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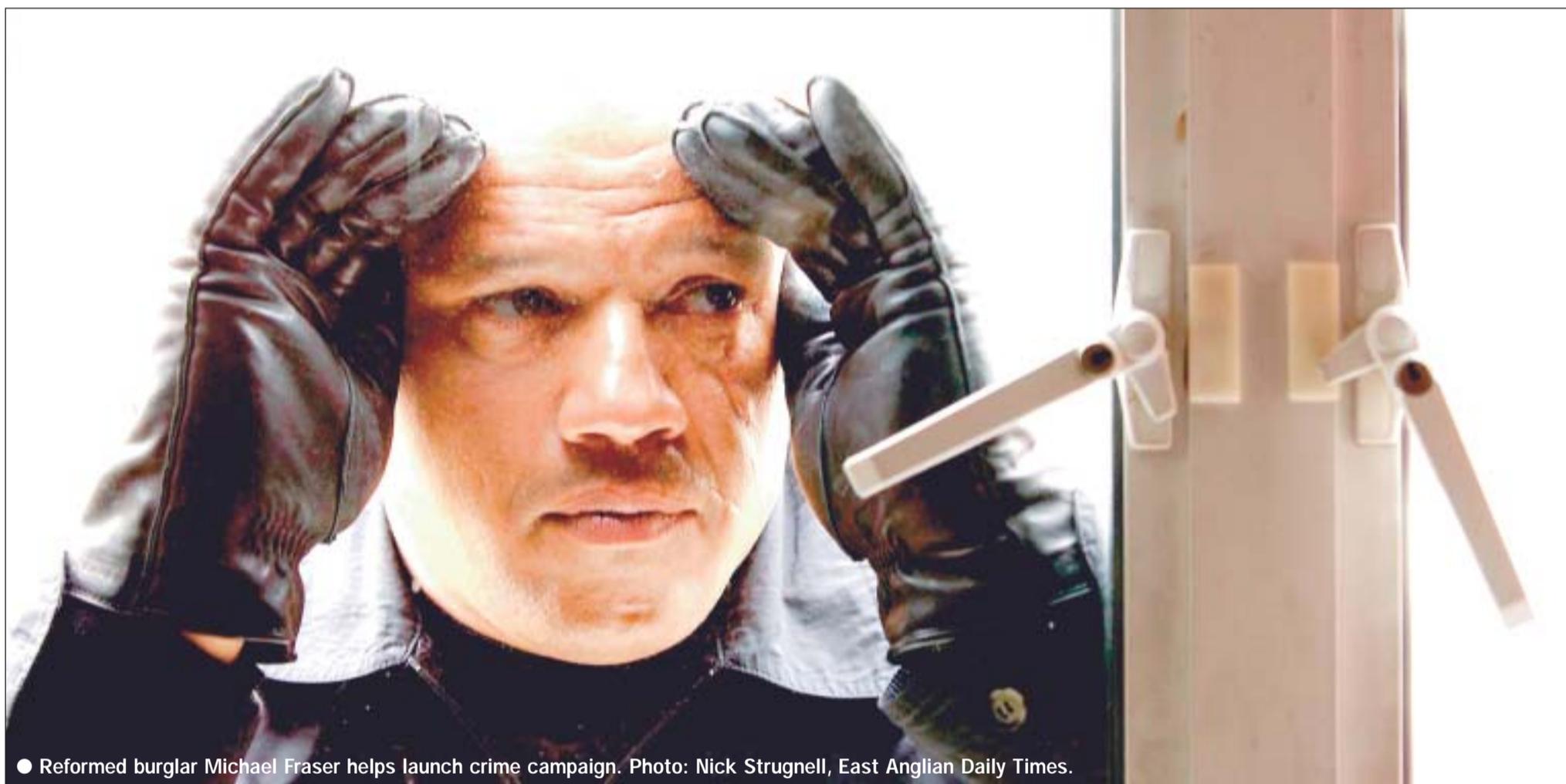


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## Over 100 offences detected in month-long crackdown on burglary



● Reformed burglar Michael Fraser helps launch crime campaign. Photo: Nick Strugnell, East Anglian Daily Times.

# UNRELENTING!

**A REFORMED burglar, who turned his life around and now runs two successful businesses, teamed up with Essex Police to launch the fourth Operation Relentless crime crackdown.**

Michael Fraser, 40 is an engineer employing 120 people but also presents the BBC television programme *To Catch a Thief*.

The show locates a potential burglary target and then, with the owners co-operation, breaks in to expose security problems around the home. The homeowner watches in shock at the speed and indiscriminate actions of the thief. Afterwards the presenters arrange for the security of the home to

by Helen Cook

be upgraded and a few weeks later, they attempt to break in again, usually unsuccessfully.

Three of the programmes were filmed in Essex with police co-operation.

Michael Fraser gave freely of his time and was delighted to support the latest Essex campaign targeting burglary. He told local media how important it was for people to prevent burglars breaking into their homes and he added that: "the legal system needs the criminals to face the reality and impact of what they have done."

The month-long operation to identify and arrest burglars was supported by a week of activities to provide the public

with security information to keep their home safe. Leaflets, information packs and posters were handed out across the county and delivered to houses that had been identified as high risk.

### Protect yourself

Over 70 volunteers from HQ joined crime reduction officers and community safety staff in running exhibitions and display stands in town centres while Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators, officers and support staff handed out leaflets to commuters, shoppers and through letterboxes.

The message was 'ask for advice and protect yourself'.

Operation Relentless resulted in 77 arrests and 109 offences detected.

The divisional breakdown shows Basildon arrested 17 people and detected

39 offences; Braintree arrested 7, detected 3; Chelmsford arrested 8, detected 9; Colchester arrested 4, detected 21; Harlow arrested 14, detected 7; Rayleigh arrested 3, detected 1; Southend arrested 7, detected 3; Tendring arrested 12, detected 8, Thurrock arrested 5, detected 18.

Head of Crime Det Chief Supt Steve Reynolds said: "This shows our commitment to tackling the core crimes that cause distress to those across Essex. This operation has targeted the everyday burglar and we have also offered useful advice to the public regarding home security.

"It has been an all-round effort by officers, support staff and special constables from across the force and their determination to rid the county of this crime has paid dividends."

# A time of discontent

**THE growing groundswell of discontent with the special priority payments nationally continues to grow.**

Home Secretary David Blunkett, has said the Home Office will work with chief officers to look at issuing national guidance after admitting there are "anomalies in the system".

Around 900 delegates from England and Wales gave a massive show of concern and discontentment at the Federation Conference to demand central guidance to chief officers on this controversial issue. The Home Secretary said he would "take note" of the feelings of the conference delegates.

The Police Negotiating Board (PNB) is

reviewing the scheme now but the Home Secretary said the dilemma was that he was constantly accused of being heavy-handed in intervening when things are going wrong.

He faced a barrage of questions and examples of forces' different interpretations on how and who they were paying the special priority payments to. When asked directly if he accepted that special priority payments were the most divisive instrument imposed on the police service, he replied: "Obviously I do not but I did note there were some anomalies and the implementation required a review."

The statement was made that officers felt devalued and devastated. Policing is about working together as part of a team. The effect has been devastating.

We will wait and see!

## Safety training

THE force is now undergoing health and safety training for all officers in the constable and sergeant rank.

The duration of the course is approximately three-and-a-half hours and designated at Level 1.

