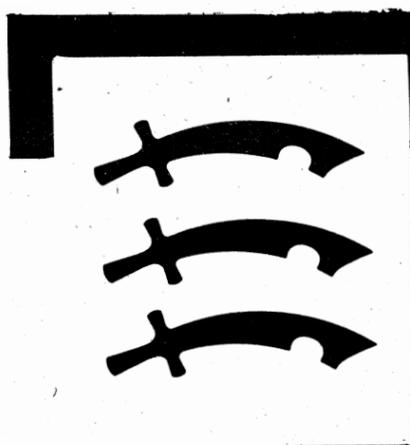




# THE LAW

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## Station lasted 50 yrs



FIFTY years on the new Grays Police Station, open for business last week, is a world away from the old one opened in 1929. This is especially true of the architectural style. For all its clean lines, the new building cannot match the faded elegance of the old place, gazing down the High Street at the ships funnels seemingly sailing

up the railway lines. The air of spaciousness in the new building, however, just overcome any quibbles about decorative building methods outside. This is nowhere more true than in the control room shown on page seven. The Law will fully feature the new premises in the next issue.

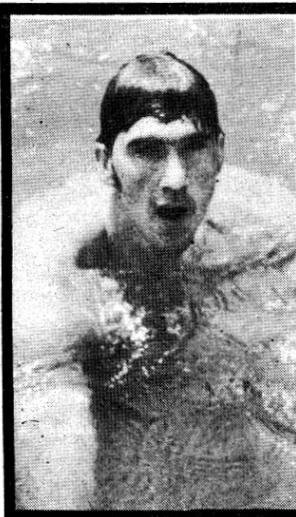


## Just a big softy



## Essex men in best ever team

ESSEX members of the British Police Shooting team who achieved greater success than ever before in the recent European Police Championships. The cup for the rapid fire pistol event came to Britain for the first time and Sgt. Graham Harvey, 3rd left, took the silver medal. From left: Ch. Insp. John Page, pistol manager, Pc Phil Webb, Sgt. Harvey, and Supt. John Sutton, pistol team reserve. See also page 6.



## Long swim winner

BACK to his winning ways in the Force long distance swim is Kevin Nowell of Billericay, seen as he reaches the finishing point in early August. More pictures and story on centre pages.

AT THE Dog Section pass-out at Sandon, Peter Beauchamp and Cass get to know the local kids. More pictures on page 3.

# By taxi to Maldon — with an outrider escort

HE MAY be down and he may be very nearly out but it's all in a good cause. Inspector John White of H.Q. Traffic proves to be a drag on the team though in tug-o-war this could be an advantage.

Every year London taxi drivers collect physically

handicapped children from schools all over London and bring them to Maldon for a day out.

## Streamers

All taxis are decorated up with streamers and balloons and travel in

convoy escorted by the Met Police motor cyclists as far as the Essex border and then by the Chelmsford Traffic motor cyclists up to Maldon, where they then stay with the children for the remainder of the day. Then they escort them back again.

## More taxis than ever in 1979

This July a record number of taxis turned up, 125 in all, with approximately 4 children per taxi.

Entering into the spirit of things Police and Taximen held a tug-o-war assisted by the Mayors of Maldon and various London Boroughs: Police won.

## Remembered

One small physically handicapped boy rolled out of the taxi and made straight for Constable George Lambeth. "That's not the same bike as you had last year," he said, which George found very touching: it's nice to be remembered.



## BASILDON POLICE CLUB — BAR PERSON

Required for 3 or 4 evenings a week during normal licensing hours, suit retired person, salary and days negotiable, contact D.c. Craven, Basildon C.I.D.



Would this be called a fair cop! Did Sgt. Ian Kennedy from Basildon arrest Stansted Airport's W.p.c. Catherine Donaldson for loitering with intent or did the W.p.c. catch the Sgt. for speeding.

After being sentenced at Thorley Church, Bishop's Stortford, Herts on the 4th August 1979, they were banished to Portugal for two weeks. Afterwards to return to Canvey Island to serve a suspended sentence for life.

## National Association of Retired Police Officers by Bert Brinkley

### Pensions increase: Income tax coding

Some members are concerned that the increased personal allowances were not reflected in their pension cheque for August, others had noticed no change in their coding, the answer to this one is that the number to be dealt with made it impossible, at such short notice to cope with all. However, September payment should show the new coding and account for any possible arrears.

It might be helpful to define the various suffixes shown on the pensions slips: "L" shows the Code includes a single person's allowance or the wife's earned allowance; "H" shows the Code includes a married man's allowance or a single person's allowance with the additional personal allowance.

"P" shows the Code includes the age allowance for a single

person; "V" shows the Code includes the age allowance for a married couple; "T" is for all other cases in which the number represents the allowances or where L. H. P. or V. would follow the number but for some reason you do not wish one of those letters to be used.

There are three special codes which do not include numbers or which have numbers that do not represent allowances. They mean that tax is to be deducted from the whole of your pay at a single rate (the rate is shown on the coding notice). The first two are mainly used for second jobs. BR means that tax is to be deducted at the basic rate.

"D" (followed by a number) means that tax is to be deducted at a higher rate, and "F" (followed by a number) means that tax due on a national insurance pension or benefit is to be collected from your earnings or your pension from a previous employment. There is also Code N.T. which means that no tax is to be deducted.

A useful Guide to PAYE is given on pamphlet IR 34 obtainable from Tax Offices.

### P.P.H.A. Lottery.

In view of the industrial dispute and the upheaval in the weekly draws, the Committee will be meeting shortly to decide what action to take for the next lottery which would have commenced after 9 September. Details will be published as soon as possible and lottery cards will be ordered on the basis of the previous lottery.

### Branch Social.

Replies are slowly coming in for the luncheon, it is hoped that

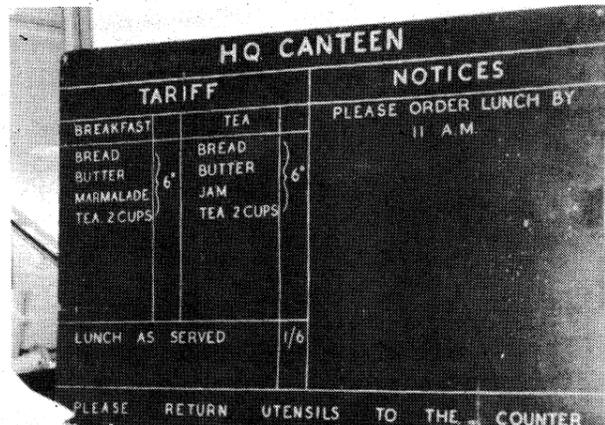
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## CIVILIAN STAFF WELFARE FUND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Fund takes place at Southend Police Station at 3.30 p.m.

on 24th October

All members of civilian staff are welcome, whether Fund members or not.



THE KITCHEN ladies declined to appear with this notice board which The Law found in Colin Dawdry's possession in crime prevention. It's not so much that these prices are a crime, at least they were displayed which is not the case nowadays, alas. And for younger members of the Force who cannot remember the real money we old timers used before the great decimal con trick, 6d means 2½p and 1/6 stands for 7½p. Happy days.

## Force lottery

RESULT of the May draw held at Clacton on 22 June 1979. 1st prize Ch Insp I. R. Saines, Colchester, £947.90; 2nd prize Ps 68 A. H. Gowers, H.Q., £473.95; 3rd prize Pc 1460 D. J. Fox, Basildon, £236.97; 4th prize Pc 1380 R. O. Young, H.Q. Garage, 118.48.

Consolation prizes at £23.70 each — Ds 105 W. J. Lamborn, S. B. Harwich, Margaret Withey, clerk, Southend, Pc 1407 A. S. Jones, Harlow Dogs, Pc 604 M. R. Hollis, H.Q. F.S.U. R. S. Bunyard Chief Constable.

RESULT of the draw held at Basildon on 26 July 1979. 1st prize Insp T. E. Gibbons, Basildon, £960.31; 2nd prize Pc 1436 J. H. Worland, Training School, £480.16; 3rd prize Pc 1166 R. S. Farrow, Laindon Traffic, £240.08; 4th prize Pc 517 H. J. Harris, Grays, £120.04.

