



Sophisticated hardware installed and waiting to 'go live' in the Headquarters Computer Suite.

Computerisation progress report

CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS has been made since the last article. Building of the four new classrooms at the Force Training School is on schedule and should be complete by mid-December. Computer manager, Brenda Byrne, and her staff have moved into the newly-completed computer suite and have already received training in the operation of the new equipment. The Honeywell hardware for the HOLMES major enquiry system has been installed and the CASE data communications network is about two thirds complete. The network should be complete by mid-November and by this time the HOLMES software, which recently passed Home Office trials, should have been installed.

TRAINING

It is hoped that training on the HOLMES system can begin in January, and the system will be ready for operational use as soon as sufficient personnel are trained. The force having played a leading role in the development of HOLMES will at last have its own operational system. HOLMES is a very sophisticated system which fully automates the work of an incident room set up to control a major crime investigation. It allows every scrap of information received in an incident room to be retrieved at any time and provides automatic control of each document as it passes through incident room

procedures. It also allows the progress of every single Action (enquiry) to be continually monitored thereby enabling the best possible use of available manpower.

ACCESS

The force will be able to operate HOLMES from any one of 14 designated incident rooms which are at present being prepared around the county. Each room is then fitted with data wall sockets, linked to the CASE data communications network which allows access to the HOLMES computer at HQ.

PORTABLE EQUIPMENT

The designated incident rooms normally have a variety of fixtures (ie typists' offices, snooker rooms, sports halls etc). At short notice the necessary equipment, which will be housed in stores at HQ, Harlow, Rayleigh and Colchester, will be moved in, connected to the wall sockets, and work commenced. Portable communications equipment is also available in the event that an incident room is required outside the county or at an isolated location within the county. This equipment will enable access to the computer at HQ via British Telecom "dial up" lines.

IRIS

Next issue. More about IRIS.

Essex Police dry run P.A.C.E.

WITH effect from 6am on Monday, 4th November, Essex Police commenced a "dry run" of the 1984 Police and Criminal Evidence Act. The purpose of the exercise is to ensure that when the Act comes into force on 1st January, the force as a whole will be able to adopt the new procedures as efficiently and effectively as possible.

This new piece of legislation is far reaching and touches on a wide area of police practice. Many of its provisions are the subject of law which does not apply before the new year. Obviously these cannot be introduced before then but the "dry run" does give an opportunity to examine the main areas of the Act from a practical standpoint. These areas concern the detention and treatment of people in police custody.

Experienced

Although the police are very experienced in the care and custody of prisoners, the new legislation creates strict rules which will apply throughout the land in this respect. It is

essential that every police officer is fully conversant with both these provisions and the remainder of the Act, which is intended to rationalise police powers and strengthen confidence in the integrity of the law from all angles.

Training

For several months now Essex have been engaged in an intensive training programme for P.A.C.E. By the time the Act comes into effect every officer should have received instruction covering the provisions of the legislation and relevant local procedures. This training programme has been supplemented by a series of articles in "The Law" and there will be an individual issue of the official Codes of Practice.

Responsibilities

Initially the role of the Custody Officer at each one of the county's 12 'designated police stations' may be that which will be most critically tested in this trial. These officers have considerable responsibilities

under the Act and it is important to check that Essex Police policy is correct in this respect, so that any 'teething troubles' are minimised. All ranks will be involved however, from the arresting officer to the most senior supervisor, especially when it comes to complying with the instructions concerning the interviewing and detention of people in custody.

Working Party

From the early days a working party headed by Assistant Chief Constable Mr Geoffrey Markham has been looking at the introduction of the new Act. The members of this committee will be available throughout the trial period to assist with any problems that come to light. They will also be making visits to the designated police stations to assess the situation. At the end of the day there will be an appraisal of the introductory period so that any necessary adjustments to force policy can be made, before the official commencement order gives full effect to P.A.C.E. in the new year.

STEPPING into the shoes, or should it be wellingtons, of Inspector George Thurkle, who has retired after many years in charge of the Marine Section, is Inspector Phil Baxter. With 300 miles of Essex coastline to look after, this is no mean task.

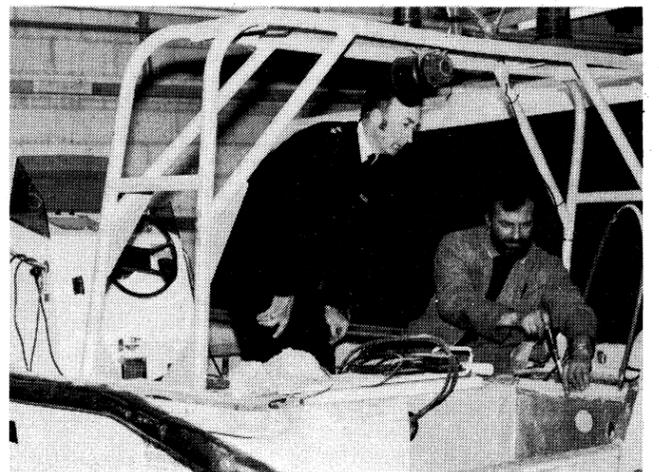
Property recovered

The River Crouch alone this year has seen a spate of marine equipment thefts running into many thousands of pounds in value. Much of this has recently been recovered, along with property from Hampshire and Suffolk, as a result of some excellent police work by the river police. In addition Southminster Section have arrested a man and recovered a £30,000 yacht stolen from Bradwell and a joint operation with Kent Police resulted in further arrests and more recovered property.

Flagship

Essex Police operate three main vessels and two Dorys. The flagship is Vigilant III which has recently undergone a major refit but will shortly return to her patrol duties in the Thames Estuary. She is capable of speeds in excess of 20 knots.

Police Marines get new skipper



Marine Inspector Phil Baxter checks on progress of repairs to a Dory in the skilled hands of mechanic Chris Godbold.



POSTBAG — Letters to The Law, Force HQ

Ski Holiday Offer

Dear Sir,

I have some places left on a ski holiday in March 1986, which may be of interest to people outside the Southend Club area.

It will be a 7 day ski trip to Chatel/Linga, France on the Swiss border, commencing Monday, 10 March, 1986. Price includes half board accommodation, flight, lessons, boots and skis, insurance. Full lift pass gives access to some 30 lifts (some in Switzerland) and the skiing is suitable for all grades of skier from raw beginner to those who can tackle some very long red and black runs. Even the confirmed non-skier can enjoy the beautiful country via the lift systems. Accommodation is in our own chalet as an annexe to the hotel "Auberge De La Dranse". There is one five bed and four three bedded rooms still available — all with private facilities. Price £233. Deposit £50 per head includes insurance premium. For copy brochure and further in-

formation contact Brian Taylor, Southend Police Club (ext 218). Price includes transfer to airport in UK.

