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### Essex Crime Prevention Campaign — one year on!

# Crime Prevention Works

It's just a year since Essex Police launched their new initiatives in the Prevention of Crime with the aim of encouraging the whole force and the public at large to join together to prevent crime.

How have we got on? If some press reports are to be believed, we have failed miserably, but let's examine the facts:-

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

It's spreading across the county! The initial surge in Southend and Basildon and Brentwood has at last been more than matched at Chelmsford, Colchester, Harlow and Grays.

There are now 287 schemes running with a further 171 being set up. Just under 12,000 households are now involved in Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and that makes at least 24,000 pairs of eyes and ears. The enthusiastic response from Neighbourhood Beat Officers has led to the tremendous public response from alert Neighbourhood Watchers.

For example, in Brentwood, information from one group led to the arrest and charging of several men for robbery, that from another group, about a "suspicious vehicle", brought about the arrest of several people for burglary. In fact they were actually caught in the act!

This same Watch Group, reported two suspicious persons which resulted in more arrests, and 60 telephone box thefts being cleared up.

The story is similar in Colchester, Harlow, Witham and Chelmsford. Who says we don't need Neighbourhood Watch now? Well done both police and public involved in these schemes.

#### BURGLARIES DOWN

Up to the end of July 1985, crime had risen overall in Essex by 1.1%. A very marginal rise, but when you consider a 36% rise in shoplifting the whole picture is somewhat different. Domestic burglaries are down 9.2%. Other burglaries are down 3.5%. This should give room for encouragement, but not complacency. One burglary is too many especially if you are the victim!

It is a fact that Neighbourhood Watch areas have become less vulnerable to criminal activity. Our first survey evaluations of schemes have revealed hard evidence of better home security and an

improvement in community spirit. Many homes now have their property postcoded but most heartening of all, is the reduction in fear of crime. People now feel more secure in their home environment.

#### POSTCODING

Whilst on the subject of Property Marking — please keep checking all property for postcodes. Thousands of items in homes, factories, offices, schools, boats and vehicles, are now being post-coded. So far not too much of it has been stolen. Where it has, we have recorded successes with both property returned, and arrests resulting. Postcodes protect your property, and can result in the detection of crime.

#### CYCLE CODING

Well done the Specials! In keeping with their fine tradition of service to the Community, the Essex Special Constabulary have energetically lauched themselves into the daunting task of postcoding bicycles. Although organisational and training problems delayed the start of our campaign to mark cycles, by the middle of July, 1100 cycles had been coded. Again if we look at the Crime Statistics, up to July this year there has been an 8% drop in cycle theft!

#### LOCAL AUTHORITY LIAISON

All District and many Town and Parish Councils, together with a number of Departments of the County Council, were given a presentation. Now liaison has been established to consider crime prevention in the planning of new developments, tackling "Priority estates" and to talk about ways of jointly combatting particular crimes.

#### COMMUNITY ACTION

Mention must be made of the positive approaches of Divisions to identify a crime trend, and tackle it by liaison and joint community action. There are numerous examples from all divisions in the areas of motor vehicle crime, indecency and damage, where, by identifying the problem to local authorities or local groups, action has been taken to remove or reduce it. Areas have been better lit, undergrowth and hedgerows cut back, car parking arrangements altered, murals



Neighbourhood Beat Officer Jenny Mahoney liaising with members of her Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

have replaced graffiti, rubbish removed quickly, dramatic improvements to run-down areas etc. The list is endless and very encouraging. Practical crime prevention will succeed when the men and women on the beat are actively involved in it from the start with their communities.

Plotting and identifying crime trends is a time consuming but essential role played by Collators. The figures show that it is increasingly having the desired effect.

#### TRAINING

By now almost every police officer in Essex has received a presentation from a member of the Crime Prevention Department, outlining areas of action they can take. All other training courses at HQ receive a Crime Prevention input. This

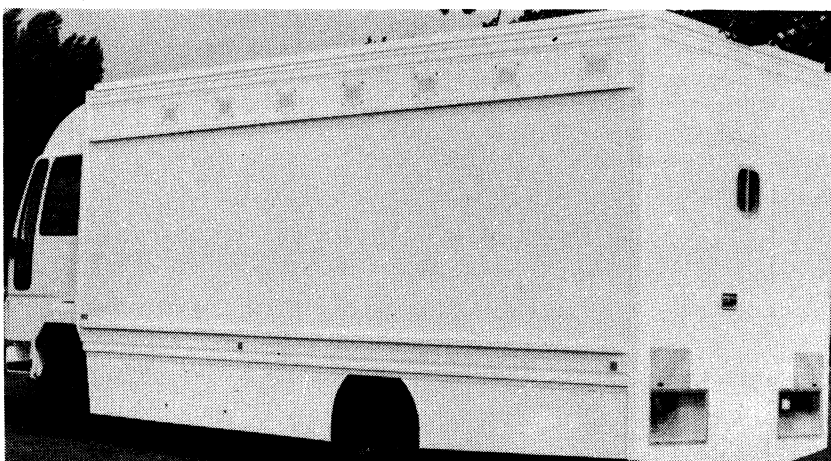
constantly reminds everyone of their responsibilities.

#### ONE YEAR ON

There are many other community crime prevention initiatives, and positive Divisional activities, currently under consideration. "The Law" plans to run a column on a divisional project — showing experiences; and offering some ideas. One year on — Crime Prevention in Essex proves to be a viable thriving community effort and one which, with everyone's help, will go from strength to strength. Essex Police have proved their point — Crime Prevention works! Let's fight crime by preventing it!

By: Inspector Bob Ward

# Prisoner Transport Vehicles



Under the headline "Go to jail — cost effectively", "The Law", March edition, announced that Essex Police had ordered two new prisoner transport vehicles. They have now arrived and were taken into use on 30 September.

These 14 cell vehicles are to be based at Southend and Chelmsford and will pick up prisoners around the country as necessary. The Divisional Custody Offices, in consultation with Sub-Divisional Commanders, are responsible for

arranging the appropriate routes for the vehicles daily.

It is anticipated that the new vehicles will show considerable savings in terms of manpower and other costs in comparison with current arrangements. This was born out in an experiment conducted with a loan vehicle from the Metropolitan Police. Over a period of about 3 months more than 300 officers were made available for other duties, at a saving of more than £12,000 in salaries alone.

## Essex Murders: 95% detected

In response to a recent press allegation that the Essex Police record of murder detections over the years is poor to say the least, Headquarters statistics were asked to produce the facts. These show a detection rate over the past 15 years of 95%.

During the years 1969 to 1984, 151 murders are recorded and just 8 remain undetected.

A proud record!

# POSTBAG — Letters to The Law, Force HQ

## A Merry Christmas

Dear Sir,

Last year the proceeds of our Carol Appeal provided a specially adapted minibus for the Demesne Over 60's Club. On the first run of this vehicle a wheelchair-bound lady was asked "Where would you like to be taken?" Her reply was "To the local shops — I have not

been there for five years".

We know that many frail and elderly could not venture outside their doors unless the minibus arrived. From the thank you letters we receive it is clear that the Minibus Campaign is meeting an important need.

We have already been

able to help provide minibuses for the elderly of Southend, Frinton, Colchester and Westcliff. Our aim is to present a minibus each week, to caring organisations throughout the country. Although 230 vehicles are already on the road, this is not sufficient to meet the increasing need for transport to Day Centres, Luncheon Clubs or just to the shops.

We could be providing three minibuses each week, if only the funds were available. We hope that some members of the Essex Police, their families and friends will join us in our 1985 Carol Appeal. A few hours carol singing or a concert could help so much. We shall be pleased to provide carol sheets, collecting boxes, posters and badges if readers contact us with their requirements and details of their plans.

Please help us to provide more minibuses!

Yours faithfully,  
Help the Aged  
Carol Appeal  
St James' Walk,  
London EC1R 0BE.

