



CHIEF'S REPORT OUTLINES CRIME BOOM PROBLEM

THE Chief Constable's Report for 1982, presented to the police authority this month, told of a massive 10 per cent increase in crime throughout the county.

Described by Mr Bunyard as being the "greatest pressure placed on the Essex Police during 1982," the crime recorded from 61,290 substantiated offences being recorded. Thefts from vehicles rose by 22.4 per cent; burglaries, other than in a dwelling, by 16.5 per cent; and most disturbingly the number of robberies went up by 16.3 per cent, with a large number at the end of the year involving the use of firearms.

The Chief Constable explained how the first three months of 1982 saw an escalation of crime, which was immediately attacked in all parts of the force area. The acceleration was halted both by a reduction in the incidence of crime, and the arresting of offenders, but even so the final figures still showed a 10.5 per cent increase over the previous year.

Although the detection rate fell slightly from 42.8 per cent to 40 per cent,

more offences were detected in 1982 than in 1981 — with the same resources and the resultant heavier work load.

On the traffic-front Mr Bunyard reported no let up in the accident figures, with the total number of casualties rising by 1.8 per cent. He emphasised the clear relationship between drivers who drink and the incidence of road accidents, which produced a record number of positive breath tests last year. Over 8,600

road-side breath tests resulted in 3,352 further tests at a police station, with 2,385 drivers giving a positive result on laboratory analysis — an increase of 52 per cent over the previous year.

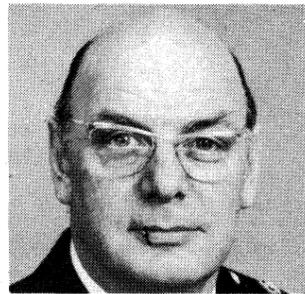
There were 142 persons killed in road accidents in Essex during 1982, with motorcyclists, again, showing their vulnerability, with 26 killed and a further 469 seriously injured.

Deployment

The Chief Constable took the opportunity in his introduction to the report to re-affirm his continued emphasis on the deployment of as many officers as possible on uniformed foot patrols in both urban and rural areas. "The 'neighbourhood policeman' scheme is working very well," he explained, "although the impact that it makes is

sometimes lessened slightly by demands made upon neighbourhood constables to compensate for manpower deficiencies elsewhere."

In describing cases of interest, the report outlined the hijacking of the Tanzanian aircraft in February last year. Mr



The Chief Constable
Mr Robert Bunyard

Bunyard selected this himself. Talking of the operation he said, "It's my pleasure to report that the force was not found wanting, either in the calibre of proficiency of its officers or in the adequacy and sophistication of its equipment."

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A free go ?

CHELMSFORD detectives are telling a tale about a young shop-lifter from Braintree.

Apparently the 15-year-old lad was caught redhanded, by the store detective, but eventually to make a run for it.

Eventually caught by the detective, he put up a bit of a struggle, punching and kicking until some of the shop's staff came up and helped restrain him.

Seeing that he was overpowered, our young Artful Dodger 'went quietly,' and

awaited the arrival of the police in the manager's office.

He listened patiently as the officer went through the formal procedure which ended by the officer asking him if he wanted to say anything, and then cautioning him.

"Yes" said the young man, "It's the first time I've stolen anything. Will I get a caution?"

It's nice to see the younger generation picking things up so quickly — isn't it?

Stanway's challenge

TRAFFIC officers at Stanway have declared themselves "Kings-of-the-road", and they are challenging any other police — without their cars.

The occasion for any would-be challengers to try their luck is the Colchester Fun Run '83, being held on Sunday, June 19. The run is co-sponsored by the Royal London Insurance and the Evening Gazette newspaper, and is to raise funds for Cancer Research.

The Stanway Traffic six-man running team have been training since January

"Most men home in the fastest time" is the challenge says team captain Inspector Michael Hicks. "We're confident we can beat anyone — without our cars — even at our age."

Anyone who fancies having a go at Stanway's Team can get entry forms from the Evening Gazette and through the Royal London Insurance Headquarters at Colchester.

Entries close on May 6.



The Stanway team being paced by motorcyclist PC Ian Sparks — left to right, PCs Chris Law, Levin Maleary, Steve Woods, Dave Grimshaw, Andy Williams and Inspector Michael Hicks.

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Editorial

STATISTICS

SPRING is here once again, the trees are turning green, the daffodils are in bloom, and throughout the country Chief Constables are going through the seasonal ritual of presenting their annual reports to their various police authorities. The occasion has a certain added spice this year, with the continuing debate about police accountability on everybody's mind, and a recent research project suggesting that police authorities are altogether too passive, whilst at the same time having very adequate powers to ensure the correct democratic control of Chief Police Officers.

It can be presumed that the media will — almost as ritualistically as the presentation of the reports — pick and choose from the statistics laid before them, to give their highly simplistic and, often, superficial analysis of the last year's policing.

That is not a criticism of media coverage, of course. The truth of the matter is, that the information given them is highly simplistic and superficial. In fact, even when at its most complex or sophisticated most statistical information is sadly lacking in real meaning. That crime statistics should be considered a useful measure of police efficiency is almost nonsensical.

At the very basis of all crime figures is the assumption that those crimes reported to the police — i.e. recorded crime — bears some direct relationship to the number of criminal acts committed. This is obviously not so. Recently published figures suggest that only about 1 in 5 illegal acts are reported to the police. So, recorded crime, is not only about criminal acts committed, but about the "reportability" of crime. It's interesting to consider the things which would alter this "reportability factor" and thus "create" or "erase" crimes.

Reporting more?

There's no doubt that the increase in the number of private cars and privately owned telephones, must have a considerable impact on crime figures. If the theft of milk from the doorstep required a 2 mile hike to the local police station, it would be understandable if it were not reported. But if you can pick up a 'phone and get a police response, or you have to drive past the station anyway — you're much more likely to mention the missing pinta.

Is it possible, that, in fact, there is no more criminality than, say, in 1950? Could it be, that people are just reporting more? Of course, the answer's "no" — but the principle can't be ignored.

Then there must be a "visibility" factor. As with most forms of social behaviour, crime has its fashions. If particularly "high visibility" crimes like mugging or bodily assaults are "vogueish", then, because of the presence of an injured victim in a public place there is more likely to be a police report recording the crime. Compare this situation with the 1930's fashion for pick-pockets to work in large crowds. What's more likely to become a recorded crime — an elderly lady knocked down in the street, or a wallet found missing at the end of a day at the races?

"Moral panic" — as the sociologists call it — has a lot to do with "reportability" as well. The media focus on a particular area of crime is known to create this kind of emotional response. People fear this particular new crime wave is upon them; they report more instances; the crime "grows"; the prophesy has fulfilled itself and the snow-ball continues to grow. This type of situation is often linked to particular groups of people as well.

Valueless

Talking about statistics in this way is, of course, as simplistic and superficial as making statistical arguments. The case against crime statistics is well known and almost a cliché in itself — but there is an underlying very important point to make.

If statistics are almost valueless in measuring police effectiveness, or even telling us much about criminality, how do we, as a police service know what we are actually doing? We know that whatever we are doing, we don't have the resources to do it — but that's about the only thing that's clear!

There is a real need to establish what the public (not the media) really want of their police service, and then utilise the resources we do have, to fulfill those expectations.

One thing we could be fairly sure about, is that they're not all that interested in our catching criminals — otherwise who do we only get a small percentage of crime reported to us? Maybe? Perhaps?

