



REWARDED IN STYLE

LORD LIEUT. PRESENTS MEDALS



A line up of nearly 700 years of Police experience.

WELCOMING twenty-nine recipients of the Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, their wives and families, to a ceremony held at Headquarters recently, the Chief Constable said that the occasion, the first of its kind in this force, had been organised to show proper recognition of the award. Introduced in 1951, by Royal Warrant, it was fitting, he said, that the Queen's representative in Essex, The Lord Lieutenant, Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis should make the presentation.

Congratulating the recipients, who he described as belonging to the

experienced background of the service who provide advice and guidance for the young men of the force, Sir Andrew said that it was very right that the Queen's representative should take the opportunity of thanking them on behalf of the silent majority in Essex who are proud of their police force.

The recipients of the award, all with more than 22 years' service, were: P.C. A. Arrowsmith, C.S.B. Chelmsford; P.C. I.G. Bendall, H.Q. Comms. & Planning; P.s. J. F. Boreham, Stansted; Chief Inspector R. E. Bracey, Billericay; P.C. C. B. Burchfield, Clacton; Chief

Inspector R.P. Buckles, Grays; P.C. C. E. Burt, South Benfleet; Chief Inspector A. Collins, H.Q. Comms. & Planning; Chief Inspector A. Cooper, Grays; P.s. T. V. Davis, C.S.B. H.Q.; Chief Inspector T. D. Dempsey, Basildon; P.s. S. W. S. Ferrie, Harlow Dog Section; P.C. P. Garwood, Halstead; P.C. R. P. Gibbins, Traffic, Rayleigh; P.s. J. Graham, Grays; P.C. A. E. Green, Harlow; P.C. P.B. C. Griffin, C.S.B. H.Q.; P.s. R. M. Hills, Driving School; P.C. R. F. W. Knight, Clacton; P.s. R. Newbury, Southminster; P.s. L. E. G. Perrott, Basildon; P.C. R. W.

Popkin, Grays; P.C. D. F. Powell, Traffic, Laindon; P.s. B. R. Powell, C.S.B. H.Q.; Chief Inspector D. B. Saunders, Rayleigh Traffic; P.s. D. Summerfield, Chelmsford; Chief Inspector W. J. Thurgood, Maldon; Inspector I. Williams, C.S.B. Brentwood; Inspector B. Williams Ops. H.Q.



Ps Hills of the Driving School receives his award.

AND TO THE CHIEF

THE Chief Constable was presented with the Queens Police Medal for Distinguished Service by the Lord Lieutenant Sir Andrew Lewis at a ceremony held at County Hall on May 28.

BRAVERY AND SOCIAL SERVICE TROPHIES

FOR disarming a man armed with a loaded shotgun, P.C. Michael Lucas stationed at Brentwood was presented by Sir Andrew Lewis, the Lord Lieutenant, with the Wilson Trophy, awarded for the most meritorious act performed in the course of duty.

During the night of Tuesday, 16th November, 1979, a shot was heard outside the front of Brentwood Police Station followed by a knock on the window of the front office. P.C. Lucas opened one of the windows and saw a man standing in the car park holding an unbroken single barrel shotgun. The man shouted that he had a loaded shotgun, and wanted to know what the officer was going to do about it. He told the man to put the gun down if he wanted to talk to anyone, but the man did not do so.

Shot fired

P.C. Lucas then left the front office and went to the car park to approach the man with the gun, but was warned not to come near. He tried to pacify the man whilst another officer approached, but the second man was also warned off and the gun was fired in their direction.

Eventually, Michael Lucas was able to get sufficiently close to the gunman to disarm him without a struggle. When



Colin Mead, Don Barrell and Mick Lucas with their trophies.

the weapon was checked, it was found to be loaded and had the safety catch in the "off position".

Social service

The Millard Trophy is presented for award to the Police Officer who, in the preceding year, made the greatest contribution to social service in the community. It was awarded this year to Constables Don Barrell and Colin Mead of Chelmsford Traffic Sub-Division.

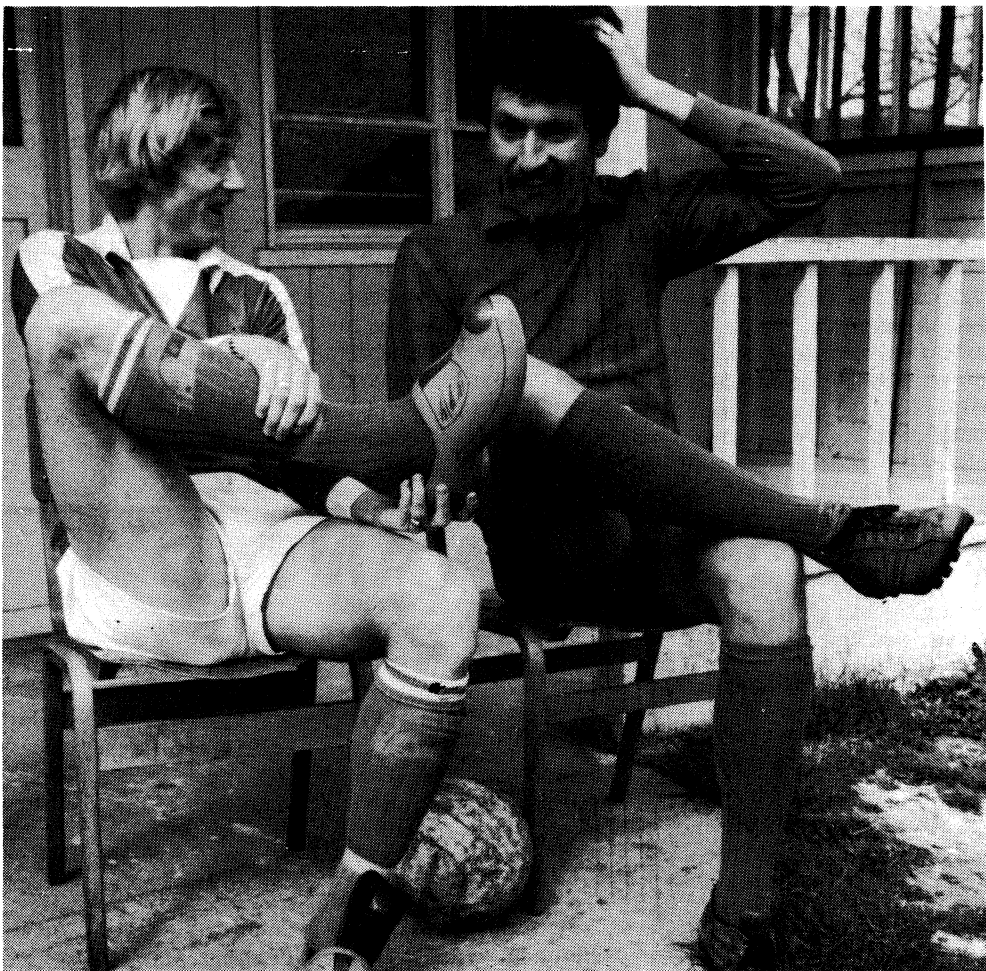
Both are members of the No. 74 Unit Sea Cadet Corps based at

Chelmsford. Colin Mead is a First Lieutenant who holds the Cadet Long Service Medal and Don Barrell a Sub-Lieutenant who is the Unit's Administration and Supplies Officer.

Commitment

They have been actively engaged in this venture for several years and spend many hours each week carrying out their duties, principally in the evenings. P.C. Barrell's special commitment is in the fund raising activities of the unit and P.C. Mead is responsible for the training of the Cadets.

