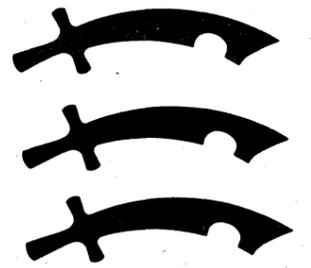




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## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

### A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

CHRISTMAS and the New Year provide an opportunity to reflect on our achievements during the past year.

Once again it has been a busy 12 months for the Essex Police and there is no sign of our work load diminishing in the future. Fortunately we are just beginning to feel the benefits of the extra recruits who have joined us but this effect has been offset by the large numbers of officers who have retired on pension, and taken with them a great deal of valuable experience. Now that the Home Office has agreed to an increase in the establishment of the Force, we shall be able to continue recruiting and hopefully get closer to giving the public the kind of service it seeks and members of the Force would like to provide.

We have started to get police officers on to neighbourhood beats and so into closer contact with the community, a move which has been universally welcomed by the public. The Community Services Branch has become an accepted part of the county scene and once again it has been very well received as a positive feature of policing.

At present, we can reasonably claim that we are receiving unprecedented support from all law-abiding people and since we need co-operation we must continue to try to anticipate and live up to public expectations. During the next year we shall continue in the direction we have already started. Improving our contact with communities, including the schools which form important parts of communities, and maintaining our level of response to emergencies.

May I wish all members of the Force, police and civilian, full and part-time, and their families a very Happy Christmas and join them in hoping for a successful and prosperous New Year.

### GREETINGS FROM THE FEDERATION CHAIRMAN

A COUPLE of Festive Seasons ago, my greeting to the Force was, "A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year Lord Edmund Davies"!

This year, I am sure you will all join me in saying, "A Very Merry Christmas, Lord Edmund Davies"!

We are not naive — we were not awarded the largest pay rise ever to the Police Service through anyone's philanthropic munificence — Police pay was at such a scandalously low ebb that there was genuine fear of uncontrollable mayhem on our streets for no other reason than sheer lack of Police presence.

In many Forces throughout the Country, including our own, the position has changed dramatically for the good — may our swelling numbers have the desired effect where most needed — on the streets.

I have the honour to serve on the Joint Central Committee of our Federation. As still a relative newcomer to National office, I take this opportunity of according a heart-felt thanks to my colleagues at National level who fought the Police Council/Edmund Davies battle from start to finish — had it not been for their guts and determination, in the face of enormous pressure from all sides, not only would we still be pitifully paid, our numbers would have been quite ineffective by now.

Not just serving police officers of all ranks, with a few extra pounds in our pockets for Christmas, but the Nation as a whole owes them a debt of gratitude. A very, very merry Christmas to you all.

## Sir Jonathan Peel CBE MC KPM DL

SIR JONATHAN PEEL, who as Captain Peel became the youngest-ever Chief Constable in 1931, and later took command in Essex in 1933, died on December 6, aged 81. He had been gradually failing for several weeks.

Sir Jonathan was Chief Constable of Essex for 29 years, a period during which the strength of the Force

all but trebled from 513. He was previously in command of the Bath City Force and before that a member of Liverpool City Police.

A large number of Police Officers in uniform attended the funeral last Friday at the Garrison Church in Colchester, the Colchester Division supplying the

bearer party.

The present Chief Constable, Mr. Robert Bunyard, and his predecessor, Sir John Nightingale attended. With its tradition of long serving Chief Constables Essex has only seven in its 140 years' history, so that Sir Jonathan was not the longest serving by any means. A review of his life appears on the centre pages.



A GUARD of honour flanks the entrance to the Garrison Church, Colchester, as Sir Jonathan's coffin is borne in.

### Bionic Bruce steels the show

NATIONWIDE press and television coverage highlighted the dental artistry recently carried out on police dog 'Bruce' whose handler, Pc Mick Mercer, is stationed at the Sandon Dog Section.

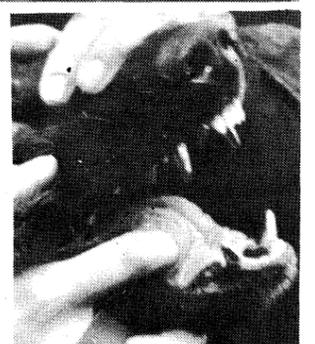
Bruce, an Alsatian aged 3 years 9 months, has for some time been suffering from teeth decay which was due to some degree to his habit of biting the wire mesh of his compound. This culminated with the breaking of one of his canine 'gnashers' at the Force Trials in October.

Advice indicated a visit to the Bristol University Veterinary College where Bruce had the remaining three canine teeth and two



upper incisors crowned with nickel chromium caps, the broken tooth being completely replaced by a solid nickel chromium tooth fixed into the existing root.

At the Press Conference to show off his prized new equipment Bruce behaved like a perfect gentleman but also indicated that he can still become firmly attached to his work.



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## Army and Navy represented in recruit class

THE 16 recruits who passed through Training School en route to Divisions last month included only one girl, prophets of doom please note. They are posted county-wide with the biggest contingents for Colchester and Grays.

Front row, from left: J. Johnson, stationed at South Ockendon, formerly in the navy; D. Smith, Grays, building worker; P. Orpe, Colchester, milkman; K. Donaldson, Harlow, student; G. Bell, Dunmow, student; S. Carver, Basildon, student; S. Ford, Epping, student; D. Britton, Tilbury, student; P. Sayer, Colchester, teacher; G. Warner, Colchester, mechanic; L. Gibson, Harlow, sales rep.

Rear from left: D. Rampling, Braintree, warehouseman; F. Holden, Colchester, R.M.P.; R. Hylands, Tilbury, student; M. Shelley, Tilbury, student; M. Saunders, Harwich, R.M.P.

## HQ banking service opened



ON THE opening day of the new Headquarters banking service ACC(A) Mr H. Taylor was the first of some 50 customers who took advantage of the facility.

Although the service extended only to cashing cheques on the first day, later customers will be able to pay in, arrange for payment of bills, and order travellers cheques for collection the following week.

Our picture shows Mr Taylor handing his cheque to Mrs Hilary Hook, watched by her colleague Mrs Linda Slaughter.

## Cash raised for refugees

STRUCK by the plight of refugees in Cambodia as portrayed on TV the civilian staff of Property Management at HQ quickly laid the foundations of their fund-raising effort.

Oxfam would have thoroughly approved as posters and collecting tins appeared around HQ

leading up to a special effort on Friday with competitions and a raffle.

It was the raffle which really boosted funds, raising £129 out of the total of £200. Most of the prizes were donated.

"We added a few pence ourselves to round it up to £200," Mrs Eileen Harrison told The Law.

"But we would say a heartfelt thankyou to everyone who contributed to this very worthwhile cause."

The cash will be forwarded to Oxfam which is the only organisation to consistently get through with supplies to the refugees who are in such urgent need.



PROPERTY management staff, Richard Keyes, Bernie Ewers, and Eileen Harrison at their fund raising stall.

