

# In the face of danger

Police officers carry out acts of bravery everyday across the country. The Federation's Police Bravery Awards in association with the *Sun* newspaper has been set up to recognise their dedication. The following article is the last in a series of three over the last few months to pay tribute to those nominated for acts of courage. Winners will be announced at the Awards on July 14th at the Dorchester Hotel in London.

## MERSEYSIDE POLICE PC MARK CAVE - PC MARTIN RANGLES

### Police pair faced sub-machine gun

Unarmed officers PC Mark Cave and PC Martin Randles were called to a scene in Liverpool South where a young woman had been violently assaulted.

As the two plain-clothes officers waited for an ambulance, a group of youths began to gather and became aggressive.

The officers then recognised a young man who was acting suspiciously carrying a bulky object in a carrier bag.

Suspecting the man was carrying a gun, the officers chased him and ordered him to stop when he suddenly turned and fired on them using a sub-machine gun. The officers continued to pursue the man until advised to stand down.



The man later pleaded guilty to firearms offences and was jailed for eight years.

## METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE DC DAVID WOOD

### Stabbed with addicts needle

A known drug addict and Hepatitis C carrier repeatedly stabbed Met officer DC David Wood with a needle as he attempted to prevent her using a stolen bankbook.

DC Wood, a married father-of-three spent four days in hospital as one of the wounds became infected and was only cleared of the HIV, Hep C and B viruses after a six-month wait.

The frenzied attack happened after the officer had interviewed an elderly victim of an aggravated burglary when he was informed that three people matching the description of the suspects had gone into a building society in Croydon.

The officer and his colleague



went to the premises and saw the suspects leaving as they tried to detain them, a woman who was a known drug addict stabbed DC Wood in his arms and hands repeatedly.

## METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE

## SGT (ACTING) TERRY CLARKE - PC DAVID BRIGHOUSE PC JANE BEALE - DC PAUL SMITHERMAN

### Fantastic four foil shotgun domestic

Four Met officers faced a potentially lethal situation when they were called to the scene of a man armed with a shotgun threatening to kill his daughters after beating his wife.

Met officers, Sgt (acting) Terry Clarke, PC David Brighthouse, PC Jane Beale and DC Paul Smitherman were threatened during the pre-Christmas drama.

The man attacked his wife and then barricaded himself and their two children in a room where he threatened to harm

them if the officers attempted to force their way in. The man opened the door wide enough for one of the children to be rescued. Officers then forced the door to retrieve the second child, but as they did so, the man pointed a long-barrelled firearm at PC Beale's head. PC Clarke grabbed the officer who had hold of both children and got them out of the room.

DC Smitherman and Sgt Clarke sprayed the gunman with incapacitant spray and PC



Brighthouse struck the man's arm.

The three officers then managed to detain the man who was later sentenced to two years in prison. The officers received a commissioner's commendation.

## POLICE BRAVERY AWARDS

### METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE

#### Stabbed and bitten by drink driver

Two Met officers were threatened during an attack after a suspected drink driver refused to take a breath test.

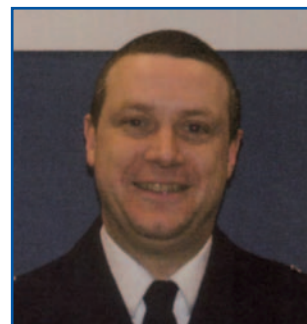
PC Natalie Baynes and PC Patrick Dolan were attacked by a man after they stopped him for driving erratically.

But the motorist was so determined not to take the test that he resorted to stabbing PC Dolan, just

missing an artery, and bit him on the leg.

The two officers grabbed hold of the man who was finally restrained with the help of other officers.

The man was later sentenced to eight years in prison for GBH with intent and given a four-year driving ban. The officers received a commissioner's commendation.



### PC NATALIE BAYNES - PC PATRICK DOLAN

### NORTHUMBRIA

### PC DARREN PURVIS

#### Girls pulled from icy seas

Freezing seas that could have taken the lives of two young girls proved no deterrent to Northumbria officer Darren Purvis.

The girls, aged between 12 and 13, were trapped in extremely rough seas while playing near cliffs at Collywell Bay.

PC Purvis, from Northumbria Police, was one of the first on the scene and while members of the public had managed to pull two of the girls out, another two were still struggling to survive.

The officer tied a rope around himself and dived into the icy waters to rescue one of the girls.

A Northumbria Police helicopter was called to the scene and managed to use the downdraught



to blow the girl closer to shore, where PC Purvis again plunged into the freezing waters to pull her to safety.

