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## HQ 'musical chairs' continues

CONSEQUENT upon the completion of the new block work could begin on relocating various H.Q. departments in the older parts of the complex. Older they may be but the standard of equipment and decor of those now completed is every bit as good as the new block.

And this is being done at a fraction of the cost of building new accommodation.

In many ways, the main beneficiaries of the move to the new block, will be Traffic Division who will at last take over the whole of what has always been called the Traffic Block.

Basically Divisional H.Q. will be upstairs and the Sub on the ground floor. A fully equipped night kitchen is being installed in this block for shift working Traffic Constables.

The only exception will be the present accident statistics office which will become a force conference/briefing room. As well as Accident Stats, Finance and Typing Pool also leave this block.

All statistical offices will be grouped together in what used to be the canteen block. For weeks past workmen have been knocking down walls and building others with the result that within the same outward shell a new building has emerged. This already houses the Data Process unit, see picture, who will be joined by crime and accident stats under the direction of a Force Statistics Officer soon to be appointed.

Above, into the premises vacated by photographic, will move Registry who need more space, and Typing Pool, who will take over the old Fingerprint



WATCHED by the ladies of the data process office, Mr H. Taylor snips the tape to officially open the new premises.

Bureau.

Several other moves depend upon work being completed on the Chief Constables old house. This will become a suite of offices for Chief Officers and should be completed by New Year. Their present

offices will be occupied by various staff officers, a library and a new Force Museum.

On the floor above, where the Information Room complex was, Civilian Staff office and Public Relations will be

housed.

Meanwhile, outside, the lawns, ruined by neglect or the contractors huts and heaps of rubble, have been treated and will later be ploughed and turfed to restore the former smart appearance.

## Top marks trophy



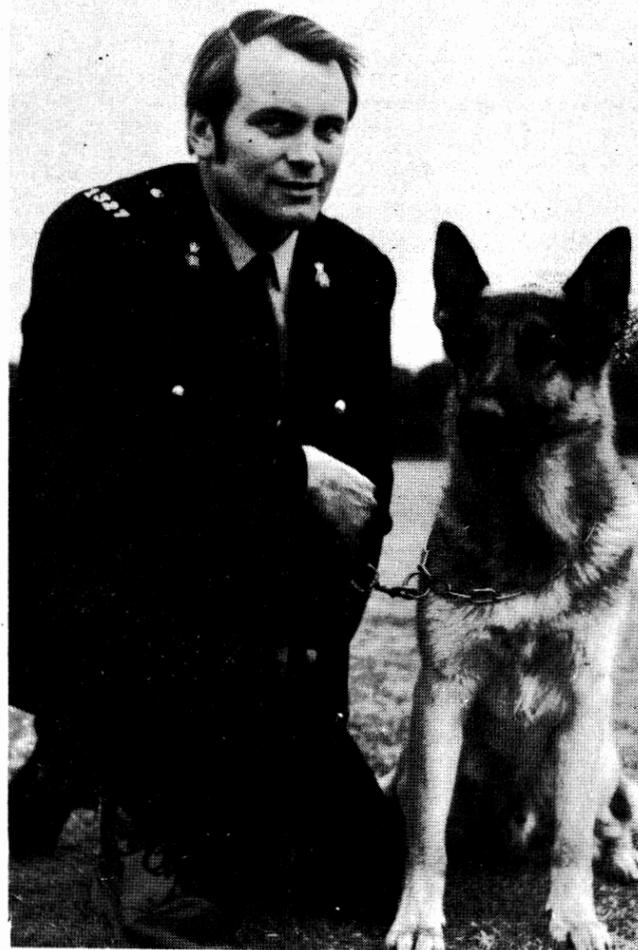
WINNER of the Peel Trophy awarded annually to the Constable who gains highest marks in the examination to Sergeant, is Ken Knights of Information Room.

## On the Board

ESSEX Magistrate, Mr Reg Barton, Chairman of the bench at Clacton has been nominated to sit on the new police negotiating board to look into police conditions, service and pay. Mr Barton is one of seven nominated from magistrates all over the south eastern region to sit on the board.

A former superintendent of the Essex Special Constabulary, Mr Barton was headmaster of Tendring Primary School for 33 years and was a founder member and chairman of Tendring Hospital League of Friends. In 1973, he was given the M.B.E.

## Trials winners



TOP DOG in the Force Trials in early October was Fraser handled by Constable Colin Ball. They are stationed at Colchester.

## Cadets make a comeback



HAPPY smiling faces at the Training School again show that cadet training is back. But not in the form of other years so after a three-week stay these cadets will

be joining divisions for attachments to depts. But one thing hasn't changed. They look happy enough here, but when they got back from the run. . .

# National Association of Retired Police Officers by Bert Brinkley

THE question uppermost in our minds is what transpired at the Annual Conference at Scarborough on September 14. A brief resume was given to our members on the occasion of the Branch social (Chelmsford) on September 22, but as the autumn bulletin may be late as the result of the conference a few points will be given here.

The President (Horace Woods) in his opening address said that co-operation with the Police Federation at Branch level had been excellent but the N.E.C. had not been so successful at higher level. However, they would strive until ultimate success was achieved.

He stressed that younger pensioners should take a more active part in Association affairs, what had been achieved was due entirely to the efforts made in the past. The President also made the point that serving Police Officers should do all they could for pensioners for their turn would come quicker than anticipated and it might be too late to do anything about it.

Pension increases from November 12 would be 16% (11/12ths of 17.5%), the N.E.C. did strive to obtain 23/24ths but failed.

N.E.C. policy on public service pensions was fully supported. A green paper had been issued by the Government on a standard national scheme for concessionary fares on public transport but it was very unlikely that this would occur.

N.E.C. to secure a general increase in preserved rate widows' pensions over the small percentage increase paid under the Social Security Act, 1975.

Post retirement marriages to include widows who married before 1.4.78.

To pressurise the Government that national insurance death grants be substantially increased immediately and thence forward index-linked to prices.

In conjunction with the Public Service Pensioners Council and kindred associations to pressurise the Government for the restoration of capital punishment for murder and also corporal punishment for all crimes associated with violence.

As from January 1, 1980, the annual minimum subscription would be raised to £1.80 for pensioners (15p monthly) and 48p for Widows (4p monthly).

Presentation to retiring General Secretary and Treasurer Philip J. Smith of a silver tray suitably engraved and Mrs. Eleanor Smith was presented with a cut glass Edinburgh rose bowl, the total collected by Branches and also individual subscriptions amounted to £2,700. A cheque for the balance of over £2,000 was also presented to Philip Smith. In thanking everyone who contributed to such remarkable gifts he said that for once words failed him but both he and his wife were indeed very grateful.

Life Membership of the Association was unanimously approved for two local members: Ralph B. Hagger, Chelmsford Branch and George C. Kemp, Colchester, in recognition of outstanding service to the Association in their respective Branches. We offer our congratulations to both members. It was noted that no representative attended from Southend Branch.

## Subscriptions 1980

I must apologise, if that is the correct word, for my letter of October 1 (Chelmsford Branch) sent out some 3 weeks ago giving the wrong information. By way of explanation I would add that I had not any idea that this motion was being brought before the conference until we received the

## SMALLER RECRUIT SQUAD



THE SEPTEMBER local procedure course who left for their stations in the middle of the month are rather fewer in number than recent courses. From the left, the front row are: L. Jackson, formerly a garage hand, posted to Harwich; J. Gilbert, secretary, Grays; T. Hickman, unemployed, Braintree.

Centre from left: M. Kelly, bank clerk, Grays; A. Law, engineer, Westcliff; P. Pratt, clerical officer, Grays; S. Sharp, social worker, Grays; C. Trim, electrician, Grays.

Rear from left: C. Latham, clerical officer, Grays; J. Woodcock, club steward, Great Wakering; S. Le Maitre, Merchant Navy, Westcliff; J. Clements, field services engineer, Braintree; J. Seaber, electronics engineer, Southend.