Consolation prizes at £24.01 each — Ps 268 D. V. Hambling, Castle Hedingham; Wdc G. Hawkins, Leigh; Pc 1009 P. L. Hughes, F.S.U.; Ps 205 D. I. P. Scott, Braintree; Ps 89 A. R. Rusbridge, Saffron Walden.

RESULT of the draw held at Basildon on August 30, 1979. First prize Patricia Tubb, Clacton, £935.28; 2nd, T.W.M.W.P. Allston, Colchester, £462.64; 3rd Det Ch Insp P. Croxford, Rayleigh, £246.32; 4th D.c. G.L.R. Welch Brentwood, £123.16.

Consolation prizes at £24.63 each: Jayne Bowsher, Harlow; P.c. T. Neafsey, Braintree; P.c. D. F. Starr, Westcliff; P.c. J. W. Wyatt, Southend; P.s. D. M. Howard, Rayleigh Traffic.

## This is an advertising feature for the Police Federation — and the Trustee Savings Bank

### THE POLICE FEDERATION, THE T.S.B. PAYSAVE AND YOU

ONE of the hardest things to do is to deliberately save money regularly. The road to accumulating a capital sum is littered with discarded good intentions. The easiest way of course, would be to let someone else save for you! The Essex Police, through the Federation, and the Trustee Savings Bank between them are now able to provide a way to do this.

The simple principle is "what you don't have you don't miss", by having a regular sum deducted from your salary before you receive it. Essex Police are willing to transfer the deducted amount direct to an account in your name, at the Trustee Savings Bank of your choice, each month. The amount you decide on would be shown as a deduction on your pay advice leaving your net "take home"

pay free to spend in whatever way you need or want.

What could be simpler? The recent pay awards make this an ideal time for you to start!

Even if you already have an account with a Bank other than the Trustee Savings Bank, there is no reason why you should not take advantage of the "paysave" scheme. In fact, if your salary is already directed into a Bank account, the paysave is an ideal way of making sure you do not spend what you intend to save by keeping it separate from your usual spending account.

The scheme can also help you even if you are not able to deliberately save. Most people these days have regular monthly commitments i.e. Mortgage repayments, insurance premiums, H.P. repayments etc. By calculating how much you need each month to meet these regular bills, you

could have this total deducted from your pay and transferred to the Trustee Savings Bank account. The Trustee Savings Bank would then set up standing orders for them to pay your bills regularly for you. This could even help you save money on Bank charges as the Trustee Savings Bank will only charge you 5p a time for a standing order/direct debit which is generally a lot lower charge than other Banks may make. Indeed, the Trustee Savings Bank will make these payments absolutely free of charge provided you keep a minimum balance of £50.00 on the account from which the payments are made.

So whether you want to save or spend, the paysave scheme can provide real benefit to you.

If it is your intention to save, the paysave is the key to a wide range of savings plans offered by the Trustee Savings Bank. Which of these plans is

right for you depends upon the reason you are saving and on your own individual circumstances. The Manager of the Trustee Savings Bank Branch where you choose to have your account will discuss this privately with you so that your savings will do the best for you. Whether you are saving for holidays, Christmas, children's education, retirement, to buy a car or house or whatever reason, the Trustee Savings Bank can probably design a satisfactory way to help you achieve your ambition. All of our savings plans will ensure your savings gain interest or growth. Some even cut your income tax bill!

You will have received with your June pay advice a leaflet and application form to arrange for a deduction to be set up. On the application form is provision for you

to decide the amount you want deducted each month from your pay as well as to nominate which Branch of the Trustee Savings Bank you want your new account to be based. This form also contains your authority to your pay office to deduct the money from your pay. When completed the form should be taken or sent to the Trustee Savings Bank Branch you have nominated. They will open a "service account" in your name and in turn forward to your pay office at Chelmsford your instruction to deduct the cash and remit monthly for the credit of your new account.

At the same time, if you have posted the application to the Trustee Savings Bank Branch, they will write and ask you to call to see the Manager to ascertain the particular style of account to suit your needs. This will probably be settled on the

spot if you call at the Branch with the application form. The first deduction will normally be made the month after the application has reached Chelmsford but may be delayed a further month if the pay preparations have been completed for that previous month. The deduction will naturally be shown on your pay advice so you will know when it has started.

It is expected the scheme will formally be commencing from August pay day.

If you have not received your application form, copies can be obtained from Jim Rodgers at the Federation Office, Chelmsford.

Remember, the paysave can work to your benefit for whatever reason you want by discussing with the Trustee Savings Bank which type of account is best suitable to your needs. Take advantage of it — NOW.

# FORMER OWNERS SEE 'THEIR' DOGS PASS OUT

THE LAW, SEPTEMBER 1979

AT A short ceremony at Sandon on 9th August four new dogs completed their training, two with new handlers and two with "retrained" men.

All the dogs had been given to the Force and three out of the four proud "parents" were there to see their dogs pass out. And very well they did too. Overcoming the excitement of meeting their former owners, who were greeted with tail wagging and bounding about, they went through their paces almost faultlessly, tracking, finding lost objects and seizing suspects by the arm in copybook fashion.

Despite a damp day the Dog Section ran the ceremony off with their usual efficiency. Families and local residents also attended.

Qualifying at the end of a three months course under the instruction of Constable Laurie McKenna the four new dogs will reinforce Sandon, Orsett and Harlow.



**CONSTABLE** Mick Gurdon with Sabre, his second dog. His present operational dog will retire to be a family pet. Sabre was donated by Mr. Marsh of Grays where the pair are stationed.



**ROCCO** with former owners, Mr. and Mrs. Pyman of Colchester and new handler Ken Smith of the Orsett Section.

## FIRST ARREST

AND last week came news that Rocco had made his first arrest after a night-time track in Grays following a vehicle theft.

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we have as good a response as last year. If not, your Committee will have to decide on future commitments. Over 400 invitations are sent out and so far less than 100 have been returned and about 3 dozen 'ayes' which leads me to wonder if the extra work involved is worth while.

## Basic pensions.

The Government anticipates that prices will rise faster than earnings during the period November 1978 to November 1979 and it is intended that the retirement pension will be index linked to prices in future. In the past it has been linked to prices or earnings whichever gives the best deal for pensioners.

## Obituary.

We regret to report the deaths of two former colleagues, both ex members of the C.I.D.

Ex DC Ford F. Hunt, age 69 years, died on 31 July, 1979. He was cremated at Colchester on 8 August 'Fordie' served in the Essex Police from 1933 to 1958 at Clacton and Braintree divisions. He leaves a widow, Anne, who lives at No. 31 St. Nicholas Road, Witham.

Ex D/C/Insp. Edward W. Turtell, aged 79 years, died on 10 August 1979 and was cremated at Cobets Tey on 15 August. He leaves a widow, Brenda, who lives at No. 32 Wainwright Avenue, Hutton, Brentwood.

Former colleagues of both pensioners were present at the cremations and Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Turtell were very pleased to see so many former colleagues at the cremations.

Ex Insp. C. W. Sangster, aged 84 years, formerly at Rochford, died on 29 May last but I did not receive information of his death until August. His wife died some years ago but his daughter, Miss Jean M. Sangster lives at 40 Exeter Road, Kidlington, Oxford.



**FORMER** owners, Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Welwyn watching Ross go through his paces. The dog belonged to their daughter Anne Louise who has just left Ryton on completion of her training as a Herts policewoman.

## Borough flashback



WHEN Mr A. J. Cole died in 1970 he was, at 90, the oldest surviving Southend Borough Police pensioner. Recently his son, going through old papers, found some photos and sent them to Southend.

