

A contribution from Ron Smith. An index of MPS related stories to be found at www.britishpathe.com/. If you recognise yourself or colleagues please let us know. Ron continues to search for MPS stories at British Pathe online film archive, available to all for free. Simply type in the above web address on your browser or Google "British Pathe" and click on. At Pathe, type the search terms below in the required box and click "Search". Follow simple instructions.

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1. **"Duke of Edinburgh at Scotland Yard"** 1960/silent/black & white/
7 minutes duration.
Starts with the workings of the fingerprint department. Then the Duke goes round various departments,; speaks to WPC Susan Bell, and two others un-named. In information-room he speaks to PC.Beeby and PC Roberts.
2. **"Duke of Edinburgh visits Hendon Police College"** 1960/silent/blk & white
3 minutes duration.
Duke sees trainees at various activities, (e.g. "What has happened here sir please" etc); Detective Training School Office; 'bandit' chase on the skid-pan, etc.
3. **"Floral Police Station"** 1957/sound/colour/
1 minute duration.
A look at the floral display outside GERALD ROAD Police Station in 1957. PC Taylor is watering the flowers and chatting up an un-named WPC. Sgt Smee and PC Hunt also get a mention.
4. **"Girl Police Cyclists"** 1960/sound/colour/
2 minutes duration.
WPC Patricia Petherick (??) and WPC Betty Wilkinson are two of the twelve first 'Noddy'-riders to be trained by the Met. (in skirts !) Sgt Robert Graham is the instructor at Hendon Driving School.
5. **"Look and listen..... . Motorists and pedestrians"** 1931/sound/blk &white/
2 minutes duration.
This really is the origin of Traffic Patrols on film. A motorbike, a motorbike and sidecar, and a car, pop out of a gate (not the Yard) while a 'Harry Enfield' type commentator explains what they are about. We then hear what the car's siren sounds like, a completely new experience for the road-user!
6. **"Lord Trenchard"** 1931/sound/blk &white
2 minutes duration.
Trenchard, the new Commissioner, takes the salute at Westminster Cathedral as the ranks of the Catholic Police march past, led by the Met. Police Band in fine form. (Worth hearing.)
7. **"Sir Nevil Macready attends policewomen's sports."** 1919/silent/blk/white
2 minutes duration.

1919. the Commissioner is seen watching the women-police tug-of-war teams !!

8. **'To "Arrest" the Huns - Metropolitan Policemen's response to the latest call'**

9. **'Alsatian Police Dogs'**

1925/silent/black & white

duration – 1 ½ minutes

Shows dogs and handlers (in mufti) in the second annual trials held at the Crystal Palace. The 'baddie' wears what must be the prototype padded, long-sleeved coat, (for the dog to grab).

10 **'Canine coppers'**

1958/sound/black & white

duration 50 seconds

Opening of the new dog-training establishment at West Wickham. Shows police-dog "Rex" with handler, PC Holman, meeting with the Commissioner, Sir John Nott-Bower. (He signed by warrant-card when I joined)

11. **'Police dogs training at West Wickham'**

1961/mute/blk & wh.

duration 5 minutes.

Silent, but shows pups with mother at kennels, etc, to be assessed for future police career.

12. **'QUAIL, London's oldest police-horse'**

1956/sound/blk & wh.

Duration 1 minute.

(actually comes up as 'Pets' Christmas at Ilford PDSA !)

A brief appearance by 'Quail' with his rider (not named) at the PDSA event.

13. **'Training Police Horses'**

1967/sound/colour

duration 4 minutes.

A beautiful film in colour, with commentary, showing the training of horses at Imber Court. Includes the Musical Ride.

(various similar films for earlier years can be found viz:1920/1946/1956)

14. **'Outward Bound Police'**

1966/sound/colour

duration 3 minutes.

Met Police cadets attend Advanced Adventure Training Course, Snowdonia. Canoes/mountain rescue/etc.