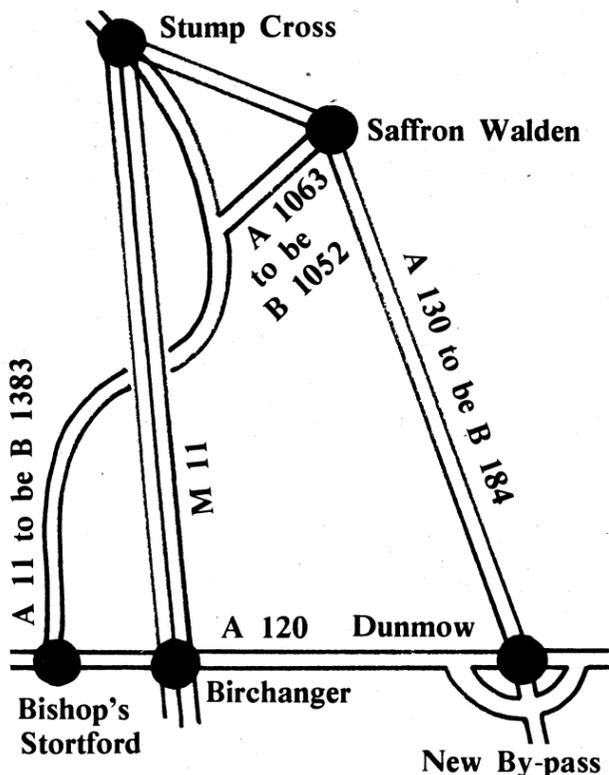
## M.11 extension aids N.W. Essex

REMEMBERING all the fuss which followed the reclassification of the old A11 road in the Harlow area earlier this year, muddle is bound to result from a similar exercise around Saffron Walden.

The opening of an extension to M11 — Birchanger to Stump Cross — will begin a renumbering exercise which will change the old A11, Stortford to Stump Cross to B1383.

Simultaneously the Dunmow By-pass has come into use and in an effort to reduce lorry traffic on the old A130 between Dunmow and Stump Cross, this road will be reclassified B184 and primary route signs will be removed.

Regardless of any minor chaos caused by changed route numbers, not likely to be long lasting anyway, the new roads will greatly assist motoring in North West Essex.



## In the swim in new Pool



THE LADIES of the Headquarters typing pool just after they had moved into their new premises. The new pool is in the oldest part of the H.Q. complex where the fingerprint bureau used to be. It is interesting to note that when the original New Court opened in 1901 the Force owned one typewriter.

## A CASE OF MILITARY LAW



THE third meeting of the Essex Police Dining Club was held at headquarters on December 7, presided over by the Chief Constable. Over 180 members and guests heard Mr. Bunyard make his usual 'non speech' of welcome to the visitors who included Judge Peter Greenwood, Brigadier Collins, Chairman of the Police Committee and Major General Watson, G.O.C., Eastern Area. Other guests to keep up the military flavour of the evening were Lt. Col. Drummond of the Royal Anglian Regiment and Major Moore of the Royal Military Police all of whom are pictured above with the Chief Constable.

## South Seas to Springfield



New Force Catering Officer, Mr. Emile Massenhove.

FROM cruise liners to Essex Police Headquarters is the step being taken by Emile Massenhove, who this month has taken up his new position as Force Catering Officer.

Mr Massenhove was born in Belgium and has been engaged in catering since leaving school 35 years ago. He worked in various hotels in Belgium, Holland and Luxemburg before joining the Shaw Savill shipping line, and for 20 years has worked on large passenger vessels cruising in the Pacific and Mediterranean. As Chief Catering Officer on the Southern Cross and the Northern Star, Mr Massenhove has looked after famous people including the Royal Family and recalls with much pleasure being introduced to the Queen Mother.

The decline in demand for large passenger ships has led to the change of working environment for Mr Massenhove but he now looks forward to the opportunity of spending more time with his wife and four sons at home in Steeple.

I wonder, can we now expect to see gourmet meals such as those shown in the cruise operators brochures presented in the Headquarters Restaurant?

which ACPO's report on civilians in the police service was remitted. I readily acknowledge that your Association is among the bodies closely interested in the issues concerned. I have indicated that I shall be happy to discuss the position of police civilians with representatives of your Association after the Police Advisory Board meeting. I am afraid that I cannot go further and invite your Association to send observers to the meeting itself.

An invitation to a body not represented on the Board to send observers would have to be considered by the members. I understand that the views of your Association were put to the special meeting of Board members whose report will be considered on 28 November. I wish that the members of the Board will think to consider the report among themselves and would not think it appropriate to invite other organisations to be represented.

I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful on this matter.

It only remains for me on behalf of the officers and members of the Executive Committee to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

for 30 January 1980, if it proves necessary, in order to ensure that settlement can be achieved at a special meeting of the full National Joint Council in early February. The Joint Steering Group is recommending 11 February 1980 for this special NJC meeting.

At the Joint Steering Group, the staff side also raised the subject of superannuation in relation to staged pay awards. The staff side pointed out that other negotiating bodies had obtained agreement that the whole of any award should be notionally recognised for superannuation purposes from the normal annual settlement date. Arrangements are in hand to pursue the matter further.

### RISK OF ASSAULT

The employers submitted a response to part of the staff side's claim for a revision of paragraph 97 of the scheme. The claim had sought to improve the present provisions relating to assault and to extend the agreement to cover personal injury sustained by employees at work.

The response, which related to the assault provisions only, was received by the staff side and it was agreed to study the employers' proposals before the next meeting of the National Joint Council to be held on 16 January 1980.

The staff side's claim for improvements in subsistence and travelling allowances was deferred.

It was agreed to increase traffic wards boot and shoe allowances with effect from 1 October 1979 in line with the appropriate indices in the index of retail prices. The revised allowances are 59p per week or £2.59 per month, an increase of 11 per cent.

Reproduced here is a letter from the Home Secretary The right Honourable William Whitelaw, M.P. to Mr. Geoffrey Drain, General Secretary Nalگو.

### POLICE CIVILIANS

Thank you for your letter of 24 October raising three issues concerning police civilians. I am replying now on the question of NALGO attendance at the Police Advisory Board meeting which has, as you say, been arranged for 28 November.

One item on the Agenda will be the report of the special meeting of the

## Federation Notes



by Jim Rodgers

### GROUP INSURANCE

THE Joint Branch Board have been considering uprating the benefits of the Force Group Insurance to reflect present-day financial needs. George Burrows, who brokered the scheme for the Force, have been approached and have come up with the following improvement.

The benefit for death from any cause is increased from £3,800 to £10,000. Loss of limbs or eyes remains at £1,500. Total permanent disablement benefit is £4,000, and the temporary disablement benefit for absence from work through injury for a period of 104 weeks will remain at £5.60 per week (excluding the first seven days).

The premium to purchase this increase will be increased from 60 pence per month to £1.40 per month.

The Joint Branch Board have agreed these terms to take effect from May 1980. It is not intended to have new deduction forms completed for the increase, any person who does not wish to participate in the increase should drop me a note to that effect before 1st April, 1980.