## Crime Squad 1901



THE CRIME SQUAD of their day, these two characters had been on plain clothes observation in 1901 when the picture was taken. Charles Howlett, Welfare Officer points out an inscription on the back, "P.c. Collins and another on plain clothes duty, 1901." Charlie is well aware that even then the tallest story tellers in the Force cannot pretend to have been there, but wonders if anyone knows who the second man was.

printed agenda. The matter was given lengthy discussion and resulted as already explained. I deeply regret this unfortunate happening but in order to save postage I had to post with the A.G.M. minutes (Chelmsford Branch). For those who had already sent at the old rate please remember next time, for those yet to come in take note of the new rate, which after all is the minimum, and post accordingly.

The Chelmsford Branch Social and Luncheon was held at Headquarters on September 22. An excellent lunch was provided and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mrs. Hehn and her staff were thanked by the Chairman for the arrangements made and also to those concerned who 'manned' the bar from 11.30 a.m. Although 90 members and their wives attended I expected many more, considering that 400 invitations were sent out and less than 1/3rd were acknowledged. This matter will be seriously debated by the

Committee if and when future luncheons are to be held.

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## Blue or white? JBB can't decide

UNABLE to come down on the side of white shirts or blue, the Federation JBB has decided to run a referendum to seek views of force members before approaching the Chief on the subject. A number of forces throughout the country, including Metro, now issue white shirts to all ranks.

## Seaxes

THE BAKER Machinery and Jeep Stages Rally took place on Sunday September 16. Better known as the Suffolk Stages, the event started at Bury St. Edmunds and included 17 stages. Seaxes provided 19 marshals who enjoyed an exciting as well as entertaining days sport. Worthy of note is the Chelmsford Motor Club crew of Phil Peacock and Richard Bonner who finished third overall.

The Perring Trophy Rally was held overnight on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 September. Seaxes had entered three crews and were also able to provide 15 marshals. The event started at Battlesbridge and before finishing at the Miami Grill, Chelmsford, took in 2 special sections in the Earls Colne area. The Seaxes crew of Brian Jaggs and Roy Gravestock won the novices award for the rally. There was a couple of hours sleep for one member for after arriving home at 8am after the Perring Trophy he was out again at 10am to compete in an Autotest held at Althorne. Unfortunately, his car did not have his stamina and gave up on the first test!

The first Club Night was held in the HQ bar on Friday 5 October, organised by Linda Vallance. The idea was for members of the club to meet socially and have a chinwag, with liquid refreshment close at hand rather than on some cold lonely road, with the rain pouring down, waiting for other competitors on a rally to put in an appearance. Some 60 members turned up and it is now hoped to have a Club Night on the first Friday in each month, so if you want to wag your chin come along — you might even get to know some of the faces behind the names.

The Britvic Stages rally, this year promoted by Chelmsford

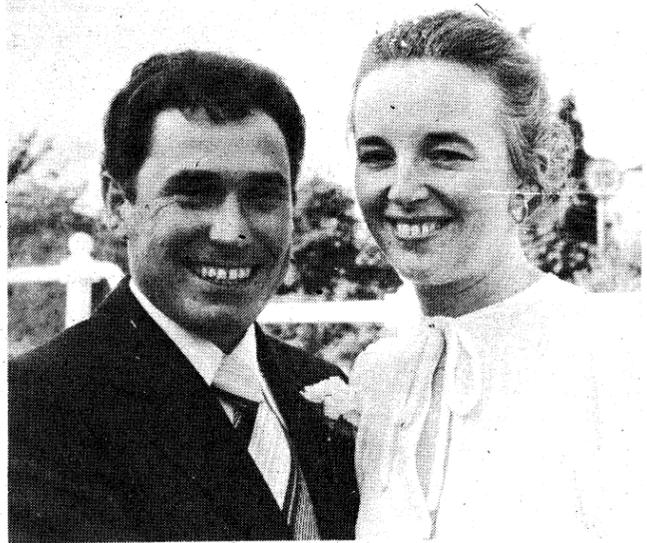
## Rennie's DIY suit



WHEN Rennie Chivers, a Police constable stationed at Harwich married Miss Anita Jane Mason at Frinton Free Church recently, he was wearing a grey wool suit he made himself.

Rennie's only previous tailoring experience was a shirt he made for himself in March this year "for something to do", but armed with a paper pattern, a book from the library and an old hand sewing machine which was his mother's and grandmother's before him he started work on the three piece suit in May and completed it the day before the wedding.

Rennie said: "There were times I wish I hadn't started it, but I just thought it would be a nice idea to make my own wedding suit. I have no immediate plans to make anything else."



AND Witham constables Ann Conerney and Michael Hall were married at Braintree's Our Lady of Peace Church on 15th September.

## WOMEN POLICE REUNION DINNER

ANNUAL DINNER will be held on Wednesday 21st November, 1979, at 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. at Simpsons Restaurant, Wickford.

Any woman officer wishing to attend, please contact Inspector Dockrell at Southend Police Station, ext 220, before 3rd November.

Motor Club was held on Sunday 7 October. Starting from Britvics factory in Chelmsford, where some Seaxes marshals had to be at 6.45am. The event finished at the Marks Tey Motel having taken in the majority of the Essex countryside — not that the competitors saw much of it. Seaxes elected to marshal at the gravel pit stage at Broomfield, and they were certainly kept busy. Cars which for various reasons stopped on the stage were quickly moved to one side, to enable the next car to make his attempt. Thirty one marshals turned up to enjoy a thrilling and on occasions eventful stage, and it was nice to see our old friend

Mick Lawson back on the scene after an absence which had lasted for too long.

November 4 is the date for the Federation of British Police Motor Clubs production car trials which are to be held at Tring, thanks to the Hertfordshire Police Motor Club. This event includes hill climbs and other weird and wonderful tests. If you are interested in taking part, marshalling or just spectating, contact Tony at the garage.

Finally, the November Trophy 12 car rally, organised by Peter Johnson, takes place on Friday November 16. Again if you want to take part or marshal, contact Tony.

# It's a grand lottery now

A GRAND lottery at last. The Force Lottery first prize topped £1,000 for the first time last month when the draw took place at Colchester Divisional Ball at the Officers' Club.

Since its inception in July 1976 the lottery has almost doubled in turnover. Then the first prize was £506; this time it was £1,004. Since the allocation of cash to prizes and Association funds has remained unchanged, not only do prize-winners benefit but so also do the funds of the Sports Association.

Lucky winner of the first thousand pound prize was Constable Ron Wheeler of Rayleigh Traffic who heard



**BEAMING** with pleasure at the thought of spending his winnings, Ron Wheeler of Rayleigh, the first £1,000 force lottery winner.

the news two days after the draw but didn't believe it. Only when he saw the teleprinter message was he prepared to start enjoying the prospect of spending it. "I've been caught by jokers' notices on the board before," he told The Law.

Married with three boys aged 12 and 10, twins, Ron has no special ideas for the cash. He has been in the lottery since the start.

By contrast, Evelyn Carter, a civilian at Harlow, bought two tickets a month before to add to those she already held and one of the new chances took the second prize of £502.

"All the numbers have an equal chance, even first time in," said John Tysoe, lottery organiser.

John has worked extremely hard to bring the first prize up to the magic thousand pounds mark. Now he has decided to hand over the reins which will be taken up by George Sage, Force Sports Secretary.

Also under discussion is the viability of running the draw at functions round the Force area. What with the electronic number selector and all the books and cards — and the back up draw system of coloured and numbered balls, one is beginning to need a truck to transport it all.

Says George, "They don't run a dance every time Ernie pays out." Some



**A HAPPY** John Tysoe with his wife, celebrating lifting the lottery to the £1,000 prize mark, and relinquishing the cares of office after 27 monthly draws.



**CAUGHT** in characteristic pose? This would depend on whether he was grabbing the bottle before it was all gone, or merely moving it to the other side of the table. Force Sports Secretary George Sage takes a celebration drink or two after taking over the running of the Force Lottery.

members of the sports committee are understood to be against changing the present system, which has the great advantage of being seen to be entirely above board.

The lottery has the

potential, if everyone who is eligible took the full eight chances, of paying out a £2,000 first prize. "But the second thousand will be a damned sight harder than the first," George Sage told The Law.

## Force lottery

**RESULT** of the draw held at Colchester on 21st September, 1979.

1st prize: £1004.92, P.c. R. Wheeler, Rayleigh Traffic; 2nd prize: Evelyn Carter, Harlow, £502.46; 3rd prize: Margaret Sewell, Grays £251.23; 4th prize: D.c. C. Prest, HQ, £125.62.

