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The Computer Cometh

FORCE COMPUTER PROJECT — THE LATEST.....



Work has started on the installation of the new Computer Suite at Headquarters. It is anticipated that by the end of the year this room will be crammed with electronic wizardry. Watch this space!

THE contracts with Honeywell Information Systems Ltd (supply of computer hardware and software) and Case Communications Ltd (supply of equipment to drive the data communications network) have now been signed.

At last it can be said that the Force will definitely be having two operational computer systems: (i) IRIS — Incident resource and Information System (better known as Command and Control). (ii) HOLMES — Home Office Large Major Enquiry System (the operational successor to the experimental MIRIAM system).

Building work has already commenced on the new computer suite on the second floor of the Operations block at Headquarters. This will be completed by the end of August and the first batch of computer equipment

will be installed in early September. The installation of all equipment both at Headquarters and throughout the County will be completed by the end of the year.

Training

In addition work has commenced on the building of 4 new classrooms at the Force Training School. These should also be completed by the end of 1985 and initially will be exclusively used for computer training.

Inspector Bob Hayes who will be in charge of IRIS training, is also responsible for the enormous task of compiling a forcewide Street Index and Directory Enquiry. Both these facilities are an integral part of the IRIS system and it is important that they are comprehensively and accurately prepared.

The next step for Bob Hayes will be the Intensive

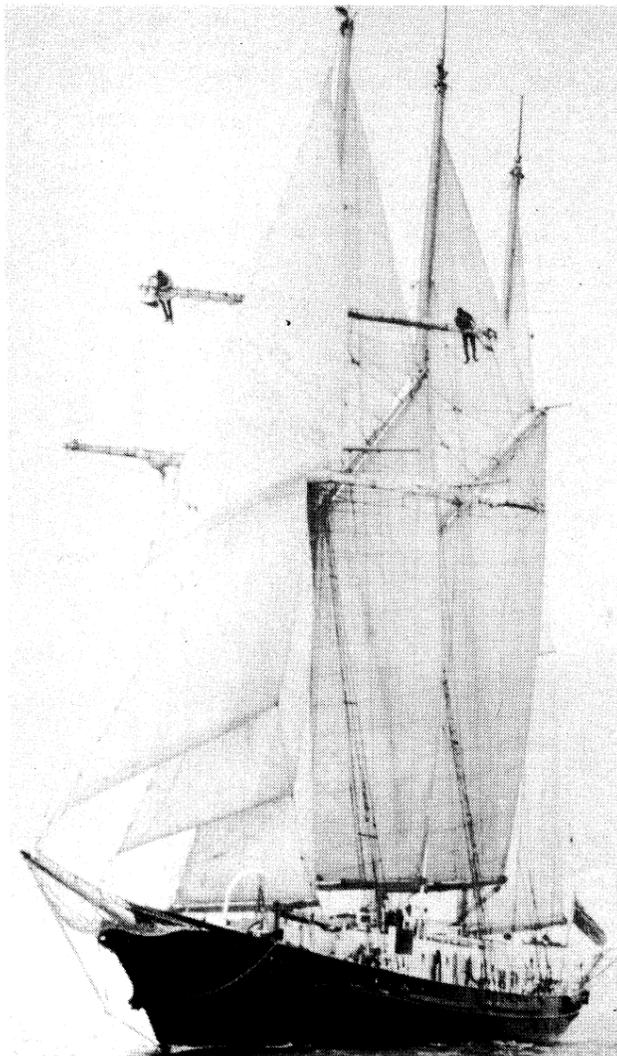
Training Programme (ITP) which is planned to run for 18 weeks between March and July 1986. Some 370 operators and 390 supervisors will be trained in this period. Operators will have a two week course and Supervisors a two day course. Both courses will be held at the Force Training School with the Supervisors being squeezed into the weekend breaks. An appreciation training session of four hours duration will also be given. The selection of instructors for IRIS training will be made shortly.

The HOLMES training team has already been selected and it is hoped that HOLMES training will commence before the end of the year.

An IRIS system 'overview' booklet has been distributed to Sub-Divisions so that all personnel can read more about the system.

In further editions articles will follow on both IRIS and HOLMES to give the reader an insight into how these systems assist operational policing.

TALL SHIPS



Who would be in the Marine Section now that summer is here? Blue skies, sea breezes and the sight of sail on the horizon. Bliss!

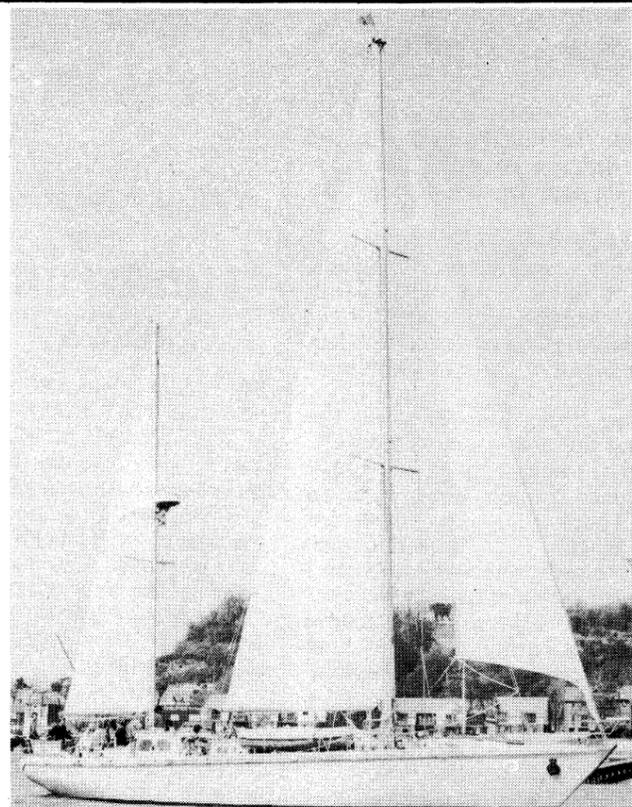
With about 300 miles of water to Police, the picture is often not this idyllic. Marine Officers have their 'ups and downs' like everybody!

At this time of the year, with such events as Burnham Week and the Tall Ships 'Race' there is the chance to join the boating public in Carnival mood. Ideal opportunities exist to enhance public relations and highlight crime prevention. Boating is an expensive pastime and by its nature, marine equipment is extremely vulnerable.

Essex Police have three launches and two Dorys crewed by 17 officers. Duties range from area patrols to liaison with Customs and Coastguards. Today a life saved, tomorrow a major drug haul!

Marine crime is not confined to the water itself however. This year Detec-

Left: The Sail Training Association's topsail schooner 'Sir Winston Churchill.' She won the 1984 Tall Ships' Race with an all girl crew.



The ketch 'Arethusa,' one of the craft leading the parade at the start of the 1985 Cutty Sark Tall Ships' Race.

tive Constable Peter Ballard of West Mersea has detected 45 such offences. This must crown him 'Essex Water Margin Crime Buster of the Year' so far.

STANSTED UPDATE

FOLLOWING the announcement that Stansted Airport is to be expanded, planning for a new territorial division to police it from the mid-1990's is now underway. The operation will be divided into three phases.

The first involves offering advice to the British Airport's Authority, next Harlow must plan to deal with implications of the construction work and finally the new division must be ready to go in 1990. A Steering Committee of Force Chief Officers has been set up to facilitate these preparations.

The Assistant Chief Constable "Administration" is to head an Advisory Group to reflect individual interests within the Force.

CURTIS IN ESSEX

Interview with Roger
Parker on page 3 . . .

