

# THE LAW

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## "La difference" is back

SO THERE is a difference another Order directed, after all. Just a year and a "for administrative month after Force Orders convenience the prefix made all members of the "Woman" will be re- Force "Police Constables," introduced forthwith in

relation to the description the constable's number is of the rank of all women included."

Said D.C.C., Mr. John Duke, "There is nothing behind it and though some women, on a "administrative conveni- short term basis, could be ence" may be misleading. redeployed to this type of But when reading files or work. In many cases reports it is often impor- women were proving to be tant to know whether it is as good as, if not better talking about a woman than, men in performing constable, and sometimes general police duty, Mr. it is difficult to tell unless Duke told the Law.

**They've got their "W's" again**

## Frank and Elsie Harvey celebrate their Diamond Wedding and 34 years of police pension

WHEN Frank and Elsie Harvey married in the dark days of January 1917 their hopes and fears would not have extended beyond the Great War and certainly not to the funny old world of 1977.

But on 6th January, 1977 The Law found them at home in Holloway Road, Heybridge, surrounded by cards and gifts, celebrating their diamond wedding.

Frank Harvey has more than matched his 30 years service as he retired in 1943. "I've had more out than I put in," he told The Law, "but I'm one of the few who have."

He joined Essex County Constabulary in 1913 and served at Epping until called up into the army. In 1919 he was back and served at Wakering until 1926 when he moved to Ingatestone.

Close to the end of his contract 26 years service he moved to Writtle in 1938 but again war intervened and he was not allowed to retire. But in 1943 the Police Surgeon

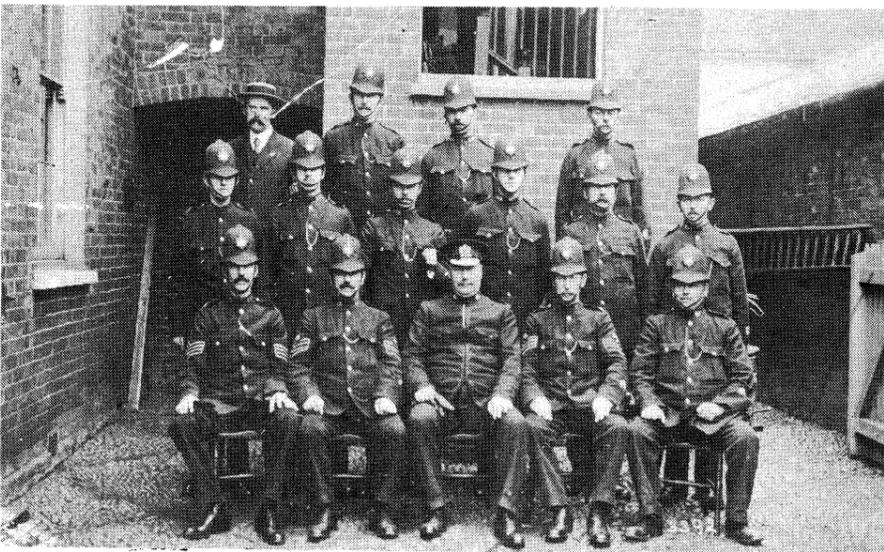


FRANK AND ELSIE HARVEY

suggested that he should leave on medical grounds in order to enjoy some retirement — words which sound odd 34 years later.

Frank Harvey underwent a serious operation in 1970. "It took me 18 months to get over it but once I did I felt

a better man," he says. And he certainly looks fit at 83 years. Elsie Harvey, a year younger is not quite so robust. "All this wears me out" she said, indication the presents and cards which included greetings from The Queen, The Prime Minister and The Chief.



FLASHBACK to 1914 when the Superintendent at Epping posed with his men. Frank Harvey is second from left, middle row.

## Many line route of George Manning funeral procession

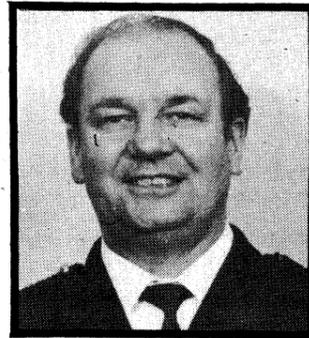
GEORGE MANNING, late Chief Inspector in charge of Billericay sub-division, was given a police escort and guard of honour at his funeral at Christ Church, Billericay, on 5th January interment followed at Bamford, Suffolk.

His tragic death occurred on 26th December, after a motor crash which happened in early November, on his last day of duty before retirement. He had appeared to recover well and it seemed only a matter of time before he might leave hospital. Then came a relapse which even a transfer to Oldchurch, Romford, could not arrest.

It was typical of a man twice commended for brave conduct, that even on his last day and on his way to Basildon in connection with his retirement, he should detour to answer a 999 call.

It was on this errand that the crash occurred. The driver, P.c. Hewitt, is still in hospital but a pedestrian, also seriously injured, has now gone home. The call was a false alarm.

Mr. and Mrs. Manning were to have retired to the Ipswich area, where he had secured a position with Suffolk Council's legal department.



The funeral was attended in force by Police and the town of Billericay. The Chief and Deputy led the many senior and junior officers and there was a strong turn-out of former

colleagues now in retirement.

For the town, parties representing British Legion, Rotary, Professional Women's Association, Inner Wheel, and the Bench attended to pay their last respects. There was standing room only in the 400-seat Christ Church, when the service began.

On behalf of the Essex Police, The Law extends deepest sympathy to Mrs. Manning and her family, not only on this tragedy but also on the passing of her father only the day before the funeral.



# Ediview

# 17th January 1977

## Did you metricate?

WE HOPE that all our readers were able to take some part in the exceptionally long festive season this year and that, thus restored, they have already entered 1977 with unbounded enthusiasm. By the way, did you tune in to the spirit of the age, go metric, and take down the decorations on the tenth day of Christmas? Nor did we.

## So ad infinitum

WE WOULD thank Mr. Barnett, chairman of the co-ordinating and finance committee at County Hall, for his reply to our comments in the last issue. Not because we are lost for words do we take this issue no further but because nothing can be gained from developing a running fight.

What is sad is the letter's tone of resigned frustration which is forced upon such officials by our tiered system of government with central authority forcing upon local bodies actions which cause them financial difficulties. But we cannot feel especially sorry for the County Council in this because they do the same sort of thing to district councils who in turn bear down on the parish. And people live in parishes.

## Don't lose your nerve

1976 WAS a funny old year. It was the year when we didn't get that pay rise but of course readers will remember this because they still haven't had the cash.

A negative sort of year really because this non-event is the happening most remembered.

Alas, this dispute has all the hall marks of a long stalemate. At present both sides seem to have backed up blind alleys from which they are shouting at each other in different languages. This is not to suggest that we agree with one side or the other nor is it to express any views on the rights or wrongs of the two opposing views which led to this position.

But the Federation are currently demanding a new form of negotiating machinery on which no local authority members would take part. Now it seems to us that local authorities are hardly likely to wear this one. After all, they will have to foot the bill since half of police pay comes out of the rates.

We suspect that this business will not be settled until exchanges become rather more acrimonious than they have been to date. We cannot say what form this acrimony might take on the police side though a good deal has been said already in some quarters. But it will have to get nasty. Because the police cannot hope for a new pay negotiating machinery unless police pay comes from a new source.

In other words what this dispute could well lead up to in 1977 is the question, faced squarely, of whether police pay should come equally from local and central funds or whether the Government should foot the whole bill.