### Horses unsuitable?

Dear Sir,

Your banner headlines — "Mounted police — new approach" (The Law, September 1985) make interesting reading, but the article only reinforced my belief and I believe the majority of people that "horse-power" should not be confined solely to police motor vehicles.

As an ex-policeman of the old Southend-on-Sea Borough force, I remember well the beautifully

turned out horses and be-medalled riders which gave everyone a sense of pride in their appearance. When carnival came around they were the firm favourites of all. We even forgave the mounted PC we thought came to assist in the drunken riot on Marine Parade "Come on Tom, give us a hand," we pealed. And the reply? "What can I do with my horse?" was the answer, as he rode by on his majestic way.

Sadly this attitude applies more so today, as the miners strike showed the vulnerability of horses to attack, by marbles, sticks etc. How often too as motorists do we have to loiter in first gear behind police horses out for exercise on a minor road?

An unmounted PC in pursuit can call for assistance, even from a passing motorist and in any case, a mounted policeman is much more obvious to the pursued. In view of all these facts can the cost of keeping horses be justified?

Their intention seems to be more of a public relations exercise but surely a far greater public would be impressed by the saving of a great deal of ratepayers money, if police horses were put out to grass?

It is with regret that I honestly believe that the days of a lone, heroic mounted policeman, on the white horse controlling football crowds have gone forever. The only solution to crowds hell bent on causing damage to life and property would seem to be a fire hose.

Yours sincerely  
Edgar Shepherd  
Southend-on-Sea.

### Thanks

Dear Sir,

May I, on behalf of my sons and myself, thank my many friends and colleagues for the tremendous support firstly during Nancy's illness and then following her death.

Such kindness and consideration from all ranks, Police and civilian, helped us in no small measure through a very difficult period.

We would also take this opportunity of thanking the many individuals and departments for the floral tributes, letters of sympathy and messages of condolence in our bereavement.

Yours faithfully  
Tony Kavanagh  
Chelmsford.

### BF's, BA's and Ph.D's

Dear Sir

Judging from current events, one can no longer question the superb standards obtained by members of the force today. Gone are the horny-handed sons of toil of yesteryear — BF's where sufferance was the badge of all our tribe.

Nowadays I find myself lectured in milk-white accents by clean-limbed BAs, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, or even by patrolling PhDs for parking me barrer on the double-yeller line like. See wo'I mean?

And when it comes to internal mayhem, they leave the owd 'uns standing. There's a breathless hush in the nick tonight while they solemnly debate whether or not Maureen really was beastly to John. Once the fate of the nation is decided, your correspondents might usefully devote their literary skills to ensuring that EPM doesn't die of self-neglect like its fore-runners. One of them had earlier been voted the finest police house journal in the UK. Makes you think.

Ralph Jones

### Australian reunion

Dear Sir,

I was formerly Constable No 935 stationed at Brentwood and Wickford during the period 1953 to 1961, before joining the South Australian Police Force in September, 1961.

Since 1961 I have written on a regular basis to ex Detective Sergeant John Chapman formerly stationed at Basildon. John was aware that I was to make a trip to Europe in June this year to attend the International Police Association World Congress in Paris.

En-route I called in at Hong Kong for a chin-wag with ex Inspector Taffy Thomas who is currently working with the Hong Kong Police Department. Taffy is a member of the Hong Kong Welsh Male Voice Choir, and whilst in H.K. I met him one evening after choir practice. By the way the choir scurried to a local pub after practice I gained the impression that singing must be a very thirsty business.

Whilst staying at Taffy's apartment I was surprised to read a cutting from your newspaper "The Law" written by John Chapman advising your readers of my visit.

and a suggested get together of 1961 members of the old Wickford Police Station. Thank you for publishing John's request.

As a result of your article a reunion of the Class (Station) of 1961 was duly held. Due to distances to be travelled and commitments of some former colleagues the reunion was held in two stages. One the morning of Tuesday, 20th August, John Chapman and I met with ex Sergeant Charlie Dodd and ex Detective Sergeant Dusty Smith. Although Dusty had not been at Wickford during 1961 as the Billericay sergeant he was our nearest

Detective Sergeant. Over a few drinks at the Chelmsford Police Club we reminisced over old times. We did not put the World to rights, but by the look of the three former sergeants, they still looked fit enough to perform active duty.

The same evening there was a gathering of the Wickford Constabulary of 1961 consisting of myself, Dodger Green, Les Turner, John Stanton and Eric Birkin. Having been ousted from the Wickford Police Station social room due to a Table Tennis Tournament we retired to the local hostelry opposite the station. Over several glasses of amber fluid we spent several hours catching up on many years of absence. Our accompanying wives were most tolerant as they listened to policemen as always talking shop.

Thanks to your newspaper, you have satisfied my mind as to what ever happened to my mates of 1961, thank you.

Sincerely  
Peter J. Taylor  
Athelstone  
South Australia

### Start collecting

The Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have taken the time and trouble to respond to my appeal for used stamps and tin foil. To those who have not heard of my appeal on behalf of the guide dogs for the blind I say to them "start collecting" and to my "regular customers" keep on sending to the Information Room.

Yours faithfully,  
Keith McCall

"D" Shift,  
Information Room

## ON WATCH

### The 'Law' Editorial Justice is done

**MANY 'Law' readers, may remember that in April of this year, at Chelmsford Crown Court, Mr Justice Forbes discharged Ronald Wilfred Hertage.**

**The Judge alleged that Essex Police Officers involved in the case and responsible for interviewing the defendant, had done so in a "Heavy oppressive" manner.**

#### Police Complaints Authority

**The result of the Judge's comments was a Police enquiry, supervised by the Police Complaints Authority, into the way the officers' interviews were carried out.**

**In connection with that enquiry, Mr Justice Forbes, rightly declined to make a statement to the investigating officer as a judicial statement made in open court is not liable to review by any authority other than a court. Mr Hertage also declined to make a statement.**

#### Satisfaction

**With the exception of the Judge's statement, and that of Mr Hertage, the investigation into the allegations of a "Heavy oppressive" interview was carried out to the entire satisfaction of the Police Complaints Authority.**

#### No grounds

**Having considered the results of the investigation Mr Ronald Stone the Deputy Chief Constable of Essex Police, felt no grounds were revealed upon which to criticise the officers' conduct.**

**The Police Complaints Authority is satisfied that the officers acted properly. They carefully and closely studied all the case statements and all copies of notes of the interviews conducted with Mr Hertage. The Authority is in complete agreement with the Deputy Chief Constable that no disciplinary charges be brought.**

**A case not only of justice being done but being seen to have been done.**



**"LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE CONSTABLE — ANOTHER COUPLE OF OPEN DAYS AND THEY WILL HAVE TO BUILD US A NEW POLICE STATION"**

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# Cabbies and Kids on the Essex beat

EVERY year London cab drivers take hundreds of mentally and physically handicapped children on outings to Southend and Maldon. They pick up the kids, drive them to the coast and give them the day out of their lives.