As a branch board, we applaud the introduction of this training albeit better late than never.

## Putting coppers in the pot

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## Calls for pension changes

AT the moment, widows and widowers' police pensions can only be paid if the officer was legally married.

This, of course, prevents any pension being paid to a non-married heterosexual partner or to a partner in a same-sex relationship.

The Federation nationally believes that changes in social attitudes over the last few years have meant that an increasing number of officers are choosing not to marry even though they are in a long-term relationships with the same commitments as married couples.

The Federation is seeking more equal treatment for partners and is looking for this to extend to provide for adult dependants of serving and retired officers in non-married heterosexual and same-sex relationships.

This claim was made to the PNB some 18 months ago. The PNB said it would need more time to consider the claim in the context of wider development in the public sector and on a simple cost basis.

It is also known that Chancellor, Gordon

## Federation Newline

by Terry Spelman



Brown, is opposed to this on cost grounds. However, our research shows that the actuarial assumptions made by the employers are out-dated and that such an extension of the scheme may well be possible on a cost neutral basis.

The most encouraging news has been that the Government stated in the recent Gulf War that if officers died, then benefits would be paid to unmarried partners as well as married partners.

The claim is being progressed but the PNB process can be very protracted. Any development will be reported on as soon as I know.

## Do you have medical insurance?

YES it's that time of year again, the annual renewal of our Essex Police private group medical scheme.

I have asked *The Law* to publish a letter I received from our independent healthcare consultants which outlines the changes to the scheme by way of increases and options.

Please take note of Guy Jones' advice and consult with them before you make any firm decisions.

I would also welcome any challenges to our scheme in order for us to test that we are still receiving a competitive quote.

**Sue Kelly, Federation Chairman.**

THE renewal of the Essex Police Federation Health Insurance Scheme with AXA PPP healthcare falls due on July 1, 2003. The premiums have increased again this year, which will cause concern for some members. The premium increases will vary depending on the level of cover and the age of the member but should be between 12 per cent and 19 per cent.

The premiums offered by AXA PPP healthcare are still considerably lower than the usual individual premiums offered by AXA PPP and the majority of other insurers. The discount is still between 25 per cent and 40 per cent, again depending on the age of the member and policy chosen.

The renewal documentation is being sent out in June.

During the past year we have received many calls from current and past members

of the scheme who were looking at ways to keep premiums down and benefits as high as possible. Where possible we have found a cost effective solution to all pricing or benefit concerns enabling people to maintain the cover.

We have received several calls from people who in the past have cancelled their policy and are now regretting their action as they now have need for cover. Finding them cover is possible but not easy.

As independent health insurance consultants Berwick Devoil Healthcare Limited (BDHL) is able to offer free advice to Federation members to ensure that they are able to remain adequately covered by AXA PPP, BUPA, Simply Health or HOL.

It is very important that anyone with concerns regarding their cover and premiums call BDHL to discuss alternatives or some cost reducing options before they cancel their policy.

We need to hear from anyone who intends to live overseas in the future, as special healthcare terms are available for them.

We are also getting calls from people who are interest in critical illness and life insurance for either mortgage protection or for 'just in case' reasons. You can send in your enquiry via our web site [www.bdhl.co.uk](http://www.bdhl.co.uk) as well as calling us on 01892 838124.

**Guy Jones, Director  
Berwick Devoil Healthcare Limited**

## Fixed penalties go nationwide

FIXED penalty notices which allow the police to deal speedily and effectively with offenders are being introduced nationwide following a successful pilot scheme which included Essex.

Essex was one of four forces to pilot the scheme and officers have issued over 1,000 Penalty Notices for Disorder (PNDs) since August 2002.

So far no one given a fine has requested a court appearance rather than paying up.

PND co-ordinator, Sgt Nigel Dermott, from the Community Safety Department said: The scheme has proved to be very successful in Essex.

"By and large it has been met favourably by officers.

"It is not seen as a soft option for offenders, and has appealed to police officers because it reduces bureaucracy, and allows them to get out on to the streets to deal with potentially more important issues."

## Offbeat

A DESPERATE and breathless 999 call from a woman found officers dashing to some woods in Basildon.

What they discovered was the informant laying on the floor hanging on to a lamppost with one hand and her dog with the other.

The pitbull cross had spotted something in the woods and was going mad, with the woman barely able to hang on. A search revealed no trace of any rabbits or other suspicious individuals in the woods.

## All divisions to receive extra support

EVERY territorial division is to receive an allocation of police community support officers (PCSOs) from autumn.

The introduction of another 80 officers follows the launch of the first 10 last month.

Waltham Abbey and Loughton were the first areas in Essex where PCSOs began the crackdown on anti-social behaviour in shopping areas, schools and housing estates.

Divisional commanders at the nine territorial divisions will use their discretion as to where to place them.

Force co-ordinator Insp Glenn Mayes is confident the new officers will have a positive impact on the county's nuisance crime.

### Reassures

"Their work alongside regular officers and those from the special constabulary should help tackle anti-social behaviour in a methodical way, clearing up crime as well as providing local communities with the high-visibility policing which reassures residents and the general public alike."

Thurrock division is set to gain 17, with Braintree getting 13. Basildon has been allocated 10, Chelmsford and Colchester have each been allocated eight and Southend is set to receive seven. Harlow is gaining an extra five in addition to its original ten, with Southend set to receive seven and Tendring and Rayleigh divisions each receiving six PCSOs.

These 80 additional PCSOs will begin their new roles at various stages from October 2003 following the announcements from Uttlesford District Council and Thurrock Borough Council to match-fund the officers.

## Memorial in memory of murdered Danielle

TWO local newspapers have launched a campaign to raise at least £3,000 to create a permanent memorial to Danielle Jones, the murdered East Tilbury teenager.

The memorial, in the form of a statue or sculpture will be placed on the estate in East Tilbury where Danielle grew up.

Although we undertook the

biggest investigation in our history - Operation Spinnaker - Danielle's body was never found.

Her uncle was convicted of her abduction and murder and jailed for life last year.

Anyone who has any ideas or designs for the memorial is encouraged to write to the Evening Echo or the Thurrock Gazette.

If you wish to donate to the fund you can send cheques (made payable to the Danielle Memorial Fund) to the Evening Echo, Chester Hall Lane, Basildon, Essex.

Alternatively, you can pay cash or cheques into any branch of the Nationwide Building Society, quoting account number 0691-703673228.

# Fair fitness

by Kim Perks

community due to cultural differences and physical abilities.

Whilst fitness is still a requirement of policing it is acknowledged that it is a 'job-related' fitness test and the level required must reflect the role in a century which utilises modern techniques, technologies and vast improvements in communications and equipment.

The revised test sees the abolition of the speed/agility element as this was not seen to be job-related. The remaining three elements are endurance, static (grip) strength and dynamic strength. The only changes to these three elements will be in the endurance test with a reduction to the level and number of shuttle runs.

Chairman of Essex Police Federation Sue Kelly said: "We welcome the adjustments being made to the tests and are confident that the move won't be wrongly misconstrued as preferential treatment for women or other under-represented groups."

"Every officer who joins the police service, regardless of race, gender or disability, is aware of the need to meet a certain level of fitness. However we mustn't lose sight of the fact that only a very small element of policing requires the need for physical strength and agility."

There are many people in our community who possess skills which are of great benefit to the police service and for us to draw on those talents we need to be a much more accessible organisation."