Consolation prizes of £25.12 each: P.c. R. Turner, Harlow; P.c. T. Owen, Wickford; P.c. A. Weavers, Stanway Traffic; D.c. E. Coates, Southend; P.s. D. Rothero, Witham.



### IPA notes

This month I start with news of a very successful caravan rally, which was held on the playing field at Headquarters on the weekend of the 1st September. Nearly fifty caravans attended. The weather was perfect, and

everybody enjoyed themselves. On the final night, a dance was held in the training school, which was also well attended. A profit of nearly £60 was made. Plans are being made to hold next year's rally at Audley End.

Headquarters section held an enjoyable informal meeting in the bar, at which plans were made for next year's visit to Berlin. A further suggestion was made to go to Wembley in the new year to the annual ice show. It is hoped to hold a similar meeting every month.

Plans are also being made to celebrate next year becoming a Region, by inviting groups from abroad in October, together with groups coming to Met K and J Divs, with a final dance to be held probably at Barking.

Various Essex members are, or have recently been abroad. A

"IT'S THE BEST Divisional 'do' in the county," Reg Shelley, Colchester Sports Club secretary told The Law, with the air of one who has seen them all and dismissed them as mere imitations.

So The Law went along, not only to record the first "grand" lottery draw but also to witness the rites which made this celebration the best.

The venue was not one of your six-star glass and concrete emporia, swish to the last pelmet. Access to the Officers Club at Colchester is gained by St. John's Abbey gate through which the family Rolls might well pass in but would come out again only with the greatest care and a simple regimen of lemonade.

And the club itself has the quaint air of a collection of huts.

But there was certainly atmosphere which even the force lottery draw, dragging its way through the routine of drawing numbers and looking up the winners' names for immediate announcement only to find that no-one in the room had ever heard of them failed to dampen.

"We have a waiting list for tickets," Reg Shelley said. It was true that as Police Divisional social functions go there were an awful lot of actual policemen in attendance. Perhaps it was the buffet. Sumptuous would not be too strong.

As The Law departed the company were getting down to the grim business of dancing till dawn. Perhaps this is to exaggerate though the sun comes up early in these northern reaches. But they all looked very happy. It must be the oysters.



**Divisional second in command, Supt. George Raven and Mrs. Raven.**



**ON THEIR** wedding anniversary Mr and Mrs Dave Passfield enjoy a quick step round the floor.



**JUST** back to the Colchester Division, West Bergholt beat, after a brief flirtation with Boreham, Mr and Mrs John Bolinbroke.



**TWISTING** the night away, D.C.C. and Mrs. Price.

party from Southend are at present in Denmark, and a mixed party from Grays and the Mets have just returned from a visit to

Dusseldorf in Germany. I understand that they were well looked after by local members and included visits (and practice)

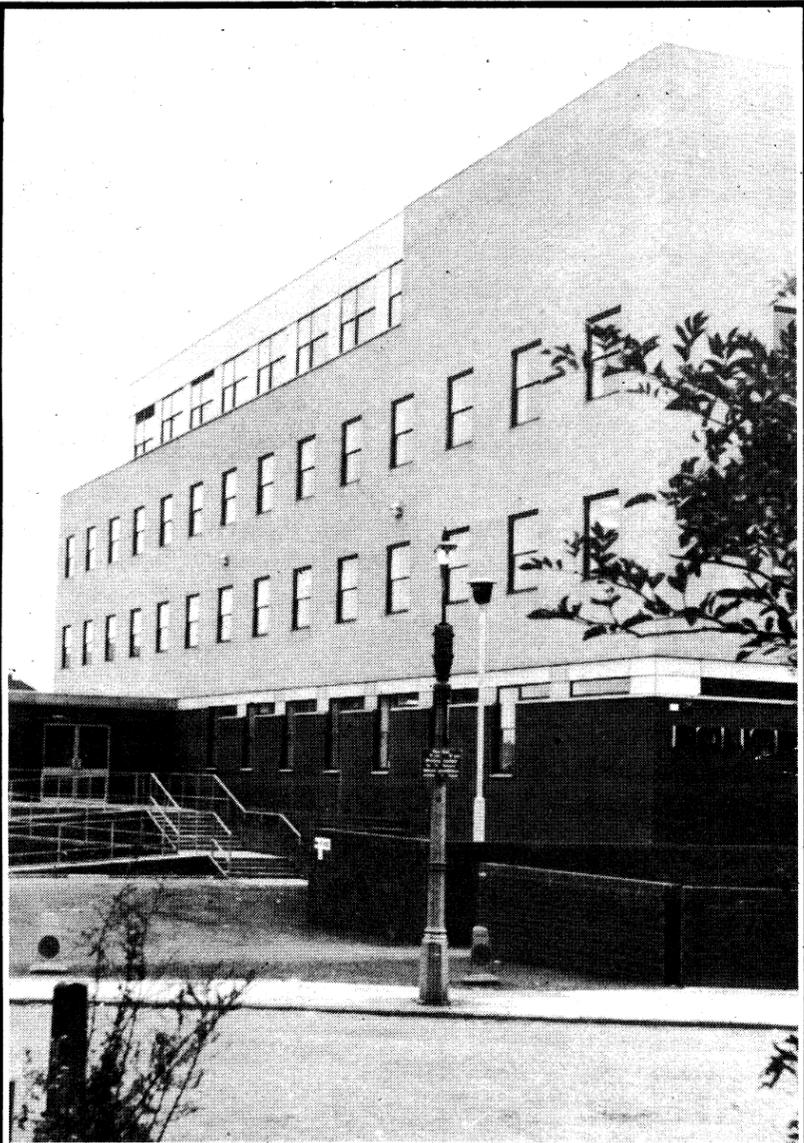
in the rifle range and museums. I understand that my pleas for a mains radio have borne fruit, for the IPA house at Leigh, thank you to the member who donated it.

I would also like to thank ex Grays member, Steve Nuttall, now Sergeant Nuttall of Walton on Naze, who has built up the Section at Grays to a remarkable number of members, and I expect great things in the future from that Division. His job has been taken over by Peter Tanner.

Talking of members we seem to have an upsurge this year, and I hope that next year everybody will be talking about the success of IPA in Essex.

I end this month with the sad duty of reporting the death of Jack Martin, a member for some years, who lived at Galleywood.





# GRAY'S NEW STATION

## Happy atmosphere has moved with

GRAY'S new Police Station has been built on a site at the back of the old station left vacant by the demolition of a school and rows of small houses. The area has a derelict appearance at present as there are more buildings to be knocked down yet in the central Grays rebuilding process.

the spaciousness in contrast to the premises is most marked. Unlike outfits who take up new premises the Division seem to have moved into an atmosphere with them.

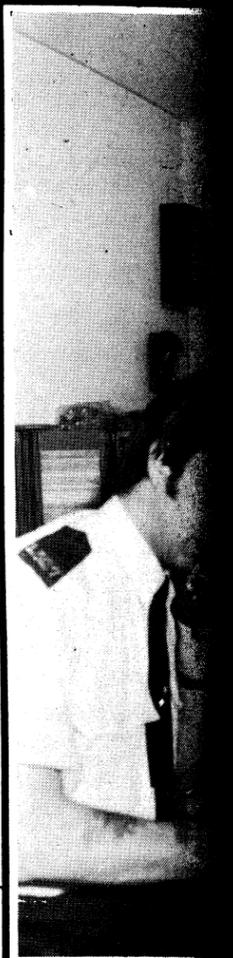
Because the old station will continue to house the magistrates courts, and the courts offices are to move in the new building has been linked with

The new station has all the clean external lines which one has come to expect. Inside

THE ENTRANCE to the new station faces away from the town centre, the redevelopment of which is not yet finished.