MORE CANVEY

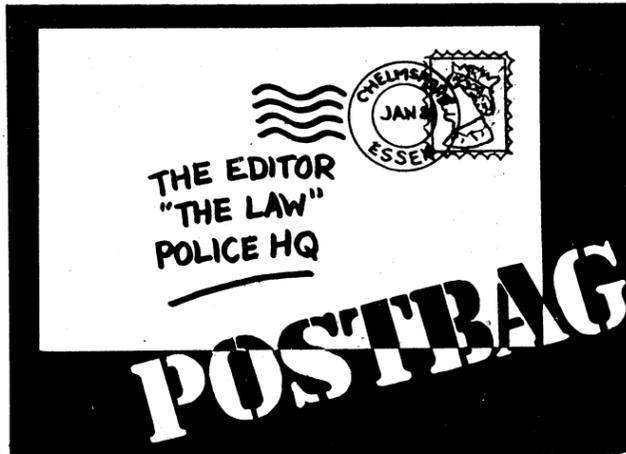
Dear Editor,

The letter about the Duffle Coat Brigade at Canvey Island in 1953 brought back fond memories.

I lived next door to the Benfleet Police Office at Cemetery Corner. At 12.30am on February 1, 1953 I was aroused by a handful of pebbles being aimed at my bedroom window. I opened the window and there was dear old Sgt Ted Page — "Get up — Canvey's flooding".

Off went Ted to Benfleet Creek leaving me to man the office. I enlisted the aid of S/Sgt Butler, who unfortunately was suffering from the "runs". My instructions to him that irrespective of his predicament he was to follow me around and record all in the telephone book!

I later received a



message from Ted to say that Canvey was to be evacuated and there was an urgent need for transport and for reception areas for evacuees.

I spoke to an officer at Orsett Camp and within no time at all a mile long queue of military vehicles, "ducks", lorries, bren gun carriers, etc, stretched from Benfleet Creek to Tarpots Corner.

I called out PC (later D/Supt) Tony Johnson and with the aid of the caretaker he opened up Benfleet Primary School, armed with 1/2b of tea and a pint of milk.

Then came the terrible lull — no news from Canvey — a mile long queue of vehicles outside, schools and church halls, opened. I joined S/Sgt Butler in his predicament

and considered what other job I would get when dismissed!

However, things then happened which have become recorded history. I recall going home after three nights without sleep to find we had adopted 19 friends from Canvey. How my wife Elsie coped with a five-month-old baby to look after I'll never know.

Incidentally, I received an overtime payment of £5 with which I put down as payment for our first television set.

Regards,
Gerry Cowell

Maple Farm,
Radwinter.

**Letters to
The Law,
Force H.Q.,
Chelmsford**

DROWNED P.C.s FUND GETS CASH FROM HARLOW RCS



Det Insp Taff Jones and Mrs Conoley hand over the cheque.

THE Harlow Branch of the No5 Regional Crime Squad, this month, presented a cheque for over £1,500 to the Mayor of Blackpool's Appeal Fund for the three policemen and one civilian who drowned in the seafront tragedy earlier this year.

The money came from a number of fund-raising functions arranged by Detective Constables Alan Wilkinson and Bert Peters, and Detective Sergeant Doug Bauer, and was handed over to Detective Superintendent Alan Law of the Lancashire Police to take home with him.

The presentation evening was held at the Crown Public House in Old Harlow and the licensee Mrs Peggy Conoley, handed over the cheque with Detective Inspector Taff Jones. Mrs Conoley recently celebrated 25 years at The Crown and held a raffle with which she raised £274 for the fund.

BOOKS

THE Police Review publication "The Traffic Officers Companion" has now been revised and updated, and is available for £2.90 including post and package.

The pocket-sized book is a practical handbook of road traffic law, designed for everyday use.

The book covers Construction and Use regulations, documentation, lighting and markings, drivers hours and records, and a miscellaneous section including vehicle testing and breath tests, including the new legislation and "Intoximeter" machine at police stations.

The book is well laid-out, easy to use and must be a useful addition to any police officer's library — not just those on the Traffic Division.



"WE'LL HAVE TO RE-THINK THE SELF CHECKING SYSTEM SIR — ITS DRUNK AGAIN!"

Extra Specials suggested in Tory group paper

SPECIALS 'THIRD FORCE' PLAN

AN INFLUENTIAL Tory group has published a paper suggesting a "third force" of police volunteers, to form a new group between the regular and special constabularies.

The paper, titled "Extra Specials", is published by The Bow Group, and although it does not necessarily represent the views of either the Conservative Party or the Government, these papers are only published if they contain arguments which merit consideration by the Conservative Party.

The authors, Tony Paterson and Roger Axworthy, were formerly special constables in the Metropolitan Police, and have strong views on the historical tradition of volunteer policing. "Today's Special Constabulary embodies the same yeoman spirit which has made citizen policing feasible in England for a thousand years," they write.

"Its rapid growth at little extra cost to the tax

payer is a practical and desirable extension of that fine tradition."

Among their many proposals are:-

- A new third police tier should be formed between the Regular and Special Constabularies, consisting of highly-trained part-time police volunteers. They would work very closely with the regular police force, in a relationship similar to that of the Territorial Army with the Regular Army.

- Home Beat Specials: The specials' contribution to community policing has largely been overlooked. Specials should work much more closely with home beat officers, and they should be used as an organic part of the application to London of Detroit's Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

- Race: Specials have a key role to play in preventing the recurrence of Brixton-type disturbances, by making up for the tiny proportion of blacks in the regular force.

At the end of 1981 1/3 per cent of the Met's regular force, but eight per cent of the specials, were black.

- Beating Football Hooligans: Police strength at football matches can be very cheaply increased by greater number of specials.

- British Transport Police: The law does not at present allow for British Transport Police special constables. Yet they could play an invaluable role, particularly by patrolling on tube trains in London and elsewhere, thereby providing a major deterrent, at minimal expense to muggers and pickpockets.

- The Special Constabulary should be doubled in size in order to facilitate the foregoing proposals. Further, and following the analogy with the TA, proficient and regularly-attending Specials should be paid an annual Bounty.

The overall objective of the authors is to replace the Specials' "Dad's Army" image with a more dynamic

image similar to that of the Territorial Army.

Jim Rodgers, Secretary of the Essex Police Federation made his comments clear. "We in the Federation have always recognised that the police man-power is well below the standards set for effective policing," he said. "This is not just our view — it's a nationally held view by all the police staff associations."

Jim went on: "The solution is not for more volunteers or part-timers as suggested by the Bow Group Paper, but for more full-time paid professionals. If there's money available to pay bounties to volunteers, then it should be spent on recruiting, training and equipping more regular policemen. One can only hope that this paper is brought to the attention of the Home Office — it can only bolster our contention that present establishments are unrealistic."



Double retirement for Carol and Dad

A DOUBLE retirement with a difference takes place at the end of this month. Father and daughter are to leave the Essex force, PC John Lambourne after 29 years and his daughter PC Carol Jones after 11 1/2 years.

John himself the son of a Metropolitan policeman, has served throughout the County, mainly in the CID within the Harlow Division, with Special Branch and currently at Clacton police station. Carol, who has served in the Southend Division, at both Southend and Westcliff police stations is retiring from the job, following a recent period of maternity leave. The new man in her life is 4 months old, Simon, who will be getting his mother's undivided attention, and who knows, may eventually make it four generations in a row.

The force has not lost all contact with the family. Carol's husband, PC Brian Jones, is soldering on. "I have about 20 years to go before I can put my feet up," he says. Carol was unavailable to comment about "putting her feet up"!

PAT'S HOBBY IS HIS NEW CAREER

AS PAT HUGHES retires from the Force this week, he is starting a new career, by turning his hobby into a business. Two or three years ago, Rayleigh Police Sergeant Pat, took up glass engraving but soon moved on to the "hard stuff", when he decided to have a go at hand engraving on metal.

Hand engraving, not to be confused with the more usual machine work, is a dying trade, needing long hours of practice and infinite patience.

To learn the skills Pat went to a local jewellers, where he did a three-month course on engraving, and then spent as much time as he could with an old

engraver who taught him with the most basic of tools. "They're not electric" says Pat. "If you want to produce really high quality work it can only be done with simple hand-held tools, but it takes an awful lot of practice."

