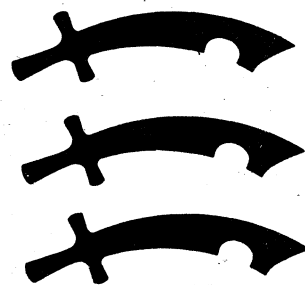




# THE LAW

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**The Newspaper of the Essex Police**

## A ton of Law

**IN TERMS** of issues it is a century since **The Law** appeared. And on the occasion of the one hundredth issue we have received the following messages of good wishes. First from the Chief:

THIS is the 100th issue of "The Law". It was started in 1969 as a channel of communication between the various levels in the Force. It has never been my policy to dictate what shall or shall not appear, although sometimes I have thought it right to give a little guidance to the Editor.

It is, and I hope it will remain, a newspaper in which anybody connected with the Force can express a reasonable opinion. I have been taken to task at times for allowing the Editor quite so much freedom to express opinions with which I may not agree, but I hope he will go on doing so.

John Hedgethorpe has carried on this work for eight years on top of his job as Commandant of the Cadet Corps. He is continuing to do it as the newly appointed Force P.R.O. and I wish him and the paper every success.

As I write the Police Service has accepted, with misgivings, a pay rise of 10 per cent and the promise of an inquiry. Although as Chairman of the Police Council I have over the past year felt inhibited about making public statements about pay, I certainly feel able to say that the rank and file of the Service are, by any standards, entitled to a great deal more. Although they have shown their loyalty to their oath by their continued devotion to duty, I am sure they will not be fobbed off by less than a fair increase.

In spite of your present difficulties which others less devoted to their calling have brought upon you, I wish you all a Happy Christmas and the prosperous New Year you all deserve.



**BRIGADIER T. F. J. Collins, C.B. D.L.,**  
**Chairman of the Essex Police Committee,**  
**has also written to the Force and The Law:**

I WELCOME the invitation to send a message as Chairman of the Police Committee to the One Hundredth issue of **The Law**, our Essex Police newspaper.

As a service the Police are unique since they are not called on occasionally to a technical emergency like the Fire Brigade or engaged in lengthy preparations for war which may or may not materialise like the Armed Forces. They are concerned all the time, day in and day out with the behaviour of their fellow citizens, some of whom make unintentional mistakes, some intentional wrongful acts and a few who are not only wrongdoers but violent as well.

This role of looking after the human behaviour of one's fellow citizens clearly requires exceptional qualities, totally unlike that of any other section of our community. The Police are, therefore, an exceptional case in every conceivable way. Ultimately they are the shield between the population of this country and anarchy, and as such deserve the total and unqualified support of all, and in particular of the Government of the day.

The Police Committee are well aware of the role of the Police Force and what it demands. They give their unequalled support to the Essex Police Force of which they and the whole county are immensely proud.



**AND FINALLY** we had a cryptic note, but so full of meaning, from Ted Davidson of the Essex Joint Branch Board:

"A Very Merry Ten Per Cent'mas and a Prosperous New Edmund Davies!"



## Rent rise delayed

### Another 'first'



**WOMEN** police got another "first" last month when Valerie Smith went through the training course for the Diving Unit which culminated in a week at Portsmouth. Sgt Knocker White was impressed so she must have done well. Pics and story on Page 3.

### Fraser's good start



**PERHAPS** to call it beginner's luck would be unfair, but for Fraser it was certainly a good start.

Fraser and Colin Ball, a new team, were on their way home from North Weald and a session on their basic training course, when there came a shout for dogs on the radio. When they got to the scene, near the M11 at Harlow, Fraser put his nose on the scent and tracked through woodland to find two fugitives and three dogs. Later men were charged with poaching.

Not bad for a pup, well, he's only 14 months — and not even on operational duties at the time. The Fraser - Ball outfit became operational last week.

**BECAUSE** Home Office requested further information from the Police Authority regarding the "multiplier" figure the new rates of rent allowances will almost certainly have missed the December pay cheques.

But at their meeting on 5th December the Police Committee agreed, subject to Home Office approval, to the adoption of the new limit of £21.79 and the multiplier system, both operable from last April 1st.

Payment of the new allowance in January now depends on Home Office approval being received in time.

The Committee also voiced their congratulations on the way the Force have done their own work plus all that has been put upon them by the firemen's strike.

After receiving a report on the police cadet scheme the Committee decided, in view of the uncertain situation regarding police pay and recruitment, to hold up any decision on whether to restart the scheme or not.

### Retirement



**HARLOW** will have lost two stalwarts during December in Supt Colin Beechinor who left early in the month and Inspector Bernard Salt whose last day of duty is tomorrow.

Mr Beechinor is to become County Road Safety Officer. However, Mr Salt who has been process Inspector at Harlow, will not take another job as he is going to Greece for a while to join part of his family who live there.



"**SHOW ME ONE HERE**", says our new man at Mersea, Sgt Tony Armstrong, reflecting perhaps, that it was never like this on **The Law**. The Sergeant and Constable Dave Passfield were coping with the high tides which inundated coastal Essex in mid-November. Tony recently moved to Mersea from Basildon and was previously assistant editor of **The Law**.

# Ediview

# 12th December 1977

## So that's alright

ANSWERING a question in the House, Home Office Under Secretary, Dr Shirley Summerskill, reported that police on duty at the Palace of Westminster were being increased from 60 to 100 under new security arrangements.

And before all you republicans rush off chuntering about looking after the nobs at a time when more are leaving the police than are joining, may we remind you that the Palace of Westminster is where Parliament sits. So you see, that's alright, isn't it?

## On parade

WE HAVE every sympathy with the Glasgow officers who made the national press after they put a black suspect on an identification parade. Apparently he was the only black man in the line although an Indian and a white man with a "afro" hair style had been included. The suspect was picked out.

In the good old days before all the fuss about identification parades, suspects, it seemed, were always picked out. Could this have been what caused the fuss?

This became a serious problem at one time in the faraway land where all the people are mad, about which we have told you stories in the past. The Guardians of the Law, who are rather less barmy than everyone else, and indeed are made to serve as Guardians for that very reason, had been winning all their parades, which are after all essentially competitive and this led to protests by the losers, an organisation called Suspects Anonymous. This was a group all looking exactly alike who, if they found themselves as guests at the Nick, would ask to phone a colleague who would then bring ten other members to volunteer to stand in the parade.

The Government reacted predictably, passing a law which required everyone in the land to look alike and banished everyone who could not comply to a far northern province. But this failed because thereafter every witness identified everyone on the parade — and

their fellow witnesses to boot — and the Government were forced to embark upon a costly prison expansion programme.

## Pithey language

SINCE the Sex Pistols record sleeve case, where an offensive word was allowed to walk from the court without a stain on its character, as it were, the use of pithey language seems to be catching on. When an Essex local authority was discussing a problem caused by a speed ramp on a private road being too high, encouraging motorists to drive onto the council's grass to avoid it, the Clerk replied that "the only answer to this problem is bollards".

## Calling in troops

WHAT a deplorable business the firemen's strike has been. What terrifying malaise must afflict this country's affairs when something like this can happen? It is in several respects an object lesson to the Police.

Part of the firemen's grievance is that there have been inquiries into their pay but the findings have not been translated into cash. And no doubt it is because of this that they have received no offer of ten per cent plus a promissory inquiry into the future. But the Police have received such an offer and accepted it. So no-one should feel too surprised if this time next year, our more militant members are shouting about striking to get the findings of our inquiry implemented.

But the subject of striking brings us to the second lesson. Have you any doubt that if the police struck the Army would be called in? Have you noticed how cheerfully and efficiently they have become firemen? Would they not, duly sworn in as Specials, perform police duty just as well?

Indeed, since they would not attempt the various back-up specialist roles, but would concentrate on a show of force on the streets, the public might find more "police" on the beat than they had ever seen before.