### SPOUSE INSURANCE

In conjunction with the above scheme, the brokers have introduced a scheme for wives of married officers. This only provides a death benefit of £5,000 for a monthly premium of 60 pence, which will be deductible at source from the husband's pay.

The husband must be in the Force Group Insurance to take advantage of the Spouse Insurance.

Where a male police officer is married to a female officer, both must belong to the Force Group Insurance in order that the wife has the protection afforded for the "accident" part of the scheme.

At the present moment it is not possible to present a similar scheme for women officers who are married to non-police husbands, but the brokers say they may be able to give favourable quotations in individual cases as and where required.

Anyone who is interested in the Spouse Insurance Scheme should contact my office and as soon as proposal forms are available from the brokers they will be distributed.

A Joint Branch Board Circular will be prepared shortly and sent to each member of the scheme. If you don't get one — it may be because you are not in the Force Group Insurance Scheme. How can you afford not to be?

### EDMUND DAVIES

#### PART III

Parts One and Two dealt with Pay and the Negotiating Machinery. The third relating to the constitution of staff associations and their role within the Police Service.

This part then will affect Branch Boards, Superintendents Associations and their National Committees most of all. The next most affected person is the Chief Constable, for the recommendation of Lord Edmund Davies is that he should forego some of his authority, and allow a greater involvement in management for the Police Staff Associations.

The Joint Branch Board recently met and finalised its views on the good and bad of these recommendations. A paper is being prepared to be presented to the Chief Constable.

## Ladies night

POLICEWOMEN past and present met for their reunion dinner on November 21, at Simpsons Restaurant, Wickford, organised this year by Woman Inspector Gina Dockrell, Southend.

Although thick fog prevented several women from attending, those who did struggle through their annual natter, making up for the lack of numbers with sheer volume of noise, as baby photos and family snapshots were passed around.

On behalf of the women officers of the Force, Chief Inspector Lorna Baker presented a tea set to Sergeant Dot Morgan, recently retired after 19 years service, spent mainly at Southend.



PICTURED are Ex Women Superintendents Helen Welburn and Olive Butler both formerly in charge of Essex women police department.



SERGEANT Dot Morgan receives a retirement gift from Woman Chief Inspector Lorna Baker.



JUST CHATTING, officers past and present from the Rayleigh and Basildon Divisions.

discussion document so that meetings can be arranged early in the new year to negotiate new policy, committees and codes of practice as Edmund Davies recommended.

The Joint Branch Board recognise that if we are to participate in decision making, then we must share responsibility for decisions made. We also recognise that we must become more professional in our approach to the tasks in hand. This will entail a greater commitment to the

representatives. It will mean that they will require training in the new skills they must master and it means too that a greater burden will fall on the Executive of the Branch Board to maintain continuity.

We welcome the challenge and look forward to the New Year with anticipation. In the meantime, on behalf of the Joint Branch Board, the Chairman Ted Davidson, Irene Black, may I wish you all the best of luck for Christmas and good fortune for

## NALGO notes

THE annual general meeting of the branch was held on the 28th November 1979, with some 44 members in attendance. After accepting the report of the executive committee for 1978-79 there was discussion on a number of items. The following officers were appointed to serve for the year 1979/80: President, Mr. E. G. Allen; chairman, Mrs. B. Byrne; secretary, Mr. D. E. Wheatley; treasurer, Mr. C. Storror.

### COMPARABILITY

A further meeting on comparability was held on 5 December 1979. It was noted that the job-type comparison exercise was proceeding as described in recent news sheets and the meeting made further encouraging progress on the broad salaries information part of the comparability study.

It was agreed that 1973 would be the base date for comparisons for both general movements in earnings and individual collective agreements, except where there was a good reason for choosing another base date.

Although it had been previously agreed to aim to reach a settlement at the full meeting of the National Joint Council on 16 January 1980, it was felt by both sides that in view of the mass of data to be examined as a result of the job-type comparison exercise, this date was unrealistic. A firm timetable for conclusion of the exercise was therefore agreed. A further date for a meeting of the Joint Steering Group has been scheduled

## The Law Shop

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# s a Chief Constable

the country came in 1943 with his appointment as Commander of the British Empire. Later, in 1952, the King's Police Medal was added.

## Knighted

In 1959, the 26th year of his command in Essex, Captain Peel reached the peak of his career when, in recognition of his tremendous contribution to British Police affairs, he was knighted by Her Majesty the Queen, receiving the Accolade

from the Queen Mother at Buckingham Palace on 7th July of that year.

In July 1962 Sir Jonathan became the senior Chief Constable in the country — there were, of course, more of them in those days. By then only 27 members of the Essex Force had joined prior to the Chief.

Older members of the Force will recall Sir Jonathan's memory for names and his ability to know all about the wife's operation, the kids and how long constables had served

at particular stations. The Law has reason to believe that he had this little trick of planning his visits to stations with meticulous care and in advance going through the files of those he was likely to meet.

Trick or not, the morale boosting effect on the rank and file can be imagined.

## Annual visit

He was a stickler also in visiting every Station, right down to beat level, in the Force area at least once a

year. In those days everyone moved after five years in a station.

## Autocratic

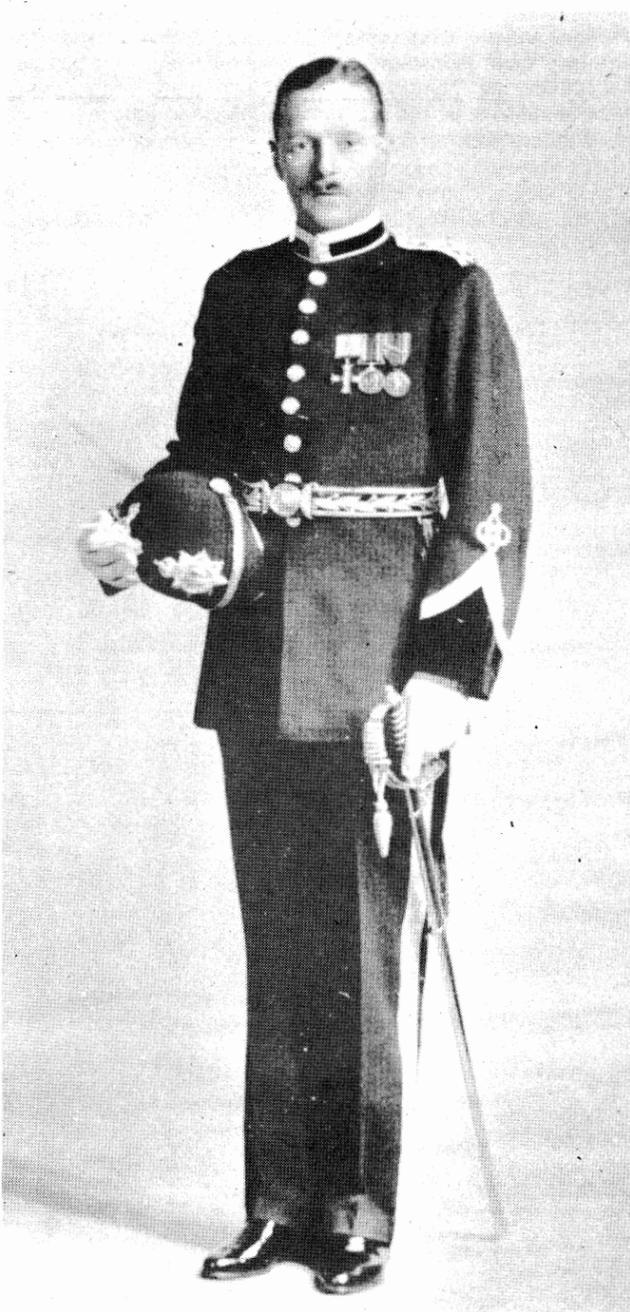
Sir Jonathan was an autocrat, enlightened maybe, but an old-style Chief for all that. You knew where you were.