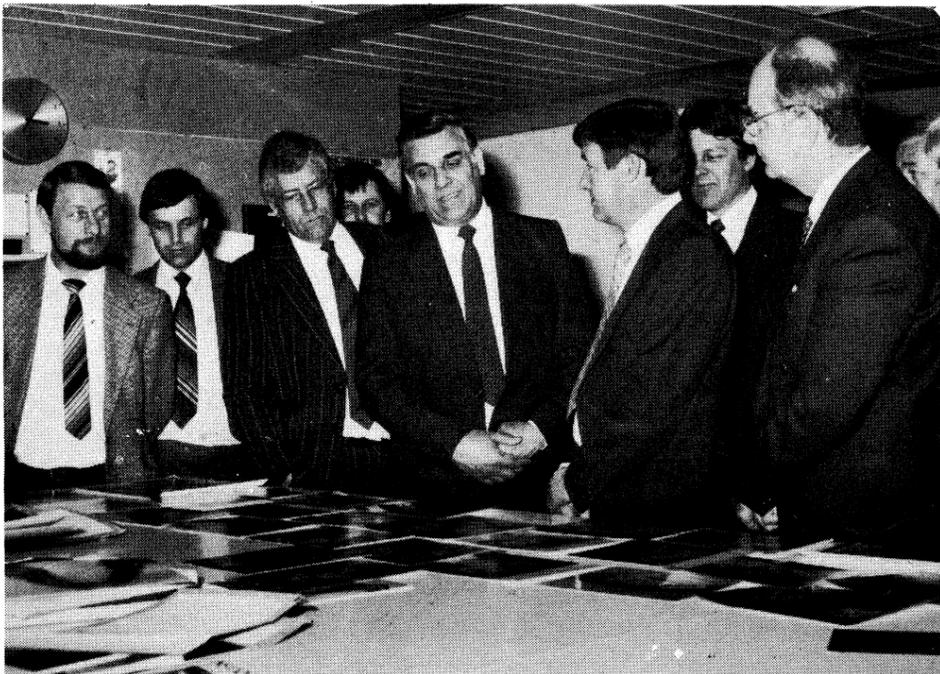
Pat is retiring after 24 years in the Southend, and then, on amalgamated Force, on medical grounds. An accidental injury to his neck isn't getting any better and the Doctors have said enough is enough.

Although his main concern is to produce high

quality, prestige hand-engraving, Pat is opening a shop in Southchurch Road in Southend, and will be able to handle all your engraving needs including cheaper engraving methods and work with plastic.

But Pat's real love is the engraving of metal by hand. "I am available for engraving anything anybody wants," declares Pat. "Tankards, door-plates, desk furniture — anything."

Pat's new shop will be open soon, and he can be contacted on Southend 540357.



Four members of the German Police visited the Special Branch Department at Harwich Port earlier this month. The visitors were entertained by members of the Branch and shown round Force HQ by Detective Chief Supt Richardson, and Det Supt Blythe. Here the visitors are looking at the work of the photographic department.

LESLEY'S READY FOR THE HIGH JUMP

A 19-YEAR-OLD clerk/typist from Chelmsford CID Admin is to make a first-ever sponsored parachute jump for charity this coming weekend.

Sponsored by friends for over £100 — but looking for more — Lesley Hills of Little Waltham is joining in a jump organised by a local insurance firm.

Lesley, and the other nine jumpers are getting a day's training at the East Coast Parachute Centre, and then they're off.

"I'm getting nervous" says Lesley. "I was all right at first, but I get more nervous every day. But it's something I've always wanted to do." What do mum and dad say? "They think I'm crazy" she laughs.

Final Reminder

F.S.U. Re-union

HQ Bar Saturday 30th April

7.30pm Buffet provided

Tickets: Double £7.50; Single £5.00

From: Ch. Insp. Rhymes or P. S. Montgomery



Pat at work with the special tools of his new trade.

Gandhi's land-

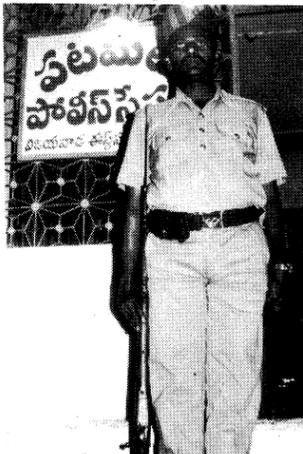
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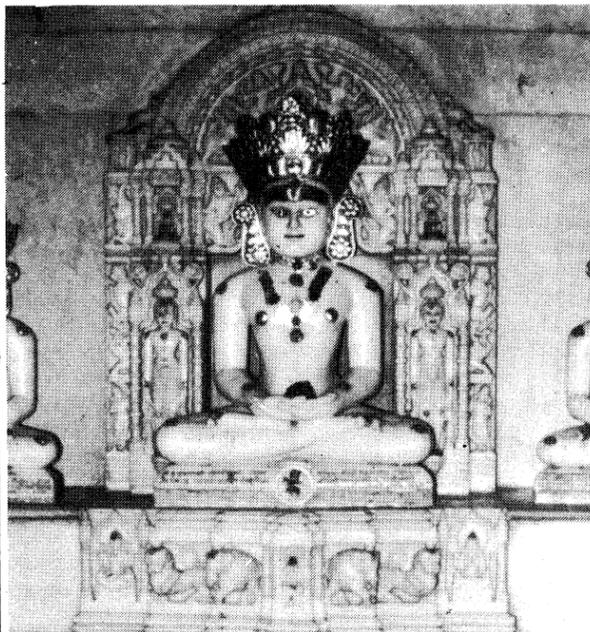
A multiple street-side tradesman. He makes shoes, mends shoes and polishes them!



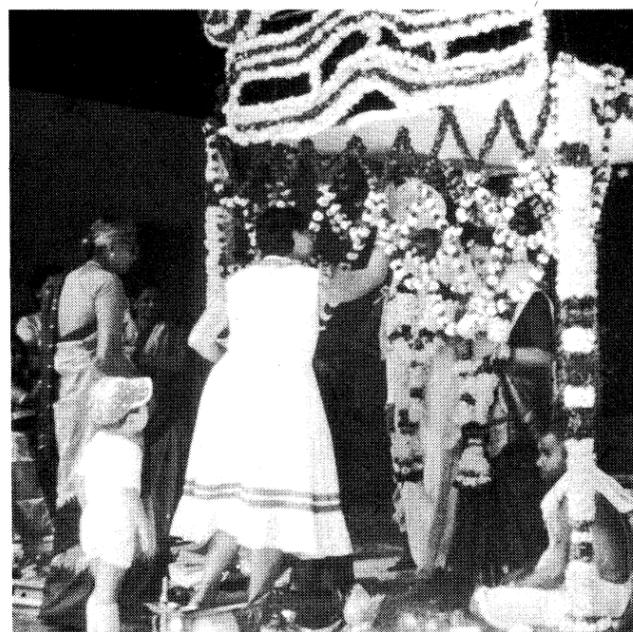
An auto-rickshaw — provides transport—by the thousands.



The armed guard at the museum's Precious Stones Room.



A "Jain" temple carving depicting one of their 25 deities.



The bride's mother sprinkles rice on the happy couple at a Hindu wedding.



Village women working in the paddy-fields as they have done for centuries.

"The India Airlines airbus touched down onto the tarmac at Hyderabad Airport at 08.30 local time on Wednesday, December 29, some 15 hours after flying out of London Heathrow. We were all tired, yet excited, at the prospect of what lay ahead of us.

"We were greeted in the terminal by a small group of local Rotarians who were to be our hosts for our first six days in Hyderabad. The warmth of their reception was to be repeated everywhere we went and was only matched by the 70 deg F temperature. I was driven from the airport in an old Chevrolet saloon to Hyderabad's twin city of Secunderabad with my host, Shashikant Sheth. He lived on the ground floor of a large house with his wife and two daughters. He ran a business supplying agricultural pumps and components.

"First impressions are often the most vivid. The drive from the airport was truly frightening. We turned left onto the main road without the driver looking to his right. We narrowly avoided a collision with another car and a scooter. I was surprised at the lack of retaliation from the other drivers. We were told they drive on the left in India, they certainly do — but they also drive on the right, down the middle and anywhere if it gets them where they want to go. It seems absolutely chaotic. Added to this was the constant use of the hooter — used liberally not only to indicate one's presence but apparently one's intentions as well!