## Who said history can't be fun?



● Martin Williams gets a taste of what its like to be one of the boys in blue at the Essex Police Museum open weekend. Photo: Essex Chronicle Series.

OVER 400 people attended the museum open weekend with visitors entertained by demonstrations of police equipment, quizzes, fingerprinting, refreshments and the chance to sit in a real police car!

One family enjoyed themselves so much on the Saturday that they came back the following day.

Museum curator Sarah Ward said: "The whole weekend was a total success and this was down to the support and commitment from a number of people. Those on the museum committee and volunteers from support staff, the special constabulary and Chelmsford road policing unit made the weekend a resounding success."

Over £200 was raised for the museum and photographers were sent from two local newspapers to cover the event, which will mean valuable positive publicity both for the museum and for the force.

## Protecting the staff and service

TELEPHONE conversations between staff and customers at service desks and front offices are now being recorded by special equipment to both protect staff and improve levels of service.

Voice data recorders are regularly used in private industry as protection against malicious or unfounded allegations as the equipment allows managers to provide both parties with an accurate account of the conversation in digital format.

It also allows managers and supervisors to dip check conversations held between staff and customers ensuring that customers are provided with the best level of service at all times as well as being provided with accurate information in line with policy.

Divisional service desk manager Colin Shead said: "We can no longer afford to leave our staff unprotected. We must ensure that they are offered the same level of protection as our partners in private industry in order to prevent malicious allegations against them."

"It will also allow us to use the system as a training tool for our staff to develop themselves as part of the PDR process."

## Cracking the drug menace

A LONG-TERM operation to tackle the growing threat of crack cocaine has been launched by the force.

Operation Orlando is the force's strategic response to the growing menace of crack in the county, and sees police, local authorities and drug referral workers stepping up the fight against what is a burgeoning national market.

In Essex, the divisions suffering most from dealing in crack are Basildon, Colchester, Harlow and Southend.

As well as investigating and intelligence gathering, a campaign has been launched to raise awareness of the public and to inform users about how they can get help.

Det Chief Supt Steve Reynolds, Head of Crime, said: "Crack is an evil drug, which devastates lives and blights communities."

"Operation Orlando is about solving the issues around crack dealing and use, rather than just chasing the symptoms away. We have a responsibility to step in and help those individuals unfortunate enough to have fallen victim to the effects of this drug."

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## A healthy approach

I WOULD like to place on record my appreciation for the assistance that my division and I have received from the force Occupational Health Department.

There have been a number of incidences at my previous station and here at Stansted Airport where they have assisted colleagues.

They have also taken a proactive approach to reducing injury to officers, for instance, due to recent terrorist threat officers were performing extended hours on patrol duties.

Upon notifying occupational health they sent a physiotherapist to monitor and observe officers.

More recently a representative performed an early-turn duty with the armed patrols in order to prepare recommendations.

This sort of proactive approach will benefit the staff and Essex Police.

On a more personal note I made use of the new occupational health framework following a neck injury.

The department was extremely helpful enabling me to seek treatment and get back to work within a relatively short period of time.

Under the leadership of Jeanette Poston they have come a long way in the last eight years and I would recommend that staff and management make full use of the dedicated unit.

Peter French  
Stansted

## It's a shame society feels the need to label

I WOULD like to thank Mr Charles Cadwallader from Colchester CPU and his 'Define me one thing' letter in the March issue of *The Law*, and for his efforts in bringing the term 'transpeople' to our notice.

There are just a couple of points I would like to raise however.

Indeed Mr Cadwallader is correct in that "certain of his company" also known as other Essex Police employees are referred to and labelled as transpeople.

Furthermore if he or anyone who has access to the intranet has time to educate themselves as opposed to "glimpsing into worlds previously not

known" they can do so by looking up the Trans policy.

Unfortunately I take great exception at his following point - "They paid someone to come up with that?" I have myself without financial remuneration put a great deal of time and effort into the policy as well as education, not just in Essex Police but the police service nationally. Not to mention representing the service in a steering group in the Houses of Parliament.

So it comes as no great surprise that I find it a little tiresome he now devalues and makes light of the hard work that has been done. Dedicated

people working with these issues have brought education to the police service, in particular Essex Police.

Indeed if it were not for society's need to categorise everyone into boxes transpeople would not need to be labelled at all they would merely fit into what is recognised as male or female!

Perhaps after reading the policy he would like to approach Press for Change (a political pressure group) who, if he is not aware, actually researches and develops the majority of the terminology relating to transpeople.

Name and address supplied

# Extra responsibility - what rubbish!

**HOW foolish of me to think that this year's portion of the Essex council tax attributed to the police, which like mine in Bucks, has been vastly increased, would be spent on extra officers, or at least in a recognisable way to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.**

Instead I read in last month's *Law* that certain officers, already well paid by anyone's standard, are to receive £2,000 a year extra pay because they are in posts considered to carry significantly higher levels of responsibility. What rubbish!

They joined the job to serve anywhere, and in any post, as police officers.

If they can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.

You cannot tell me the posts of

detective chief inspector and detective inspector are hard to fill. There must be, or at least were in my days, a number of eligible and qualified sergeants waiting for promotion only too willing to be made up.

What is the significant higher responsibility in showing a new probationer around a beat and how to deal with the public?

That has always been done in every force by experienced constables and is part of the duty of the shift sergeant.

Me thinks perhaps those of a very senior rank have moved so fast upwards they have little experience of what a police officer does or rather should do.

A notable omission among those who are to receive the bonus is the officer responsible for conjuring up the titles for those who are apparently ashamed to be called constable, sergeant, inspector etc.

Reading *The Law* it seems there are more managers, supervisors,

heads and commanders than Indians nowadays and there is an ever increasing use of acronyms - for example EPTC and POLSA.

A return to the basic concept of policing is urgently needed.

Reform similar to that demanded of the fire service may help to bring the police service more in line with Joe Public's expectations instead of being wasted on target setting, checking response times and making comparisons with other forces in order to self-congratulate.

Before I am deluged with claims that our police are the best in the world let me remind you of the old but very true saying 'If a claim is repeated often enough, irrespective of reality, then someone somewhere will believe it'.

And I can say that having spent 14 years after leaving the job liaising with most of the large police forces in very many countries around the world.

Peter Crust, Bucks  
(former Det Chief Supt)

## Bike ride could help save lives

I READ with interest an item in *The Law* about a bike ride to Vietnam in aid of Glycogen Storage Disease (GSD).

My grandson Christian, 7, has a genetic illness called Pompe's Disease, one of the groups of GSD, which is an extremely rare condition.

It only occurs by being inherited from both parents carrying a rogue or faulty gene.

Although there are several types of GSD which can affect people of all ages there are only about 30 sufferers in the whole of the UK who have Pompe's.

Christian and another boy, who is now 13, both have the juvenile type.

GSD is a muscle-wasting disease with the sufferers eventually

becoming wheelchair users and on ventilators as their bodies and hearts become frail.

During the past three years clinical trials have been carried out both in Holland and America on an enzyme replacement therapy on children with the infantile form of the disease, which is always fatal, with all sufferers dying before they reach the age of two.

All the patients on this new therapy treatment have survived with a couple now being five-years-old and developing like any normal children.

We are now hoping they will find a cure for all GSD sufferers in the future.

Christian looks like any other child of similar age.