Since his retirement Sir Jonathan had lived with Lady Daphne in an attractive house in Lexden Road, Colchester.

He had presented a Trophy to the Force on his retirement, appropriately in view of his own early career, to be presented annually to the Constable gaining the highest marks in the promotion examination to sergeant. After he left he would return to hand this to the winner, and after the inception of the pensioners' garden party, attended this also, to demonstrate that his little trick of remembering names had not entirely deserted him. But he had recently been too ill to attend.

## Funeral

Those members of the Force who like to hark back to the old days will remember Sir Jonathan's 29 years with affection although there cannot be more than two or three hundred left. Many attended the funeral at the Colchester Garrison Church on 14th December to pay their last respects to "the Old Chief."



CAPTAIN F. R. J. PEEL, M.C., pictured in ceremonial uniform, shortly after his appointment to Essex.



THE Chief Constable and Lady Daphne receive farewell good wishes from the Federation Joint Branch Boards on his retirement in 1962.

## Americans meet the System



HOSTS to U.S. Air Force personnel from Bentwaters recently, the Driving School spent a day showing them the British police driving system. Our picture shows Sgt. Mick Brangham with the guests in the model room.

## Teddy takes the Chair



WHEN Jim MacDonald of Headquarters won a giant 'teddy bear' at the recent C.S.B. Dinner and Dance held at Leigh he declared it 'surplus to requirements' of his now grown-up family. The Gurney Fund will now benefit to the amount of about £90 from a raffle organised at Headquarters by Jim for which the first prize was the teddy bear. About 20 other prizes including three double seats at the Odeon cinema were generously donated.

Our picture shows the winner of the first prize seated at his desk — oops, sorry sir — receiving his prize from Jim MacDonald. We weren't aware the vacancy had been advertised yet, but perhaps he is merely "bearing the responsibility of office."

it to the A.C.C. (A) at Police Headquarters. The working party will be meeting again next week when more details should be available. It should be borne in mind that the scheme is being put forward in order to learn the views of regular police, civilians and pensioners and at the present time it is simply exploratory

A further reminder that the annual subscriptions are due — £1.80 (pensioners) and 48p (widows). I hope that further reminders will not be necessary

# Big country fields

NO LESS than 95 runners faced the starter on 12th December for the two races making up the force cross-country championships.

A.C.C., Mr. Taylor, who had come to start the races and later present awards described this as "gratifying", a term echoed by the athletics secretary.

Men's and women's races, as well as deciding the inter-divisional title, included a match between cadets and police vocational students. Complicated but only for the recorders: for runners the uncomplicated object is to finish first.

Siobhan Mullender,

comfortable winner of the women's race in recent years, was pushed hard by a PVC trio who should bolster police strength in later years.

In the women's teamrace scores were inconclusive: Chelmsford 25, Harlow 22, Southend 21, Colchester 18.

The men's field soon strung out as Andy Hayman piled on the pressure followed by guest runner Chris Reed, due to join the Force on 2nd January.

Behind, the following bunch only sorted themselves out in the last half mile. And then it was Alex Vowles who stole a march on Basildon team mate Barry Daymond with Andy Down home next.

First Harlow man was Martin Atkinson, 7th, with Vic Murphy 9th, but then

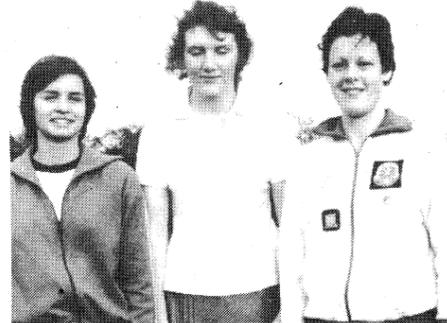


ABOVE: A.C.C. Mr. Taylor, sends the first race away, and BELOW LEFT: the first two in the men's race, Andy Hayman and, bearded, Chris Reed, who joins up in January. RIGHT: The women's first three, from left, Sandra Breen, Jane Pledger and Siobhan Mullender.

## RESULTS

**Men:** 1. Hayman (J) 2. Reed (Guest) 3. Vowles (B) 4. Daymond (B) 5. Down (H) 6. Perrott (J) 7. Atkinson (G) 8. Pearmain (F) 9. Murphy (G) 10. Hinds (J) 11. Clark (Guest) 12. Mower (HQ) 13. Banks (HQ) 14. Orpe (E) 15. Bapute (F) 16. Payout (PVC) 17. Ansell (H) 18. Rawson (PVC) 19. Simmonds (H) 20. Fitzjohn (H) 21. Brick (PVC) 22. Hedgethorne (E) 23. Smythe (PVC) 24. Steed (PVC) 25. Waygood (B) 26. Sartain (HQ) 27. Fairweather (E) 28. Caton (B) 29. Green (B) 30. Gammon (B) 31. Vale (H) 32. Schulz (E) 33. Muller (G) 34. Freeman (PVC) 35. Bloxham (J) 36. Hadley (H) 37. Brazier (B) 38. McCammont (PVC) 39. Dunn (B) 40. Norris (G) 41. Brew (G) 42. Pipe (J) 43. Turner (C) 44. Littleberry (G) 45. Odell (B) 46. Golding (G) 47. King (B) 48. Poyser (G) 49. Hunter (C) 50. Sewell (C) 51. Page (G) 52. Archer (C) 53. Hall (G) 54. Chambers (J) 55. Gould (H) 56. English (G) 57. Furnival (G) 58. Graham (G) 59. Bird (B) 60. Hickford (G) 61. Snow (G) 62. Dienn (H) 63. Skull (H) 64. Travers (B) 65. McAdam (E) 66. Herd (G) 67. Everitt (C) 68. Britten (H).

**Women:** 1. Mullender (G) 2. Bentley (PVC) 3. Cartwright (PVC) 4. Foster (PVC) 5. Pledger (H) 6. Breen (C) 7. Brown (C) 8. Woolnough (PVC) 9. Clarke (PVC) 10. Staunton (PVC) 11. Foster (J) 12. Callow (B) 13. Wakefield (PVC) 14. Wood (PVC) 15. Young (G) 16. Bolden (PVC) 17. Whately (H) 18. Harrington (E) 19. Wendon (E) 20. Garwood (E) 21. Hodhson (PVC) 22. Crudington (PVC) 23. Fowler (PVC) 24. Frost (E) 25. Greenall (C) 26. Shead (PVC) 27. Webb (H).



they had to wait until 28th for back-up.