"We had to turn off the main road to our right across the flow of oncoming traffic. The driver indicated his intention, sounded his hooter and pulled across, barely slowing down. The bus bearing down on us was surely

going to collide with the car? No, it slowed slightly, moved to its offside and continued on. A cycle rickshaw stopped to let us through, we then slowed right down to let a cow amble across in front of us and so the journey continued. It was many days before I felt comfortable driving about. The traffic rarely moved faster than 30 mph and often much slower, and there seemed to be an informal system of priorities. Decisions as to who was to do what were taken at the last moment and then with no urgency. At times the city was literally full of traffic, but I never saw one accident in the city itself and the traffic was rarely jammed up. The toleration from drivers was unbelievable.

Animals

"There were literally hundreds of animals in the street, mainly buffalo and cows. The buffalo were normally in small herds being taken to or from grazing or watering. Young girls and women often followed behind collecting the dung into large pans. This provides fuel for the fires in the villages. The cows were usually walking aimlessly about chewing on discarded vegetables. Often they would sit down with no consideration for the motorist. Several times cows were sitting in the 'fast' lane of a 'dual carriageway' and all the traffic passed patiently by — hooters were rarely sounded at a cow!

"Equally as noticeable as the traffic and animals, was the graffiti painted on almost every wall. The State Legislature elections were due on January 5, 1983 and the supporters of the many political parties were very active. The graffiti was in Hindu, Telegu and English. Every major party had a symbol — a bicycle, a lotus flower, a hand and so on, and these were often stencilled on the walls.

"The first afternoon I walked into the city of Secunderabad with Mrs Sheth and her two daughters. I have never seen so many people, such a density of

THE six weeks before, for Chief Inspector Brewer, as a member of several families and studying under the auspices of the Rotary Club. It took him some 4,000 words to relate some of his experiences.

humanity. At times I was quite literally stepping over people sprawled on the footpath and everywhere men were trying to eke out a living on the streets with the simplest of tools, shoe making/repairing, cycle repairs and so on.

"Hundreds of businesses were run from small open-fronted wooden sheds. Cycles, cycle-rickshaws and small motorised auto-rickshaws plied everywhere. Battered buses were jammed full of passengers with others hanging to the outside. It was grimy, hot and dusty, the air full of exhaust fumes. By contrast there was much beauty in the streets as well — the women in their colourful saris, the huge piles of fresh fruit and vegetables and the occasional well-kept house and gardens with flowering plants and shrubs.

"During our stay in Hyderabad we visited numerous industrial units studying at first hand the often labour intensive processes. We visited temples and witnessed the intensity of the Hindu faith with its many gods and complex ceremonies. One afternoon we went to the Salar Jung Museum, which houses a fabulous collection of treasures in jade, ivory, bronze, jewelled weapons and much more besides. The building was somewhat dilapidated and the treasures were often not displayed to their best advantage. Security was almost non-existent, that is until we came to the Precious Stones Room, where an armed guard sat impassively as a desk. I asked him to stand for a photograph. He willingly obliged, clutching his double-barrelled 12-bore shotgun. John Cookson, the journalist in the team, always looking for a newsworthy story, suggested a more aggressive stance. The guard was only too willing to oblige and immediately pointed his gun at us. Fearing our visit may come to a sudden and untimely end we vacated the room in a hurry!

Bureaucracy

"My first encounter with Indian bureaucracy occurred when I went to change a traveller's cheque at the State Bank of Hyderabad. It took three people 30 minutes to process it on two separate floors and entries were made in five ledgers before I was given a token to take to the cashier and collect the money. One thing people do not do in India, it appears, is hurry.

"Having collected the money I went with Mrs Sheth to select a sari for my wife. There were literally thousands of them in very well maintained shops neatly folded on shelves. One after another they were opened up for me to inspect. Those not selected were passed to young boys to be re-folded and re-shelved.



Mick gets a trim under giant banana plants.

Chief Inspector Brewer and would be happy to be interested clubs or organisations.

through the eyes of an Essex policeman

INDIAN TRIP

From December 29, 1982 and February 7, 1983
 Director Mick Brewer, spent in Southern India
 of a six-man team, he was living with Indian
 their ways of life. The visit was under the
 Foundation of Rotary International. The visit
 kilometres across the state of Andhra Pradesh.
 of his impressions and experiences.

"During the deliberations cold drinks were supplied. I eventually selected one and it was folded and boxed. Mrs Sheth then began 'haggling' on my behalf over the price and succeeded in getting some 40 rupees off (about £2.50).

"Our memorable stay in Hyderabad came to an end on the evening of January 3, when we boarded the Godarari Express for an overnight train ride to the east coast and Bisak Lapatnan on the Bay of Bengal. As our bunks were reserved we found our names typed on a passenger schedule, at the station and when the train pulled in similar schedules were already affixed to the carriages.

Cremation

"At Bisag we visited some heavy industrial plants, a hospital, the docks and a fishing port. We were invited to a Hindu wedding and witnessed the noisy colourful ceremony. We saw large crowds voting at a polling booth on the beach and although we were asked not to photograph for fear of being treated as CIA agents our hosts eventually relented. From there we were able to spend a couple of hours swimming in the warm sea. During this we noticed a crowd gathering two yards away on the beach and smoke began rising from its midst — the son of the local police superintendent had been killed in an accident that morning and his body was being cremated.

"We left Visag on January 8, and the next week was travelling southward, then west, through Andhra Pradesh before turning north and into the adjoining state of Maharashtra and the city of Nagpur. The weather was always bright, sunny, and hot, sometimes well into the 80s. On route we passed through the Rice Beach of India, and the beautifully lush paddy-fields, banana plantations and palm and coconut trees. We stopped at several towns met many Rotarians and spoke at their clubs. In the question and answer sessions that followed we were regularly asked about racial discriminations in England, the controversial virginity tests, the Falklands War, our economy and what we thought of India.

"Everywhere, without exception, we were warmly and enthusiastically received. Indian hospitality was to be seen and experienced to be believed. I have never known people to get so much obvious delight and pleasure from giving. Their friendliness and generosity was so genuinely and hospitably given.

"And they tried so hard to impress. At the town of Bhimavaram Bruce Simpson, our team leader, and I had breakfast with a local Rotarian. 'Would you

like tea or coffee?' we were asked. 'Tea please' we said. Up to this point our experience of tea had been rather disappointing — it was usually 'mixed tea' which meant all the ingredients were boiled together and served up. But on this occasion tea arrived on a tray in a magnificent china tea service, held so proudly, by our host. The milk jug was tipped up over the china cup and a black liquid was poured out. The teapot was washed and the cups, topped up with boiling milk. Quite charming.

"Nagpur by comparison with what we had experienced the week preceding was a beautiful city. Our stay here was more relaxed and restful. From here we travelled south, back into Andhra Pradesh to Vijayawada a City of 1/2 a million people. It was here that I spent several days with the local police, visiting their police stations, patrolling with them and spending time talking with them. They were intensely interested in British policing methods. I was able to show them a series of colour slides on the Essex Police and then answered their questions. 'How long can you keep someone in custody?'. 'Can you use third degree methods?'. 'Is there any corruption?'. 'Can politicians interfere with the police?' and so on.

"The organisation and structure of the police in India is complicated, and just when I thought I had an understanding of it, another rank or designation cropped up to confuse things. Each state has its own police force and each is backed up by an armed reserve. The Director General of Police heads the state police. There are three points of entry viz Constable, Sub-Inspector, and Deputy Superintendent. There is also the Indian Police Service (I.P.S.) set up after Independence by the first Home Minister, Sardar Patel, after whom the I.P.S. National Academy near Hyderabad is named.

"The I.P.S. provides the upper echelon of senior officers to the state forces. I.P.S. officers rarely serve in their home states.