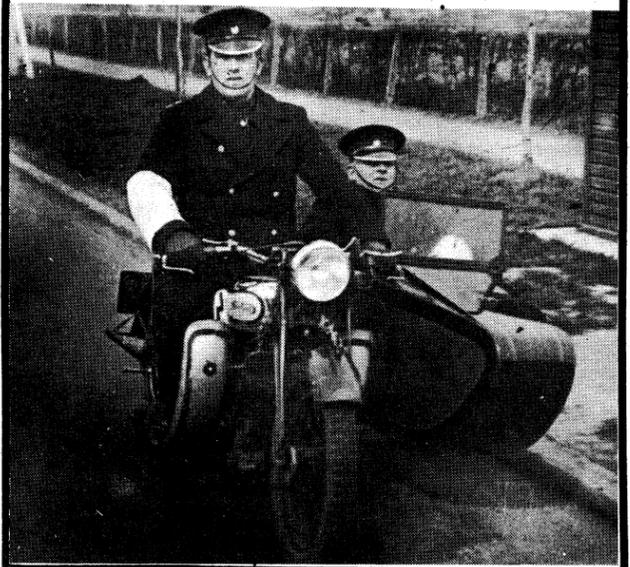
There they came into the hands of Chief Inspector Ron Flewitt who has just completed 30 years as did his father before him so both father and son found the pictures of great interest.

The first picture shows the officers at West Road Police Station during World War I with a collection of neatly labelled bombs dropped on the Westcliff area, presumably failing to explode. The man in charge was Inspector Clarke and Sgt. A. J. Cole is on the extreme right.

Our second picture shows the Southend Borough Police Traffic Branch in the early 1930's — all of it. When the Borough were about to form the new Branch the Chief put out an order calling for volunteers who must mention their weight in their application.

Much hilarity greeted this request but there was a good reason. The sidecar man had to be at least 15st to hold the wheel down on the road. The Norton combination is pictured in Bournemouth Park Road beside Police Box 23. The driver is Constable Davies and the passenger Constable Theobald. The windscreen is an optional extra added because the wind kept blowing the observer's papers away whenever he tried to write.

The object of the combination was to catch speeders — and to corner fast enough to get the sidecar wheel off the ground, 15st rider and all.



**CONSTABLE** Rod Barrett and Ben who won the Metpol Trophy at Imber Court in early August beating other Home Counties pairs.

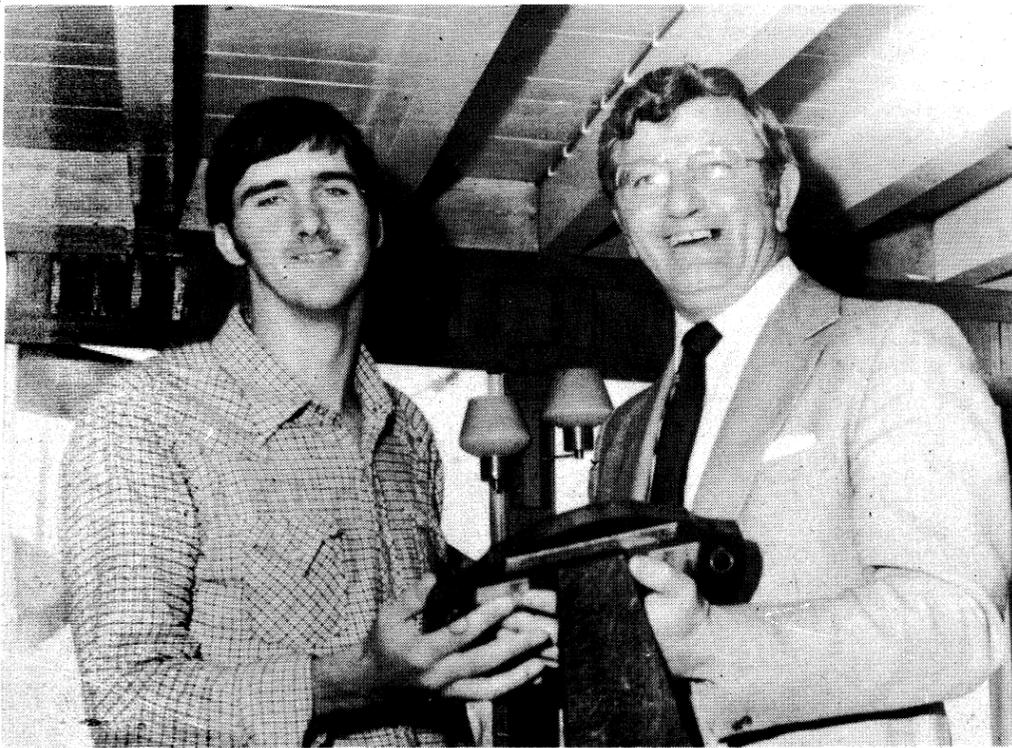


**MRS.** Brenda Percival of Sandon with Cass, the dog she presented to the Force, and Pc. Peter Beauchamp.



**A DAY** for the family too, Ross with Constable and Mrs. Don Goldsmith, their two boys and a family friend.

# There were 41 finishers



**DEPUTY** Chief Constable, Mr B Price presents Kevin Nowell with the winners' trophy.

COINCIDENCE decreed that the 41st Force long distance swim should be completed by 41 swimmers.

Well, not quite true because circumstances took a hand. The first retirement to diminish the 45-strong shoal of starters was caused by a headache. Later several of the officials seemed to have headaches as they awaited swimmers in the longest ever long swim, latecomers being timed at almost one-and-a-half hours.

Indeed some of the tail-enders seemed to be locked in an earnest struggle to be last. Once the tide turned, which for landlubbers means that the current stops flowing up the river to the assistance of swimmers, and starts to ebb seawards to their discomfort, the more crafty could actually stand still while appearing to swim quite strenuously or even, by treading water



**TEAM** winners Basildon. From left Ted Tr Alan King and Brian Tar

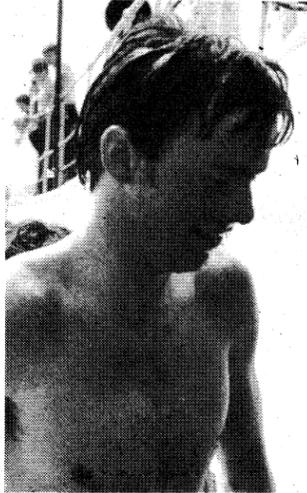
or opening their toes, or whatever swimmers do to rest unnoticed, swim backwards.

It appeared at one stage that if the slower competitors did not arrive

soon they would have to actually scale some of the breakwaters to reach the finish. This would have posed some nice problems, under the rules, for the referee who had by this



**PLAYS** havoc with the hair-do, this swimming. Annette Seals finishes.



**TRACK** and cross-country runner, Alex Vowles finishes for Basildon.



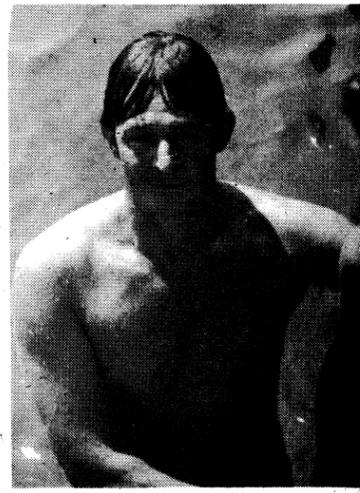
**LAST** lady, safely on board after nearly 1½ hours, Pam George can still smile.



**FIRST** lady, Sandra Breen steps up to receive her trophy.



**SMILING** as usual, Chelmsford's Derek Sewell just failed to finish last.



**LONG** distance swim stalwarts, John, right, reversing last year's Ian. John's Clacton squad just the team event.



## Seaxes Decorated Pram Race

SUNDAY, July 22, proved to be a rather busy day for some club members, with a Treasure Hunt in the morning and a gymkhana in the afternoon. The Treasure Hunt, organised by Brian Jaggs and John Vallance, started at HQ, and covered about 40 miles. Some crews managed to get lost and others found they needed glasses to find the clues, but this lighthearted event was enjoyed by all who took part.

Chelmsford Motor Club organised the gymkhana, a type of 'It's a Knockout' for cars. Four Seaxes teams took part in the tests which varied from judging the car width to driving blindfold — with a navigator — and speed tests, penalty points being

awarded for the excess time taken, number of balloons collected, depth of water and touching the buckets.