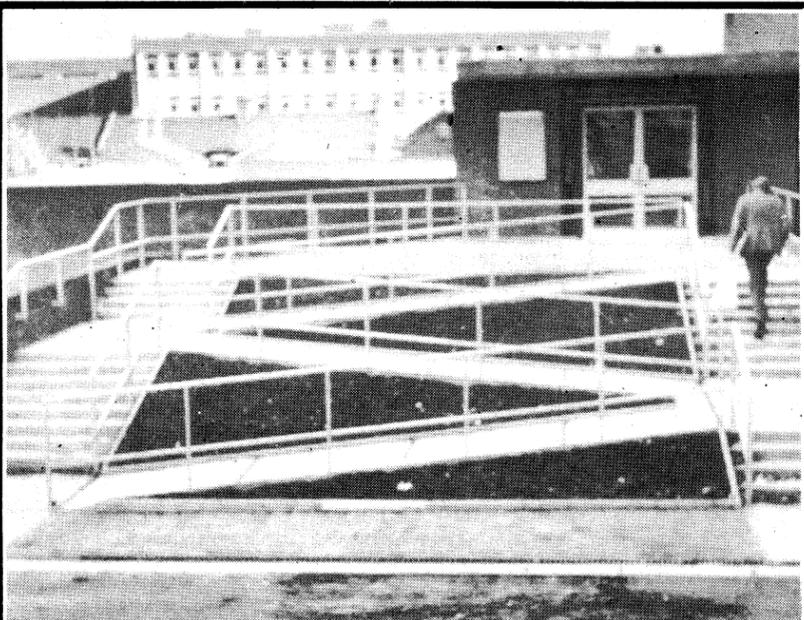


UPSTAIRS the Guv'nors confer in Ch. Supt. Joe Bird's office which has an air of simple luxury. He is seated with his second in command Supt. "Sandy" Powell.



DOWN IN THE... Constable Best. In...

LINK WITH THE PAST. The cells are upstairs, a phenomenon dictated by the sloping site, and an overhead tunnel leads to the old station cells which will be used as a court lock-up.



RAMP thoughtfully provided for the wheelchairs of some of the longer serving staff. Not quite. The Law has been assured that anyone may drive his wheelchair up to the doors.



IN ADMIN "Harry's Angels," presided over by Sgt. Harry Haisall, Ros Blayney, Joy Knight, standing, and Ann Lane, right.

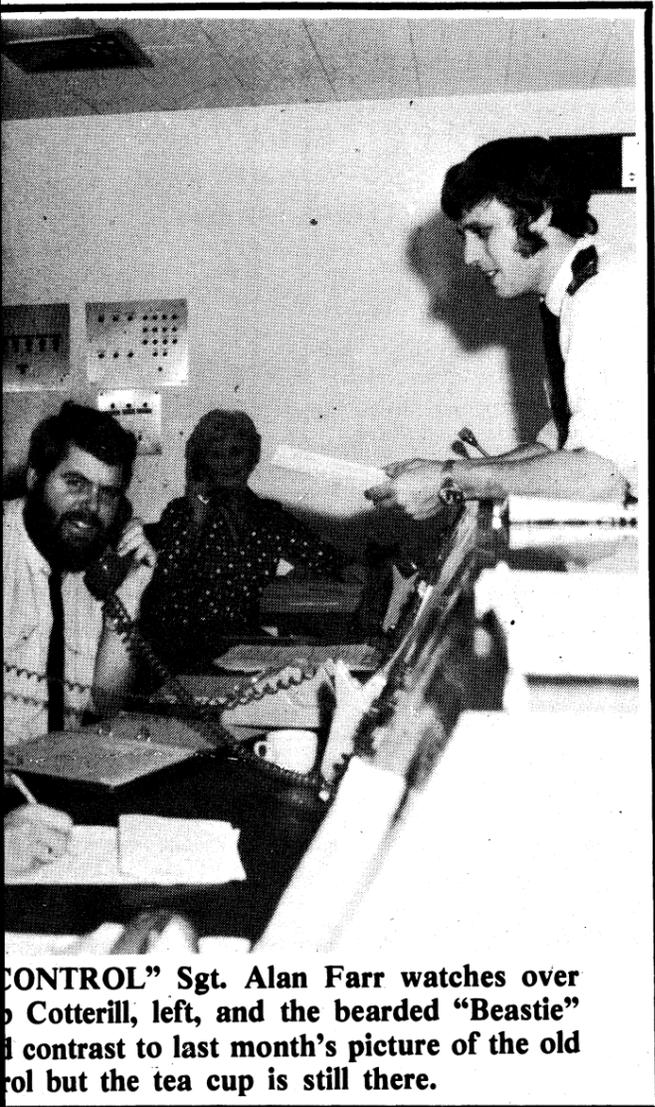


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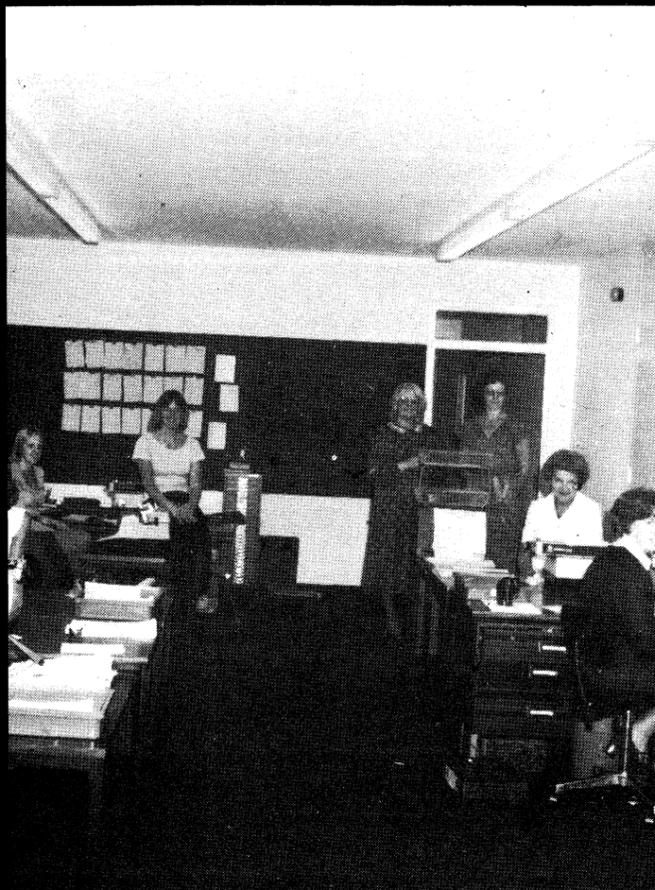
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by way of an "overhead tunnel" leading from the station cell block to the court cells. If the bricks and mortar have changed one can hardly say the same for some of the people who work at Grays. Some have been there for several years, long enough not to react to The Law's suggestion that the ramp outside the front door was to help them get their wheelchairs inside.



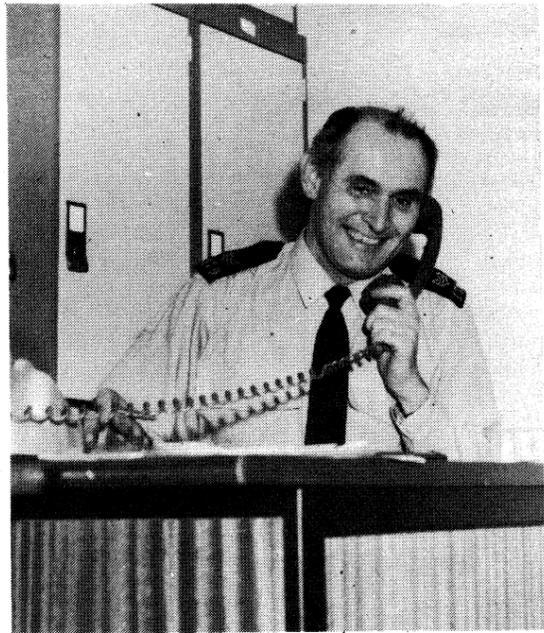
**CONTROL** Sgt. Alan Farr watches over Cotterill, left, and the bearded "Beastie" in contrast to last month's picture of the old control but the tea cup is still there.



**ery in the Nick?** The ladies of the process office Dames sans Merci, perhaps — pause for The Law.



**THE VOICE** of Grays, telephonist Audrey Ward whose dulcet, two-tone greeting, "Grays," must be known county-wide.



**COLLATOR** Jim Graham — endless conversation.



**BOSS'S** Secretary, Olive Benson, 23½ years at the Station.



**C.I.D. OFFICE** Manager, Shirley Warren, seated, and Doreen Mitcham, who is believed to have been at the old station when it was new. We jest, but it is 28 years.