Delight

"It was a delight to speak to so many policemen. There really does seem to be a strong bond between policemen around the world. I was tremendously impressed with their enthusiasm and hard work. The Sub-Inspectors were the work horses on duty. 24 hours a day, day after day, but the police do seem to be in a sorry state.

"Their pay and conditions are very poor — in one town the local rotarians provided a free health clinic four days a week for policemen. There is some housing provided and that which I visited was modern and quite spacious. There were complaints of high rents elsewhere. Their facilities, equipment and communications were very poor — police stations were poor rooms with no security of tenure. Two patrol cars in a city of 1/2 a million

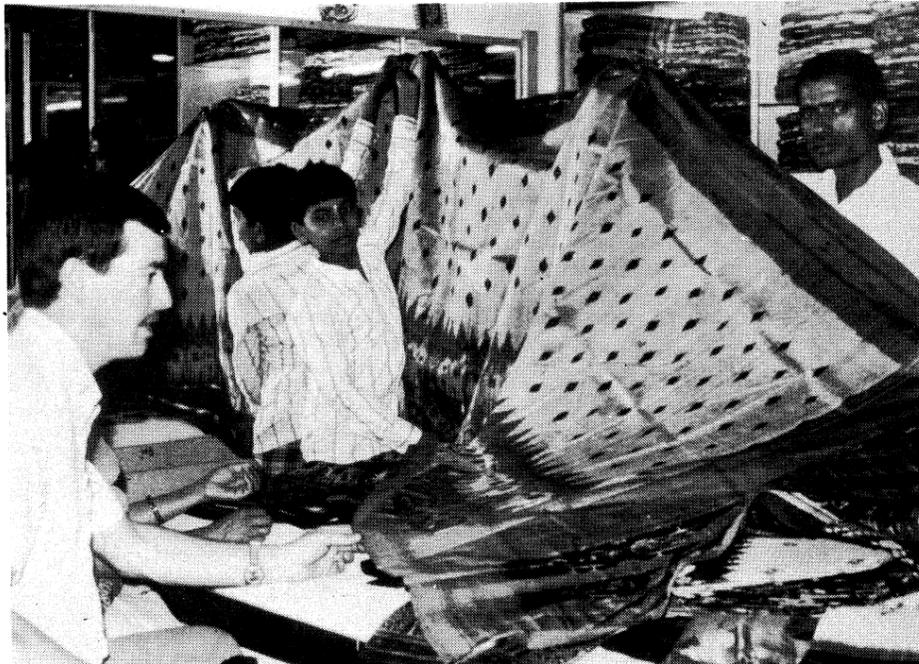
people, and communications by morse code. In addition they were hamstrung by an antiquated legal system resting on 19th century legislation; political interference that was far from subtle, and corruption that was openly acknowledged. Little wonder then public shows a marked reluctance to support the police.

"From Vijayawada I travelled by bus to Ezuru where I spent the next three days. Here the team were re-united after individual study programmes. It was at Ezuru that we experienced some of our more moving moments. A visit to a leprosy centre, revealed the full horrors of this most terrible affliction, so far removed from our daily life in the West. In a beautiful centre, spotlessly clean, the smell of rotting flesh was everywhere. We met one patient, an old man, his left foot almost eaten away and his right arm heavily bandaged. We were told he had been admitted the day before, his arm infested with maggots. He was due to have it amputated that afternoon. Yet he was able to smile at us.

Friends

"He was one of India's estimated four million leprosy sufferers, 700,000 of whom are in Andhra Pradesh. Later that day we visited the Red Cross Orphanage for Destitute Children. They were all smartly dressed, the girls in flowered dresses and ribbons. They sang their songs to us and danced. We were shown around the facilities they had. We then broke down the formality, picked up a child each and played piggy back for a few minutes. I do believe we enjoyed that as much as they did.

"The end of the trip came all too quickly and we flew out of Hyderabad on Saturday, February 5. We had made many friends, witnessed the fine work thousands of rotarians are performing in their communities and I believe learnt a great deal about a rapidly developing country. Since my return several people have asked 'Would you go back again?'. If it were at all possible, I would go tomorrow."



A present for home. Mick picks out a silk sari for his wife.



Water buffalo in the streets of Hyderabad. A major source of fresh milk — and a major traffic hazard!



Twenty-year-old police women recruits, with their traditional bamboo truncheon — or Lathi.



Leprosy, at an advanced stage. This victim is only 40 years of age.

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 tions.

National Association of Retired Police Officers by Bert Brinkley

CHELMSFORD BRANCH

IT IS regretted that due to an oversight the Branch Social was given as September 17 in the March issue of 'The Law'. Unfortunately when this date was fixed it was not realised that our two delegates would be away at Annual Conference at Harrogate on 15-17 September and would not therefore be available to give their brief resume of the Conference at the Dinner, as has been the custom in previous years. The date has therefore been changed to Saturday, September 24. Invitations will be sent out as usual but this prior notice is for members' information.

... by Bert Brinkley

Mrs D. Rich, widow of ex-Ps Stan Rich, who died on March 1, has asked me to convey to all his colleagues and friends, who sent cards and also attended the cremation on March 7, the grateful thanks of her and her family for their expressions of sympathy. Mrs Rich realises that on occasions such as this her many friends will rally round should any assistance or advice be required.

Many colleagues and friends gathered in the licensed bar at Headquarters for refreshments to wish ex-Ch. Insp. Joe Allan good luck on his retirement. Ch. Supt. M. Humberston wished him good luck on behalf of all who served with him and presented Mrs Allan with a bouquet of flowers. Although 'Joe' is leaving the district for Dorset, where he hopes to start a guest house, he will be a member of the Chelmsford Branch. All would-be tourists will be welcome and casual visitors and will not be charged for the first hour! (His words, not mine).

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The arrangements for the award have now been

finalised. The decision to award the honour rests with the Branch but full details are submitted to the Annual Conference for confirmation. The certificate is an improvement on former Certificates, slightly more elaborate and costs £2. In addition a lapel badge similar to membership badge with "Life Member" in gold on a white enamel background, costs £1. One would hope that Branches would defray the cost of Certificate and badge for those members so honoured. The NEC hope that the high standard which has always prevailed on these awards will be maintained.

CHANGE OF SECRETARY

Will members please note that Mr Arthur W. Simpson has moved from East Bergholt and is residing in the Springfield area. He has therefore relinquished the Office of Secretary/Treasurer of the Colchester Branch. The new

Secretary/Treasurer of Colchester Branch is Mr L. G. Cole of Wyndham Crescent, Clacton-on-Sea.

BOWLS

This annual event has been fixed for Thursday, July 14 at 3pm — 4 rinks. It will be played on the Green of the Princess Marie Louise Bowling Club, Chelmsford, who have kindly arranged for sandwiches and tea after the match. The licensed bar will be also available after the game for those who wish to partake. The Green is situated in Bradford Street, off New London Road, opposite the Red Lion PH — turning into Lower Anchor Street.

Players will be responsible for the cost of food supplied and also for the cost of the Green, 35 pence, which includes 10 pence green fees. We are indeed grateful to the Committee of the PML for placing the green at our disposal and for facilities provided. Members desirous of partaking in the game should send their names to the Social Secretary — Fred Clark, 71 Wainwright Avenue, Hutton, Brentwood.



IPA notes

MEMBERS enjoyed a most interesting meeting on April 8 when pilot Edward Clack showed the benefits of aerial photography with a slide show with a wide variety of subjects. Next season will start on October 14 with a programme to be announced.

The Barn Dance is confirmed for June 24, at Warren Farm, Roxwell, with dancing to what may be the last appearance of "Lumps of Plum Pudding". Food and a licensed bar will be provided, and tickets at £2.50 will be available soon from Mick Dunman, on HQ Ext 522.

A dance will be held at Broomfield Community Centre on Saturday, October 14 to entertain our

friends from Berlin. Full details later. Amongst our hosts from Berlin were Kurt and Barbara Zobier. Kurt was a prisoner of war, and worked on a farm at Mountnessing, and HQ Section were pleased to welcome them to this country recently and to meet many of the Berlin party at Writtle on April 25.