While one can but feel that firemen, like policemen, are woefully underpaid, it is a sad irony, and an

indictment of successive dreadful governments' woeful neglect of their armed and civil forces, that the soldiers' pay is even worse than the firemen they have replaced.

## Get lost

AT THE HEIGHT of the 1977 police militant phase one heard a good deal about affiliation to the TUC. Before this bright idea is raised again there should be some consultation with the firemen who might give some good advice. In their hour of need the TUC did no more than cynically tell them to get lost. And this to a union with the power of strike action so you can imagine their attitude to a powerless Federation.

## Hundred up

WHO COULD have guessed in 1969 that the same scribe who, at some leisure, put together issue number one of the new Essex and Southend-on-Sea Joint Constabulary newspaper, The Law, would, late in 1977 be constructing number one hundred.

We are happy to find that The Law, more succinctly named than the Force it first served, has lasted the longer. At its inception it was only the third police newspaper, following "The Job" (Met Police) and "Patrol" (the Sussex paper) into the parade room wastepaper basket.

As force titles have come and gone, so have assistant editors. Happily, our record in this respect is enviable, since none of them seem to have suffered any lasting damage except, perhaps, the one who is now on the J.C.C. — punishment enough.

Glancing back, as we did, in preparation of this issue, we found some marvellous wordy wars in early issues. We must be losing our grip as these have not happened lately. Or do readers no longer rise to the bait? Perhaps, dear readers, you too are ageing.

Well, here we go, on target for number 200 when, it is to be hoped, someone else will look back nostalgically. Perhaps we may take this chance of wishing all our readers of the ten-per-cent-plus-promises variety and all the others too, a very happy Christmas and prosperous New 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.

## He was lost for words

### Farewell

Dear Sir,  
I should be most grateful if you would grant me a little space in your magazine to thank my many friends at Headquarters including the Chief Administration Officer, C.I.D. staff, the officers and ranks of Chelmsford, Colchester, Laindon and Southend traffic subs, Mrs. Gowers of the Driving School, Traffic Management, Headquarters Workshops and Road Safety and Accidents for their generosity, kindness and comradeship to me over the years and upon my retirement.

ALEX SURGENOR  
ex Abnormal Loads, Traffic Admin. Office.

23 Gilmore Way,  
Great Baddow,  
Chelmsford.

A short time ago I was present in court when a local magistrate retired. All the current magistrates were there and they were all resolute in their praise for him. No doubt he has done sterling service through the years and he was full of praise for the Probation Service, solicitors etc. whom he came to know.

When he came to the police the few officers present pricked up their ears to await some unbridled praise.

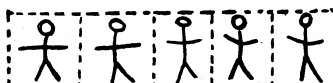
He did not say, what a fine body of men we were. He did not say, how good we were in the face of adversity and increase in crime. He did not say, that he came to admire us as his time passed.

No, he said words to the effect "As for the police, I've met some CHARACTERS in my time". That's all! Characters! That's all he

thought of to say about the police after 25 years on the bench.

There were some new magistrates present in court. Let us hope that they are a new breed who appreciate how good, under strength and in need of support their police force is.

JOHN MALONEY  
Braintree



## How does he do it?

Dear Sir,

The readers of your paper will probably recall seeing letters commenting on many different subjects. One of the best known was 'George solves the manpower crisis at a stroke of the pen'. The 'George' referred to was George Darby at Ongar Police Station the quietly spoken officer who keeps this station ticking over without fuss, and the rest of us in line with the occasional sharp word. However, few of your readers will know that George has had an illness which has now almost confined him to a wheelchair. Even this has its own number plate and look out if he's coming down the corridor towards you. But this hasn't stopped him from getting his name on a detention sheet by arresting a man on warrant. Don't ask me how he does it, he's keeping that a secret. He probably had a quiet moment with nothing to do. More power to your elbow George.

J. JOHNSON  
Police Constable 1396.

## More about warplane crashes

Dear Sir,

With reference to the September issue of "The Law" and correspondence from ex-Inspector Sidney M. Smy, may I offer further information in order to keep the record straight?

The story of the German mine-layer crash at Clacton on 30.4.40 has already been covered in the "Essex Police Magazine" a few years ago in my article "Major Incident, 1940". The account of the Chelmsford Heinkel (and many other incidents in Essex) are in course of preparation for future issues.

Mr. Smy believes that the

## Olde Tilburye

Dear Sir,

Hands across the sea to Chris George and Jack Flory! Thirty years ago, we were all mates at Braintree under those tutelary Establishment figures (if that's the right terminology) Walter Pope and Khrushchen Baker. Ah, memories.

There were giants on the earth in those days, gentlemen. Sailor Jack looked down on us little 'uns from 6ft. 5½ins., while Chris was monarch of all he surveyed, 6ft. 6ins. up to his auburn curls. Earlier still, historians insist that Hitler began to lose heart when Chris joined up in the early 1940s as the Allies' secret weapon. Appointed his squad's liquid fuel carrier, he must have become a human torch in the event of a direct hit. Fortunately for posterity, he survived.

I'm sure he will forgive the following fragrant memory. If not, my solicitors are Slowe, Stoppe, Swindlehurst and Pecksniff of Lincoln's Inn.

Chris presented grave accoutrement problems to the Army mandarin i/c stores. Resisting the impulse to issue half a bell-tent, they finally found a suitable battledress. But the feet, very properly for a man of his inches, were of a magnitude never before faced by the regimental shoemith not by the dominions beyond the seas. With a war on, Excused Boots was not acceptable and he wore his own pro tem.

When in the fullness of time the problem was resolved, so they say, some unidentified miscreant wrote on Company Orders: "Private George has now been issued with ammunition boots. God save the King!"

RALPH JONES.

## Bound for Australia



THE Scenes of Crime Department said farewell to D.C. Martin Graves recently upon his departure for Australia as an emigrant. Best wishes went with him from his colleagues, and a parting gift handed over by Supt. Jerry Bragg. See letter below.

Dear Sir,

I would like, through your columns, to say farewell to all my friends and colleagues associated with the Essex Police. Unfortunately I haven't had the chance to see everyone personally so perhaps this letter will go some way to righting my omissions.

I ought to explain, to those who haven't already heard, that my posting to Headquarters Photographic did not work out as I had hoped. Suffice it to say that mutual agreement could not be reached over housing. It's no secret that I have been trying to emigrate to Australia for several years. Unfortunately for various reasons, in the past I have not been acceptable as an immigrant. Australia has much stricter control over the people it takes nowadays, having a trade "in demand in Australia" is virtually the only sure way to get there on assisted passage. However, recently I was told that I would be allowed permanent residence in Australia (since my parents and married brother live there), provided I paid

matter a good deal of thought I have decided to take a gamble. We sail from Southampton on November 16.

My main regret is that I will not be able to push the boat out (in the metaphorical sense) because I simply can't afford to. The fare for the boat trip is £1,500 so obviously there is little to spare. In any case, prior to my abortive posting to HQ my Harlow colleagues attended an evening at the Harlow bar and very kindly presented me with a tankard as a parting gift. I believe I can make full use of that in Australia and it has turned out to be a very appropriate gift if I may be allowed to treat it as a final departing gesture instead of its original intention.

Finally, if anyone wishes to write my address will be: 5 Lindsay Street, Whyalla 5608, South Australia. This is my parents address and will be my temporary home.

I wish everyone a happy and prosperous future.

MARTIN GRAVES

## Rayleigh Police Sports Club

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## "J" Alehouse

Open from Tuesday 25th October  
each evening Tuesday-Saturday  
Colleagues from other Divisions welcome

### Coming events:

Friday 23rd December

Christmas Eve Social

Tickets £1 from Fred Feather, Rayleigh

New Year's Eve Social

Force Lottery Draw Social

8 pm Friday, 27th January

Tickets from Fred Feather.



# Knocker puts new divers through it



THERE's nothing glamorous in this police diving game. It's not quite like diving for sunken treasure in the crystal waters of the Med. Valerie Smith is hosed down after a dive.