Try That For Size



The Dutch captain decides this is to be a 'clogging match'. — Story on Page 6

Good Luck In Your Retirement



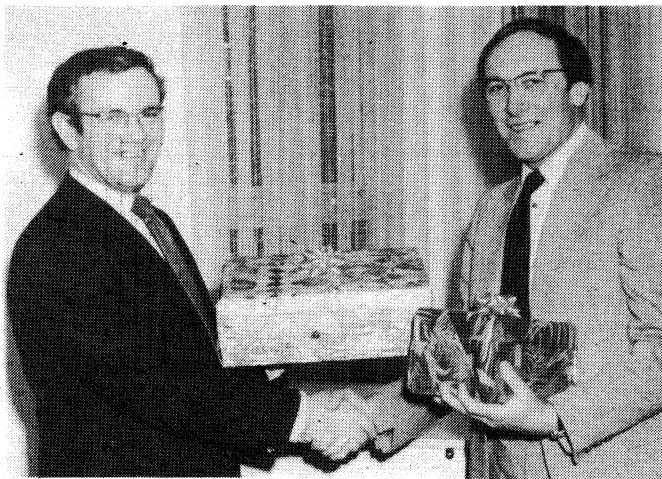
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IF EVER a round peg was fitted into a round hole, it was me," said Chelmsford Sergeant Roy Wicks retiring recently after 27 years with Essex Police.

Stationed at Romford in 1954, he was trained to give lectures on Road Safety and went into schools on a part-time basis. In 1967, he was promoted and became full time Road Safety Sergeant at Chelmsford.

"Sergeant Wicks", as he is known to children throughout the Chelmsford area, will still be in contact with many of his schools, as after a holiday break in Cyprus, he will be working as an Educational Welfare Officer.

He is pictured being presented with a cheque on behalf of the Witham and Braintree Road Safety Committee.



ONE OF THE first full-time Crime Prevention Officers, Detective Sergeant Colin Dawdry retired recently after 28 years in the Essex Police. Most of his service has been spent in the C.I.D. and in 1965 when it was suggested to Chief Officers that specialist crime prevention departments be formed Colin was appointed to and has remained on the department. He was on the original directing staff at Essex

Headquarters when in the early days they trained officers from other forces, and has been the Secretary of the Essex Vehicle Observer Corps for the past 12 years. A large number of Colin Dawdry's friends and colleagues, past and present, gathered at Headquarters Bar on 28th March when he was presented with a retirement gift of Wedgwood china. He will be working for the Eastern Electricity Board.

RETIRING on 23rd May after 25 years' service, spent mainly in the Chelmsford area, Constable David Keys is moving to Sussex.

A keen snooker player, he is secretary of the Chelmsford Pretymen billiards and snooker league. In fact, he delayed his retirement and subsequent move to this date, as it coincided with the finals and presentation night of this League.

Radio Scheme costs likely to soar

MORE EXPENSE for the ratepayers! One of the results of the World Administrative Radio Conference held in 1979 was that the band of frequencies at present used by the emergency services' radio schemes will no longer be available. It is anticipated that the change will take place over a period of 9 years, but the East and South Eastern forces, Essex included, are scheduled to be converted by 1985.

Not all police wireless communications systems will be affected, only the VHF radios fitted into some 450 cars, plus the main VHF transmitter and receiver stations. All this equipment is rented from and maintained by the Home Office Directorate of Telecommunications.

Until the Home Office decide what frequency range the emergency services will have to move to, the police will not know what equipment will need to be changed, therefore it is impossible to estimate the cost accurately at the present time. However, if all the VHF radio equipment has to be changed, it is likely that the present rentals amounting to approximately £85,000 per year will rise to about £255,000.



IT'S a long way from the Western Desert and the battles against Rommel to Chelmsford Police Station and the battle against inflation, but for Ch Insp Hugh Brown that has been the journey of the last 40 years.

A staunch monarchist, Hugh enlisted in a Scottish Regiment as a Boy Piper at the age of 15, transferring two years later to the Scots Guards and joining his battalion in Egypt in 1938. He recalls piping the march along the whole length of the Suez Canal at the head of a long column of troops — that's about 100 miles! Early in 1942, just outside Tobruk, Hugh and his infantry colleagues found themselves up against the German Panzers and after heavy losses were 'put in the bag', being later shipped to Italy and Germany before being released by the Americans in 1945.

Joining the Essex Police, Hugh was stationed at Epping, on the detached beat at North Weald, then Hornchurch, Colchester, Tilbury and Chelmsford. He considers his service at North Weald to have been the most enjoyable but thinks he must be the only officer ever to have volunteered to serve at Tilbury!



CORONERS officer at Chelmsford for the last 13 years, Dick Lucas retired recently after 28 years, but he is staying in the same line of business — his new job will be as manager of a funeral directors in Chelmsford. Starting his career on the Grays Division, Dick has served at Grays, Aveley, Ockendon, Plough Corner, Romford and Chelmsford. In 1964, he was awarded the Wilson Trophy for bravery when he faced 30 enraged gypsies in the newly opened Chelmsford Cattle Market in an unsuccessful attempt to save a man's life. Off duty, Dick Lucas has made a name for himself in the motor cycling world. For 8 years he has been secretary of the Chelmsford Auto Club and has been heard on B.B.C. radio and television and I.T.V. as a motor cycle racing commentator. A member of a local spiritualist church, Dick has a great interest in the powers of natural



Hugh Brown plays himself out on the pipes.

He is well known for his performances on the pipes at New Year and Burns Night celebrations throughout the County.

At the moment Hugh is undecided as to any future occupation but he will continue to live with his



THE LONGEST-SERVING C.I.D. officer in Essex, Detective Chief Inspector Tom Layzell retired last month after more than 30 years' service.

Born in the C.I.D. office at Braintree, which was his parents' bedroom, his father was then the Divisional Inspector, Tom lived at Braintree Police Station for the first five years of his life. At the age of 16, he returned to Braintree police station as a Cadet Clerk. He later joined the R.A.F. Special Investigation Branch dealing with war crimes in Germany, leaving in 1949 to become a P.C. first at Grays then at Upminster.

Tom Layzell was appointed to the C.I.D. in 1953, and has remained on that department for 27 years. As Detective Inspector, he returned from a course at Bramshill and formed the Special Branch on 1st January, 1970. Promoted Detective Chief Inspector in 1977, Mr. Layzell served in that department until 1979 when he was transferred to Headquarters E.C.R.O. and C.I.S.

On retirement, he will be working for the Ministry of Defence. At Headquarters Bar on Saturday, 3rd May, colleagues gathered for a farewell drink, and Mr. and Mrs. Layzell were presented with a variety of gifts.

New Club Requires Help

OFFENCES by juveniles involving the use of firearms, especially air weapons, have been headlined recently through the indiscriminate actions of a few. Insp. Derek Noakes of Headquarters is now trying to reduce the problem by the formation of a club in the Mid-Essex area where youngsters can be taught the correct use of this type of weapon and the legal pitfalls into which they may fall.

Premises and facilities are already available together with a nucleus of instructors but Derek is on the lookout for a few more police officers to assist in this task.

Any officer who feels he is able to help in this very worthwhile work is asked to contact Derek on Headquarters Ext. 208.



THREE days before his retirement on 1st June, P.C. Don Barrell was presented with the Millard Trophy by the Lord Lieutenant for his work with the Chelmsford Sea Cadet Unit.

Constable Barrell has spent twenty-seven years in Essex Police, twenty-two as an operational traffic man. He started his career on Traffic driving Rileys, Wolseleys and M.G. open tourers covering the whole county, and since 1971 has been totally involved with Vascar, training instructors from other British and Continental forces.

He is secretary of the police band, and played trombone with them for ten years.

For the last few weeks, Don has been working in the Accident Abstracts office at Headquarters and will remain in that Department as a civilian employee.

WANTED — A Pushing Type

A 25-year-old crippled man who lives in the Springfield area of Chelmsford who is able to drive his own transport but otherwise gets around in a wheelchair needs assistance for an hour or so once a month when shopping in the town centre Chelmsford because the injury to his wrist has left it too weak to get the wheelchair up kerbs and into shop doorways.