POSTBAG — Letters to The Law, Force HQ

Drivers wanted!

Dear Sir,
I am writing to ask you if there are any serving or retired policemen who would be willing to drive a minibus to enable people who have suffered from a stroke to come to our club meetings. We meet alternate Wednesday afternoons at Runnymede Hall, Thundersley. We cover a wide area but at present have to restrict our membership to people who can provide their own transport or live within the Castle Point area. However on recent enquiries I understand we could use the minibus at Rayleigh Soc. Services. We need a driver who either has passed within the past 2 years or would be willing to undergo a County test to be allowed to drive the minibus.
It would be appreciated if you would consider passing this letter to appropriate department.
Yours sincerely,
Mrs Jean G. Jordan.
Ed: Anyone who can help, please get in touch with the writer direct at Southend 556897.

It's a pleasure

Dear Sir,
We would thank you very much for publishing our letter of 31st May in

the last edition of your paper. We were delighted to receive a letter from a retired constable of Hadleigh in 1920 (still a very active pensioner living in Chelmsford) and to meet this delightful gentleman recently. He has been able to help us considerably and to put us in touch with a relation of a still older Hadleigh policeman (now dead), thus enabling us to obtain two wonderful photographs of these old-time village "bobbies."
Thank you again.
Yours Sincerely
Marion Hancock and
Sandra Harvey
Benfleet.

Politely "Nicked"

Police Chelmsford,
I would like to thank one WPC and two PC's who left me on the ground somewhere in Chelmsford on 3rd May about 11.55pm.
I would like to thank them especially the WPC for their politeness.
I was drunk of course as usual on a Saturday night. I normally hit the ground with a bang.
I have tried AA and been to psychiatric groups without success, there is nothing more boring than listening to a load of wallies talking about themselves. I shall probably go on getting p and falling down for the next 80 years, or

so. That is me. Old Bill know me around this way, I've never been nicked around here for drunkenness.
I read "The Law" from time to time and know that there is a change of policy about arresting drunks.
Anyway, thanks for being polite.
Name and address supplied

P.S. Have done my hand in again. Went down again last night, not to worry.

Sincere thanks

Dare Sir,
May I, through your "Postbag" columns, on behalf of my mother and family, extend our sincere thanks to everyone for their kindness since my fathers death.
It has been a comfort to my mother to hear and read such kind words said about him.
Our thanks especially to the NARPO members who have been so helpful and supportive.
T. R. Cook
DSgt
Headquarters

Photograph found

Dear Sir,
I thank you for your efforts in finding the photograph of the first intake of recruits into the Essex Constabulary in June 1919 and its showing in "The Law". I have not received any information from anyone connected there with. I cannot remember all their names but I think at one time ex-

Sargeant R. Godward of Hadleigh and myself were the only two left and he passed away during February 1984 so probably I am the only one left, "sadly".
Yours sincerely,
Fred Joslin,
Chelmsford,
Essex.

Anniversary

Dear Sir,
I write with regard to our Golden Anniversary Luncheon at Headquarters 1st May 1985.
This by kind permission of the Chief Constable.
We had a wonderful day.
I am sure all will agree on that.
It was grand to meet one member we had not seen since 1935.
Thanks to all at Headquarters and Douglas Andrews and Sam Clark for the work they put in.
I was quite amazed at the progress made in police work.
We remembered those who had died, those who are ill and others we have lost touch with.
It is not easy for a man or woman to get back to Headquarters after fifty years but I am thankful I made it.
Yours faithfully,
J. Key,
Fingringhoe,
Essex.

Football history

Dear Sir,
Three police teams currently compete in The Leigh Carpet Warehouses Southend Wednesday League previously known as Southend and District Wednesday Football League. These are:-
Grays Police — Secret-

ary PS67 Ellison, stationed at Corringham.
Basildon Police — Secretary DC Foy, stationed at Basildon.
Southend Police — Secretary Ron Hey, Southend Police Station.
The League is celebrating its 80th year 1905-1985 with PC Alan Watkins stationed at Southend preparing to publish a book on the history of this league. Each team will supply its own "potted history" for inclusion in this book, and I ask on behalf of all three secretaries that any players present, past or now retired, who have competed in this league be kind enough to forward any interesting matter with which they were connected, including photographs, press cuttings etc. For readers who played for Grays Police we entered the league in 1959 but I am interested in anything supporting the existence of Grays Police FC from Essex Police formation in 1914.
Thank you in anticipation.
Yours faithfully,
Ian Ellison, PS67,
Team Captain/Secretary,
Stationed at Corringham.
Tel: 0375 675281.

Encouragement

Dear Sir,
I would, through your column, like to convey to all personnel of the Essex Police Force, thanks for their help and encouragement during the past nine months that I have been away from work. Their assistance has been invaluable during this period.
In particular I would like to thank those officers who were employed in

traffic control on the 25th September 1984 when I was conveyed from Southend Hospital to The London Whitechapel Hospital.
My special thanks must go to "C" shift at Rayleigh and Southend for their time and trouble spent during this period.
Yours sincerely,
PC 1845 Pike,
Rayleigh.

Thanks

Dear Sir,
Kozina and I would like to thank all our friends and colleagues for their messages of sympathy and all their kindness and support, following the loss of our dear daughter Samantha.
Yours very sincerely,
Dave Rogers,
DSgt
Braintree

Retirement

Dear Sir,
Please may I use "The Law" column to express my thanks to all those members of the Force who contributed to my beautiful retirement gifts and for the many private gifts, letters and cards I received.
I was very happy working in the Harlow Division and I am sure I shall miss the environment for quite some time. I am very grateful to all the folk I have worked with over the years for their kindness and consideration.
Yours faithfully,
Bonny Blackmore,
Ex Divisional
Commander's
Secretary
— Harlow Division

Only kids and horses!

IN THIS day and age of community policing it isn't unusual for police officers to visit schools. Come to that, it isn't unusual for the children to write letters of appreciation albeit with varying degrees of expertise and unintended humour.

Recently Hadleigh Junior School had the pleasure of entertaining the Essex Police horses, a motorbike and presumably their riders. A selection of the resulting letters is published below. What a pity the National media don't consider this sort of thing newsworthy when they publish their versions of the "state of police and public relationships today . . ."
"Thank you for showing and telling us about the horses, the motor bike and the diving gear. The horse was eating something white. I enjoyed it very much. I have ridden a horse only once, I would like to go horse riding lessons though. Thank you very much for bringing everything. Lisa Hogg". . . . "I liked it when the horse shook its head. Its body was very hot when I touched the horse. Are horses sometimes hot because I felt them? Thank you we enjoyed it. Victoria Davis". . . . "Thank you for letting Cromwell and Conquest for coming to Hadleigh field on May the 22nd. Please could you tell me how Cromwell works? I am sure that I want to be a policewoman when I grow up. Claire Fatcher."
If any anyone has any ideas "How Cromwell works?," write to "The Law" — replies on a postcard please!

GETTING THE WIND UP

IT SEEMS that a certain PC, who shall be nameless, got the wind up with a vengence whilst dealing with a road accident, earlier this year, at the Talbot roundabout on the A414 near Ongar.
The story goes that he was directing traffic when a gust of wind blew him

over resulting in a sprained wrist!
Maybe a weight gain, high protein diet such as Guinness and Baked Beans for a week or two would help to prevent a similar problem in the future — on the other hand !!!