Of course, no government is so generous towards local authorities as to take such a financial millstone from around their necks without some recompense. The money would, in any case, still have to come out of people's pockets whether by rating or taxation. And governments can be as pinch-penny and skinflint as local authorities, worse maybe. Some form of precept by central government on local authorities for the cost of police, would be inevitable, because no government

wants the electoral disaster of raising taxes for such a reason as this and that would be the only alternative to precepting.

Now the local authorities are bound to oppose payment by central government, saying that if they are accountable for efficient policing, financial control should be in their hands.

This then is what we could be talking about in 1977: not phase one or phase two, not payment from local or central funds, but a national police force. And this is a wide enough subject for debate to be kept going all year long — still with no pay rise.

It is not for this column to discuss the political implications of this though it is our own view that there are more dangers now in having a national police than there were in 1829.

Still, as the Federation say, don't lose your nerve and this time next year 1977 could appear another funny old year.

## 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.



### Lew Minshall

7 Pemberton Drive,  
Morecambe, Lancs.

7th December, 1976.

Dear Sir,

May I, through the courtesy of "The Law", convey to my former colleagues in the Essex Police the deep sense of gratitude and appreciation of Ethel and myself for all the good wishes extended to us on my retirement.

As a "comer inner" I shall always remember with pride my stay in Essex and have an abiding affection for the wonderful colleagues with whom I was privileged to serve.

My renowned thanks and good wishes to you all.

Sincerely yours  
LEW MINSHALL

### Spirited reply

County Hall,  
Chelmsford  
10 December 1976

Dear Sir,

I see from your December issue that the Christmas feeling has whetted your appetite to join the current party game of knocking Local Government, and you have certainly entered into it with relish I suppose because it is the time for family parties.

Certainly you and I as ratepayers have contributed the lesser percentage of the cost of telephone calls, the leaflet which has impressed you so much and in fact all of the services which we expect to be provided for us. The larger percentage we have also contributed to as taxpayers so we have to empty both pockets.

Unfortunately neither you nor I have any say as to what services we would want to contribute more, or less to, because central government calls the tune and we the pipers have to pay. Nor do you or I have any control over inflation nor whether the police force shall receive its £6 per week increase or not.

I'm glad you think "we are, at last, getting somewhere" because "the need for economy has finally sunk in at County Hall." My view is that despite the drastic and substantial cuts in expenditure that the County has made in the last three years we have got nowhere, because central government has cut the Rate Support Grant nationally by 4½% as you stated in another part of your editorial and because Essex has been mulct of its full grant in order to subsidise the overspending authorities in local government.

The numbers of county council employees has risen by 3,588 and why; because more schools have had to be built, because there are more children to be educated and given school meals. To state the obvious, more teachers, more kitchen staff, more cleaners, etc. have become necessary. To comply with statutory requirements more social workers, policemen, firemen, court staff, probation officers, consumer protection staffs, etc. have had to be provided. Not all of the 3,588 are full time employees.

As you so profoundly comment "it's salaries which run away with the ratepayers' money" so who do you suggest should be made redundant and what services should be cut still further? Of course not the police force, and I would agree with you.

Anyhow a happy New Year to you all.

Yours faithfully,

STANLEY G. BARNETT

Chairman  
Co-ordinating and Finance  
Committee

Now why should Mr. Barnett say, "of course, not the police force," as if we had implied that everyone else but us should be axed.

Why not the police? Have not the police already lost their Cadet Corps? What else is still to go? A lower standard of police service is something Mr. Barnett, and everyone else, will just have to get used to as a consequence of policies of recent years. — Ed.

### Economising?

19 December

Dear Sir,

I thought we were supposed to be economising. Why, therefore, do some VG radio operators seem to forget that the force has area cars as well as traffic patrol vehicles?

No one denies that traffic officers are specialists, with a high degree of skill and knowledge. Of course they should deal with complicated vehicle offences and serious accidents: that is what they are trained for. But is it really necessary to automatically deploy traffic vehicles to every incident that occurs on a road?

Recently I was Witham area car observer when we heard a traffic motor cyclist being directed to a broken-down lorry on the Witham bypass: the only police action needed was to cone off part of one lane of the carriageway. I was most intrigued as to where the motor cyclist would carry his cones! We then heard a traffic car being sent from the far side of Chelmsford "to assist." Did VG remember the area car, loaded with similar equipment, and looking for work barely a mile away? Apparently, not. When we offered our services over the radio we were asked by a surprised radio operator, "Do you have cones on board?"

On this one occasion our area car on the spot was able to save two traffic vehicles from travelling many miles to a trifling incident, so what is the objection to sending the nearest mobile to an RTA or other road incident? I'm certainly not implying that traffic officers are superfluous — they are highly-trained specialists who shouldn't have to waste their time on jobs that the non-specialist can successfully undertake. After all, no one would expect CID officers to attend the scene of every minor crime. If the crew of an area car attends an RTA which needs specialists to deal, then obviously the attendance of specialists will be requested.

In the interests of economy at least, cannot some discretion be used in deploying mobiles to incidents. After all, we are all police officers — even those of us who wear skirts.

Yours truly,  
MAUREEN SCOLLAN,  
P.c. 3044,  
Witham.

## Snowed under for New Year

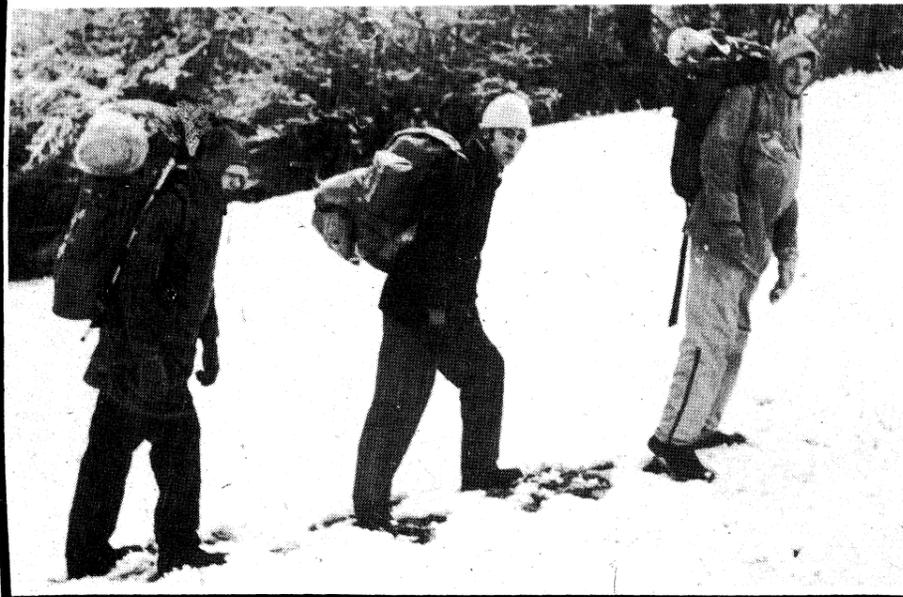


WHAT A WAY to spend New Year! Pursued and harried by Cadet School staff, members of the new Chelmsford College police studies course spent 31st December in Wales on an adventure course.

The only beverage with which to toast the arrival of 1977 was tea brewed on a primus. It's a healthy life! Above Nick Hudson, left, and Steve Lee brew up after a night exercise.

On January 1st the weather became seasonal and the day's trek began in light snow but continued later in blizzard conditions. But they all survived.

Leading on the uphill path into 1977, below, is Nick Hendrick followed by Ian Browne and Ian Bulmer.



## National Association of Retired Police Officers by Bert Brinkley

THE Old year ended on a sorrowful note — the death of Chief Insp. George Manning of Billericay. George Manning sustained injuries whilst on duty in a patrol car which was involved in an accident on November 14th, the date he would have retired after completing 30 years' service. It was hoped he would have pulled through but his condition worsened and he was rushed to Oldchurch Hospital, Romford, where he died on December 26th. The Association extends its sympathy to the widow (Joyce) and her family and hope that time will heal the void created by their sad loss.

