training Centre at Eynsham Hall sailing his single-handed Solo, Peter Yorke-Wade, from Laindon Traffic in his single-handed OK, and Charles Petty-Mayor, crewed by Sgt. Bob Grange in an Albacore from Southend.

The first day's sailing consisted of three races, a practise race, the 1st points race and a pursuit race. All were sailed in a force 5 — gusting 6/7 — north easterly wind and brilliant sunshine, which provided some pretty "hairy" sailing on the reaches of an Olympic course. Quite a number of competitors went swimming — some several times — and boats suffered minor damage, to say nothing of one crewman who broke two ribs!

The practise race sailed in the morning was open to all competitors, but Metro crews were sailing for their M.P.A.A. Longhurst Trophy, which was won by Chief Inspector Dan Glen in his Albacore "ALIBI". In this race Charles finished 14th, John 20th, and Peter got tired of swimming and retired.

The 1st points race after lunch was sailed in the same conditions and 68 boats — some repaired hastily — started. The wind, still from the north east, was swinging about quite a lot. It became more of a test of survival, and the rescue boats were kept busy. Charles finished 12th, John retired, and Peter was forced to retire with rudder trouble.

The last race of the day was the

pursuit race, and only about 27 tired helms and crews went to the start. The wind, though still strong had steadied, and provided some fine sailing. Of the 13 finishers, Charles and Bob in the Albacore finished 6th.

In the evening the M.P.S.C. were our hosts at a buffet supper and social evening at their palatial club premises at Imber Court.

Friday dawned, again with brilliant sunshine and a light breeze which had swung round to the north west, and was very variable both in strength and direction.

78 boats went to the start for the 2nd points race in the morning. After the previous day's winds, many found the light and sometimes non-existent breeze very frustrating. The leaders had some very close racing. Charles and Bob finished 17th, Peter 59th and John 74th.

In the afternoon the breeze had backed more to the west, for the final and 3rd points race. The start was marred by the arrival on the line — with about three minutes to go — of a 200-ton reservoir dredger, but all got away to a reasonable start. Towards the end of the race, the wind freshened a bit, but the course had already been shortened. John finished 16th, Charles and Bob 18th, and Peter 58th.

The overall prize-winners for the three points races were: 1st Bill Holley, Metro, Albacore (winner of the Police Review Cup); 2nd Dan Glen, Metro, Albacore; 3rd Dave Abbott, Metro, Albacore; 4th Dave Westall, South Wales, Minisail (also winner of the pursuit race); 5th Ross Elliston, Metro, Int. Moth (1973 champion); 6th Mike Vessey, Lincs., Enterprise.

Ross Elliston, the 1973 champion, is shortly off to Sweden to represent Britain in his International Moth. We wish him luck and good sailing.

## Walking

IN THE past month events have been limited to short races, mainly on the track and some success has resulted.

It has to be admitted, however, that without the arrival on the scene of Michael Dunion, who will be a cadet from September, a different picture would emerge.

In the Force 3000 mts, although not eligible and walking as a guest, Mike was first home. The section staged a good turnout on this day, 17 walkers circling the track. The girls, too, put in a fast 2000 mts, Julia Foster taking the record down by half a minute.

After last year's success in the Southern Counties track contest, where four races must be contested in one afternoon, the 1974 result was disappointing. Having only one walker in the under 16 race was too much of a handicap and the team failed by six points to qualify for the final. This was despite a win by Roy Sheppard in the under 16 race and a good second place by Dunion against senior opposition in the 5000 mts.

The walkers did their bit towards the team win at Brighton in the South East Region athletics championships taking the first four places. Oddly enough, this was the first Essex win in this event.

In two good efforts at Crystal Palace Mike Dunion scored a unique double taking second place in both youth and junior Southern Counties championships on successive days. In the junior event Denis Sheppard was fourth and Alan King sixth.

In the Essex League with only two races left the team seem destined to occupy third place. After winning in 1972-73 this is a disappointment but it leaves room for improvement next year.

Highlight of the autumn will be the National under 21 Championships to be held at Chelmsford on 19th October. The juniors will obviously hope for success on home ground and any spectators can be assured of some high class walking.

## RESULTS

### Force 3000 mts: 30-5-74

1st M. Dunion 14.21; 2nd D. Sheppard 14.56.6; 3rd L. Berry 14.57; 4th A. King 15.6.6; 5th J. Hedgethorne 15.10.8; 6th M. Faulkner 16.35; 7th W. Stephen 16.35; 8th A. Trebilcock 16.53; 9th K. Mann 17.00; 10th T. Williams 17.19; 11th A. Masson 17.20; 12th M. Thornton 17.25; 13th B. Daymond; 14th I. Brown; 15th E. Walker; 16th A. Armstrong; 17th R. Simmons; 18th R. Moore.