He is of normal height and size

but he doesn't have the same level of strength as other children.

He loves football but cannot run fast and falls over easily, so he's usually goalie.

He can't climb trees, as he can't support his weight.

Stairs and walking make him tire easily but the future is very bright because he was diagnosed so early and we can help him to stay fit with daily physiotherapy and special diets to keep his muscles strong.

Now I am appealing for your help.

My son-in-law, Roger is taking part in a 500k bike ride in Vietnam in November and we urgently need sponsors.

The bike ride expenses are being funded separately, so all the

sponsor money goes to the charity, which is run voluntarily and is a UK registered charity, number 327841, [www.pompe.org.uk](http://www.pompe.org.uk).

Some of you may remember my husband David Summerfield, who started with Essex police as a cadet at 15.

He did his National Service and rejoined at 19 in 1957 and retired in 1988.

David served at Rainham, Colchester, Basildon and Chelmsford.

He died in October 2000.

I still have my connections with Essex Police as my son-in-law Martin Pasmore is a sergeant at Basildon.

Paula Summerfield  
Chelmsford

## Unforgettable farewell

I WISH to thank all those colleagues who wished me a happy retirement and attended the reception I will not forget.

To see friends who had not seen each other for 15 years was brilliant and although I tried to speak to all those that attended it was impossible as so many of you turned up.

I wish you and all your families all the best for the future and keep paying into the pension fund.

Finally thank you for the collection you had to help me travel to the Arctic Circle for the Midsummer Night Marathon in June.

Thanks and good luck!

Pete Ryan  
Brentwood

PS Sorry this note was delayed I had to walk the Pennine Way first.

## Regards from Down Under

I WOULD like to make contact with you from the other side of the world and also to tell you how much I appreciate the copy of *The Law* every month.

I share it with my Australian police friends and I am sure that it has altered a few laws in this country.

I was an inspector in Essex Police for quite a few years and was on firearms training and traffic.

Being over here is like being in the UK about three years ago. They are going through the same problems, especially with speed on the roads and an excessive amount of speed cameras.

And where does the money go from the fines etc etc?

So much to tell you. If you are interested my email address is available via Kim Perks in the Press Office.

Ivor (Monty) Montgomery  
Australia

## The future is with diesel

THE force fleet will be faster and cheaper to run within the next few years following a recent decision to replace existing vehicles with new common rail diesels.

Mobile Support Division has trialed the cars for the last two years, and at the last support services policy group managers agreed to convert to the new cars wherever practically possible.

Common rail diesel engines differ from ordinary diesels through a system which builds up pressure independently of the injection sequence, meaning power is permanently available.

The new vehicles are not only faster than their petrol equivalents with a greater mid-range power burst, but also give out less nitrogen oxide emissions.

Head of transport, John Gorton, said: "There is a common perception that diesel cars have the power and performance of a tractor and the personality of a boulder, but these are surpassing their petrol equivalents.

"We've looked at other alternatives such as LPG, and found that common rail diesel gives all the advantages of efficient fuel without the disadvantages of carrying extra load."

The force currently has around 750 vehicles, which cost £1.8m a year to fuel. Although the new cars are slightly more expensive, the extra cost will be quickly recouped as they use between 20 and 30 per cent less fuel.

Mr Gorton believes the new cars will dispel diesel vehicles' previously dowdy reputation.

All of the new vehicles will be fitted with air conditioning and airbags. For more information about the vehicles' capabilities, go to the Transport Services intranet site.

## Youth award

DIVERTING young people at risk of offending away from a life of crime proved to be a rewarding experience for Assistant Chief Constable Liam Brigginshaw.

At an award ceremony Mr Brigginshaw accepted, on behalf of Essex Police, an Essex Experience Partnership Award in recognition of its role in the multi-agency youth crime programme.

Mr Brigginshaw said: "We are delighted to receive this award. It is important to us that we take part in a programme that reduces youth offending and ensure young people on the edge of committing crime are fully supported."

# Extend your police career

**IF you are coming up for retirement having serving 30 years and it doesn't seem a day too long then the 30+ Retention Scheme will enable you to be re-engaged.**

The scheme gives officers below ACPO rank, who have completed 30 years pensionable service and would otherwise have retired to receive their commutation, the opportunity to stay on with a tax free retirement lump sum, and partially abated police pension.

Retirement must be for the minimum of one day and any outstanding leave taken.

Any officers who have reached 30 years' pensionable service since April 1, 2002 or are about to reach 30 years' pensionable service can apply to be re-engaged for a term of one year.

The yearly contract will be subject to an annual application or review and can be terminated by the officer by giving one month's notice.

In order to be selected to rejoin officers

by Heather Watts

will be assessed to ensure they are fully competent, have a satisfactory disciplinary record and are in satisfactory health.

The final decisions of an officer's suitability to rejoin, for constables and sergeants, rests with Essex Police.

For officers in the rank of inspector and above the final decision will rest with the Home Office linked to the submission of a business case.

Personnel research and development officer Tracey Mortley said: "This is an excellent initiative which will enable us to retain the much needed skills and expertise of more experienced officers by encouraging them to stay on after 30 years. It may help ease any future recruitment shortfalls and we particularly encourage applications from constables and sergeants for front-line territorial policing roles."

Any officers re-engaged will have access to competency related threshold payments and special priority payments

on the same basis as other colleagues.

Participants will not be able to re-join the police pension scheme.

However, if officers wish to purchase further pension rights they may do so outside the police scheme.

The provision of injury benefit regulations relating to an injury received on duty will apply to officers on the 30+ scheme although cover for death in service (other than as a result of an injury received on duty) would not be provided under the police pension scheme.

However, the force will pay a lump sum death-in-service grant to the spouse or estate of a 30+ participant in the event of death during their appointment.

Officers in any form of police accommodation should consult Property Services regarding the implications of joining the scheme.

Further details of the scheme can be found in policy guidelines and on the intranet.

For any further information or application forms, please contact your area personnel advisor or the exchequer or pensions department regarding individual implications.

## Encouraging strategy against violence

THE first Essex multi-agency strategy to tackle domestic violence, *Essex against Domestic Violence: The Plan of Action*, has been launched.

Dr June Freeman, from Colchester Women's Aid said: "It is vitally important to tackle domestic violence at all levels in society, through education in schools and workplaces, through the provision of consistent support for victims and through the way in which the perpetrators are dealt with. Only by working together can agencies hope to achieve these aims effectively."

Three women who have survived domestic violence gave very moving testimonies at its launch to an audience of nearly 100 people.

Jane, a survivor of domestic violence said: "I feel encouraged by the development of the plan."

"The need to implement change has finally been recognised and acknowledged by those who have the power to do so."

## Special work given just recognition



● Dooley Trophy winner SO Dermot McGoldrick with his proud wife Karen and son Callum and High Sheriff Mark Thomasin-Foster.

TRIBUTE was paid to the work of voluntary police staff when Chief Constable David Stevens presented long service medals and annual trophies to the Essex Police Special Constabulary.

SO Dermot McGoldrick, based at Grays, received the Norman Dooley Trophy for the most meritorious act of the year, while Basildon Division scooped the Salter Cup for the second year running.

The Cup is given to the division whose

specials work the highest average number of hours over the year.

Basildon's DO, Scott McCabe, said: "Specials here are very dedicated and committed in the work they carry out, and get a great deal of pleasure from working alongside the community of Basildon."