### N.E.C. Quarterly Meeting

Our three branches have been sounded as to the possibility of holding a quarterly meeting by the N.E.C. within the county in the year 1979. It is customary for the N.E.C. to invite branches throughout the country to act as hosts — this is an honour for the Branches and the suggestion is being favourably considered and as soon as something concrete emerges branches will be notified. It is some years since the N.E.C. visited Essex and a great deal of support and assistance will be required if the arrangements for the meeting are to be successful, but more of this later.

### Unemployment Insurance Benefit

An enquiry has been received regarding payment of unemployment insurance benefit to police officers on leaving the Force, and to clear up any uncertainty I feel that I should quote three instances where refusal of payment has led to the reversal of the decision on appeal to the National Tribunal.

Two appeals against disqualification from unemployment benefit, following the decisions of local employment offices, that the individual had left

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# Cadet Corps laughs in face of misfortune



THE CHIEF poses with Cadet Corps cup-winners after the presentation. From left, standing, Constable Mark Spellman, racewalking; Stephen Wilmott, photography; Graham Clarke, field events; Chris Lewis, fitness (P.T. etc.); Russell Bance, art; Christopher Winstone, Leader of champion house; sitting from left: Tracy Haymes,



photography; Siobhan McAuley, Cadet of the Year and best sports allrounder; Linda Brewster, girls' fitness; Carol Whatley, needlework. On the right Commandant and Cadet of the Year are caught by the photographer of the Essex Chronicle to whom we are indebted for these pictures.

THOUGH the occasion might have been a little solemn, the Cadet Corps Parents Evening went off with its usual exuberance on 17th December. Indeed the evening ended with custard pies flying about, not something which happens at every police presentation ceremony. Come to think of it, perhaps this is a pity, but there it is.

As usual the evening was divided into four parts: speeches, presentations, refreshments and entertainment.

In his address the Chief Constable, regretting the

run-down of cadet strength said that it had become a straight choice between cadets and operational policemen. There wasn't really any choice at all, he said.

After the Cadet Tutor, Mr. Roger Jordan of Chelmsford college of Further Education, and the Cadet Corps Commandant had reviewed the past year, awards were presented.

These included book prizes to those who had done well in the educational sphere, and cups and certificates to those whose prowess lies in other fields.

Siobhan McAuley, who

Top prizewinner on the educational side was Constable Stephen Welham who sat and passed three 'A' levels last summer. He is now stationed at Tilbury, perhaps there is a moral there somewhere.

The cups represent such diverse activities as race walking and needlework, photography and athletics and the premier award, traditionally kept secret until the moment of presentation, goes to the Cadet of the Year.

For 1976, as last year, the best cadet was a girl, Siobhan McAuley, who

joined the Force the month before and will be stationed at Colchester when she returns from Training School. Miss McAuley celebrated next day by whipping 37 secs off the force record for 3,000 mts. walk, women, winning her race at Chigwell.

The entertainment which followed the more formal part of the occasion ran along the usual lines. The humour was mainly at the expense of the system — and the staff.

Alas, when the staff sought to have their own back with their usual comic

song about cadets' shortcomings they got custard pies in the face — only the "custard" was shaving foam.

But as usual the staff had the last laugh. One of the pie throwers had to go to the sick bay — he got soap in his eyes.

## CRUNCH



THE FIRST of our series of crashed cars comes with a reminder of the Chief's words "I hope it will be increasingly difficult to obtain such photographs by virtue of an increased responsibility shown towards driving by all ranks."

It was the old enemy, ice on the road surface, was the driver's undoing here. As he pursued a fleeing car and was about to overtake, his quarry braked. He also braked, went out of control and slid into a lamp standard.

## Exhibition encounter



HOW MANY of this year's successful PAB candidates can match Dennis Rensch who received congratulations personally from Sir James Houghton, Chief H.M.I.? And to prove it he is pictured talking to Sir James with Ch. Insp. A. Burns-Howell.

Dennis attended the "Careers for 77" Exhibition at Alexandra Palace where he and Constable Dave Brooks, both are P.S.U. men, manned the Offensive Weapons stand. Constable Tim Mildinhall of Basildon also attended, staffing the Sports stand and Cadet Phil Dodd operated the video apparatus showing films of police work.

Dennis Rensch was approached by many young people of 14-17 years who wanted to know about police recruitment. "Unfortunately most were enquiring about cadet entry," he said, "and we had to tell even those with good qualifications that they had little chance of getting in."



IN DECEMBER the annual conference of heads of Police Driving Schools took place at H.Q. Two days of discussions were interrupted briefly for our picture:

Back from left: Insp. M. J. Poole (Notts), Ch. Insp. F. McCarthy (W. Yorks), Insp. J. G. Holmes (Derbyshire), Ch. Insp. D. Johnson (Essex), Ch. Insp. P. Lyon (Cheshire), Ch. Insp. G. Smith (Merseyside).

Front from left: Ch. Insp. M. W. Abraham (S. Wales), Ch. Insp. J. Elmes (Metro), Supt. E. Grist (Wiltshire), Supt. G. Newton (Metro).

# Short Story:

## Late Night Special

URSULA PUGH LLOYD

LIVERPOOL Street Station in the tourist season, awash with revellers from many nations. Elbowing my way through a crowd of dancing Micks, I declined an invitation from a character as bald as Kojak to save the last dance for him, indeed. No place for a parson's daughter. Back from leave in the Land of Song, I faced the grim prospect of early turn tomorrow.

My usual train was waiting at my usual platform, but in darkness. No matter. Throwing my holdall onto the rack, I lit a cigarette and sighed. That last pink gin circulated and I nodded . . .

It was the cigarette burning my fingers that roused me. The train was sliding slowly, still in darkness, when the door was flung open and a man hurled in, landing like a cat. His hat fell off and his heavy valise landed with a thump. To my eternal shame as a seasoned policewoman, I screamed.

The man turned and smiled down at me. "My apologies," he said softly in a curious, cosmopolitan accent hard to describe. "I'm quite harmless." He rounded up his belongings and surveyed me from the corner seat opposite in the darkness. I could just see his teeth white against his dark face when he smiled.

Collecting myself, I said perfunctorily: "Sorry we've no lights. A British Rail economy drive perhaps."

The stranger chuckled and stared into the gloaming where a white shawl of mist was rising. "The dark is light enough," he quoted gently. "Dusky night rides down the sky." He patted his pockets. "May I smoke?"

I nodded. He produced a black, battered briar pipe bound with silver wire. With the loving care of an acolyte at a ritual, he filled and lit it and a drowsy smell like incense or sandalwood swam through the compartment.

The flaring match threw him briefly into vivid relief. A shabby figure, a sensitive face with a scarred cheek, deepset eyes and a flickering smile. He talked lightly of friends in Madras, in Mecca and in Rio and of brief encounters in Dallas and in Dawson. His voice was as soft as a caress. A professional charmer? A nut? A down-at-heel courier? I had an eerie feeling that we were alone on the train that thundered through the night.

"I return to base tomorrow," he said at length and suddenly he looked weary. "But tonight I execute my last commission." He took a small envelope from his pocket. "This contains the key to a friend's worrying problems. My friend has been searching for this, unconsciously, for years."

I eyed him narrowly and decided to humour him. "Your friend is an influential person, of course? A man of affairs, perhaps?"

