Demonstration to Police Authority

CHIEF SHOWS PUBLIC ORDER TRAINING

THE Essex Police Authority was shown equipment and tatties available to the force to enable them to fulfill their nationwide commitment to the control of major public disorders, at a special demonstration earlier this month.

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TUNNELS

An Essex traffic patrol officer recently described the motorway he patrolled as being “more like a tunnel than road.” He’s right, of course. In the ordinary course of events, you enter a motorway at a pre-determined place, you’re contained within the motorway—just like a tunnel—and you can’t leave until you reach another pre-determined area. As if in a tunnel, you’re totally cut off from the world around you. Do you think police officers are like that on their motorway patrols?

The police, of course, are not the only people who experience tunnel vision. We all do it to some extent. It’s a natural human response to a pre-determined situation. It’s a way of coping with the world around us. It’s a way of focusing on the task at hand.

It’s interesting to think about how we might use this idea in our everyday lives. How might we use tunnel vision to our advantage? How might we use it to our disadvantage?

Thanks 1

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank all the many friends and former colleagues who attended the service for my late husband Ted Tearrell at Southend Crematorium. It was a great comfort to myself and daughter to see so many of you there.

Sincerely Yours,

Mary Tearrell

Thanks 2

Dear Sir,

Glenn, my husband, and I, would like to thank all our friends and colleagues for their good wishes and the lovely wedding gifts they sent us for our wedding on Saturday, April 16.

We are only sorry that we couldn’t invite everyone—we would have liked to.

Sue Mayes,

HQ Press Office

SNAKES:

From Page 1

It was his discovery of an empty plastic box that brought about the very rapid evacuation of the area-car.

A recent case involved a cautious search of the vehicle proved fruitless, until glancing down at the controls, one of the crew found the serpent cosily curled around the clutch pedal!

Eventually the snake was put securely back in the ‘Tuppaware’ container and continued its journey onwards.

It would be more gripping to report that the officers missed a gruesome end by inches—but, in fact, the zoo people ruined an otherwise good story.

Apparently this reptile is just about the only non-poisonous garter snake to come out of South America!

PREVENTION POEM

If you have a house or a motor, a caravan, cruiser or yacht, you may feel sufficiently guarded, But it’s odds on, I fear, that you’re not.

A window? A gateway to riches! Old locks? Invitations to thieves, Left open! A thief’s golden welcome, And you’ll only have left what he leaves.


Lock up your car when you leave it, Put deadlocks on all of your doors, A few pounds and hours spent protecting, Will keep for you all that is yours!

Elspeth Nicholls

RAFT RACE

If you are one of those people who like getting wet and having a good time in the fast-filling ponds of raft racing, then here’s one for you. A raft race in aid of the RNLI is to take place off the Eastern Esplanade, Southend on the example of this July 3 this year. There are three classes of craft, the race to be followed by a sea battle. TV coverage will be given.

For application forms available, Raft Race Committee, Foreshore Office, Royal Terrace, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 2YT.
Graduate Entry Success

ESSEX'S FIRST recruit accepted under the Graduate Entry Scheme is to start her police career this September. 21 year old Dinah Labouchere, who is reading geography for her BA degree at Oxford, is one of twenty candidates awarded places by the Home Office in 1983. The scheme is open to graduates of final year undergraduates under 30, who after selection have to attend the Special Course at the Bramshill Police College, which provides accelerated promotion to the rank of Inspector. The scheme is designed to select entrants to the police service who show the outstanding potential needed to become Chief Inspectors early in their career. The Metropolitan police gets six of this years successful candidates, with Humberside and the West Midlands two each. The remaining ten are thinly spread around the rest of the country.

Seven of the twenty selected by the Home Office are "Oxbridge" students, and five are women. Dinah's home is in Norfolk.

Compliments to Corringham

CORRINGHAM Sergeant, Ian Ellison, was surprised, one early-turn this month when a "Watchdog" client handed him a hand written note. To the surprise of all concerned — including the lady at the local cafe who supplies inmates meals — it contained a letter of thanks in the most beautiful Old English script. Reproduced here — as near as the printers can get to his aristry is the letter.

Dear Sir

Personally I am extremely pleased and surprised to see the wonderful treatment by your kind hearted and co-operative officer, most beautiful food and your fine place. Please pay my compliment to the kitchen staff who make my tasty food. I must say this is the only best place in the country.