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15. **'Police Office'**

1962/sound/colour

(may need 'advanced search' option) duration 2 minutes.

Opening of a day-time office attached to police house at New Addington, on 'Z' division , (a new concept for the Met. Police.)

16. **‘Copper socking club’** 1946/sound/blk & wh.
duration 2 minutes.
Various ‘Z’ Division men teaching local boys to box at the ‘Sir Phillip Game Boys Club,’ Croydon, founded by Superintendent Deller (??) the local police Chief. P.C. CHEW demonstrates a fall in Judo.
17. **‘People in camera – Home Guard Police Fight Crime Wave’**
(ignore the title, it’s misleading) 1946/sound/blk&wh.
Duration 30 seconds
Ex-WPC ‘Trixie’ Etheredge now works for the Mayfair Detective Agency.
(Beatrix Etheredge, ‘C’ 112, W/No.513. 8.6.1942 – 11.8.1946)
18. **‘Police mourn shot colleague’** 1948/sound/blk&wh.
Duration 40 secs.
Funeral of PC Nat Edgar, at Finchley(?) cemetery.
19. **‘Sir John Nott Bower visits Cyprus Police’** 1958/silent/blk&wh.
Duration 2 ½ mins
Famagusta. Commissioner visits Met officers.
Includes WPS Sylvia Ray of Ruislip.
20. **‘A Job for the Police’** 1963/sound/colour
Duration 8 mins.
A look at various aspects of the Met.Police.
WPS 22J (?) in Epping Forest search.
21. **‘Heathrow Airport (aka Winners of ‘Help the Police’ competition, off to Canada)**
NOTE: use ‘advanced search’ option. 1969/sound/colour
Duration 35 secs.
Competition-winners seen off at airport by PC and WPC.
22. **‘Open Day at Police Station’** 1963/silent/blk&wh.
Duration 2 mins.
Story about Thames Police AND Limehouse Pol.Stn
Dragging equipment,etc/Daimler Dart Traf.Pol./ and WPC Gwen (surname ?)
23. **‘Police learn underwater rescue’** 1947/blk&wh. See ‘Note’
Duration 5 mins.
Officers dive into Kingston Baths, fully clad, including a WPC who seems to spend as much time pulling up her socks as she does rescuing.
Note: this version is silent, but another version with commentary, can be found by clicking on the first ‘related video’ thumbnail in the column to right of screen, entitled **‘World at your Elbow’**, which names the male officers, but not the WPC.
A third version, also with sound, is entitled **‘Police water rescue training’**.
All three versions are based on the same incident, but differ in content to some extent.

24. **'Emancipation of women'** (Reel 2) 1890-1930/sound/Blk&Wh
Duration 6 secs (in a 12-minute film)
Brief film of Womens Aux.Service and Women Police Service (together)
25. **Police heroes receive awards for bravery.** 1953/sound/black&white. Duration 30 seconds.
Commissioner Sir Harold Scott attends Croydon Police Station to present medals for bravery to officers involved in the Bentley/Craig case.(murder of P.C.Miles)
- 26 **Marwood Hanged** 1959/sound/blk&wh.) Duration 1 minute.
Disorderly crowd scenes outside Pentonville Prison. (murder of P.C.Raymond Summers) 'N' Division foot and mounted police dealing.

Various topics, with a fair amount on Traffic Patrol.