His smile flickered and faded. "Something less spectacular. But beyond doubt a person of influence: we all have influence greater than we realise. My friend is a woman. Ah, as the train stopped at a familiar wayside halt, "I leave you here." He gathered his belongings. "Bon voyage!" He winked at me from the platform and the mist closed about him.

The mysterious stranger had forgotten his evening paper, a late night edition. I picked it up thoughtfully and an envelope slipped onto the floor. I snatched it up and flung open the door only to confront my old friend Abu, the porter. "Stop him!" I yelled. "He's left this on the seat!"

Abu's mouth opened and he retreated as if from an apparition. Then he said soothingly: "You not well, missy. Nobuddy get in nobuddy get out. This special train for secret destination to collect V.I.P. Stop here only to collect security man."

"But I tell you —" I stopped suddenly. Somewhere in the stillness a dog fox barked and a vixen answered. The moon lit her little lamp over the silent saltings. I shivered.

The envelope was addressed in a neat, Italianate hand: "To the Finder", and on the reverse, "Open with care."

I tore it open with a trembling hand and something caught the light and tumbled onto the floor and under the seat. Abu groped and held it up.

It was a mother-of-pearl crucifix.

# Cash for Age Concern



AGE CONCERN at Maldon were better off to the tune of £50 after Maldon Police held a dance to raise money for this charity. Chief Insp. John Eady hands over the cheque to Mr. Ron Ferriby, chairman of Maldon Age Concern, accompanied by, from left, Ian Weller, Jim Stewart, Sgt. Julian Dawson and Tony Kitching. Picture by Les Brand.

## Reg retires from Ockendon



REG GRINSTED brought 14 years at South Ockendon to an end late last year when he retired from the Force with 25 years' service. To mark his long association with the sub-division a social evening, held to mark his departure, had as its highlight the presentation of a commemorative chess set by Chief Insp. Geof Crux who also served at Ockendon for seven years before moving to so called greener pastures at Brentwood.

### NATIONAL POLICE WOMEN'S LIFESAVING

Sid Sadler who trains the Essex women's team wishes to start team training sessions soon, ready for the Southern Eliminating Contest at Hendon on 16th April. He will hold a

#### TRIAL AT GRAYS POOL

on Tuesday, 25th January, at 9 a.m. for new team members, of which he needs several to replace ex-members who have resigned.

CONTACT SID SADLER AT SOUTHEND

or

COME FOR A SWIM NEXT TUESDAY

### NARPO from P2

Police employment without just cause. In one case the appeal was based on health grounds and the necessity to give up shift work in an industrial area and in the second case the pensioner took a job in a supermarket, finding after two days he had been misinformed about the work and left with the agreement of the management.

The third case concerned a pensioner who retired from the Police Service having completed 30 years' service, and being disqualified from receiving unemployment insurance benefit for six weeks on the grounds that he had left his police employment without just cause. The pensioner had found alternative employment before tendering his resignation from the Police Service, but that

job had fallen through. His appeal was allowed by the Tribunal and the arrears of benefit paid. It would seem that the decision to pay rests entirely with the local manager of the Ministry. The moral therefore appears to be, in the event of refusal to pay, to lodge an appeal to the local tribunal in the hope that common sense will prevail.

#### Payment of Widows' pensions

It is understood that the County Treasurer will make payment of the increase in widows' pensions on the payment of the pension on February 1st. Widows' pensions increases have to be calculated manually as each pension differs, hence the delay. This delay is experienced each time an increase

is awarded, but the arrears are always included.

#### Payment of Unemployment Benefit to occupational pensioners

From correspondence with the Minister, Department of Health and Social Security, it is obvious the Government intends to proceed with the scheme to deny payment of unemployment benefit to occupational pensioners between 60 and 65 years. Strong opposition has been registered by the Public Services Pensioners' Council and I am glad to note the Police Federation has also added its weight to the opposition. It is now open to Parliament to debate the question the result of which will be awaited with interest by all pensioners.

## Federation Notes



by Jim Rodgers

### PAY REVIEW 1976

It will not have gone unnoticed that last year's Pay Review has yet to be resolved. Nor will you have missed the fact that the Home Secretary's Christmas Message said nothing about a PROSPEROUS New Year! This may or may not be significant, but it is consistent with the Government and Home Office attitude towards our claim under Phase One. The Government and the Home Office have been consistent throughout the period of our current efforts in that they say we are not entitled to the settlement of £6 per week which almost every other worker in the country has received under Phase One.

This attitude does not seem to be held by the majority of Essex County Members of Parliament. On 16th December, 1976, the Joint Branch Board Chairman, Inspector Davidson, the Treasurer, Constable Howlett and I, lobbied these Members and were able to discuss the current Pay Claim with eight of the 14 MPs. Of the remaining six, three had previously notified me that they would not be in the House of Commons on that day, but indicated their continued support for our claim. The other three had, in fairness, previously indicated their support, but did not make themselves available when we sent in our Lobby Green Cards.

Of the eight we spoke to, six were Conservatives, and all supported our claim for £6, and were generally in sympathy with our cause. The two Labour MPs showed differing views, one supporting us in our claim for £6 and new Negotiating Machinery, whilst the other felt we had received an increase under Phase One and that our entitlement was under Phase Two only. The only other Labour MP had been among the members who were not available on the day.

So a very successful "lobby" so far as we were concerned, but as yet still no signs that there will be an early settlement of our claim. It rather looks as though the Home Office and Government hope that the membership will push the Police Federation into a settlement of some kind. The only settlement that will be worth while will be one which gives us the same kind of treatment that everyone else has received. We maintain our request for justice under Phase One; we seek new Negotiating Machinery to replace the Police Council, one which will deal more openly and impartially with our pay negotiations.

In the current issue of POLICE, Jim Jardine, the Chairman of the Joint Central Committee, asks the membership to support the Police Federation policy — I, on behalf of

## New Join

the Joint Branch Board, ask you to support them and be patient a while longer. I fully realise that the present economic climate makes this difficult for many, but if anything worthwhile is to be achieved we must present a solid front. We can take some solace in the fact that the Government and the Home Office will want a happy and contented police service, when the third phase of the TUC Government agreement is introduced. Because the TUC is already indicating that it wants free collective bargaining as phase three whilst it is obvious that there is no possibility of anything other than a restrictive lower settlement to come. After all, why else would the Government be worried about settling our claim, which totals for the nation — £600,000 to £630,000 as against the expense of a settlement half that size for the nationalised industries alone!

### FAMILY INCOME SUPPLEMENT

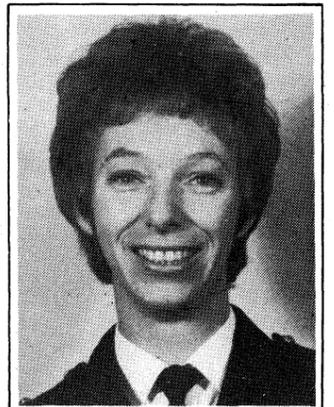
A rumour has been going the rounds — at least in one Division I know of — that there are several members of the Force actually in receipt of family income supplement. I would be pleased if those "several members" would get in touch with me as soon as possible, because they have obviously found a way round the system OR they have very large families! For the information of anyone who is considering making application — (or who believes the rumours) — I set out below details taken from the Department of Health and Social Security leaflet on the subject.

"You can claim FIS if: You are in full time work, and you have at least one child in your family, and your total family income is below a certain level. (Table below.)