FIRST FOR ESSEX

EX-ESSEX Police Officer, now the Chief Constable of Warwickshire, Mr Peter Joslin, has recently had the pleasure of seeing his son Stephen graduate in the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Essex Unverstiy. This is the first time a "second generation" degree has been awarded at the Universtiy.
Then an Essex Police Sergeant, Peter Joslin himself graduated from Essex Universtiy in 1970 with a BA (Honours) in Government studies. He went on to gain promotion through the ranks in this Police Force until moving to Warwickshire, where he was appointed Chief Constable in 1983.

Apology

"THE LAW", June 1985, should have reported that the late Mr Harry Devlin was once a member of the Life Guards. We apologise for any offence given by the typeographical error carried in the article.



WHY CURTIS ATTACKS THE GOVERNMENT

POLICE Federation Chairman interviewed after the Essex open meeting by Roger Parker.

For some time the Chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales, Les Curtis has publicly been very outspoken in his criticism of the Government, a Government which had in its manifestos both in 1979 and in 1983 its support for the police service and a promise that it would give the police more powers to bring back law and order to the streets of Great Britain.

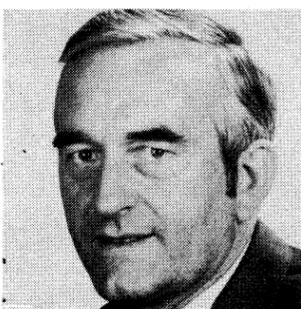
On Monday, June 17, Les Curtis was in Chelmsford to address the annual open meeting of the Essex Police Federation. After the speeches he gave an exclusive interview to "The Law" reporter Roger Parker. What follows is a report of the interview.

Parker: "As Chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales you've turned out to be very critical of the Government. Why is that?"

Curtis: "Well, this Government had as one of its major parts of its manifesto law and order. And certainly on the big issue things of the last few years we can't deny from the Police Federation point of view that the Government have given us support. The miners' strike was a good example, and there have been others. But having said that, there are many issues, perhaps lesser in the minds of the public but very important to the Police service, on which if you are going to support the Police service, you can't give with one hand and take away with the other. In relation to recruitment alone the provision to finances in order to recruit Police Officers is an example. At the beginning of 1984 we were up to strength in the police service, yet during the course of the miners' strike, when we have seven or eight thousand officers committed to policing the miners' strike, the number of policemen in this country actually fell by nearly a thousand. It only fell because there was no money made available to fill the vacancies of officers that were leaving.

"Equipment is another area. We have been told that the Police service would not be subject to the same sort of cuts that other bodies within government would be, because of the need to enforce the law. Yet for the last

five years, perhaps even longer, every Chief Constable has suffered cut after cut after cut, to such an extent that no longer can he find any resources to cut from. That is why we believe that the Government of today are showing publicly that they appear to be supporting the Police, but when it comes to the



Les Curtis
Police Federation Chairman

actual physical support of the Police in things that mean a lot to us, that is not a fact. We are subject to the same controls as any other Department and get no benefits."

Parker: "But one could argue on the side of the Government that while unemployment is so high, they have got to deal with that before they deal with increasing the Police Force."

Curtis: "That is true. Nobody denies that probably the worst situation in this country is the number of people that are unemployed. Many will argue that the Police service has recruited up to strength because many well-qualified people couldn't find jobs to go to, and that is probably true. But having said that, you cannot let one major commitment slip away — and law and order is a major commitment! You haven't got in this country any ability to enforce the law in any other way except the Police Force. So if you allow subtractions from the resources and manpower and equipment of the Police service, then you are going to allow subtractions from and a devaluing of law and order in this country. And that is going to effect the whole moral substance of this country."

Parker: "At the recent Police Federation Conference in Blackpool you attacked the Home Secretary over the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, which is an effort by the Government to

enforce law and order, it would appear. Why?"

Curtis: "When the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure was set up in 1980 there was a positive attempt by Sir Cyril Phillips, its Chairman, to bring about a sensible correlation, collation, simplification and codification of the law of this country, so that not only could the Police understand it but so could the public."

"What has happened since then is that over the period of four years, there has been a literal diminution or dilution of the proposals of Sir Cyril Phillips, until we are left with a Bill that only gives the very simplest margin of improvement to the powers of the Police. A lot of people would say: 'Ah, there he goes again. There's Curtis saying they haven't got enough power.' But that is all it does. It adds in a very very limited way to the powers of the Police. However, it adds an enormous bureaucracy with more safeguards than can be logically justified within an Act of Parliament."

Parker: "So what do you think the Government should do now?"

Curtis: "Instead go into the big umbrella situation and look at the whole of law and order. To my way of thinking and to the Police Federation's way of thinking they haven't achieved that objective with the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. But they have a second opportunity. They have an opportunity with the White Paper they have now published. They have to be positive. They have made some fairly good recommendations regarding Police powers. But the most important thing is this, firstly those powers have to be enforceable. Secondly, they have to be as they are printed, and not allow every do-gooder or professionally self-interested body in this country to chip away and take away the importance of what the White Paper is saying about putting law and order right."

CAR MARKING — a special offer —



Security marking of a vehicles' glass is quick, easy and clean. Obviously it is permanent.

ONE of the easiest, cheapest and most effective ways of deterring the car thief is to simply index mark window glass. A local company specialising in this technique is offering to visit car parks at business premises, such as police stations, and mark vehicles in bulk at a greatly reduced cost.

Stop A Thief, a national company, which specialises in fitting anti-theft devices to vehicles on a franchise basis, usually charges from £5 to neatly sandblast a car registration number on to all window areas. They offer substantial reductions if they can cut overheads by marking several vehicles in the same place at the same time. For instance, twenty cars or more can reduce the unit price to around the £3.50 mark.

Whatever the make, age or condition of a vehicle, at that price it must make sense to have it permanently marked. Index plates can be changed for less than a 'fiver' but to change all the glass in a car is far from cost effective for the thief.

Almost everyone who parks their cars at

Police Headquarters recently took advantage of this offer. Always quick to see a crime prevention advantage, the Chief Constable was delighted to allow the work to be carried out during working hours. The car owner does not have to be present and money can be collected in bulk by just one person with very minimal effort.

It is surprising that local factories seem not to be so keen to make this offer available to their employees. If they doubt the value they only have to speak to anyone at Headquarters, as once again the Police are seen to lead the community into taking responsibility for their own property.

Reduced Price

If any police officer, or other groups would also like to take advantage of having their cars permanently marked at reduced cost, all it takes is a telephone call to Inspector Bob Ward in Crime Prevention at Police Headquarters, extn 578. He will be pleased to pass on the details.

POLICE AND ESSEX RADIO WORK TOGETHER

"Essex Action Against Crime"



Essex Crime Prevention Officers in conjunction with Essex Radio, launched a week "Essex Action Against Crime" in the County during July.

Each day from Monday to Friday a Crime Prevention Officer was interviewed on the radio on subjects including Neighbourhood Watch, Auto Crime and Cycle Theft, Security in the Home and Property Marking. The dangers faced by children in the community also featured in the programmes.

A short interview each day was followed by a busy spell on the Essex Radio Action Desk, answering varied enquiries from the public.

The idea was to stimulate public interest in Crime and more importantly how to prevent it.

An exhibition was mounted at the Essex Radio Southend offices and manned by a Neighbourhood Beat Officer.

It was hoped that local papers would take up the theme either daily, or on the weekly edition, to re-inforce our message that "Community Action Can Cut Crime".

The Essex Radio activity was co-ordinated by Carol Walker and presenters Keith Rogers and John Hayes. Police input was given by Inspector Bob Ward, Sergeant Fred Feather and Constable Liz Poynter from HQ and Sergeant Howard Laverack and Constable Tony Ashdown from the Southend Division. Constable Keith Brown, however, was the busiest officer — he manned the action desk all week.