But both Basildon and Southend who had got ahead, ran out of men in the closing stages when the Harlow steam roller arrived

to push their score up to 50pts. ahead.

Both results were marked by newcomers and there is no doubt that Essex Police running could take off again in the next couple

of years.

Teams: 1. Harlow 417; 2. Basildon 363; 3. Southend 308; 4. Rayleigh 250; 5. Colchester 188; 6. H.Q. 140; 7. Chelmsford 109; 8. Grays 100.



BEFORE the match at Essex University, the Force rugby team

POLICE kicked off at Wivenhoe Park into a stifflish breeze but the students immediately attacked and a rush up their left wing left a Police player in an off-side position. The University kicker made no mistake into the cross wind and within a couple of

minutes of the kick off Police were 3 points down.

Shortly after this the rain descended in torrents and the game became somewhat robust in the gathering gloom. Each side suffered a hospital case: John Bowman a stitched eye and a

student generally misused, as University took the match 15 - 8. But a good game for all that.

The week before Police defeated Chelmer Institute at Chelmsford by almost the same margin, the final score being 15 - 6.

## First of the year

NOTE THE DATE of the annual Force 10 miles walking championship — 3 miles for women.

Wednesday 23rd January at Police Headquarters (Training School) and everyone counts so bring as many as you can. Remember, it's a 2pm start to beat early darkness.



FLASHBACK to the first Force 10 miles championship in 1965 and an interesting line-up. Not a bad field though. Shall we do as well this year? Don't forget the date — 23rd January — when the races, women's 3 miles as well, count towards the 1980 Croker Cup contest.

In 1965 Les Ward, No 83, led from the start but was gradually worn down by John Hedgethorne who took the lead in the last furlong.

when P.c. Eddie Greenland used to drive the Superintendent about in an old tourer motor car and Insp. Hurrell pushed a pedal cycle about. When Superintendents came out at night and made 'Conference Points'; when we had to wear plain toed boots, short back and sides, no hair on the face unless on the upper lip; plenty of overtime with no pay. You did and went where you were told without question and there were three million on the dole. We got £3 10s. 0d. per week which was a lot more than some got.

Just by way of passing the temperature is 90F here today, we are in early summer, a beautiful clear heat. I spent our winter in Queensland so that I never experience a winter, although the winter in S. Australia is never bad we don't go below 40F. It is a nice way to live.

Yours faithfully,  
S. T. HARVEY  
26 Water Street,  
Noarlunga 5168,  
South Australia.  
12th November, 1979.

"thanks folks" and wish all concerned the best of luck in the future and, more immediately, a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,  
JOHN HEDGETHORNE  
One-time hack  
Police Station,  
Colchester.

## And goodbye from him

Dear Sir,  
At a meeting of the Joint Branch Board on 28 November, 1979, it was unanimously agreed that a sincere letter of appreciation should be written in respect of your predecessor, C/Inspector John Hedgethorne.

It is very easy to let loyalty to the Essex Police cloud one's judgement when making an objective assessment as to the quality of an organ such as "The Law", however, unsolicited independent praise bears no such fetter.

Probably not generally known, but copies of each edition have a fairly wide circulation beyond the boundaries of our Force area, including each Joint Branch Board Secretary in the Country and each Member of Parliament with a Parliamentary constituency within the Country.

Frequently in our travels on Federation business we meet people who express great admiration at both the quality of content and attractiveness of lay-

## Goodbye from him

Dear Sir,  
So many people had signed a most humorous "good luck" card upon my departure from the Press Office at Headquarters, that I have just been unable to thank them all personally. Indeed, I have to confess that I cannot link all the names to faces.

So perhaps you can spare a few

## Walking

WITH the onset of winter walkers, who unlike cross country runners, tend to compete all year round, seem to go into a sort of hibernation. Mind you, they have all sorts of names for this state, like "active rest" but the plain fact of the matter is that they don't much like the cold.

All this being the case the Police squad has dwindled a bit these past few weeks. Three mustered at Hornchurch Stadium for a Sunday track meeting on 25th November. The distance was 10,000 mts and Mike Dunion managed a good enough turn of speed to finish 5th behind internationals Bo Gustafson (Sweden) and Roger Mills (GB). Denis Sheppard blew hot and cold on alternate laps but finished with a satisfactory time as did John Hedgethorne.

On the stiff Met Police course at Chigwell on 8th December Sheppard and Hedgethorne both worked hard for better-than-average times to finish 7th and 13th in a field of 37.

## Good for you

A good time to look forward to early 1980 with the Force 10 miles championship scheduled for Chelmsford on 23rd January. This is a 2pm start because it gets dark early. Everyone counts for at least one point and Divisions are asked to make an effort to support this race. Ten miles isn't all that far and exercise is good for you — so they say.

## RESULTS

**Hornchurch 10,000m:** 25.11.79  
5th M. Dunion 45:54.2; 5th D. Sheppard 46:51.6; 6th (B race) J. Hedgethorne 52.27.  
**Battersea 15kms:** 1.12.79  
4th D. Sheppard 75.02.  
**Chigwell 7 miles:** 8.12.79  
7th D. Sheppard 54.08; 13th J.



to the Editor

## Grays 1929

Dear Sir,  
Looking at the front page of the 118th edition of THE LAW I could not help but reflect over the years. I went to Grays during April, 1929, before the Police Station was completed, I was one of the first to occupy the single men's quarters, I had the room to the right of the landing, or passage window. They were very comfortable quarters and I was sorry when I had to leave it and go to Tilbury.

At the time of opening — Supt. Phillibrown, Insp. Hurrell, Sgt's O. Knights, Robinson and Suckamore, were in charge. Det. Con. Wombwell and Girt I remember were in the C.I.D. because at different times I went on enquiries with them during my probationary period. I typed my first Form 22 and proudly handed

returned to me from the Superintendent with a blue pencil marked across it "P.c. Harvey will learn to write before he types." I remember, accompanied by Sgt. Suckamore and P.c. Alfred Ford we struggled with an ape of a man in the King's Head P.H., at 10 p.m. on a Saturday, after about a half-hour Sgt. Olander Knights came to the rescue, he took the man by the hairs of his chest and led him up the centre of the road through the High Street to the Police Station.

Just after the Police Station was built we had all the cells full with prisoners, and so many stolen cars that we had to park them along Quarry Hill. The following day one man was brought before the magistrate charged with larceny of a motor vehicle, it was dismissed (no intent to permanently deprive owner of property). Then until the 1930 R.T.A. came into being they were charged with larceny of petrol.

I read in one edition of the LAW of a well known early motor patrol, I cannot think of any early motor Patrol better known than 'Tom and Hock' P.c. Tomalin and P.c. Hockley with their privately owned motor cycles, I very much doubt whether any truckie on that road from Dagenham to Tilbury did not know this pair. One lesson they did learn was never chase a stolen car down a cul-de-sac unless you know it is a blind alley, because they came to grief in one.