27. **CABMEN'S COLLEGE** 1948/sound/ blk/white
duration 2 minutes
Doing 'the knowledge' 1948 style, featuring ex-inspector **TURNER**
Of Scotland Yard.
28. **QUEEN'S POLICE REVIEW** 1954/sound/ blk/white
duration 1 minute
Hyde Park review of all UK Police by the new Queen.
(short version)
29. **SELECTED ORIGINALS – QUEEN'S POLICE REVIEW (1954)**
Extended version of No.28, (11 minutes), good viewing / poor sound.
30. **SPEED MERCHANTS ...BEWARE** 1930/silent/ blk/white
duration 2 minutes
The new traf-pols show off their motorbikes.
31. **POLICE SPORTS – HENDON** 1938/sound/ blk/white
duration 50 sec.
No.2 District Traf-pols give highly-skilled demo with motorbikes,
including clown-bike and car ('DT6' on side)
32. **POLICE TRAFFIC SAFETY DRIVE** 1946/silent/ blk/white
duration 2m 30secs.
Road Safety demonstration to West Ham schoolchildren,
including 'Safety Sam', who probably lives at Bow District Garage (DT7).
33. **SAFETY LAST RAISES LAUGHS** 1955/sound/ blk/white
duration 1 m 10secs.
Kensington Gardens. Road-safety exercise/demo
By Traf-pols.

34. **PARKING'S PRACTICALLY A CRIME** 1958/sound/ blk/white
duration 4 mins.
A whimsical look at the motorist's parking problems in central London, including the appearance of a PC with a large bunch of keys who drives car away to the car-pound.
35. **LOOK OUT BANDITS** 1961/sound/ blk/white
(appears on second page of 'results') duration 40 secs.
The new 100mph Humber estate, and the Daimler Dart patrol-car are shown to the public.
36. **NEW LIGHTWEIGHT MOTORCYCLES FOR THE POLICE** 1957/sound/ blk/white
duration 1 min.
Dozens of 'Noddy'-bikes at Hendon.
37. **BURGLARS BEWARE** 1935/sound/ blk/white
duration 1min.
Sir John Gilmour opens the new laboratory at Hendon Police College
38. **HENDON POLICE COLLEGE.** 1946 (?)/silent/ blk/white
duration 12 mins.
Shows various aspects of the Detective Training School at Hendon.
Sadly the soundtrack is silent, but interesting nonetheless.
39. **999 SCOTLAND YARD** 1948/sound/ blk/white
duration 3 mins
Information-Room in action.
40. **999 HAS NEW HOME** 1957/sound/ blk/white
duration 1 min 20 secs.
Revamped Information-Room.
41. **SCOTLAND YARD MOVES** 1967/sound/ blk/white
duration 4 mins.
The end of 'WHItchall 1212'.
Sir Joseph Simpson leads his men (and women) out of the old CO to new premises at Broadway, SW1H OBG.
42. **RITA COMER HAS POLICE ESCORT** 1956/silent/ blk/white
duration 35 secs.
Wife of Jack 'Spot' Comer, the Soho Crime Boss, is under police protection, presumably in case 'Mad Frankie Fraser's mob appear, they having already attended to said Jack with meat-cleavers, etc.

43. **I AM A POLICEMAN** 1960/silent/colour
duration 7m30secs
Note: Use 'advanced search' for this item.
Recruitment film made for Met Police.
No sound-track!

44. **A POLICEMAN'S LOT** 1962/sound/colour
duration 7 mins.
Crime-prevention film.

Carrying on with the Pathe thing, here are more from the website - www.britishpathe.com

45. **IMBER COURT SHOW** 1935/sound/ blk/white
(comes up as 'NEWS IN A NUTSHELL') Duration 30 secs in a 5-min film.
Q. What do you get when you cross a horse with a motorbike?
A. A fine demo by Mounted and Traf-pols !

46. **POLICE FOIL SUNDAY CLASH** 1949/sound/ blk/white
Duration 1 min.
Ridley Road, Dalston.
Communists, fascists, and Police clash.

47. **LONDON – SIDNEY STREET SIEGE** 1911/silent/ blk/white]
Duration 3m.30secs.
Great footage of the event.

48. **WELLINGTON ARCH** 1948/sound/ blk/white
Duration 3m.30secs.
Workings of the Police Station inside the arch,
including a ginger cat.

49. **FAIR COP** 1945/sound/ blk/white.
Duration 3m 30secs.
Women recruits at Peel House in early 1945 .