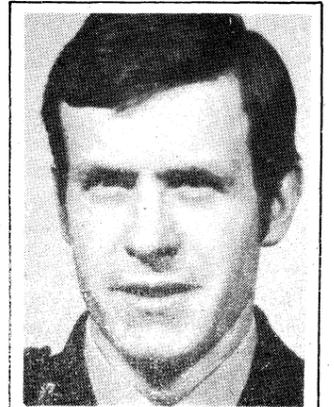
Total family income includes Gross Earnings, Family Allowances, Wife's earnings, child interim benefit, Regular Overtime or Bonuses. The following items do not count as income: Children's income, the first £4 of a War Disablement Pension, Attendance or Mobility Allowance, Rent

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## New Members elected to serve through 1977



G. Dockrell Women Police



M. G. Jolly Clacton

# Branch Board

**R**ESULTING from the elections held on 14 November 1976, the full Joint Branch Board is as follows:—

**Basildon:** Inspector A. Fox, Sergeant 321 J. Stenson, Constable 183 R. C. Davis.

**Chelmsford:** Inspector B. J. Palmer, Sergeant 143 J. D. Deal, Constable 845 M. S. Miller.

**Clacton:** Inspector M. A. A. Wombwell, Sergeant 348 M. G. Jolly, Constable 418 P. J. Cook.

**Colchester:** Chief Inspector D. C. Le Voi, Sergeant 258 A. G. S. Smart, Constable 913 Mason.

**Grays:** Inspector R. Buckles, Sergeant 256 A. R. Spensley, Constable 1027 D. Ross.

**Harlow:** Inspector S. E. Rigg, Sergeant 393 G. Delamain, Constable 600 A. Robinson.

**Southend East:** Chief Inspector J. W. Smith, Sergeant 329 J. A. Rodgers, Constable 227 R. N. Irwin.

**Southend West:** Inspector J. F. A. Gazzard, Sergeant 291 M. C. Bannister, Constable 113 A. Sage.

**Traffic:** Inspector A. T. Roberts, Sergeant P. W. Tomlinson, Constable 1230 C. G. Wylett.

**D.I.D.:** Det. Inspector G. A. Waller, Det. Sergeant 358 T. Dickinson (Harlow), Det. Constable 1071 M. M. Lewis.

**Headquarters:** Inspector E. Davidson, Sergeant 284 I. G. Barnetson, Constable 706 Goslin.

**Policewomen:** Inspector G. H. Dockrell, Sergeant 3006 V. A. Bayliss, Det. Constable 3031 U. Francis.

# TOP BOBBIES of YESTERYEAR



**THIS GROUP** of ferocious-looking gentlemen were the Superintendents of Essex County Constabulary in the early thirties.

The Detective Superintendent, rear left, was Mr Totterdell who died last month and was the last survivor of the group. It was from Mr. Totterdell's widow that this photo came.

A link with Essex Police still exists. Mr. Fred Wood who works in the Recruiting

Office is the son of Supt. Wood, second left seated in the picture.

Fred told The Law, "My father was over 90 when he died about six years ago and apart from Mr. Totterdell, who was much younger, they were all about the same age."

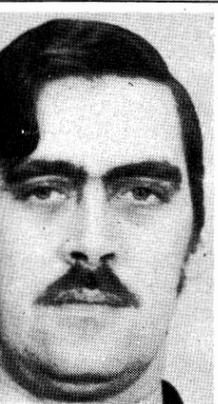
In our picture, standing from left, are: Totterdell, Sach, Brown, Knights, Hubbard; seated, Rolfe, Wood, Offord, D.C.C., Hyde, Crockford.

# AND 1977's NEW CONSTABLES

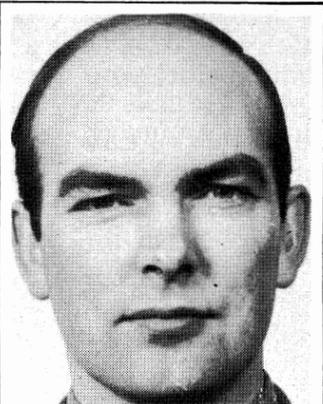


**PICTURED** during their local procedure course the most recent recruit intake was larger than of late. The twenty-six new constables began duties on divisions after Christmas. They are, from left:

Rear: J. R. James, Saffron Walden; D. S. Bates, Braintree; C. Meaffey, Halstead; P. Saunders, Leigh; S. W. Gray, Maldon; J. E. Toms, Billericay; A. Matteson, Chelmsford; C. J. Brown, Basildon; S. Crisp, Colchester; A. Marsh, Corringham.  
 Front: J. Syrett, Colchester; P. Collins, Southend Eastern; J. Smith, Chelmsford; A. Saunders, Colchester; A. Prouse, Grays; R. Turner, Billericay; S. Welham, Tilbury.  
 This was the ninth local procedure course of the year and brought to an end a good period for recruiting, a total of 174 young constables having passed through this post-Centre: N. Evans, Harlow; R. Rowley, Leigh; I. D.T.C. course during 1976.



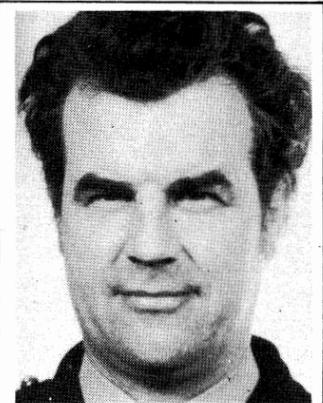
J. D. Deal  
Chelmsford



J. E. Stenson  
Basildon



G. Barnetson  
Headquarters



A. T. Roberts  
Traffic



G. Delamain  
Harlow



B. J. Palmer  
Chelmsford

# Chelmsford race opens running League year

THE fourth race of the S.E. Region P.A.A. cross-country league season was staged at Chelmsford last week. But Essex, last year's double team champions were unable to take advantage of playing at home as both men and women were short of their number one runners.

## First ever

Indeed, the women's team were dismayed after their race that they had achieved the doubtful distinction of losing the team race for the first time since the women's league began. Never mind, it was only by 3 points; they had lost a battle but may not lose the war since they lead by a comfortable margin over the season as a whole.

Louise Hyder, Kent, won the event comfortably and led her team to victory. First Essex girl was Carol Whatley in 6th place continuing her good running of recent weeks.

She was followed by Linda Brewster, 8th, Margaret Whitley, 10th, Jill Smith, 11th, Julia Foster, 12th and Susan Watson, 14th. This was excellent team packing but was just too far back to win.

Teams scores were: Kent 212, Essex 209, Thames

Valley 162, City of London 127, Bedfordshire 57.

## Stuck in

The men's team were without Graham Butler, usually placed in the first 3 or 4, but they resolved to all work that bit harder to try to gain a few places.

Now, this should not be possible because the other teams are unlikely to co-operate by hanging about, but on this occasion it came off. Andy Hayman got into single figures, leading the team home in 9th place. Both he and Tony Hides, 13th, had moved steadily forward throughout the 6 miles distance and were rewarded for even pace by good positions.

Alex Vowles did it the other way — start briskly and then hang on — if you can. At one stage he was 8th but on the last lap dropped to 15th.

He was soon followed by Martin Atkinson and Keith Skingley, 19th-20th, Gary Barrett, 29th, Paddy Rice 37th and Russell Bance 39th.

This enabled Essex to achieve a score not far short of other times though they only just held off a strong challenge from Kent. Thames Valley had 5 men in



THE TWO fields get away with blue hooped Essex runners already pushing ahead. Essex placed 2nd in each race.



the first 8 and look invincible this year.

Team scores: Thames

Valley 323, Essex 259, Kent Surrey 124, Bedfordshire 98. 252, City of London 176, The final race of the league season will be at Wel-

wyn on February 2nd. As this one must count full teams are essential.

## Force cross-country results

A POOR turnout for the Force championships contested at Chelmsford over 6 miles and 2 miles on 15th December did not prevent those who did attend from having an excellent workout against the London Post Office runners against whom a match was held in conjunction with the inter-divisional event.