Unfortunately, the second girl died later in hospital. Insp Neil Frazer, from Northumbria Police, said of the officer's actions: 'He was very brave and pulled two distressed girls from the scene in horrendous conditions.'

### NORFOLK

### PC ANDREW POOLE

#### Rookie cop in river rescue

Probationer Andrew Poole leapt into a freezing fast-flowing river to rescue a suicidal pensioner.

The officer and his colleague

were responding to a call from a woman that her husband intended to take his own life by jumping into the river in Great Yarmouth.

The officers raced to the riverbank and saw the 68-year-old man had jumped and was laying face down in the water.

PC Poole removed his utility belt and plunged into the water. Unable to revive the man in the water and believing that he had drowned, the officer towed him to the river bank. An ambulance team arrived and managed to resuscitate the man.

PC Poole was awarded a chief constable's commendation and the Royal Humane Society Testimonial.



### NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

### SGT MICHAEL STAMPER

#### Unarmed sergeant faced handgun horror

A crack cocaine and heroin dealer threatened Northamptonshire Sgt Michael Stamper at gunpoint.

The sergeant tackled the gunman who he believed was deal-

ing drugs and was associated with a 'Yardie' gang.

The officer, who has since been promoted to chief inspector, chased the man through a housing estate when the man stopped and pulled a gun and pointed it directly at him. Sgt Stamper used his pepper spray and continued to chase the offender who collided with a fence and dropped his weapon.

Police assistance arrived and the man was arrested. Class A drugs were recovered. The man absconded after receiving bail.

Sgt Stamper received a chief constable's commendation.



### WILTSHIRE

### SGT (ACTING) NIGEL KINDERMAN

#### Officer stopped chainsaw maniac

Brave officer Nigel Kinderman came face-to-face with a threatening chainsaw-wielding maniac.

The officer, from Wiltshire, was responding to a call that a man was threatening members of the public with a chainsaw after being refused entry to a club.

Sgt (acting) Kinderman and a probationer, who he was tutoring, attended Swindon town centre.

There they found the man surrounded by scores of bystanders. Sgt Kinderman forced his way through the crowd and persuaded the man to put the



chainsaw down. Eventually he complied. The offender received a one-year custodial sentence.

## POLICE BRAVERY AWARDS

### NORTH WALES PC KATHERINE PARMLEY - SGT NEAL PARKES

#### Pair disarm suicidal machete woman



Two officers found themselves faced with a woman pointing a gun at her own head while wielding a machete.

PC Katherine Parmley and Sgt Neal Parkes, from North Wales Police, managed to disarm the woman and prevent her from shooting herself after they were called to a property at 3am.

The officers found the woman threatening to 'end it all' and holding a gun to her head.

PC Parmley calmly tried to negotiate with the woman who edged towards her until he was able to grab her arm and take the gun off her.

The woman told them she had taken an overdose and produced a machete with the intention of harming herself with it.

PC Parmley wrestled the knife from the woman who was arrested, subsequently hospitalised and later sectioned under the Mental Health Act.

### WEST MIDLANDS PC DEBORAH WHITE - PC EUGENE KEOGH PC GERALD GILBERT

#### Officers chased off masked robbers



Off-duty officers on a shopping trip ended up tackling two robbers who were grappling with security guards.

PC Gerald Gilbert and PC Eugene Keogh, from West Midlands Police, were at their local supermarket when two masked offenders armed with handguns tried to rob security staff.

PC Keogh identified himself as a police officer, but was threatened with a gun and told to back off. PC Gilbert also identified himself as an officer and shouted at

the offenders to put their guns down.

PC Deborah White, who was driving passed en route to work, chanced on the scene and stopped to confront the gunmen. PC White and PC Gilbert approached the gunmen from different angles despite being threatened with a gun. Neither officer was aware of the other's presence. The offenders finally ditched the robbery and ran to a waiting vehicle and made off. All three officers received a chief constable's commendation.

### NORTH YORKSHIRE

### PC NEIL SLATER

#### Officer faced knife frenzy

PC Neil Slater, from North Yorkshire Police, was called out to a house where a knife-wielding offender had breached his court bail and was viciously assaulting his common law wife while her two children were in the house.

PC Slater forced entry, and as he did, the offender pointed the knife to his own throat and then to his common law wife's throat. He then lunged at PC Slater in a stabbing motion, before he was overpowered by the officer and arrested.



The victim was left with puncture wounds to her arms and upper body.