Egon Ronay here we come! Hours etc...

AWARDS FOR POLICE PROJECTS

FIVE YOUNG people were awarded certificates earlier this month for work they completed in the course of their studies of the police force. Like many of his School Liaison Colleagues, Hadleigh High school officer Pe Peter Rouse set up a project within his schools as part of the police schools programme. With the support of the teachers, the children were asked to write a series of projects describing and analysing the police role and the problems confronting the police in their day to day work.

When he saw the results from the Shoebury High School, Peter was so impressed with their outstanding quality that he arranged for a special reward. The authors of the 5 best projects were invited to Police Headquarters for the day, and to receive specially printed "Certificates of Merit" from the Assistant Chief Constable (Personnel), Mr Peter Simpson. The five 14 year olds were taken to Sandon to see a display by the Dog Section, before going on to Headquarters for the ceremony.

The new machine in action.

The new "Intoximeter 3000" breath testing device is beginning to make its presence felt in eleven of the largest police stations in the country. The machine came into use on May 6, and in the first ten days of its use, approximately 150 substantive tests were taken county-wide. About ten per cent of those required to give samples refused or failed to do so, and then about twenty-one per cent of all tests taken proved negative.

Two-thirds of the substantive tests taken were positive but about one-third of those were marginal, and there were blood tests taken as well. So, just under one-fifth of station tests resulted in further blood samples.

The new machine is designed to provide an accurate and immediate alternative to the blood and urine sampling system, it is electronically operated and gives a paper print-out of the suspect's breath alcohol level.

The Intoximeter has a built in computer that checks the machine before it is used, takes two breath samples, prints out results and then checks its own accuracy again. Only then will it give a print out of the breath alcohol level which is admissible in Court.
Heavy rain and spray turns day into night.

A new Incident Vehicle — fully equipped — and ready to handle anything on the motorway.

Nick uses the 'ray-gun' to switch on the hazard lights — without getting wet this time!

Ever vigilant! Essex's finest take a breather out of their vehicle. Note the rain's stopped!

ONLY A MONTH after its opening, Essex's new motorway is already showing its potential as part of — what could be — Europe's busiest road system.

When completed the London Orbital motorway will accept traffic from every major road that comes to the capital, and hurl it around the edges of the city in ever increasing numbers.

One of the busiest sections will be at Dartford where the road goes under the river and already Essex officers are telling of long tailbacks in the morning rush hour as the fast moving traffic hits the toll-tunnel.

Extensive works at the tunnel will provide for speedier handling of the traffic, but there is undoubtedly going to be a lot of work for the Traffic officers from Laindon.

Patrolling from the turn-round 2 miles into Kent up to the M11, the sub-division ensures there are always two cars patrolling the motorway, with a fully equipped Incident Vehicle in the immediate area.

Officers selected for the duty report that it's a "good road to work", with "plenty of interest and a lot happening."

"One of the biggest problems" says Pc Malcolm Porter, "is the people walking on the motorway. They just don't seem to understand how lethal it is. We get joggers, people with dogs, even a woman with a pram once."

In general there seems to be satisfaction with the standard of driving on the road. Pc Nick Matthews felt that most drivers were getting used to motorway conditions these days and that their "lane sense" was "fairly good. "One thing that they don't seem to

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ST MOTORWAY?

Lyndon interchange — Junction 6 on the M25

"Understand" he said "is the emergency telephone system. We had one driver hike across country to a telephone kiosk he could see on a hill to dial 999, and yet you're never more than 1 mile from a 'phone on the motorway itself."

"Working the motorway is all about cooperation. The motorway crews work on a day-to-day basis with officers from the Metropolitan Police, from Kent and from the tunnel police, as well as with emergency services from all manner of local authorities. "No problems" report Malcolm and Nick. "They're all very good. Always ready to help. We get on very well. Sometimes we work on the same incident together — they help us and we help them. It's all about getting the job done."

Weather conditions are a vital ingredient of the motorway officers work — particularly on a road as open to the elements as the Essex section of the M25. On the afternoon the "Law" visited with the patrol, a torrential downpour created instant problems, the road flooded in minutes with spray and rain bringing visibility down to a dangerous level. Hazard lights were switched on with the "ray" gun, and within a very short time half a dozen broken down vehicles were dealt with to the extreme discomfort of the observer!