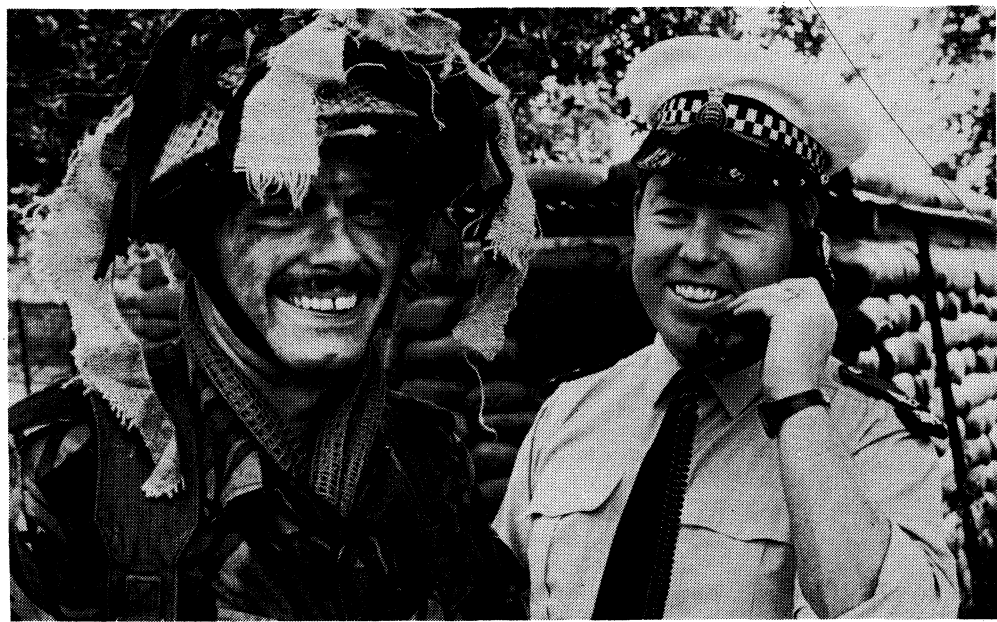
In a venture like this, everyone likes to be involved, not least the police. Essex regularly provide escorts for the taxi cavalcade along the county's roads. Then when they reach their destination, who can resist taking part in the festivities? Not the police, that's for sure!



LEFT: A well decorated taxi displaying good wishes from Essex Police.

ABOVE: Police Cars are always popular with youngsters — the day at Maldon was no exception.

## Operation Brave Defender



THE biggest peacetime war game exercise in the United Kingdom since World War II took place during September.

Designed to test both the military and civilian services reaction to enemy infiltration, most British police forces were involved. This picture shows Essex Sergeant Bob Bourne of Stanway Traffic Department on duty at a Colchester "Key Point" with the army's Corporal Dickinson.

## Children's painting competition awards



PUPILS at Moulsham Infants School, Chelmsford, in common with other children of a similar age throughout Essex, learn not to go with strangers.

The Chelmsford youngsters recently took part in a colouring competition on that theme, and the winners were presented with certificates.

The presentations were made at Chelmsford Police Station by Chief Superintendent George Harris. Also present was Sergeant John Bowman and despite being on annual leave, PC John Broad, the children's school liaison officer.

## Motor Glider could help Police

THE German aircraft manufacturer Grob, have produced an aeroplane which would seem to have characteristics making it worthy of consideration for police work. Hertfordshire Constabulary have carried out an evaluation exercise and Essex Police are now showing an interest.

The Grob 109B is produced as a motor glider. As such it has a very large wing span for a light aircraft. It is powered by a single vari-

able pitch propeller engine and is capable of a top speed of 95 knots (about 110 mph). On the other hand the plane is able to maintain a loiter speed as low as 55 knots (62 mph).

Bowker Air Services Limited of Hitchin, Herts, own a Grob which they operate as a public transport undertaking. They are offering to hire it to the emergency services. Mr Bill Bowker reckons that it can get to any suitable location in Essex in less than 2



Supt Ian Wright in the Grob 109B as Mr Bill Sowker highlights the advantages of his aircraft.

hours, pick up a police observer and then fly to any incident in the county in minutes. All that is needed is a 'runway' about 400 yards long with relatively clear approaches.

To investigate the initial potential of the aircraft, Superintendent Ian Wright and Chief Inspector Mike Frost spent a windy day with Bill Bowker. In choppy conditions with gusts up to

30 knots the motor glider behaved impeccably.

For surveillance purposes the plane is able to follow vehicles with ease. It provides excellent visibility over open country, woodlands and built up areas, in conditions that a helicopter could not cope with. Photography from the cockpit is simple and is to be improved with the installation of a special door, which will also

enhance conditions for video cameras.

Another advantage of the Grob over a helicopter is that it is very quiet and unobtrusive. It does not attract attention in the way that helicopters tend to do.

This aircraft would seem to have much to offer and is almost certainly cost effective at a hire charge of £72 an hour, including the pilot.



A view from the cockpit. Of course more detail can be easily obtained with a different lens.

## Thaxted's poet kids

EACH year Thaxted detached beat officer Barry Wright sets his local schoolchildren a police related project. These poems were submitted by Gregory Rivers and Natasha Bassett who are both 11 years old.

Policeman Poem — by  
Natasha Bassett

Here we are the boys in blue  
Helping the public is our  
calling to you  
Rushing around in panda  
cars flashing our blue lights  
While Bobby's in the  
countryside travel on their  
bikes  
Some of us are happy, while  
others are moody too  
Why can't people  
understand, this our job to  
do?  
We have a special duty to  
the public and its trends  
But people call us pigs  
instead of seeing us as  
friends

We help you out at football  
games, pop concerts and  
rallies  
We're even there to lend a  
hand when mum forgets the  
keys  
I guess deep down we really  
care when things are at a  
loss  
So when distressed try to  
stay calm instead of getting  
cross  
When people work together  
in our country we'll find  
peace  
Instead of seeing that hate,  
murder and violence never  
cease.

The Police Car — by  
Gregory Rivers

I'm a little police car  
I travel wide and far  
When I'm chasing robbers  
with cars  
Sometimes my lights will  
flash  
When my siren blares out  
then you had better look  
out  
I'm chasing something or  
someone  
and I never give up until its  
done  
Night or day it makes no  
odds  
Chasing skinheads, rockers  
or mods  
Saving life and protecting  
men  
I can't use paper or pen  
I drive my master to and fro  
In fact wherever he wants to  
go  
The district cars are all  
bigger than me  
But I'm just as important, I  
wish they'd see.

Police Poem — by  
Gregory Rivers

A policeman's job is never  
done,  
Sometimes strict and  
sometimes he's fun,  
In his panda, or on his feet  
he can always be found on  
his beat.  
Upholding law and helping  
us  
directing people, cars or a  
bus.  
From football hooligans to  
tramps  
missing children to peace  
camps  
No two jobs the same  
and yet he gains no fame  
So all the people of the land  
Should join together to give  
a hand  
to all our local bobbies  
and help them in their  
jobbies.



# Terry the disco King

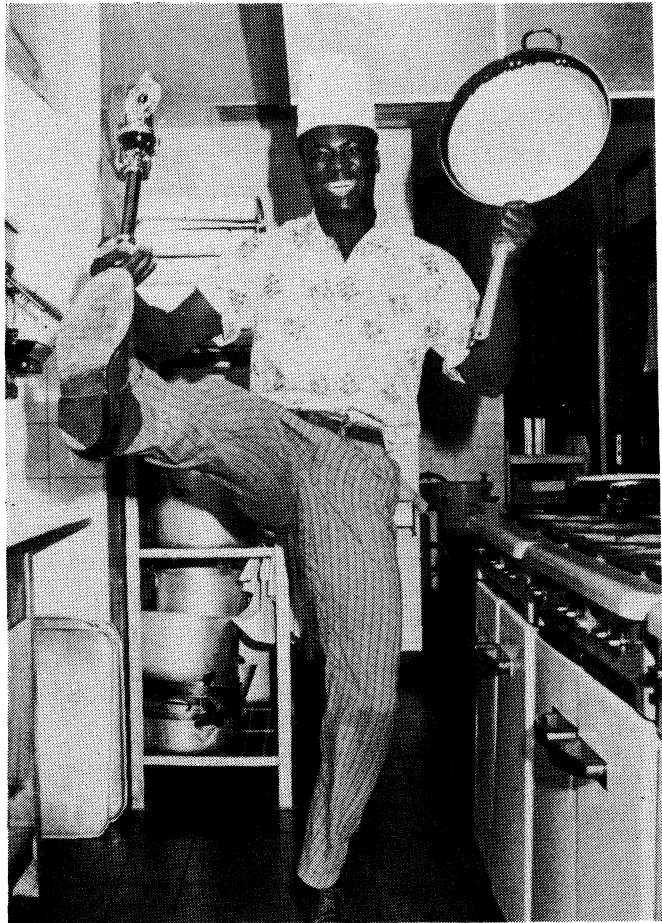


Photo courtesy of the Essex Chronicle

HEADQUARTERS' Chef, 24-year-old Terry McLeod, is hot stuff when it comes to disco dancing. He has just won the Eastern Region Stardust Award and is on course for the finals of the 1985 Malibu World Dance Championship.