The feedback so far received indicates the effort was a success with a number of enquiries received from the public to start Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and improve the level of their home or car security.

Well Done Essex Radio, as always helping us to serve our local people.

"THE ESSEX POLICE"

WRITING reports is not something the average police officer enjoys very much: he or she would generally far rather be out and about than stuck in the police station with a pile of paperwork! The fact that Sergeant John Woodgate has voluntarily condemned himself to an immense amount of extra paperwork to produce his book "The Essex Police" is, therefore, all the more praiseworthy.

The Essex Police, will be published in hard covers on 25 July by the Lavenham publishers Terence Dalton Ltd; it is priced at £9.95. It is an attractive publication with a pleasing typeface set on good quality paper, and is generously illustrated with a number of fascinating photographs which enhance the text.

Aspects of force history have been the subject of many articles in various publications over the years — both national and local — but John Woodgate's book is the first to appear on the force as a whole since Burnett Tabrum published his short 'History of the Essex Constabulary in 1920'. On these grounds the book is to be welcomed.

The author adopts a chronological approach and a journalistic style in his nineteen chapters. There are also six appendices and an index. The first chapter attempts to summarise in eight pages the history of law enforcement from Saxon times to the 19th century. Further chapters deal with the formation and early years of the Essex Constabulary, and some selected murders — Pc Bamforth in 1850, Inspector Simmons in 1885, Sergeant Eves in 1893, Sergeant Harvey in 1894 and Pc Gutteridge in 1928. The story of the notorious murder of Camille Holland at Moat Farm also appears.

Other chapters record the main trends in force history up to the amalgamation with Southend Borough in 1969, such as the development of the Traffic division, the Marine Section, and developments — such as unit beat policing and computerisation — which have led the force

into the so-called computer age. Brief accounts of the original borough forces of Essex — Harwich, Saffron Walden, Colchester and Maldon — are included as appendices, together with the establishment surveys of 1841 and 1850. However I could find no mention of the CID or Dog Section.

Some of the stories told are well-known ones which have appeared in many different publications: this is particularly so with the murders of Pc Gutteridge and Camille Holland, and to a lesser extent with the murders of Inspector Simmons and Sergeant Eve.

I have been in some doubt as to the intended readership. Is it proposed to give the general reader an overall picture of the policing of Essex over the past 145 years? Or is the book the complete answer to the inquisitive schoolchild with a CSE project? Perhaps the intention was to make cynical members of the present-day force appreciate how well off they are nowadays?

The approach is generally the exaggerated style of the historical novel, and we get a good deal of conversation and description which must be based on conjecture and literary licence. Did Constable Percy Battle really patrol quietly along Chelmsford High Street with his eyes wandering from the pavements to the white-faced clock as he smiled to himself, remembering how he'd missed a point when he worked in Brentwood? Maybe not, but such a style will attract schoolchildren seeking to get a picture of how the policeman of yesterday went about his business.

It is a pity the intended readership is not clear, as there are a number of inconsistencies which will be picked by a police officer but will tend to confuse non-police readers. For example on page 159 mention is made of the recruit returning from his three months training at police college; on page 161 there is a reference to the recruits coming for the police training centre. Non-police readers could be forgiven for imagining two different

A book review by Maureen Scollan

sorts of recruits. A similar point occurs in the reference to the broadcast system: police readers will automatically fill in the omission while others will not. The general reader might also be mystified by the reference on page 159 to 'unexploded bombs having to be sealed off...'. Those not knowing the procedures might imagine the police have access to a special sort of mastic!



John Woodgate

The is one glaring error on page 153 which must be corrected, in the section devoted to the career of Sir John Nightingale. Sir John was never the Commandant of the Police Training Centre at Ryton-on-Dunsmore: he was a member of the directing staff of the National Police College which at that time was based at Ryton before transferring to Bramshill.

Having been trained as an archivist I am of the firm opinion that sources of information should be acknowledged, and at least a selected list of references provided in every serious published work of an historical nature. The author justifiably acknowledges his debt to Critchley's 'History of Police in England and Wales' and its bibliography, but beyond that we are generally left to wonder from where he has gathered some of his lengthy quotations.

At the very least a list of the printed sources used by the author should have been provided. A bonus would have been details of the main classes of police records consulted and their location: all we have is a general acknowledgement to the

Chief Constable, the County Archivist and some local archivists and historians.

Some of the quotations I recognise but I should like to be able to follow up some others, eg the reference to a Deputy Chief Constable with the same surname as the first Chief Constable, and the DCC who kept monkeys and frequently sent recruits down to Chelmsford to buy bananas. Did the author interview some of the reluctant shoppers, or is the information in some printed or manuscript source? A list of the persons interviewed (if that was the case) could profitably have been included.

There are a number of generalisations made in the introductory chapter which give a somewhat distorted picture, particularly for the medieval period. I for one have never heard the saying which opens the book that, "It is often said that in Britain every citizen is a policeman and every policeman a citizen". If this is meant to be a paraphrase of the definition of a constable then in might have been better to use the original quotation from Rowan and Mayne — police readers would have identified more easily with it.

While it is very useful to have potted histories of the borough forces as appendices I fail to see the use of the force distribution list of 1841 and 1850. To be really meaningful we need comparative figures for, say, 1900 and 1950. It would have been more useful to have a complete list of all the chief constables with their dates, rather than having to pick them out from the text.

Police history is a neglected area of serious study, mainly because there has been no definite policy for preserving the documents and papers which are the raw materials of historical research. A piece of writing on the subject is, therefore, a bonus and John Woodgate is to be congratulated on his self-discipline in compiling a readable survey of the policing of Essex.

THE FIRST RAIN FOR YEARS COULD NOT SPOIL THE DAY AT THE

Pensioners Garden Party



All of the ladies of the Force Training School canteen lent willing hands to prepare the food, including 200lbs of fresh picked strawberries. Mmm delicious was the unanimous verdict of those attending.

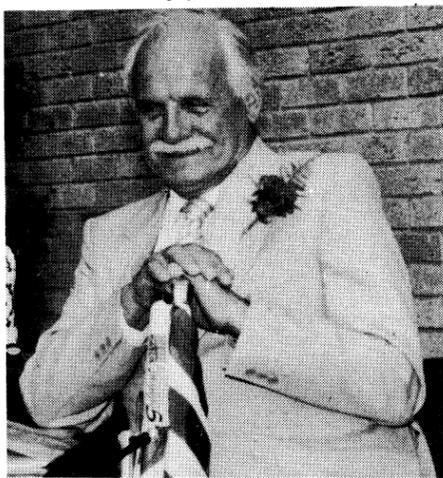


Above, "Tug" Wilson, 71 years cycled from Southend. How's that for fitness. As a bonus WPC Liz Poynter postcoded his cycle.



Frank Baker, 84 years attended with Bob Taylor. Bob, who left the job after about 5 years service, joined in 1949, was posted to Hornchurch. His first Sergeant was Frank.

Below. Sir John Nightingale attended, and while it lasted enjoyed the fine weather.



Below, Guests attended from far and near. Mr N. Currell, on holiday in this country, now resides in Whiterock, Canada, and wanted to renew old acquaintances.

Below: Those who prepared the food were complimented in the best possible way—not a scrap left.