IN ISSUE number one of The Law in the palmy days of 1969 there was a picture of a spritely looking 40-year-old who had just forsaken a life on — or under — the ocean wave for a uniform of another shade of blue.

Chief Diver Knocker White had joined Essex Police after 23 years in the navy. Now he is in charge of the Diving Unit as he has been since it went full-time a few years back. The Law caught up with the Unit at Heybridge Basin on a bright November day where Knocker was putting his newest recruits through their paces.

Most notable among these was Valerie Smith who is married and based at Chelmsford. Valerie wasn't saying much, indeed communication under 15 feet of weed choked water was by a series of tugs on a safety rope, which is not easy to translate into prose. But she's not striking any blows for womens lib, just "fancied the work."

Cadet Chris Winstone was attached to the Unit as part of his cadet programme last year, showed an aptitude for the work and was put through a course to



WITH a warming cupper after a session under water, Cadet Chris Winstone relaxes on the tailboard of the Diving Van.



THIS is no soft number. Valerie Smith has to lend a hand preparing her male colleagues for their dives. Here she straps on Ian Brown's breathing apparatus.

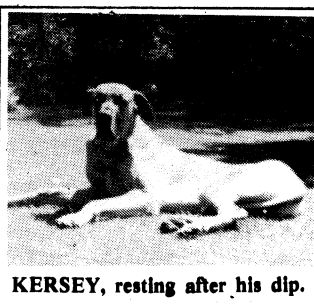
qualify. Already this year, at the request of Sgt. White, he has been back for a period of work with the outfit.

Also in training were Constables Ian Brown and Brian Jeapes, both former cadets who will, once qualified, be part-time members of the Unit.

Two other full members were at Heybridge, Bob Beagley and Ted Travers, who were on standby to assist the trainees.

The Unit is part of the Marine Section which also includes the launches operating around the Essex tidal waterways. This, in turn, is part of operations, watched over by Supt. A. Gilling.

The visit of The Law began with pure pantomime. Kersey, the faithful newshound had come with us. Seeing the weed-choked water he just walked straight on. So the first job the Unit had was hauling him out.



KERSEY, resting after his dip.



SGT. WHITE ASSISTS Brian Jeapes whose breathing apparatus got bunged up in the mucky water.



MUCH Diving Unit work involves groping about in murky conditions and Heybridge Basin makes a good training area, choked with weed.

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soldier and two civilians.

The next enemy action (albeit accidental) causing fatalities was that of the Clacton incident. Therefore, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gill were the first fatalities in England, the first in Britain being some six weeks earlier and located in Scotland.

Finally, I would welcome any "old sweats" dropping me a line on matters relative to '39 - '45 incidents in Essex involving aircraft actions, crashes, rescue, capture or burials of airmen — in fact anything covering this period would be appreciated. There were 146 German crashes alone in Essex, not to mention those of R.A.F. and American aircraft, so there must be some untold tales amongst your readers!

The type of material I am searching for are notes, private diaries, photos in particular, scrapbooks and newspaper cuttings. All letters will be acknowledged and any items loaned will be carefully preserved and returned after perusal.

Yes, you can "release" your stories now that the 30-year restriction passed by two years ago!

KEN RANSON  
P.s. 281

No. 1 Police Houses,  
Great Horkesley,  
Colchester, Essex.

Dear Sir,

My family and I would like to express our thanks to all members and former members of the Force for the messages of sympathy, floral tributes and donations sent to us on the sad loss of a dear husband and father.

It was comforting to us to see so many of his friends and colleagues at the church service.

Yours sincerely,  
Elizabeth E. Blake  
12 Hasel Croft Road,  
Boreham.

Ex-P.c. Blake was 70 when he died. He served for 30 years, retiring in 1959.

YOU MIGHT think that Old Bill and his customers don't quite see eye to eye on many things and no doubt you would be about right.

And yet there is no hint of animosity in the letter, an extract of which is reproduced below, sent to Supt. Harris of HQ, CID, from Maidstone jail from a customer doing ten.

Dear Gov,  
I got your letter the other day asking me if I want my stuff back what you took from me. Of course I want every think back even down

## Gordon wants his book back

Dear Sir,

Please include this plea from me in your next edition.

Some (many) years ago I lent my copy of the book "Country Copper" to a fellow officer. I cannot remember who. This book was written by my uncle, G. H. Totterdell, who signed the flyleaf after writing, "To Gordon, etc..."

Could the person who has this book please contact me and I will arrange to collect.

GORDON OAKLEY

The Oakleys,  
36A Grange Avenue,  
Wickford, Essex.

to the last match stick. But how do I know what you took that belongs to me. Would you write back and tell me what you have got of mine and not a list that belongs to half the county. I know one thing for sure your mob said a coat was found in my car. Well I can say that's not mine, so I don't want that. So can you see why I'm asking you so nice to let me know what you took of mine.

I hope you are all well in the Police force as I'm very happy here and it was the greatest thing your mob ever done to me. I'm nice and fit and working in the gym, lost 5

stone in weight. So now you can see why I'm happy. But I must say this I'm up for parole this year and IF you would like to help a little would you ask Mr. Harris to write to the Board and tell them what a nice fella I am.

Please write back soon because I have only got five year left to do and it's already took you five years to ask me if I want the stuff back. If I have to wait another five years the Irish stew might be bad, so don't forget, get your finger out and write back to the Boy right away.

All the best, your Pal,  
Signature



# A nostalgic — but none too serious

HOW should one begin to look back over the brief period of police history covered by one hundred issues of The Law? Compared with the whole history of the Force it is like the era of recorded human existence compared with all that went before.

To be sure, future police historians will find the last 8 years rather more faithfully documented than the previous 130, or perhaps one should say more fully commented upon since The Law is sometimes more a work of fiction than a text book.

Such is the manpower turnover in recent times that something like half of the

readership of this paper would not have seen issue No. 1. Indeed, so volatile are the times that we are probably in error to refer to manpower at all. But personpower sounds at best silly, and at worst rude.

## Blue to red

And all through the many changes which have overcome the police in Essex, this paper has managed to change but little. Perhaps of late more radical than at first: maybe the change from a blue heading to red on the front page signalled a more outspoken phase.

Issue No. 1 was printed in

time to be in every Station, down to sub-division level, on the morning of "Amalgamation Day". April 1, 1969.

Like a bride plucked from the bosom of her family and carried off to a forced marriage, Southend Borough joined Essex, though diehard Borough men will still have it the other way around. The Law walked a tightrope in those days with someone ready to take offence at every mention or omission of Southend.

Perhaps our reference to the final parade of the Borough Police in white helmets as "The Snowdrops Farewell" did nothing to help. Yet this amalgamation

was not the only one. In issue No. 69 we reported the take-over of Stansted Airport, and in No. 81, the retirement of the last Colchester Borough man.

## Cadet Gazette

In those days, as until very recently, this paper was produced in the building which nurtured the Cadet Corps, and knowledge of this led to members of the Force to call the journal the Cadet Gazette, alleging, quite without foundation, that cadets had more than their share of space. Editorial policy never bent to this particular breeze but now, alas, myth has been

overtaken by mistake so while issue No. 8 reported the Royal Opening of the School, No. 85 announced its forthcoming closure.

With the question of pay exercising everyone's mind in 1977 it is interesting to leaf through the old pages to find that this issue has never been far away. In No. 7 we reported that a Brian Venner was to bring out a questionnaire on wastage — the other side of the pay coin. He eventually did so and even more eventually reported the result. But we had known the answers all the time it seemed and didn't really need this exercise in the first place.