### Force Womens 2000 mts: 30-5-74

1st J. Foster 11:53.6; 2nd J. Beer 12.55; 3rd S. Moss 12:55.4; 4th B. Cussen 13.09; 5th P. Cubb 13.34; 6th V. Beard 13.48; 7th B. Wright 14.17.

### Southern Track Comp: 1-6-74

10,000 mts: A. King 54.11; L. Berry 54.15; 5000 mts: M. Dunion 24.09 (2nd); A. Trebilcock 28.38; 3000 mts: D. Sheppard 15.07; W. Stephen 16.54; 2000 mts: R. Sheppard 10.16 (1st). Team placed 5th.

## Table tennis team make history

For the first time in the history of the Thurrock Table Tennis League Grays Police I captained by P.S. 116 Barcham and well supported by P.C. Adrian Smart, Grays, and P.C. Michael Beale, Corringham, won Division II during the 1973/74 season. This team went through the whole season without losing a game. Played 20, Won 19, Drawn 1, Lost 0 — Total points 165. The second team was some 24 points behind.

These three officers attended the Thurrock Table Tennis League Dance held at Tilbury Community Centre, Friday, 26th April, 1974, where they were presented with a very fine cup which will be held for one year. This with many other cups won by Grays Division will be on display in the Chief Superintendent's Office. They also received individual plaques for their efforts.

**Individual scores and averages:**  
P.C. Smart: Played 54 — Won 50. Average 92.6%. P.S. Barcham: Played 60 — Won 54; Average 90%. P.C. Beale: Played 60 — Won 44; Average 73.3%. Doubles: Played 20 — Won 16; Average 80%. Others: Played 6 — Won 1; Average 15.8%.



From left, Adrian Smart, John Barcham, Mick Beale.

## Angling

On 19th June the Force sent an eight-man team to fish against Bedfordshire on the Great Ouse at Great Barford. Unfortunately the river did not fish to its normal high standard and the fishing was slow and patchy.

The team weights were Bedfordshire 10lb. 14oz. and Essex 6lb. 4oz. First three individuals were P.C. Read (Beds) 6lb. 5oz., P.C. Benson (Beds) 2lb. 8oz. and P.C. Everard (Essex) 2lb. 7oz.

Other Essex weights were: Insp. Derek Simmons 1lb. 4oz., P.C. Wylie 1lb. 4oz., P.C. Pickup 9oz., P.C. Costin 6oz., and P.C. Frazer 5oz. D.C. Czuba was credited with a token ½oz. whilst P.C. Fisher had plenty of tales to tell but caught nothing.

In addition to the team 10 individuals made the trip and the best weight recorded among these was 1lb. 9oz. weighed in by P.C. Horsefell.

## Forthcoming matches

Wednesday, 17th July. Kingfisher Cup. This is the Force annual individual competition, which in the past few years has become a benefit match for Neil Everard of Saffron Walden Traffic Section. Details for this match to be obtained from Divisional Reps.

Thursday, 1st August, Inter Divisional Competition; Wednesday, 28th August, Match against Bedfordshire — at home; Wednesday, 18th September, Match against Mid-Anglia — away; Wednesday, 18th October, Match against Sussex — away; Wednesday, 30th October, Match against Suffolk — away; Thursday, 14th November, Match against Norfolk — away.

## Cricket

### Roger Parker

So far this season has not been very successful for the Force cricket team. They have played six matches, lost two, drawn three, and tied one.

The tied match was away to Braintree Cricket Club, and proved to have an exciting finish, with Braintree batting second and losing their last four wickets with the score at 86.

The one success the Force team have had is a bye into the second round of 5 District PAA Challenge Cup. This means that on July 9 we play the City of London at Grove Park, London, starting at 2 p.m.

A new player of fine standard has been found, he made his debut for the Force team against Frinton, and proved to be a first-class close fielder. His name is Laurie Austin, a cadet at HQ Cadet School.

Nigel Grainger, last year chosen as one of the 12 picked by the British Police to play the M.C.C., has this year been selected as one of the final 11 to play the Combined Services at Bramshill, on July 15. Well done, Nigel!

The selection committee have decided that should they select a player to represent the Force who is found later to be dropping out without good excuse, then he will not again be selected. In the past some players have virtually "picked" the games they wish to play. This will in future cease, as a number of interested players came forward following last month's issue of "The Law" which stated that the Force team were unable to field 11 players.