The offender was sentenced to life imprisonment for attempted murder

### SOUTH WALES

### PC DARREN MORRIS

#### Heroic roof rescue

When a young girl fell through the roof of a building and was left seriously injured, PC Darren Morris risked his life to rescue her.

The officer climbed onto the unstable roof after responding to a call that the girl had fallen 20ft through a skylight on the roof of a derelict building.

A paramedic had joined him on the roof but after seeing how unsafe the structure was, he returned to the ground.

PC Morris remained and

smashed a hole in the roof from where he was able to drop down onto the floor of the premises. He then comforted the young girl before identifying a safe entry point for the emergency service staff waiting outside.



### SOUTH YORKSHIRE

### PC GARETH GENT - PC LIAM WOOD

#### Duo tackle gunman

Two unarmed officers put their lives on the line when they tackled a gunman who had shot another man twice before their eyes.

The South Yorkshire officers were called to a disturbance in Doncaster, but when they reached the scene they found



two men, one holding a handgun, standing yards apart from each other.




Before the officers could intervene, the man fired the gun. Despite this, the officers ran at the

gunman and ordered him to lie down. He refused until PC Wood threatened to strike him with his baton. The injured man then tried to attack the gunman and also had to be contained. The gun was later recovered which, although a First World War revolver, was still a lethal weapon.

**STAFFORDSHIRE** **PC STEPHEN HULME - PC GARY WILSON**  
**PC JULIE BAILEY**

**Bloodbath suicide horror**

 A trio of Staffordshire officers stepped in to save a suicidal man who had almost sliced through his wrist.

The officers were called to a house where they found a man submerged in a bath, trying to slit his wrists and stab himself with a large carving knife and a craft knife. The room was covered in blood and he was so determined to kill himself he almost severed his hand. PC Bailey persuaded the man to surrender the knife while PC Wilson disarmed him.


As the three officers began to give the man first aid, he had a cardiac arrest. The officers lifted him out of the bath and PC



Hulme applied cardiac massage to revive him. The officers received awards from the Royal Humane Society.

**SUFFOLK** **SGT GARY MORAN - PC IAN HOLYLAND**

**Man saved from birthday blaze**

 Suffolk officers Sgt Gary Moran and PC Ian Holyland saved a man who locked himself in a shed and set fire to it after dowsing himself in mentholated spirit.


Four officers arrived at the scene to find the shed ablaze with the man trapped inside and now armed with an iron bar. PC Holyland sprayed the man with his incapacitant spray, which allowed him and Sgt Moran to enter the shed and dragged the man out. He continued to struggle with officers until he was eventually restrained.



**WEST MERCIA** **SGT ROBERT MATTHEWS**

**Lone sergeant tackles shotgun robber**



 An unarmed officer from West Mercia tackled a suspected armed robber single-handed.

Sgt Robert Matthews was called to reports that a suspect


involved in an armed robbery had run into a nearby factory. Sgt Matthews became separated from other officers as they searched the premises.

He then spotted an individual fitting the description of the man and approached him even though he knew he could be armed. The man struck the officer in the chest, kicking him repeatedly, and a violent struggle broke out between the two men until the officer was able to restrain him, assisted by other officers who had arrived to help.

**SUSSEX** **DCI ADAM HIBBERT**

**Cliff edge rescue**




 A detective chief inspector risked life and limb when he leapt into a car as a suicidal man was attempting to drive over a cliff edge.

Det Chf Insp Adam Hibbert was called to attend a suicide attempt after officers failed to get close to a man threatening to drive over a cliff edge.

Det Chf Insp Hibbert arrived and approached the vehicle to strike up a dialogue with the man. He was able to move close enough to the vehicle to grab the door handle and hurl himself into the driver's side where he forced the man to break his grip on the steering wheel and removed the key from ignition. He then held onto the driver until assistance arrived.

**THAMES VALLEY** **PC ANDY PICKWICK**

**Teenager saved from near death crash**

 An officer who is a qualified medic used his skills to help rescue a man trapped in a car who was close to death following a collision.

PC Andy Pickwick of Thames Valley and his crewmate PC Mark Brook were involved in a speedy pursuit through Oxford.

This ended up with the vehi-

cle being pursued colliding with the armed response vehicle ARV being driven by PC Brook. The car they were pursuing crossed the central reservation and turned on its roof - leaving the four occupants injured.

PC Pickwick ran to the car where he found a teenage passenger trapped with serious



injuries and could not find a pulse.

Andy established an airway for over 15 minutes despite the man becoming agitated and abusive.


Sadly, the man will not be able to walk again but there is no doubt that had it not been for PC Pickwick's selfless actions, he would have died.

