

Women in Uniform - 1968

Betty Barker - District Nurse



Little black bag in hand, Miss Betty Barker makes a charming picture as she prepares to enter her mini and go on her rounds as District Nurse for the Little Downham and Coveney district.

And there is no problem of making herself known to her patients for Betty has spent all her life in the neighbourhood, being the daughter of Mrs P Barker of Straight Drove, Coveney, and the late Mr Barker.

In order to qualify for her new job Miss Barker passed the examination of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, being awarded their certificate, and the National Certificate of the Ministry of Health. She qualified as a midwife by taking the examinations of the central Midwifery Board and is a State Registered Nurse.

Her training took place in Cambridge and London.

Lilian Winters - Special Constable

24 year old Mrs Lilian Winters of 7 Westmoor Common, Pymoor, is Ely's first woman special constable. Mrs Winters has always been keen on the police force and when she was 18 applied to join the Lancashire Constabulary, but was turned down because she was a quarter of an inch too small.

She is now the minimum regulation height of 5ft 4in and decided to apply as a special constable after reading about the recruiting campaign launched by the Chief Constable for woman "specials". Mrs Winters was sworn in at Ely Magistrates' Court.



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