Grays has sweet memories to me, I had some good times there and I got married in Grays Church. I think the old Police Station is a fine old building, it has style. As far as the photograph of the new building shows, it looks like any other factory and it would be a great pity if the old building was demolished.

It would be interesting to know just how many of the old originals are left who occupied the Police Station when it was first opened, when the Police Office was

## Cross-country

IN A stronger field than in the previous month's SE Police cross-country league race, Essex just about maintained their challenge despite a couple of key absentees.

With Andy Hayman missing it fell to Andy Down to lead the team home, 18th, but he was only just ahead of an improving Barry Daymond who occupied 21st position.

Fog hung over Horsham, a new league venue, throughout the day, making it difficult to see what was going on.

Grays colleagues Steve Pearmain and Cadet Ken Baptist finished more or less together, 31st and 34th, the younger runner showing vast improvement, his better placing keeping the Essex score respectable.

In the women's race Siobhan Mullender again placed 2nd but this time was much closer giving hopes of a win next time. Alas Essex could not field a full squad and lost out in the team positions.

**Men:** 18th, A. Down, 21st, B. Daymond, 31st, S. Pearmain, 34th, K. Baptist, 48th, L. Perrott, 65th, G. Caton, 68th, G. Green, 69th, M. Waygood, 77th, M. Bloxham, 79th, K. Turner.

**Women:** 2nd, S. Mullender, 22nd, S. Brown, 28th, A. Wendon.

John has, in fact, achieved the former by being totally unafraid of taking a swipe at all and sundry — not least, the Federation. In being so outspoken, it is refreshing to note that he has obviously not suffered undue censorship at the hands of either our former Chief Constable, Sir John Nightingale, or the present incumbent, Mr Robert Bunyard. Long may this state of affairs pertain.

Thank you John, your successor (to whom we offer every good wish to maintain the standards set) has no easy task.

Yours faithfully  
Ted Davidson  
Chairman  
Joint Branch Board.

## Thanks to everyone

Dear Sir,  
May I, through your columns, express my sincere thanks to all the friends and colleagues of my husband, Michael Martin, who have rallied round in such a kind and considerate way to help my daughter, Tania, and I since Michael's sudden passing last month.

The large attendance of Michael's colleagues, in uniform, at the funeral and the many floral tributes were a great consolation to us at such a tragic time.

Thank you once again.  
SHEILA MARTIN,  
10 Oaklands Avenue,

# Gala was Rayleigh's all the way

RIGHT from the first event Rayleigh showed that they were likely to be hard to beat. And as the 1979 swimming gala progressed this became certain.

Afterwards, captain Ian Wright told The Law, "We never came here with any idea of winning, just to try and put a team in everything." But if you believe that . . .

A couple of lucky postings helped Rayleigh to win their first gala. Because on top of the enthusiasm which Ch. Insp. Wright is able to build up, they had P.A.A. double-silver medalist Phil Whitehead posted in, and Cadet Lyn Andrews also joined the Division recently.

Lyn won the women's freestyle event as well as the race between cadets and the Police Vocational Course. But Phil Whitehead was the main architect of Rayleigh's victory winning three events and finishing 2nd in two others. And he also anchored the Rayleigh team in three relays.

Although support appeared rather sparse at first, the pool gradually filled up and some events had to be decided in the form of three heats. Women's events, in particular, received rather better support than in other years and three divisions were able to contest the women's relay.

There was some speedy swimming in the novices events and one wondered if the rule was being properly applied. It is slightly farcical for a P.A.A. medalist to be classed as a novice in the Force gala



SOME of the Rayleigh swimmers who left the rest of the Force in their wake at the swimming gala on December 1.

and this is a class which should be more clearly defined.

A pointer to a good future for swimming in the Force was the quality of swimming shown by younger competitors, not only the cadets but more especially the students on the Police Vocational Course. The students outswam the cadets nearly as comprehensively as Rayleigh beat everyone else.

The Chief Constable and Mrs. Bunyard attended to present awards and were accompanied at the poolside by Mr. and Mrs. Petherick.

The meeting ended in near farce as the uniform race had to swim off two by two. It seemed that only two people had heeded the

request to bring their own uniforms but after three heats starter Nick Banks had had enough so that was that and uniform race winner was Basildon's Alan King.

**Team scores:** Rayleigh 42 pts.; Basildon 20; Chelmsford 13; Headquarters 11; Grays 10; Southend 8; Harlow 6; Clacton 3.

## RACE RESULTS

**Girls under 11:** Lorraine Semister, Karen Semister, Wendy Wright (all Ray.).  
**Boys under 11:** David Scott (Chelms.), Ian Finch, Neil Finch (Clacton).  
**Girls 11-15:** Lesley Rouse, Alison Rouse (Ray.), Angela Daymond (Bas.).  
**Boys 11-15:** Ian Wright

(Chelms.). **Childrens Relay:** Rayleigh.  
**Cadets/P.V.C. events. Boys:** A. Brick (PVC), M. Steed (PVC), S. Archer (Cdt.).  
**Girls:** L. Andrews (S. Bredn), K. Perrot (PVC), S. Brown (Cdt.).  
**Relays:** Male and female won by PVC.  
**Novices. men:** P. Whitehead (Ray.), M. Chapel (Grays), G. Green (Bas.). **Women:** S. Breen (Chelms.), C. Whatley (S'end), D. Ginn (Grays).  
**Freestyle. Men:** K. Nowell (HQ), P. Whitehead (Ray.), G. Green (Bas.). **Women:** L. Andrews (Ray.), S. Breen (Chelms.), D. Ginn (Grays). **Mens Relay:** Rayleigh, Basildon A, Basildon B.  
**Womens Relay:** Harlow, Chelmsford, Basildon.  
**Breaststroke. Men:** P. Whitehead (Ray.), A. King (Bas.), E. Travers (Bas.).  
**Women:** D. Ginn (Grays), C. Whatley (S'end), K. Meiklejohn (Harlow).  
**Veterans:** I. Wright (Ray.), E.

## BEST ALL-ROUNDERS



BEFORE the swimming gala on 1st December Basildon stood at the head of the Croker Cup table, but only by one point from Chelmsford and Southend.

Half-way through the Gala things seemed to be getting complicated as Chelmsford stood in 2nd place behind Rayleigh. If they could hold this their one point would bring them level with Basildon to share the Croker Cup.

This cup, the largest in the Force collection, goes each year to the Division scoring most points (two for a win, one for runners-up) in all sports from athletics to darts.

But at half-time Basildon took charge and not only overtook Chelmsford to clinch runners-up spot in the Gala, but made sure of the Croker Cup too.

**Scores:** Basildon 7, Chelmsford 5, Southend 5, Clacton 4, Colchester 4, Grays 4, Rayleigh 3, H.Q. 3, Harlow 1.

Our picture shows Basildon's gala squad with the Croker Cup.