Issue No. 12 reported an

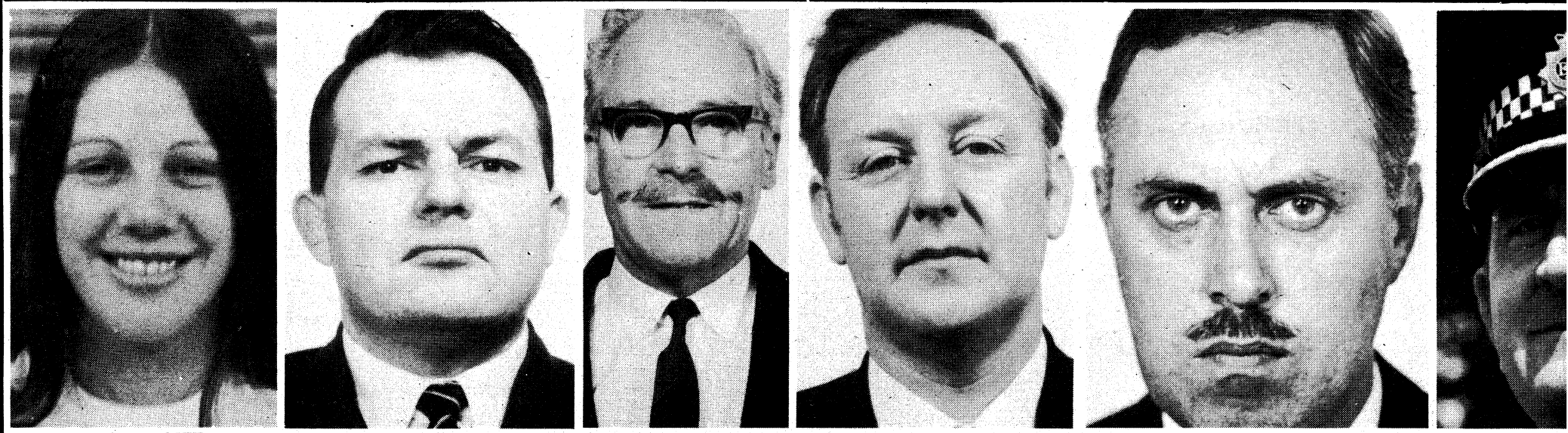
8½% pay rise; No. 20 carried the heading, "No pay rise yet, Official Side play time"; No. 39 forecast 13½%; but No. 53 announced 15%; No. 53 — £1 plus 4%; No. 63 — £1 threshold; No. 65 — 23 No. 77, the pay rise in 19 which just beat the freeze and which was the subject afterwards of so much argument; in issue No. 93 saw that 65% had voted the right to strike.

## Intact

Despite various pan over possible boundaries changes Essex has remained intact.

We have noted t

**As The Law scores the ton at Christmas here's a quiz for readers. A**



**The top line were easy ones. We never pretended this was going**







# — glance at 100 issues of The Law.

completion of Police Stations at Chelmsford, Rayleigh and Tilbury, the Dog School and the HQ Garage. We have reported the commencement of the Headquarters extension but despite optimism in issue No. 61 that the "New HQ building should be on time", we have not yet announced its opening.

We have reported new hats (49) and trouser suits (88) for policewomen, on dined capbands (55) for men, on new Joint Force arms (17) and new Essex Police badges (60). Police pop groups (14), home grown graduates (17), surplus police houses put up for sale (33) special recruiting edition (45),

community involvement (62), pensioners parties (65), reduction of recruitment age to 18½ (72), women get their W's back (91): quite a miscellany.

### Bikes

At one time cycling came to hold a special place in readers hearts after The Law reported that cycle patrols were being reintroduced (38). There was a flurry of interest and a Constable at Harwich said he would be embarrassed on a bike (40). This led in a roundabout way to Wix where the traffic makes cycling dangerous but the editor's offer to ride his bike there for an hour was never

## Where are they now?

THE FIRST issue of The Law carried three pictures on page one. Two of these were of the Chief and the Editor, both of which durable characters are still in office.

The third was ex-Insp. Percy Moss who had experienced the amalgamation in reverse in 1914 when Southend became a separate force. Percy still lives in retirement at Prittlewell.

Inside there was a feature on T.W. Harry Morgan whose prompt action at a serious accident led to the award of the Betts Trophy. Harry is still at Chelmsford, having served 14

years as a Warden with four to go for his pension.

On page three we noted the arrival of Insp. Jim Hogarth as 2 I.C. at the Driving School. He came from Northumberland and later moved on to Wilts. where he now serves at Chippenham.

On the centre pages was a layout showing the divisional boundaries — something we must do again soon — with pictures of the Chief Supts. Only Mr. Petherick is still serving, having moved up to A.C.C.(O).

Inspector John Sutton, then

at the Training School, was featured with an Indian Police visitor. John is now back as Training Supt. On the same page Acting Sgt. John Burroughs was featured in a "high performance Cortina" on trial at Laindon. John is now an Inspector in Planning.

The sports page carried the first of many cross-country pictures, this one of Clive Crossman winning the Force championship. He later moved to the Bermuda Police. There was also a walking picture — guess who this was of.

Pictures of the football team

showed Tony Bragg, Keith Wilkins and John Rhymes who have continued to play until recently, putting our younger members to shame.

Also featured were the Deputy Chief, Mr. K. Alston, now enjoying his retirement at Clacton, and Det. Insp. Jeffery of the Fingerprint Bureau who is now plain Mr. but still sits in the same chair.

That year the Wilson Trophy for the bravest act went to Constable Peter Wright of Rowhedge. And this one brings us right up to date because only last week Peter's police service came to an end after a full term — with naval service to count. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

taken up. It all ended after we published a picture of the Chief on his cycle (58).

And walking has for some

obscure reason excited great interest and the efforts of contributing cartoonists: one wonders why.

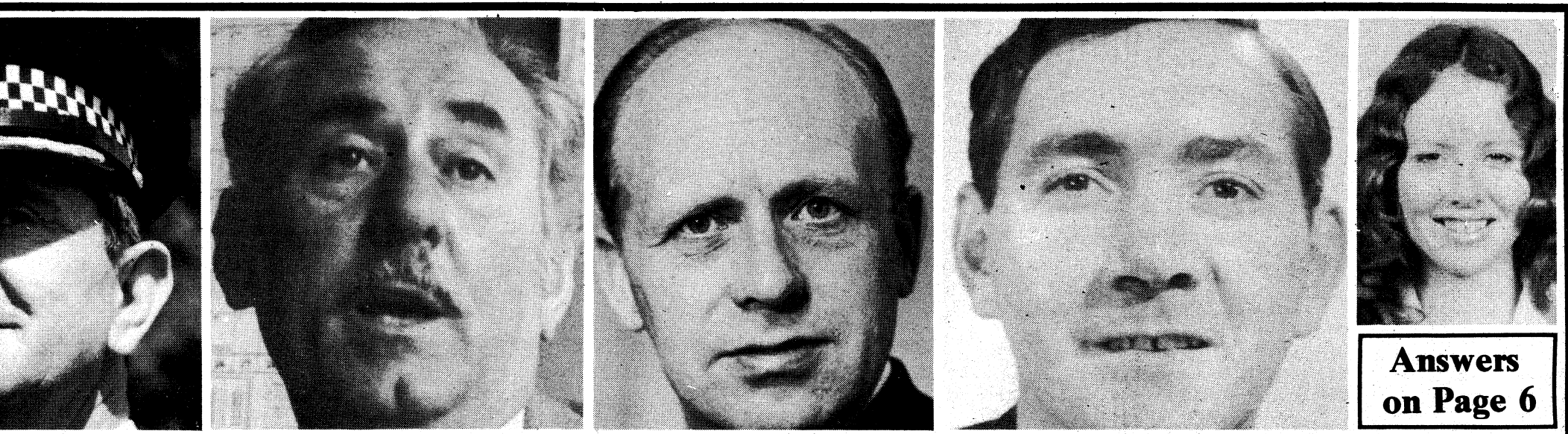
Even for the staff who put it all together, it makes fascinating reading. Faces in the background of pictures

have new significance with hindsight.