Over the full 6 miles distance, Graham Butler, HQ, ran a strong if isolated race to finish 2nd and take the police title for another year. Winner was Chimes of Post Office who was in excellent form, finishing almost 2 minutes ahead of Butler.

After three more post

office men Andy Hayman arrived in 6th place to win the cadet title. He was chased hard all the way by Tony Hides but eased away on the last lap to win easily.

Newcomer this year Martin Atkinson was 2nd policeman home just ahead of Gary Barrett, 3rd cadet.

The girls 2 miles was won by Linda Brewster from Carol Whatley, Margaret Whitley and Susan Watson. These 4 have been the mainstay of the Essex team in the SE League this year. Alison Marshall, the only inter-divisional entry won the police title.

The resulting inter-divisional scores were HQ 17, Grays 6, Harlow 6.

These are carried forward to be added to the race walking scores in January when the champion division will be decided. The cadet inter-house team event was indecisive the girls and boys of each house winning one event each.

### Race results:

Police: 1, G. Butler, HQ; 2, M. Atkinson, Grays; 3, M. Fairweather, HQ; 4, D. Sheppard, HQ; 5, Hall & Gould, Harlow; 7, M. Faulkner, Harlow. Women: A. Marshall, HQ.

Cadets: 1, A. Hayman; 2, T. Hides; 3, G. Barrett; 4, K. Skingley; 5, P. Rice; 6, T. Redburn; 7, P. Watson; 8, R. Bance; 9, C. Lewis; 10, D. Furley; 11, S. Chaplin; 12, S. Wilmott. Girls: 1, L. Brewster; 2, C. Whatley; 3, M. Whitley; 4, S. Watson; 5, C. Poole.

## Swimmers

DON'T forget the Swimming Gala on Saturday, 22nd January, at Chelmsford Pool.

FIRST EVENT is at 7 p.m. — be early as you have to book in 15 minutes before your event.

AFTERWARDS, competitors and supporters will be welcome at Chelmsford Police Station bar which will be open until 11 p.m. for celebration of victories or drowning of sorrows.

## Still short of players

SINCE last month's issue the Force have only played a few games, the majority of bookings having to be cancelled due to bad ground conditions.

In the games they have played the one against SEEVIC was very entertaining with the Force losing with the last kick of the game. Once again half the team were cadets but they are playing very well. It is pleasing to see Graham Clarke back on the scene following his injury.

It seems whatever we do we cannot get 15 Force members to play these days. This was again proved when we played the Mets. at home the following week when, including 6 cadets, we could still only muster 13 players. In this game it was a pity really for it was only in the last quarter that our backs failed to keep their tight grip on a heavier set of forwards and conceded 2 tries in as many minutes, but with only 13 men a very good effort.

On the tour side as yet nobody has contacted me with any suggestions; remember, if you want to go anywhere now is the time to think about it.

On a sad note John Wileman, last year's hooker, and his wife were involved in an accident before Christmas with both receiving bad injuries. I understand Ann is still in hospital.

jersey but I've heard a rumour that he's not been to work since.

As for the Cadets' well their recent form can only be described as very disappointing and reminiscent of the way they were playing at the end of last season; lacking in organisation and showing no sense of urgency.

Their last four games have brought them only three league points and they have lost contact with the league leaders. If they are to salvage anything from their remaining games this season, they must win next week when they meet Southend Transport in the second round of the Charity Cup.

## Football Roundup

### Weather will cause fixture congestion

SINCE our last edition the weather has taken a heavy toll of football matches and a number of games have had to be postponed or abandoned. This will no doubt lead to fixture congestion towards the end of the season, and is just another one of the many problems that face team secretaries.

One of the victims of bad ground conditions was the first round Collinge Cup game between Harlow and Basildon divisions which was to have been played at the end of last month. If conditions are favourable this game will now be played on Monday, 24th January, at Epping.

Basildon must be hot favourites to win the fixture; they will be relying very heavily on the skills of Paul Gammon to put the ball in the back of the net. Already this season he has scored 15 goals. Three of

these came in Basildon's last league game against Seevic, which they won 4-3.

Basildon stand about mid-way in the first division of the Southend and District Wednesday League having played 10, won 4, drawn 1 and lost 5. They play their first cup game of the season on 19th January against league leaders Celcon Sports. This Charity cup game will undoubtedly be very hard and team manager, Tony Thomlinson was anything but optimistic about the result.

On Sunday, 9th January, Grays broke their 100 per cent record of defeats (after no less than thirteen games), when they drew nil-nil to Scruttons F.C., a local works side in the Thurrock League. Team captain Stuart Bowman told the Law, "We're getting better."

Two other teams who just recently have been going through a bad patch are Chelmsford Town and the Cadets.

## Gift for Groundsman Wally



WALLY GOFF, groundsman at the Headquarters sports field retired from full-time employment last month and the lads at the Garage, where Wally was attached for administrative purposes, had a whip round to present him with a porcelain figurine. On his last day Des Biggs handed over the gift watched by the staff.

Wally will continue to service the grounds but only on a part-time basis.

# Walking Section promote open junior races

ON JANUARY 8th the walking section took the annual opportunity to indulge in a bit of public relations work when they promoted the "Everard Memorial" race meeting which includes 5 races for walkers under 21 years. The meeting is in memory of Phil Everard, a former Essex walking secretary, a position now held by John Hedgethorpe, who did much for the sport in Essex and also promoted a junior meeting on the first Saturday of the year.

The police meeting was a great success, some 90 walkers contesting distances from 2000 mts. up to 8000mts. during the afternoon. It gave the police teams a chance to operate on home ground, a chance seized by Siobhan McAuley to lower the Force 3000mts record for the third time in 3 weeks.

There is no doubt that it has been Siobhan's month. She is beginning to walk much more fluently and is beginning to believe, herself, what others have told her, that if she continues to improve, representative honours could come her way before too long.

This meeting also upset form among the men's team, Steve Wilmott leadin the team along for much of the race until a last-ditch Paddy Rice effort relegated him. Both were far ahead of their previous times for the distance, 8kms or 5mls, whichever you prefer, as also were T. Hindes and D. Furley; a good result.

In other respects this period, spanning Christmas as it does, is

one of marking time. Unlike other teams, Police pretty well disperse over the holiday and it takes a good deal of effort to get back afterwards.

In December Denis Sheppard had some good results, 3 consecutive 4th placings, the last in Guernsey. In the new year he set a somewhat technical force record (they all count) for 11kms, this distance having recently been introduced into the calendar for standard badge purposes.

Indeed the record was not only technical but also lucky for Denis, because also in the field and about 2 minutes faster was Peter Ryan who only a week later transferred from Yorkshire to Essex. Peter is a member, with Mike Dunion, of the British international training squad; is a former holder of the Critchley Cup in the Barking to Southend race — Sheppard and Hedgethorpe have also held this cup — and will be a tremendous asset to the team.

He considers himself to be a distance man and with the likes of Sheppard Hedgethorpe, Berry, Daymond and King could give Met. Police a nasty fright when the long one comes round in May. He will be stationed at Grays so will have plenty of chances to look at the course.

## RESULTS

Match v. Metro Police, 7 miles, Chigwell, 4.12.76

4th D. Sheppard, 57.46; 6th J. Hedgethorpe 58.52.

Southern Cts 3000mts, C. Palace, 8.12.76

4th D. Sheppard 13.46.6; 12th J. Hedgethorpe 14.54; 15th P. Rice 15.46; 16th S. Wilmott 15.51; 20th D. Furley 16.20.

Guernsey 10,000mts, 11.12.76

4th D. Sheppard 49.22.