Brian Taylor,
Southend Police Club.

Old Uniform

Dear Sir,

In December, the Maldon Chamber of Commerce are having a couple of late night shopping sessions and everybody is dressing in Victorian Costume. I have been asked if it is possible to wear old fashioned uniform. Could you please ask through "The Law" if anyone in the force has an old high necked tunic size 44in that I could borrow. I can get an old helmet, but it's a tunic I need.

Many thanks,
B. J. Walker, PC 575
Maldon NBO.

October photo

Dear Sir,

I am surprised you should call for help in identifying the people in the photo on page 4 of the

October issue.

One can quite clearly see that the assembled Policemen are Course 166 at Eynsham during the Summer of 1960. The features of Sgt. Sid Skinner, Sgt. Eric Fretton; and the remaining P.c's including the late Tony Shepherd, John Mann, John Garrard; and (from my old Force) Sgt. Wally Ellicock; can be seen. If my memory serves me the chap in the centre of the picture is teacher of Drill and First Aid, Sgt. Vincent in Buckingham Palace Garden Party Dress.

Yours faithfully,
D. S. HURRELL
(Retired P.c 91)
Westcliff on Sea.

Ed: Oh really?!

Gone John

Dear Sir,

It has always been said that one should not believe all that is printed in the papers.

In your October 85 issue I note that I retired from the Force on the 7th October 1985 after 30 years' service.

Perhaps the record should be put straight, I

retired on the 26th October 1985 as per Force Orders.

Since the publication of The Law, everybody asks me what I'm doing still working, which perhaps proves they all read your paper.

May I take this opportunity and space to wish all my colleagues in the Force good fortune, I hope they can keep up with the "pace". My thanks to those who have been at Basildon over the past 22 years and have supported me in my work.

Yours sincerely,
J. W. Tysoe P.s. 183 (Ex)
South Benfleet.

Wildlife

Dear Sir,

May I, through your correspondence column, thank the person who kindly sent me, under an unsigned note, a copy of a poem by John Clare entitled 'Badger' which I found very interesting, being the most descriptive of badger-baiting, which activity, sad to say, is still with us today.

Whilst on a wildlife theme, I have a limited number of booklets and

leaflets published by the Nature Conservancy Council, the Royal Society for Nature Conservation and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds which set out the law relating to wildlife in a very straightforward way which is easy to follow and understand.

Any officer who would like a copy of each has only to send me a note and I will then forward them on.

Yours faithfully,
T. J. Rands
Chief Superintendent
Headquarters.

Coalhouse Fort

Dear Sir,

I write to ask if you can assist one of my neighbours, Mr Lennie, of 10 Cedar Road, Chadwell St Mary.

He is retired and is currently involved in the refurbishment of Coalhouse Fort at East Tilbury. He is also researching the history of the Fort and is having difficulty obtaining information for the period of the Second World War. If anyone can help he would be very grateful to hear from them.

Yours faithfully,
C. J. Deleay, Ex PS1
Grays.

Singalonga Wilf

AT A recent concert at Brightlingsea, a certain well known Irishman and Band Secretary found out who his friends were. Bandmaster Bob Coxon set Pc Wilf Kennedy up to 'sing' to the audience of some 300 music lovers.

For his, and their, pains, Wilf was presented with a cheque for £300 for Band funds. This was a fitting reward considering that over the years the Essex Band has played at Brightlingsea, they have raised more than £3,000 for local charities.

Good causes

When account is taken of the number of concerts the Band plays in a year, the money they raise for good causes is considerable. Not only that, they are a first class public relations front for the Essex Police. They visit children in schools and play at major venues as well as in town centres around the County.

The Band merit heartfelt congratulations and deserve much wider recognition and co-operation from the Force as a whole than they sometimes seem to get.

GRAYS JUMPERS

SERGEANT Terry Sheern from Corringham and nine other intrepid souls from Grays Division are to risk life and limb by parachute jumping to raise money for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus sufferers. The jump is scheduled for the 23rd and 24th November and they need sponsorship support.

None of the ten have ever leapt out of an aircraft before and their bravery is to be thoroughly commended. The first day will be spent training with members of the Headcorn Parachute Club at Headcorn Airfield in Kent. The next day they make the jump for charity.

The team will meet all their expenses themselves but if £100 sponsorship is achieved by each of them, the parachute club waive all their fees. This very open handed gesture by the club of course released a considerable sum of money for the cause and so each Grays jumper is going all out to beat the £100 individual target. With just a little help from friends and colleagues throughout the Force, they should do it easily.

Any "Law" reader willing to help is asked to contact Terry Sheern or Inspector Terry Bates at Corringham Police Station.

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NOVEMBER 1985**

Essex Police motorcyclist wins East Anglian honours Sidecar champion Steve



CONTINUING the occasional series featuring the hobbies of Essex Police officers, this time "The Law" reports off duty exploits of Harlow Traffic Department dangerman, PC Steve Cleaver.

Steve, who is 26 years old, has been in the force for 7 years and was stationed at Brentwood before moving to Harlow Traffic as a motorcyclist about 12 months ago. He was riding motorcycles as a schoolboy before becoming an Essex Cadet and sees his immediate future astride the police BMWs.

Grass track

His interest in motorcycle sports goes back to his boyhood when he used to go motorcycle racing regularly. As soon as he was old enough to get a licence Steve started

grass track racing in his own right. His machinery was the legendary JAP 350cc and he had his fair share of successes locally.

Sidecar-cross

Some four years ago Steve teamed up with fellow grasstracker, Richard Wakeling (32) who works as a workshop manager for British Telecom. They decided to go into what was then known as sidecar scrambling, now sidecar-cross. Richard is the driver and Steve rides the sidecar or chair. His is a vital role in maintaining the essential balance of the outfit.

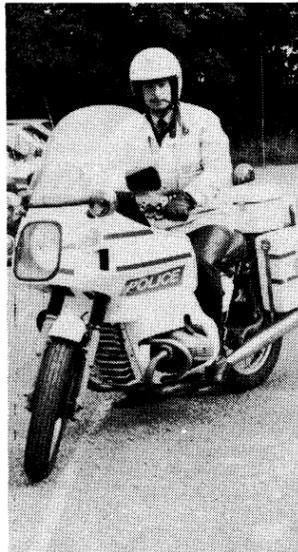
This pairing has proved to be very successful and this season they

have topped the Eastern Region by winning the Eastern Centre Championships.