NEW FORDS APPRAISED



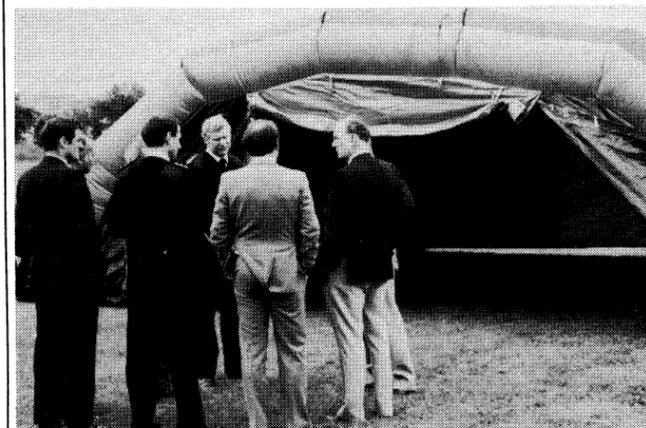
THE media are always interested in new developments and equipment used by the Police. They were nonetheless so recently when the BBC "Look East" TV programme featured this force and the new Ford Granada and the 4 x 4 (4 wheeldrive) Sierra.

Our driving school had the opportunity to evaluate both vehicles under somewhat artificial but controlled conditions at the Ford Motor Company's test track at Dunton.

The Granada was put through its paces and a demonstration of the ABS braking system was arranged for the cameras. Insp Dave Hicks was put "on the spot" by reporter Julia Booth and declared the experience of a TV interviewee "Worse than giving evidence at Crown Court, but still quite painless"...

This Force has an excellent relationship with Fords, and we thank them for the facilities made available.

Useful Inflation



ASSISTANT Chief Constable 'Administration' Mr Mathew Comrie (right), pictured with other HQ 'men of decision' recently, at a demonstration of an inflatable building. These 'air-supported units' are easily portable and can be erected in minutes to provide instant shelter. Police uses might include the protection of scenes of crime, rest areas, incident centre, casualty reception and many others. They are made not to collapse even when holed and although not cheap, have a long projected working life.

Well — I'll be postcoded!

PoCo, the Post Office elephant mascot for post-coding, has nothing on a real live Tortoise. At a recent Crime Prevention drive at Southend to encourage the postcoding of valuable property, two youngsters brought along their pet Tortoise 'Tommy'.

Southend WPC Kate Lake, couldn't find out whether the worry was that 'Tommy' might be stolen or whether he had a habit of wandering off in search of lady Tortoises. Either way round she marked his shell with a safe and durable ultra-violet pen.

Now if 'Tommy' is a philanderer, or if he is unlawfully taken, at least he should be able to find his way home without getting too shell shocked.



Tommy gets "Tattooed" with his owners post code, in ultra violet ink of course well it had to be invisible, we couldn't spoil the handsome chaps good looks, could we.

Last seen, he was heard to be muttering something about the indignity of it all, but that it was probably worth it to have

been 'taken in hand' by the pretty Kate. "It beats having a hole drilled in your shell any day mate" he told "The Law".

Swedish children visit Brentwood



Photo by courtesy of The Brentwood Gazette.

A sunny June afternoon at Brentwood saw Chief Inspector Roger Phillips and Inspector Tony Fraser with 36 Swedish children visiting the town. They were members of the

Anglo-Swedish State Education Travelling Society staying with local families. Their afternoon with the police included a tour of the police station and talks on the dog section and the traffic department.

National Association of Retired Police Officers by Doug Rampling

YOU WILL recall that I forecast a pension increase of something above five per cent this year and at last the Government figures are official at seven per cent. That is what you can expect in November when the increase is payable.

For those of you who have still to reach the magical 55th year it will be "put into the Bank".

Cruise

Chelmsford Branch held their Chelmer / Blackwater Canal cruise on the 22 June and although the weather was foul we had an enjoyable evening. There were plenty of old tales "floating around" if you will pardon the pun.

Deluge

Having cruised down as far as Woodham Walter, we got stuck in a lock for 40 minutes because the gates were jammed by someone throwing an old Police-type radio in and blocking it up, and partaking well of the bar stocks on board, everyone arrived back at Little Bad-dow in good heart and ready for bed. If anyone is suffering from drought please let me know and I will arrange another outing. I can guarantee a deluge.

I have now received motions for the Annual Conference, there are 14 this year covering topics such as pensions, the possibility of NARPO negotiating for the old Convalescent Home at Hove, use of the New Home at Goring by NARPO, reduction of the annual precept, and the definition of NARPO Officers, so it looks like quite a full bill of fare in September. No doubt by the time you read this your committee will have met to consider any amendments they wish to put forward.

Three members of the NEC met with Home Secretary on the 18 June, and spent about an hour with him discussing among other topics, the preserved rate widows pension and the inclusion of a member of NARPO on committee "E" of the Police Negotiating Board. Whilst the outcome of the meeting was not encouraging, the NEC will keep pressures on to have both these matters to the fore in the coming months. It will need a change in the Law to enable us to get a member on to Committee "E" as its constitution is laid down by statute.

Garden Party

The Force Garden Party was again well attended although I thought that numbers appeared down on previous years. There were a few familiar faces missing. However, those attending had, as usual, a most enjoyable time despite, for the first time as far as I can remember, a slight mishap with the weather. On behalf of everyone who attended I extend our sincere thanks to all those people who worked so hard to make the event so enjoyable.

Finally, may I ask those of you who have not as yet paid your annual subscriptions to let the Treasurer

have them as soon as possible, please.

Retirements

PC Michael R. Saunders, stationed at Ardleigh, retires on medical grounds 5 August, after 5 years 337 days service.
 PS Kenneth J. Diver, stationed at Chelmsford, retired 10 July, after 29 years 257 days service.
 Supt Bruce A. C. Irwin, stationed at Southend, retires 4 August, after 33 years 221 days service.
 PC Roy A. Maplestone, stationed at CSB Chelmsford, retires 4 August, after 30 years 225 days service.
 DC Frank Kennedy, stationed at Southend, retires 8 August, after 34 years 315 days service.
 Insp George T. Thurkle, stationed at Marine Section, retires 23 September, after 30 years 2 days service.

Obituaries

14 June, ex PS Edward Page, 78 years, who retired from Benfleet, 8 March, 1985.
 15 June, ex PC Moses Abbott, 94 years, who retired from Southend-on-Sea Borough Constabulary, 2 December, 1939.
 15 June, ex PS William J. R. Rippon, 67 years, who retired from Brentwood, 6 June, 1969.
 22 June, ex PC Peter C. Bentley, 56 years, who retired from Traffic Division, 31 August, 1979.
 7 July, ex PS Ivor Howells, 71 years, who retired from Southend-on-Sea Borough Constabulary, 8 June, 1968.
 9 July, ex PC Herbert K. E. Swain, 67 years, who retired from Clacton, 27 January, 1945.
 4 July, Mrs June Winch, civilian, serving at Southend Police Station.

FORCE LOTTERY

RESULTS of the draw held at Rayleigh on June 24, 1985: 1st prize WPC S Ding, Colchester, £1,500; 2nd prize WPC D. Ginn, Basildon, £700; 3rd prize WPC A. Wickens, Rayleigh, £300. Consolation prizes at £50 each: PC Parker, Grays; PC Stevenson, Tilbury; PC Smith, Billericay; PC Spurgeon, Colchester; C/I Abraham, Tilbury; PC Sergeant, Harwich; PC Buchan, Harlow; PC Jepson, Witham; WDC Hawkins, HQ CDU; PS Croot, Saffron Walden.