**Scott (HQ). Backstroke:** K. Nowell (HQ), P. Whitehead (Ray.), E. Travers (Bas.).  
**Lifesaving. Men:** P. Whitehead (Ray.), A. King (Bas.), E. Travers (Bas.). **Women:** D. Ginn (Grays), C. Whatley (S'end), K. Meiklejohn (Harlow).  
**C. Whatley (S'end), K. Meiklejohn (Harlow). Boatrace:** Rayleigh, HQ, Basildon. **Uniform:** A. King (Bas.), K. Fitzjohn (S'end), K. Norris (Harlow).

## Regional final win

### ESSEX 5 HERTS 1

ESSEX took on a Hertfordshire side, which knocked them out of this cup last year, aiming for a place in the last eight for the first time in a number of years.

Unfortunately for Herts, the Essex side is going through its best spell of the season and in every aspect of their game were unrecognisable from the team Herts faced last year.

Herts employed a somewhat shaky offside trap and the pace of the Essex attack soon had them struggling. After only 5 minutes John Stewart found himself clear with only the goalkeeper to beat but his shot was smothered by the diving keeper.

Paul Gamman was next to break the trap but again the Herts defence managed to scramble the ball away. Fifteen minutes had gone when Essex deservedly took the lead, and what a tremendous goal it was. The ball had been worked out to John Weatherley on the right wing and he played a pinpoint cross to Paul Gamman who was breaking through the middle and his first time shot rocketed past the keeper into the net.

Herts began to look bemused by the pace of the Essex attack and it was no surprise to see Paul Gamman complete his hat-trick before halftime. John Weatherley had given the Herts fullbacks a roasting and he had a hand in all three first half goals. The midfield, which is going particularly well at the moment, did not give their opposite numbers an inch consequently our defence rarely looked uncomfortable.

The only hope for Herts was that Essex would run out of steam but that was not to be. The home side maintained their terrific pace on the heavy going and showed tremendous determination Essex reserved two fine goals for the second half, the first being a majestic header from Paul

Gamman after some very good play by John Stewart, the second was a thundering 25 yard volley from Martin Slade. Herts did scramble a consolation goal in the last minute when the Essex side relaxed slightly but overall this was a terrific performance and earns us a quarter final place against the Met.

### Olympian League

Two further matches have been played in the league the first of which was away to close rivals Writtle. Although unbeaten the Police were looking to end a run of patchy performances. We came away from Writtle with two more points thanks to a very good goal by John Weatherley. The single goal did not reflect a very good performance in which a now settled back four gave Writtle little chance to test Bobby Scott.

After crushing Herts the Police side travelled to Ongar looking to add to the four goals scored against them in the opening game of the season. The surprise in the match was that the Police scored a further four goals and Paul Gamman did not get on the score sheet.

Police tore into Ongar and soon grabbed a two goal lead, the first being a well taken goal by Alan Rushbridge and the second a glancing header from John Scott who was making his debut at left back.

The introduction of Stuart Lowe in the second half added more life to the attack and two further goals came from John Weatherley and Stuart himself. Ongar replied once but looked a well beaten side.

Police have now taken 23 points out of 24 in the League with 14 out of 14 away from home. The pressure builds as every team fights for that first victory over us but if we maintain the present form we will not concede that victory easily

## Seaxes

THE FOLLOWING forthcoming events are in the Seaxes calendar.

In the HQ canteen on 31st December, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., a New Year's Eve Disco. Tickets are £2 which includes supper, from John Hart or any committee member.

Forward to 11th January and a table top rally, again in the HQ canteen. Derek Arbour has further information on this event.

A month later, on Saturday, 16th February, comes the Seaxes sea trip. This will be from Felixstowe to Belgium and at a cost of about £12 per person you can dine and dance the night away. Further details will appear in the next edition.

The Treasurer reports that membership fees are now due. It's only 50p per year and on payment members will receive a free 1980 diary. Contact any committee member for a membership form.

Finally, may we wish you and yours a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



LITTLE news has reached me from Divisions this month.

A change of representative for Clacton Division, Steve Nuttall due to pressure of work will be handing the reins to Pc Dick Jones, when Dick resumes work, hopefully at the end of January. He will be working 9 a.m. to 5



THE FOURTH Police Vocational Training Course are pictured here having a breather between energetic fitness training sessions at Headquarters. They insisted on displaying the cup which they won in a private challenge match against the Police Cadets at the recent Force Swimming Gala.

p.m. at Harwich, so please contact him if you have any problems.

At Headquarters, last minute plans are being put into effect for the "oompah" night on the 15th December, and most tickets have been sold. All seats for the ice spectacular in January have now been sold. Next year we hope to go to see the "ceremony of the keys" at the Tower of London. Last Friday's meeting was a

success, about 25 members and their wives turned up, and the next meeting has been fixed for the 11th January.

Last Saturday Southend held a very successful social evening. All tickets were sold and everybody appeared to enjoy themselves.

As this will be the last edition for 1979, may I take this opportunity to wish all members a merry Christmas, and a happy new year, and to thank all

helpers, members and otherwise, for their efforts this year.

Finally, please contact your representative and renew early. Now is not too soon.

### Euro link

TWINNING is obviously catching on. Because when two Colchester police couples arrived in Avignon, which is Colchester's

**First thoughts**

What can I say but "some have greatness thrust upon them," and then try to puzzle out the mysterious language and ways of the newspaper world. It's a far cry from Harwich Quay on a wet and windy night with the tide slopping over the wall, although as I attempt to fill eight pages for the first time I'm thinking that perhaps the past wasn't so bad after all.

**This sporting life**

Several times people have commented that they hope The Law will now cease being "devoted to Cadets and Athletics" but of course the answer must always be that if the Editorial staff are made aware of other events of interest then they will be only too happy to cover these items. It needs only a 'phone call or note to this office — is that too much to ask? Otherwise who knows — you may get fed up with golf and football.

**Where are they now?**

A recent recruit at my last station admitted in the course of conversation that he couldn't remember England winning the World Cup — was it that long ago? I thought afterwards that some of these youngsters must be bored to tears when we old 'uns start reminiscing of people long since retired. In future editions and with the help of the archives I hope to be meeting again some of the pensioners who were household names (for various reasons), finding out what they are doing now and perhaps recalling some spicy reminders of times past.

**True to blue—or are we?**

The referendum to all Federated ranks on the choice of blue or white shirts brought forth the overwhelming result of some 76 per cent voting to retain the blue. This struck some surprise and one wonders whether this is a true reflection on the wishes of the officers concerned. The result was obviously affected by the one thousand ballot forms that were not returned and were thereby counted for "no change." Is this another example of apathy, or was it perhaps petticoat power?