Last year's winners, Phil and Penny Knight were again on form in their Escort, but unfortunately their luck or skill did not hold and in one test they were given 50 penalty points and were relegated to second place. Other Seaxes results were: Mark Tuthill and Graham Wetherley in Mark's custom Anglia were placed fifth, with Brian Jaggs and Ian Weatherley, driving Ian's Triumph finishing seventh and Linda and John Vallance in tenth place in their Escort.

The now annual Pram Race took place on Friday, August 3,

followed by a disco. Entries were down on last year, but nonetheless the event was just as hilarious. This year's course contained the usual water jump but had the added obstacle of a wooden ramp. The weather was very wet and so the course was muddy and slippery but this was made even more so by the continual hosing of the ramp together with competitors and nearby spectators by Eric Bridgeman.

This caused all sorts of problems as some would get to the top of the ramp and were literally hosed down and needed a helping hand or hands from following teams. Overall winners were Chelmsford Motor Club

team of Tim Spearman, Nick Bird and Andy Hanlon. Winners of the Ladies Trophy were Linda Vallance, Cristine Pickett and Terri Hughes.

The HQ garage team of Phil Knight, Dick Sandels and John Vallance were the winners of the award for the Best Dressed Pram, which depicted Alcock and Brown together with Amy Johnson. Despite the weather conditions a large number took the trouble to turn out and peel the teams with flour, which mixed with the water soon became paste.

A very entertaining evening was rounded off with a disco, once again superbly organised by the infamous John Hart, the

**LEFT:** Competitors in the Seaxes Pram Race, held at Headquarters on 3rd August. The Weatherleys, John, rear, Marion seated and Ian, adorned their pram with the trappings of a wild west wagon, while below three ladies were hardly adorned at all. These three babes are from left, Cristine Pickett, Linda Vallance and Terri Hughes and they were the winning ladies' team.

**RIGHT:** Pictures of the prizewinners in the best-dressed pram contest. The three aviators are, from left, Richard Sandels, John Vallance, and Phil Knight. Our three pictures show them before, during in some disarray as they hit the water splash, and after, utterly smashed.



# s in the 41st long swim



ers, Annette Seals, ss.

ime been alongside the Bembridge bar for so long is to be unlikely to respond to such stimuli.

When the last man eventually arrived he turned out to be local boy

Chris Vale, who having recovered his breath and got his sea legs roundly abused his fellow Southender Keith Fitzjohn for talking him into this "little swim" in the first place.

Revenge, no doubt, because last month these two made an attempt on the Matterhorn, and had to give up when Fitzjohn became ill. For casual readers not versed in these things the Matterhorn has nothing to do with swimming but is a mountain in Switzerland. And considering that Vale had, only two days before the swim picked up a bronze medal in the P.A.A. long jump, which is also nothing to do with water, even if it was at Cwm Bran, he shows a remarkable versatility.

Keith Fitzjohn must be the long swim's best recruiter because his

brother also appeared for the first time. Keith finished eighth to gain the first novice award while big brother had to content himself with watching him while placing 16th some six minutes behind.

A heartening aspect of this year's swim was the number of newcomers. Vic Murphy from landlocked Roydon just decided "out of the blue" as his wife said, to have a go. He took a little over an hour and his good lady thought she had lost him but then he appeared all smiles.

Involved in the contest to be last was marathon man Derek Sewell. His swimming time was only slightly shorter than the time he took to run his marathon in Germany earlier this summer, but then that was 26 miles.

Eight ladies contested the event, perhaps the highest number ever. Of course, they have their own competition within the main event while still counting towards divisional totals.



**EXPRESSIONS** speak volumes. Vic Murphy, slightly tired and still dripping after his hour-long dip and son Mark somewhat mystified by the ritual. But is Olgita Murphy amused or relieved?

So while two, Jenny Johnson and Pam George, were engaged in the more socially inclined event at the rear, Sandra Breen was finishing 13th to be this

years first lady while just behind, 15th, Annette Seals anchored the Basildon team to victory.

When mentioning victory seems a good point

to note that Kevin Nowell, stung by defeat last year at the hands of a mere woman, had trained for the 1979 race. To some extent this largely unprecedented action came to nothing because Miss Packer avoided the rematch by resigning — so Kevin won by almost four minutes.

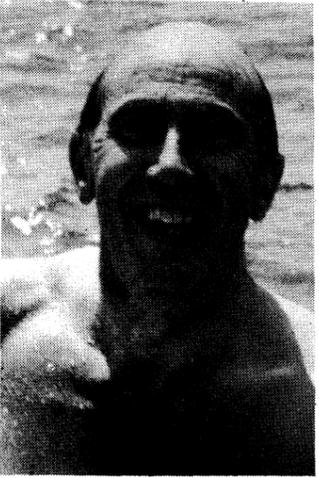
Alan King swam up isolated in second place some three minutes ahead of third placing Ted Travers. Then followed the ever present brothers Wright, John this year getting the better of Ian to reverse the 1978 order.

As ever the swim was a social occasion as much as a sporting event and wives and kids thronged Bembridge, where, by courtesy of the Leigh Sailing Club, the event finishes. The day even begins to hold attractions for family dogs. It seems.

One family pair took to the water, Alan Tucker finishing with his daughter Sally.

Afterwards the D.C.C., Mr B. Price, arrived from a cruise on the new launch with members of the Police Committee. Mr Price declined suggestions that he should take part as the former Chief used to, "to reduce the element of danger", as he put it. He then presented awards.

Police Committee members also attended the presentation and should have been impressed at the growing number of fit young constables — and some fit old'uns — tackling this hard event.

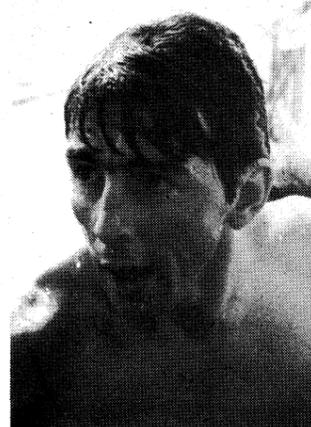


brothers Wright, with order, beating brother to beat Basildon in

**FORCE** life-saving organiser Eric Scott comes up the steps for H.Q.



**FIRST** novice Keith Fitzjohn grins round the shower room door having persuaded his mate Chris Vale to do the swim. Chris finished last, not strong enough to carry out his threat of violence to his "friend."



**FOOTBALLER,** cricketer and conversationalist Paul Gamman of Basildon.

music being provided by Bob Sheridan.

A very early start was needed on Saturday, August 25, to enable six club members to get to Silverstone to marshal at the Bentley Drivers' Club race meeting, which got underway with practice at 7.30 a.m. As usual, this proved to be an entertaining day, watching these very elegant cars do battle.

The following day came the Zero Six Stage Rally and once again Seaxes were able to provide marshals for two stages — one at Billericay and one at Sandon. On the first stage, one competitor decided to try and plough up a field of cabbages to gain more points but alas he could only manage 75. This provided some lighthearted relief to the stage which was a speed test, but it also shows how dedicated marshals have to be.

A barbeque was held on the sports field at HQ on Friday, August 31, with Phil Knight and Ted Kirk from garage acting as chefs. Again this event was well supported and I have not yet heard of anybody having been taken ill so there's hope for you yet fellas!

Eight club members travelled to Hadstock, a small village north of Saffron Walden to act as marshals on the Stort Valley Stage Rally on Sunday, September 2, and most of them returned somewhat wind burnt and looking as though they had been on holiday in the sun, so if YOU want to look fit and healthy, think about marshalling and contact Tony at the garage.

Phil Knight took part in the Wickford Auto Club Autotests on the same day, but he seems to be keeping rather quiet about how

things went, so we can only surmise. But he hasn't got a suntan!

Friday, September 14, is the start of the Seaxes Rally season and Derek Arber is organising his 12-car Harvester rally for that night, so if you are interested in taking part or marshalling contact Derek or Tony at the garage.