SERVIS SUPERTWIN washing machine. Excellent condition, hardly used. No room forces sale. Collect from Chelmsford. £65, no offers. PC Bradbrook, Brentwood Traffic Ext 49.
HALF-SIZE racing cycle, £20; **BMX** bike, £50; Fibreglass dinghy, £80. Ken Briggs, PC 1077, Braintree Station or 0206 212182.
ELEIGH STRIKA boy's cycle, colour red, excellent condition, £30 ono. Contact PC A. D. W. Lamidey, Information Room or Chelmsford 57698.
LADY'S 10-SPEED racing bike, six months' old, never used (Peugeot), cost £124, accept £75. PC 1211 Batchelor, Maldon Station.
HI-FI system, Rotel deck, Hitachi cassette deck, Wharfedale speakers, £85 ono. PC P. Hughes, Colchester Station, telephone: 212249.
ELECTRIC FIRE, Dimplex FEF223, 3 x 75W heat, copper effect with canopy, vgc, coal effect. B. Brinkley, 93 Sandford Road, Chelmsford, telephone: 355750.
SPAIN: De-luxe four-bedroom flat overlooking sea, in a real Spanish village near Valencia. From only £60 pw all-in, for Essex Police Officers. (References available HQ, extn 376.) Bookings 01-851 4932.
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MONEY MATTERS

Mortgage advice

ON MY first driving course I was taught about the most important start to any journey, that is the cockpit drill which gets everything lined up nicely before setting off.

The same applies to getting a mortgage.

Bank

First stop in our journey is the Bank. Lenders will write to your Bank Manager and ask if you are known, respectable and good for the figure stated. It is important to see your bank manager and find out what reference he'll give. If it's not good, you can ask what he wants in order to correct it. A typical poor reference sounds like this: "Mr X has been a customer of the Bank of 3 years and is considered trustworthy and respectable. We feel, however, that he is at present fully committed." If your manager can be convinced that you ARE good for the figure stated, then his reference will be OK.

Existing mortgage

Second stop is your existing mortgage. If your mortgage is in arrears, it's certain to kill the application stone dead. Few people realise how damaging it can be to fall behind on the mortgage, it can actually prevent you from moving. If a month or so behind, it is



by Tony Warren

imperative to keep in touch with the lender so that he knows what's going on. Providing the arrears are cleared, he usually won't mention the fact that you have had a problem in the past. Some Building Societies, however, do report previous problems in their references — these are lethal.

References

Third part of the drill is to know what reference you will receive from Headquarters. Usually they state your gross wage, a nominal figure for overtime (about £500 a year last time we enquired) and the full rent allowance available to an officer of your status.

"CRO check"

Finally, there is the "Lenders CRO check." We use one called The United Association for the protection of Traders. If you have an unsatisfied court judgement, this will show and will normally prove lethal. Even being more than three months behind on some HP will usually be recorded. If you have had a judgement in the past, and it's been paid, you can pay a pound to have the record put straight. Even paid-off judgements can appear but, what's even more telling, is the record of previous checks.

Medisure Help Desk — A Message from Bath

MEDICAL SCHEME

ESSEX may be some distance from Avon, but the Help Desk, manned by Judy Polley of Medisure Marketing and Management Limited, is in daily contact with the force. Advice has been given on a variety of subjects relating to the recently introduced Police Masterplan Scheme administered by Private Patient Plan. "The Law" plans to carry regular contributions from Help Desk, which will include tips on general healthcare and other advice.

Judy, a State Registered Nurse, with five years' previous experience in running private medical insurance arrangements for a large company, will discuss medical matters in a way that you will understand. This initial contact, prior to embarking on a course of private medical treatment, helps to prevent any misunderstanding about the benefits available, and more importantly, those that are not.

Discount

Remember that both the Hartswood Hospital at Brentwood and the Wellesley Hospital at Southend-on-Sea discount all hospital accounts by 10% for members of the scheme. This discount does not apply to sundry items such as telephone calls or the fees charged by the Specialist. Therefore, should either you or a dependant included in your membership to be admitted to hospital, you could ask either your General Practitioner or Specialist if admission to either of the two hospitals would be appropriate. Any reduction in the cost of a claim will help to control the dramatic increase in subscription rates from which we have all suffered in recent years.

Costs

Admission to any other hospital in Essex is not restricted in any way. However, if you are recommended for Specialist Treatment in London, you may not be fully covered for in-patient costs. Please contact the Help Desk prior to commencing treatment, as in some cases it may be possible to arrange discounted prices so that you are fully covered for the costs incurred at certain London hospitals.

Health Screening

A number of members have also benefitted from the discounts offered for

Holiday Travel Insurance and Health Screening arranged by Medisure Marketing and Management Limited.

Any member of the scheme who requires a claim form should contact the Federation office on Chelmsford (0245) 267267. Details of the scheme are also available for those who did not take up the option earlier this year. If you would like to discuss your claim or the scheme in more detail then contact Judy Polley at the Help Desk on Bath (0225) 336060.

Enrolment

Membership Cards are now being distributed. It is essential that all subscribers complete and return their enrolment forms, for it is by reference to the enrolment record that membership card details can be produced. Those who have not returned their enrolments will lack the facility of a Membership Card which in some instances may lead to difficulties when making a claim.

The Group Secretary has part-time facilities to administer the scheme and the office is not always open for enquiries. Wherever possible telephone enquiries should be made between 9am and 12 midday. There should be a member of staff available during these times to assist with your queries.

HELP DESK HINT-LINES — Did you know that . . . ?

Half the male population over 40 years are overweight. Are you one of them?

One of every ten men will die from a heart attack before 65. Have you lost a relative or close friend in this way?

1 in 17 women will suffer from breast cancer and 2,000 will die every year from cancer of the cervix. Has your wife had a cervical smear taken in the last three years? Ladies have you had a cervical smear taken in the last three years?

A variety of Health Screening facilities are available to members of the force and their dependants. (This opportunity is available to all members of the force, not just those who subscribe to the Police Masterplan Scheme.) To benefit from the discounts Medisure have negotiated please contact Judy Polley at the Help Desk on Bath (0225) 336060.

Market Place

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24436. **TECHNICS U25** Electric Organ and stool, includes rhythm section and chord computer. Cost £900 plus new, bargain. £195. DS Currell, HQ CDU (F). Tel: 0702 712151.

THIS is your FREE small-ad service. Please use this form as we regret that ads cannot be accepted over the phone or on plain paper. Send your ad to "Market Place", The Law, Police HQ, Chelmsford. Thank you.

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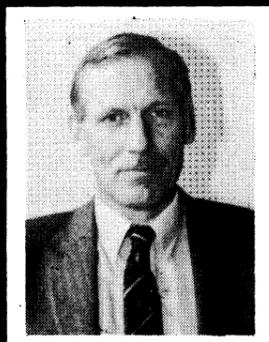
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Federation Notes



by
Jim Rodgers

Discipline hearings

THE Police and Criminal Evidence Act, 1984 provides a prohibition of specified punishments at Police Disciplinary hearings, unless the officer has been given the opportunity to elect to be legally represented at the hearing.

The punishments are Dismissal; Requirement to resign or Reducation in rank.

At this year's conference a motion was passed which gave authority to the Joint Central Committee to seek an amendment to the Police Federation Regulations so that Federation Funds could be used to provide legal representation for members in jeopardy from Section 102 of PACE.

On June 28, amendment regulations came into force which give this authority so that Federation Funds can now be used to defray legal charges incurred by a member of the Federation in connection with his legal representation at Discipline Proceedings.

This is extremely good news, and shows that the much maligned JCC can move quite quickly when they have to, I commend them for their speed on this occasion.