But the crews gravest nightmare is fog. "This area is notorious for mist and fog" said Malcolm Porter. "When the winter comes round we can see a lot of problems, particularly if we're still getting tail-backs at the tunnel. Drivers will really have to take care and behave sensibly."

A flooded engine compartment — the first of half-a-dozen in a few minutes.
THE following officers were elected at the Annual General Meeting on 14 May, 1983, for the ensuing year:

Chairman: Mr R. B. Huiger
Vice-chairman and treasurer: Mr H. S. Philibrown
Asst Treasurer: Mr C. E. Storrar
Secretary: Mr B. G. Brinkley

Asst Secretary: Mr D. Ramppling
Secretary: Mr F. D. Clark

Mr F. Simpson (ACC "P") gave a brief talk on the current day matters within the Force. The introduction of computers would, he felt sure, take over from teleprinters. The Force was up to strength and there was now a large waiting list of applicants - a thing unheard of a few years back. The reduction of the number in the Force in the last eight to ten years, with the increase in the growth of the civil service, had been satisfying, but these had been overcome.

Insp Ted Davidson, Chairman J.B.B. Police Federation, also spoke on police pay and pensions contributions which did not meet with Federation approval, they were not considered and finally had to settle for a 4% increase in pension contributions.

Police Medical Scheme

The changeover from P.P.P. to The Crusader was inevitable, full coverage had been given in "The Law" and all persons concerned had been informed by memorandum. This scheme would be reviewed again early in 1984.

Open Meeting, 24th June

This meeting of the N.E.C. will take place at the Suffolk Police Headquarters, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, followed by a social evening. All members are invited and enquiries should be made of the secretary of the Suffolk branch, Mr Phil Bowery, 23 Falmouth Close, Kesgrave, Ipswich.

Pensions Increase

Usually following a Budget speech by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, it is possible to forecast the amount of pensions increase we can expect later in the year. The rule has been that pensions are increased by the rate of inflation plus 1%. This year so that we will not know until the cost of living index in May (published in June) and apply that percentage to the pension as from the November following.

All pensions, Public Service and Retirement pensions are now brought into line in accordance with the Social Security Act, 1975.

Spring Bulletins

These bulletins did not arrive in time to include with the agendas for the A.G.M. but will be sent out during June with invitations to the branch social functions on 24th September, 1983.

The Force Welfare Officer informs me that the Social and Buffet evening has been arranged for 11.30am, Saturday, 25th June, in the lounge of the Headquarters Licensed Bar. Pensioners will be notified in due course.

Date for diary: Friday, 21st October, 1983 - Comrades Luncheon, 1pm at the H.Q. Canteen. Invitations will be sent out in due course.

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Rent Allowance

THE Police Negotiating Board have now had the opportunity to discuss the Staff Side reply to the attack on Rent Allowance, and need not say they were not happy with their attitude to their tactics ("they" being the Official Side).

As a result of this it has now been decided that a further meeting will be convened to enable the Staff Side to determine whether or not Edmund Davies was binding upon both sides of the PNB, and then to attack the information of the Official Side’s paper. This meeting will be sometime in July, by when it is hoped that the Joint Central Committee will have a complete battle plan mapped out. Having studied the paper I am sure that many of the misnomers can be rebutted quite adequately, and I believe we will eventually win the day, but it is going to be a hard struggle and may eventually have to be resolved at Arbitration.

I am sure we all await the outcome with bated breath. Instructors were employed exclusively for a valuation of the Force Selected House which now goes before the Police Committee on the 6th June 1983 for approval. After this the Home Office must approve the payment — in both cases in the past this has been a “rubber stamp” exercise — and we have no reason to believe that this year will be any different.

The valuation will be subject to a Rent Allowance Maximum Limit of £40.85, and the new Metropolitan Multiplier will be 5.08. As soon as the approvals have been given the Finance Department will start making the calculations and the new rate and the back money from 1st April 1983 will probably be paid in the July or August pay packets.

Anyone in receipt of Rent allowance should by now have submitted their new ACC 3a, together with photostats copies of their 1983/4 Rate Demands and Water Rate Bills. If you haven’t done so, do it now. Not to do so may result in delay in payment to you!