The Suffolk Stage Rally takes place on Sunday, September 16, and again marshals are needed. Give Tony a ring if you can help. He would also be glad of offers to marshal on the Perring Trophy which takes place overnight on Saturday and Sunday, September 29-30, so let him know if you are prepared to risk the dreaded flying cabbages.

## SWIMMING GALA

**SATURDAY, 27th OCTOBER at 6.30 p.m. CHELMSFORD POOL, WATERLOO LANE**

### EVENTS — MEN

200mts. breast, 100mts. free, 2 lengths back, lifesaving race (swim 1, tow 1), freestyle relay 4 x 1 length, medley relay 4 x 1 (back, breast, 2 free), novices 2 lengths, veterans 2 lengths, boat race 4 x 1. uniform race 1 length bring own gear.

### WOMEN

2 lengths breast, 2 lengths free, 1 length novices, lifesaving swim 1, tow 1, freestyle relay 3 x 1.

### CHILDREN

Girls under 11, boys under 11, girls 11-15, boys 11-15, all 1 length. Must be children or grandchildren of serving officers.



## LONG DISTANCE SWIM RESULT

1st K. Nowell, 32m. 32s.; 2nd A. King 36.21; 3rd E. Travers 39.08; 4th J. Wright 39.42; 5th I. Wright 40.02; 6th I. Learmonth 43.06; 7th B. Targass 44.50; 8th K. Fitzjohn 44.50.1; 9th E. Scott 45.19; 10th G. Skull 45.29; 11th P. Dodd 45.54; 12th R. Luke 48.49.2; 13th S. Breen 50.04; 14th J. Surgenor 50.26; 15th A. Seals 50.35; 16th A. Fitzjohn 50.43; 17th Norris 51.08; 18th P. Gamman 51.18; 19th G. Lee 51.42; 20th Morrison 52.06; 21st B. Taplin 52.13; 22nd A. Cattermole 53.02; 23rd C. Whatley 53.17; 24th S. Currell 54.05; 25th C. Hadley 55.35; 26th R. Needham 55.45; 27th A. Vowles 55.58; 28th P. Watson 57.25; 29th A. Tucker 57.34; 30th S. Tucker 57.36; 31st D. Nowell 57.48; 32nd E. Horton 59.14; 33rd M. Hall 59.44; 34th B. White 60 mins; 35th V. Murphy 60.08; 36th R. Siggery 79.08; 37th J. Johnson 80.41; 38th A. Barley 81.31; 39th P. George 86.47; 40th D. Sewell 87.02

# European gold

ALTHOUGH this year's P.A.A. shooting team had prepared as never before for the European police championships at Dartford in July, and had the advantage of competing on home ground, they found that in terms of training facilities, equipment and financial backing they were still streets behind their continental rivals.

Said Supt. John Sutton: "They had been away for six weeks to a training camp with free ammunition and sponsored clothing and equipment."

And yet the British, who had never before won a pistol medal of any sort not only took the rapid fire pistol team event but broke the record by one point. And Essex man Graham Harvey took the individual silver medal to add to a glorious day for the British squad.

Essex had never before achieved the honour of

having a man in the team. Yet in 1979 the Force had two firing, one reserve and the pistol manager, those pictured on page one.

Colchester's Phil Webb who had fired for Britain earlier in the summer was in the free pistol team which placed fifth, also the highest British Police had ever finished in this event.

Perhaps the most important contribution to the championships was supplied by Sergeant Mick Brangham of Driving School, who was lent to Kent Police for a month before the event took place to act as championship secretary — and did a wonderful job.

And one must not forget Sergeants Mick Stanbury and Keith Treasure whose services were called upon as interpreters — for the French and Swiss one should hasten to add, the British lads could manage, even in Kent.



**RUNNERS don't just go away for holidays and forget all about sport. Indeed they tend to go on running holidays. P.A.A. bronze medalist, Andy Hayman, was recently on holiday in California and took the chance to run a 5 kms road race in Monterey Park on the outskirts of L.A. He took 2nd place and is pictured with the winner who beat him by 5 seconds clocking 15.38.**

**Andy had a rather hairy ride to the 8 a.m. start — it gets too hot later in the day — after a puncture to his host's car a phone call had him ferried by various police cars from one city limit to the next. The news that he was a British Bobby had the usual effect obviously!**

## Rugby team start well

THE rugby team opened their season with a match at HQ against Suffolk Police. The reappearance of a larger Colin Edkins than one remembered in seasons past wearing the No. 8 shirt provided stability and generalship in the middle of the team and a splendid victory resulted over the somewhat inexperienced Suffolk team who are playing together for only their second season.

Tries were scored by Arnold (2), Edkins, Banks, Mackintyre and Halford. Simon Halford had a good match with some long runs and kicked several conversions and penalties.

The traditional post-match rugby ritual of retreating to the bar had somehow come unstuck — it was closed — and victory was celebrated with nothing more inebriating than fish and chips.

## NALGO notes

AT THE Reconvened Annual Local Government Group meeting held on Friday, July 27 the following motion was carried:

"That this Local Government Group Meeting having received a report from the National Local Government Committee accepts the Employers' offer on the 1979 Salaries and Service Conditions Claim as set out in pay claim news number 5."

An amendment to the motion which sought to reject the Employers' offer and initiate an escalating programme of industrial action was lost after a card vote with 179,615 FOR, and 260,101 AGAINST.

It is interesting to note that due to Clause (b) in the employers offer "An increase of 9.4 per cent on consolidated scales grounded down to the nearest multiple of £3" most of the increases come out at 9.33 per cent instead of 9.4 per cent, it is not until you get to spinal point 51 that the increase amounts to 9.39 per cent.

The new spinal points will be used to determine any overtime, shift payments and weekend working.

Clause (c) of the agreement reads:— A comparability exercise to examine the pay and conditions of APT and C Staff compared to relevant pay levels and conditions and pay movements elsewhere. The results of the comparability study to be paid in one stage from January 1, 1980.

The comparability study will be undertaken by the National Joint Council and discussions will be initiated at an early stage through a steering group of members of each side. The National Local Government Committee are convinced that the comparability exercise will recommend further increases to restore the pay relatives of APT and C staff.

Since there was no evidence to date to show that there was sufficient support from the membership for industrial action on the scale necessary to obtain further concessions from the employers, the committee recommended acceptance of the offer.

The new rates come into force on July 1, 1979 and all overtime weekend working and shift payments will be calculated on the new scales.

### Separate Negotiating Rights

Activity still continues for separate negotiating rights for police non-attested staffs and printed here are letters from Mike Blick to Mrs Thatcher and a letter to Geoffrey Drain, General Secretary, from William Whitelaw, Home Secretary.

## Gamman's 7

POLICE have begun their Olympian League season well with 3 wins in 3 games. And Paul Gamman is on target, claiming 7 of the teams 9 goals. Results: v Ongar 4-0, v Baddow 3-1, v Standard 2-1.

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

Both Mr. Callaghan and yourself referred to the problems of law and order in your speeches last night. It is a topic of vital interest to every citizen in this country. The maintenance of the properly motivated and adequately remunerated police force is an important element in ensuring that society is protected from law breakers.

The recommendations of the Edmund-Davies Committee now being implemented answer this in part and it is to be hoped that the findings of the Wright Committee dealing with the non Police Act forces will take it a stage further. One group remains, the police civilians. They form an essential component of the police force, yet, at the moment no proposals exist to review their pay, status, service conditions and negotiating mechanisms. As a result of the implementation of the Edmund-Davies Report many anomalies now exist as between the uniformed and civilian branches of the service, very often involving groups doing similar or even identical work. NALGO, which has the majority of police civilian staffs in membership, takes the view that these issues should be reviewed either by a new review body or by an extension of the terms of reference of the Edmund-Davies Committee, which is still in being.

Would you not agree that this proposal is consistent with the attitude of your party to the question of law and order and indicate your intention of taking action along these lines if the Conservative Party wins the General Election.