The Colchester Section International Friendship Weekend got off to a fine start when the Colchester contingent, under Bob Needham, brought to HQ four members and their wives from Giessen, West Germany to be met and entertained for lunch at HQ by the Deputy Chief Constable and HQ members.

The Extraordinary AGM was held at HQ on April 20, when Secretary Dave Bryan informed the meeting of the regional "Cockney Night" to be held on October 7. Tickets have been reduced to a rock bottom price of £10 per head, which includes full meal, most of the drink and entertainment. Dependent upon response from Sections, transport may be arranged at little or no extra cost.

Force lottery

Result of the draw held at Witham on March 29, 1983 — 1st prize: Pc R. Foster, Grays, £1,400.53; 2nd prize: Ds P. G. Taylor, Westcliff, £700.27; 3rd prize: Pc P. G. W. Murray, Rochford, £350.13; 4th prize: Pc J. F. Tracey, Traffic, Stanway, £175.07. Consolation prizes at £35.01 each: Pc R. S. Gay, Harlow Traffic; Pc R. Steane, Harlow Traffic; Pc P. P. Shoulders, Kelvedon; Mr A. J. Campen, HQ Garage; Ps R. C. Soward, Rayleigh.



Photo courtesy of the Essex Chronicle.

Old timer's farewell

INSPECTOR Tom Eborall's farewell party at Maldon last month had a special guest.

Seeing Tom off the station, on his retirement after 30 years service, was 80-year-old pensioner, ex-PC 294 Bill Ringer, who served at Maldon from 1926 to 1929.

Tom is seen here inspecting Bill's old helmet plate — a reminder of Maldon half a century ago.

Market Place

FOR SALE: Suzuki X5 200 4,500 miles, vgc. Rack, V reg, MoT, £300. DC P. J. Culligan, Harwich (Port). Colchester 330106.
FOR SALE: 1981 Ranger Cruiser/Fisherman LOA, 22ft Beam 8ft 6 inches Draft 2ft 2 inches Bilge Keel. Four berths, galley, separate loo. Engine 1.5 Yanmar Diesel. Untra/Flex midship steering and tiller. Silver Century Seagull 4 1/2 hp engine. RT100 marine ship to shore radio. Full magnetised compass. Echo sounder. Nav lights. Many other extras. "Plus mooring". Ideal boat for fishing parties, £5,750 ono. PC 1896 Kelly, Colchester. Colchester 41290.
FOR SALE: Ferguson Studio Six Music Centre with speakers, vgc, £65. PC 521 Davies, Landon Traffic. Wickford 66082.
FOR SALE: Electra cylinder-type vacuum cleaner with attachments, xgc. Only 2 years young, £25 ono. WPC 3037 Woollard, Rochford Station. Tel: Southend 44241.

FOR SALE: Modern Portland Stone effect fire surround (dark oak wood), top mantle with one shelf on either side, 61in x 33in x 8in, £35. PC D. Seago, Rayleigh Station. Tel: Southend 612718.
FOR SALE: Servis Supertwin. Good condition, clean, can deliver, £50 ono. L. B. Nunn (Telephonist), Colchester Station. Tel: Chelmsford 323218.
FOR SALE: Mini 1000 HLE, "Y" registration. Black vinyl roof, 6,000 miles, 1982, excellent condition, £2,650. WPC 3115 K. Dixon, Witham Station. Tel: Witham 515070.
FOR SALE: Ford Capri 2.0S, 1979, black sunroof, radio/cassette, long MoT, 6 months' tax, £2,600 ono. PC G. Banks, Harwich Police Station. Colchester 68031.
FOR SALE: "P" Reg Ford Cortina 2000E, red, 60,000 miles, MoT, to September, taxed, £850, must sell. Mrs Taylor, Chelmsford 66752.
FOR SALE: Hillman Avenger Estate, 1973,

1500cc model, good cond, long MoT, £200 ono. PC D. Seago, Rayleigh Station. Tel: Southend 612718.
FOR SALE: Honda 250N Super Dream. Immaculate, W reg, 55 mpg, 1 year's tax. New rear tyre. Rack and top box, £495 ono. PC 660 G. J. Skull, Southend Station or tel: Southend 548234.
FOR SALE: Sony Amplifier, FM Tuner, Cassette, excellent working order, £150 ono. Appointment please Hi-Fi. Tel: Goddard, Chelmsford 355135.
FOR SALE: Suzuki Moped FR50, 1982, "X" Reg, 2,000 miles only, 80 mpg, excellent cond, £190 ono. PC Collinson, Brentwood 220471.
FOR SALE: Three Queen Anne Wing Chairs with Easifit stretch covers. Good cond. PC 763 Hall. Witham Station. Tel: Colchester 210527.
FOR SALE: Ford Consul GT, 1975 "P". White with black vinyl roof. Tow bar and electrics, £575 ono. PC 521 Davies, Landon Traffic. Tel: Wickford 66082.
FOR SALE: Shure SC35C Stereo cartridge. Extremely good quality plus ADC Head shell. Unused. Bargain,

£10. PC Heard, Clacton Station. Tel: Clacton 420648.
FOR SALE: Omega 9ct gold watch, unworn. White face, black leather strap. Unwanted retirement gift. Retail value £340, accept £150. PC 928 Alan Hall, Epping Station. Tel: 0702 524142.
FOR SALE: Lunar Dino lightweight 4-berth caravan, 2 years old, immac, full and porch awnings, both used once (genuine), £3,200. Many extras. Chief Inspector L. Baker, HQ, CSB. Brentwood 73515.
FOR SALE: Target 5-70 Twin axle caravan, 6-berth, shower, hot and cold water system, mains electric wiring, super value, June 1981, £4,500 ono. Sgt P. Adams, HQ Garage. Tel: 0245 415615.
FOR SALE: Sprite Alpine Tourer, 4/5-berth with fridge, awning, etc, £1,600. Contact Ex PS Howard, Grays Thurrock 30365.
FOR SALE: Suzuki RM50 School Boy Scrambler motorcycle. Ideal for 6 to 10-year-old, £150 ono. PC 1467 M. T. Smith, Harlow Station. Tel: Harlow 443170.
FOR SALE: Sprite Alpine

Caravan, 1982, 4-berth, toilet compartment, basin, fridge, genuine reason for sale, immaculate, £1,950. DC Gibbons, Southend 557239.
FOR SALE: Knitting Machine, Jones KH710, new condition C/W Instruction Manual and Pattern Books, £120 or offers. PC 1015 Greaves, HQIR, Chelmsford 81929.

FOR SALE: Caravan for sale, Fleetwood 'Colchester' 11 foot 4-berth, extras, include: awning, fridge, electric pump. Very good condition, £1,350. PS Howard, Headquarters, Ext 417.

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Federation Notes



Statutory sick pay

Force Order A 1596 dated 5 April, 1983 indicates a change in procedure with regard to DHSS Giro cheques for sickness, which takes effect from 6th April, 1983. This briefly is that after the period of Statutory Sick Pay (the first eight weeks of sickness), or if an officer is excluded from SSP for any one of a dozen different reasons, he will be required to register for DHSS payments. On receipt of the Giro he will retain it and cash it for his own use, because the next pay cheque he receives will be reduced by the amount that he should have received from DHSS.

Any officer who is already sick on 6th April, 1983 will continue to draw benefit from DHSS but pay them into divisional admin offices for that period of sickness, as per the old system. County treasurer's department will make the necessary adjustments.

All personnel, whether police or civilian, will be required to submit Form F7 — which has been revised — which will give details of the DHSS benefit received.

The joint branch board tried very hard to preserve the old system of paying in the Giro, and receiving full pay-packets, but eventually had to capitulate in the light of pressure brought with regard to regulations and the wishes of the county treasurer. I wonder if that had anything to do with their decision in relation to the Yorkshire leaflets?