Whilst on the subject of Discipline, officers are reminded that they have a right to consult with a "Friend" at all stages of a Disciplinary Investigation.

Where an officer is accused of a Criminal Act, he has the same rights as any accused person in that he may have the benefit of legal assistance right from the outset. However, it is not always possible for the cost to be met from Federation Funds.

If you have problems in either eventuality, contact your local Federation Rep, or the JBB Office in an emergency!

RENT ALLOWANCE

AS ANNOUNCED by the Chief Constable at our Open Meeting on June 17, the Home Office have approved our new Rent Allowance.

The weekly Allowance for Federated Ranks is £50.73, and the new multiplier is confirmed at 6.38,

with effect from April 1, 1985.

I understand from Finance Department that some increases will be put into payment in the August pay packet, and that the remainder and the back pay will to the best of their ability be paid the following month.

RETURN OF PREMIUM INSURANCE

THE above scheme is run under the auspices of the Police Federation nationally. It is a Unit based Insurance, each Unit is for £2,000 and the monthly premium is £1 the maximum number of Units that one may hold is 15, giving Life Cover for a maximum of £30,000 at a premium of £15 per month.

Any officers who already hold Return of Premium Units, who are still below 45 years of age, may increase their holdings to the maximum. To do so you need to obtain

an application form from my Office.

Any one who is not in the scheme, and is interested, should contact my office for full details.

Basically what is on offer is Insurance cover for nothing. At age 55 years or on retirement whichever is the sooner, the officer may recover all of his premiums — with a small deduction for administration, whilst during the interim he has been covered for a maximum of £30,000 Life Insurance. If you don't claim, you get your money back!

Overtime, Rest Day and Public Holiday working

NEW REGULATIONS

AT LONG LAST the new Regulations dealing with Overtime, Rest Day and Public Holiday working have been introduced. The amendment to Regulations 25 and 29, and the new Regulations 25A, 26 and 27 will come into force on July 11 1985.

You will recall these Regulations were thrown into disrepute as a result of the Goodson versus Starbuck case, when a learned Judge indicated that they could be interpreted in several different ways.

Clear regulations

The new Regulations have been drafted in such a way that they are clear and capable of only one interpretation. This must be to the benefit of all Federated Ranks — and be of great assistance to the other ranks who in the past have been so perverse in some of their decision making!

This is highlighted early in the amendment regulations, when they decree that the Chief Officer will fix the definition of a "day" — and that in so doing he "Shall have regard to the wishes of the Joint Branch Board."

Duty rosters

The new Regulation 24A deals with publication of Duty Rosters which will show an officers Rest Days, the Public Holidays on which he may be required to do duty, and the times at which his daily periods of duty will begin and end.

It also lays down that there shall be a period not LESS than eight hours between the ending of one shift and the beginning of his next tour of duty, as well as an interval not exceeding seven days between rest days, unless the JBB agrees otherwise.

This means that where duties are altered, supervisors will have to take extra care in their arrangements.

Overtime

Regulation 26 dealing with Overtime is very little altered, but the major change is with regard to "Casual Overtime". Where the present Regulation requires an aggregate of three hours to be worked in a period of a

fortnight, the new ones state "that no account will be taken of any time worked in a period of less than 30 minutes," thus implying that all other periods of time will count for overtime purposes.

There is also provision made for counting all time as duty, where an officer is recalled to duty plus travelling time, on the same sort of basis as the old "recall after night duty" provision. (ie, less than four hours counts as four hours).

The new Regulation 27 gives several improvements. Where an officer is required to work on a rostered rest day or public holiday, with less than eight days' notice then he or she will be entitled to payment of the relevant allowance and in addition be granted another day in lieu. The lieu day will be treated as a Rest Day or Public Holiday — that is to say that it will attract equivalent compensation should the officer be required to work on that day. The lieu day must be notified to the officer within four days of the requirement to work.

Where an officer receives more than eight days but less than 29 notice of the requirement to work on a Rest Day, he or she will be compensated by payment or time off at the choice of the member, enhanced at the appropriate rate.

Where 29 days or more notice is given of a requirement to work on a Rest Day, then another Rest Day can be allocated in lieu (Re Rostering), but this day must be notified to the officer within four days of the requirement to work.

Where an officer receives at least eight days notice of the requirement to work on a Public Holiday an allowance at the appropriate rate will be paid — DOUBLE TIME.

Principle maintained

The principle relating to Lieu Days is maintained throughout, that is that the day will be treated as either a Rest Day or Public Holiday, according to which it replaces. Therefore requirement to work on those days will attract the same compensations as would have occurred with the original day.

Branch Board Elections

IT HAS been decided that with effect this year, there will no longer be a personal issue of nomination papers to each member of the Federated Ranks. This is in the interests of economy primarily, so that there is a saving on the mass of paper which has to be distributed each year. But it is also true that there will be a saving in time for the hard pressed staff in the Federation Office, as well as those in the Divisional Admin Offices.

Date decided

Very simply, what will happen is that the date of the Election will be decided, then the designated Deputy Presiding Officers will be briefed by the Chief Administration Officer, Mr Ivor Abel (The Presiding Officer). He will notify them of the closing dates for the receipt of nominations, the actual date of the Elections, and also supply them with necessary forms.

Five forms

Each Divisional Deputy Presiding Officer (DPO) will be supplied with five nomination forms, which he will retain in his office, available for issue to anyone who wishes to propose

a candidate for the election.

Each nomination form will comprise several different parts, each part related to a different category representative, so that those Branches of the service who are disseminated round the Force area, will be able to obtain a form close to their work base, then forward it to the relevant DPO.

It will therefore be possible for the Women Officers, CID, Officers, Traffic, CSB, and Marine or Dog Section officers to obtain a nomination form if they wish to propose a representative for their respec-

tive departments, or ranks.

Suitable period

What they must then ensure is that they forward the nomination form to the correct Deputy Presiding Officer — having first ensured they have completed the correct part!

A suitable period of notice of the impending Election will be given within a Force Order printed in early November of this year, followed by a printed notice which will be posted on each Federation Notice Board

throughout the Force.

Once nomination papers have been provided and despatched within the time scale for receipt by DPO's, the test of the Election procedures will continue as at present.

In the event that more than five nomination papers are required from any individual DPO, then he can photocopy more as required. But it is our view that five will in most cases be adequate.

I publish early notice of this change in system, so that any pitfalls may be pointed out to us before we implement the scheme!

PAY REVIEW 1985

THE latest published figures, those reflecting April 1984 to April 1985, show a movement of some 7½% up on the average earnings index. Our September Pay Award will of course be based on the May 1984 to May 1985 figures, and the likelihood is that the figure will be slightly up.

This bodes well for September, and when this has been settled, the Joint Central Committee will be pressing for an improvement in our Annual Leave.

The last improvement to our Annual Leave came about in January 1984. It wasn't as much as we had hoped for, nor as much as we thought we should be getting. It has been quite clear for a number of years that we have fallen way behind on leave entitlement, and every effort to make improvements has been thwarted in one way or another.

Now, after much research, the Joint Central Committee are going to seek realistic changes in the way our leave entitlement is calculated. They take as a basic the minimum leave entitlement, then add in service points at 2, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years for additional days to be added. The basic is 20 days for two or less years of service, with two extra days being counted at each of the service points up to a maximum of 32 days for 25 or more years' service.

This criteria seems to relate well with the practical aspects outside of the service, and hopefully the Official Side will want to treat us at least compatible with other employments.

The JCC have maintained the stance that years of service and NOT rank, should dictate leave entitlement.