# Happy retirement

**THIS JOURNAL** hopes to feature every retirement on pension from now on. While it is just not possible to cover everything which every member of the Force does — for one thing you don't tell us — at least Force members will have their picture in The Law once, if only at the point of leaving. Because there have been several retirements lately we have to apologise that some have been missed. We wish our former colleagues a happy retirement.



**THREE** officers with a combined total of 96 years in Essex Police shared a farewell get-together at Witham Police Station last week. Serving at Witham for a record 31 years, P.c. David Wilson started his police career in Chelmsford, but moved to Witham early on and has worked there ever since. As well as snooker and cricket, he is a keen bowls player and represents both the police side and a local team. Supt. Ron Shayshutt started his career in Romford Division. After many years at Witham, in 1977, he was on the point of retirement when he was promoted Superintendent and moved to Colchester. Village bobby at Tollesbury for the last 12 years, Len Carter was one of the County's crack rifle shots and one of the first police officers in Essex to be issued with a firearms permit. On his retirement he was one of the oldest members of Essex Police Rifle team and the Colchester Rifle Club.



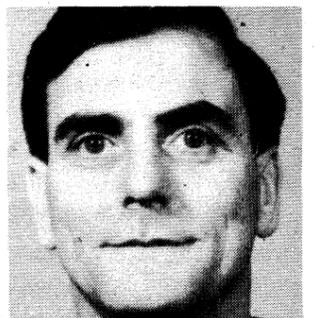
**A NATIVE** of Lancashire, Chief Inspector Geoffrey Crux transferred to this force from Rochdale Borough in 1967. Retiring as officer-in-charge of Brentwood Sub-Division, he and his wife intend to remain in the Brentwood area.



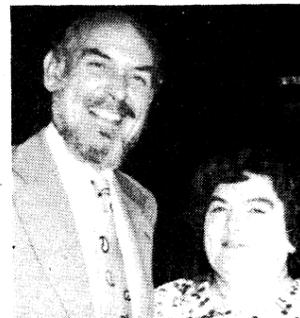
**AFTER** 32 years in the Forse Supt Denis Redgewell retired from Harlow last month. He is in the process of moving back to Colchester, where he served from 1962 to '70 before moving to Harlow. Colleagues made a presentation at a social event in Harlow.



**SECOND** in Command, Traffic Div., Supt. Ian Watson retired this month after 30 years with Essex Police. Living in Saffron Walden, he will be working for the County Council as a Highways Inspector at their Newport Office. An Ex-Scots Guards piper, he has been famous for many years for his bag-pipe recitals at Hogmanay celebrations and other police functions.



**POLICE** Sergeant Eric Exley retired on September 30, 1979. He has been at Colchester for the past 14 years, being the Divisional Collator on his retirement.



**DET. Insp.** Ronald Dye was given a good "send off" from Harlow Division on his recent retirement from the Force. He was taken to lunch on Tuesday, September 21 by senior members of Harlow C.I.D. and at his official farewell party held in Harlow Bar the following evening, he was presented with a clock and car radio cassette.

**TWENTY-SEVEN** of P.S. Basil Gallagher's 30 years service have been spent on Grays Division. He retired recently and will be working in the Housing Department at Southend. CLACTON Division has lost two Sergeants on retirement. Walton Sergeant John Catton retires after 32 years in the force. He is a keen sportsman and has played football for the County Police team. He still plays tennis regularly and is a member of Kirby Tennis Club.

Sergeant John Swinbourne of Clacton will not be enjoying a lazy retirement. He is taking over the Grape and Grain off-licence in Holland on Sea.

**ONGAR'S** Sgt Peter Cousins retired after 30 years in the Force and was presented by colleagues with a cut glass decanter set. Former colleagues from all over the county attended his farewell party and as he is a collector of police badges presented him with some of these also. He has moved to Thorpe le Soken.

**DET SGT** Geof Smith who transferred from Cambridgeshire some two years ago retired from Scens of Crime, Harlow, last month. Colleagues presented him with a cucumber to mark his involvement in the Turone enquiry. He has moved back to Cambridgeshire.

# Your choice of weapons—pistols or swords

## Force pistol champions

THE Force Pistol Competition was held at Fingringhoe E.T.R. range on the 14th September and despite the difficulties experienced by some Divisions in raising a team, due to the number of recent serious crimes in the Force, with the exception of Clacton all Divisions were represented together with a team from Regional Crime Squad.

The competition was in two parts with a shoot A consisting of prone, kneeling and standing shooting at distances varying from 25 metres to 5 metres using a total of 26 rounds to score an individual maximum of 25pts., making a team total of 208 points.

The Force Support Unit took an early lead with 164 closely followed by Colchester on 148. Basildon were third with 139. P.c. Blaxland of Southend set the individual standard with an excellent 51 followed by P.c. Barry, Harlow on 47 and P.c. Webb, Colchester, with 46.

Shoot B consisted of 18 rounds, 6 prone at 40 metres and 12 at 30 metres, kneeling and standing. Although extremely difficult for some competitors to hit the target F.S.U. increased their lead to take the Cup and 1st team prize with 258, Colchester were team runners-up with 234 and Basildon third with 214.

Despite pressure from P.c. Webb with an individual total of 80, P.c. Blaxland held on to take the

highest individual prize with a total of 83.

As a bit of fun there followed a team knockout shoot, the object of which was to knock down 12 "clays" hung on a frame.

Here Colchester had their revenge, knocking out F.S.U. and going on to win.

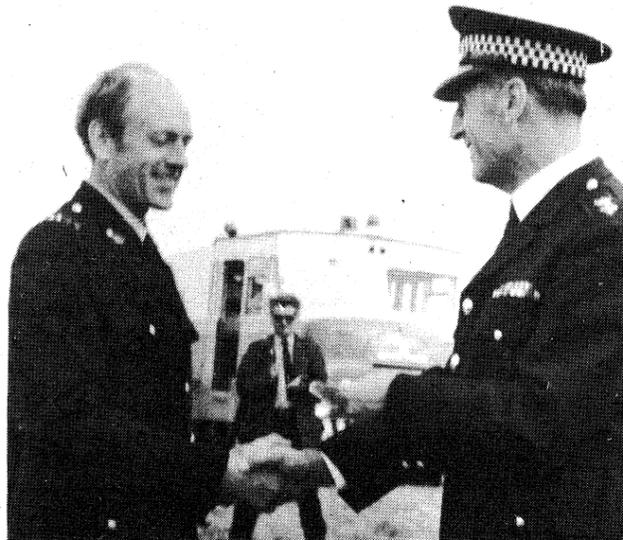
Prizes were presented by Chief Supt. Dighton of Colchester Division who expressed thanks to Inspector M. Johnson, competition organiser, his staff and officials for a well-organised and enjoyable day.

### TEAM TOTALS

F.S.U. 258, Colchester 234, Basildon 214, Southend 209, Chelmsford 208, Grays 200, Harlow 198, HQ C.I.D. 194, R.C.S. and Rayleigh 183.



Top Scorer after the presentation, Dave Blaxland of Southend.



TAKING pleasure at presenting his own team with something, even if only the prize for the "fun" shoot in the afternoon, is Ch Supt Dighton of Colchester who gave away prizes. Receiving is Colchester captain, and individual runner-up Phil Webb.



WITH their trophy after winning the team event are the F.S.U. team. From left Dick Chaplin, John Weatherley, Brian Wilkins, and Tony Davis.

## Teresa scores a hit

FENCING is an extremely exacting sport. In times past the ability to defend oneself with a sword might be a matter of life and death: now it is a matter of winning or losing.

The sport is characterised by sudden bursts of energy in which the action must be accurately applied to gain a hit. Movement is so rapid that fencers must trail an electric wire behind them to light up the scoreboard if they achieve hits on their opponents.