Wet conditions

The competition is run over four rounds during the summer, at meetings throughout East Anglia. The wet conditions this year have suited Steve and Richard. "All the rain has kept the dust down and we've been able to see where we're going" said Steve.

The sport of sidecar-cross is international and this team compete far and wide. During October, they took their Yamaha Wasp 850cc combination to Holland for beach racing, which is becoming a regular trip for them.



Spills and thrills

"It's a tough sport" says Steve "and you've got to keep fit." To prove his point he and his partner can often be found training in the gym at headquarters. It is also a very spectacular sport to watch with many thrills and spills, but Steve luckily has escaped any serious injury. "I reckon it's safer than football" he said with a smile.

Steve and Richard are now running 8th in the British Championships and look to great victories in the future. It's not cheap, however, and although they are grateful for the support from their sponsors Fowlmere Engineering of Cambridge, they would be very grateful for any other financial or practical assistance.



Harlow Traffic PC Steve Cleaver rides the chair for his sidecar-cross partner Richard Wakeling.



German police cars set new standards

EYEBROWS were raised at Headquarters garage recently when a green and white Ford Sierra with the legend 'Polizei' emblazoned across the doors, pulled up outside the service bay. It wasn't a German traffic crew looking for a new tea stop. It was the Ford Motor Company showing off their latest export model.

The car was a German Government specification 2-litre Sierra, built in

technology and very easy to read and use. Being installed as a module on the production line there are no bolts or hard edges and so considerations for health and safety of the vehicle occupants reach new high standards for police vehicles. From the radio technicians standpoint the design is a God-send, for they will no longer have to scramble around in the boot to get at the transmitter equip-



John Willis of the Ford Motor Company demonstrates interchangeable roof signs on a new Sierra made at Dagenham for the German police.

Dagenham for the Koblenz Police. It had a number of new fittings which are shortly to become available on British police cars in the Ford range. Senior Ford Programme Co-ordinator, John Willis was intent on giving Essex, one of their priority customers, a preview.

On the outside of the car the most obvious refinement was the versatile roof pod. Two blue lights and a siren/public address speaker go without saying but what about an electronic sign flashing "Police Stop" or "Please Follow" (in German of course), which can also be programmed for other messages. The potential advantages are obvious.

Also on the roof is a very useful "sign box". It allows the top of the car to be used for giving easy to read warnings or directions, which can also be illuminated. Very handy in accident situations etc.

Modular radio

Inside the vehicle there is a new miniaturised modular radio system. The controls are all in state of the art soft touch

ment. This is all now readily and comfortably accessible by simply folding down the rear seats. It is so small and light as well, that the normal handling characteristics of the Sierra are not affected and boot space is hardly restricted at all.



The safety-first sophisticated layout of a new German police Ford Sierra, showing the modular radio and computer equipment.

The last difference from British cars was the machine gun carrier positioned alongside the passenger seat. Hopefully this is one optional extra UK police forces will never need.

John Willis is respons-

New Laindon station open for business

ON September 23, a new police station became operational at 11a Worthing Road, Laindon, in the Basildon Division. The station, which was adapted from an existing bungalow, is a section station for the Basildon Sub Division. The previous police station at Laindon was closed in 1967 and it is hoped that the new station will lead to greater efficiency and better service to the public in Laindon.

Ceremony

The official opening ceremony was held on Friday, October 18, 1985. The proceedings were set off by the Basildon Divisional Commander, chief Superintendent A. T. Gilling, who welcomed the guests and outlined the history and the reasons for opening the station. The station was then blessed by the Reverend Canon Lionel Webber, of St Martin's Church, Basildon, prior to the "cutting of the tape" by 2 residents of Laindon; one representing the long term residents and the other the youth of the area. These were Mr R. F. Holman, 72 years, of Roberts Road who has lived in Laindon all his life, and Wayne Carpenter, 17 years, of Cumberland Drive, Laindon, who is the Head Boy of a local school.

Invited Guests

Approximately 100 invited guests attended, including the Lady Chairman of Basildon Council, Members of the Divisional Police Liaison Committee, Magistrates, Local Councillors, Community Officers, Local



Basildon Divisional Commander, Chief Superintendent Alan Gilling, welcomes the opening of the new community police station at Laindon.

Estate Representatives and Neighbourhood Watch members. Police Headquarters were represented by Mr M. Comrie, Assistant Chief Constable (A) and Chief Superintendent Terry Rands.

Following the ceremony, guests were invited to partake of light refreshments, view the police station and inspect a display of posters designed by children of a local Neighbourhood Watch Group. The Essex Police Mounted Section was also in attendance and the Essex Police Band entertained shoppers in the nearby shopping precinct.

Gosfield open day

MORE than 250 people flocked to The Kings Head public house at Gosfield, near Halstead, when the doors were opened for a police family open afternoon. This new venture is seen as a triumph for the forward-looking community policing style of the Essex Police.

Collection

Licensees David and Georgie Clark had the idea of inviting the public in to see their worldwide collection of police memorabilia. Essex police were delighted to help, providing extra exhibits and manpower. In the event Crime Prevention Officers, Special Constables postcoding everything from bikes to pushchairs, Fingerprint Officers and the local Bobby all did a roaring trade.

To cap it all the pub fund to buy an ambulance for St John's Ambulance topped the £900 mark.

Campaign against child molesting

ESSEX POLICE are to undertake an experiment in two schools at opposite ends of the county, to find out from youngsters themselves how best to make them aware of child molestation and how to avoid it. The idea came from a schoolteacher who wants to make a useful video programme.

Children will be exposed to packages of material currently in use and the question "what do the kids think of it?" will be posed. Then they will be asked to come up with their own ideas about what an effective video film should include.

In the meantime, Essex are taking full advantage of a combined Home Office and Walt Disney package. This has been produced to coincide with local cinema showings of the film "Peter Pan", and features characters from the cartoon. Posters, book-marks and badges

have been produced to make children aware of the dangers. There is also a colouring competition. All the artwork was provided free of charge by the Walt Disney Company.

Continuing the same theme Essex Police have also launched an information display aimed at parents. Designed by Sergeant Fred Feather of the Crime Prevention Department, it tells a story in pictures from an offence to a detection, with emphasis on prevention. This very effective presentation is currently starting a tour of various venues throughout the county.

SEAXES SHOP
Stock clearance
Bargains for everyone

Grays Council back police

GRAYS Division came in for high praise at a meeting of the full Thurrock Council when they met to discuss the community policing methods now employed in the Borough.