## Presentation Dance

Diaries out to book Friday, September 27, for an evening out. This date will be the second of the Force Cricket Club annual presentation dances; it will be held at Chelmsford Police Station starting at 8.30 p.m. Tickets will shortly be on sale from Force cricket players, and will cost £1.50 each including a buffet and a first-class group. Guests so far invited include Keith Fletcher (Essex and

England), Keith Boyce (Essex and West Indies), John Parker (ITN Sports Correspondent), and Miss Anglia.

Available now are draw tickets for a cricket bat autographed by the Essex and Indian teams. Tickets are priced 5p, and available from all Force cricket players; draw taking place at presentation dance.

If the Force team is playing in your area why not pop along and watch them. Errol Greene is at last coming back into form, and watching him hit mighty 6's is an entertainment in itself.

## Mixed luck for Cadet team

The opening of the cricket season for the Cadet team saw a promising start against Staff Division, with the cadets batting well throughout the order, acquiring a very respectable total of 172 in forty overs, Bines (26), Austin (29) and Fuller (32) getting the better of the bowling.

After tea the Cadets dismissed the opening pair for 32 runs, both batsmen being caught behind by Brown off the bowling of Knight and Ellison.

Then Tyrrell and Blows came to the wicket, and after being dropped twice early on in his innings Blows went on to score an undefeated 84, including eleven boundaries. Supported ably by Tyrrell (54 n.o.), he brought the Staff total to 173—2, a resounding victory.

In a limited over match against Writtle Agricultural College the Cadets opted to bat first and scored quickly, declaring at 88 for 5 after twenty-five overs.

In reply W.A.C. pushed their score along steadily against some fairly tight bowling and squeezed a victory with eight deliveries to spare.

However, revenge was not far away for in their third match the Cadets entertained W.A.C. at Headquarters where the Writtle team went in first and were cheaply dismissed for a total of 66, Gammon taking 3 wickets, Brown 3, Austin 2 and Ellison 2.

After some early failings with the bat, Austin came to the wicket to score a fine 31 n.o. and pushed the score along to give the Cadets their first victory of the season by three wickets.

Playing against North-East Essex Technical College the Cadets took the field with the N.E.E.T.C. opening batsmen, both representatives of Essex Schoolboys, came in to bat on a dryish wicket.

However, the run glut did not come as both the class batsmen were dismissed for only three runs. N.E.E.T.C. finally amassed a total of 76 for 9 when they declared their innings closed. Gammon excelled in the bowling by taking five for 26.

After a good start the Cadets lost their first wicket at 31 and their second falling with the score at 42.

A steady procession then started to and from the pavilion until the Cadets found themselves at 59 for 9 wickets. A stubborn stand by Carpenter and Reeve brought their total to four short of the opponents when Carpenter was caught on the boundary trying to force the bowling.

The next match brought victory for the Cadets against Brentwood Teachers' Training College with Brentwood batting first and scoring the very respectable total of 129 all out. Essex Cadets only required four of their batsmen to score the required runs for victory, Austin scoring 25, Blois 11, Fuller 38 n.o., and Gammon 47.

Their first Sunday match saw the Cadets playing Chelmsford Prison Officers at Headquarters, the first cadet wicket falling at 73 when Blois went for 35. The final total was 122 for 5 declared.

The Prison Officers, including their Governor, were skittled out for only 83, only one of their batsmen having any success, Mudd, who made 49. Again Gammon bowled well, taking 5 for 23, with Brown supporting with 2 for 22.



WALKERS pose after making it 1-2-3 in the 3000 mts at Brighton: from left Alan King 2nd, Denis Sheppard 1st and John Hedgethorne.

**Southern Counties: Crystal Palace: 15/16-6-74**

**Youth 2000 mts:** 2nd M. Dunion 8m 57.4s. **Junior 3000 mts:** 2nd M. Dunion 14m 4.2s; 4th D. Sheppard 14m 44.4s; 6th A. King 14m 59.4s.

**Basildon Festival: 23-6-74**

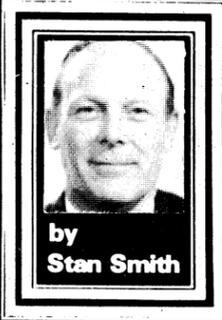
**Youth/Junior 5000 mts:** 3rd M. Dunion 23.14; 25th D. Sheppard 26.10;

26th L. Berry 26.15; 34th R. Sheppard 27.30; 40th W. Stephen 28.16; 47th A. Masson 30.01. **Senior 15 kilos:** 30th A. King 84.19; 35th J. Hedgethorne 85.38.