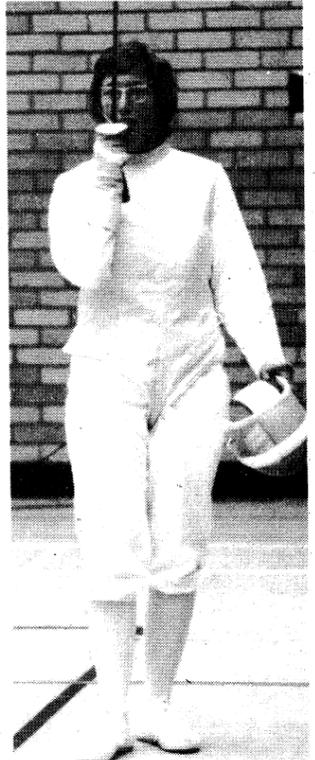
It is very much an individual game, no one to blame but yourself if you concede a hit or miss the target.

JUST over a year ago W.P.C. Teresa Sewell of Rayleigh Police Station decided to take up this sport and joined the Cyrano Fencing Club. Having previously gained international honours in handball and being a national standard hurdler Teresa was not short of competitiveness and aimed to achieve the best possible results from her new sport. After a year of intensive training from her coach Mr. Dave Hanrahan she is now starting to see some results.

During July she competed in the Norfolk Open Competition. This competition attracted fencers of a high standard from as far afield as Bristol, London and Birmingham.

As this was only Teresa's third competition her target was merely to get through the first round. Not only did she do this with a fine display of direct aggressive fencing but she lost only one fight in the process. She continued in this style for the first two fights of the semi-final but suddenly lost her way and was beaten in the next two fights. A short discussion with her coach soon put her back in the right frame of mind and she won her final fight convincingly to gain a place in the final.

The final pool contained some highly experienced fencers including England international Katy Arup and Francesca Darnell recent finalist in the prestigious Wilkinson Sword



TERESA Sewell salutes her opponent before masking up.

Competition. Teresa's first fight was against Katy Arup Miss Arup called upon her vast experience and superb technique to win 5-2.

A second defeat followed when Teresa lost to Jean Whitehouse a girl who took full advantage of her height and reach. This was followed by two victories and meant that Teresa had to win her final fight convincingly against the supremely confident Miss Darnell to stand a chance of winning a medal.

Miss Darnell expected an easy victory as she had beaten Teresa convincingly in their semi-final fight. However, it was not to be. In the best fight of the day Teresa established total dominance over her opponent and gained a 5-3 victory. There were in consequence three girls equal on three victories behind the undefeated Miss Arup. When the hits were taken into account Teresa was placed fourth and missed a medal by only one hit.

The following week found Teresa at the Wickford open competition and once again a fourth place. This time the entry included two fine young Essex fencers, Fiona Wilson and Louise Dale both of whom have made National finals. These were Teresa's first two fights — a daunting prospect for anyone — and ended in two narrow defeats. However, she recovered from this to lose only one further fight throughout the day and that by the score of 5-4. Unfortunately, that was sufficient to lose her third place and so once again she missed a medal.

Her coach said, "It is most unusual for someone who has been fencing for only a year to win even one fight in a competition let alone make the final. I am therefore delighted with Teresa's progress and am convinced that her first championship trophy will

## PAA 'chumps'

IAN Wright and Peter Scott represented the Force at the No. 5 P.A.A. Sailing Championships which were organised by the Hampshire Police at Netley in September. Both were sailing their single handed Lasers and were confident of success. However, as the old saying goes, 'Pride goes before a fall' and the title they eventually received was not quite what they had in mind.

Ian, who won the Championships in 1977 and was runner up in 1978, was determined to regain the Fast Handicap Cup and from the moment the officer of the day fired the starting gun to send away a mixed fleet of some 20 boats, Ian seized the lead and by the time the first lap had been completed was in a position that meant almost certain victory. In second place, and also well ahead of the rest of the fleet, was Peter Scott.

To the amusement and joy of the other competitors Ian then took the wrong course followed dutifully by Peter (Well, the Governor must be right, mustn't he!) By the time they realised their mistake

the Essex pair were trailing the fleet with no chance of catching the leaders. Ian eventually finished 9th and Peter, much to his delight, stole 8th position on the line, rubbing salt in the wound of Ian's already damaged pride.

Between races the now nicknamed 'Chumps' commiserated with each other, until Peter mentioned that he had at least been the first Essex boat home — the challenge for the second race was then on. At the start of the second race it was Peter who made a good start. On the last lap he was battling for first position with another competitor and Ian was pushing for 4th place. Still, a race is never lost until it is won, and a sudden wind shift lifted Ian to the winning line, just ahead of the two leading boats, and much to his delight he took the winning gun with Peter relegated to 3rd position.

The overall winners of the cup and the team prize went to Hampshire constabulary. The Essex positions were as follows: Ian Wright 4th, Peter Scott 5th.

## Ladies take some stick at Ipswich

ARRIVING at the newish Suffolk HQ the Essex hockey squad found a well rolled pitch. This was the good news: meanwhile at one end of the ground a figure was running up and down with a police dog hanging on to his arm while at the other end the Cadet band were practising marching through Georgia.

This was the tune rather than the location and they made enough noise to almost drown Teresa Sewell's shouts of "Come on Essex".

Refusing to be influenced by their recent win over Hertfordshire, the Essex girls went one goal down after six minutes.



usual goalkeeper was away cycling from John O'Groats to Lands End, alas, not via Suffolk, and the forwards seemed unable to shoot.

So despite a territorially even first half, Essex gave away a second goal before half-time, and then another immediately after the resumption.

A fourth goal followed and just to rub in, Moira Moore sliced the ball neatly into her own goal to make it five.

It was the Essex finishing which was still at fault, their incursions into the Suffolk circle coming to nothing but just before half-time Moira cancelled her mistake with a shot fired through defenders legs and into goal.

Not a flattering score, 5-1, but neither was it a real indication of

## Film made on Roadcraft

AT A special showing for motoring correspondents of local newspapers last week Ch Insp Terry Roberts, in charge of Driving School, unveiled a new film on road craft made by the School in co-operation with the Multi-Media team at the Training School, Ps Geoff Emsden and Pc John Worland.

The film, which lasts 31 minutes, covers all aspects of road craft and is intended both for police and civilian instruction.

The film has been copyrighted and Ch Insp Roberts hopes that national sales will ensue.

## Police of Essex Golf Society



THE Society's Autumn Meeting was held at Canons Brook Golf Club, Harlow, on 26th September. The weather was ideal and 22 members competed. Five guests also attended.

Prize winners were as follows: winner of Presidents Putter Trophy with a net 72 — Joe Freeman; runner up Presidents Putter Trophy with a net 75 — Andy Smith; winners of the 'Two Js Cup' with 65 points — Alan Collins and Steve Bardwell; runners up with 62 points — Alec Mackman and John Clark.

Winner of the 'Three Meetings Challenge Shield' with a total of

365 was Alec Mackman, and runner up with total of 375 was Steve Bardwell.

The Captains Prize for the best all day handicap score was awarded to Dick Barham with a total of 154.

The winner of the Individual Stableford competition during the afternoon round was Dave Bennett with a total of 33 points.

Prize for the best all day scratch score was awarded to Alan Barrett with a total of 211, and Mr David Hiskey was the winner of the Guests Afternoon Individual Stableford Competition with a total of 29 points. An enjoyable day was had by all.

The Society's Annual General Meeting was held during the evening when the Vice President, Mr B. Price (Deputy Chief Constable) expressed his disappointment with the comparatively small membership of the Society for a force of our size. He was certain that there were many more golfers within the force and invited them all to join.

If you are one of the 'What do I get out of it' brigade, all I can say is 'Come and join us and find out for yourself,' he said.

All enquiries to Sergeant R. Hayes, Chelmsford Police Station.

The Chief Constable has approved that Essex Police stage the No. 5 Regional P.A.A. Championship next year. Venue will be Braintree Golf Club, Sisted, and it will be held on 14th May 1979.

## Angling

THIS YEAR'S inter-divisional freshwater fishing competition took place this year at Star Lane, Wakering, in the pouring rain. Section Secretary, Neil Everard who organised the event, caught the biggest fish of the day and won the individual trophy.

The Harlow team of Mick Walker and Keith Watson won the team prize, beating Stan Czuba and Jack Baldock of Southend into second place.