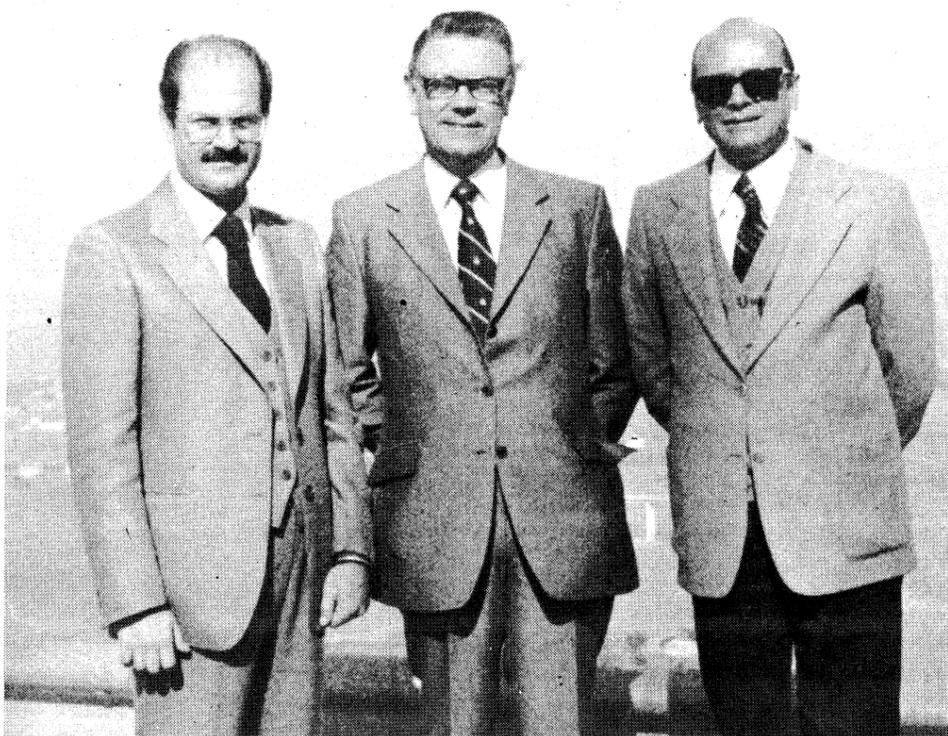
**Sherlock Harris in Sicily**

FOLLOWING the murder at Nazeing in August this year of Joe Turone, enquiries into the incident have extended further than usual. Turone, a nurseryman, was born in Sicily and to glean any information from his background Det. Supt. George Harris, accompanied by Det. Sgt. Ian McDonald of the Metropolitan Police, travelled to the Mediterranean island, legendary home of the notorious Mafia organisation.

The Sicilian Press latched on to the story and carried headlines which translated read: "This is how Sherlock Holmes is trying to fight the Mafia," and, "There is a Sherlock Holmes on the streets of Sutura." On reading the reports from the Italian Press after translation (even the new editor of The Law isn't that clever) it was very clear that the suggestion made by Supt. Harris that local people would voluntarily come forward with information was thought to be quite a joke. In Sicily it seems no one talks to the police.

Asked for his comments on his return Supt. Harris said: "We interviewed six people who had been in contact with the deceased and these interviews were carried out in the presence of a judge, which is normal practice in Sicily. It is a much more violent society and this is shown by the fact that in Palermo in the first eight months of this year there had been 58 murders by shooting still undetected, and these included the killing of the head of the C.I.D. and a judge."

Supt. Harris was quick to point out that there was no truth in the rumour that the four-day visit of H.M.S. Intrepid, a 12,000 ton assault ship complete with missiles and helicopters,



DET. SUPT. HARRIS pictured in Sicily with left, the Head of C.I.D. and right, the Deputy Chief Constable of the Province of Caltanissetta.

had anything to do with the enquiries he was making. Not even a C.I.D. Superintendent warrants that sort of protection.

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twin town, they were introduced to two German policemen and their wives and two Spanish officers, all there for twinning celebrations.

Constables John and Susan Pigginn, and David and Carol Harrop went to Avignon through the I.P.A. and were royally entertained throughout the four day visit. Police officers from the local force accompanied them on trips to local points of interest, Roman ruins, papal palace, a winery, and so on, and an interpreter was officially assigned to them by the local Council.

Says Dave Harrop, "From the moment we arrived on Thursday to the time that we left on the following Monday afternoon we were not permitted to pay for anything; from hotel bills, meals and drinks to entrance to museums etc. We were made very welcome and treated as if they had known us for years."

The Colchester quartet hope to extend an invitation both to the Police at Avignon and also from Wetzlar, Colchester's other twin town, to make a return visit to Colchester next year.

**Force lottery**

RESULT of the draw held at Headquarters on Friday, 23rd November 1979.

1st prize P.c. 539 R. Hyde, Rayleigh, £1,001.50; 2nd prize P.c. 1141 M. Chilver, Chelmsford Traffic, £500.76; 3rd prize P.c. 462 G. Challis, Witham, £250.38; 4th prize P.c. 626 P. Brown, Stapleford Abbots, £125.19.

Consolation prizes at £25.04 each — W.P.c. 3150 J. Smith, Colchester; P.s. 228 I. Batson, Stansted Airport; June Winch, Southend; P.c. 141 M. Holland, Southend; P.c. 1106 S. Nunn, Rayleigh.

The next draw will be held on Saturday, 22 December 1979 at Rayleigh.

**ESSEX POLICE MAGAZINE**

THE WINTER 79/80 edition of the magazine is with the printers and will, with a little bit of luck be distributed in the first two weeks of January.

Recent criticisms of the magazine have included the fact that some of the articles could be longer and might therefore be more interesting, also, let's have more photographs. One person even suggested imitating page 3 of a well known newspaper. Well we haven't done that but there are more photo's and the articles are longer and certainly extremely interesting.

To all those people who sent articles, photo's, funny stories and jokes, my thanks.

Already preparations are in hand for the Summer 1980 edition and once again may I request articles etc., for publication. Any photo's should just have a few words on the back explaining what it is all about. Anything will be considered.

Finally, if any of you would care to write to me with your comments about the forthcoming edition I will be only too pleased to print your letters in the Summer 1980 issue.

BILL PIRIE  
Editor



UNIFORMED colleagues formed a guard of honour outside Holy Cross Church, Basildon in October this year when police constable Ian East and former Cadet, W.P.C. Carolyn Poole were married.

After a honeymoon on the Isle of Elba, Carolyn stationed at Wickford, and Ian stationed at Billericay are living in Wickford.

**Harlow's first**



THE FIRST C.I.D. officer in Harlow, Detective Sergeant Ron Stark retired on 30th November this year after thirty years' service.

Between 1950 and 1953, he was one of two village coppers in Harlow before being posted to Epping. In 1956, on the formation of the new Harlow Division, and before the present New Town was built, he was posted back there as the first C.I.D. officer, carrying out his enquiries on a pedal cycle, or using the County 1936 I.R.P. B.S.A. motor cycle with his fingerprint box strapped to the rear.

On the site of the present Harlow Police Station, known locally as "Dead Man's Wood" he caught his first poacher, and he says "being a Cockney, I didn't know what to do with him".

Ending his career as Detective Sergeant in the office at Harlow, Ron intends to spend his retirement having a rest, gardening, D.I.Y. and spending time on his hobby of model making. At a farewell party Det. Chief Insp. Jim Keneally presented gifts from colleagues.

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