

eventually fell to the lady operator to repeat his proposal and my acceptance. I do believe that lady telephone operator was more excited than we were.

We eventually married in 1965 but, as I wished to keep flying, we had to keep our marriage a secret from the airline – this was before equal employment legislation of the sexes and air hostesses were not allowed to be married and were also compulsorily retired at 35.

When I eventually left flying, I very much missed my exciting life of travel, but it was not to be for long, because we later were to start a journey of more than 20 years, living and travelling full time in a motorhome, with the result that I saw so much more of the world while meandering slowly across its surface than I ever did while jetting through its skies. But that's another story.

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#### A DROP OF LAUGHTER.

Following the death of Peter O'Toole in December, there were many tributes to his great talents as an actor. A tale told by the film director, Andrew Sinclair, deserves to grace the pages of *LPP*. He recalls with fondness a night of drunken carousing in his flat in which O'Toole ran through his repertoire of Gaelic folk songs.

"Towards dawn," he said, "a policeman came to stop us disturbing the peace. O'Toole persuaded him to

**Bob Chalmers sent in this Police Recruitment ad and asks if you'd be lining up to enlist after reading it. We think not.**

## I want you for PEEL's Police c1839

- You must be aged between 23-40 years of age

You will be paid the following rates:

CONSTABLE	17s (shillings) per week	(85p)
SERGEANT	£1.1s per week	(£1.05)
SUPERINTENDENT	£3.10s per week	(£3.50)
CHIEF CONSTABLE	£13.19s per week	(£13.50)

- Your working hours will be eight, ten or twelve hour shifts, seven days a week. Every encouragement will be given to officers to grow beards as shaving is regarded as unhealthy. However, beards must not exceed two inches in length.

- Uniform will be worn at all time, to prevent accusations of spying on the public, whilst in ordinary clothes. A duty band will be worn to indicate whether you are on duty or not.

- You are NOT allowed to vote in elections.

- You must not gossip with the public. In particular, avoid conversations with female servants or other women on duty. Do not walk or converse with your comrades, merely exchange a word and pass on.

- You will walk about 20 miles per shift.

- No rest days are allowed and only one week per annum, unpaid.

- No meal breaks are allowed. The top hat may be used to hold a snack. You must inform the Superintendent before you associate, eat or drink with any civilians.

- Before attending for a medical examination and interview to join the police, it is advisable to have a bath.

- You are NOT allowed to sit down in public houses at any time.

- You must expect a hostile reception from all sections of the public and be prepared to be assaulted, stoned or stabbed in the course of your duties.