**S.E. Region 3000 mts: 12-6-74**

1st D. Sheppard 14:37.8; 2nd A. King 14:53.4; 3rd J. Hedgethorne 15:12; 4th W. Stephen 15:58; 7th M. Faulkner 17:25.4.

# Federation Notes



by Stan Smith

THE SECOND threshold payment of 80p a week will bring the total of such payments to a monthly figure of £8.69 and the indications are that the cost of living index is likely to rise still higher before the anniversary of our Pay Review due on 1 September and the question on everyone's lips is "Will this affect our increase due at that time?" Quite obviously it will. Apart from any Governmental restriction on the level of wages, the fact that we have already had part payment on account of the cost of living increases must have a bearing upon our expectations in September.

In recent years Police pay reviews have been judged in the light of the average levels of pay in industry and commerce and as we have had a £2 per week increase in line with other employees, we cannot now ask for this increase already paid.

This does not mean that we cannot ask for any more than these interim cost of living increases, as quite obviously we shall be expecting a much larger increase than that afforded by threshold agreements.

As has been stated before, the Joint Central Committee of the Police Federation have already asked that the pay of the Police Constable be reviewed on the basis of his value to the community and we will expect that the result of any such review will place us at a very much higher level than where we stand at the moment. As any review will take some months to complete the Police Council have been asked that the highest possible interim increase afforded by the terms of Stage Three of the Pay Policy should apply.

This means that the maximum available to us will be 7 per cent of the pay bill or £2.40 if that is higher; plus 1 per cent to cater for anomalies; plus any increase due as a result of the working of unsocial hours.

The threshold increases have raised the starting salary of a Police Constable from £1,353 to £1,456. Seven per cent of £1,456 is £102 p.a. The increases already paid under the threshold agreement amounts to £104 p.a. so this already exceeds the seven per cent allowable and is only £21 p.a. less than the £2.40 per week, and so if nothing else is permitted, the lowest paid members of the Service will qualify for only an increase of 40p a week. I understand that the one per cent to cater for anomalies will probably be used to bolster up increases for the lower paid ranks and to cater for the expected equal pay for women members.

Members on a higher scale of

pay of course can qualify for seven per cent of their basic salary under Stage Three and for a Constable on nine years scale seven per cent of £2,108 (the present basic plus the threshold) is £148 p.a. or £2.83 per week so this means just 83p per week increase.

A sergeant with three years in the ranks will qualify for an increase of £182 p.a. which is £3.48 a week, so the seven per cent will bring them £1.48 a week extra in September. Inspectors will qualify for just over £2 a week and so on.

These figures do not take account of any payment for unsocial hours and to get any guide at all we must look at what the Fire Service achieved recently in this respect. To take account of their unsocial hours they all received about ten per cent in addition to any other Stage Three payments. Just how we will measure up to this yardstick is impossible to evaluate at the moment, but unless the Government put the squeeze on wage increases before September I would hope that the Police Service will achieve a similar increase. Once any interim under these terms has been agreed we can then ask the Government to get down to the question of the value they place upon our services.

It appears to me that no matter which Party is in power later this year, the services of the police will be considerably in demand and the Government of the day will have to weigh very carefully the right scale of remuneration to the members of the Service against the financial plight of the country.

If a sufficiently high pay scale is not achieved in order to bring in more recruits and retain those already in a position to leave on pension if they wish, the extra police required to deal with trouble makers on the street and at the factory gates will just not be there. This will make the aptly named 'Thin Blue Line' more tenuous than ever and those of us in the Service know just what that means in terms of Police cover when we are already dreadfully short of manpower.

Another question on pay which constantly crops up is the delay experienced in the payment of any agreed settlement. I often hear members say that if this was Ford's we would get our money the next week — and so we would, but this is not a factory dependent upon output for profits with the threat of industrial action in the wings. The system of having our pay and conditions governed by Regulations is important in that once agreed Police Authorities MUST pay up. They cannot, because of favourable local conditions, decide not to pay as can firms in a similar position for Fords.

In the past there have been occasions when beneficial changes in conditions have not been subject to Regulations, that the spirit of the agreement has been ignored and members have not been given the full benefit. In recent times the printing of the Regulations has been delayed by reason of industrial action, and the three-day week, and despite the exasperation caused by such delays I think it will pay us to be patient and make certain that we in the Service are all treated alike.

### Convalescent Home

Increased costs have hit the Convalescent Police Seaside Home at Hove just as much as anyone else and recently the Management

Committee asked all contributory Forces to increase their subscription to 2p per head per week.

Until this past month this Force was contributing £1,500 a year and because of the financial problems of the Home the Force Benevolent Fund recently increased this amount to £2,000 per year which effectively brings this Force in line with others. There has been some talk that it would be cheaper to send a convalescent police officer to a first class hotel rather than keep the Home going.