Course allowance

The incidental out-of-pocket expenses allowance for officers on residential courses have been increased with effect from 27 January, 1983. From that date the allowance has been increased to £1.60 per night with a corresponding increase in the weekly maximum to £5.40. If you have been on a course recently and were reimbursed at the old rate, don't forget to claim the increase!

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Rent Allowance

On a national basis I am unable to give you much of an update as the problem has not yet been debated at the Police Negotiating Board, however I understand that the Joint Central Committee has prepared a paper to present to the Official Side which indicates quite clearly that Rent Allowance is an inherent element of police officers remuneration, and that there are several precedental considerations which appear to have been overlooked in the attack presently being undertaken. We all look forward with interest to the outcome of this problem.

If you talk to many officers, however many years they may have served, you find that the attraction of free housing or a rent allowance in lieu, was as big an inducement to join the service as was the security of the employment and the resultant pension. To remove either would be detrimental to recruiting as well as retention of a large number of stalwarts.

After all is said and done, the members of the police service no longer treat it primarily as a vocation. Although we still remain the main "Social Service" in this country, no one in their right mind could say that we serve purely and simply out of love for the job. We take on the responsibility of office, and most of us enjoy the job in all its aspects. But having said that we also have responsibility to our families to provide for them as best we can, so that the remuneration we receive is a very large factor when making the decision to become police officers. And as I said before — rent allowance or free housing is part and parcel of that remuneration. The official side should be very wary how they proceed in this ticklish situation they have manufactured for themselves!

So far as the local re-valuation of rent allowance is concerned, I can report that the police authority have agreed to retention of the same force selected house, and instructions have gone to the district valuer to re-assess the rent allowance which will become operative from 1st April, 1983, under the existing conditions. There has been a delay in his attendance at the house, so the valuation is not yet to hand, but in any case it will need to be agreed by the police authority (normally a formality) as well as the Home Office, before it can be paid to us. This means that the new rates may not be agreed until some time in July, but there will be a retrospective application of the new rates and multiplier from 1st April, 1983, which will probably provide a small amount of extra holiday spending money.

From private valuations we have had completed, one indicates a new maximum limit as £39.79, with a multiplier of 4.90; whilst the other indicates a new maximum of £41.52, with a multiplier of 5.18. Either of these will be an improvement on the current rent allowance, but we feel the higher would be more acceptable. District Valuer please note!

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

For the first time for many years the Essex branch board have no motions to present at conference in May, having exhausted all their outstanding suggestions at last year's bumper festival, which stretched into two conferences. As a result this year's agenda is the smallest that there has been for some years. There are the perennial problems arising such as fringe allowance (which we shall support as usual, but with little hope of success), discipline, overtime, rest days and pensions.

In spite of this lack of involvement in the conference proper, your representatives will be asking questions on progress related to the matters raised last year, in which we have a vested interest.

by
*Jim
Rodgers*

RUC INJURED OFFICERS

As I mentioned in the last issue of The Law, we are holding a raffle to raise money so that we can entertain a party of Royal Ulster Constabulary officers who have been injured in the strife in Northern Ireland. The tickets have now been printed and will be on sale from federation representatives in the very near future. Enough tickets have been supplied to enable every officer to buy at least one book, with some left over for those who want to buy two, or to sell anywhere else. A good response is sought to this venture, and to ensure this we have obtained some very worthwhile prizes. The first prize is £400-worth of travel vouchers. Then there is a portable television set, a Black and Decker Workmate, and numerous other valuable prizes. The representatives will be asking

you each to buy at least one book — we don't necessarily restrict sale merely to Federated ranks. Super white shirts and our civilian colleagues will also be welcome to participate.

The tickets have been printed under the auspices of the Southend Divisional Sports Club, and the draw will take place on Saturday, 23rd July, 1983 at Southend Police Club, when a function will be arranged to coincide with the draw. Witnesses to the fairness of the draw will be welcomed! We hope you will stay and enjoy yourselves even if you are not among the dozens of lucky prizewinners.

Each book of tickets will cost you £1 — but this shouldn't be a problem because we have timed it to coincide with the Compensatory Grant!

OPEN MEETING

This year the Federation Open Meeting will be held at Police Headquarters in the Assembly Hall. This is apparently at popular request, because it was felt that the Lion and Lamb was inhibiting questioners. Make a note in your diary that it will be held on Monday, 20th June, 1983, commencing at 6.45pm.

Speakers

Speakers will include Mr Leslie Curtis, the new chairman of the Joint Central Committee, Mr Peter Tanner the JCC Chief Negotiator, Mr R. S. Bunyard the Chief Constable, Mr G. Waterer, Chairman of the Police Authority, and, of course, our own resident chairman, Mr Ted Davidson, of whom it has been said . . .

There will as usual be liquid and munching refreshments, and entertainment has been arranged for the latter part of the evening.

Please make every effort to come, hear what is going on and be free to ask your questions either of the local representatives or national personages — in the flesh.

SAVINGS SCHEME

The Yorkshire Building Society have put together a savings scheme for Essex Police officers which has several good points in its favour. I have arranged for leaflets to be distributed to each officer and these will arrive with their May pay cheque. The leaflet unfortunately will not be inside the envelope but clipped on the outside. I know that this is going to mean a bit more work for someone on Division, but I did make every effort to have them put inside at the same time as the payslip or cheque — in much the same way as you received some literature about another scheme, not so very long ago.

Resources

It appears that County Treasurer suddenly did not have the resources to fit these Yorkshire leaflets into our pay packets. What a pity, but then, like most things, this has a lighter side, at least we shall not have our pay envelopes invaded in the future by unsolicited enclosures. Or if we do, then we shall want some sort of explanation regarding their improved resources.

LEGAL REPRESENTATION

The Police and Criminal Evidence Bill will shortly be considered by the House of Commons for its Report Stage and Third Reading. There has been much written in the nationals recently about changes which certain bodies insist should be made before it becomes law. Groups of solicitors, doctors and even the clergy have made representation that their files should not be open to examination by police without stringent safeguards. Groups affiliated to Civil Rights movements have sought amendments to the Bill relating to stop, search and detain policy.

And the Home Secretary has made some homely sort of mutterings which could signify a "watering-down of police powers recommended in the Bill", which would be a pity because the Bill has apparently been drafted after taking into account many of the proposals put forward by the Police Federation.

Bill of Rights

However, it does appear that the Home Secretary has given some sort of approval for the inclusion of what can only be termed a limited "bill of rights for officers", in that he indicates that legal representation may be provided to police officers in certain circumstances. I don't profess to know what these circumstances are, but it has something to do with the punishment that can accrue to the offence. If an officer can be sacked, reduced in rank or heavily fined — at a discipline hearing in front of his chief constable — he can be legally represented. This would apply to all discipline in provincial forces because the Chief Constable has this power in all discipline matters.

However, in the Metropolitan Police some discipline of a minor nature is undertaken by divisional commanders, and these presumably will not apply.

It will be interesting to see what eventually manages to get through the sieve of Parliament, and what is held back.

The Police Federation's view is that the improvement in police powers are of equal importance to the service as a whole, as the Bill of Rights is to the federated ranks.

Your joint branch board is contacting all local Members of Parliament to support the Bill and the "Bill of Rights aspect" of the forthcoming debate.

LAW SPORT—LAW SPORT—LAW SPORT—LAW SPORT

Football Round-Up

AFTER reporting the fine run of results by the Force Team in the last issue of The Law, the following reports are of disappointing performance.

On 12 March, the Force team entertained Runwell Hospital at Headquarters. This is a traditionally hard fixture and this occasion was no exception. Runwell scored 2 goals in the first half and went into the dressing room looking as though they would overrun the Police in the second half.

This was not to be the case as the Police team attacked the Runwell defence and after about 15 minutes scored a good goal through Phil O'Connell. The Police continued to exert pressure on the Runwell defence for the rest of the game but were unable to score, leaving Runwell 2-1 winners.

On March 19, the Force Team played Herongate in the League Cup Semi Final. The match was played on the Herongate pitch in front of a healthy crowd.