Any officer who will be interested in giving this occasional assistance should please contact John Fricker — Social Services Chelmsford, Telephone — Chelmsford 65241.

LOST AND FOUND



Mrs. Bullock and Mr and Mrs Cowan with Allan Collins at Headquarters.

WHEN you are lost — ask a Policeman! Those words proved to be the start of a heart warming reunion in Essex this month with Ch. Insp. Alan Collins as the catalyst. Although Leslie Cowen of Surfers Paradise, Queensland, Australia, wasn't exactly lost himself, he had lost touch with his family here in England after emigrating from Chelmsford in 1963 and having a long spell in hospital. Last Christmas his Australian wife, Elizabeth, asked him what

he wanted for a present and he replied, "A telephone call from my sister in England, but although she used to live in Essex, I've forgotten her address."

Undeterred by the size of the task Elizabeth wrote to the Billericay Police, "as that town seemed to be somewhere in the right area", and Alan Collins set about looking for Leslie's sister armed only with a name and a photograph taken over 20 years ago. After initial enquiries had drawn a blank Alan

mentioned the search to a reporter from the Billericay Gazette who looked at the photo and said, "That looks just like the lady who lives across the road from me in Hutton" — coincidence, it was!

Now Leslie and his wife are spending a two month holiday in England, based with his sister Mrs. Violet Bullock of Boundary Drive, Hutton, and insisted on visiting Alan Collins, now stationed at Headquarters, to thank him for his efforts.

SOMEONE STRIKES A WRONG NOTE



Superb setting at Clacton Town Hall

LATEST ON THE MASTERPLAN

By Ted Davidson

The Private Medical Scheme negotiated with Private Patients Plan, which commenced on 1st May, 1980, has enrolled some 1,530 police officers, 144 civilian staff and 154 pensioners.

All the original applications were not processed by P.P.P. in time for deductions from May salary cheques; however, these will be backdated in the June pay. Applications received subsequent to inception date will be processed to commence on the first day of the ensuing month.

Serving Officers

Officers serving on 1st May, 1980 are again reminded that to avoid declaration of medical histories for both themselves and their dependants, they must apply before the end of July, 1980; thereafter,

medical histories will have to be declared and could result in total or partial exclusion.

Pensioners

Similarly, and even more important, our eligible pensioners must apply within the same three monthly period or they will be automatically debarred.

Whilst the age limit acceptable to P.P.P. is still, generally restricted to 65 years we have negotiated two additional exceptions: (a) where a pensioner, over the age of 65 on 1st May, 1980 was already subscribing to P.P.P. outside the Essex Police Scheme, he/she may be embraced under the appropriate group, resulting in a saving of about £200 per annum to the individual; (b) spouses, under 65 years, or pensioners who are 65 years and over, and eligible children may also be included.

Masterplan Cards

All the original applicants to the scheme should now have an enrolment statement. The plastic Masterplan cards will be processed during July.

Claimants

Each Divisional Administration Office and Departments at Headquarters now have a supply of Claims Forms for treatment.

Please remember to enter the appropriate Group number on claims forms — Serving Officers 11238; Pensioners 11239; Civilians 11240.

Any queries on claims should be made direct to P.P.P. and not Group Secretary.

Travelling Abroad

P.P.P. have found that the least complicated way of settling claims incurred by subscribers when abroad, is for the claimant

Wartime Memories

MANY phases of the last war were documented extremely well and have been publicised over and over again, but one aspect which seems to be lost in the midst of time has been the subject of a letter to The Law office. The author of a new book on the war years, Nigel West, is seeking information regarding two German spies who were detained in the Essex Police area and subsequently paid the ultimate penalty.

It appears that the first man, named Jakobs, was parachuted near North Stifford on 31st January 1941, but was arrested the same night, possibly by a member of the Home Guard, and later taken to Brixton Prison, tried by Court Martial and executed in the Tower of London.

The second man, a Dutchman was landed by the Royal Navy at Harwich on 18th May 1942 and handed over to the Essex Police, later also to be executed.

It has been suggested that some of our older colleagues may have memories of either of these incidents and a call to the Editor will put you in touch with Nigel West.

BASILDON BACK-UP

CHIEF Superintendent Bill Gray recently presented a cheque for £353 to Mr. Alan Gardner, orthopaedic surgeon at Basildon Hospital. Mr. Gardner has developed a device which helps to correct spine deformities and cash is needed to help his research.

The Basildon Divisional Dance was held at the Kings Club, Canvey on March 7th organised by warrants officer Mervyn Potter and P.C. Les Blythe, and made a profit of £353. Mervyn Potter said: "I heard about the appeal for funds to help Mr. Gardner in his pioneering work from local radio and the local press and it seemed appropriate that the money should go towards a Basildon project."

to pay from his own pocket and obtain adequate documentation covering type of treatment and receipts for monies expended. In such circumstances, it is not necessary to have a claims form completed by the foreign medical authorities.

Again subscribers are reminded that cost of treatment by G.P.s and ambulance charges incurred when abroad are not refundable, in the same way that they are not in the United Kingdom; therefore personal insurance should be taken out for such items: P.P.P. will advise on this at Eynsham House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, 0892 26255.

Dependants

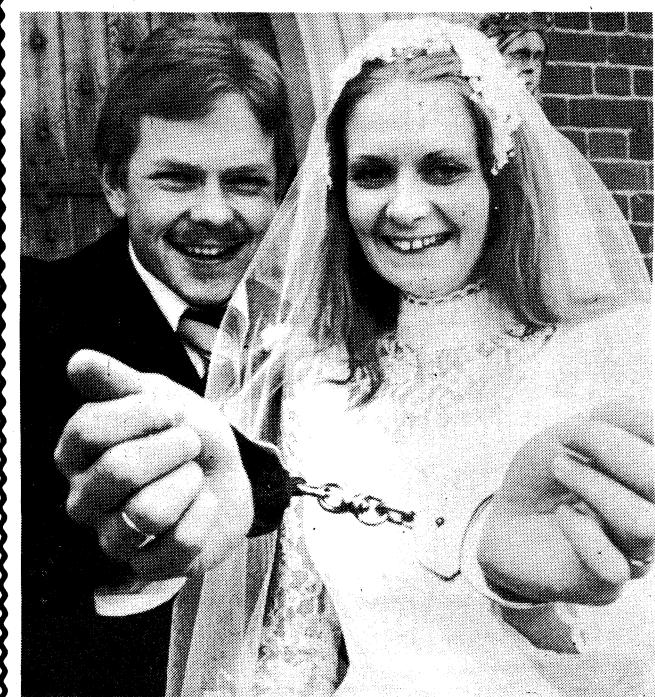
Any change in number of dependants from those originally enrolled e.g. births, deaths, marriage, divorce, should be notified by obtaining the



Pic by courtesy Evening Echo

CLERKS Susan Tall and Sally Cowling are taking a break from their office jobs at Southend Police Station and heading for the sun. They will spend an extended leave fruit picking on a kibbutz in Israel.

COUPLED COPPERS



THE OLD HANDCUFFS routine for Colchester Police couple last month when Susan Couzens, front office Constable and former cadet, married Malcolm Ding who recently transferred from Colchester to Stanway Traffic. Picture by courtesy of Essex County Standard.

INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS FOR ESSEX POLICE WALKER

Twice in a week Mike Dunion of Witham travelled North to his native Scotland to take part in walking races.

On 11th May he represented Scotland in a track and field international match at Meadowbank Stadium, Edinburgh, and got his team off to a flying

start, winning the first event, the 10 km walk, in 47.05.

A week later Mike was in Glasgow for the Scottish 20km championship and won again, by a clear 7 minutes. This victory should ensure more Scottish vests during the coming months.

appropriate form from the Group Secretary at Headquarters.