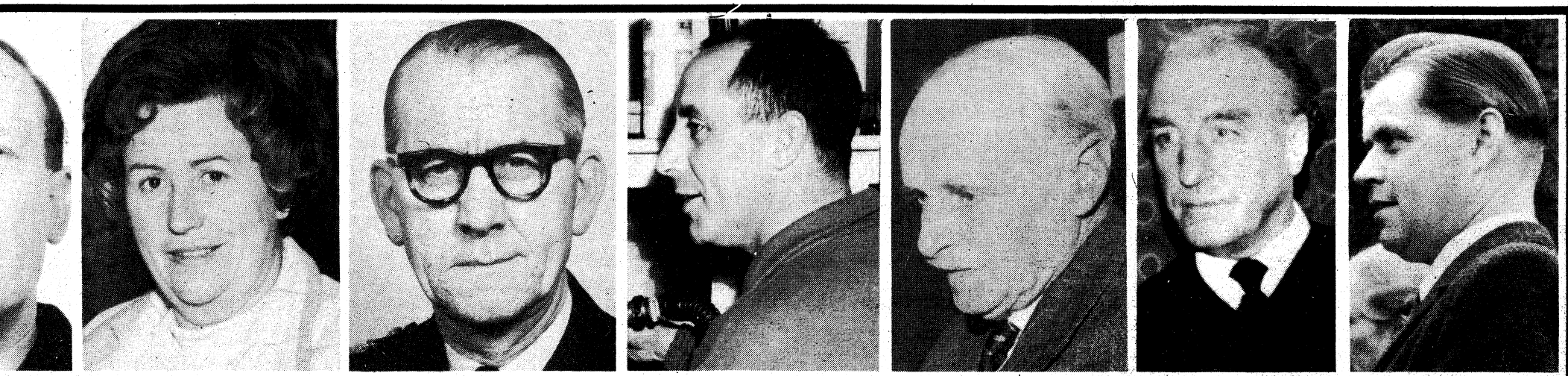
And so to the next 100



*these faces appeared in our columns. How many do you remember?*

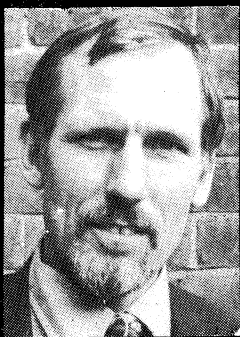


*be simple. Anyone who can score 40 or more has a great memory*





## Federation Notes



by Jim Rodgers

AS WE come to the end of 1977 — a year in which the morale as well as the pockets have been hit by stringent cut-backs in finance imposed by the Government policy on pay and public spending — the portents for 1978 are good. There seem to be a number of ways that we shall receive, more or less immediately, an uplift in spending power. First of all there is the preliminary award of 10% on pay — which will be included in the December pay packet together with arrears to September 1st. Then there is the increase in rent allowance, which should be formally ratified by the Home Office in the very near future. There is the acceptance by the police Committee of the implementation of the multiplier system with effect 1st April 1977, which in turn will mean an increase in the Compensatory Grant which will fall due in April 1978. And finally there is the prospect of the return to a Willink scale of police pay when Lord Edmund-Davies has published the recommendation of his Inquiry, which the Government has already indicated it will accept and implement.

This brighter horizon may stem the premature wastage that the Force has been experiencing over the last year or so — it may even encourage one or two to return to the fold — but whatever, I believe that there has been a lift in morale which will ease the pressure that has been building up.

### Pay Review 1977

The immediate 10% which is to be included in December pay is set out quite clearly on a recent Force Order, but what it does not point out to you is that for a very small sacrifice the Phase Two Award of 5% has been consolidated into pensionable pay, this consolidated sum has then been increased by 10% at each of the salary points. Likewise the unsocial hours element has been uplifted by consolidation, but to take account of the Government restrictions the annual sum has been reduced by £10, or 19 pence each week. This £10 is the small sacrifice for consolidation; there are many outside employments, where phases one and two have to be "bought back," where the reduction in the global sum available will be considerable merely to achieve this purchase. We have been fortunate in this regard — perhaps our future fortunes are on the up and up.

The Inquiry by Lord Edmund-Davies, which was originally set up to look into the police pay negotiating machinery, has now been endowed with much wider terms of reference, covering pay itself; the constitution, rights and duties of the Federations and other police representative associations. It is recognised that this will take some time, but interim reports can be issued, and it is anticipated that one will be issued on the levels of remuneration appropriate for the police in the light of the responsibilities, workload, stresses and dangers to which we are exposed; and the restrictions to which we are subject, in addition to the need to ensure adequate police strengths.

The Inquiry's conclusions on Pay will be accepted by the Government. Together they will decide how the recommendations should be phased.

### Police Act 1976

By now each Federated ranks should have received a copy of a Joint Central Committee circular on procedure. In paragraph B, which deals with copies of complaints, any member who has sought a copy of a complaint (whether this has been supplied or not) and all members who in the future seek a copy of any complaint are asked to supply details to the

FIRST AID is booming in Essex, the competitive team tests in the gym," says Ian.

A week before this the Force women's team will be contesting the Southern Eliminator at Exeter, and have recently spent a week under intensive training at HQ. The team will be chosen from: Cathy Donaldson, Stansted; Kay Cummings, HQ; Sue Kelly, Grays; Barbara Faulkner, Harlow; Barbara Washbrook, Basildon; and Rosie Palmer, Clacton.

This will be on January 15, when Constable Ian Hunter will be the organiser. Of course, this will mean he cannot coach the Force team.

"We welcome any members of the Force who

would care to watch the team tests in the gym," says Ian.

In recent contests the Rayleigh Division team, representing the Force, won the Lilly Herbert competition at Southend, and placed 4th in the Herts Police Open event in October.

## First aid team's success

On the same day as the Herts contest the Force team competed at Ipswich and placed 5th in a strong entry. The Force team has also won the Orwell Trophy and

staged a contest at Colchester on behalf of the Ipswich First Aid Committee.

And finally, Constable Trevor Brand of Clacton, has been awarded the St. John Certificate of Commendation for Meritorious First Aid for his actions in restoring heart beat and breathing in a patient who had suffered a heart attack at a circus.

## National Association of Retired Police Officers by Bert Brinkley

### Garden Party

The date fixed for the Party is Thursday, 13 July, 1978 at Police Headquarters Training School and arrangements are getting under way for the occasion. It has been echoed at a committee meeting that many pensioners have expressed their willingness to support financially, in fact, some have already contributed. N.A.R.P.O. will as on previous occasions donate towards the fund. A suggestion has been put forward which will be discussed by the committee at a later date and details will be given in this column, but the outcome of this suggestion will be too late for this year's Party but will be useful for future occasions.

### Obituary

It is with regret that we record the death of Ex P.C. William E. Blake (Bill) on 5 November, 1977. 'Bill' was a very likeable character known throughout the Force for his sense of good humour. This was evidenced at his funeral at St. Andrew's Church, Boreham on 11 November, when a large number of colleagues, pensioners and regular police paid their last respects to a very conscientious colleague. The Vicar of Boreham, who had also known 'Bill' for over 12 years spoke very highly of him and the respect he commanded in the Village. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Widow, Cis, and her two daughters in their sad loss. 'Bill' sat with me at the comrades luncheon on 7 October and although he was not his usual self he still had his jokes, but I did not think the end was so near.

An instance recently occurred where it was revealed how our nationalised industries attempt to 'make ends meet'. I had occasion to write the Post Office and ask for re-direction of mail to a widow who had left the district and moved to a home within the county. The reply gave cause for alarm, the fee for re-direction was — £1.25 for 1 month, £3 for 3 months, £7.50 for 6 months and £15 for 12 months or over. Needless to say I did not fall for that one. One would think more labour was involved in redirecting a dead letter than for normal re-direction as requested?