In my mind this would be a most retrograde step because apart from providing virtually first class hotel facilities it also provides a highly qualified medical staff with all the equipment and materials necessary for the treatment of people who need to be looked after. It also provides an atmosphere of comradeship and goodwill where people with the same interests are at home with one another. No hotel can boast this provision and one can be very lonely in the best hotel where there is no one specifically there to see that you are all right.

A colleague recently pointed out to me that if we want to be as helpful as possible towards someone who is sick we should not forget the value of a visit after their discharge from hospital.

In hospital there is constant attention and often too many visitors, and when one returns home the loss of companionship is often felt by patients and very often boredom sets in. After a lengthy spell in hospital many police officers feel that they would rather return home than go to the Convalescent Home. This is quite understandable when one has family and other commitments, but I feel that after a short period at home a fortnight at the Convalescent Home can do nothing but good and will bring about a more lasting recovery. Think about it and pop in to see poor old George at home when he comes out of hospital. He will be glad to see you and your visit will do him more good than one in the hospital ward.

### Rent Allowance

Some owner-occupiers are feeling that they are not being paid the full amount due to them following the triennial revaluation of their properties. Now that we have as a matter of course, a rent review every two years when the selected house is valued to set the maximum payable for the Force, the actual date of occupation of one's house becomes critical.

Broadly speaking, one gets retrospective payment up to the then Force maximum limit for the period from the triennial revaluation back to the last increase in the Force maximum limit or the previous increase in the Force maximum limit of more than one review has taken place during the triennial period.

This has always been a bone of contention within the Service as some members appear to be getting a better deal than others and this is one of the reasons why a lot of Forces are now opting to have the new system of calculation applied.

Let us take an example of two officers buying houses next door to each other. One moves in during February just before there is a rent review taking place. The other moves in, perhaps because of a building delay or mortgage holdup, during April and after the date when the review becomes operable.

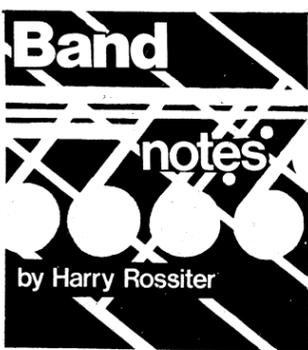
The first officer, upon his revaluation three years later gets retrospective payment back to the date of the rent review immediately after his occupation. The second officer only gets retrospective back to the date of the rent review almost two years after his occupation.

You think this is crazy? So do we all, but that is the Regulation and there is nothing which can be

done about it, unless we opt to take the new system into operation. Up to now the Joint Branch Board have recommended that we do not take the new system into operation in this Force as the multiplier to be used will not bring a high enough rent allowance to compensate for the difficulties experienced under the present system. It is hoped that upon the next rent review, due on 1 April, 1975, that the valuation given by the District Valuer on the selected house will be sufficiently high for the great majority of owner-occupiers to benefit.

If for example the Valuer raises the present valuation by only £50 on the selected house, this will bring the Force multiplier up to a level when serious consideration will have to be given for the adoption of the new system. This can be requested as from the date of the rent review.

If this is taken on, all properties will be retrospectively adjusted at that time with payment varying upon the time since the last retrospective adjustment, and there will then be no further retrospective adjustment in future.



WELL now what about a writer (of sorts) who doesn't get his copy in on time. My sincerest apologies and it won't happen again...

So there is much to report concerning our doings during the merry month of May. On Friday 10, we gave a concert at Southend Police Station, which was acclaimed a success. Geoffrey Broome and Harold Hull rendered fine solos, Charlie Woods tickled the ivories in his own inimitable style and Brian Tyrrell and Alan Cook gave a fine cornet duet. Duggie Rampling caused much amusement with his imitation of the singing postman. Our crowning success was however, the concert on May 18, at Chelmsford Civic Theatre, when the Chelmsford Arts Festival came to a "resounding end" as the Essex Chronicle put it. We played with the Chelmsford

Salvation Army Band. All tickets were sold well in advance and the audience included the Lord Lieutenant, Sir John Ruggles-Brise, and the Chief Constable. Geoffrey Broome and Keith Duxberry resplendent in their Guards uniforms took their turn playing solos, Geoff on the cornet and Keith on the trombone. These were enthusiastically received. The other music included the Finnish Suite by the 'Army' Band and together we played the 4th movement of Dvorak's 'New World' and the Introduction to Act 3 of 'Lohengrin' by Wagner which is a good rattler of rafters, so to speak. Alan Woods was our compere. He is the Chairman of the Arts Council and no stranger to the band.