Herongate attacked from the first minute but the Police defence coped generally well.

The second half saw the tables reversed with the Police team applying all the pressure but despite some fine approach work the Police team were unable to score, leaving Herongate 1-0 winners.

The following week saw the Police team back on league duty against Cossors of Harlow.

The Police team threw everything into attack in the final minutes, but to no avail and the game ended as a 1 all draw with the points shared.

Commitment

The next match was away to Upminster who were in a mid-table league position. The game started brightly for the Police with an early lead being gained through a goal by Phil O'Connell. However, after scoring the Police team sat back as though they had done enough. The commitment seemed to drain from the majority of the players and Upminster capitalised.

From then on Upminster were on top, they equalised in the first half and pressed the Police defence until half-time.

In the second half the Police team still could not provide an answer and Upminster seemed completely in control. If it had not been for an outstanding display from Bob Scott in goal, the Police team would have lost more heavily than the 3-1 final score.

A restoration of pride was

necessary when Essex Police entertained Bedford Police in the semi-final of the PAA Bedfordshire Challenge Cup.

Again the Force team were on top from the early stages and scored a goal after a good move by Phil O'Connell.

The Essex side continued to squander chances and against the run of the play Bedford equalised. The game ended 1-1 and a replay will be necessary to decide who goes to the Final.

Tremendous

On April 9 the Force entertained the League Leaders Herongate.

The game was played at a hectic pace and as the game neared half-time a midfield move between Stuart Lowe and Charlie Clark saw Clark put Brian Ganley away on the right. He crossed into the Herongate penalty area where Roy Scanes headed a tremendous goal.

The second half began with Herongate applying tremendous pressure, however, with Tony Snow dominating the Herongate centre forward, and the rest of the defence pushing well, the Police team weathered the storm, but eventually a Herongate forward was permitted to escape his

by
*Charles
Clark*

marker and score a well taken goal. Despite some near misses the Police were unable to score again.

After the disappointing recent performances there were some notable performances in the difficult Herongate match, particularly from Stuart Lowe, John Stewart, Roy Scanes, Phil O'Connell and Brian Ganley in fact the whole of the team played well and it was particularly good to see Steve Shoosmith and Vaughn Mullender back to their best.



THE Harlow Divisional football team with Captain Steve Eastwood who received the Courtaulds Cup from ACC, Mr Peter Simpson. Counting towards the Croker Cup results, this divisional competition ended in a final between Southend and Harlow, and a 1-0 win for Harlow after a hard-fought game.

But it's early days in the Croker Cup Competition, with 12 events still to take place, including darts, tug-of-war, and the athletics meeting. Harlow are up to 4th place with this win, and the overall leaders are Colchester with 24 points.

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

ESSEX Cross Country runners have had an exceptional month, culminating in Colchester's Chris Turner getting selected for the national team, and then running in the winning match that brought home the European title.

The PAA Cross Country Championships held at Hendon saw the Essex girls as winners of the team prize. The Lamb twins, Wendy and Judith were 4th and 6th, and Moira Owens and Moira Moore 10th and 11th respectively. The team narrowly

beat the defending champions, West Midlands, with their 4th runner only being broken in the last mile.

Chris Turner had already been selected for the UK team when he finished 10th — the leading Essex runner in the men's race. Later in the month Chris was to run a fantastic race in the international to finish 6th and help the UK to victory.

In the South East PAA Championships at Guildford, Essex Ladies filled the first three places and had 6 runners in the

first 10. They also won the City of London Road Relay.

Chris Turner won the South East PAA men's championship at Guildford, the Tendring beach race AND the Brentwood half marathon.

At the South Woodham half marathon, Brian Mason and Rod Barrett, competing at this distance for the first time, helped Down (2nd), Reed (3rd) and Greenfield (18th) to take the 2nd team prize. Moira Moore was 2nd in the ladies' race — only her second attempt at that distance.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES

APRIL			
Sat	9	Essex Police v Herongate	3pm
Sat	18	O.C's v Essex Police	3pm
Wed	20	Essex Police v Burnham	6pm
Sat	23	Herongate v Essex Police	3pm
Wed	27	Benfleet v Essex Police	6pm
Sat	30	Essex Police v Ongar	3pm
MAY			
Sat	7	Writtle v Essex Police	3pm
Wed	4	Essex Police v Takeley	6pm
Tues	10	Springfield v Essex Police	6pm
Thurs	12	Harold Wood v Essex Police	6pm
Thurs	12	Harold Wood v Essex Police	6pm
Sat	14	Rayleigh Town v Essex Police	3pm
Wed	18	Essex Police v Harold Wood	6pm



The Essex girls at the Guildford meeting with Surrey Chief Constable, Mr Brian Hayes.

CRICKET FIXTURES

Wed	4th MAY	Force Trial HQ	2pm
Wed	11th MAY	Chelmsford (Chelmer Park)	2.30pm
Tues	17th MAY	H.C.C. 1st rd	Bye
Tues	24th MAY	P.A.A. 1st rd v T/Valley	Away 2pm
Wed	1st JUNE	6-a-side at HQ & Coronation	10am
Wed	8th JUNE	Chelmsford HQ	2.30pm
Tues	14th JUNE	H.C.C. 2nd round	Away
Wed	22nd JUNE	Camb	Home 2pm
Wed	29th JUNE	Inter Div Cup 1st round	
Tues	5th JULY	H.C.C. (3)	
Wed	13th JULY	P.A.A. (2)	
Wed	20th JULY	Inter Div 2nd round	
Thurs	4th AUG	Felixstowe	Away 2pm
Thurs	11th AUG	Suffolk Police	Home 2pm
Wed	17th AUG	Camb	Away 2pm
Tues	23rd AUG	Gt Dunmow	Away 2pm
Wed	31st AUG	Inter Div Final	
Wed	7th SEPT	P.A.A. 6's at Southend	
Thurs	15th SEPT	Suffolk	Away 1.30pm

Rugby notes

ON TUESDAY 29th March, 1983, Harlow Divisional Police Rugby Team travelled to London Colney and took on the Hertfordshire County Police Rugby team.

A hard game was anticipated and nobody was disappointed. Harlow Police started well and were soon 4-0 up. Hertfordshire got into gear at the end of the first-half, and two penalties well taken in high winds gave them a 6-4 lead by half-time.

The second-half started with the Harlow forwards playing with avengence against the opposing pack, and the backs being given much more possession.

The expected onslaught from Hertfordshire did not materialise and Harlow then completely dominated the last 25 minutes. With everyone giving 101 per cent, the backs were making telling penetration through Hertfordshire defence the score was almost certain to increase.

Following a scrummage on the half-way line the ball was won and the Hertfordshire pack pushed backwards about 20-yards. There followed a classic move, the ball being played across the complete back line to Paul Fincham. He dived over in the corner for a good try. Harlow now led 12-6. Because of the inclement conditions we had been unable to convert the tries and we were well pleased with the final result — Harlow won 12-6.

London marathon success for Ian

AN Essex officer was one of the 18,000 starters in this year's London Marathon — and he finished with a very nice time of 4 hours 44 minutes.

PC Ian Heffron of Brentwood, described it as a "terrific experience" as he told "The Law" about the race.

Having stayed overnight with relatives in London, Ian was up at 6 o'clock on the day of the race, to catch one of the special trains laid on for competitors. "It was very colourful" he said "there were runners everywhere."

Starting from Greenwich Park, Ian was amazed at the crowds of spectators. "They were incredible — quite superb" — he explained. "They were very supportive —

they really kept you going.

"I enjoyed seeing all the other competitors, lots of personalities and, of course, the fantastic wheelchair competitors. It made it all worthwhile."

The secret of Ian's success was to just follow the rules and keep going. "I did everything the experts told you to do" he said, "took in plenty of fluids and just kept going."

Ian recommends the experience to anyone — provided they've done the necessary preparation — and he's going to have a go again next year. "It's not that easy though" he explains. "There were 110,000 applicants this year and only 18,000 were selected.

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