Essex League 10,000mts, Chigwell, 18.12.76

15th D. Sheppard 49.15; 28th J. Hedgethorpe 51.45; 47th P. Rice 56.39; 50th D. Furley 57.40; 52nd T. Hindes 58.04; 54th S. Wilmott 60.30. Team placed 4th.

Womens 3000mts same day.

1st S. McAuley 16.16 (Force rec.)



City of London 5000mts, 2.1.77.  
19th D. Sheppard 22.56.

Womens 3000mts same day.

4th S. McAuley 16.10 (Force rec.).

Blackheath 9000mts (yacht), 5.1.77.

5th T. Hindes 51.17; 9th P. Rice 51.02; 13th J. Hedgethorpe 46.38; 17th D. Furley 53.52; 19th S. Wilmott 53.47.

"Everard" races, Chelmsford 8.1.77.

Junior 8000mts: 10th P. Rice 42.59;

11th S. Wilmott 43.05; 12th T. Hindes 44.01; 13th D. Furley 44.13; 16th L. Berry 45.46. Team placed 4th.

Womens 3000mts: 1st S. McAuley 15.44 (Force rec.); 6th C. Poole 18.33;

8th L. Brewster 19.09; 9th A. Taylor 19.26; 10th T. Haymes 20.10. Team placed 1st.

Met. Police 11,000mts, 9.1.77.

26th D. Sheppard 53.41 (Force rec); 56th J. Hedgethorpe 57.30.

**THERE'S walking and — walking. Julie Robery, Havering A.C., 2nd in the women's 3000 mts race, demonstrates one sort while two ladies on their way home from the shops indulge in a gentler form of exercise. On the right Siobhan McAuley wins the race in a force record time. Pictures by courtesy of Essex Chronicle.**

**Band notes**  
by Harry Rossiter

A HAPPY and prosperous 1977 to all my readers and to the Essex Police Band. What will the next 12 months bring forth? Well, already we have bookings to bear in mind, such as the Specials' Annual Muster and the Pensioners' Garden Party at H.Q., plus concerts at Clacton, Colchester, and visits to Orsett and Finchingfield. Not forgetting our participation in the Chelmsford Arts Festival in May. If all that whets your appetites watch this space for further details in due season.

Now what have we been up to since my last edition?

An engagement which gave us our largest audience to date, about 35,000, would you believe? We would like to think that all those people came to hear us play.

**Is your camera broken?  
Is it full of sand?**

**Now is the time to get it fixed**

**Consult Pc Colbert,  
HQ Traffic for quote**

**Annual Traffic Dinner and Dance  
to be held at  
The Heybridge Moat House, Ingatestone  
Tuesday 8th March 1977 Tickets £4.25  
(Inc. Sherry reception; Table wine; Ladies' present)**

**Dancing to 'Ventham 5' Dress optional**

**Tickets open to all, from Traffic Subs or Pc COLBERT, HQ**

Actually, it was at Ipswich Football Ground on Saturday 4th December, on the occasion of the Home team's top-of-the-league tussle with Liverpool.

It was rather cold, with frost on the pitch when we took up our positions facing the grandstand. We played for about 20 minutes before the football commenced.

Our recital included the two signature tunes of the clubs concerned, "Amazing Grace" for Ipswich and "You'll never walk alone" for Liverpool.

We didn't collect any souvenirs from the crowd during this performance, nor from our march around the touchlines during half-time. It all went off very well, and we watched a thrilling game which Ipswich won by 1 goal to nil.

On Tuesday 21st we played a lunch-time concert at the Day Clinic at Severalls Hospital. It turned out to be a very cheerful and informal affair, with everybody contributing and enjoying themselves.

Over the years we have established the tradition of playing the last engagement of the year at home, namely, the Christmas concert at the H.Q. Assembly Hall.

Because of the demand for tickets, we gave an extra concert on the evening of the 21st to a small but appreciative audience. The following evening the same programme was performed before a full house.

Both evenings were compered by Inspector Ted Davidson, who did us proud. Please come again, Ted, it was great. There was a merry atmosphere, with the audience singing well with the carols.

Solo items from the band included Harold Hull, with his euphonium solo "Blaydon Races," and Geoff Broome with a silver posthorn playing "Posthorn Gallop" — which he was made to play a second time, only twice as fast!

Supt. Bob Palmer, our Chairman, is still recovering from an illness, and was unable to be present. It must be the first Christmas Concert he has missed. However, Mrs Palmer was present, and I know she conveyed our good wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

The Band's trustees were represented by the County Treasurer, Mr Twelvetree, and we were also honoured by the presence of Mr Justice Greenwood; the Band's President, the Deputy Chief Constable, Mr Duke, and getting a look at us for the first time was our new Assistant Chief Constable, Mr Matthew Comrie.

At the end of a very successful evening, Mr Duke addressed the audience on our behalf. And so 1976 ended amidst the family atmosphere of the Essex Police.

I am, however, sorry to record that the end of 1976 also saw the end of a successful spell as Bandmaster for Jim Bearman. Jim has been forced to give up because of increased professional commitments. I happen to know that is not an overstatement, and is due to advancement in his work.

The very best of good fortune attend you, Jim, and you know that our sincere thanks go with you for all your dedication and hard work. It was you that turned a collection of musicians into a band.

Geoff Broome takes over so we shall not lack in expert direction. We still need, however, a Deputy Bandmaster, preferably from within the Force, and if anyone feels that they can do the job, please do not delay — write today to our hardworking Secretary, Ch. Inspector John Poston, at the Stanway Traffic Garage, Colchester.

As things are at present with the Band, we had a good year in 1976, rather too much work, perhaps, but we are richer for the experience, and not only for the fees, which, incidentally, all get

**Changed her age to join**

A LINK with the past was severed this month on the death of ex Woman Sergeant Dorothy Kirk. Mrs. Kirk tried to join the Womens Police Service in 1915 but was told she was too young.

So she went away, followed a course of study for a year, upped her age by 4 years and tried again. She was accepted, and served in London, Scotland and Hove before moving to Colchester Borough.

Soon after, she was promoted Sergeant. In 1936 Mrs. Kirk married secretly and kept her new status quiet for 9 years to avoid dismissal. Policewomen could not marry in those days. Her husband was killed on "D-Day".

Mrs. Kirk retired in 1952 with 37 years' service.

ploughed back into the Band in the way of new instruments and music, etc.

Good listening!

**SPORT & INJURIES**

On 26th November, 1976, the Court of Appeal upheld a Divisional Court ruling that an injury sustained by a Police Officer whilst taking part in voluntary sporting activities does not occur in the "course of the Officer's employment nor is it incidental thereto." This means that such an injury does not qualify the officer for industrial injury benefit. In the normal course of events if the injury merely means a period of absence from duty, a police officer does not lose financially. But in the event that the injury is so serious that the officer is cast from the service because of it, then there may be a loss in pension entitlement. I understand that the Force Sports Association has already taken steps to overcome this latter problem by taking out an insurance which will cover all members of the Force whether they are presently taking part in sport or not. I believe details of this will soon be forthcoming from that Association.

**FORCE GROUP INSURANCE**

Since Amalgamation in 1969 all new recruits to the Force have joined the Force Group Insurance.

In the same time many former Essex Officers have availed themselves of its many blessings, too; but it is surprising to note that in spite of all there are only 1,966 officers of this rank who are in the scheme out of a Force strength of 2,375. The Group Insurance is effected through George Burrows Ltd., and gives the following benefits for a 50 pence per month premium:

Life insurance — payable on death from ANY cause — £3,300.

Accident insurance — £1,500 is payable on loss of one limb or one eye. £4,000 is payable on total permanent disablement other than the above.