The next day saw us playing at Headquarters at the Annual muster of the 'Specials'. They were inspected by Sir John Hill H.M.I. and, for a remarkable change, the day was warm and sunny. Usually blowing a hat-scattering gale or chucking down a music soaking rainstorm. One 'funny'. During one of the aforementioned concerts. Geoffrey Broome was giving an encore to his solo which was referred to as the 'Bird in the smokeless zone' or 'The Lark in the Clean Air'. It sounded very nice anyway. On Saturday June 1, we played at Trueloves School for handicapped boys Ingatstone, where a Fete was held.

other matters affecting uniform and equipment.

### Promotion

Concern has been expressed in high places about the position created when an officer who has been told that he will be promoted within the coming year following the annual Promotion Advisory Boards, has refused to take promotion offered to him merely because of the necessity of a change of residence.

In some cases this has happened to the same officer more than once. It is pointed out that when interviewed by the P.A.B. these officers have expressed their willingness to change stations on promotion should it be necessary. There is a great deal of sympathy these days with officers who may find it difficult to sell their house in order to move and financial hardship could well result, but this is also happening where officers are occupying police authority houses.

There are no doubt good and valid reasons why officers should not wish to move at a particular time and one has to place more emphasis on the family well-being these days, but it is also a matter of priorities between accepting promotion and considering one's private circumstances.

Thought is being given to the suggestion that after the third refusal that particular officer should then go back into the pool for further selection by P.A.B.'s when the question as to his availability will be rather more strongly probed.

I think that any officer given three separate chances cannot complain if another officer wishing for promotion, and there are plenty of these, is given the chance to accept the opportunity for advancement.

I suppose there is always the thought that the second or third offers of promotion may be at a station which will not necessitate a move, but just how long can one be permitted to hold out when other offer of promotion may be at a chance being offered?

### Force Badges

The first batch of collar dogs have been issued and in a very short space of time the whole Force will have the new Essex Police insignia. The new design for cap badges and helmet plates will shortly be issued and I can assure you that the quality cannot be faulted. The helmet plate in particular looks magnificent and we can be proud to wear them.

Our thanks are due particularly to Mr. Taylor ACC(A) who has put a lot of effort into getting something worthwhile and I hope that the standard set by these badges will be maintained in all

book your seat on the coach. By the way, Frank the Friar said that this time he does not want you to return your empties... barrels, that is, so wishful thinking won't do you any good.

You may get a smile from this little gem. His regal highness Brain Waller from Southend has nipped off to Germany for a holiday. Before he went I said: "Think of us back here doing all that work whilst yourself will undoubtedly be downing beer. Send me a postcard." Yesterday, a postcard arrived. Insufficient postage... 3p to pay! Forget it, Brian, I'll send myself one next time, it's cheaper.

Whilst walking around at H.Q. the other day, I heard a voice from below. Hello, hello, I thought. That voice is familiar. Looking down I saw this little figure, our old mate and ex-motorcyclist and mascot, Monty. Tenderly picking up the Poison Dwarf, he rolled over in my hand, and waited for me to tickle his tum, as he used to. "Give the lads my regards," he said, "and tell them I still think of them, particularly when I get into bed at about 9.30 p.m. every night." (when he's not on the bottle). "Certainly, I'll convey your regards old son," I said, and put him down onto the

The place was crowded and much cash was raised for a very worthy cause. It is a very cheerful place despite considerable measures of handicap endured by the patients there. We quite enjoyed playing there and our efforts were appreciated.

On Sunday afternoon June 16, we played in a bandstand at Halstead Public Gardens on a warm sunny day in a proper setting for a brass band. Alan Cook and David Main performed well in a cornet duet and Harold Hull did his solo spot with fine euphonium playing. During some of these concerts, some of our members have been away on holiday and of course, their absence is noticed. More often than not, they attend with us in spirit. How do I know? Well, picture a band performing on the quayside in a West Country resort, a man going round with a collecting box, getting into conversation with a listener about brass bands. Conversation something like this, "So you play in a brass band, come along on Thursday evening and have a blow. Got your own mouthpiece? "Not only a mouthpiece, Got my cornet in the car." And eventually, playing in public appearance marching with the said band. That's what I call keeping in practice. The place, Poole in Dorset, the player, our Brian Tyrrell of course, who else. When one puts aside one's brass instrument for too long, it shows at rehearsals and concerts.

Now a word about all those generous donations from Divisional Sports Clubs. I have been asked to list them as below.