Terry has an ambition to own a successful entertainments agency. He is also a keen sportsman, playing football and cricket as well as practicing the martial art of Kung Fu. You have to be fit to be a champion disco dancer.

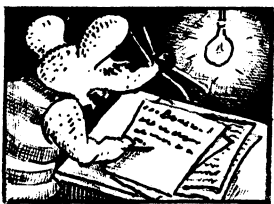
## It's that man (and of course his dog) again

It really is becoming a habit — albeit one that is great to acquire, to report yet another trial success for PC George Sterry and his dog "Shane".

The trophy collecting pair are based at Brentwood Dog Section, and their most recent accolade came in September, at Norwich.

There, George and "Shane" took 3rd place in the Norfolk Show Police Dog Competition.

They say every dog has his day, but "Shane" does seem to have more than most and not just in the competition arena. He has proved himself to be a first class "thief-taker" too.



JUST to show my appreciation to "The Law" for bringing my plight to the attention of the public, I have decided to offer my services as a columnist.

Of course, I can't get out and about now, so readers will have to send their tasty snippets to "The Law" office at police HQ. The editor says that he will print the best of them so long as they are not actually libelous.

For starters, did you hear about the Detective Superintendent and the state of his trousers after he had been

escorted at speed up the wrong side of the A12 through a spillage of cooking oil?

Not only that, but I hear that Basildon's PC Lucking has finally been forced to open his bottle of 'Swing'!

And what about the bluetits as big and black as crows at Stansted Airport. Rumour has it that they don't just take the cream but the tea club milk as well.

You won't believe it, but VIPs on a recent visit to HQ swear that they saw the PNC King in a tunic and pressed trousers with no signs of charred Golden Virginia.

Any little cheesy offerings for next month will be appreciated. Send them in typed please, and not more than 50 words.

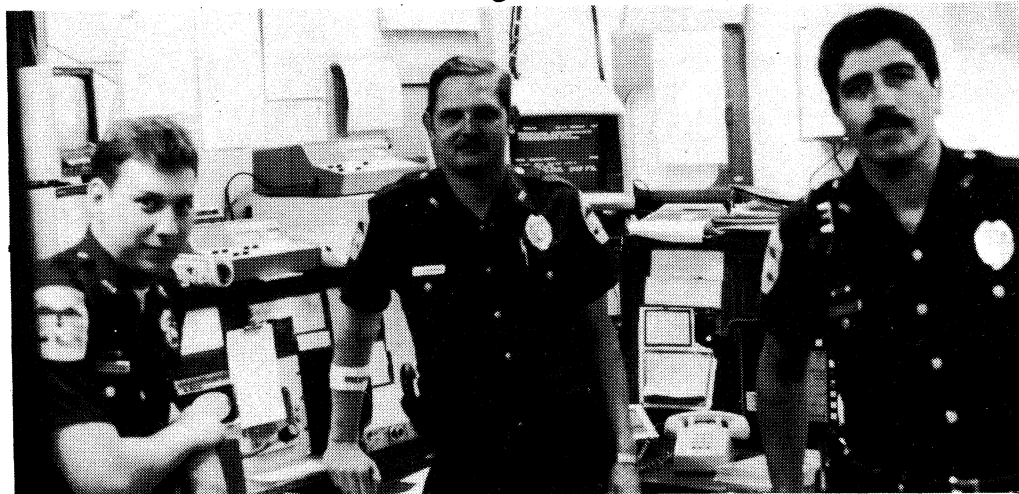
Signed: Munro's Mouse

## GRAND CONCERT

by the  
band of  
HM IRISH  
GUARDS  
and the  
ESSEX POLICE  
BAND  
on  
Wednesday 13th  
November 1985  
in  
Chelmsford  
Cathedral

TICKETS: £2  
from HQ Press  
Office

## The Danbury Connection



AS the result of an appeal this year by Danbury Bowls Club who were hoping to provide a new pavilion at their ground near Eves Corner, Danbury, a ten-dollar donation was received, together with a letter signed by a number of officers in Danbury, Connecticut, USA.

One of the authors was Lt Dennis Cooney, who has since corresponded

regularly with PC Ivor Dallinger of South Woodham.

Now their wives have got in on the act and they swap anecdotes and recipes. The picture shows officers Craig Martin, Elston Dodge and Ron Inconstant in the despatch area of their "nick". Behind them can be seen their equivalent of PNC which can be linked into all USA police forces and if necessary to Interpol.

## "999" Fayre the best yet

THE annual "three nines" fayre, organised by the Police, Fire and

Ambulance Services in Grays, attracted a crowd of 8,000-plus. Commu-

ity Liaison Officer, Ray Richards, is hopeful that the event will result in a donation of more than £4,000 to the Emergency Services Benevolent Fund.

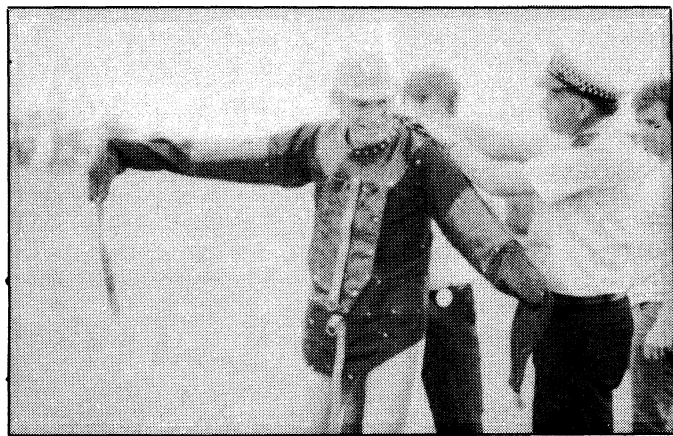
A myriad of entertainments conspired to

amuse everyone present. These included parachute jumping, bands, an escapologist and, of course, displays by the three emergency services. Even the weather stayed fine for once.

LEFT: Yet another happy visitor to one of the police contributions to a successful day. Police cars are always in demand on such occasions.

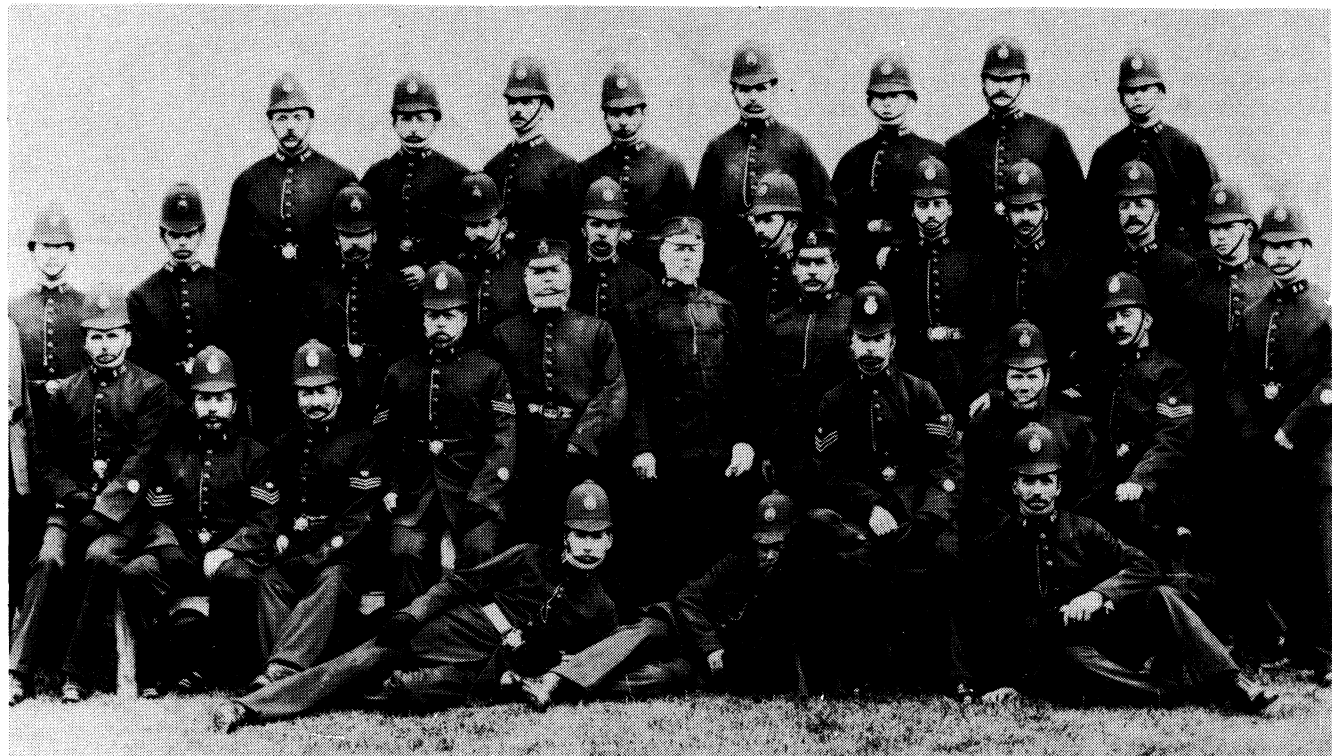
BELOW LEFT: Supt Ian Wright (Ops) supervises a team from Orsett Hospital during the sedan chair race.