50. **WRESTLING (aka HOW TO WRESTLE)** 1947/sound/ blk/white
Duration 1m 40secs.
Writhing jockstraps at Peel House.
Sergeant Bissell keeps his clothes on!

51. **POLICE CHOIR** 1953/sound/ blk/white
Duration 2 mins.
(note: scroll down the page of results.)
Stoke Newington Met. Police Choir making a studio-recording of
'Elizabeth of England' in tribute to the new Queen, soon to be crowned.

52. **POLICE DOGS IMBER COURT** 1953/sound/ blk/white
Duration 2 mins.
Police-dog 'RAP' shows how to catch a burglar.

53. RIVER PILOT c.1965(?)/silent? blk/white
Duration 11 mins.
After 3 minutes, film changes to Thames Division patrolling, with boat being skippered by a Station-Sergeant, crew being PC.147 and PC.156.
54. POLICE FIREARM TRAINING 1972/silent/colour
Duration 3 mins.
Are they Met. Police ?
55. LONDON – POLICE USE COPTERS 1967/ sound/ blk/white
Duration 1m 20secs.
Helicopters on trial with Met. Police, co-operating with ‘R’ Division officers in a ground-search.
56. LONDON’S NEW POLICE CADET CORPS 1960/silent/ blk/white
Duration 3 mins.
Hendon – believed October 1960 – Cadets swimming/Judo/drill, etc, with good close-ups of trainees and instructors.
57. POLICE CADETS 1966/sound/colour
Duration 7 minutes.
Ashford/Hendon/Lippits Hill, etc. then out to Division and an attachment on the ‘X’ Division area-car. etc.
58. POLICE PASSING-OUT PARADE 1969/sound/ blk/white
Duration 1 min.
(go to second page of ‘results’)
Cadets passing-out parade, inspected by Earl Mountbatten.
Very smart.
59. TUFTY CLUB 1962/sound/colour
Duration 2 mins.
Merton; ex-P.C. John Richardson (now a Road-Safety Officer), visits Manor House Nursery School.
60. POLICE STOP COMMUNIST MAY DAY MARCH 1949/sound/ bl/white
Duration 1 min.
Trouble in Trafalgar Square.
61. SIKH POLICEMAN 1970/sound/ blk/white
Duration 20secs.
The Met’s first Sikh special constable, Harbana Singh Jabbal, goes on Patrol at East Ham.
62. PRIEST POLICEMAN 1970/sound/ blk/white
Duration 1 min.
Sgt. Barry KNIGHT(?) of Woolwich ‘R’ Div. has been ordained, and now serves as both a policeman and a priest.
63. (TRAFFIC DUTY) 1970s /silent/colour
Duration 1m 20secs.
(go to bottom of second page of ‘results’)

West end 1970s – Orange traffic gauntlets !!

64. **THEY DIED FOR US** 1966/sound/ blk/white
(go to third page of ‘results’) Duration 3 mins.
The Shepherd’s Bush murders. Funeral of the three officers, crew of
‘F’ Division Q-car, who were shot dead by Harry Roberts.

Ronald Smith, fomphc volunteer, October 2011

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This is probably the last of the Pathe thing, website www.britishpathe.com

Topics: Barking to Southend Walk / Public order / etc, etc.