A total of 16 specials collected awards for long service.

Of those, 14 were given the medal for nine years' service; special constables Martin Allan,

Paul Delany, Lee Francis, Jeremiah Gleeson, Fergus Sheridan, Daniel Taylor, Anthony Treagust and Lucy Wheddon; Beat Supervisors Sharon Cooper, Elizabeth Godard, and Michael Jones; Section Officer Adam Pipe; divisional officers Scott McCabe and Simon Wootton.

DO Howard Rayner was awarded his First Bar for 19 years' service.

Deputy Commandant George Cook received his Third Bar for 40 years' service to the specials.

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# Calling time on callous crooks

**A MASSIVE reduction in artifice burglaries across the county is the pay back for Operation Grizzlybear.**

Proactive targeting of artifice burglars, also known as bogus callers, led to a 30 per cent drop last year in these callous crimes which mainly target the elderly and vulnerable.

An ever-increasing spiral of artifice burglaries over three years led to the launch in 2002 of Operation Grizzlybear in Essex, mainly for intelligence gathering.

Following a review of the operation it was decided to forge ahead, not only with gathering intelligence but targeting those believed responsible for the crimes.

The first few months had looked at patterns of how bogus callers worked and who they were. It emerged that a very large percentage of those believed to be responsible were people who travelled, often stopping at transient sites.

Residents of these sites park up and will often work around the locality legally.

However, one of the methods used by bogus

by Heather Watts

callers is to identify a victim during a stay in the locality, move on a number of miles, and then come back later for the sting.

Large numbers of criminals committing offences had been displaced by five-force Operation Liberal in the north of the country.

Their move south brought a massive influx of bogus callers to the region.

Best practice gleaned from other forces and the Home Office helped find a way forward.

Acting DI Trevor Garrard said: "We have achieved this dramatic drop in artifice burglaries with good input from staff. This can amount to anything seemingly as trivial as Grizzlybear being spelt right on the CID 61a so that we can pick up on the intelligence."

"First attendance by community policing teams and response officers has been, and is vital. Their good work in intelligence gathering on the roadside, at temporary and permanent sites is the crux of intelligence gathering."

"Without this we have nothing."

E-fits are prepared by Dc Angie Seavers for all artifice burglaries where the victim is able to provide a description - often a tough task as

most victims are elderly and traumatised by the violation of their home and trust.

ADI Garrard said: "Elderly people will perhaps recall that a vehicle had red lettering on the side but will probably not have noticed the registration number."

"We rely upon officers who visit sites to make sure they take down these additional details. Their input has proved invaluable and divisional intelligence units have been quick to pass on any intelligence relating to the Grizzlybear Operation."

"Force Information Room operators have been diligent by identifying the importance of scenes of crime officers (SOCO) attending after every artifice burglary."

"Packs from Operation Liberal for SOCO officers has meant they are now looking at some things they had never considered before, keeping them as one of the front runners in scenes of crime work."

"The raised awareness has produced a larger amount of DNA hits and fingerprint identifications."

The Force Intelligence Bureau (FIB) has appointed a full time analyst and designated intelligence officers to research and assist in gathering intelligence for Grizzlybear.

There is a dedicated site on the intranet with a briefing for support divisions, intelligence updates and a weekly newsletter to assist in briefings.

E-fits, suspect photos, and a mapping system of aerial photographs of travellers' sites supplied by the air support unit all help.

ADI Garrard said: "Targeting artifice burglars and rogue traders has been our first priority in operational policing."

"The excellent results achieved so far show we are making our mark and I would like to thank everybody for their good work. These criminals are particularly nasty driving round the county targeting our elderly and most vulnerable residents."

"We will detect them or drive them out."

The reduction in artifice burglaries has seen an increase in aggressive trading and officers are now working closely with Essex Trading Standards.

However people WILL pay cold callers to do a job on the cheap encouraging rogue traders to stay in the area. The knock-on effect is vulnerable residents pounced on and often taken to the bank or building society to draw out their savings.

And of course prevention is better than cure.

Essex Police is working closely with its crime and disorder partners, Trading Standards, Neighbourhood Watch and voluntary organisations, such as Help the Aged, to ensure that people are constantly reminded and advised about the dangers of opening their doors to unexpected callers.

Insp Dave Northcott said: "The divisional crime reduction officers have all been working very hard to ensure the message, regarding the dangers of artifice burglars and aggressive traders, gets to the right people."

"Many of the offences that have happened are preventable, so if we give the potential victims the right advice on how to deal with unexpected callers we hope to stop even more of these offences taking place."

'Targeting artifice burglars and rogue traders has been our first priority. We will drive them out.'



● Forensics plays a significant role in detecting the crimes of bogus callers

The 'bear' facts

THERE were 340 artifice burglaries reported for the period April 2002/03, a dramatic decrease on the previous year's figures of 495.

● The favourite method to gain entry to a home is by pretending the householder or street has a water-related problem.

● Problems with roofing are also frequently used.

● Bogus callers come in many guises including women and children.

● Artifice burglaries occur

every day of the week, most often between the hours of 10am and 4pm, although there are less on a Sunday.

● April saw the lowest number of offences over the last eight months with 23 offences.

● With daylight hours getting longer it is expected the criminals will extend their working day and the expectation is that offences will increase.

● There has been an increase countrywide in the number of artifice burglaries where violence is used, thankfully that has only been a small number in Essex.



● FIB crime analyst Ed Mansfield and intelligence researcher Kirsten Wimbledon, work together on Operation Grizzlybear.

## Striving to meet personnel needs

IMPROVING the perceptions and service of the role of the Personnel and Training Department was a key focus at their first ever conference.

Held in Chelmsford the event was well attended with over 150 delegates including managers, divisional commanders and representatives from groups such as the Police Federation the Superintendent's Association, UNISON and other organisations.

The packed programme included presentations and workshops designed to raise awareness of the challenges facing the department and identify key issues that will improve customer perceptions of their role and the service they deliver.

Chief Constable David Stevens addressed the conference and spoke of his expectations of the department.

Head of Personnel Charles Obazuaye said: "We must get the balance right. We need to be sensitive to the needs of the organisation and adapt to the needs of our customers."

"If current policies are not working we need to challenge and change them."

"The conference was a day to listen to ideas and contributions and will now become an annual event for personnel and training."

## Double commendation ceremony for brave constable

# Not one but two

**BRAVE, determined and compassionate may just be some of the words used to describe Chelmsford traffic officer Pc Paul Randall, who has been awarded two Chief Constable's Commendations at one ceremony.**

Pc Randall was commended for his attempts to resuscitate a young boy who had sustained a serious head injury at the scene of a collision in October 2002.

Despite his efforts, in difficult circumstances, the young boy died later at hospital.

Called to an incident in February this year where a man had jumped from a bridge parapet into a river, Pc Randall tried to coax the man back, but the man waded upstream, lost his footing and went under the water.

Pc Randall then jumped into the river and pulled the man to safety.

Southend constables, Michelle Harvey, Carl Habbershaw and Paul Sheldrake were commended for their brave actions when they attended the ninth storey of a block of flats, where a man had barricaded himself in, and was throwing arti-



● Pc Paul Randall and his wife Vicky proudly display the two certificates presented by Chief Constable David Stevens.

cles down onto the public area below. The man was armed with a machete and had threatened to injure anybody who approached.

Assistance was called but before it could arrive the man set fire to his

flat endangering himself and other residents.