Council leader, Mrs Anne Geaney, said: "The new approach to community policing is welcome. The police do a very difficult job under very difficult circumstances." She was

supported by Councillor Dennis Dimond who told the meeting, "There is just a thin blue line standing between us and anarchy. It's up to us to do everything we can to support these magnificent people."

Encouraging Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, Mrs Geaney said that these would help promote better co-operation with the police and a better society to live in.

BOOK REVIEW by: Maureen Scollan

History of Springfield by Ian Clark, published by The Rainbow Publishing Company, Chelmsford (un-priced).

SPRINGFIELD and the Essex Police are almost synonymous, so Ian Clark's short history will be of interest to the many members of the force who either work at Headquarters or live on one of the many new estates which surround the original village centre near the parish church.

The booklet comprises 39 pages, including 19 sketches and photographs and is divided into 10 short chapters each with a subject heading. These include subjects such as village life, pubs, sport, schools, war, crime, supernatural etc. The introductory chapter briefly surveys the development of Springfield from prehistoric times to the present day, beginning with the discovery of a circus on Baddow Meads. My archaeological dictionary spells this "cursus", rather than "curcus" as it

appears, but I am quite prepared to believe that they are interchangeable!

We read in some detail about the problems of lack of burial space in the parish, the drowning of Mary McHardy, the first Chief Constable's daughter, and the series of disasters which befell the village in 1844. Those who prefer to drink away from the HQ bar will read with interest the origins of such favourite hostelrys as The Tulip and the Three Cups.

From the size of the booklet it is obviously intended to be of purely local interest, nevertheless a sketch map of the parish boundaries would have been useful in order to show its relationship to its big sister Chelmsford.

Ian Clark's booklet can be easily read at one sitting, and it presents a variety of local snippets in a well-produced and readable form. It will give a new direction and knowledge to the lunch hour pedestrians from Headquarters offices!

by: Maureen Scollan



Pc Christopher Booth of Harlow accepts the Sir Jonathan Peel Trophy from the Chief Constable. He gained the highest marks in the County in the latest promotion examination.

Bennett Trophy goes to Grays

THE turnout for the Bennett Trophy, the annual competition to test the professional skills of probationer constables, was disappointing this year. Only 16 probationers from more than 100 eligible took part.

Rivalry

What has happened to the ambitious young officers of the Force that they are so reluctant to display their talents to the Chief Constable? What has happened to divisional pride and inter-divisional rivalry, that those nearing the end of their probationary period are apparently no longer "encouraged" to win this accolade of professional excellence?

Compliment

Congratulations to PC John Parkinson of Grays Division for taking the trophy with 139½ points. He was presented with the cup and baton of honour by the Chief Constable, who also took the opportunity to compliment PC 872 Christopher Booth of Harlow for the award of the Sir Jonathan Peel trophy. Christopher had gained 207 of 300 marks available in the latest constable to sergeant promotion examination.



The Chief Constable, Mr Robert Bunyard, presents Pc John Parkinson of Grays with the Bennett Trophy. John keeps the baton of honour.

KEEPING PACE

By Sgt Mike Todd

WELCOME one and all, to what will have to be one of the last few articles on the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. It's all systems go for its introduction in January. By the time this article reaches you, the daunting task of training the whole force in PACE will be over.

Weary instructors will be returning to their stations again, no doubt as custody officers! I hope that you have all enjoyed your PACE training and that it has fully equipped you for the Act's introduction. Anyway enough of idle chat and on with PACE. Last month we left DC Regan with our prisoner Davis, the story continues...

Judges Rules

The Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure, when looking at questioning and the rights of suspects, felt that the old Judges Rules, which have been around in one form or another since 1912, were due to be updated. They felt that this should be not by voluntary rules but by providing what is in effect a statement of what would be acceptable practice by the police in questioning.

Interviews

PACE tells us that it is the custody officer who is responsible for deciding whether to allow an investigating officer to have custody of a detained person. So DC Regan must go to him to ask for Davis for interview. If Regan is allowed to take charge of the prisoner, then the responsibility for ensuring that the prisoner is treated in accordance with the Codes of Practice goes with him.

Conditions of interview

In addition to this, when Regan has con-

ducted the interview, he must on returning Davis, report to the custody officer that he has conformed to PACE and the Codes of Practice whilst the prisoner was in his custody. This fact must be recorded on the custody record.

So let's assume that Regan has his prisoner in an interview room to discuss an offence of burglary, what conditions must be complied with? Firstly, interviews should only take place in rooms which are adequately heated, lit and ventilated.

Next, the person being interviewed should not be required to stand. I would suggest that the officer also sit in case standing above a suspect is held to be oppressive.

Before commencing an interview Regan must introduce himself and all the other officers present by name and rank. As far as breaks from the interview are concerned there should be breaks at recognised meal times and also breaks for refreshment at two-hourly intervals during questioning. However, having said this, under certain conditions these can be delayed.

Uninterrupted rest

In addition to these breaks, should Regan need to hold Davis in custody, in any period of 24 hours, he must be allowed a period of at least 8 hours' continuous rest. This rest should normally be allowed at night. The period must be free from any travel, questioning, or interruption arising out of the investigation.

Records of interview

Until recently we have relied very much on entries in pocket books as our records of interviews. This will have to change under PACE. PACE re-

quires us to make an accurate record of an interview with a person suspected of an offence, whether it takes place at a Police Station or not.

Contemporaneous

If the interview does take place at a Police Station or other premises the record must state (i) Place of interview, (ii) Time it began and ended, (iii) Time record made, if different, (iv) Breaks taken (v) Names of officers present. The record must be made either on the forms provided (CID 29) or the officer's pocket book. The record, if at a Police Station or other premises, should be made contemporaneously dur-

ing the course of the interview.

The only exceptions to this are where, in the investigating officer's view, the taking of contemporaneous notes would either not be practicable, or would interfere with the conduct of the interview. It is anticipated that the occasions when we will not take notes will be extremely rare.

Read and sign

If for some reason contemporaneous notes are not taken then the record must obviously be made as soon as practicable after the interview and the reason why notes were

not made during the course of the interview must be recorded in the officer's pocket book. Where the interview record is made at the time of the interview the suspect should be given the opportunity to read it and sign it as correct. If it is made other than at the time, and, if it is made while the person is still in custody he must still be allowed to read it and sign it, but he should not however be kept in custody just for this purpose.