**BIGGEST fish of the day, caught by Neil Everard, winner of the individual trophy.**

## Cross-country

LATER this month the cross country season gets under way and right from the start Essex have the chance to make a good showing in the S.E. Police League.

The first league race is being arranged for Rayleigh on 31 October where Andy Down will be local organiser. As last season it will be a matter of getting all the available talent out together. So often in 1978-79 the team turned up with several key scorers missing.

And the ladies team should benefit from reinforcement from the cadet intake several of whom have expressed interest. Fixtures so far known are shown below. Divisions please note the date of the inter-div championship at Chelmsford.

31 October ..... Rayleigh  
21 November ..... Horsham  
12 December ..... Force Champs  
19 December ..... Maidstone  
30 January ..... Oxford  
20 February ..... Walton, Sy  
5 March ..... Southampton  
26 March ..... Cadet Champs  
Birmingham

9 April ..... P.A.A., Oxford  
This year the League is offering extra prizes for veterans. And as this means over 40, no age at all, Andy Down is calling on any former team members or secret joggers to come out and support the team. "You never know," he says, "you might even get first Vet."

## Rugby team's fine start

AN UNPRECEDENTED start to the season has left the Rugby squad wondering what they are doing right. Opponents who have run them close in other seasons are being seen off by large margins.

The team has a good balance of age and experience and has been one of the immediate beneficiaries from the return of cadet training. Cadet Dunn fitting

in very nicely as a prop forward.

Against Submarine Refit, Chatham, the usual close game was turned into a rout as Police notched up 46pts., conceding only three in reply. Halford converted five times and tries were touched down by Hall (2), Parsons, Rickards, Corbett, Radford, Dunn and Gibbs.

Other results have been Suffolk Police beaten 26-6 and Southend Firemen 14-6.

# Ten without defeat

THE County football team have been maintaining their run of good results despite many team changes and some indifferent performances.

After seven Olympian League fixtures the County team sit at the top of the League with 13 points, when the three friendlies at the beginning of the season are added it shows an impressive run of 10 matches without defeat.

In the League 18 goals have been scored and only 5 conceded, Paul Gamman having hit early goal scoring form notching 12 already.

Probably the best performance of the season came against Takeley who took four points from police last season. After an uncertain start Police gradually took control of the game. They created one or two chances before a tremendous run down the right wing by Stuart Lowe was finished with a cross to the penalty spot where it was net in spectacular fashion by Paul Gamman, his header leaving the goalkeeper with no chance.

The second half belonged to the Police but at no time could they feel confident whilst only having one goal advantage. About 25 minutes from the end of the match a Takeley player was dismissed from the field by the referee and this incident was

quickly followed by both teams making substitutions. The addition of John Weatherley to the Police attack could not have been more timely, in his very first attack on goal he met a right wing cross to glance a header into the net.

Takeley got back into the game with another fine header this time by their centre half but with a few

seconds to go Laurie Austin slotted home a third goal for the police.

The new players in the squad are gradually settling down and the team is confident that they will get even better. Stalwarts Bobby Scott and Alan Rusbridge deserve particular mention as they have both made impressive start to the season.

## Dutchmen walked away with whisky

HIGHLIGHT of the Essex Police "home" walking season came in early September when Denis Sheppard staged his two-yearly Euro-Friendship 20 kms at Chelmsford. Walkers of 7 nationalities contested the event.

Denis had done a great deal of work to stage the event, raising sponsorship support and officials for the day as well as corresponding with the foreign clubs who were to visit Essex for the weekend.

As the Mayor of Chelmsford sent the field off on the first of 4 laps it looked as if Police might also figure well in the team event as Mike Dunion took the lead followed by Peter Ryan.

But in face of a field containing numerous internationals and record holders this was a bit cheeky and by halfway Mike had settled into 3rd place with Peter beginning to go back through the field.

Eventually the Ilford A.C. international pair Roger Mills, the Crystal Palace one mile specialist, and Bob Dobson, British 50kms record holder, finished almost together. But Mike set a personal best time and force record in 3rd place.

Further back Ryan had one of his poorer races, Sheppard was not really concentrating on the race being burdened down with admin problems, and Hedgethorne had been ill all the week — so he said — so the Police effort rather petered out.

But for all this 4th place in a field of 8 teams was no disgrace and it is always nice to relegate the continental clubs to lower positions.

Indeed to be last in the team race might be ignominious but as the prize for the least team was a gallon of whisky this facilitated the drowning of sorrow. The Dutch had their sights clearly on the prize and were never tailed, as opposed to headed, in their quest.

A pleasant weekend. A presentation dinner at Chelmsford followed the race with a fun-relay on Sunday morning at Ilford and a tourist trip to London in the afternoon.

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3rd M. Dunion 96.16 (Force



**DUTCH long distance stalwart, Jan Vos, who has often done battle with John Hedgethorne over 100 miles or 24 hours. On this occasion Jan overtook John on the last lap.**

Rec); 14th P. Ryan 104.48; 21st D. Sheppard 109.21; 33rd J. Hedgethorne 115.32.

Teams: 1st Ilford 8; 2nd Anglia Striders 25; 3rd Boundary, Isle of Man 29; 4th Police 32; 5th Bad Kreuznach, Germany 38; 6th Fredrikstad, Norway 39; 7th Sonder Omme, Denmark 60; 8th Rotterdam, Netherlands 69.

## Harvey right on target

IT WAS a Graham Harvey benefit at Bisley in September on the occasion of the P.A.A. pistol championships. While the Essex team as a whole was disappointing Graham, still on song after his Euro-police silver medal earlier in the summer, notched up wins in three events (practical pistol, rapid fire, and Class 'A' club) and finished 2nd in the free pistol contest.

Colchester's Phil Webb was also placed in 4 events, though without securing a win. He finished 2nd behind Harvey in the Class 'A' club pistol and third in free pistol, rapid fire and standard.

And not to be left out section secretary Gerry French weighed in with a 2nd spot in Class 'C' club pistol. Says Gerry, "Despite the vast amount of their own time and money which our team devote to their sport they are not able to train together enough, something which other police teams seem able to do."

"But we shall be back in 1980 trying to recapture the title," he says.



**DUNION (1) and Ryan (2) in the lead soon after the start of the international club 20kms**

IN OTHER events the squad has split to race at various locations in UK and Holland. There was a full turnout at Newmarket, home of another sort of racing, yet oddly one of the birthplaces of walking racing, on 16th September, Mike Dunion taking 4th place against the same opposition as in the Chelmsford race. He went one better at Southend for the Essex League 5 miles two weeks later, getting

back into the frame with 3rd place.

After some up and down form Denis Sheppard has begun to settle on good times again. His effort in the one hour races at Parliament Hill was his best ever and last week in Drachten, Netherlands, he took 6th place in a good class field over 20kms.

This race also provided Peter Ryan with an opportunity to hit the front again and he took 3rd

place behind a Greek and a Welshman, in a time close to his best. Not to be outdone John Hedgethorne, closer to home, slipped in for a 2nd place prize in this month's Blackheath yacht handicap.

## RESULTS

**Newmarket 10,000 mts: 16.9.79**  
4th M. Dunion 47.16; 6th P. Ryan 48.00; 13th D. Sheppard 51.20; 18th J. Hedgethorne 52.29.

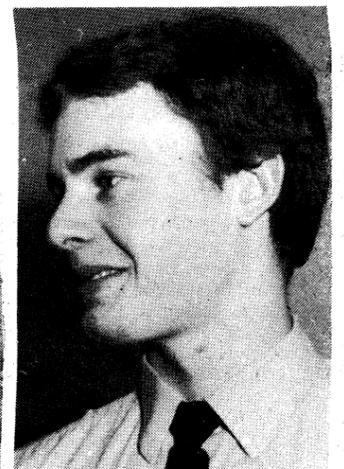
# Gold for Pat



**SHE'S the champ. W.p.c. Pat Foster of Rayleigh has won the P.A.A. national judo championships at Aberdeen. Pat fights in the lighter of two weight classifications in these championships.**

She makes something of a habit of gaining P.A.A. medals, taking the silver last year and winning in 1977 against girls of all weights because there was no division into classes then.