The officers immediately forced their way into the flat, arrested the man and extinguished the fire, preventing potential loss of life.

## Conserving our community

AN 'holistic' Essex is the ideal of the new High Sheriff Mark Thomasin-Foster.

Essex is, in fact, at the forefront of the oldest reference to the High Sheriff. Back on Aug 10, 991 the Vikings crossed the Blackwater to defeat the British in the 2nd Battle of Maldon and the first task of the High Sheriff was to raise the Dane gold which was demanded by the Vikings.

Nowadays the role is that of a volunteer with a key focus on law and order and support of the services, in particular the police and criminal justice services.

It is also about encouragement and recognition of the absolute wealth of volunteer work that is carried out across the county.

Said Mr Thomasin-Foster: "The Government estimates

that, in this country alone there are about 20 million volunteers. On average that means that one in three individuals does volunteer work of some sort, a wonderful indication of our own community."



● Mr Thomasin-Foster.

Mr Thomasin-Foster's background is in agriculture and conservation. He has chaired various groups for the

## How's your knowledge?

THE BBC is searching for people to take part in a daily quiz show, *Judgemental*.

You will be presented to a group of strangers armed with a tiny bit of information about them and have to judge who is the most knowledgeable.

There are also cash prizes so call 020 7434 6786 for more information.

If team sport is more your game *Eggheads* wants teams of five to pit their wits against the BBC's mighty team of *Eggheads*.

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## Hosts needed

INTERNATIONAL study programmes are now looking for friendly host families to host American high school students for long weekends in the month of July.

The students will stay with their host families on the first weekend of July and then a further date is set for the weekend starting July 17.

Each family will receive £12.50 per student. For further details please contact Mrs Traute Priestley on 01245 380404 or by email at Traute.Priestley@btinternet.com.

Government nationally and locally for 35 years and still runs an active farm in Great Leighs and undertakes a lobby role in Europe for the Country, Land and Business Association, travelling to Europe at least once a month.

Speaking of his new challenge, Mr Thomasin-Foster, who is married with three sons, said: "I am honoured and privileged to be a small part of the High Sheriff's office which continues from year to year. If I have a theme for my year in office it is an holistic Essex. Essex is so diverse from deeply rural areas to highly populated urban areas and it is our county and we want to recognise and enjoy that diversity."

"It is really important that we conserve the whole of Essex as conservation in the widest sense is about conserving our community."

## Lorry desk migrates to the Met

THE National Stolen Lorry Load Desk has moved up yet another gear and driven off to a new home with the Metropolitan Police.

Starting out as the Stolen Lorry Desk aimed at assisting other police forces and agencies its importance to the insurance and haulage industry grew.

Essex Police provided a detailed database co-ordinated by Dc Iain McKinnon.

It was so valued by other forces and the insurance and haulage industries that they provided Essex Police with additional finance for the venture and in early 2000 the desk was re-named the National Stolen Lorry Load Desk.

Going from strength to strength the Home Office provided matched funding in

2001. But it became a victim of its own success and has grown so large that it is being transported to the Metropolitan Police.

Dc Iain McKinnon said: "The Metropolitan Police has the infrastructure to continue developing the desk, take it forward and realise ideas and plans."

It will be based at Chalk Farm in the Organised Crime and Stolen Vehicle Unit, rebranded Truckpol and come under the care of Ds Mark Hooper and Dc Mark Galliers.

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# Policing features in essays

A COLLECTION of essays, entitled *Essex Harvest*, published at the end of April will be of interest to all those people with a fascination for the county's history.

The book of essays, in memory of historian Arthur Brown who died in March, was the brainchild of two retired Essex officers, Maureen Scollan (former inspector and archivist of the Essex Police Museum) and Michael Holland (former Southend neighbourhood beat officer) and both have contributed.

Maureen's essay on the first Essex Chief Constable John McHardy, *Under the Influence?* examines the links between McHardy the naval officer and McHardy the Chief Constable.

Michael Holland looks at the trial and fate of an agricultural labourer charged with setting fire to Hogs Farm, Rayleigh on November 5, 1830 in his essay *Guilty as Charged: the trial of an Essex Swing Incendiary*. Rayleigh Police Station now stands on the site of the farm.

The collection of essays published by the Essex Record Office is priced at £9.99.

# Ringo retires but still has Pat on a leash

ROCHFORD dog section has said goodbye to Sgt Pat Kirby and his trusty sidekick Ringo after over 30 years' service (well 30 years for Pat anyway).

In a career of many highlights he recalls dealing with skinheads on Southend seafront and was one of the first officers on the scene when a hijacked plane landed at Stansted Airport in 1994.

## Names in the news

Planning to take things easy for a few months, German Shepherd Ringo has other ideas and the pair are taking long walks together.

Lady Patricia Mary Nightingale, widow

of former Chief Constable Sir John Nightingale died last month aged 89.

Former police constable Lenox Saxby also died last month aged 80.

He served at Collier Row, Danbury, Frinton and Walton before retiring in 1979.

Former sergeant James Maguire has died aged just 55.

He served from 1977 to 1997 at Basildon, Chelmsford and Saffron Walden.

# A life of crime

COLIN Potts turned to crime when he began working on the implementation of the National Crime Recording Standard (NCRS) to the force in April 2002 following his appointment as the force crime registrar.

The NCRS was introduced to promote consistency between police forces on crime recording and to take a more victim-orientated approach.

It also addresses discrepancies between previous force statistics and the British Crime Survey statistics giving a truer picture of crime.

This has meant a shift in approach by officers attending incidents who have to decide if a crime has been committed on the principle of a balance of probabilities.

The NCRS is then implemented deciding whether a crime should be recorded and how it should be recorded.

Colin's role is to ensure that the NCRS is complied with and to act as final arbiter in both the audit process and the interpretation of Home Office counting rules.

Working outside operational line

## Changes in recording crime has meant a lot of work for Essex Police and one man in particular

command Colin reports directly to Head of Crime who in turn is acting on behalf of ACC (Crime) who has overall responsibility for the accuracy and integrity of the crime recording processes.



● Colin Potts

Colin said: "We are still feeling the impact of the introduction of the NCRS but an external audit has shown that generally crime recording is being complied with in accordance with the NCRS but the need for more training has been highlighted."

"One of the issues I shall be dealing with is developing a major programme of training for staff involved in crime recording.

"What is important is that we deal with the incident correctly and record appropriately as well."

A crime recording user group was set up last year to address issues with crime recording and Colin is a member of both the national and regional group. A sub group has been set up within the force.

Colin would like to hear from anyone who has problems with crime recording.

He said: "I acknowledge that workloads have increased across the board.

"I am keen to reduce bureaucracy and would like to hear from anyone who is experiencing problems so that practical issues can be addressed.

"If crimes are recorded correctly and promptly this will increase intelligence and assist us detecting offences."

Full details of the NCRS, Home Office counting rules and a crime recording information pack can be found on the intranet.

## Veterans in Essex reunion

VETERANS from the USAAF 394th Bomb Group, nicknamed the Bridgebusters, will be visiting the air support unit at Boreham this month during their visit to this country for a reunion and memorial service.

Six veterans and their families will be travelling from the US to attend the service, which takes place on Friday, June 13 at the memorial outside the airfield gates.

The veterans flew B26 Marauders out of Boreham airfield in 1944 and busted bridges in Holland, Germany and France.