However, children who become ineligible through age will be automatically picked up by P.P.P. and, where appropriate, adjustment to subscription notified.

Group Secretary

The Group Secretary for the Essex Police Private Medical Scheme is Mr. Ivor ABEL on Headquarters extension 320.

Unique

It must not go by without placing on record

that the Essex Police Private Medical Scheme is unique and will probably remain so. It is the only scheme in the country to embrace every section of a Force.

Recruiting Drive!!

Finally, a note to those currently eligible who have not as yet joined the scheme: please read again the P.P.P. leaflet, consult colleagues already in receipt of Private Treatment and ask yourselves one question "can I afford not to join?"

ESSEX POLICE REVIEW'D



'SPEAK For yourself' is the title of a series of articles being carried in the Police Review, and the Essex Police featured in a recent issue. Brian Hilliard, a former member of the Metropolitan Police and now on the Editorial staff of the weekly publication was able recently to visit a good cross section of the Essex area and discuss with a wide variety of officers their particular problems and individual views on

their work and circumstances.

From busy Basildon to friendly Finchingfield, from crowded Colchester to spacious Southend, Brian chatted with representatives of all ranks at all stages of service. Perhaps his most memorable visit was to Halstead Police Station, where the very practical method of securing the cell doors without recourse to those "new-fangled things" called locks was a real eye-

opener. "Essex must have a wider variety of work, surroundings, and conditions, than any other Police Force in the Country", was how Mr. Hilliard described his impressions of the two-day visit.

No doubt those officers interviewed were eagerly awaiting publication day — no doubt many of their supervising officers were, also.

A Chinese Take Away



THE BALDOCK family left this country on 1st May to spend 2½ years abroad. Jack Baldock, Detective Sergeant at Rayleigh, has been seconded to the Hong Kong Government's Independent Commission against Corruption, and he is taking his family, wife Hilary, daughter Tina aged 10 and son Gary to Hong Kong with him.

GREAT IDEA

The family is looking forward to the trip immensely. Hotel accommodation will be found for them until an apartment is available, a wait usually of 2 to 3 months. Jack has spent all his service in Southend until moving recently to Rayleigh, and policing in Hong Kong will be a new experience.

Both children will go to English speaking private schools, and although daughter Tina is a bit sad about leaving her schoolfriends, 7-year-old Gary thinks the whole idea is "Great".

Force lottery

RESULT of the draw held on 28 March, 1980 at Headquarters:

1st prize Pc. A. Weatherly, HQ. CSB, £1,021.18; 2nd prize PC. D. Miles, Saffron Walden, £510.59; 3rd prize T. W. 69 Rooks, Leigh, £255.29; 4th prize Pc. R. Houghton, Canvey, £127.65.

Consolation prizes at £25.53 each — Dc. T. Frost, Harlow RCS; T. W. 122 Gant, Rochford; Ds. J. Yee-King, Harwich S.B.; Pc. J. Hughes, H.Q. Traffic; Pc. A. Lamiday, H.Q. Comms.

RESULT of the draw held at Witham on Tuesday, 29th April 1980.

1st prize P.c. 1431 P. Matthews, Colchester Traffic, £1,035.40; 2nd prize P.s. 352 R. Shelley, West Mersea, £517.70; 3rd prize P.c. 810 A. Weatherley, H.Q., C.S.B., £258.85; 4th prize P.c. 461 M. Thomerson, Harlow RCS, £129.43.

Consolation prizes at £25.89 each — D.c. 256 W. Ellis, Rochford; P.c. 907 D. Graham, Harlow; P.c. 1275 B. Thurstle, Maldon; P.c. 1166 R. Farrow, Laindon Traffic; P.c. 1170 J. Woollard, Rayleigh Traffic.

RESULT of the draw held at Jaywick on Friday, 30th May, 1980:

1st prize P.c. 123 D. Reilly, Leigh, £1030.90; 2nd prize Ch. Supt. D. J. Dighton, Colchester, £515.70; 3rd prize P.S. 5050 L. Sellers, Leigh, £257.73; 4th prize P.S. 157 D. F. Harvey, Westcliff, £128.86.

Consolation prizes at £25.77 each — Susan Hulls, H.Q. Press Office; Virginia Brackenbury, H.Q. Communications; June Marsh, H.Q. Garage; P.c. 346 J. P. Coleman, Brentwood C.S.B.; P.S. 352 R. Shelley, West Mersea.

COMPETITORS had to cope with a series of disasters in the Chief Wardens Challenge Cup Competition (First Aid) held at the training school on 27th April.

Teams dealt with an incident in which a motorcyclist who had been practising wheelies for a gymkhana, collided with the occupant of a wheel chair, and subsequently with a second spectator.

Individuals were faced with a situation where a workman accidentally dropped an electric drill which was embedded in his leg, and the organisers introduced a topical note in the second test when a gardener did a "Charlie George" and removed a finger in the mowing machine.

The ladies were at a disadvantage in the first section as few of them could master the technicalities of removing the drill from the workman's leg with a chuck key, but few competitors shrank from picking up the severed finger, one even popped it into his pocket.

Eight teams took part, and this year the standard of performance was higher and the sense of competition greater than for some time. Rayleigh Division, whose team was Cheryl Matthews, Marion Young, Reg. Hooper, Andrew Gasikowski and reserve Kathy Kennedy won first place, narrowly beating the relatively inexperienced Basildon team. Best Individual prize went to Sergeant Trevor Matthews of Staff Division.

FIRST AIDERS COMPETE



FRIENDLY rivals — husband and wife Trevor and Cheryl Matthews pictured with their respective trophies. Cheryl was Rayleigh's No. 1, and Trevor part of the Staff team, won the trophy for the best individual competitor.

PRESIDENTS PRIZE



TO COMMEMORATE his time as President of the Basildon Sports and Social Club from 1976 to 1980, Superintendent Bert Dawson presented Chief Superintendent Len White with a Senior Officers silver baton on behalf of its members.

TAKE THESE CHAINS



OPERATION Chain Gang is the name given to a scheme devised by Paddy Duffy, Southend Crime Prevention Sergeant, to install security chains, mirrors and peepholes in the homes of old people in Southend, Leigh, Westcliff, Canvey, Rayleigh, Rochford, Wakering, Barling and out to Foulness.

More than 60 volunteers have been recruited from Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, A.T.C.s, Girl Guides and a variety of other youth organisations in the area. They have formed a committee and raised a total of £600 from local firms. Already over 300 old people have contacted Sergeant Duffy asking for their homes to be fitted.

Volunteers have been divided into teams of at least four youngsters, and the first team started work on 10th March. Already over one hundred homes have had security devices installed. These are inspected by Paddy Duffy who also advises the occupant on their use.

Career Potential?

A VARIETY of people apply for the police service, but Essex is probably the only force with an ex Father Christmas in its ranks. Amongst the thirty-four recruits headed for divisions this month is P.c. Russell Hough, who, whilst awaiting joining instructions, spent several weeks as Santa Claus in the fairy grotto of a Southend store. It is probably unfair to suggest that his future career lies within the Community Services Branch ho, ho, ho!

The old folk are delighted and the youngsters have entered into the scheme with tremendous enthusiasm. The Town's Trade Exhibition held on 14th May had Chain Gang as its theme and included several ideas to raise more cash for the scheme.

If Walls Could Talk



CHILDHOOD memories of 'The Chief's House' were a fascinating story related by Anthony Peel to Inspector Dave King at Headquarters. The recent death of the former Chief Constable, Sir Jonathan Peel, has led to Lady Peel giving up the large house in Lexden Road, Colchester and moving to a more compact property nearby, but this inevitably caused problems with regard to the vast number of items collected by the family over the years. Many of these are of course of great interest in the history of the Essex Police and Lady Peel has kindly donated a number of items for the force museum. It was whilst delivering these that Mr. Peel had the opportunity of looking over his old home which had just been converted into the new Chief Officers complex. It would be cruel to relate in these columns which officer now occupies the former nursery — policemen can be very cynical without being given that kind of ammunition!