£4 per week is payable for up to 104 weeks whilst unfit for duty through injury, whether sustained on or off duty.

£500 is payable on compulsory retirement from the Force on account of injury or ill health.

The policy covers the full 24 hours including occupational risks, normal sporting activities, motorcycling, etc. If you are not a member, I can't see how you can lose: but I can see — and often do see — how other officers who are members, can win!

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Allowance or payments for children boarded out with you.

Table of Income Levels below which one qualifies for Family Income Supplement.

Number of Children in your family	Level of Income below which you qualify	per week
1	£39.00	per week
2	£43.50	per week
3	£48.00	per week
4	£52.50	per week
5	£57.00	per week
6	£61.50	per week

For each additional child the level

# Mixed year for Recruiting

AS FAR as the number of attestations was concerned 1976 might be considered a good year for recruitment including as it did the highest-ever single intake of 44 new constables.

But the period also included another "highest-ever," that of wastage. So while 228 recruits were attested, wastage for various reasons amounted to 206, and the net gain was a mere 22.

Despite the high unemployment situation outside, the number of applications to join, at 791, was remarkably low. And recruiting

staff have been surprised at the poor standard of many applicants who attend the Training School to attempt the entrance examination.

## Breakdown

In addition to the 228 attested, 1976 ended with 32 applicants accepted and awaiting appointment and another 88 enquiries in the pipeline.

An unusually large number of retirements on pension, 82, contributed to the large wastage figures yet surprisingly the figure of voluntary resignations without pension, 81, was almost as high.

Other reasons for leaving included 17 transfers, 15 probationers sacked, 4 medical discharges and 5 deaths.

# Police Fleet Admiral retires



BOB GEORGE

ON 23rd of this month, old salt Inspector Bob George in charge of the Marine Section retires after very nearly 29 years with the Essex Police.

Bob was born in Prittlewell, Southend, and at the age of 17 he left school and joined the Royal Navy. He spent the war years on active service with the Coastal Forces in MTB's and Minesweepers.

He left the navy in 1946 and worked as a boat builder for two years before joining the Essex Police and being posted to Romford. From there he moved inland to Saffron Walden.

In 1954 he joined the Grays river section until 1959 when he was posted to Bulphan. In 1961 he was promoted to sergeant and posted to Clacton but returned to the Grays river section between 1964 and 1966.

Between 1966 and 1968 he returned for another spell

mad about boats of any shape or size."

On his retirement from The Force, Bob plans to take up a position as a clerk in the Treasurer's Department at the Civic Centre, Chelmsford.

When asked about his career Bob told The Law, "I really enjoyed the time I spent with the Marine Section. In Essex we have about 200 miles of coastline and waterways to patrol. To do the job properly requires a lot of local knowledge and at times it can be very challenging."

"Any hairy moments?" we asked. "Several," was the reply.

We wish Bob the very best in his new job counting the pennies.

at Saffron Walden before his promotion to inspector in the Communications Department.

In 1972 he took charge of the HQ Marine Section where he dropped anchor until the present day.

Colleague of long standing Sergeant George Thurkle told the Law, "Bob is just

## The Shift saw them wed



EX-CADETS Kate Bobsin (Colchester), and John Turrell (Southend), were married on Saturday, 8th January at Shrub End All Saints Church, Colchester.

Our picture shows the couple with some members of Kate's old shift, who came along to wish the newly-weds good luck.

The couple are to live in Southend, where Kate has been posted after the honeymoon.

Left to right: P.c. Julie Phillips, Bridegroom John Turrell, Ps Anne Turner, Pc Michael McDonald, Bride Kate Bobsin, PcChris Gladwin.

Picture courtesy of Essex Chronicle

## Visitors study

### Essex ways

THE LATEST visitors to Headquarters last week, were Superintendent Deryck Johnson and Inspector Ivy Brooks, both of Greater Manchester Police.

They are part of a working party instituted by their Chief Constable Mr. W. J. Richards, in October, and are making a study of preventative policing in a number of Forces throughout the country.

Superintendent Johnson told The Law, "Don't worry if you haven't heard the term preventative policing before. The first time I heard it I thought it referred to some type of birth control. In fact it refers to the departments within Police Forces that play an active role in preventing crimes and offences being committed."

The aim of the working party is to compare and contrast the policies of different forces with those adopted by Greater Manchester in areas such as Crime or Accident Prevention, Juvenile Liaison, Police/Public Relations, Community Relations and the role of the Women Police.

Before leaving Manchester the working party descended upon these departments in their own Force and saw first-hand just how they operated. Since then they have visited 8 others Forces, 3 of these in Scotland.

During their brief stay in Essex they visited the Community Involvement Unit at Basildon having learned of its existence by reading an article in the Police Review.

Having completed their research they returned to Manchester to make recommendations to their Chief Constable based on their findings.

# Former Eynsham Commandant reviews the past 22 years with some of his students.



NOWADAYS the presentation of Long Service medals for 22 years service is a matter of regularised informality. Recipients may travel to HQ where they meet the Chief over a chat and a cup of coffee.

The Law stole in to picture this month's group mainly from Leigh, all of whom were attending a reunion as well as a presentation, for when they were raw rookies 22 years ago the Chief was their Guv'nor at Eynsham Hall where he was Commandant.

## ODDS and ENDS

THE LAW is the recipient, from time to time, of various police documents which do not quite mean what they say, nor yet say exactly what they mean.

A recent example was a TPM about a motorist found guilty of driving without due care stating that she was "disqualified until she passes a further Ministry of Driving test for careless driving".

We are well aware of the jobs-for-the-boys element in politics but if there was a Minister for Driving one can be sure that it would cost even more than it does.

### Identified

Then there was the statement of a motorist who was "shown a Ford Capri which I identified as being my vehicle".

The statement continued, "I examined it and found that the following property was missing from it: Boot lid, bonnet, engine, gearbox, prop-shaft, battery, all the electric equipment, wireless, four wheels and spare, bumper bars front and rear, spot lights, footpump, jacking tools, box of self tapping screws and screwdriver". One wonders what he recognised.

Perhaps the best example occurred in the TPM about the missing mental patient which stated, "This person may become violet when approached".

Indeed the thought inspired our Poet Lawreot to pen these lines:—

They call him Joe, the technicolor dream-boat  
His ears are gen'rally ultra-marine  
If they turn to eau-de-nil  
He's about to make a kill  
And you shouldn't cross him when they're stuck on green

His nose goes rich vermillion when he's laughing  
And slightly Stewart-tartan when he's sick —  
Then they fill him up with senna  
'Til his legs go burnt sienna  
Paint a number on and drag him down the nick.

His eyes are as a rule, an egg-yolk yellow  
(After booze the whites look very slightly poached)  
His navel's three-position  
Two Valasquez' and a Titian  
But guess which bit turns violet when approached?!

And finally some doggerel verse about a happening at Harwich where, it seems, they have anti-rabies regulations well in mind.

### AN ODE TO "THE PARISH" OF HARWICH from three members of the civilian staff

Upon a dark and frosty night  
A foreign car was seen  
A certain Sergeant being bright  
And also very keen  
Upon the back seat did espy  
A dog in all its glory  
"Aha," he thought, "Oh my, oh my,  
I'll get a headline story."  
A quick call down to Harwich Nick  
To speak to Duty Sarge  
"Leave your beans, please be quick  
Rabies are at large."  
Off went the car to search the town  
The driver huffed and puffed  
Oh dear, dear Sergeant — who's a clown?  
The poor old dog was stuffed  
Still, dear Sarge, do not despair  
We know you did your best  
You've only four more months to go  
Then you can have a rest