RUC Injured Officers

TICKETS for the Raffle to raise funds for the above visit to Essex have now been distributed and sales are going quite well. There are still some books available so if you haven’t yet bought one, contact your local Federation Representative and help us to give these unfortunate lads a taste of real Essex hospitality in October. The first prize is £400 worth of Hollands. The second, and many other prizes, are worthwhile. Tickets are only £1 for a second book of tickets.

Civilian Driving Instructors

ON THE last issue of the Constables Branch Board Minutes an item was recorded which indicated that some quarters that civilian driving instructors were being used on standard and standard plus to assist, and that the standard of their instruction was below that given by police officers. This matter was referred to the Joint Branch Board and a decision was made there for the Traffic Department Representatives to investigate the complaints made and research the matter in some depth, before any further action was contemplated.

I can report that this matter has now been thoroughly looked into, and that no further action will be taken by either the Joint or Constables Branch Board.

When the concern was originally expressed it was believed that the Civilian Driving Instructors were being used on the 1977/81 model, but the Board found that the standard of their instruction was below that given by police officers. This matter was referred to the Joint Branch Board and a decision was made there for the Traffic Department Representatives to investigate the complaints made and research the matter in some depth, before any further action was contemplated.

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Membership Services

The Joint Central Committee have put some effort into raising discount facilities for members of the Police Federation in various fields. First results of these efforts relate to Townsend Thoresen Car Ferry Fares. This firm have offered a 9% discount to Federated Ranks with effect from 1st May 1983. Anyone interested in using the facility should contact my office, I will then forward a copy of the timetable tariff suitably endorsed to confirm your membership of the Federation, and my office will then forward the application to Townsend Thoresen, Freeport No 1, Dover, Kent.

I am sure that some are not interested in overseas travel, but wishing to take a “Scene Changer” Week-end Break, they have also organised a 10% discount through the Kingston travel Ltd chain, who have properties to the Yorkshire Dales, London, the Cotswolds, the West Country, South Downs or Thames Valley. Anyone interested in using the facility should contact my office. It will then forward a brochure. As soon as stocks are sufficient I will be making these available to local representatives, but for the time being, bearing in mind it has been a long hard winter, many may urgently be in need of a “break-a-way”.

Central Conference

By the time this copy is in print, the Conference will be under way in Blackpool. As a result of the £3000 shortfall, it is hoped that the Treasurer will be unable to attend, and that the new rate of £400 will be imposed on the Members. As there is no official accommodation available, and the conference is being held in Her Majesty’s Tourist Hotel, I would urge all of you who have given prior notice of your attendance to check that you have a room for the whole of the week.

The Treasurer expressed concern that, due to their limited funds, the conference may not be able to provide a week’s subsistence, but that the Members will have the opportunity to meet their own expenses.

Private Medicine

As you will by now know we have changed the wording of the Frasera Scheme with effect from 1st May 1983.

Some comment has been expressed as to the change, and what right have the small working group to make the decision. Not only do I feel that the Chairman of the Police Federation, Leslie Curtis, from making a speech which one hopes will come to Mr Whitelaw’s notice, but as he may be — and one would suppose that the speech will make some cogent comment upon the Government decision to impose a further Pension Contribution upon us —

Come to think of it I wonder if Mrs Thatcher deliberately chose a June Election to save Mr Whitelaw from being ravaged at Conference by the Police Officers? For make no mistake, this matter still rankles with the Members, even though by now we must all accept that we will never revert to the old arrangement.

My own personal feeling is that Mr Whitelaw should have made time to come to this Annual Event — you never know he might not be able to come next year — for some other reason!

Headquarters Staff Sports

TENNIS SECTION

Tuesday and Wednesday evening at 6.30pm

Rackets and balls supplied.

All are welcome.

Contact

Peter Colbert on HQ ext 405

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**Legislation Notes**

WITH the decision made by Mrs Thatcher to hold a General Election on 9th June the Police and Criminal Evidence Act of 1898 is about to lapse. There seems little likelihood of the Bill being reconstituted when the new Government is formed — be it Tory or Labour or Independent. The Joint Branch Board is content that the championship in the old contribution. The Link of British Law. May.
**Football Round-Up**

The Force team continue to find it difficult to win matches. Out of the last eight matches they have only managed one win and three draws. This rather dismal record has put the team in grave danger of relegation from the Premier Division of the Essex Olympian League. With only two games remaining the Force team have to rely on other teams losing matches to ensure they remain in the Premier League.