FOOTBALL REPORT

THE 1984/85 season drew to a close in late May with the general feeling that we did well but we could have done better. We finished with a number of trophies but once again the really big ones escaped us. In police competition we were Southern Counties Champions and the first team also finished up in the runners up spot in the Olympian League Premier Division.

In their inaugural year the reserve team finished third in the league and were promoted.

we are firmly established as a club rather than just a football team we look forward to great things. Having two teams has

By
John Weatherley

given us far more scope and there should be no bounds to what we can achieve. The coming season will be difficult especially for the newly promoted reserves but already

there are new players showing an interest and both teams will no doubt benefit.

Anybody wishing to play football in the coming year should contact John Rhymes, Harlow ext 200 or John Weatherley on HQ ext 207. We are still looking for 2 men (or women) to run the line regularly as Mick Wood has taken on a new role.

Pre-season training has already started at 6.30pm on a Thursday evening. We look forward to seeing you.

AWARDS

Individually, mention must be made of Paul Gammen and Bill Clark who were voted players of the year for the first and reserve teams respectively. These awards are chosen by the players themselves and it speaks for itself in what high esteem these players are considered.

Olympian League linesmen of the year went to our own Mick Wood. When you consider he beat of the challenge of linesmen from all 4 divisions you realise what a fantastic achievement this was. Congratulations Mick.

So all in all we had a good season and now that

LINESMEN REQUIRED

Force football teams require 2 regular linesmen for the coming season. Anybody interested in becoming part of

the Club should contact John Weatherley on HQ Ext 207 asap.

Force v Veterans

Sunday 14 July saw the first cricket match when a force XI faced a Veterans team.

Despite being a bit match rusty, the Veterans got off to a good start with openers Ellis and Henry scoring 29 runs between them. They were well supported by the lower order batsmen, especially Wilkinson and Rhymes with 45 and 30 respectively not out.

The force team displayed some creditable batting, their top scorers being English (33) and Bloxham (20) but mention here must be made of the Veteran bowlers. Wicket conditions allowed Grainger the 'turner' he dreams about giving him figures of 1 for 9 with Johnson 3 for 7.

The result? As if it mattered! Veterans 147; Force 133.

Rumour has it that next year the match is to be incorporated into the annual pensioners' garden party festivities.

Force Sports Notes

In 1970 the City of London Police Sports Association donated a cup to No 5 Region PAA to be awarded to the winning Force in the annual South East Region Athletics Championships. From its distinctive leaf design around the bowl it is affectionately known as the 'Holly Cup.'

By
John Barrett

In that first year, Essex Constabulary, as it was then known, tied for first place with Sussex Police and had to share the trophy. Since then no other Force in the South East Region have ever had their hands on it. The champions for each year, engraved on the plinth, read Essex Constabulary, Essex and Southend-on-Sea Constabulary and now, Essex Police.

On Friday, 7 June, our team went to Luton in Bedfordshire to defend the cup for the fifteenth time.

At the end of the day we had won yet again with a clear margin of over 100 points from the Force placed second. A remarkable achievement by any standards. Our team, made up of officers from all over the County, was



At the end of a hard days competition "the team" look suitably satisfied with themselves.

captained by Chief Insp John Hedgethorpe of Colchester.

Suffice it to say, they gave of their best and on behalf of all readers of this column, I offer them my heartfelt congratulations and if I had anything to do

with it they would all get a bonus.

If that wasn't enough, we came away with another splendid cup. The Victor Ludorum Cup, or as it turned out, the Victor Ludorum, which was won by WPC Moira Ow-

ers, of Grays who achieved the most individual points of any athlete on the day. Well done!

One thing I learnt whilst I was there is that the officials frowned on cheering from inside the track. Still, I wasn't to know.

ROMFORD CRICKETERS WIN THE 1950 COURTAULD CUP.

The Cricketing '50s

ROMFORD veterans of the Essex County Constabulary may well recognise the photograph accompanying this article. It is a copy of one which used to hang in the Chief Superintendent's office at the old Police Station in South Street, Romford. The framed original now graces the offices of 'The Law', thanks to Mr Richard Neale, of Stan-ford-le-Hope.

Courtauld Cup

The photograph shows the last Romford Division Cricket team to win the Courtauld Cup before the Romford Division became a bastion of the Metropolitan police. Its history is that it was originally given



to Chief Superintendent George Sutton. He went on to become an Essex Assistant Chief Constable. Featured in the picture are (left to right):

Back row: Dighton, Ridgeway, Barker, Martindill, Gowing, Butcher, Elkington and a County Umpire.

Front row: Jeffrey, Fitch, Champman, Neale, Sutton, Kermath, Docker, Mascot.

'The Law' would be delighted to hear from anyone with any tales to tell about the 'old team.' Would anyone like to organise a reunion game?

FORCE CRICKET

AFTER the wettest June for many years the cricket scene for 1985 has been very much one of re-arranging fixtures.

To date the season has given us some pre-season nets, a single wicket competition, one-and-a-half matches against Chelmsford and two cup matches against Thames Valley.

The first match v Chelmsford was washed out at tea time, Chelmsford having completed their innings at 162 for 5. The return fixture, a month later, provided some excitement on the

HQ wicket. Chelmsford batting first scored 94 for 8 from 45 overs with Alex Lockyer taking 5 wickets for 34 runs. We scraped home with 2 wickets to spare, thanks again to Alex who finished on 19 not out.

By
John Stonehouse.

On 11 June we played Thames Valley at Harlow in the PAA. On a rain affected wicket we struggled to 98 all out, Paul Gould making 50 of them. As the rain came down we were determined to make them fight all the way, well most of us were anyway! We finally succumbed in the 32nd over, Thames Valley having surpassed our total for the loss of 5 wickets. All the lads bowled well, Alec Lockyer picking up 2 for 16 off 8, myself 2—24 off 9 and Errol Greene 1—22 off 9.

The only other game that has not been affected by the weather was the match in the Home Counties Cup played re-

cently at Oxford, again Thames Valley being the opposition. On a glorious summer's day, I lost the toss and Thames Valley elected to bat.

With only a handful of overs left I was very pleased to have contained them to around 130. However, a chap called Ellworthy, who I had got cheaply in the first match, suddenly took a liking to Dave Austin's bowling and produced five sixes of great quality. They totalled 190, 64 coming from the last 7 overs.

However, we were not too disheartened, a good track and a lightning fast outfield could still see us home. Errol went cheaply, again, much to the home side's delight but with J. Stonehouse combining firstly with P. Gould, 15, and then John Butcher, 40, at 119 for 2 with 10 overs left we were set for the charge.

It was not to be. Some tight bowling at the wrong time and the loss of wickets made the task impossible. John Stonehouse carried his bat to finish at 66 not out. A very enjoyable, if not successful, day.

STEWARDS WANTED

This letter explains how 'Law' readers can watch County Cricket and get paid for the privilege. Any takers must contact the writer at the County Ground, New Writtle Street, Chelmsford, phone (0245) 354533.

Dear Sir,

We find on big match days, especially on Sundays, that our normal stewards get overwhelmed with the size of the crowds and the extra pressures involved. This is hardly surprising as most of them are age 65 and over.

It occurred to me that retired police officers might be the ideal people to act as stewards on these days. They are, on average, younger, fitter, used to dealing with people, honest and maybe anxious to do a little part time work to supplement their pensions.

If I used them just on Sundays it would also give a day off to our usual chaps.

I know that a number of retired police officers obtain employment in any case, but I am essentially looking to employ people on Sundays and even those in employment could still be interested.

Your sincerely, P. J. Edwards, Secretary/General Manager.

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