## POLICE BRAVERY AWARDS

### WEST YORKSHIRE

### PC EARLE HEASMAN

## A potentially explosive situation

 An officer's quick actions helped prevent a possible explosion after being called to a domestic where a man was brandishing a knife and turning the gas on.

The man was threatening to stab a woman during a domestic argument.

PC Earle Heasman, from



West Yorkshire Police, prevented a domestic situation getting out of control. When officers arrived, the woman had sustained minor injuries, but the man had barricaded himself in his house and turned the gas on.


The violent man was also armed with a knife and a gun and threatened PC Heasman. When other officers arrived, PC Heasman briefed them all on their roles before leading them into the gas-filled premises.

The officer forced entry to the bathroom where the man had blocked himself in and arrested him. Knives and an air weapon were later recovered.

### NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

### PC PHILLIP COOKE

## Ecstasy user threatend cops with handgun

 A gunman who had taken an overdose of ecstasy tablets became violent and had to be disarmed by PC Phillip Cooke from Nottinghamshire.

The officer and a number of other colleagues were attempting to calm the man down when he pulled out a handgun and pointed it directly at PC Cooke. The officer ducked, but the man took aim again.

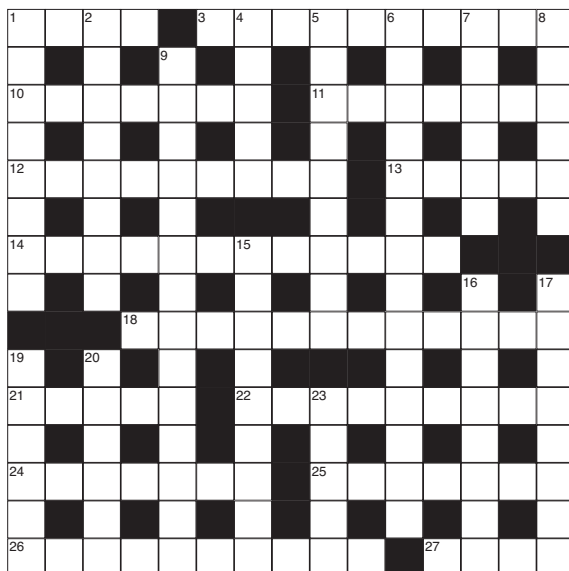
PC Cooke spotted that he did not have his finger on the trigger and so he lunged at him and with the help of other officers finally managed to disarm him.

The man was later sentenced to five years.



## £50 PRIZE CROSSWORD

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**June - £50 Crossword Winner - Arthur Corbet, from Walsall**

### Answers - June Crossword

**ACROSS:** 1. Trainers 5. Brazil 9. Ramparts  
10. Pig-pen 11. Easterly 12. Albedo 14. Mastermind  
18. Open the box 22. Mooted 23. Age-group  
24. Rotter 25. Coloured 26. Endear 27. Impeller.

**DOWN:** 1. Target 2. Almost 3. Neater 4. Retaliates  
6. Raillery 7. Zeppelin 8. Long-odds 13. Strongroom  
15. Commerce 16. Besotted 17. Etcetera 19. Ignore  
20. Sorrel 21. Spider.

**Closing date - July 20th 2005**

### Clues across

- 1 & 3. Situation deterioration (4,3,2,5)
10. Commend a very quiet wander about (7)
11. Feminine thespian... (7)
12. ... in scene before the final curtain (4,5)
13. Grotesque copying in a simian style (5)
14. Note on O.S. maps - near Hastings, perhaps (4,2,6)
18. Same old performance - does it ever change? (5,7)
21. Clanging bells; raucous yells; registered in decibels (5)
22. Instruction group for Indian philosophy (4,5)
24. Medium-sweet wine from Spain (7)
25. A breach in the ice where animals come up to breathe (7)
26. Hamlet's father, for example (7,4)
27. Eat provender (4)

### Clues down

1. Intrepid brave (8)
2. Resist Information Technology installation is directly contrary (8)
4. Amphitheatre discovered in bare native terrain (5)
5. Sycophant reptile consumer (4-5)
6. The manner of nursing professionally performed (4,3,3,4)
7. Subsequent amendment of writer's text (2-4)
8. Flag officer (6)
9. Nepotistic employment for young men (4,3,3,4)
15. William Rooster - perched on the head (5-4)
16. Fair open! Changing into protective clothing (8)
17. Edward went round a small English county over finding a place to sleep (8)
19. Innumerable not informed (6)
20. Nothing to do with me; no connection (6)
23. Small particle of cereal (5)

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