Complaints

If in the course of the interview the person being interviewed or any person on his behalf, makes a complaint regar-

ding the provisions of the codes of practice, the interviewing officer shall (1) Record the complaint in the interview record, and (2) Inform the custody officer. So if Davis complains re the state of the interview room, Regan should record it and inform the custody officer who will deal with it.

Statements

The last thing I will mention is that it should not normally be necessary for a statement under caution to be taken if we have contemporaneous notes. The conditions for such statements however are set out in the codes of practice and indicate only minor changes of the various certificates.



MONEY MATTERS

by Tony Warren

WAKE up England, the winds of change are blowing in, and the first rumblings have already started.

The first breezes blew when I casually asked County Hall Superannuations Department if I could move my 13 years of accrued police pension benefits into a private insured fund — brilliant if they'd allow it. To my amazement, they suggested that I enquire again in the new year. The results would be startling, and certainly better than leaving it where it is. I now have a list of resigned ex-officers who wait with bated breath to see if we are going to be allowed to unfreeze our pensions.

The wind blew stronger when a British Transport policeman wandered into our office, enquiring after pensions. I pointed out to him that he wasn't entitled to have a pension alongside his occupational scheme (superannuation type) and he

astounded me with the news that, as from January 1, 1986, BT Police can have their own personal schemes. Wow! That's mind-bending.

A force nine gale hit us when the government announced their long term intention of having all workers with their own personal, portable pensions. That's a bombshell!

At present, serving officers' contributions pay retired officers' pensions direct. Your contributions are based on the cost of providing those pensions. There is no investment content as such.

If each man was paying into his own private pension fund, able to manage it and take it with him wherever he goes, enjoying the benefits of major investment companies, he could choose his own benefits for retirement! The more he puts in, the better his pension.

He can even choose what type of pension he wants to receive on retirement day. He can either have an index-linked income or perhaps a pension that dies with you (if you haven't got a spouse, this would suit you because the income would be bigger).

I ask you to ponder a fundamental point: In view of the winds of change now blowing, can any worker in early to middle age see retirement with the same degree of certainty of security that we have enjoyed up to now?

IPA Notes

AFTER a year of much IPA activity, the pace (no, not that PACE!) continues unabated with a full programme through the Christmas period. In order to help with your 1986 planning, I have some copies of the IPA 1986 Diary at 50p each available from myself at Witham Police Station or Braintree 26400.

Firstly, I would remind all members, particularly those from south of the county, that there will be a Regional General Meeting at the PLA Police Station, Tilbury Docks, at 8pm on Friday November 22 1985, with bar and buffet available, with wives welcome.

Our Regional Secretary, Andy Odell, has unfortunately had to advise us that he will have to relinquish his post at the next Regional Annual General Meeting due to his commencement of a University degree course. Thoughts will therefore have to be given to his successor, so, any volunteers?

Plans are in hand for a block booking of seats at reduced prices at the Colchester Military Tattoo in August 1986. If any member wishes to organise a coach from their station or division for this great family event, please let me know as soon as possible of likely requirements for seating, so that adequate provision can be made.

Chico Bates is organising a near Xmas Disco at the Southend Police Clubroom on Saturday December 14, 1985 from 8pm to midnight. Tickets at £2 will include chicken and chips supper, and all are welcome. Contact Chico on Southend 612174 for tickets.

Don't forget that I have stocks of the IPA County presentation plaques at £4 each, and brass lapel pins at 75p each.

Please note that due to the closure of the Headquarters Bar on Fridays, we now meet at Chelmsford Police Station, generally at 8pm on the second Friday of each month.

Having visited Nuremburg in September, I was pleased to find out that plans are now well in hand for the joint IPA and Force Band visit in July 1987 to help celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Nuremburg Section, whose members are really looking forward to entertaining us with a marvellous programme. We will soon start preliminary planning for group travel to Nuremburg, so watch this space for further details.

The programme for the next three months is as follows: Friday November 8 — Mike Stanbury and Ron Cook will present a film/slide show of the IPA Canadian holiday.

Thursday November 28th will be our annual dinner, with a change of venue this year from the Rivenhall Motor Inn to the Plough and Sail Pub at Retendon. A booking is required for this, so if you wish to attend please contact Mick Dunman at the Crown Court Office or Chelmsford 466854 as soon as possible, and a deposit of £3 per head will be required.

Friday December 13th will be a social evening with buffet and wine, (or cheese and biscuits)!

Friday January 10th 1986 will be the HQ Section Annual General Meeting with a reminder that volunteers for the Committee are needed, as both George Harris and Mick Dunman will be standing down as Chairman and Secretary respectively.

Don't forget, the meetings are now at CHELMSFORD Police Station. Mike Stanbury

National Association of Retired Police Officers by Doug Rampling

AFTER Conference there is always a lull in proceedings and it follows that I have very little to report this month.

The summer season draws to a close and we start gearing ourselves for the winter months ahead. Let us hope that after the dreadful weather endured we will have a better winter.

As usual the Comrades Luncheon held at headquarters on Friday, October 18, was a rousing success. Charlie Howlett and his staff, together with the catering personnel are once again to

be congratulated on a first class function. I can only reiterate what I have said in the past, if you do not attend you don't know what you're missing.

It is such a pleasure to see so many old faces many of whom I am glad to say do not seem to change over the years. I was sorry that George Hodges and his good lady were not able to be present this year, George has not been too well and after a spell in hospital is now back home on the road to recovery. Hope you're feeling better George and will soon be out and about again. The same goes for Fred Clark at Brentwood, keep your pecker up Fred, hope you're soon feeling your old self again.

On the National front, the NEC will be meeting at Police Headquarters, Hinchbrook Park, Huntingdon, on Friday, November 15, 1985. It is hoped that there will be a representative body from Essex attending the open meeting which commences at 7.30pm.

On the employment side things do not seem to improve much. However, I have had a suggestion put to me that might be worth considering. There must be quite a few retired policemen with skills that could be put to mutual use, ie woodwork, painting and decorating, etc, if we had a central file with names of people who would be willing to undertake work on behalf of less

skillful colleagues, could we work for each others benefit?

Well, I put it to you. If you are interested in such a scheme let me know. Rates for the job etc, could be negotiated between the parties concerned. All it would need is a telephone call to put people in touch.

Retirements

PS B. C. Snipe, stationed at Grays, retired October 27, 1985, after 30 years' and 1 day's service.

PC L. Frain, stationed at Basildon/Billericay, retires November 17, 1985, after 27 years' and 152 days' service.

PC B. P. J. Gavine, stationed at Dunmow, retired October 31, 1985, after 30 years' and 5 days' service.