Basildon	£25
Chelmsford	£10
Clacton	£25
Harlow	£10
Grays	£5
Staff	£100

Southend contributed all the band instruments belonging to the former Southend 'pop' group The Fuzz, now disbanded. These instruments realised an exchange value for new brass instruments of £520. The Police Magazine Committee made a donation of £250.

All this is very heart-warming and believe me all donations were gratefully received. This is your band and this has been demonstrated in no small fashion by this generosity. Now how is your money being spent?

We have settled an account for new cornets, tenor horns a flugel horn amounting to £646.00. We need a new baritone horn which could set us back another £300. If you look at that splendid row of big brass instruments, 4 of 'em along the back of the band, they are getting on in age, all reconitioned. If they needed replacement it would set us back about £1,800. So you see it's no chicken feed shopping for brass instruments. So once again, a big thank you from our donors and supporters. I assure you we shall do all in our power, to deserve such support.

Finally, we have begun practising playing on the march. This is primarily for our attendance at the District Training Centre at Eynsham Hall on June 26 and 27, when we shall really be on parade. We are doing about three recitals during the 2 days apart from playing for the ceremonial parade on Thursday afternoon the 27. Our next job nearer home, is the Pensioners garden party at HQ on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 17. So till next time cheers and good listening.

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vacancies, Messrs. Bidwells, Land Agents, of 14 Queen Street, Ipswich, Suffolk IP1 1SS, are looking for a caretaker for a six-month period to look after the security of Barrington Hall situated in an isolated position between Takeley and Hatfield Broad Oak. A furnished flat could be provided and a reasonable salary negotiated. Contact J. T. Danter, Ipswich 043-53683.

News of the really old pensioners is always welcome, I refer this time to ex Inspector S. H. Offord (Sammy), formerly of Copford, who now resides at an old folk's home at Hastings. "Sammy" is still going strong at 93 and still "likes his pinta."

### Comrades Annual Luncheon 1974

The arrangements for the luncheon this year are almost complete, the date has yet to be confirmed by the Caterers. The meal will consist of a running buffet to be held at the Police Station, New Street, Chelmsford, which can cater for 200 with full use of their bar. Members will receive the usual notification very shortly. The cost of the buffet will be about £1.05, and it is hoped the venture will be fully supported.

## What's on



## Who's off

The month of shows, carnivals and other duties is upon us. Therefore most of us will be polishing up the bikes and generally trying to look our best. The Essex Show brought out the best of us including the usual visitor; Chief Crazy Horse from the Colchester Sub and our other mate, Pat O'Keefe, from Laindon.

## Seaxe Trials

THE SEAXE Motor Cycle Trials section has had a good start to the year.

At the beginning of April the four members, John Gaut, Dick Parker, John Woods and Malcolm Gandy went to Hertfordshire for the two day Police Trial; all riders had a good ride with Dick Parker having a few misfortunes involving a puncture on the first day and then bending his suspension, but overcame his problems to finish best novice after the two days.

John Gaut also rode well to be the overall winner and best expert. John Woods won the runner-up Novice award and Malcolm Gandy won a first class novice award. To top this Seaxes won the "best team" award.

Following this the same team ventured further afield, travelling to Newton Abbot in Devon for the Devon and Cornwall Two-day Police Trials. This posed a few problems with the unusual terrain of large slippery rocks.

ground whereupon he ran back to the dell at the bottom of the Chief's garden to play cowboys, and with the other gnomes, waving his little .38 special and firing at random at passing hawks and other protected birds.

Good new also, there has been nothing in the way of mishaps, lads. I

But again results were good with John Gaut being second best overall and winning a second class expert award with Dick Parker being third overall and again winning the best novice award. Yet again Seaxes won the "best team" award.

The Services Trials, held in Hampshire on the first Sunday in May, brought the team up against the Army, Navy, Air Force, Civil Service and other police teams, and provided a complete contrast to the Devon rocks, the course consisting mainly of loose sand and tree roots. But the team seemed to adapt themselves for John Gaut won the Founders Trophy for the best police rider and Dick Parker won a second class award with John Woods and Malcolm Gandy just outside the award winners. John Gaut was lucky enough to win an award for being a member of the police team which finished second to the Civil Service.

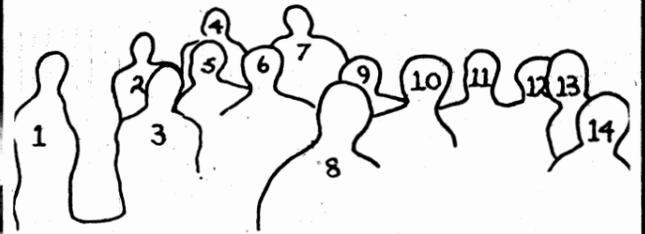
hope that having congratulated you on good behaviour that you will not let the side down and do a nasty one.