Yours sincerely,

M. E. Blick,  
Chairman, National Local  
Government Committee

Dear Mr. Drain

Given the priority we attach to strengthening the police I am naturally concerned at anything which may impair the effectiveness of the important contribution of police civilians. But the fact of the matter is that, as Home Secretary, I have no responsibilities for the pay of your police membership. This is a matter for the police authorities and county councils concerned, and must be pursued through the established Local Authority Conditions of Service Advisory Board arrangements.

I should be happy to meet representatives of your Association after the Board has had its discussion.  
Yours sincerely,  
Wm. Whitelaw

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# 5 medals for track squad

THE ATHLETICS squad, who have earned several superlatives this season, did it again at the National Police Championships at Cwm Bran on 4th August when a party of 7 came back with 5 medals. And the other two both put up personal best times.

First in the medal tally was Elaine Heath who took a silver in the javelin. The winner broke the championship record and Elaine, who won the event last year, but is not throwing regularly in 1979 should feel satisfied with a medal place. She also competed in the 100 mts.

Going for a spring double Phil Barrett was unlucky to be narrowly run out of the medals in the 100 mts. In a desperate finish he was placed 5th

clocking 11.66 against the winners 11.37.

But in the 200 mts he was comfortably placed 2nd in 22.72s with a couple of yards gap in front and behind.

Chris Vale took a bronze in the long jump where he cleared 6.58m, not far short of his best. He was below his best by almost a metre in the triple and finished 5th in 12.82m.

In the 1500 mts Andy Hayman allowed the two leaders to go just too far away on the last lap before setting off in pursuit. As a result he finished with some energy left but still some yards adrift. But a bronze in this event is his first P.A.A. medal though he is still chasing the elusive 4 mins target, clocking 4:04.46 at Cwm Bran.

Two of the cross country squad tackled the 3000 mts steeplechase and both clocked best times. Martin Atkinson, 10:43.6 and Steve Pearmain, 11:02.6.

Finally walker Mike Dunion took a bronze in the 3000 mts clocking his best time for several seasons.

## Walking

NOT until the very end of the period under review, last Saturday in fact, were the Police squad able to get it together — by which one means, all in one race at the same time.

This was the occasion of the international club 20km at Chelmsford for which Police were joint hosts with Anglia Striders and Ilford A.C., to which clubs from Norway, Denmark, Germany, Holland, and the Isle of Man travelled.

As well as producing a smooth organisation, Police had the satisfaction of a high placing, Mike Dunion doing particularly well.

Dunion earlier in August took the bronze medal in the P.A.A. championships at Cwmbran in his fastest time this summer, 13.06, to continue the improvement since his comeback.

Peter Ryan has had a period of disappointment starting with the national 50 kms at Coventry where he had hopes of qualifying for a place in the British team. As it was, he was some minutes and several positions adrift after a "bad one". After this, pressure of work got in the way of training and the attempt to broaden his horizon by tackling the London to Brighton in early September was also less than successful.

Denis Sheppard has found that organising events like a multi-national club race also involves a lot of aggro which interferes with training. But he has held his form reasonably well competing fairly regularly with the ever-present, or almost always so, John Hedgethorne who surprised himself with a 12 kms, p.b. at the end of August (in fact it was the first race at this distance he could remember doing).

## Results

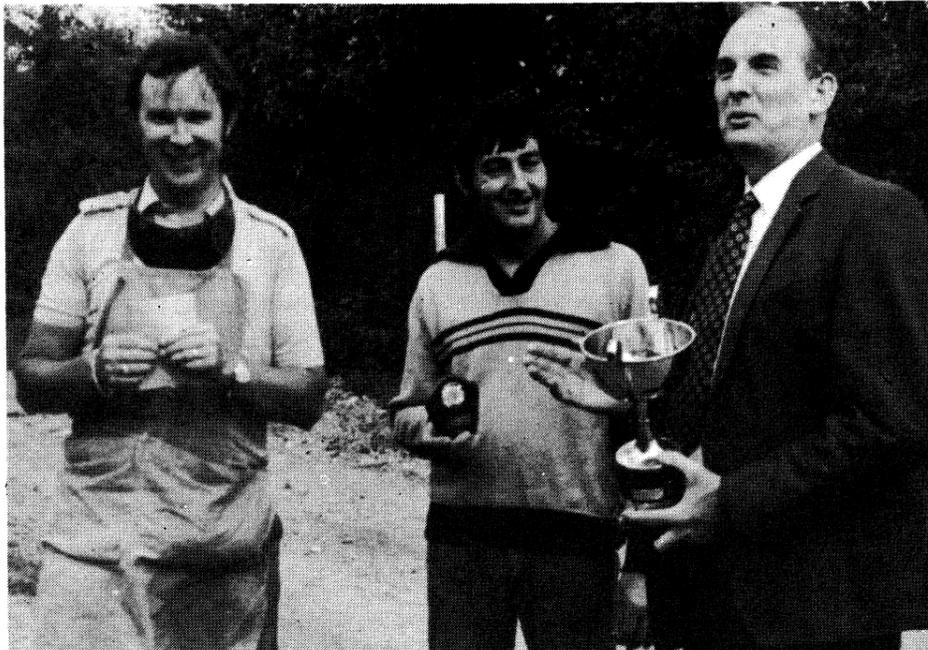
**National 50 kms: Coventry: 21.7.79.**  
9th P. Ryan, 4h 32m.  
**10,000 metres: Ilford: 24.7.79.**  
5th D. Sheppard, 49.19; 14th J. Hedgethorne, 53.09.  
**Southern Track Comp: 28.7.79.**  
5,000 metres: J. Hedgethorne 26.31; 3,000 metres: D. Sheppard 14.24.  
**P.A.A. 3,000: Cwmbran: 4.8.79.**  
3rd M. Dunion 13.06.  
**Enfield 12 kms: 25.8.79.**  
4th M. Dunion 56.16 (Force rec.); 11th D. Sheppard 59.46; 19th J. Hedgethorne 62.48.  
**Brighton 10,000 metres: 2.9.79.**  
25th D. Sheppard 49.05.  
**International Club Race: 8.9.79.**  
20kms: 3rd M. Dunion 96.16 (Force record); 14th P. Ryan 104.48; 21st D. Sheppard 109.21; 33rd J. Hedgethorne 115.32.



**WHERE are they now? Well, here's one at home with his cups. Geof Bendall one-time member of Colchester Borough Police, and father of a present Constable of the same name (Where is he now? Information Room) was the last winner of the Colchester to Mersea running race, way back in the twenties when he was very fleet of foot as the silverware bears out.**

**This year the race was restarted and on Bank Holiday Monday Geof was guest of honour at the race, starting it in Colchester and being chauffeur driven to Mersea to greet contestants and present prizes.**

Picture by courtesy of Essex County Newspapers.



**DISCUSSING the 'ones that got away', Mr Comrie, A.C.C., presents the Kingfisher Cup for the Force individual fresh water fishing competition to joint winners, P.c. Peter Pickup stationed at Billericay, and Neil Everard, Saffron Walden Traffic, the organiser of this year's event.**

## Essex Police Comrades Association

**Annual Dinner will be held on Wednesday, 17th October at the County Hotel, Chelmsford. Any officer with over 10 years' service eligible to join. Further details from Hon. Secretary, Charlie Howlett, Force Welfare.**

## The Law Shop

**FOR SALE: A three bedroom house, semi-detached, gas central heating, Springfield, Chelmsford, £21,750, contact P.c. 1491 Smith, Chelmsford Traffic.**

**FOR SALE: Optigan electric organ, 1978 model, rhythm backing, £160. Apply Sue Hulls, HQ ext. 374.**

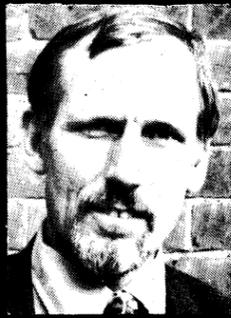
**FOR SALE: Metal detector, Yukon, Coin Hustler I, excellent condition, telescopic shaft, water proof, £35. Ch Insp Lorna Baker, HQ ext. 582.**

# MALDON IN CARNIVAL MOOD



GREAT fun at Maldon where the lads from the Nick put a float in the local carnival procession and won the top prize in their section.