### Band Concert

I have been asked to include in our column the forthcoming Band and Carol Concert to be held at Christ Church, London Road, Chelmsford, at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 21 December. Tickets can be obtained free of charge from C/Insp. J. Postan, Traffic Division, Stanway, Colchester, or Sgt. P. Dossett, Training School, Police Headquarters, Chelms. 67267 Ext. 365. These concerts are well worth making an effort to attend. Accommodation at Christ Church is larger than at Police Headquarters hence the change of venue this year.

A welcome letter has been received from our member — Mr. Fred Gregory of 45 Roman Road, Ingatestone, who surely must head our longevity league. He is 90 years young and has been a pensioner since 1934. Mr Gregory is ex Metro (here I stand corrected) but I know all pensioners will wish him the best of luck and health with the batting to reach his century.

Both the treasurer (Mr. Phillibrown) and myself are appreciative of the many expressions of good wishes for health and happiness for the future. It is impossible to acknowledge individually but rest assured we both reciprocate the Seasonal Greetings and shall endeavour to do our utmost for the branch in the year that lies ahead.

For those pensioners who are not yet members of the Association may I make one last plea, you have all benefitted by the labours of our N.E.C. on 1 December, just pause and think what would have been your luck had it not been for the efforts of the Association on your behalf?

## Increased vehicle turnover at garage

THIS year, for the first time ever, the number of damaged vehicles passing through the HQ garage has exceeded 400. Indeed this figure was passed in November, the total was 426 last week and is expected to rise to 450 by the end of the year. One might describe this as the unacceptable face of productivity while hastening to add that not every case was a road accident. Some cars had actually been victims of criminal damage.

## Fine thanks

IN Colchester an army officer who parked his car while he bought sweets for his children, came upon an armed robbery. He scared off the assailant, telephoned the police with details which enabled them to lock matey up in a very few minutes, and returned to find his vehicle decorated by — yes you guessed — a ticket. Happy ending: he has had a thank-you letter instead of a summons.

## Peter Williams at the Palace



A GREAT DAY for the Williams family on 22nd November when Dad, Det Ch Insp Peter Williams, went to Buckingham Palace to receive his MBE from Her Majesty The Queen.

He was accompanied by the family who arrived early enough to be seated at the front for the ceremony. Peter is pictured after the investiture with his married daughters, Monica, left, and Anne, right, and his wife Sylvia.

## PICTURE QUIZ

So how many did you know? The names were:

Top line, from left: V. Granville, P. Nobes, F. Bonfield, M. Moore, J. Graves, F. Chalkley, E. Easlea, J. Farnsworth, J. Duke, B. Harley.

Second line: J. Allen, C. Kelly, H. Hutchings, K. Alston, W. Vickers, G. Moore, L. Minshall, M. Oldall, H. Smith, O. Butler, W. Docker, P. Mace.

Third line: M. Purvis, J. Burke, W. Millard, S. Hall, R. Whalley, J. Thorne, S. Smith, J. Hurley, R. Murray, M. Dray, Sir J. Peel, G. French, P. Joslin.

Bottom row: G. Davies, C. Crossman, A. Goodson, M. Holliday, L. Franklin, D. Head, L. Faux, D. Harmer, M. Hicks, W. Partis, Mrs. Goodson, A. Mitchell, A. Ashbee, C. Waller, M. Trollope, J. Thorne, F. Hagon, A. Grange.

## The Law Shop

WANTED — "Velocette" water cooled M/cycle, "Noddy-type." Any condition. Pc 319 Barkway, Laindon Traffic.

service after 5.4.75, but he can have a refund in respect of service before 6.4.75.

Any refund in contributions is subject to tax and that in respect of service after 5.4.78 is subject to deduction of CEP (employees share).

On behalf of the Joint Branch Board, and my secretary Irene Black, may I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best of luck for Christmas and the New Year.

## MUSEUM

HOPING to set up a museum and collection of items to display on schools liaison visits, Constable John Redfern of Suffolk Police, stationed at Lowestoft is appealing for any articles which Essex force members may be able to give.

He can make good use of historic uniforms, badges, foreign police medals, helmet badges and so on. He is currently writing a "History of the Suffolk Police and Lowestoft Division," and hopes to finish this in time for the opening of the new D.H.Q. in the town.



ON THE 24 November 1977 the Headquarters section had a very successful night out at the Cambridge Theatre in London, which was enjoyed by all.

The M.O.D. disco at Shoebury due to be held on the 16th December, 1977 has been cancelled because the hall is now being used for another purpose.

Members are reminded that subs for 1978 can now be paid to their Divisional Representative, and in any case MUST be paid by 31 March, 1978.

Further request received from Chico Bates, asking for any unwanted games or records for the I.P.A. house at Leigh.

Finally may I wish all members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

BOB COLLETT has asked The Law to convey his thanks to all who sent him messages of goodwill on his recent retirement from the force.

# SWIM GALA

The following will be the order of events for the Swimming Gala on Saturday 21-1-78, first event 7pm. Childrens presentations in the interval; all other presentations in the Chelmsford Police Station bar afterwards.

## Children

Girls under 11  
Boys under 11  
Girls 11-15  
Boys 11-15

Novices, men  
Novices, women  
Veterans freestyle

## Breaststroke

Cadets  
Women  
Men 200mts

## Childrens relay

Interval

## Freestyle

Men 100mts  
Women  
Cadets  
Girl cadets

## Backstroke — men

## Lifesaving

Men  
Women  
Cadets  
Girl cadets

## Boat race

Relays  
Men 4x1 length  
Women 4x1 length  
Mens medley

Uniform race.

## Walking

SAD to see this month's result list containing so few names but these few stalwarts have kept the Police flag flying.

With several of the team undergoing a period of what, in modish parlance, is called "active rest" — indeed one can only hope it is active — and several others simply missing this month has been one for individual effort.

Miss McAuley, between her exploits in other sports, put in two great efforts at 5Kms and 10Kms. The first, at Enfield, was of some importance as she got through a strong field to 2nd place, whipping half a minute off the force record in the process.

Ten days later at twice the distance she took on a mens field in Battersea Park. And in a 43 strong field, Siobhan finished 21st, clocking 56.10 for another record.

Dennis Sheppard has been on about average form for the time of year but John Hedgethorpe's times have included personal bests at 10 and 15 kilometers, very pleasing in the cold weather.

These two, combined with associate member Ron Wallwork, captured a most encouraging team title in the Embleton memorial 15Kms at Battersea last week, beating Met Walking Club, the home team, in the process.

With the remaining members of the team back in harness Police renew their assault on the Essex Walking League with the Christmas 10,000mts at Chigwell. And after this 1978 will be here.

One sign of the success of the Walking Squad in the past year has been the four invitations received for the high class races in the City of London on News Year's Day.

The four Essex Police walkers to star on T.V. will be Mike Dunion, Peter Ryan and Denis Sheppard in the mens 5,000mts and Siobhan McAuley in the womens 3,000mts, all tackling the fastest walkers in Britain.

## RESULTS

9,000 mts, Blackheath, 8-11-77  
12th D. Sheppard, 45.38.

Enfield races, 12-11-77

Seven miles: 21st D. Sheppard, 54.33; 44th J. Hedgethorpe, 57.59.

Womens 5,000mts: 2nd S. McAuley, 27.07 (Force Rec.).

Chigwell 10,000mts, 19-11-77

7th D. Sheppard, 48.53; 13th J. Hedgethorpe, 51.24.

Battersea 10,000mts, 23-11-77

6th J. Hedgethorpe, 50.19; 21st S. McAuley, 56.10 (Force Record)

Womens 2 miles; 8th T. Haynes 20.55.

Haverling 10,000mts, 27-11-77

8th D. Sheppard, 48.45; 10th J. Hedgethorpe, 51.31.

Battersea 15Kms, 3-12-77

7th D. Sheppard, 72.45; 12th J. Hedgethorpe, 78.20.

# Netball girls win zone final

AFTER a false start the last moment, Essex Police-police netball contest at week before when the women ran away with the Chelmsford last Wednesday opposition cried off at the zone final in the national day.