Wanted

IT IS PROPOSED to set up a Force Museum at Headquarters in the near future and any items of interest, either on loan or on a permanent basis, will be welcome.

Further information may be obtained from the Supervisor, H.Q. Registry.



"The fastest Chief Constable on four wheels" — a Driving School memento is returned for the museum.

Maldon Says Thanks



RECENTLY rebuilt and refurbished, the Maldon Police Station bar was the venue of a social gathering last month for a presentation to the man whose skill made it all possible. Derek Cornwell, whose wife is a Traffic Warden at Maldon, was presented with an inscribed tankard by Ch Supt Challis to mark the thanks of the Maldon

Sub Division.

Derek is at the present time a bus driver, but was previously a master carpenter and joiner. He gave up many hours of his spare time to work on the bar, the counter of which was previously in the Volunteer Arms, a Maldon Public House which has now closed down.



FIVE YOUNGSTERS accompanied by Rayleigh Social workers Elaine Pepperwell and Mike Ward recently raised almost £1,000 for local charities by completing a 200 mile walk along the Pennine Way from Derbyshire to Scotland in March.

Hadleigh C.S.B. Officers helped raise the necessary cash to provide their equipment, and at Southend Police Station on Monday 21st April, slides of their adventure were shown to their proud parents, and Mr. Comrie, A.C.C. presented each boy with a plaque to commemorate his achievement.

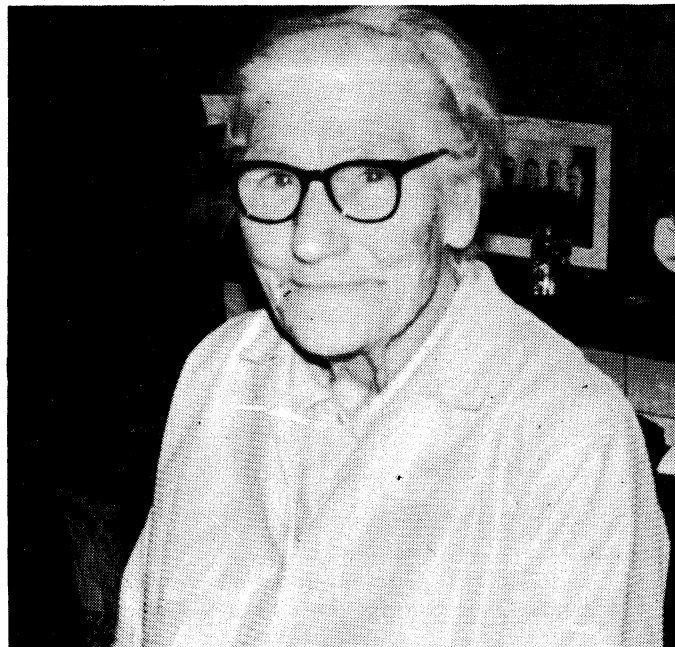
THE opening of the new Headquarters operations complex heralded the start of an extensive re-modernisation programme for the older building, which finished recently when the Chief Officers and the Secretariat vacated the ground floor and moved into the Chief Constable's old house.

Known as "The House", this has been converted into a suite of offices and reception room, and a room which will be used for conferences, meals and discipline hearings.

The Chief Constable's house was built in 1902, and Captain Showers, then the Chief Constable, moved in with his family, his wife The Countess De'penial, and their adopted daughter Miss Pansy Summerville. Captain Showers served as Chief for many years.

In 1911, 16 year old Lily Wood started working there as a parlourmaid. Now Mrs. Lily Lucking, aged 85 years, she can remember vividly her years in service with Captain Showers' household.

The cook, housemaid and parlourmaid all had rooms in the servants quarters on the third floor. Mrs. Lucking wore a blue and white print frock, white linen apron and hat during the morning, but changed into black and white uniform for lunch. Her duties included answering the door, waiting at table and caring for the family silver, used each evening for dinner and then locked away and wrapped in velvet. It was her job to get Captain Showers' best uniform ready for very special occasions, this meant cleaning the solid silver buttons.



Mrs. Lucking — fond memories.

The training school was housed in that part of Headquarters building that is now the printroom and stores, and recruits also had their part to play in the running of the household. They cleaned the windows, brought in the coal and wood for the fires, and did other heavy jobs around the house. When the Chief Constable and his wife went out for the evening to

a Ball or other social function, two recruits would be called upon to safeguard the house, particularly the silver.

As police vehicles drive through the gates of Headquarters past The House, it is a different age to that in which Mrs. Lucking remembers "her ladyship's" carriage drawing up to the front door to take her shopping, and the fine summer days when the local Hunt met on the lawns of Headquarters. She remembers clearly, the hounds, the horses, the hunting pink of the huntsmen and the riding habits of the ladies as, helped by a recruit, she passed round the stirrup cup.

Working from 7.30 in the morning to 10 o'clock at night, Mrs. Lucking remembers happy times, a lovely house, kind employers, and good food, but in 1914, the First World War broke out, and she was called on like so many other girls to leave service, and go to work in a London munitions factory.



Chief Constable Captain Showers.

National Association of Retired Police Officers by Bert Brinkley

Chelmsford Branch

FORTY members attended the AGM on 10th May and the following officers were elected. Chairman, G. Hodges; Secretary, B. Brinkley; Treasurer, H. Phillibrown; Social Sec., F. Clark. The three guest speakers were Mr. Taylor, ACC(A), Pc Howlett, Force Welfare Officer, and Insp. Davidson, Chairman of J.B.B.

Annual Bowls Match

This annual event between pensioners and regulars has been fixed for Thursday, 17 July, on Lionmede Green, Chelmsford, commencing at 3 p.m. It is hoped to field four rinks in greys. Names of intending players to Mr. Clark please.

Obituary

A number of former

colleagues and serving Officers attended the funeral of ex P.C. Ted Arthy of Hatfield Peverel on 19 May. Ted's involvement in local affairs covered a wide and varied field, including the District Council, Parish Council and British Legion and the various associations were fully represented at the Service. Our sincere condolences go out to the Widow and family at this time. Ted was 80.

Another former member of the Police War Reserve — E. C. Allen (Cecil) of Baddow Road,

Chelmsford, passed away on 22 April. Cecil Allen was attached to the Traffic Branch at Headquarters during the last War and was usually on the 'letter-bag' run to Divisions (4-8 p.m.) when Regulars were not available. Many of the older pensioners will remember as contact was still kept up after the War. He was a skilled War worker and had his own business in Baddow Road. Cecil was proud of his association with the Force which he maintained were some of the happiest years of his life. Our sympathy is extended to his Widow and family.

Parliamentary Adviser

The appointment is announced of John Blackburn M.P. as N.A.R.P.O.'s Parliamentary

Adviser to the N.E.C. With his background, having served in the Police Service for many years (his late father was a police pensioner) he is fully aware of the problems facing police pensioners and he will lend his weight to all matters affecting pensioners at Parliamentary level. His selection would appear to be a good one.

Pensions — Index Linking

No percentage value has been fixed at present, although the last Budget seemed to suggest 16.6 per cent, but the Government has announced that increases will be paid in the month of November, not as at first thought 52 weeks from the last award. This later date may give an opportunity to reclaim the 1½ per cent which was lost of the 1979 increase (16 per cent for 17.5 per cent).

The N.E.C. is drawing the attention of the Public Service Pensioners' Council to this apparent loss.

P.P.H.A. Lottery No. 10

The Chance cards for this lottery will commence on 2 August, 1980. Owing to industrial dispute and other factors it was not possible to follow on immediately No. 9, which ended on 7 June. The Cards for No. 10 should be available during July.