## and two Silvers for Phil



**PAA MEDALS** in two events at the National Police swimming finals last month, came the way of, Constable Phil Whitehead, stationed at Rayleigh. The 1-2-3 finishing order was identical in both 100mts and 200mts breaststroke with Phil in the silver spot. In each case he bested the third man by a touch. Before joining the force Phil worked as a swim pool life-guard and has previously placed 4th in national age-group finals. Since joining he admits to rather neglecting his training routine which makes his success the more rewarding.

**One-hour races: 22.9.79**  
D. Sheppard ??? mts; J. Hedgethorne ??? mts.  
**Southend 5 miles: 30.9.79**  
3rd M. Dunion 37.15; 12th J. Hedgethorne 42.26.  
**Blackheath 9 kms: 2.10.79**  
2nd J. Hedgethorne 47.02  
**Drachten, Holland 20kms: 6.10.79**  
3rd P. Ryan 97.51.3; 6th D. Sheppard 100.23.

## Perhaps they like big birds

BEING OUTNUMBERED in the office, this column can only pass on the following news item without comment except to wonder if the authorities really did forget. "Only three girls applied to be the first policewomen in Caceras, Spain, because no-one thought to change the 40in chest rule.

## The magic of modern machines

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS before we went either metric or electronic the Force Lottery draw was effected by four young ladies drawn at random from those attending the social function at which the draw was being made, extracting four numbered balls from cloth bags to make up the four digits of the winning numbers. This column can think of nothing much more random than this.

And yet the Committee of the Force Sports Association saw fit to buy an expensive piece of modern technology which lights up numbers behind a glass front after an invited member of the audience has pressed a switch. They thought this

would appear more random and it certainly caused the lottery less bother than the coloured balls though these always travel as a back-up.

Certainly this lottery has lifted the Sports Association out of its state of near bankruptcy and for this the Force must thank John Tysoe who has not only organised every draw and done all the admin. involved in ensuring that no two members have the same number, but by his drive and enthusiasm has forced up the main prize from £500 to over £1,000.

## A bad girls cry for help

AT THE Superintendent's conference at Torquay a delegate from Northumberland is reported to have called for people to "Take a bad girl into your home — and help her go straight."

This column would love to assist in such a worthy cause though one suspects the little woman might have something to say on the subject, not fully subscribing to these current doctrine that bad girls are would-be good girls making a cry for help. It sounds more like a job for the C.S.B.



to the Editor

### Compassion applauded

Dear Sir

Your account of the cop-cabby sponsored outing for the handicapped deserves a more prestigious readership, notably that of today's supreme arbiters of our manners and morals. It should reach the abominable showmen at telly H.Q. after the current strike but before the next expose the infamous fuzzi designed to inflame the multitude.

Compassion is a no less scarce commodity since the jobs cased the earth and the weak inherited the earth. Alas, mate, there ain't no medals nor promotion this side of the ocean for these extra-mural exercises. But mebbe those twin impostors just the same and settle for less ephemeral rewards.

They'd better.

I have sent your paper to my son, a priest wholly dedicated to the care of the handicapped. A simple soul, he insists that rough tunics conceal soft hearts: that one should never judge a sausage by its skin nor a copper by the telly. A cardinal heresy in 1979.

RALPH JONES

### Thanks a thousand

26th September, 1979

Dear Sir,

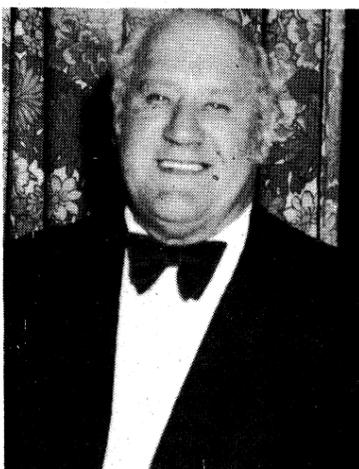
As I have now finished as the Secretary of the Force Lottery I would like through 'The Law' to thank all those officers in Divisions who have made my wife and I welcome over the last two years or so and provided a venue to run the lottery draw and to thank those in Divisions who have helped push up the number of shares held by our staff and of course those who participate in

## Jock the legend ends 41 years

JOCK McGEE is leaving next month after 41 years connected with the Force, first as a Constable and later as a civilian in Colchester's admin office.

"A legend in his own lifetime," is the way he is described by colleagues, having been first the senior man on his shift at Colchester where he initiated young colleagues into the mysteries of police work. More recently probationers on admin attachment have been taken under Jock's wing.

Also a regular blood donor, Jock McGee has an award for giving 100 pints of blood.



## What a way to spend a holiday

CYCLING from John O Groats to Lands End is not everyone's idea of a restful fortnight's leave. But to Jean Seager, Wpc at Harlow, it was just a way to raise cash for charity. She reckons to have totalled about £1,000 for her 14 day trip, completed earlier this month.

Jean has always enjoyed cycling, her parents are both cyclists and her father completed the trip in 4½ days.

A more leisurely 14 days spread the journey over the whole of Jean's two weeks leave.

There was no hurry. "When I got to Minehead I had 4 days to spare so I went round by the coast road," she told The Law.



The weather was dreadful. "It took me 5 hours to cross Rannoch Moor in Scotland. It's

completely deserted and raining in torrents. I thought it would never end," she said.

the lottery.

We still have a long way to go to have a 100 per cent membership and I hope that George Sage who is taking over the job of running the lottery will be given as much support as I have.

I would also like to thank you for providing space in The Law to print the monthly winners and for the occasional extra publicity.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. TYSOE  
Basildon Police Station

### Having a go

Dear Sir,

In reply to the Law September 10th 'Ediview' I'ts all in the mind, or how to get a police officer's back up in one easy lesson, I am writing on the behalf of 'D' shift when I say

we are not happy with these comments.

Having a go may well be an attitude of mind and they will tackle anything. It also may well be strange that only a small proportion of the force are keeping all the various sports sections going. However, that does not mean that these brave illustrious few do all the police work on the shift.

Just because we do not play a sport does not mean we do not work in fact we probably have to cover the shift while someone goes off to play the sport, then after having been away to play whatever it was he takes several days off sick from injuries.

I was under the impression we joined the police force to work as police officers not as footballers, swimmers, walkers, etc. There is always room for sport in any job

but one must remember it is the job first and sport second. If any one takes offence to not being able to play a sport due to a shortage of manpower then they are in the wrong employment.

As I say I speak for 'D' shift here and we are all "Have-a-goers" perhaps this could be kept in mind before any other person takes offence to a similar comment as last printed.

From the ever hard working police officers of 'D' shift Saffron Walden.

J. R. JAMES

Police Station  
Saffron Walden.

YES, it is true, they will have a go at Saffron Walden. Have they not just had a go at us? Of course, we remain undaunted so watch page 8 for the next outrage — Ed

### ESSEX POLICE MAGAZINE

I AM PLEASED to be able to say that sales of the last issue of the Essex Police Magazine have improved following my appeal.

The time is approaching when the Winter '79 edition is being put together and I would appreciate any photographs, quotable quotes, short stories or anything of interest.

I would like to thank all those who have responded to the call for articles but I am sure that there are many more who are capable of doing so.

Any items should be forwarded to the Editor, Essex Police Magazine, Police Station, Chelmsford.  
BILL PIRIE  
Editor



WHEN Paulene Penniford arrived for her last days work at the Training School Admin Office the old place had sprouted balloons and streamers. So instead of training courses admin, which is what usually goes on there, they had a party. Paulene, who has worked at H.Q. for six years, first in Registry later in Training, is leaving to engage in a happy event come December, was presented with baby-orientated gifts by colleagues — and a little something for herself.

### Southend unchanged

Dear Sir,

For those who think that crowd trouble on the Seafront on Summer weekends, and the need for reinforcements to be drafted into Southend to handle it, is a fairly modern phenomenon, the following paragraph that I recently found in a book entitled "Southend on Sea and District", written by J. W. Burrows and printed in 1909, may prove of interest.

"In 1867, the police force consisted of one sergeant. This

was increased by the addition of one constable, and then in 1872, the Board memorialised for two constables for a winter population of 3,000, and four for the summer with a lock-up ...

"Serious disturbances arose among the trippers on the last Saturday of August 1874, and the services of the military had to be requisitioned from Shoeburyness."

The more things change, the more they stay the same!

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