## Top of the volleyball league

THE Police volleyball team was formed in 1975, mainly from cadets who played the game as part of their cadet training. In that year a cadet team was entered into the Essex Volleyball League but both in that season and the following winter, due mainly to the inexperience of the players the team made little impact, and, in fact, finished bottom of the league in

1976-7.

But this season everything has changed. For a start all except the keenest players have been omitted and there is a squad of 18 left all of whom are prepared to turn up regularly.

A volleyball team has 6 players on the court at a time but can play up to 6 substitutes, rather like basketball or ice hockey.

So far this season the team have only lost one set, winning two matches 3-0 and the third 3-1, and as a result currently stand on top of the league. But there is always room for new blood and anyone interested should contact Nick Banks at the HQ gymnasium, ext. 321.

The team, all cadets or former cadets, had to start one short as Cadet Gill Skilleter was held up on her force medical but when she arrived on court the score was already 4-3 to Essex and with a full team the home seven began to draw away to lead by 23-6 at half-time.

The Bedfordshire Police team defended fairly well but their attacks almost always ended in missed shots while for Essex Susan Youngs

rarely missed and Jill Smith also scored well.

Despite the miserable wet weather the Essex women kept the pressure up to double their score at full time, winning 46-11. They now expect to meet last year's national champions, Kent Policewomen, in the next round.

Team: Constables J. Smith, S. Youngs, B. Ruby, S. McAuley, A. Marshall; Cadets G. Skilleter, T. Haymes.

## CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

### Essex struggle to stay in first three

TWO RACES in the Regional League took place in November which proved a somewhat up-and-down experience for Essex.

Indeed, in the women's event this was not quite true: down-and-out might have been nearer. On the Surrey course at Walton on the 9th only two Essex girls ran, so despite Siobhan McAuley's victory the team score was only 4th best. Susan Watson placed 13th.

Alas, things were little better at Amphyll on 30th, when, although Miss McAuley won again — her 3rd consecutive win — the next Essex girls could only manage 17th. Fortunately three finished together, Linda Brewster, Carol Whatley and Alison Marshall and their scores lifted the team into second place though well behind winners, Kent.

The men fared better and after a poor showing in the first race of the season, a full turn-out at Walton captured second place in the teeth of fierce opposition. This could not be maintained at Amphyll, partly because of absentees due to the fire situation, but even so 3rd place was held.

Andy Down, improving all the time, took 5th place in Surrey but by the end of the month had moved up a place, strenuously contesting for the lead early on.

The Walton race was notable for good packing, eight Essex runners getting into the first 34 in a good class field, even if not enough were in the top dozen.

In the most recent case, by contrast, only six Essex men got into the top 40 and it was lucky that other teams were also under-strength.

Cadet Andy Hayman with 10th and 11th in the two races has struck consistent good form which he will hope to continue right up the National Cadet championships in the Spring.

Sgt. Barry Daymond, on the staff at Eynsham, has scored well in each race, though he found the hilly course in Amphyll Park not much to his liking. The return of Tony Hinds from Eynsham has also strengthened the team.

Next race is the Force Championship this week.

## REGIONAL LEAGUE

Men: 9-11-77

5th, A. Down; 10th, A. Hayman; 14th, A. Vowles; 18th, T. Hinds; 24th, P. Ryan; 25th, B. Daymond; 29th, V. Murphy; 34th, M. Atkinson; 51st, M. Fairweather; 55th, V. Mullender; 70th, R. Bance. Teams: 1st, Thames Valley 289; 2nd, Essex 270; 3rd, Surrey 263.

Women: 9-11-77

1st, S. McAuley; 13th, S. Watson. Teams: 1st, Kent 218; 2nd, Thames Valley 216; 3rd, City 109; 4th, Essex 108.

Men: 30-11-77

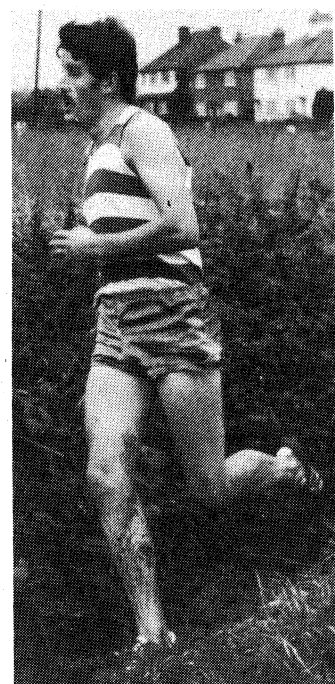
4th, A. Down; 11th, A. Hayman; 22nd, T. Hinds; 26th, M. Atkinson; 30th, B. Daymond; 40th, G. Barrett; 46th, M. Fairweather; 52nd, R. Bance. Teams: 1st, Surrey 284; 2nd, Thames Valley 274; 3rd, Essex 233.

Women: 30-11-77

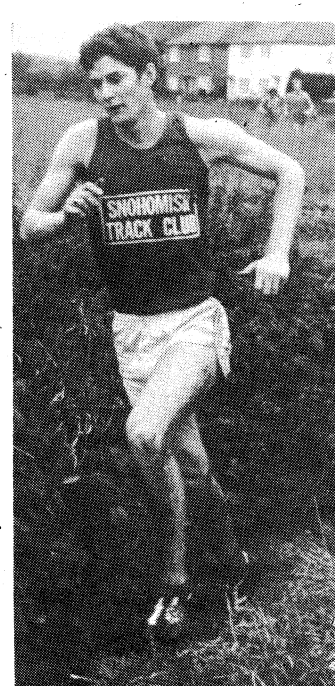
1st, S. McAuley; 17th, L. Brewster; 18th, C. Whatley; 19th, A. Marshall; 20th, T. Haymes. Teams: 1st, Kent 226; 2nd, Essex 189; 3rd, Beds 155.

Teams after 3 races

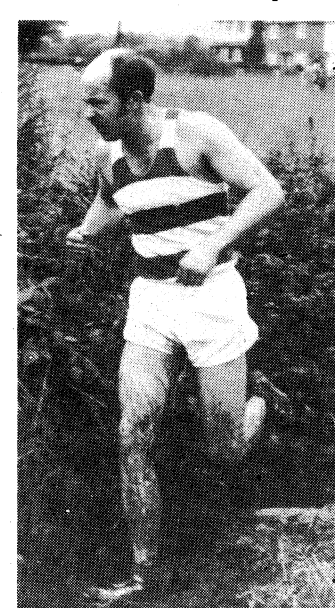
Men: 1st, Thames Valley 860; 2nd, Surrey 787; 3rd, Essex 724. Women: 1st, Kent 663; 2nd, Essex 509; 3rd, City 405.



ANDY DOWN, Benfleet, 5th and 4th in the two November League races.



CADET Andy Hayman, 10th and 11th at Walton and Amphyll.



VETERAN Essex runner Mervyn Fairweather, of HQ, FSU, who is also a trainer at Colchester Boxing Club.

## Gamman nets the goals

ENJOYING a better season than last, the Force football club stand in 5th position in the Olympian League, having won 7 of their 11 games. Included in these wins was the defeat of the league leaders, Rayleigh Town.

Here the score was a narrow 1-0 the vital goal being scored by Paul Gamman. Paul is having a sharp season and is well ahead in the goal scoring list

having netted 14 times so far.

Manager Bob Hunt says that a feature of this season is the fine squad of keen players which has been built up. "This squad is 18 strong and they are all good enough to play. So we can really select the team each week," says Bob.

The PAA zone final against Suffolk, which should have taken place last

month, was cancelled due to the fire strike. It is now scheduled for 20th December at HQ when support would be welcomed. Victory will take Essex into the last 8 — and a match against the full Met Police side.

This week Essex play Met 'H' Div in a new cup competition, the South Midlands Cup, to be played at HQ on 13th December.

## Boxing club's first fights

THE Boxing Club had its first outing recently on gym shows organised by Colchester ABC and Rayleigh Mill ABC.