BELOW RIGHT: PC Jim Tarbox of Tilbury Traffic straps escapologist Nick Janson into a straight-jacket from which he escaped while suspended on high from a crane.



## Another teaser —

LAST month we set you a poser with the Crazy Gang Photograph. The response was fantastic but unfortunately we just do not have the space to print all the letters. You obviously relish a challenge — how about this picture — any ideas?



# Police open day in Gosfield pub

THE Kings Head Public House in Gosfield houses an international collection of up to 1,800 items of police memorabilia. On October 13 these are to be put on show during a "family afternoon" in the pub, when Essex police officers will be on hand to meet the public.

Mine-hosts, David and Georgie Roy-Clark, caught the collectors bug on a trip to America and Canada in 1974 in a double decker bus! They were given a police patch when they stopped to ask the way in the States, since when they have begged, borrowed and bought anything they could lay their hands on. Their valuable collection includes a Southend Borough white helmet and other items of equipment both ancient and modern. "People buy things from all over for us"

Mrs Georgie Roy-Clark told "The Law". "The other day someone brought in an original copy of Police News from 1888 with the Jack the Ripper story in pictures on the front page."

The afternoon will also feature Sergeant John Woodgate signing copies of his book "The Essex Police," plus a crime prevention display, a police dog and a chance for anyone to have their fingerprints taken. The RUC Ruperts should also be on hand.

Every year David and Georgie set out to raise money for various charities. This year they plan to buy a cast local authority ambulance for the St John Ambulance Brigade. Any profits from the open day will go towards this effort.



An arresting scene as Mrs Georgie Roy-Clark poses with husband David and a selection of their collection of police uniforms.

## Suggestion Scheme

THE Force suggestion scheme is open to any Essex police employee. Cash awards await successful proposers of ideas which have Force-wide implications and bring out a real improvement or saving. Now the scheme is to be streamlined.

All suggestions will be recorded and acknowledged and then sent to an appropriate person for comment. Any with apparent merit will be introduced for a trial period for evaluation. If this proves worthwhile the idea will be introduced as soon as possible.

# KEEPING PACE

By Sgt Mike Todd

SURELY it's not that time again, I hear you exclaim... to welcome another instalment of that long running series PACE, but it is. Well the old training front is still progressing well, and the time when the whole force will have been trained is, if not in sight yet, at least around the corner. As British Rail would say 'We're getting there'. If you are one of the few who have missed your PACE course, do please make sure that you arrange for another to be allocated as soon as possible. Otherwise fifty people crammed into a classroom on the last week may be somewhat uncomfortable. We looked last month at powers of arrest, this month we will examine another new power of arrest and also cover entry and search after arrest.

## Arrest for fingerprinting

Section 27 of PACE gives us a new conditional power of arrest for the purpose of obtaining a person's fingerprints. However, going along with the necessity principle that runs throughout the act, it is limited to certain circumstances. These are where the person:- (i) Has been convicted of a recordable offence (ii) Has not at any time been in police detention for the offence, and (iii) Has not had his fingerprints taken either in the course of the investigations of the offence by the police, or since the conviction.

If these conditions apply a constable may require the person to go to a police station for fingerprinting at any time not later than one month after the date of conviction. When

making this requirement we must give the person a period of seven days within which to attend. We can specify either a particular time of day to attend, or make it between times. The act does not specify that we should make the requirements in writing, but I think that common sense dictates that we should. If after the seven days has expired the person has not conformed to the request, the power of arrest becomes operative, and the person may be arrested without warrant to obtain his fingerprints.

## Entry for arrest

The Englishman's home is his castle, is a notion that has been held for a long time, and we should have a good reason before entering by force. To clarify the position, all common law powers of entry to premises without warrant have been abolished, with the exception of the power to enter to deal with or prevent a breach of the peace. In addition the power of entry under the Criminal Law Act 1967 for arrestable offences is also repealed.

So what replaces these old powers? Section 17 (1) of PACE gives us a power of entry and search for any premises for the purpose of:- (a) Executing a warrant of arrest issued in connection with or arising out of criminal proceedings (b) Executing a warrant of commitment issued under Section 76 MCA 1980 (c) Arresting a person for an arrestable offence (d) Arresting a person under sections 1, 4 and 5 of the Public Order Act 1936, (wearing uniforms, offensive weapon at public meeting or behaviour conducive to a breach of peace) (e) Arresting a person under section 6, 7, 8 and

10 of the Criminal Law Act 1977 (Squatters offences) (f) Recapturing a person who is unlawfully at large and he is pursuing, or (g) Saving life, limb or preventing serious damage to property.

That gives us the basic power, but there are conditions imposed by section 17(2) which apply to all of the purposes above except (g). These are, that the powers of entry and search may only be exercised if the constable has reasonable grounds for believing that a person whom he is seeking is on the premises, and, that if the premises consist of two or more dwellings (ie bed sits) the search should be limited to the person's

being sought own dwelling, and any communal area or dwelling where the constable has reasonable grounds to believe the person may be. Lets look at an example:

Dc Reagan wants to arrest Glen Davies for a robbery. Robbery is an arrestable offence, so he has a power of entry and search under 17(1). He suspects that Davis is in his bed sit, so he has reasonable grounds to search. However, as the premises consist of several bed sits, the search should be limited to Davis's own bed sit and any communal areas, ie kitchen, lounge, bathroom. Obviously, if Reagan thought Davis was in the next bed sit

after all, he would have reasonable grounds again, and could enter that bed sit. So Davis should now be sitting in the cells. We will discuss what happens to him next month!

That's all very well for entry into a house, but what if the suspect locked himself in his car. That's a situation that has often occurred in the past, but it would be included as for PACE; Premises includes any place and in particular includes any vehicle, vessel, aircraft, or hovercraft, any offshore installation (oil rig) and any tent or other moveable structure. So we can see that this power of entry and search is again

quite wide if the conditions are met.

I should mention that this power of entry does not apply to the new power of arrest for fingerprinting or the new general power of arrest that we have already covered in an earlier article, only the circumstances outlined above. In addition remember that it was all common law powers of entry that have been abolished, any statutory powers of entry such as those under the Gaming Act 1968 or Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 are not affected.

That's all we've got time for, next month we will follow up Davis being interviewed.