COLCHESTER pictured from left to right, Lance Williams, Dave Harrop, Jim Gorham, Rodney Booth, David Le-Voi.

CROKER CUP RESULTS

COLCHESTER travelled to Southend to win the Inter-Divisional Billiards competition after an exciting contest. The final result rested on the last game, a cliff-hanger between Dave Outtridge of Southend and Dave Harrop from Colchester. Dave Harrop was the eventual winner, gaining 150 points against his opponent's 146.

IT WAS a hat trick for the Grays table tennis team as they won the interdivisional table tennis competition for the third year running.

They met Chelmsford Division in the final, and beat them by ten games to four. Mr. Taylor presented captain John Barcham with the Quick Cup.



GRAYS from left to right: Mick Beale, John Barcham, Alan Cooper, Eileen Wilson, Bob Thurston.



SOUTHEND from left to right Dave Outtridge, Phil Marriage, Rick Matthews, Dave Box. Missing team member is Ron Irwin.



STAFF DIVISION, winners of the Football competition.



CHELMSFORD from left to right: Chris Jacob, Keith Marsh, Lorrie Austin, Anita Moss, Steven Cheesman.

Success In Local Leagues



Pictured from left to right, Harry Willett, Roger Eason, Alan Hurley Capt. Eddy Smith, Colin Muir.

BASILDON police 'A' team were the Champions this year in the local services snooker league. Other teams include the post office, H.M. stationery office, Rayleigh British Legion and Rayleigh Police. The team was presented with the winners shield at a social held at Basildon Police Station. Winner of the individual knock-out singles competition was P.C. Kieran Hegarty, Rayleigh Police.



Superintendent Dawson presents individual trophy to Kieran Hegarty

Athletics

The section got off to a good start for the season. In the first league match at Stevenage on 3rd May they were placed first, narrowly beating the Duchy of Cornwall Athletic Club. The meeting throughout was a close run match with Essex Police winning 149 points to the Duchy of Cornwall 138 points. None of the other clubs were in with a chance of success.

Many first places were achieved, but the main reason for the victory was the all round effort put in by the small team. A good example of this was Barry Daymond coming second in the 5000 metres, after a sprint finish, then going on to compete in the 3000 metres steeplechase and 4 x 400 metres relay.

First places were achieved in the first string event by Simon Halford in the Triple Jump, Long Jump, High Jump and 400 metres Hurdles. Bert Wallace in the Shot, Discus, Javelin and Hammer, Len Perrott in the 400 metres and 800 metres. Chris Odell in the 110 metres Hurdles. Chris Reed a newcomer to the Force also made a valuable contribution.

A very encouraging start to the new season.



THE H.Q. Table Tennis Club in its first year had a very successful season in the Chelmsford and District Table Tennis League. The 'A' Team taking first place and promotion in division 9,

and the 'B' Team ending halfway up in division 10.

Anyone interested in playing next season should contact W. Campbell-Harvey, H.Q. Fingerprints, extension 565.

TERESA'S FRENCH CONNEXION

ALTHOUGH she has only been fencing for eighteen months, Rayleigh policewoman Teresa Sewell was recently amongst twenty fencers from this country selected to go to the Academy of Fencing, Le Touquet, France where they joined twenty French men and women for a week's training and coaching course for promising fencers.

Their day started at 8 a.m. with jogging and exercises on the sand dunes of Le Touquet. At 9 a.m. began the "fencing salle" — intensive training which finished between 10.30 p.m. and 11.45 p.m. Top class instructors included Professor Brian Pitman, one of the British International Team coaches, Professor Jacques Leitar, the French National Team coach, and Christine Payne, former Olympic Team Captain. One hour each day was set aside for an independent activity — rifle shooting, tennis or horse riding.

At the end of the course,



Teresa Sewell pictured with top international fencing coach Professor Jacques Leitar.

a competition involving all students was held. Teresa gained most victories. Teresa is a fencer with less than 3 years' experience, and was presented with a trophy by the Mayor of Le Touquet at a reception held in the Town Hall.

The experience gained in France is an essential part

of her training programme if Teresa is to compete in first class competition which is her ultimate aim. Coached by David Hanrahan of Benfleet, she is presently ranked 6th in the South East and was recently chosen to Captain her Club Team "Cyranos" in the South Eastern Championships.

Dutch Football Team Visit

DURING the football team's successful tour of Holland last year the County side made many friends. In April of this year 17 such friends, all Utrecht police officers visited Essex for an eventful and exhausting weekend. From the time their boat docked late Friday afternoon, until it sailed again Monday lunchtime, their clogs were kept on the move.

Sight-seeing in London and watching a First Division match was followed by Saturday evening relaxing in Colchester bar where the party preferred to play indoor games rather than drink. Perhaps they were

worrying about the following day's game. They should have, because Essex got revenge for losing last year by winning easily 3-0, with goals from Gamman (2) and Weatherley. With fairness to the Utrecht team they had several players missing.

At lunchtime Mr. Comrie made the presentations, an Essex tie, to their party whilst the Essex team received a writing set and beer glass. A real party atmosphere prevailed at The Wheatsheaf pub at Wrabness on Sunday evening where a good dinner was followed by a musical evening.

At Monday morning's breakfast the party experienced the after effects of English beer. Nevertheless they departed from Headquarters in good spirits and having already been supplied with a song sheet burst into a chorus of 'Maybe It's Because I'm A Londoner', and 'Bubbles' at Parkeston Quay!

The final departure showed their gratitude for the most enjoyable and successful weekend by singing a chorus of 'For he's a jolly good fellow'.

Roll on next year when we hope to return to Utrecht for another stay.

LAW SPORT—LAW SPORT—LAW SPORT—LAW SPORT

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Olympian Title for Police

ALL SEASON Essex Police and Rayleigh have been running neck and neck for the Olympian League title. Both teams went past the 20 match mark unbeaten and it became a matter of who would slip up first. In March when the Police dropped 3 points it looked as if they were going to concede the title but they recovered and it was Rayleigh who crumbled. Rayleigh lost three league games in a row and the league title went to the Police who had still three games to play.

At the end the league table gave the impression that it had been a runaway win for the Police, a situation which would be hotly disputed by John

Rhymes and his players who had battled away all season for this honour. Congratulations to the whole squad. Top of the table placings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Essex Police	32	26	5	1	77	22	57
Rayleigh	32	17	10	5	103	39	44
Herongate	32	19	6	7	67	31	44
Writtle	32	19	6	7	62	36	44
Benfleet	32	18	7	7	62	38	43

More success

The Force team were also successful in retaining the South Midlands Police Cup, beating 'L' Division Met. Police in the Final.

Seaxes

THE FIRST Autotest of the season was held at Maldon on Sunday April 20th. There were over 50 entrants, 7 of which competed under the Seaxes banner. Adrian Wardman was the most successful driving his Escort Sport. He finished the day second in his class with a total time of 278.08 seconds.

Competitions

There are a number of lighthearted, but very competitive events planned for the coming months, so if you feel that you are skillful at manoeuvring your car at speed or finding your way around oddly placed cones, then contact Tony Campen at H.Q. Garage or any other committee member.

Rallies

On the 19/20th April, two Seaxes crews entered the Roding Car Club Wayfarer Rally which started at Felixstowe and covered about 150 miles with the same clues for all classes. Of the 75 starters, only 10 failed to complete the rally. John Vallance and Ian Weatherley in a Cortina 1600E finished in 33rd place overall and 3rd in their class.

Silverstone is the venue on June 28th for another Aston Martin Owners Club race meeting and once again Seaxes have been invited to marshal. If you are interested, contact Tony Campen at the garage.

The T.S.B. Stage rally, formerly the Lancia Pointer takes place on 5/6th July. Again marshals are needed to help run one of the special stages. Tony Campen has details, so contact him if you can help.