The service is to be conducted by Rev Tony Rose at the roadside memorial at 10.30am.

Afterwards, a tour of the airfield is to take place, as well as a visit to the force museum.

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## Bar antics reap reward

HANGING around the bar making paper aeroplanes, playing heads and tails and singing has earned one young officer a special award. Hayley Foskew, aged 19, put herself forward as charity representative while on her Stage 2 training at Ashford.

She organised a variety of events and charged everyone £1 to take part in each.

There were cash prizes for winners and a great social life including a live band. She even dragged her classmates around the local supermarkets to ask for auction and raffle prizes.

In total her efforts helped the class raise over £2,000 for mental health charity MIND and earned her the training centre's Community Awareness Award for the student who has been most committed to helping the centre to build links with the local community.

Hayley, who is the niece of fellow officer Dave Foskew, said: "It was great fun but did take up a lot of my time. The award was completely unexpected but a very pleasant surprise."

## Chorus lines

YOUR next chance to catch the force choir in concert will be at the Witham United Reformed Church on Saturday, June 14 at 7.30pm.

For tickets call the church on 01376 500958. The concert will come hot off the heels of the choir's return from an international festival of police choirs and bands in Prague.

Don't forget tickets are on sale for the 3 Counties in Concert. See advert below for details. If you would like to book a place on the coach leaving from HQ the cost will be £14 per person (including concert ticket). Call Peter Simpson on 01245 281412.

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## Injury ruins chance to retain title

INJURY led to Essex squash star Jason Foster having to concede to his opponent in the semi-finals of the national PAA squash championships.

The competition saw performances from 74 athletes from across the UK marking the tournament's 31st year.

Held on Jason's home turf of Harlow Sports Centre events included the men's open, men's over-45 and the women's open.

Having already won the competition an incredible five times before, Jason was on match ball when he had to give up the ghost

preventing him from reaching the final.

Due to this unfortunate event, last year's runner-up Andy Hynes was able to seize his opportunity and take the men's open title.

Tough sport was rewarded with evenings packed full of social events. A buffet was held on Friday night and there was a mass exodus to Epping on the Saturday night. Over 100 players, accompanied by their partners, attended the presentation dinner-dance on the Sunday evening when Chief Constable David Stevens and his wife kindly presented the prizes.

## Musicians needed for benefit band

DO you play the bass or keyboards? If so there is a band just waiting to snap you up.

Pc Mick Finch from the force support unit is looking to complete his currently unnamed six piece before hitting the road playing 60s and 70s tracks.

Although he requires someone prepared to show commitment rehearsals will only be two or three times each month in the

Basildon area.

They already have their first gig lined up later in the year if they can find the missing musicians. It will be a benefit gig in memory of Darren Pike, a former Essex constable, killed in a road crash last year. They will then look to book similar events.

Interested? Email Mick Finch or call him on 07939 577998.

## George takes centre stage

LONG-STANDING musical society member George Lambeth has received a special award from the National Operatic and Dramatic Association for the best individual performance in the eastern region, portraying Tevye in the Essex Police production of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Everyone involved in the production will testify how hard George worked to make his performance truly remarkable in a role that is not only extremely demanding, due to the amount of words to be learnt, but also due to the depth and range of emotions the performer must take on.

George obviously proved, not only to his fellow cast and crew members, that he had triumphed in a most difficult role but also to the National Operatic

and Dramatic Association that he was a worthy winner.

The association's representative Colin Butcher made the surprise presentation of a prestigious cup on stage, immediately after a recent musical society performance.

All of us in the musical society are very proud of George and his achievement.

George has been with the society since 1981 and played the part of Perchick the student in the 1985 production of *Fiddler on the Roof* before taking the lead role of Tevye, which he obviously had his eye on.

Although George loves performing in the annual productions, his talent and irrepressible enthusiasm will see him singing *Return to Sender* made famous

by Elvis at this year's summer concert.

This is an informal evening where the audience are seated at tables and invited to bring along their own food and drink.

Audience participation is encouraged but not compulsory.

The theme for the summer concert to be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, July 24 to Saturday, July 26, at HQ assembly hall is that of a musical journey.

Some of the proceeds will go to charity. Booking forms for the concert will appear on the intranet.

For any further information about any aspect of the society, please contact Lynda Barkway on 01245 491491 ext 50739 or Jenny Hillyard on 01245 491491 ext 50335.

## Harlow in triathlon triumph



● Deputy Chief Constable Charles Clark congratulates his boss David Stevens with a 'high five' as he crosses the finish line.

UNSETTLED weather may have threatened Basildon's annual off-road triathlon but failed to stop an amazing 51 competitors showing up to compete.

Dedicated organisers Peter Bryan, Chris Mathlin, Mark Harman, with the support of Kevin Rowe put together this, the 4th annual event.

While competitors slept, they were up and out in Gloucester Park ensuring the course was well signed and marked. By 6am athletes were arriving to register, all a bit apprehensive on the task ahead.

This was the first year that the event has been part of the Essex Police Croker Cup competition and it was hoped that police officers from around the county would arrive and gain many points for their respective divisions.

Sadly few materialised, perhaps next year will be different.

Chief officers did, however, make the effort and Chief Constable David Stevens and Deputy Chief Constable Charles Clark both completed the course finishing with a

smile and a high five.

But the overall individual Croker Cup winner was Richard Parish from Stansted Airport.

There was only one relay team from Colchester so well done to all three of them.

The overall divisional result was Harlow 1st, with HQ and Colchester coming in a close 2nd.

They were followed by both Braintree and Stansted and finally Basildon.

Each of the organisers would like to thank the sponsors and all organisations who say they are glad to support the event and claim that they hope to do it all again next year.

They would also like to thank everyone who gave up their time to help marshal and to make sure the day ran smoothly.

For any information regarding Croker Cup points contact Peter Bryan at Chigwell road policing unit.

The organisers will once again be in operation on Sunday, June 8 at the Sainsbury's Braintree District Triathlon at 8am, so if you are not competing please go along and support the event and cheer on all those who are taking part.

## Sports news in brief

**SPECTATORS** are welcome to visit the Metropolitan Police sports ground for what should be an exciting floodlit cricket competition when Essex Police play Surrey Police in a 20 overs match.

The match starts at 5.30pm on June 14 and the ground is at Imber Court, Ember Lane, East Molesey, Surrey.



This year's Croker Cup golf is being held at Braintree Golf Club on

## Better luck next year

RAIN, hail, sun and plenty of wind made playing conditions very tough at times at the PAA golf competition at Abbotsley Golf Club, St Neots recently.

Congratulations go to Pc Gary Macswan, Stansted Airport, and Sgt Greg Potter from Dunmow, who both managed a net 72 and came joint 7th out of a field of 60 players.

The Essex 'A' side, comprising Nigel Ginn, Paul Read, Grey Potter, Mick Bennett, and Brian Murnaghan also did well coming 4th out of 12 sides and 5th in the afternoon stableford competition.

They were closely followed by the 'B' side in 5th place with a team of Dave Britton, Peter English, Dick Argles, Gary Macswan and Dave Martin.

A good couple of days golf were enjoyed and they look forward to hopefully bringing home some silverware next year when Essex hosts the event on a home course.

## Lucky winners

CONSTABLE John Rout was the lucky recipient of £1,500 from the May lottery.