## MONEY MATTERS

MY article last month finally gave me notoriety, it set me apart from the pack. Yes, you've got it, I was the one who didn't mention Maureen Scollan's book review! Judging by the retribution she collected, I'm glad I didn't!

The clouds, though, have been gathering over other pastures and this week I met a very angry policeman. With a damning gaze he thrust into my apprehensive paw some papers he had received from the AA.

"This is a con!" he stormed, his knit brow emphasising a raging disenchantment.

I delicately opened the papers, violently pre-crushed to the size of an aspirin by his white-knuckled fist.

### Automobile Association

What I saw in front of me was an innocent looking invitation from the Automobile Association which, and I quote, "Guarantees you the right to apply for participation in a Special AA Term Insurance Plan . . . ."

The problem was in trying to read it while rolling round the floor laughing. The tears in the eyes don't help either. Please gents, when you receive these mailshots from people like the AA, or Debenhams, look out for the word "term" or "pure" insurance. It means you don't see your money again. Your relatives might, but you certainly won't, unless you come back to haunt!"



by  
**Tony  
Warren**

What really got to our reader was how they avoided any inference or suggestion that "You won't get anything back". They keep mentioning "Benefits" and "This valuable plan", and they make it very easy for you — just sign and send, then you're in.

### Anonymous

To compound their offence in the eyes of our Mr Angry, they even knew his age and could quote exact premiums. "Is there no privacy in this world?" he splattered, "Can I not be anonymous any more?" "Does every mind-blowing little memory bank know what I have for breakfast?"

I peeped out from behind the settee and whispered "Not if you join the AA, I'm afraid. Remember when you filled out the application form, you put in your age. Didn't you wonder why they asked it?" "But I'm not a member of the AA," he retorted.

But wait, what's this I hear, rescue is at hand. The Data Protection Act is upon us and you can have your name removed from these milli-megabyte-monsters so that once again you will find the peace of a letter box which softly rattles at 7am instead of thundering with the throat stretching gag of special offers, invitations and certificates that guarantee you being able to possibly qualify for the opportunity to enter a raffle for an application form!

## SPECIALS' LAW

### Swelling the ranks

Hi there! This month I've been asked to remind everyone that there are still lots of vacancies for 'Specials'. So if this column sounds a bit like a recruiting sergeant on parade, it's supposed to.

Publicity and recruitment are all very well but it seems to me that we ought to be doing more ourselves to swell our ranks. After all, if we don't believe that being a 'Special' is a worthwhile thing to do, what's it all about? Who better than us to spread the word then?

There are several sides of 'the Special's job' to be considered. Some of us are quite happy to just follow our own careers and do our voluntary bit on top — three cheers for us! On the other hand, for anyone thinking of joining the 'regulars' sometime, I can't think of a better way of getting an honest insight; can you?

What is needed is to make sure that we each take every chance to wave the flag. A good start is to appear in public as often as pos-



sible in the role of the smartly turned out, polite, efficient people that we all are (!). Then spread the word. Let anyone with any interest know that applying is easy. Just pick up a form from the nearest 'nick' or write to Headquarters.

Keep postcoding those bikes. It really is working.

## National Association of Retired Police Officers by Doug Rampling

The Annual Conference was held at Scarborough on Friday 13 September, and Essex was well represented by three delegates from Chelmsford, Messrs: Brinkley, Storrer and Myself, together with Edgar Easlea and John Porter from Southend.

Our President, Harry Holden, opened the proceedings with an address covering the work of the NEC over the past year, which as usual had been a busy one.

Topics such as Preserved Rate Widow Pensions, Post Retirement Marriages and The Fowler Enquiry Green paper were covered.

There then followed an appeal to conference by Merseyside Branch who wished to appeal against the decision of The National Executive who had decided following 1984 Conference that only the Chairman and Vice Chairman should be classed as officers of NARPO. After a lively debate the appeal was carried by a large majority.

A motion submitted by West Mercia requesting that the NEC maintain a careful surveillance on pension development was carried unanimously. A further motion from Doncaster asking for a change in the way pension increases are calculated was lost.

Exeter and district motion asking that the NEC

continue to explore Post Retirement Marriages Pensions was carried.

Norfolk Branch Motion asking that the NEC explore the possibility or otherwise of NARPO taking over The Hove Convalescent Home after the new home at Goring was in operation received some strong support although the NEC were opposed to the idea. In the event the motion was carried by 8 votes.

There then followed a long debate on whether or not NARPO should donate monies to the Relocation Appeal for the new convalescent home together with a further donation to the Harrogate Home Extension Appeal. I will not bore you with all the details, suffice to say that both funds will receive £1000 from NARPO.

A quite drawn out debate followed on three motions, as to who were the officers of NARPO. After some quite heated speaking a motion submitted by West Midlands directing that the officers of the NEC should be, Chairman, Vice Chairman, General Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer, was carried. The other motions were defeated.

A motion submitted by Bournemouth relating to voting methods at conference whereby each voter would be entitled to vote for any number of candidates up to the number to be elected to the NEC, was carried.

Finally the Harrogate motion expressing appreciation for the work done by the NEC was unanimously carried.

The Southern Region, of which we are part, had two vacancies to fill this year on the NEC. There were five candidates, and after the votes had been counted, Mr F. Shoobridge of West Surrey was re-elected and Mr L. Male of West Midlands was elected to replace Joe Smith of Coventry

who did not seek re-election.

Conference was then addressed by Dr John Blackburn, Parliamentary Adviser to NARPO who paid tribute to the hard work that the NEC had done over the year for our members and the respect that The Association had. The evidence given to The Fowler Enquiry had been well received by The Minister For Social Services and The Paper submitted to The Home Secretary on Preserved Rate Widows Pensions by Alec Faragher was worthy of the highest praise.

Dr Blackburn concluded by urging all present to continue to work in unison to further the aims of NARPO in the future.

Finally on a different topic, I have received details of a vacancy which would suit a retired officer:

Person required to do tracing work in the Enfield, Tottenham and Harlow area. Working from home in own time. Salary according to work rate. Telephone Hammonds Bureau, Southend 61114 Mr Walker.

### Retirements

PS J. W. Tysoe, stationed at Basildon retires 7 October after 30 years' service.

PC R. C. R. Hall, stationed at Colchester, retired 22 September after 30 years 1 day's service.

Insp J. F. Harvey, stationed at Harlow, retired 30 September, after 30 years 9 days' service.

WPC C. M. Camp, stationed at Benfleet retired on medical grounds after 6 years 333 days' service.

PC P. M. Taylor stationed at South Woodham Ferrers, retired 27 September, on medical grounds after 15 years 25 days' service.

### Obituary

September 16 ex D/I Edward J. S. Todd, 82 years, who retired from Southend Borough Force in 1952.

## Market Place

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**FERGUSON** stereo electronic videostar model 3V36, 14 day 8 progs IF remote control. Little used. Cost £540, bargain £300. Ex PC Cecil Jones, Clacton 814640.

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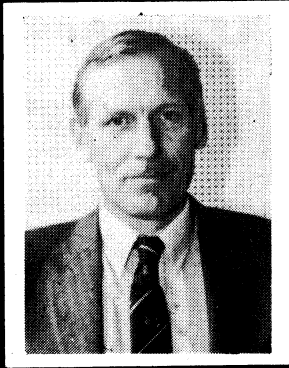
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## FORCE LOTTERY

**RESULTS of the draw held at Rayleigh on August 28, 1985:** 1st prize WPC Wilson, Grays; 2nd prize PS Adams, HQ FSU; 3rd prize PC Keogh, Laindon Traffic. Consolation prizes at £50 each: PC Corsham, Westcliff; PC Hance, Harwich; DC Johnson, Clacton; PC Simmonds, Hutton; PC Bryan, Harlow Traffic; PC Mann, Billericay; Insp King, Basildon; Rouse, CSB, Rayleigh; PC Bush, Leigh; PC Wimbledon, Basildon.

## Federation Notes



by

Jim Rodgers

## Members' services

THE Police Federation have negotiated certain holiday facilities and discounts for its members nationwide.