65. **LONDON BOBBIES** 1921/silent/ blk/white
Police race-walking, Barking to Southend 1921. Duration 30secs
66. **BARKING TO SOUTHEND WALK** 1922/silent/ blk/white
W.J.HAWKER of ‘A’ Division wins. 1922. Duration 1 min.
67. **A LONG BEAT** 1923/silent/ blk/white
Barking – Southend walk. 1923. Duration 40secs.
68. **6th BRITISH POLICE WALKING CHAMPIONSHIPS** 1926/silent
Barking to Southend walk 1926. Duration 4 mins.
Winner – P.C. RICHARDS ‘K’ Division.
69. **NEWS IN A NUTSHELL** 1935/sound/ blk/white
(Note: must use ‘advanced search’ and Duration 6 mins
input ‘date of issue’ as 27.5.1935’ at foot of page.
Barking to Southend walk 1935. P.C.RICKARDS ‘K’ Div. wins for 7th time.
70. **A LONG BEAT** (not the same as item 67 above) 1925/silent/ blk/white
Eltham – Police & firemen in a 12-mile walking race. Duration 1 min.
71. **GENDARMES BEATEN BY ‘BOBBIES’** 1926/silent/ blk/white
Blackheath - Rugby – Met.Police 10; Paris Police 3; Duration 1m10secs.
72. **POLICE ‘ENTENTE CORDIALE’** 1927/silent/ blk/white
Paris – After a week of sporting fixtures with the Paris Duration 1m30secs
Police, Met men lay a wreath at the War-memorial. A lone piper plays.
73. **AFTER 7 WEARY YEARS** 1929/silent/ blk/white
Duration 30 secs.

'Jack' Hayes, ex Met sergeant, now a Member of Parliament, welcomes ex-Sgt. Horace Josling to the House of Commons, following a ruling that he (Josling) had been unfairly forced to resign in 1922 when his allegations of corruption against a fellow-officer (PS.Goddard) were not upheld. .In December 1928 Goddard appeared at Bow Street Mags. Court on corruption charges, thus leading to the vindication of Josling.

74. WAR AND SOCIETY – PART 3 – PROTEST FOR PEACE 1961/
 sound/ blk/white.
 Duration 2m.30secs
 'Ban the Bomb' demonstration at Trafalgar Square. (in a 10 min film)
75. DRAMA ON GREEK VISIT 1963/sound/ bl/white
 Duration 2m50secs
 Greek royal visit, trouble in Trafalgar Square.
76. LONDON RIOTS – ANTI-VIETNAM DEMONSTRATION 1968/
 (see also No.76 below) sound/ blk/white
 Duration 3 min.
 The battle of Grosvenor Square.
77. VIETNAM DEMONSTRATIONS 1968/sound/colour
 (same event as No.75 above, but different shots,
 and in glorious technicolour.
 Just scroll down the results-list from No.75 above.)
78. CND MARCH 1969/sound/ blk/wh.
 Duration 1min.
 Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Easter march down Park Lane to
 Trafalgar Square.
79. (POLICE WALKIE-TALKIE RADIO) 1966/silent/ blk/white
 Duration 3m30secs.
 Catford Police Station 1966. Officers show off the new-fangled
 'Motorola' two-way radios. This must be where the rot set in !!

And, to end on a happy note, here's what 'the Sixties' was really all about:-

80. POP GROUPS IN CARNABY STREET 1969/sound/colour
 Duration 2 mins.
 Brian Gibbs of the Bee Gees visits Carnaby Street.
 (first 'result' is the better version)
81. A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENTS 1966/sound/colour
 Duration 8 mins.
 To see England win the World Cup, watch the last 90 seconds of this
 8-minute film.

82. JAMAICAN POLICEWOMAN JOINS FORCE 1968/silent/ blk/white
Peel House – first black WPC in the Met. Duration 2 mins.
(Her name may be Sislin Fay Allen?)
83. NEW UNIFORMS FOR POLICEWOMEN 1967/silent/ blk/white
WPS and five WPCs show off their new uniforms Duration 3 mins.
Outside C.O.