The Seaxes rally will, after much changing of dates, be run overnight on 19/20th July. To make the event a success, an army of marshals and helpers is needed. If you feel that you could help, give Dudley Lay a ring at Traffic Admin, Chelmsford.

Dateline

Finally, the Seaxes Annual Pram Race has been scheduled for Friday 1st August. Teams of 3, male, female and mixed or even don't knows are invited to enter. We are hoping to re-gain the challenge cup from Chelmsford Motor Club. Entry forms and details from Tony Campen or Phil Knight at the garage.

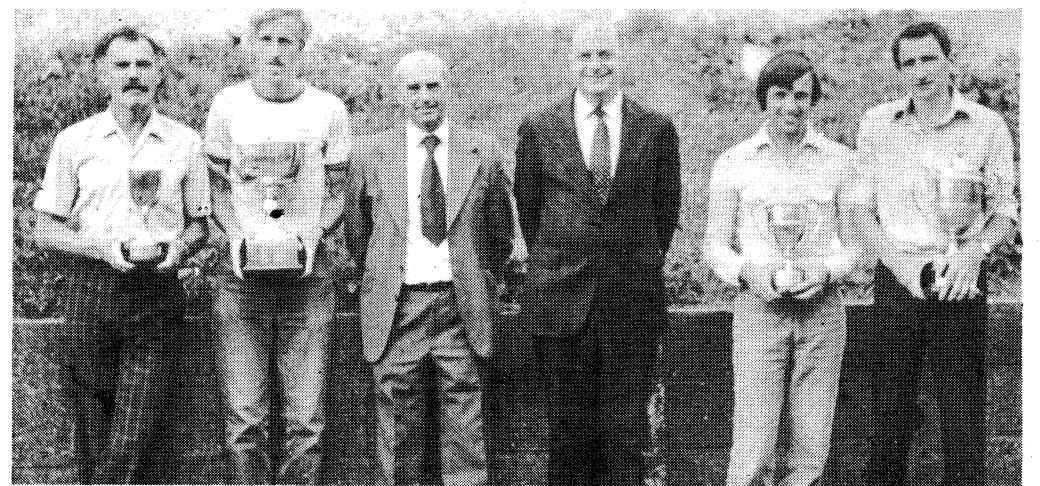


AN ESSEX policeman, Phil Webb, stationed at Colchester is the new Great Britain Police National Shooting Champion.

As the result of a postal competition, he was selected to represent the South Eastern region and went forward to the final which was shot shoulder to shoulder at Bristol on Thursday, March 27. Shooting against police officers from forces throughout Great Britain, P.C. Webb scored 259 out of a possible 300 points, winning with a clear lead of nine points.

This is the second time Phil Webb has been National Champion, he won the competition in 1977 when it was held at Whitby, Yorkshire. He is a member of the National British rapid fire pistol squad.

Team Prize For Barking Walk



Picture — CUPS FOR EVERYONE after the Barking to Southend presentation ceremony on 18th May. From left, John Hedgethorpe, 7th, Peter Ryan, 3rd, Supt. Tom Brook and the Chief Constable, Denis Sheppard, 11th and Barry Daymond, 5th

WHEN the Essex Police walking squad toed the start line at Barking on 18th May for the annual race to Southend their recent record showed a downward trend. In the last three years the team had placed, 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

True, the best team available was in the field but the sun was already hot and one or two were suspect in such conditions. As the race unfolded, the fortunes of the Essex four could only be described as dramatic. Cramp, varying weather conditions, sheer lust for a pint in the nearest pub, then guts and more guts all played their part in a really magnificent team effort.

Hard slog

At Southend Ryan had captured 3rd place, Daymond secured a best ever 5th, Hedgethorpe retained his veterans title in 7th place, and Sheppard brought the scoring to a close with 11th. Discounting individuals this gave Essex a score of 21 points, easily ahead of all rivals, South Yorkshire taking their first ever

medals in 2nd place with 44 points.

It had been hard work, the sunny ones always are. But imagine Mr. Bunyard's pleasure to arrive at Southend ready to make the presentations and find that his own team had mopped up the team prize, all three non-Metro prizes, the Veterans Cup — and to cap it all Daymond had so surpassed himself as to beat the handicapper and win first prize in that contest also.

Cross Country

Travelling to Oxford for the National Police cross country championships, Essex had what appeared to be their strongest team ever. And knowing the course — a regular league venue — they hoped this might give them some added advantage.

The standard in this sport has risen greatly in recent years and the 1980 race was no exception. The two lap course with a stiff climb on each circuit soon strung the field out.

led by last years number one, Andy Hayman (Leigh) and newcomer Chris Turner (Colchester). In the end it was Chris who lasted better as he moved up to 21st position with Andy following, 31st.

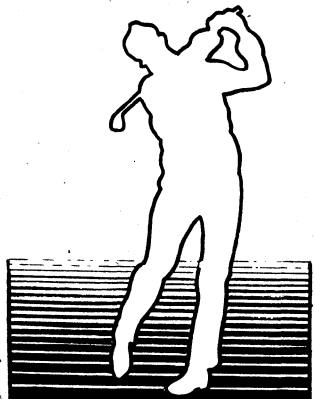
When the team scores were added up Essex had taken 8th place, easily the best position ever. Just how strong cross country running is in the South East Region, is indicated by Sussex finishing second, Thames Valley 6th, and Surrey 7th.

Walking

The race walking championship, held the same day, was supposed to be 10 miles but was nearer 10½ and set over steep roads. Walking up is bad enough but holding back on down slopes to walk fairly is very hard on stiff descents.

So times weren't good. The first blow for Essex was Mike Dunion's retirement with knee strain. But Peter Ryan pushed through to take 4th place in the equivalent of a satisfactory time. John Hedge-

Police of Essex Golf Society



ON WEDNESDAY, May 7, the Society held its Spring Meeting at Canons Brook Golf Club, Harlow. The weather was kind to us but the course was somewhat difficult for most.

The meeting was very well attended by a total of 37 players which included nine guests. Two competitions were held during the day — the morning round was played for the Vic Brooker Trophy, the afternoon round for the President's Rose Bowl.

The winners were as follows:

Vic Brooker Trophy — with a net score of 68 — Paul Kreyling. Runner-up with a net 72 — T. Jones.

President's Rose Bowl — with a total of 36 points — Alec Mackman. Runner-up with 30 points — R. Barham.

Best all-day scratch score returned — P. Rouse, 167.

Best all-day handicap — A. Cook, 145.

I am pleased to say that an enjoyable day was had by all and look forward to the Summer Meeting which will be held at Canons Brook on Wednesday, June 18.

Other matches

Results to date are wins over Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire with the match against the City of London being postponed.

Shooting

Ten officers recently represented the Force in the Metropolitan Police Shooting Club, Open Smallbore Pistol Competition held at Croydon on 23/24 April 1980, with the following results:

Club Pistol Class A, 3rd G. K. Harvey; Club Pistol Class C, 1st D. E. Perry; Standard Hand Gun, 3rd G. K. Harvey; Standard Pistol, 1st P. A. Webb; Rapid Fire, 1st P. A. Webb; 2nd G. K. Harvey; 3rd H. J. Sutton.

Team Competition Class A, 1st Essex A Team; Team Competition Class B, 3rd Essex B Team.

CAPTAIN of Pegs for 1980, Jim MacDonald drives off in the first match of the year.

ESSEX HOSTED the District Golf Championships at Stisted on 14th May, when 80 competitors took part in a well organised event. The major prizes went to other forces but Alec Mackman did well to finish runner-up in the Stableford competition and a special prize was awarded to Rod Booth for a hole in one. This being his home course there were suggestions of a fix! The Chief Constable presented the official prizes and the Sales Director of Britvic Ltd. who had generously offered to sponsor the event presented prizes of cut glass to the winners.