DCI P. Douglas, stationed at HQ CID, retires November 30, 1985, after 24 years' and 15 days' service.

PS N. J. Harbour, stationed at Westcliff, retired November 15, 1985, after 16 years' and 73 days' service.

Obituary

September 25, ex PC Eric Clive Widdicombe, 52 years who retired from the Force in 1984.

September 22, ex PC Alfred Frank Rayner, 73 years who retired from the Force in 1963.

September 16, ex Detective Inspector E. J. S. Todd, 82 years, who retired from Southend Borough Force in 1952.

Seaxes Auto Club

AN APPEAL to help Seaxes Auto Club realise its shop's stock value has been made after the Club's committee decided to close the shop. Following circulation to all members of details of a Special Meeting on Thursday, October 4, to decide on the future of the shop only nine people turned up, not enough for a quorum. The meeting therefore reverted to a committee meeting.

The treasurer, Bob Cordery was able to produce unaudited accounts following stocktaking on September 30, which show a profit of £800 for the past year on a turnover of £10,000. Having set a weekly target of £190 sales to produce £780 gross profit, an average of £192.00 was actually achieved! However, as Bob admitted, it was a conservative target particularly when one considers that the shop had in the past achieved £400-£500 per week.

Unfortunately, having operated to target, written off some old stock and introduced new displays and a wider range of products, all with the future in mind, it was clear to the Committee that the shop could soon become a liability rather than an asset. (Mr Seaxes) Arber has work commitments in the north of the county, Bob Cordery is soon to take an appointment at Brentwood and Brian Jaggs has local commitments that prevent his daily attendance in the shop.

A few offers to assist in the day to day running had been received but it was decided that a more permanent shop manager was essential to co-ordinate purchasing, pricing, refunds or returned good etc and no-one had been found to take up this time consuming post. An offer was received for the accounting to be undertaken (thank you Roy Newell) but without a shop manager this would be to no avail. In all the circumstances the Committee felt that there was no option but to cease trading.

Why then the appeal for help? Stock in the shop was £3,123 including VAT which is all priced at trade plus 10 per cent; bargain prices on most items. If everyone at Headquarters and everyone

visiting Headquarters on a course or for meetings etc was to purchase one item from the shop, the shelves could be cleared and the Club could realise its full potential investment. The shop will continue to open at lunchtimes whenever possible (look for the SHOP OPEN board outside) and on special occasions to be announced.

There will be no massive closing down sale; that would cheat the Club of its just dues. Having served you well for 19 years, the Club seeks your support now and as a customer you cannot lose! The money raised will be invested to support members in motor sport and to finance club events. For be sure, Seaxes Auto Club will continue to thrive without the shop. Its social events will have to be more frequent to maintain its finances, but regular socialisers and revellers can only benefit from that!

Finally let's turn our attention to rallying. The first 12 car rally of the season was enjoyed by the nine crews who entered, especially the beginners who have now caught the '12 car bug'. Results were 1st overall, Dave White/Peter Horscroft, 2nd overall, (1st Novice) Dave Pike/Gary Franklin (Rayleigh), 3rd Overall, Simon Hurrell/Mike Mott, 4th overall Stuart Brooks/John Vallance, 5th overall (1st Beginner) Kevin Doo/Ralph Froud.

Our next 12 car rally is as listed below, don't forget that Brian is prepared to give basic instruction to beginners.

Seaxes Diary: November 15, November Trophy 12 Car Rally; December 7/8, Miniature All Night Road Rally; December 13, Sleigh Ride 12 Car Rally; December 14/15, Preston All Night Restricted Status Road Rally.

If you are interested in any aspect of motor sport whether it be competing in local or national rallies, marshalling locally or at Brands Hatch or Silverstone etc, please contact Brian Jaggs, Chairman, HQ x 472 or Chelmsford 468763 or Derek Stone, Competition Secretary on Tiptree 816881. You'll be welcome!

Holiday Fund

THE HOLIDAY FUND for 1986 will commence January 15. Application forms will shortly be forwarded to every current member and Divisional Admin Offices.

When completed they should be sent to Mrs P. Burrows at Rayleigh Police Station, by not later than Monday, December 9, 1985.

All existing participants must complete a new application for 1986. Subscriptions are deducted from salaries at source and the amount of the subscription cannot be altered during the year.

Three-quarters of a member's yearly entitle-

ment may be drawn out, on written application, between April 1 and September 30. Applications in April and May must be accompanied by proof that it is for a holiday or holiday deposit. The remaining quarter will be paid in December, without application.

Withdrawal cheques may be cashed at Trustee Savings Banks in the Essex County area, or paid into an officer's own bank account.

At least 7 days notice must be given for withdrawals and applications will not be accepted over the telephone.



EARLIER this month at a rehearsal of the headquarters musical society's production of 'Half A Sixpence' the Chairman, Mr Roy Clarke, presented cheques for £450 to Mrs Barbara Anderson of the Essex Physically Handicapped Association and Mr Jimmy Nolan of the NSPCC.

The £900 donation was the proceeds of the Society's June production of 'Anniversary Showtime'.

Both recipients expressed their gratitude for the donations and for the help they receive from the Essex Police in their day to day work.

Market Place

ELECTRONIC ORGAN, Casio VL-tone, 10 rhythms, 6 instrumental sounds, recording facility, calculator plus other functions, excellent cond, £25. Sgt Hesketh, HQ, Ext 344; or 0277 364213.

ADRIA 4-berth caravan, double glazed, heater, fridge, cooker and awning included (no toilet compartment), £1,500. WPC Partridge, HQ IR 'B'; or 57992.

WANTED: second-hand Cindy Doll's house, for cash. Contact Jacky Merrison, CID HQ, Ext 512; or Witham 519136.

TRAILER, 5ft x 3ft, with spare wheel, hardly used, £150. Mrs Bentley, Harlow Str; or Harlow 34202.

BELLING 2.4 kW electric fire, Tudor-style, log effect, ex cond, £25. Telephone Harlow Ext 302.

FOUR STARLIGHT lounge units, 3 x 3ft, 1 x 1ft 6in, good condition, smoked glass doors, drop leaf drinks unit, £100. Supt Benning, HQ, Ext 401.

1979 SUZUKI GS1000, blue and white, excellent condition, very fast machine, regularly serviced, £975, also matching one-piece leathers and helmet. DC Elam, Harwich S/B; or 02556 6077.

FANCY DRESS hire. The county's leading fancy dress costume hire specialists. Reduced rates for police authority employees, pensioners and families. Ex PS P. Coombes, 1597 London Road, Leigh-on-Sea; or 0702 74436.