## Federation Notes



by Jim Rodgers

### Federation Ball 1979

I regret to report that it has been necessary to cancel the Federation Ball which was to have been held at the Lion & Lamb Banqueting Hall on 28th September 1979. Various reasons for the lack of interest have been put forward ranging from 'cost' to 'Formal Dress' — whatever your reason, please erase the entry you made in your Diary for that date. If you would like a souvenir of this 'non-event', I have a number of tickets available at a nominal price . . . proceeds to an Essex Police Charity.

### Promotion Qualification

With effect from the 1st October 1979, any promotion examination qualification obtained under the Scottish examination, will be valid within English and Welsh forces. I understand that there are a few officers within the Force whom this affects, they should submit a report asking for the qualification to be recorded on their personal files forthwith.

### Edmund Davies

Thanks to the co-operation of County Hall salaries department, the new rates of pay effective from 1st September 1979 will be in the September pay packets. The agreement was only reached on the 16th August, and for them to have the money in our pockets within a month is very commendable — even by their own high standards. On behalf of the Joint Branch Board and all federated ranks, I have sent John Smith and his staff a sincere letter of thanks.

Also included in the September pay packets will be the arrears due under the revised rent allowance with effect 1st April 1979 — but this only refers to those officers who have submitted details of their 1979/80 general and water rates in time for the necessary calculations to be made. Those who have not reported their new details will

have to wait until another month; they should submit the details immediately.

The calculations on those who will be paid this month were completed by Headquarters Finance Department long before Home Office approval was given for the new rates, so the delay has been caused by the members of the Force too apathetic to look after their own interests.

I have addressed a letter of thanks to Finance Department for their efficiency on your behalf.

### Orphans Fund

Jack Castle, the Save and Prosper representative who looks after the Essex Police scheme of investment insurance for the Joint Branch Board, recently attended a disco held at Southend-on-Sea club room. The function was organised by Brian Pallant on behalf of the J.B.B. and the proceeds went to our commitment to the Essex Police Orphans Fund. Jack Castle was so impressed by this — and grateful for the business that he derives from the Save and Prosper Scheme — that he approached his firm. From a fund set aside for charitable purposes a donation of £50 was sent to me, made payable to the Police Orphans Association, which I have forwarded to the Treasurer of the Force Fund.

I have already sent a letter of thanks to Jack for arranging this very generous donation to what we all know is a very worthy cause. Each Christmas the orphans of Essex Police Officers receive a lump sum of money with which to purchase gifts for themselves or their loved ones. Currently this is £80 per orphan, but the amount is subject to review as the cost of living rises, and although not a fortune does help to fill the gap in the household finances left by the loss of a father or mother.

In my last notes I referred to Jack Castle's offer to provide an alternative scheme for officers



A GOOD LUCK card from his colleagues for Dick Green, who retired this month after 42 years with Essex Police. He was presented with a Rotary watch and a golf practising device.

Dick started work in the Accident Abstract Department, Headquarters in 1963, after 26 years in the force. He intends to use his spare time to garden and play a lot of golf.

who are precluded from increasing their Police Federation Return of Premium Insurance. I am given to understand that some officers have taken advantage of the offer and are impressed with the schemes arranged.

### Personal Public Liability Policy

The Joint Central Committee have decided, with effect from 1st August 1979, to increase the cover afforded to all contributing members of the Police Federation. The limit of indemnity for each member in respect of one accident is £250,000. The increased premium for each member will be met from the Police Federation Funds. Details of the cover provided and procedure for

dealing with claims under this policy are set out in the Police Federation Diary.

### Parliamentary Adviser

In the past the Police Federation Parliamentary Adviser has always had to relinquish the role, when there was a change of Government because our adviser had been given a ministerial post. Eldon Griffiths our adviser whilst the Labour Party was in power has not been offered a ministerial post, and so the Joint Central Committee have invited him to continue with his role. He has accepted the invitation, and so we now have for the first time, a Parliamentary Adviser from within the Government Party.



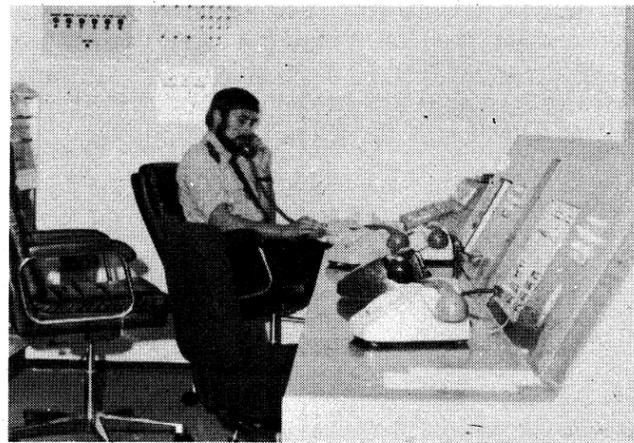
ON THE OCCASION of a visit to Essex of national officers of N.A.L.G.O. Mr. M. Blick addressed Branch Officers on current problems. Pictured, from left are: George Allen, Branch Education Officer; Mick Dobson, Assistant Authorising Officer N.A.L.G.O. Headquarters; Brenda Byrne, Chairman Essex Police Branch; Mick Blick, Chairman National Local Government Committee of N.A.L.G.O. and Chairman of the National Advisory Panel Police Civilian Staffs; Doug Wheatley, Secretary Essex Police Branch N.A.L.G.O.

## Room to move at Grays



IN THE new Grays control room The Law found the duty Sergeant and two men wrestling with the intricacies of the switchboard. Although the Station was not open the board was being manned. The new room is spacious and quiet. There is the air of hush found in a cathedral — though not the language, alas, as they couldn't work the switchboard.

Contrast this with the old control room all of which is pictured above. But it was cosy with its inevitable tray of mugs, and a view out of the window up the High Street. In the next issue of The Law the new Divisional Headquarters will be fully explored.



## Time of sadness

THE recent Bank Holiday period brought sadness to two serving members of this force.

On Saturday, August 25, Mrs Pamela Fordham, aged 51 years, the wife of Sergeant David Fordham, Admin Sergeant at H.Q. Traffic died in the Royal National Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital in London after a long illness.

On the evening of Tuesday, August 28, Mrs Sylvia Palmer, aged 52 years, wife of Inspector Brian Palmer of Chelmsford Town, collapsed and died at their home. For several years, Mrs Palmer worked in the Headquarters canteen, but left recently and was looking after the lunchtime bar at Chelmsford D.H.Q.

We extend deepest sympathy to David and Brian and their families.

## POLICE HEADQUARTERS MUSICAL SOCIETY

are organising a Dinner and Dance at Furze Hill, Margaretting on Monday, 8th October, 1979 to commemorate 25 productions by themselves or their dramatic predecessor "The New Court Players"

Any past member of either society interested should contact Mrs B. Jennings at HQ ext 307

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The Department of Environment is at last making progress with the backlog of improvements to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme: 1. Married men may buy an additional 2/80 lump sum from 1.2.79 (some may wish to take urgent action to obtain full tax relief for 1978/9); 2. Certain 1937 Act optants to have fresh option; 3. Extension of purchase of added years provisions up to age 65. These are contained in bulletin No. 49.

Additional information will also be published by the County Superannuation Department in due course.

### Health and Safety

The National Executive stresses the self-regulatory nature of this legislation. Many previous Health and

Safety measures were aimed at specific industries (Mines, Quarries, etc.) Some 8,000,000 workers, mainly in offices, were not covered and were brought within the scope of legislation by this Act.

The Robens Committee were faced with two alternatives in bringing these workers within the scope of legislation: 1. A massive health and safety Inspectorate, or 2. Some form of self-regulatory system.

The latter course was chosen and the Trade Unions formed a ready nucleus with an existing structure. It is interesting to note that Unions have accepted a very great increase in costs and time to implement the Act responsibly, without much of the Union work all costs would have fallen on the employers and would continue to do so. It is also of interest that industrial deaths in offices have shown an increase in recent years, against the general trend. There are many years of neglect generally to catch up with, overnight results cannot be expected.