The real problem

VIOLENT Bank Holidays rear their heads once again, and we return to the question of leave being curtailed in order to combat the situation.

There appear to be more and more instances every year where police action is required to restrain physical violence and major disorder, a picture so very different from the time when those officers who received their long service awards joined. It seems to be a never ending story of confrontation either on the picket lines, at marches and demonstrations, at football matches, or just mob handed bloody mindedness.

Now, riot situations such as that seen recently in Bristol suggest that this is the next trend in our modern civilisation. What then must be the forward planning in the Police Service to supercede the riot shields and cricket boxes? Water cannon, skull crackers, or, heaven forbid, the ultimate — firearms?

Whatever we do, it will be considered wrong in some quarters, but then wasn't it always said that a country gets the police force it deserves?

That's better

HOW PLEASING to see that the presentation of Long Service awards has been uplifted to the status which was certainly intended by the Royal Warrant.

If I remember correctly, these used to be presented at a Magistrates Court, but somehow the system degenerated into an envelope in the internal mail and a "sign for receipt" memorandum. Perhaps the long delay at the Royal Mint had something to do with the position, it could never be the same if the award arrived over a year late.

A nice atmosphere prevailed at the ceremony and it is to be hoped that even more families will attend future events.

Did you miss us?

IT SEEMS an age since the last issue of "The Law" was produced although in fact only one issue has been missed because of industrial action in the printing industry. However, so much of interest has occurred in the intervening time that the Editorial staff have been hard put to decide what should, or should not, be included in this issue. Several items have been put back to July in order to include subjects which perhaps are more dated, but it is hoped to catch up on the backlog as soon as possible.



Dear Sir,

I would like to thank everyone who kindly replied to my advert in 'The Law Shop' asking for back copies of Essex Police Magazines. Special thanks to the Ex. Deputy Chief Constable of Southend Borough Police, Mr. Sim. (He retired before I joined) who was the first to reply and as a result my collection is now fully made up. I also received from Les Jones at Colchester the very first two volumes in hard covers, they were a lot smaller and thinner in those days. I now have a complete set from Volume 1 to Volume 6. If anyone else is collecting I have some spares from Summer 1966 to Winter 1979. Thank you all.

Rob Wolton
SOCO
Colchester

Swim Thanks

Dear Sir,

Would you please pass on through your columns my sincere thanks to everyone who sponsored me for the memorial swim for my father, Michael 'Mitch' Martin.

The total I raised was £284.40, this figure would not have been reached but for your kind generosity. The total raised by Colchester Awards Club was £790 which was presented to the British Heart Foundation.

Yours faithfully,
TANIA MARTIN

Instant Justice

Sir,

Your scepticism vis-a-vis the incidence of police brutality to the defenceless

proletariat is distressing and cannot help the class war.

Commonplace

Instant justice is administered under the Ways & Means Act 1829, as amended. It was commonplace in London in my youth. In Essex, a contemporary with whom I was later privileged to share bed and board once suffered the statutory one over the earhole for doing his own thing with an iron hoop to the terror of the populace. There was no long-term damage apart from a slight reddening of the lobes when he recounted the incident to a captive audience of one. And he rose to the heights in the service.

Three varieties

Certainly effective police duty at the dockside was impossible in my time without recourse to instant justice. Policemen came in three varieties: cunning, quick or dead. Whatever its merits or demerits, instant justice is already hallowed by antiquity and is likely to remain constant when our heirs and successors make their points in the stratosphere. I once knew an officer who regularly caned an obstreperous boy at his parents' request. No money changed hands: just

Federation Notes



by Jim
Rodgers

SALE OF POLICE HOUSES

The Police Federation representatives on the Standing Advisory Committee recently put forward a Document for consideration by the Chief Constable for the sale of surplus Police Houses to Police Officers, on much the same lines as the County Council is disposing of Council Houses to Council tenants. This scheme asks for no more of an advantage to Police Officers than that which accrues to Council House Tenants.

The discussion document is currently being considered, and will be put

to the Police Committee to ascertain their reaction to it. The legal and financial implications of such a scheme will have to be fully sorted out, before the Committee's efforts can be channelled into deciding which houses will be disposed of, and in what order they will be sold. You can rest assured that the fairest method will be adopted for all concerned. Within the Force purchasers will be confined to the occupants of Police Houses, rather than thrown open for owner occupiers to 'speculate on property'.

The JBB recognise that the Authority will wish to retain a number of strategically placed houses for Force needs. The ones retained will be the most modern or recently modernised houses and those which are enclosed on a single parcel of land with other Police buildings (which could later be utilised for building extensions to Police Stations etc.).

At this moment it is very unlikely that a scheme of assisted mortgages could be arranged, since the Essex County Council is not a Housing Authority. Money available from building societies is at a premium, so that to declare all the houses as surplus in one fell swoop, would cause a financial famine. It seems likely that the declarations

would be phased over a period of time, which might mean that officers who are able to obtain mortgages would get some sort of advantage over those who were having difficulty in brokering finance.

Spouse Insurance

Some administrative delay occurred here, and so a retrospective premium will be deducted from the June Pay Packet.

The response to this scheme has been excellent. The Insurance Brokers have also done us proud in so far as they have been able to accept wives into the scheme even though they may have fairly serious medical problems. Any officer who has refrained from applying because they felt cover would not be afforded their wives, should contact me under 'confidential cover', and I will make representation to the broker's on an individual basis.

Flat Rate Allowance

In spite of the fact that I made mention of it two or three months ago in these notes, I am getting enquiries regarding the Income Tax Flat Rate Allowance for uniformed officers, so they can complete their income tax returns. The Allowance has been raised to £31 (an increase of 15% on the previous figure).

Central Conference 1980

This year a very quiet affair, apart from accepting most of the recommendations of Lord Edmund Davies on the Constitution of the Representative Associations. There were three memorable speeches, one from Jim Jardine in his address to the Home Secretary; a reply from Willie Whitelaw, and Bob Ward of Essex speaking on shift work. The latter's speech was well accepted by Conference, and the depth of his research was impressive, but his motion was lost by a narrow margin. In spite of this Bob acquitted himself well, and was a credit to the Essex J.B.B., Well done.

The Law Shop

FOR SALE: Canvey Island, two bedrooomed house, semi detached. Large lounge, kitchen, separate w.c. and bathroom, gas central heating, attached garage, good sized garden. This is a good property reasonably price at £21,500. Contact Cons 78 R. Hayford at Southend Ext. 209 or Canvey Island 67827.

WANTED: The Dog Section require old wigs for use in forthcoming demonstration, also men's jackets (not blue). Ring H.Q., ext. 204.

Tribute

To the Chief Constable and all members of the Essex Force.

My sincere thanks for the beautiful flowers you so kindly sent for my husband, please accept this as my only intimation. My acknowledgement was to have been published for all to see in the newspapers but in view of the printing dispute this was not possible. Thank you for your kind thoughts.

E. E. Faulkner
20 Essex Gardens,
Birchington-on-Sea,
Kent.

Spare Time

Dear Sir,

I am the organiser of the Chelmsford Duke of Edinburgh Award Club, Y.M.C.A. Centre, Victoria Road, Chelmsford.

Our club is fairly active and has about thirty members, mostly girls. At present we lack a female supervisor and I would like to ask if any Policewoman might be interested in helping us out occasionally, particularly with camping trips.

Yours faithfully,
J. Carver

9 Roland Close,
Chelmsford.
Tel: Chelmsford 353221
Ext. 522.

Cricket Lover?

Dear Sir,

The Essex County Cricket Club are urgently in need of more Stewards for their fixtures at Chelmsford, Colchester and Southend. The pay is £7.50 per day (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) and anyone interested should contact either the Secretary, P. J. Edwards on Chelmsford 354533 or myself on 420810.

This work is particularly suitable for pensioners but civilians and regular officers would be welcome.
John Burgin

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