TRIANG/HORNBY railways, dismantling layout, locos as new, various rolling stock, track all sold separately, vgc. PC Young, Westcliff; or Southend 527896.

CURTAINS to fit landing window and front door of 1967 type A.S. police house. Dupion, fully lined, pencil pleated, bitter. PS 202 Symkiss, Colchester Dogs; or Colchester 212045.

WANTED: Drop-side cot. Telephone June Roberts (typist), Colchester Station; or 845203.

A REG AUDI 80CD, 1983, 2-litre, 5-cylinder, automatic, dk blue metallic, sunroof, electric windows, 4 speaker radio/cassette, 31,000 miles, reg serviced, beautiful cond, £4,750. Supt L. Baker, HQ CSB; or Brentwood 73515.

ELECTROLUX Calor Gas caravan fridge, recent service by Electrolux, £35. Graham Oakley, HQ, Ext 435; or 0268 286454.

SHEEPSKIN coat, man's double breasted, very good quality, £35. PC N. Beckman, Halstead.

SUPER SER Calor Gas fire, and bottle, two 1516 gas bottles, offers? Electric airing cabinet, £10. PC Simpson, Sandon Dogs; or Chelmsford 323707.

HONDA motorcycle, 70cc, W reg, almost unused, needs slight attention, £200 ono. R. Tomlin, Chelmsford Courts Office; or Maldon 52392.

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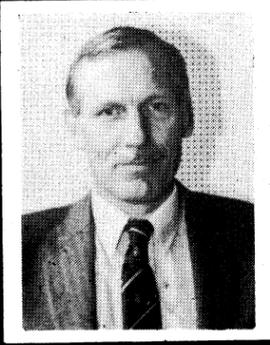
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Federation Notes



by
Jim Rodgers

Inner City Violence

IT HAS happened. A police officer has died in the course of a riot within an inner city ghetto. No that's wrong, not "died", a police officer has been butchered. Savagely, bestially, cruelly hacked to death whilst going to the aid of firemen, who completely unarmed and defenceless, were trying to extinguish the fires burning down a supermarket on the Broadwater Farm Estate. The "corner shop" for the occupants of the estate.

Fires started

The fires had been started by the less savoury occupants of that estate, and it was these same people who then turned their attention, first on the firemen, then on the police.

Inner city fortress

Police Constable Keith Blakelock was one of those officers. He it was who was assassinated with knives and machetes, whilst his colleagues fought a losing rearguard action to escape from what is in fact an inner city fortress. It is a fortress by design, but was not intended for that purpose.

After what transpired, perhaps it might have been better if the place had been allowed to burn, until the whole sorry site was razed to the ground. Perhaps then Keith Blakelock would still be with his wife and young family — but then hundreds of occupants of the Farm Estate, good, decent law-abiding people would have been rendered homeless.

Blame

Had this happened, it does not take a great deal of ingenuity to work out

that the Police would have been blamed for the loss of these homes!

Traditional approach

Why? Well, over the years, probably for most of the hundred and fifty years that the police service has existed, the public and the Governments of the day, have built up a tradition of relying on the Police to deal with outbreaks of public disorder, as and when they occur.

We have traditionally dealt with firmness, compassion, sympathy — and usually with a smile, any problem that has raised its ugly head. We used to be able to do it in the manner of Dixon of Dock Green, and it wasn't really until the riots of Toxteth and Moss Side and Brixton, back in 1981, that officers were deployed with shields and crash helmets.

Shields and protective clothing

It was as a result of the St Pauls disturbances in Bristol the previous year, that most Forces escalated their stocks of shields and protective clothing — wasn't it fortuitous that we did, otherwise where would we have all been supplied from for the 1981 Riots, and not to mention the Miners' Dispute.

But in all of these incidents over the years the Police have consistently taken a defensive stance, even when working from behind a shield and protected by a Nato helmet. This seems to have been counter-productive to some extent, insofar as the better protection we have, the more vicious become the mis-

AVID readers of this column will recall that some time ago, I reported on a service being provided by Mark Harris of Bishop Cavanagh, this specifically related to an insurance policy to cover your liability for Capital Transfer Tax. It was felt that with booming value of houses and property, coupled with the large sums which officers could commute from their Pensions, that we must seriously consider protecting this against the ravages of the lesser spotted

Revenue Collector.

Mark Harris has now forwarded a brochure on the subject which enlarges upon the insurance aspects and illustrates ways in which it is quite lawful to avoid the liability to this tax. A must for anyone about to go into civvy street, if you want a copy, contact my office.

The firm of Bishop Cavanagh do provide other services in the world of High Finance, they are experts in the field of Mortgages, and income planning. And they are

available to advise any officer on any related subjects — Ring Mark Harris on 01-580 3077.

Just to show my lack of bias, South Essex Insurance Brokers of Ockendon offer a similar service giving advice on Mortgages, Capital Investment Bonds, Insurance on just about any subject you care to name, as well as a facility to compare by the use of an In-house computer all manner of offers from Building Societies and Insurance Companies

nationwide. By adept use of this facility, schemes can be tailored to fit your needs and your pocket.

The expert at this firm, who is willing to make himself available for Essex Police Officers is Mr Barry Fehler. He, like Mr Harris, has been recommended by a senior officer in the Force, and in my view both can be of service to the membership.

Barry Fehler can be reached on 0708 853456, that's a South Ockendon number!

siles hurled or fired at us. It is as though we have been inviting them to update their armoury by the passive way we have behaved in the past.

Passive policing

When one of our own has been slaughtered on the altar of passive policing, perhaps the time has come for the Police, when placed in the front line against the rioters, to take an offensive stance. Perhaps the time has come for the deployment of CS Gas; or the deployment of the Baton round. Perhaps the time is nearly with us when we shall actually have to use these weapons in order to quell the Public Order situations.

In order to protect the public, and ourselves come to that, against the petrol bombs and the sharpshooters.

Ultimate weapons

What must then follow — as night follows day — is that when the thieves and the muggers and the rapists, (who use the disorders as a shield to carry out their crimes), are caught, that they will be dealt with by the Courts. And the Courts will use the ultimate weapons open to them, to make the sentences suit the severity of the offences.

Prayers

In this way, perhaps we will have a chance of winning the Peace, perhaps Keith Blakelock will not have died in vain. Whatever happens, Elizabeth Blakelock will not grieve alone, our hearts and prayers go out to her and her three sons.