Stephen Parker, son of Traffic Insp. Dick Parker boxed Winston Roddy of the Colchester ABC and put up a very creditable performance, using a very stylish left lead to advantage and gaining great applause from the audience.

The second bout of the evening saw Wayne Rasmussen, son of a civilian typist at Brentwood boxing a member of the Arcade ABC from Ipswich. Wayne gave an all-out two fisted display of boxing that at times had his opponent in trouble. Although there were no decisions on this occasion both boys were presented with plaques, both well deserved.

At Rayleigh Mill ABC on Saturday November 26, P.c. Mark Lewington (Brentwood), had his first bout before the public against D. Fuller of Enfield ABC who has had 20 bouts as a Junior. Again, there were no decisions on this occasion but had there been it would have been very close. Mark, showed some very good skills and came near to stopping his opponent with some heavy blows. The Club looks forward to seeing more of these three boxers in the future representing the Essex Police ABC.

## More playing rugby

IN TERMS of players, even if not by results, the Force rugby club 'have lift-off' this year. For their match last week over 20 players were changed into kit, if one counts the available cadets who were at HQ attending their training day, but still more than a full team without these. The only thing lacking was opposition. Unfortunately the disease of late arrival is endemic in rugby circles and by the time the City of London Police team were all present there was hardly time for 10 minutes each way in reasonable light.

## Muddy

Never mind, the Essex squad had already split into opposing factions and thrashed up and down happily in the mud and drizzle. The match itself was reduced to a pick-

up game with opposing players mixed up.

## Didn't deserve

Previous games this month were against Essex University and 'J' Division metro. Says Sgt. Bill Horsman of HQ, "Against the University we didn't deserve to lose." He could be right but then against 'J' the team may not have deserved to win as they only had 13 players. But 'J' only had 12 which gave Essex the edge and they triumphed by 15-7 exactly the margin by which they lost to the students at Colchester.

The month also included a heavy defeat by Beds Police. Now that the club has a regular strong turn-out there is no reason why the game should not flourish in this Force.

## ESSEX POLICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: £2,922 - £3,282 plus supplements of £312 and Stage 2.

Applications are invited for the post of Administrative Assistant in charge of the Force Criminal Records Office. Candidates must have a good standard of education, be experienced in managing staff and preferably have some experience in this field.

Local Government conditions of service apply, including contributory pension scheme and 4 weeks holiday per year. Applications in writing (no forms) to Civilian Establishment Officer, Essex Police Headquarters, PO Box No. 2, Springfield, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 6DA. Closing date: 31 December 1977.

## ESSEX POLICE BAND PRESENTS A Christmas Concert with Perryfield Junior School Choir 7.30., Wednesday, 21 December at Christ Church, London Road, Chelmsford

Free tickets available at HQ enquiry office

Retiring collection

Adequate parking



## Liz' farewell to Planning



THEY KNOW how to plan life's little surprises, these Planning Office fellahs, and we are not referring to the reason for Liz Scotchmer's departure. Whether an operation order had been prepared is obscure, but on 18th November meticulous planning which had involved the entire staff for several minutes, resulted in friends and colleagues who had worked with Liz at HQ during the past 12 years gathering in the gaily decorated Planning Office to give her their best wishes for the future.

On their behalf Mr H. Taylor presented a caricot and cut glass rose bowl. Replying, Liz Scotchmer, whose husband is Det. Inspector at Grays, said that although she was thrilled about her baby, expected in February, she was sorry to leave so many friends made over the years.

Mrs. Scotchmer has worked at HQ in Traffic, Property Management and latterly in Planning.

## Commended after accident

WHEN a 3-year-old boy fell 70 feet from a building in Grays to the ground below, P.C. Paul Clancy attended the scene.

The boy was bleeding profusely from the head but the ambulance which attended was a "sitting" vehicle, the driver having diverted from another journey when he picked up the radio message.

It was obvious that delay might be dangerous and at the same time that the boy would need attention during the journey. So it was decided that P.C. Clancy should drive the ambulance while the ambulance man looked after the patient.

Happy ending: The boy, Paul Bowler, has apparently miraculously recovered; and Paul Clancy has been commended by the Chief for his prompt actions.

## Printshop Jim retires - to fishing



MID-NOVEMBER was a period of very high tides on the Essex coast and this might have inspired Jim Sisson's choice of parting gift of waders, from his colleagues at H.Q. on his retirement. But it appears that Jim had something more recreational in mind, in a word, fishing, and to this end his fellow workers in the Stores, presented him with a fishing box. Jim retired from the H.Q. printing shop after 23 years service at H.Q. Presentations were made by Mr. Abel, Chief Admin. Officer, pictured, and by Sgt. D. Arbour on behalf of Seaxes Auto Club.

## Divisions get more in November



### Greys Police Recreation Club

present a

### Christmas Supper Dance

at the

Civic Hall, Blackshots, Greys

Wednesday 21st December 1977

Bryan Williamson Band

Supper, 7.10 p.m. for 8.15 p.m.

Tickets £4.00 each from

Sgt. Peter Spensley, Tilbury Police Station  
(Tilbury 5431)

ALMOST equally divided between all the divisions except Clacton these 28 recruits joined their stations last month. They are, left to right, policewomen, C. S. Graty, Chelmsford; A. Taylor, Colchester; M. Pearce, Chelmsford; P. E. King, Rayleigh; S. M. Grimsdale, Corringham; S. A. Canning, Harlow; J. Smith, Southend; K. R. Anderson, Basildon.

Middle row: S. T. Feely, Ockendon; J. F. Walker, Chelmsford; R. E. Salender, Colchester; R. Gay, Rayleigh; S. Rampling, Colchester; A. M. Scantlebury, Basildon; A. R. W. Coleridge, Southend; R. W. Norris, Harlow; S. G. Caley, Tilbury; V. Brown, Wickford.

Rear: M. C. Ashman, Harlow; C. Vale, Southend; S. Shoesmith, Chelmsford; R. K. Coe, Brentwood; M. Chapple, Ockendon; T. Hinds, Rayleigh; R. A. Sandford, Southend; G. Brady, Harlow; D. R. Worsfold, Tilbury; D. W. Arrowsmith, Colchester.

It was not especially cold. In view of the fire situation it was thought prudent to have a practise evacuation of HQ and The Law was on hand to make use of the chance of a picture in greatcoats.

### JOB FOR RETIRING OFFICER

Chief Security Officer at Debenhams, Romford. Excellent salary which is negotiable. Benefits include general staff discount, and free life insurance. Apply to Personnel Department at Debenhams, Romford.

## Superma'am retires

SUPT. Helen Welburn who did so much to vitalise the Women Police Dept. in Essex before transferring back to Cheshire in 1974, has retired.

Miss Welburn was always an innovator. In Cheshire she was JBB Chairman, the first Woman Inspector to

prosecute in court, and ended her service in charge of the Force Training School.

Both in Essex and Cheshire policewomen have much to thank her for and will no doubt join The Law in wishing Miss Welburn a long and happy retirement after 28 years' service.

## Force lottery

START the New Year right. Join the lottery. First prize is now worth almost £600. Your membership could lift it above this sum.

1st L. Blyth (Basildon) ..... £592.36  
2nd A. Fenton (Colchester) ..... £296.18  
3rd H. Howells (Burnham) ..... £148.09  
4th J. Paton (Colchester) ..... £ 74.05

Consolation Prizes (£14.81 each): J. Lawrence, Brentwood; J. Brennan, Clacton; T. Lenorthy, Brentwood; J. Kreyling, Leigh; E. Travers, H.Q.

## Committee doubts

WHEN the pensioners might make donations garden party committee met entirely answered. What sort of displays or entertainment might be laid on also caused doubt.

It was by no means certain that Divisions would be able to contribute. Neither was the question of whether, or how, pensioners

But they were in no doubt about the date: 13th July 1978. Anyone wishing to contribute towards the funds should contact Chief Insp. Thurgood at Police HQ.

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