TOWNSEND THORESEN, have agreed to a 9% discount for Police Officers on Car Ferry Crossing to the continent. The facility is open to new bookings made via JBB Offices, whose office stamp must be applied to the application form.

HOGG ROBINSON have agreed that members of the Police Federation will be granted a 5% discount on most of their overseas package holidays. Application forms can be obtained from the JBB Office.

ON A PURELY LOCAL BASIS, can I remind you about the 10% discount for car Hire through Lex Mead Ltd, Robjohns Road, Chelmsford. The facility is available on production of warrant card, and vehicles can be booked by phone to Miss Jenny Pollock on Chelmsford 268271.

They have an up-to-date fleet of vehicles ranging from the Mini to Range-Rover, going through Metro, Maestro, Montego on the way.

A WEEKEND FOR TWO IN PARIS . . . is the major prize in the Joint Branch Board's Christmas Raffle. The proceeds will go the Force Orphans Fund and another Police Charity. Tickets will be coming your way soon, please support the cause!

## FEDERATION NEWS...FEDERATION NEWS...FEDERAT

# Police Convalescent Seaside Home

YOU will recall reading in this column, some two years ago, that the present Home, situated at Hove, is inadequate for present day needs. At that time, the Management Committee of the Home were trying to buy a purpose-built convalescent Home at Bexhill-on-Sea — a project which fell through because of the cost of adaption for our needs, as well as some difficulty with covenants on the use of the site.

The Committee therefore set about finding an alternative site, which would enable them to provide improved facilities such as Hydrotherapy and Physiotherapy treatment. Remedial gymnasium, Accommodation for wheelchair patients and those suffering from long-term illnesses, together with improved medical care and quiet gardens for peaceful rest.

With the approval of the Charity Commissioners, they have purchased Flint House, Goring-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. They are convinced that this building, when it has been adapted to provide the additional facilities will furnish the Police Service with a first-class Convalescent Home.

The new Home, which will be renamed "Catherine Gurney House," stands in almost 14 acres of its own grounds. It will provide en-suite bedroom accommodation, as well as the additional facilities referred to above.

The Home, is financed by Police force contributions, made on a regular basis by serving officers in 32 Police Forces. They provide the funds needed to run the Home, and support is also derived from investment and contributions from the public.

Within the service there has already been an excellent response to the call for money to purchase the new premises and adapt them to our requirements. An outside appeal will be launched in the

autumn, and a name — famous in Police Circles — has been lent to the appeal, that of Lord Trenchard, not, I hasten to add, the original Lord Trenchard, but his son, who we understand is delighted to be associated with the money-raising venture.

The need for a Police Convalescent Home was never more obvious. The Country's Police Service is in the forefront of the fight against crime and violence. Every year, about 14,000 are assaulted in the execution of their duties. Many receive serious injuries, and some have to be invalided from the Service. Others are victims of road accidents and other injuries received on duty.

A disturbingly growing number, are suffering from the less visible illnesses brought about by the tremendous stress of policing a modern Society.

The Police Service is well known for its support of Charities working for many causes, and throughout the existence of the Home it has more than met its obligation to "look after it's own."

The Management Committee, believe that the purchase of Flint House is another manifestation of this obligation.

So far as Essex is concerned, the Benevolent Fund has met the Force's commitment to the In Service Appeal, but if any of you as individuals wish to raise more money, then go ahead by all means.

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One sure-fire way in which more money can be made available, not only to the Convalescent Home, but also the Force Benevolent Fund and other related charities, is to complete the Income Tax Covenant Form, which is currently being circulated. In this way the donation you make is increased by a third, without it coming out of your pocket. That can't be bad, in anybody's language!!

## SALE OF POLICE HOUSES

I HAVE been receiving the odd phone call with regard to a slight technical hitch regarding the contracts under the scheme. Enquiries reveal that there had been a misunderstanding with regard to the authority for disposing of the surplus police houses, but this has now been resolved and normal procedures will be resumed shortly.

A somewhat larger problem has arisen with the scheme, where officers have arranged mortgages for the actual discount price of the property, then attempted to raise additional money to instal central heating etc.

It appears that the County Council have not been prepared to give a waiver to the Building Societies to over-ride the "claw-back" rights under the Discount Scheme.

The Building Society will require this waiver so that there is no problem with recouping their money, in the event that the officer is forced to sell the house within the 5-year "claw-back" period. Within that time the house may not have risen in value sufficient to cover the extra money advanced, so that the County Council would take their clawback percentage before the Building Society could take their's.

The answer to this would seem to me to be simple. *Make sure you have the house purchase settled, before you worry about how to heat it!*

Once the property is yours, you have collateral with which to approach all sorts of organisations to raise the additional finance — for instance your Bank Manager may be more sympathetic when he knows you are a man of property!

If you experience any difficulty whatsoever get in touch with my office and we will see what can be done to resolve the problems.

## Stop Press

PLEASE NOTE — The tables of pay published in the September issue of the "Police" magazine are incorrect. They are, in fact, the rates applicable at September, 1984. The tables published on this page in the last edition of "The Law" are, of course, completely accurate.

# DISCIPLINE

UNDER the latest arrangements for Discipline brought about by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, officers who are subject to discipline in any sense of the word, are entitled to consult with a "friend" at all and any stages of the investigation right through to the hearing and beyond.

This means that an officer who is to be served with a notice under Regulation 7 of the Police (Discipline) Regulations 1985, may consult with a "friend". In this context "friend" means any member of a Police Force, who the accused wishes to advise him and represent him in a role similar to a solicitor in court proceedings.

The "friend" does not have to be a member of the Police Federation; nor in fact a member of this Force, but he must be a police officer.

The Joint Branch Board have a Discipline Group, made up of officers who are prepared to

look after the interests of their colleagues in discipline hearings. Any member of the Force can contact any of these and seek his advice, guidance and advocacy, which they will provide willingly.

The Group comprises John Stenson (Harlow), Brian Palmer (Witham), Mick Bannister (Southend), Jim Chrystal (Grays), Bob Needham (HQ 495), Jim Goldie (Harlow), Phil Charters (Harlow Traffic), Brian Pallant (HQ 386), Mick Radford (Southend CID), and, of course me.

In the event that the Discipline is serious enough for the Chief Constable to consider requiring you to resign, or sack you or even demote you, then you have a right to be represented by a legally qualified solicitor or barrister at the Discipline hearing, and the cost of this representation will be met from Federation Funds. It is therefore imperative that you con-

sult with a "friend" at the earliest possible opportunity. *It might be too late AFTER you have been interviewed!*

## PRIVATE MEDICAL SCHEME

PLEASE note that Bob Needham, the Secretary of the Essex Medical Scheme has his own phone extension at the Federation Office. Queries about the scheme or requests for claim forms should be made to HQ Ext 495. Either Bob or his Secretary — Jenny Taylor — will be pleased to sort out your problems.

Will members who have recently received their personal membership cards and enrolment statement please note where it states — balance subscription due then arrears amount — this to be ignored by members. This is an error between accounts and enrolment computer at Private Patients Plan.

## LEGAL ADVICE FORUM

IN the last issue I mentioned the legal advice forum which was held at Force Headquarters on the 24 September.

Several officers booked appointments with the solicitors and it seems the idea has caught on. By the time this issue is out, it will be too late for September but as an advance notice, the Federation Solicitors will be back in the Force Area in December, and we will be pleased to arrange appointments for anyone interested. Give Phil Charters a ring on Harlow Traffic extension 37, or, failing that, my office extension 398 at Headquarters.

Members will be given the opportunity of a short preliminary consultation with the Solicitor at no cost to the Member or the Federation. The idea is that the solicitor will be able to identify the nature of the legal problem, and discuss the best way to solve it. If legal action is advised, and it is covered by the Federation Fund Rules, then the member may be advised to approach the appropriate Central Committee for assistance. This has to be done by application through the JBB Secretary.