## Mum's little tear at Sandon

IT WAS touching to see the pride felt by the previous owners of the dogs passing out of their Sandon training course in August as their former pets went through their paces. And dog lovers would also have noted how affectionately the dogs greeted their former families without their relationship with their handlers being in the slightest impaired.

These people were as proud of their dogs passing out at Sandon as other people are of sons or daughters at the monthly ceremony at Eynsham or Ryton. And if there was a little tear here and there, it was of pleasure that the bouncing condition and firm obedience proved that their decision to give their dog to the Force was right. Well done, Dog Section, a nice ceremony.

## It's all in the mind

INTERESTING to note how few of the forty-one who finished the long distance swim were swimmers pure and simple. Among those just having a go were footballers, runners, an odd hockey player, and even a race walker quite close to the front. Of course, having a go is an attitude of mind and people who have this outlook will tackle anything. And so perhaps it's not so strange really that quite a small proportion of the Force are keeping all of the various sports sections going. Probably the same people, the "have-a-goers" that is, are doing most of the work on the shift.

## Plum job for the C.S.B.

WHILE on a lunchtime stroll recently, nothing ostentatious, you understand, just four miles or so, we came upon an apple tree with four small boys either in or under

it. They knew that we knew they were scrumping though they effected surprise that apple trees do not grow wild but stand on private land.

Back at H.Q. we found seven assorted children in the plum trees beside the CSB house. They too knew they were scrumping because they ran away — all except the one at the top of the tree who had his plums confiscated when he came down.

We suggested, in the CSB house that they were supposed to deal with scrumpers, especially at H.Q. But they said no, they only deal with shoplifters because this is the modern form of scrumping.

A nice point but no-one had told the scrumpers. On the other hand CSB could have been joking, we're just not quick enough after one of these strolls.

## Just relax and don't worry

ALWAYS careful to say what we mean — mind you we do not always mean what we say — this column is ever delighted to receive examples of other people falling short of this standard. Thus a photostat copy of a training school report came into our possession which read: "Sheer hard work produced an excellent result from this officer who was under some pressure due to the birth of his child early in the course."

Now we know that all constables are equal these days but this is ridiculous. His instructor had commented: "Must try to relax and not worry so much." Good advice!

## Exodus not en masse

THE mass exodus from the Force confidently predicted in certain quarters for September 1st has not materialised. To be sure there have been a few resignations but seemingly Edmund-Davies, with the wisdom of Solomon, has pitched the new rates of pay precisely at the point which has prevented policemen from putting their tickets where their mouths were.



to the Editor

### Old walker

Dear Sir,  
I pass copies of The Law to an uncle, ex Met, living near here, and he enjoys reading them. He is nearing 90. The item in the June issue about the Barking to Southend walk got him talking about two medals he holds for completing the walk. One is dated 1922 and is bronze, the other is silver and marked "1924, M.P.A.A, 6hrs 9mins 31sec." He recounts making the first walk in a pair of first world war service boots and says that they were "half full of blood" when he took them off at Southend. For the later walk he had leather boots specially made and remembers missing a better placing because of misdirection by a guide in Southend. He afterwards gave up "walking" to play hockey for the Met.  
He is still capable of a good walk but says that he may need a stick after the next ten years or so!  
Yours sincerely  
B. S. Stoneham

P.S. Have just read letter by G. A. Muir in July issue and your note. Although I was never at Tilbury it was recognised by many of us that for a considerable time the only 'legislation' that mattered at Tilbury was that administered by a certain Freddie Northover, genial Gloucester giant.



THE MOST RECENT recruit class was slightly down in numbers and left Headquarters for Divisions during August. They are:

Front from left C. Bainbridge posted to Harlow formerly a local government officer; D. Blenkarn, Grays, audio typist; J. Hill, Southend, care officer; M. Hurworth, Southend, secretary; C. Ketley, Billericay, clerk-typist; S. Turner, Grays, civil servant; D. Whitman, Colchester, civil servant; J. Harney Chelmsford, invoice clerk.

Centre from left: S. Armstrong, Corringham,

student; P. Baker, Harlow, farm worker; W. Bateman, Brentwood, estimator; K. Bunn Grays, marine engineer; G. Edwards, Southend, clerk; C. England, Ockendon, coach driver; I. Frakes, Brentwood, print buyer; J. Gay, Grays civil engineer.

Rear from left: P. Gould, Southend, baker; A. Hurn, Harlow, R. N.; K. Littlebury, Harlow, bank clerk; M. Poole, Southend, trainee accountant; D. Rout, Colchester, communications engineer; B. Thornton; Billericay, civil servant; C. Walls, Colchester, bank clerk; N. Natrass, Halstead, gaming executive.

### Happy kids

Dear Sir,  
Once again the Outing has come and gone and left in its wake a trail of happy memories and the satisfaction of a job well done by all who participated.  
The Officers who made up the escort you so kindly allocated to us, once again rose to the occasion and carried out their duties in their usual efficient manner thereby ensuring the minimum of delay and contributing greatly to the overall success of the Outing.  
Coupled with a difficult job they handled so well must go the wonderful and kindly way they

looked after the children and joined in the day's activities in order that the children would have as happy and enjoyable day as possible. This was to everyone present, the best exercise in public relations, it would be possible to have anywhere.

I feel compelled at this stage to pay a compliment to a true stalwart, namely Inspector White (or Chalkie as he is affectionately called by the children), for his devotion to the children and also precise co-ordination to the job in hand that enables us to see the day out with a minimum of fuss, and so help to bring the Outing to a happy and successful conclusion.

Having said all that, would you please on behalf of 260 happy children and the cabbies and helpers, accept all our most sincere thanks for your invaluable assistance to us and convey our thanks also to the escorting officers for a job well done.  
Thank you all once again.

Yours sincerely,  
C. A. FLEMWELL  
(Organiser)  
52 Boxley Street,  
Silvertown,  
London, E16 2AN

This letter received by the Chief after the annual outing to Maldon refers to our story on page 2.

### Great loss

Dear Sir,  
I am writing to thank, through the pages of The Law, all of the friends of my late wife Sylvia and myself for the overwhelming support, comfort, sympathy, respects and floral tributes which they gave my family and I during our recent great loss.

Such a demonstration of friendship makes me proud to be a member of the Essex Police.  
Yours sincerely,  
Brian Palmer.  
48 St. Margarets Road,  
Chelmsford.



I THINK all my Divisional spies must be on holiday this month, as no news has reached me at all. I know that there have been several private visits in and out of the County, but the only two I can mention are the visitors who came to Headquarters.

The first visitors were Dieter and Helga Neumann from Wetzlar-Dalheim, in Germany. They were staying with Jim and Joan Watson at Colchester, and came up to visit us for the day. We were lucky, as A.C.C., Mr. Comrie had just filled in his application form to join the IPA, and therefore performed his first official IPA duty, by meeting the visitors in the bar.

The following week, Karl and Marion Schmidt and their three children, who were staying in the IPA house at Leigh came to Headquarters. They showed interest in the driving school, information room, and photographic section, and my thanks once again go to Ch. Insp. Roberts, Insp. Alan Smith, and Det. Insp. Doug Rampling, for their assistance in this visit. Lunch was provided in the canteen, where their host was Ch. Supt. Crust. At the lunch, they also met Mr. Bunyard and Mr. Comrie. About 4 p.m. they were taken off by Dave and Brenda Jennings for a well earned tea. Karl and Marion live at Marburg in Germany.

I hear that the IPA house will soon be having a new carpet, and a sink unit, but that my pleas for blankets, etc., have fallen on deaf ears. However I will keep trying, the house is urgently in need of a mains radio, as all Southend section funds are going to supply batteries for the present one. So, if anybody has an old (working) mains radio, please contact Chico Bates on Southend 612174.

Two final requests, first, with all the new members in the Grays Division, its about time we had some news of you, secondly, could Clacton please tell me who their representative is?

# The Law

H.Q. phone extensions  
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