The other results were as follows:

£750 Pc Peter Rodrup, Colchester; £375 Sgt Gary Franklin, Southend; £200 Debra Stafford, FIR;

Winners of £50 consolation prizes were:

Pc Paul Lockyer, Rayleigh; Pc Dominic Graham, Basildon; Dc Graham Faux, Stansted; Christene Evans, HQ; Angela Goodall, Southend; Insp Christine Kilgallen, Chelmsford; Sgt Anthony Adams, NCS; Pc Andrew Fuhr, Brentwood; Derek Coster, Thurrock; M Moy, Basildon.

## 3 COUNTIES IN CONCERT

An evening of light music by

The Essex Police Choir, Suffolk Police Male Voice Choir, Hertfordshire Police Choir and the Essex Police Band

Charter Hall, Colchester  
Saturday, July 12, 2003  
7.30pm

Ticket price £8 available from the  
Charter Hall Box Office on  
01206 282020

In aid of St Helena Hospice and Headway Essex  
Registered Charity No 280919 and 1008807

## Top swim honours

THIRTEEN might be unlucky for some, but not for Essex Police who entered a 13-strong team to the national PAA swimming championships and put in some extremely fine performances.

The team itself was made up of Phil Whitehead, Clare Homer, Sarah Pike, Karen Mihill, Paddy O'Toole, Rob Couchman, Jan Thompson, Courtney Cowell, Paul Eveleigh, Mel Koya, Matt Rees, Brett Lummis and Chris Mathlin.

New boy to the team, Brett Lummis from Braintree, took top honours in the men's 100m freestyle finishing 1st in the final just two seconds ahead of his nearest rival.

Brett also gave the current holder of the 100m breast stroke crown a run for his money by finishing 2nd.

Just 15 minutes later, Brett was back in the water for the back stroke and again came 2nd claiming this was due to being a bit tired from the breast stroke.

### Exceedingly

Courtney Cowell did exceedingly well when he took 1st place in the 25 - 29 50m masters butterfly.

Matt Rees finished 4th in the 400m freestyle and then 3rd in the 200m freestyle.

The men's 4 x 50m medley relay produced an exciting final with Essex finishing 2nd behind current holders Lancashire by just two seconds.

The men's freestyle relay was just as enthralling. With only 50 metres to go, Brett dived in and pulled off an amazing swim to record a 3rd place finish for Essex.

If there are any swimmers who want to be considered for the team contact Chris Mathlin at Pitsea CID 42741 or John Stonehouse at ESPA 58888.

The Croker Cup gala will be held in January 2004 and team selection for the PAA nationals at Southampton in April 2004 will be made then.

# Wales bowled over

**IN fine form the Essex Police Cricket Club launched into the new season with an emphatic win in South Wales.**

The hosts affected by some disorganisation seemed disorientated by the keenness and organisation of the travelling side. Having won the toss and elected to bat Essex set about the Welsh bowlers in style.

Lorrie Austin sacrificed his normal place in the middle order to fill in as opener in the absence of Joe Wrigley and scored a solid and free flowing 54. Opening partner John Butcher scored a thunderous 94 before putting team first and being caught LBW trying to accelerate the scoring rate. Paul Gamman came in and steered his way coolly to 65 and Kevin Cooper grabbed 30 not out, cracking two memorable mid-wicket drives near to the end.

Adrian Garnham, team captain this

season lit up the last over by hitting a six off the first ball he faced and losing his stumps the very next ball. Essex finished on 281-4 off the allocated 45 overs.

The Welsh innings got off to an ominous start. Garnham, in a demonstration of selfless commitment, dived to save runs off his own first over and dislocated a finger. Injured club captain then drove team captain on a mystery tour into the new hospital at Port Talbot, which was mercifully very quiet. The finger was straightened within minutes and, eager to get back to the game Garnham performed another heroic act when he escaped the x-ray department via a fire escape when the delay prevented him rejoining the fray.

On arriving back at the pretty Ynysygerwn ground the picture looked bleak as openers Davies and Hemp

had crashed 93 off the first 12 overs.

Cometh the hour and all that, enter Chris Roper, both opener dispatched in the 22nd over, one from a sharp run out and the classy Davies caught at mid off by Phil Mellon after being deceived by Roper's flight and change of pace. Williams came in and hit a valiant 49 but the Welsh had little left to overhaul the big total posted by Essex.

Lorrie Austin came into the attack at a crucial time and his accuracy and persistence frustrated the Welsh effort. His final figures of 1-24 off his allocated 9 were excellent. Garnham returned, bruised but determined and picked up two wickets and it was over as a contest. South Wales reaching 252-7.

Essex has been drawn away to Hampshire in the next round. The game to be played before June 20.

## Gentlemen's fixtures

FOR anyone who fancies a good old English afternoon out watching the Gentleman of Essex CID at play here is a list of the summer's fixtures. All start times are 2pm unless otherwise stated.

**Friday, June 13:** Incogniti at East Hanningfield CC;

**Wednesday, June 18 at 11.30am:** Essex County Cricket Club and Ground at East Hanningfield CC;

**Monday, June 30:** Wolfson College at St Catherines Sports Ground, Cambridge;

**Tuesday, July 1:** Holland Select X1 at Bradwell near Maldon.

**Friday, July 11:** May and Baker CC at Dagenham;

**Wednesday, July 23:** Focus CC at St John's Billericay;

**Friday, July 25:** Audley End CC at Audley End House;

**Sunday, August 3:** Royston Vets at Barley CC, Herts;

**Wednesday August 6:** Epping Forest CC at Epping Forest CC;

**Friday August 15:** East Hanningfield CC at East Hanningfield CC;

**Wednesday August 20:** Epping Forest CC at East Hanningfield CC;

The club will tour Mallorca Monday, September 1 to Sunday, September 7.

Any serving, former or retired CID officer wishing to play or tour should contact club secretary DI Peter Orpe at Braintree police station or club captain DI Phil Mellon at HQ Special Branch.

Former Essex and England player Robin Hobbs and former Essex Captain Brian Taylor have both agreed to become vice presidents of the Club and the club is grateful for their continued support.

## Run for child crime victims

THE BUPA Great South Run at Portsmouth is promising to be Britain's biggest 10 mile road race.

It may seem a little early to get on the starting blocks for an October race but entries will be closed once the limit of 12,000 is achieved.

Child Victims of Crime, a registered charity is seeking runners. It will provide vests and shorts and reimburse the entry fee.

If you are interested in running for Child Victims of Crime contact them on 01785 227325.



● Martyn lines up to take a shot at the target.

## Shot down by Surrey

**SHARPSHOOTER** Martyn Wells hit the limelight last month when he was selected to shoot for the Essex County Rifle Association in the Marks Shield competition held last month in Surrey.

Essex joined Hertfordshire, Middlesex, Surrey and Kent to compete for the shield, with each home county putting forward a team of 22 shooters.

Surrey won the shield, with the 32-year-old road policing officer from Newport helping Essex finish a close 2nd scoring 578 points from a possible total of 600; himself coming 13th out of the 22 Essex shooters.

The course of fire at the event was two cards at 25 yards and one card at both 50 and 100 yards.

Despite having had a recent break of seven months due to the birth of his new baby, Martyn was satisfied with his performance and is keen to track down fellow rifleman from across the force.

Details of the shooting disciplines covered by the Police Athletics Association can be found at [www.paa.shooting.org](http://www.paa.shooting.org).