The column this month is short and sweet as there are other things in the pipeline for the future that can easily be written about so remember, RIDE TO THAT SYSTEM. Regards, BEN.

# Clacton gets 6 of the latest recruit intake



HAVING spent thirteen weeks on training at Headquarters and Regional Training Schools new recruits are pictured leaving Headquarters en route for their new divisions seeming to be quite happy about coming to grips with the public.



They are:— 1, Mike Bray (Harlow); 2, Jean Dorman (Harlow); 3, Nobby Clarke (Clacton); 4, Peter Jose (Basildon); 5, Calvin Heal (Clacton); 6, Steve Eastwood (Clacton); 7, Gary Glassfield (Basildon); 8, Steve Dodge (Clacton); 9, Dave Newton (Grays); 10, Malcolm Dyer (Basildon); 11, Roger Mallett (Harlow); 12, Denis Sheppard (Grays); 13, Tony Buckley (Clacton); and 14, John Wright (Clacton).

## Now Dennis has a wife to support, too



Married at St. Teresa Church, Laindon, on Saturday, 18 May, were Constable Dennis Hicks, of the Support Unit, and Kathy Ellis, of Laindon.

## Caister was no holiday

WHEN Cadet Adrian Bird, now at Epping on shiftwork, set off with three colleagues for a holiday camp for the disabled at Caister, he knew only too well that his week's stay would be no holiday for him.

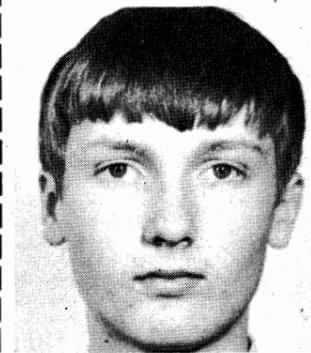
Because he was on duty at a similar camp at Lowestoft last year. Social Service, as this sort of work is called, is part of third year cadet training.

And at the end of the course one of the holiday-makers, Donald Wyles, just had to put pen to paper in praise of the cadet's work. Donald wrote:

Dear Sir,  
I am a spastic and I was at Caister Holiday Camp during 26th April - 3rd May. I had one of your young cadets Adrian Bird who literally made my holiday for me and I would like to let you know it was very nice to have a young man like that around on my holiday.  
If all your cadets are like him they will be a credit to the Police Force and the youth of this country.  
Thank you very much,  
Yours sincerely,  
D P Wyles

Said Adrian, "It was good but it got a bit tiring at times. You have to do everything for the patients but it's worth it to give them a good holiday."

Cadet training is certainly varied. Adrian Bird went from Caister to a two week



sailing course run by Sussex Police and the punishing Ten Tors Expedition organised by the Army on Dartmoor. In early July he will be at Headquarters on a driving course and until then is on shifts at Epping.

## BOB BEAGLEY BRINGS ABOUT BOTTLE FAMINE?



"GIVE HIM THE BOTTLE" when 'him' is P.c. Bob Beagley, of Chelmsford, does not mean exactly what it sounds like. For Bob is a collector of bottles and has over 600 examples ranging between 80 and 120 years old.

Although he has only been collecting for three months he has scoured old refuse tips in the Chelmsford area in search of the elusive glass ware. Could this be a reason for the present shortage of bottles of all sorts?

Bob is fascinated by the weird shapes and delicate colours of the bottles which once held a variety of liquids, but he is a little worried about his source drying up.

He explained, "They are building housing estates and roads over the old dumps. Soon many bottles will be completely lost."

However, if he sold what he has already collected he could well be in pocket, for the asking price of a good specimen is around 50p.

Photo by courtesy Essex Weekly News.

## OLD CLOTHES NEEDED

THE Dog Section is taking part in the Colchester Tattoo this year and will therefore be representing the Force in the arena in front of many thousands of people. This being so, they want to do the job properly, says Chief Inspector Ian Clark.

You may or may not know that when they train for criminal work the "criminals" are usually dressed in cast overcoats or raincoats. Grand for training purposes, but not very authentic. In a show such as this they want to be as near the real thing as possible, so

### CAN YOU HELP THEM?

Have you any old overcoats, macs, anoraks, jackets or anything of this description that is destined for the rag bag or dustman?

There are six performances, each with five or six "criminals", so you will appreciate that quite a bit of clothing is required.

If you have any cast-offs, please dump them where it is most convenient to you, and let the Dog Section know where to collect them (Tel. Danbury 3616).