The Police team started the match well and were clearly on top for the opening 20 minutes. Their pressure paid off when Phil O’Connell scored the opening goal with a well-taken shot from the near post following a cross from Stuart Lowe. Shortly before half-time the opposition scored to make the half-time score 1-1.

The Force team immediately had the best of the match but still failed to take chances and late in the game Takeley scored the final goal to win 1-1.

On Saturday, May 7, the Police side were away to Rayleigh Town who were positioned near the top of the league. With minutes to go to half-time a Rayleigh defender worked his way into the Police defence to set up a goal for Rayleigh to lead 1-0 at half-time. Ten minutes into the second half the Police were 2-0 down and despite throwing men forward they were unable to score.

The following Tuesday the Police team took on Springfield on their home ground. Springfield were second in the league. The Police worked hard and a draw was well deserved which gave some hope that relegation might be avoided.

With every match like a Cup Final for the Force team they visited Rayleigh Wood only two days after gaining a point from Springfield. It was not long into the game that the Police took the lead.

**SUNDAY May 15, saw seven Essex walkers line up in heavy rain at Barking for the annual walk to Southend. The seven were among a total of 219 policemen and 24 cadets.**

In the time the field penetrated well into Essex from the Met District the guttering was awful and at times walkers were on the centre line to miss puddles which the drainage system seemed unable to cope with. Later on the Stanford Le Hope bypass was closed due to the floods and all the traffic was pushed through Corringham along with the walkers.

And it still rained not easily, missing until about 2pm by which time the winner was home, through hardy 154 plus 24 cadets drenched in.

Essex with a somewhat better turnout and a little hope of extending their chances ran for three years in the first three team places. Hedgerton and Sheppard finish just outside 6½ hours keeping them in the top three team positions.

After this it was a matter of setting it out awaiting the Rayleigh contingent to arrive in hopes that someone would do what Seago did in 1982 and finish high enough to clinch the medals.

Alas it was not to be. The weather was for connoisseurs - for your once a year walkers and there is no doubt that while no one went down from heat stroke in 1983, it wasn’t very pleasant. Seven hours came and went and

By John Hedgegorn

**SOUTHEND Cricket Tickets**

The Southend Police Club will be providing the facility of a marque for members and guests during the Chelmsford Cricket Club matches and £2 for the Sunday (John Player Special League match). Visitors this year are Hampshire and Glamorgan.

Members — serving and retired — of all Police Clubs in the Force will be welcome to join us on this occasion and requirements for tickets should be with the Secretary, Southend Police Club not later than 17 June. Chelmsford will have made payable to Southend Police Club.

**The Law**

IN THE EARLY part of April the annual Chelmer Village Half Marathon took place with over 700 runners taking part and the attraction of appearance of TV Superstars Suzanne Dando and Brian Jacks.

Neighbourhood Beat Officer for Chelmer Village issued a challenge to Jacks for the well known BBC Superstars Gym. Derek Sewell NBO Chelmer Village, a fellow wrestler and frequent visitor to HQ gym had heard about the challenge with weights etc and to assist with the event had fellow NBO from Chelmsford Derek Gargan and ambulanceman Steve Sheffield taking part. On the actual day Jacks only took up the challenge of pressures when he did 50. Derek Sewell did 78. It was just then up to the remaining 3 to continue the battle being the overall winner with a score of 245. After the event there was a 2 minute time and then Derek Sewell had to run the half marathon. He was sponsored by the residents of Chelmsford to the tune of £500 and is going towards Essex CAT Scanner.

by Charles Clark

A fine run on the right wing by Cliff Haines saw him turn inside on the back and score the first goal of the match. He picked the ball up well and a defensive error gave him the opportunity to score the goal. In the second half he was well deserved which gave them out and gave the Police a two-goal lead.

However, these two hard earned points were not enough to keep the Force team in the Premier Division as a poor performance against Writhall on Saturday, May 14 saw them lose 4-0 which means certain relegation.

**Barking-Southend Walk**

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**Send your sports reports to The Law at HQ**

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