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It's all change...

Well, they say the proof is in the pudding.

Firstly, a discussion on whether to open up Police Federation membership to others in the police service and now the complete redesign of a magazine which has stood largely untouched for two decades. Surely this alone is enough to silence critics who accuse the organisation of being conservative, a harbinger of the status quo and in staunch opposition to change.

Well, we hope you like it. Following many months of deliberation and research we are pleased to launch this new style, look and feel *Police* magazine. Many of the regular and popular columns are still here, but with a refreshed and updated makeover. And never fear - we wouldn't dare take away your opportunity to poke fun at the service; Dogberry still remains a firm favourite.

We feature a column from a local federation and from a national level to keep you up to date with what's going on in other areas and behind the scenes at Surbiton.

This month's issue also reveals the lack of officer safety training across England and Wales for officers, who face increasing violence (News, page 7).

The pinnacle of Federation Conference this month is the delegates' opportunity to front the Home Secretary and put him on the spot. In an interview with *Police* this month, Charles Clarke doesn't pull any punches with his view on amalgamations and the workforce modernisation agenda.

However, as the magazine goes to press, Mr Clarke is coming under increasing pressure to resign following the release of over 1,000 foreign prisoners who should have been deported at the end of their sentences. Still, if Mr Clarke's not in the hot seat we can be assured that any successor will carry on the mantle of change, change and more change.

If you're attending conference, then ensure your voice is heard. If not, then you can always watch via a live webcast on the Police Federation website (www.polfed.org).

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