If the problem cannot be covered by Federation Funds. It may well be that the solicitor could deal with the matter on a private basis — if the member so wished.

Some of the matters which will shortly be capable of being dealt with this way are House Purchase conveyancing — Wills — Matrimonial advice, Divorce and separation, etc.

Again I would stress that appointments should be made through either Phil Charters or my office.



## LAW SPORT—LAW SPORT—LAW SPORT—LAW SPORT

# Walking to a record

THE 1985 Barking to Southend race was a notable one for John Hedgethorpe in that it marked his 23rd journey between these points, a record achievement.

This long stint had an inauspicious beginning away back in 1962 when De Hedgethorpe of Romford got together with various other members of that long forgotten division of Essex Constabulary to have a go at "The Barking" just for a laugh. By the time he got to Pitsea he wasn't laughing much and at Leigh the cramp was so bad he had to rest a while. He was timed at 6 hrs 36 mins in 52nd position.

## Surge

In 1985 a steady start followed by a later surge saw the rather greyer Ch. Insp. Hedgethorpe, now of Colchester, finish 6th in 5 hrs 37 mins, all but an hour faster than on that first occasion.

In fact, over the years times have gone up and down so much that the 1985 time was about average, nine years slower, 13 quicker; the fastest 5:12.28, the slowest was the first in 1962.

It would have been 24 this year but Hedgethorpe is the only walker to be pulled out of this race — or any other maybe — by a judge not of the walking type, but sitting in court in a wig. "If they really need me to attend you'll know where to find me," John told the nick at Grays and started the race. They really needed him.

## Cramp

The second year he tried it, again on not much training, he was rolling about with cramp, and things weren't much better the third year but in 1967 John began a sequence of nine years in the top six, including several times winning the Critchley Cup for the first non-Metro walker, several times winning the Veterans Cup, and once or twice taking both.

Sometimes the rain would fall so hard parts of the course would be waded, sometimes the sun blazed which was worse. Sometimes the railway gates at Stanford or Barking would be shut so the walkers would have to go over the

bridge and out through the booking hall. Sometimes Essex would do well, other years not so



Ch. Insp. John Hedgethorpe

successfully. Yet mainly through the Hedgethorpe example Essex have only failed twice to finish in the first three teams since 1971 — and on one occasion they were fourth!

For the past two years Essex have not only won the open contest for teams of four but have also captured the new cup for teams of eight.

John Hedgethorpe has never failed to make the scoring four though in 1977 it was close when he was the fourth Essex man over the line — yet still finished ninth. One of the better Essex years.

"The Barking to Southend is one of the great social occasions of the race walking year," says Hedgethorpe, and this is especially true since the finish was moved up to Roots Hall the Southend FC ground. There must be more beer drunk after this race than all the others put together," he adds.

## Retirement

Was 1985 the end of the road for JH who looks upon the 34 miles Barking as a shortish stint being more concerned with three-figure mileages? Who can tell? It's a need to know business, this retirement at thirty years, or carry on. But you can bet that when next May comes round, if he's still in the Force, he'll be down at Barking High Street for 9am just 5½ hours away from making it 24.

# Football report

THE 1985/86 season has kicked off with what can only be described as a moderate start for both teams with goals hard to come by. Holidays and suspensions have meant unsettled teams and it is only now after 3 weeks that we are starting to produce our usual standard of performance.

Newcomer Steve Jones opened his account in his first game for the Club when the 1st XI held champions Rayleigh Town to a 1-1 draw.

In the Second XI goals were very scarce until the home game against Dunmow which we won by 6-1 with Martin Oakley scoring a hat-trick.

The squad of players is overall very strong this year but there is still room for improvement in a number of positions and we will be glad to hear from anyone interested.

# SPORTS NOTES

MY COLUMN in this issue as annual leave prevents me from fulfilling the copy date.

Two things spring to mind that I would like to take the opportunity of mentioning. The first one is the Annual General Meeting of the Sports Association which will be held at 3pm on Wednesday, October 23, in the assembly hall situated in the old traffic block at Headquarters. Naturally, it would be nice if there was a good turn out to give some

support to the Association and the hard working team captains of the various sports. I think that both bodies qualify for your support and it would give the Management Committee a great deal of pleasure to have a capacity audience.

The second thing, in some way, relates to the first and that is the annual award given by the Association to a person or persons who they feel have contributed the most to the true spirit of their sport or the Association itself. Your local sports secretaries will forward any nominations to me at Grays.

I had planned to devote some of my column, on this occasion to a potted history of the Croker Cup Competition. There must be members of the Force who might like to know a little more about it. I will do my best for the next issue.

For the moment, my BAC 111 awaits and I intend to 'do the business' with some sunshine.

As always, yours in sport.

John Barrett

# Seaxes Auto Club Channel Swim Jim

WE are now well into the competition season with stage rallies nearly every weekend, which reminds me to congratulate Lloyd Shelley and Simon Hurrell. They are currently leading the Lada Southern Regional Stage rally championship.

It would appear that my request for marshalls to go out on stage rallies in the last edition, was unheeded. Where are you all? Seaxes used to have enough marshalls to run complete stages. Now only enough turn out to run the start and finish, so come on folks, get out there and enjoy yourself.

The first 12 car rally was held on Friday, 4 October. The navigation was easy and the drivers enjoyed the route, which had several long sections. (Results will be published next month).

Forthcoming 12 cars are listed below. Remember that all 12 car rally routes start about 8pm and take under 2 hours to complete. They are all local to Chelmsford and always end with liquid refreshment.

Seaxes are also organising the Southern Region Auto-Test at Colchester Barracks on 13 October, on behalf of the Federation of British Police Motor Clubs. An auto-test, for those of you who don't know, is a test of driving skill in and out of cones, against the clock. A must for all Essex Police drivers. We would like to see

a good few competitors out representing Seaxes, against other Police motor clubs. Five local motor clubs are also invited to compete. (N.B. We also need Marshalls. Contact Alan Weatherley, Tel. Chelmsford 461021).

Finally a plea to all those who have made use of our Seaxes Shop holiday kits, not only this year but over the last few years as well. **CAN WE HAVE THEM BACK, PLEASE.** This year alone four warning triangles and other items have not been returned. We cannot afford to lose hundreds of pounds on holiday kits by replacing items not returned, so please check your garage and car boots and return the bits to the shop.

Seaxes forthcoming events:  
12/13 October: 'Oversteer' night-time road rally, 120 miles North Essex and Suffolk.  
13 October: Southern Region Auto-test, Colchester Barracks.  
18 October: Harvester 12 car rally.  
19/20 October: 'Moonraker' night-time road rally, 120 miles North West Essex and Cambs.  
3 November: Lym Regis Stages Rally — Norfolk.  
15 November: November Trophy 12 car rally.

For more information on the above, please contact Brian Jaggs, Computer Development, HQ Ext 472.

JIM HIBBERT is not just a voice on the Force radio, he is also a member of Chelmsford Swimming Club Supporters Committee. Early September saw a team of youngsters swimming the channel in atrocious conditions, to raise money for the Club and the Royal National Lifeboat Institute.

The weather having forced the abandonment of two attempts, Monday September 9

saw the team enter the water. Conditions were no more than reasonable with water temperatures between 53 and 55°F.

Six swimmers swam at hourly intervals, to beach in France 12 hours and 16 minutes later. This included 50 minutes treading water at the insistence of the French Navy that they wait for other swimmers including a team from Manchester police.

# Scottish rugby trip

THE long weekend of February 13 to 16 next year will see Essex Police rugby Club on a match tour in Scotland.

So far two games have been arranged and it is intended to take in the Scotland versus England International at Murrayfield.

The two matches to be played will be against Strathclyde Police on Friday February 14 and Peebles RFC XV the following day. These promise to be close fought matches. Tickets will be available both to Club players and members, with a few places for visitors.

Further details of the trip will be available from Constable Ian Smart of the Force Support Unit. The anticipated all-in cost is around the £50 mark.

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