Ronald Smith, fomphc member, November 2011

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84. FOREIGN POLICE IN BELGIUM 1964/silent/ blk/white
Duration 3m30secs.
A worried Met. WPC directs traffic in Brussels, Belgium.
85. BOBBIES POUND NEW BEAT 1966/sound/ blk/wh.
Duration 1 min.
A 'Z' Div. Met PC directs traffic in Wolfsburg, Germany. He is one of a
coach-load of British police visiting the town. (Possibly an I.P.A. tour ?)
(see next item.)
86. SELECTED ORIGINALS – BOBBIES POUND NEW BEAT
Much longer version of previous item, showing the whole party visiting the
Volkswagen Factory, but no sound with this one. Duration 8m30secs.
87. PICCADILLY POLICEMAN 1946/sound/ blk/wh.
Duration 1m 30secs.
PC.291'C' meets the public, and his section-sergeant (PS.27'C') at the
hub of the empire.
88. MIND YOUR STEP 1936/sound/ blk/wh.
Duration 1 min.
Police-car with a MEGA-phone on top tells pedestrians how and when to cross
Parliament Street safely.
89. TRAFFIC CONTROL FROM THE AIR 1932/sound/ blk/wh.
Duration 1m 30secs.
N.B. - go to page 2 of 'results'.
At Croydon Aerodrome, technical department from Scotland Yard are trying
out a 'world's first' wireless-link from an autogyro(helicopter) to a ground
vehicle in order to deal with traffic at the forthcoming Derby Race meeting.
90. COMPTON MACKENZIE 1952/sound/ bl/white
Duration 50 secs.
(comes up as 'Royal Investiture')

Inspector Shipton, & PCs Bailey and Mackenzie collect George Medals at Buckingham Palace. A PC Darby was also awarded the GM, but not seen on this film.

91. BARBARA CASTLE INTRODUCES THE BREATHALYSER
1967/silent/ bl/white
Duration 1m 20secs.
Minister of Transport, Barbara, introduces the dreaded contraption, and smiles as PC (?)46 'R' demonstrates.
92. RADIOS FOR MOTORCYCLE POLICE
1951/sound/ bl/white
Duration 1 min.
Traf-pols get radio-equipped Triumphs in time for the Festival of Britain.
93. INTERPOL SEE SCOTLAND YARD
1958/sound/ bl/white
Duration 50secs.
Heads of police in 42 countries, in London for Interpol conference, make a visit to Scotland Yard.
94. HAVE YOU OBTAINED THE FREE MAP
1937/sound/ bl/white
Duration 1 min.
Commissioner Sir Philip Game talks about a special folding map issued to help people get around central London on Coronation-Day.
95. THE PICK POCKET
1965/sound/colour
Duration 3m 40secs.
This you must see !!

'BORA,' a Yugoslavian pick-pocket, robs some Scotland Yard detectives (including FABIAN of the Yard) during a purely social event.
96. NEWS IN A NUTSHELL/MARDI GRAS
1937/sound/ bl/white
Duration 15secs. in a
(resulting image shows title - 'New Orleans')
P.C. 'Bill' Waite, formerly attached to King Edward
6min. film
(i.e. Edward VIII) at Buckingham Palace, gets married
at Caxton Hall.
97. WEMBLEY FA CUP
1923/silent/ blk/white
Duration 7 minutes.
Note: when 'results' of search appear, you must go to page 11 to find this item.
This is what became known as 'the White Horse Cup Final.'
Shows crowds locked out of Wembley climbing railings, etc, then pouring on to the pitch. Sadly, the white horse (Mounted Branch) that saved the day, appears only briefly, but what a good job he did.
98. LONDON HEROES IN PRAGUE
1946/sound/ blk/white
Duration 1 minute.
PC.James Young and 14 year old schoolboy (Findley) are on an official visit to Prague, where they are shown round by Efzen Erban, a member of parliament.
Some weeks earlier, PC Young had dived into the Thames and rescued both the

boy and a woman who, it is supposed, had some connection with Prague. The soundtrack is entirely in a foreign language (Slovak?). An English translation will be attached to PC. Young's personal file at the Historic Collection in due course. The boy Findley had attempted to rescue the woman, but then got into difficulties himself so that PC Young had to rescue both. Young suffered complete exhaustion and was detained in St Thomas' Hospital. Ironically, his wife was lying ill in another part of the hospital. He had been on way to visit her when this all happened.

Ronald Smith, fomphc volunteer.
December 2011