RUC VISIT

ON Saturday September 21, a party of injured officers from Northern Ireland, some accompanied by their wives, some by nurses, were welcomed into Essex Police Headquarters, together with their City of London hosts, where they were entertained to a fine luncheon.

The Deputy Chief Constable, Mr Ronald Stone and his lady were there to give a few words of friendship, before they were whisked away to a Mayoral reception at Colchester.

After a brief visit at the Castle, they were then entertained to an evening at the Mill Hotel, where the proprietor made the "Laristos" nightclub available.

Words of friendship

Among the visitors were several who came over in 1983, Charlie McConaghy and his wife, Ivan Seifert and his charming lady, as well as Ronnie McMurray and his wife. Dave Edmonds the Northern Ireland Assistant Welfare Officer was also there as a companion and Escort, as were Sam Beatty and Raymond Kirk, two members of the Ulster Police Federation.

Among our guests were several who had assisted with Fund Raising for the event, and they were delighted to meet with this happy band of veterans.

Further invitation

The day went off without a hitch and it was a tired and weary, but very happy group who boarded the coach in the early hours to return to London.

We still have a little money left over, so we have invited them to come again. This means that we shall need a little more money to go with what we have left, so keep your eyes peeled for more fund raising activity later on this year. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!!

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

THE Annual Elections will take place in December and this year there is a change in the method of distributing the Nomination Papers.

This year those officers who wish to be nominated — or indeed wish to nominate someone — for a position on the Joint Branch Board, may collect a nomination paper from the Deputy Presiding Officer.

The nomination paper will be colour coded for the Rank concerned:-

Pink for Inspectors (and Chief Inspectors) Branch Board.

Blue for Sergeants Branch Board, and Green for Constables Branch Board.

The nomination paper itself will be capable of use by women officers, Traffic, and CID officers, as well as the ordinary divisional personnel, merely by completing the relevant section of the Form.

When completed by the nominator, seconder and the proposed candidate, the form must. I repeat MUST, be forwarded to the correct Deputy Presiding Officer.

The Deputy Presiding Officer will only be in possession of about TEN nomination Forms on each Division, and this will show a saving in paper and envelopes for a start as well as administrative work within the Branch Board Office.

It is essential however that everyone is aware that there is a new system, and that some action has to be taken to participate, rather than passively awaiting the form arriving in the in tray. This should galvanise Divisional Representatives into action to ensure they are nominated. Any other officer wishing to oppose the present representative, must make sure he also has a nomination.

Keep your eyes peeled — the election notices will be published soon at your Divisional Admin office.

PRIVATE MEDICAL SCHEME

IT IS now six months since we changed our Insurance Company. The Group retains over one thousand two hundred and sixty Serving Police Officers and Pensioners. There are still one or two subscribers who have not returned their Enrolment Forms and they are urged to respond as soon as possible.

It must be pointed out that although the appropriate deductions are being made at County Hall, subscribers will find delays in receiving claims payments if they have not got a Membership Number.

It is too early to be able to assess in great detail how our group is performing with respect to lowering the level of claims. We remain optimistic that the measures employed by our Brokers/Consultants will help to reduce claims and therefore promote stability of premiums in the future.

All members are advised that it is most important to contact the Help Desk (0272 429481) BEFORE accepting any treatment. You will find that the staff operating this service on your

behalf will be able to advise you in all aspects of your proposed treatment.

Important details such as whether the treatment is covered by the Terms and Conditions of Police Masterplan and what is the most suitable Hospital to use are frequently overlooked when subscribers take on treatments.

Both ladies at the Help Desk are qualified nurses and are able to put callers' minds at ease with their understanding of the problems that concern enquirers prior to taking treatment.

Police Pensions

A new option

WHEN one goes out of the Force onto pension, you have a choice of ways in which your pension is paid to you.

Paid direct

You can have it sent by cheque to your home address, or you can have it sent by centralised banking techniques into your Bank Account. Now it is possible to have it paid direct into a Building Society Account.

The Building Society must be one which has an office in the Chelmsford Town Centre — I understand that the cheques are trotted round there by hand — but it does mean that your money can be making interest for your very rapidly.

Lump sum

This facility is one which would be eminently suitable for the Commuted Lump Sum to be paid straight into an account — after all the interest per day on such large sums can be very significant, whilst you make up your mind on long term investment.

If you require further information on the matter contact my office for details.

Courtauld Trophy report

ON SEPTEMBER 9, Basildon and Grays contested the final of the Inter Divisional cricket cup for the Courtauld Trophy. The game was played at Coronation Park, and for once this season the match was started under a blue sky and sunshine.

Innings collapsed

Grays batted first and found runs hard to come by as wickets fell steadily. They were reduced to 25 to 5 with Fordham and Argles bowling tightly. When it seemed the innings would fall short of 50, Butcher and Scantlebury came together and, with patient battling added 51 for the sixth wicket in which, as it turned out, was almost a match-winning stand. Butcher was eventually out for 45, bowled round his legs by Longdon, and Scantlebury continued until the score was 90 before being run out for 26. Argles then returned and polished off the tailenders to finish with 4 for 19 and the innings collapsed to 96 all out, with Fordham finishing 3 for 21.

What should have been a formality for the Basildon team with 6 county batsmen, soon turned out to be something of a nightmare. Contending with an accurate bowling attack and an increasingly hostile pitch as the black clouds gathered, they were soon in trouble

losing the first wicket with only 5 runs on the board. Lister then added 21 for second wicket scoring all the runs himself before being bowled.

Catastrophe

At tea Basildon were 34 for 3 with the storm clouds brewing. Argles was out in the first over after the restart and then a catastrophic slump set in as 6 wickets fell for 17 runs with Dunn picking up 3 wickets. Reduced to 52 for 8, Grays seemed certain of victory with another 46 runs required. However, Letch and Devries batting for Basildon had other ideas and by picking up the odd singles edged the score nearer to the Grays total. With many of the Basildon team not daring to look, the match developed into one of the most exciting finishes in recent years as Devries hit the winning run in the 35th over to give Basildon a victory by 2 wickets. A tremendous performance from these 2 players who are not recognised batsmen with Letch finishing undefeated on 17 and Devries on 25. Mention must be made of the bowling of Dunn who bowled 9 overs and took 3 for 10.

So in the end Basildon took the trophy for the first time since its inception as a Division.

by: Bob Taylor

Ladies' Hockey



Essex Police Ladies Hockey Team pictured before their game at Northamptonshire Police Headquarters. Despite a valiant effort, the girls lost the match 4-0.

AS USUAL, Essex Police started the hockey season off in good spirits and with the determination that I hope will carry the team through the rest of the season.

So far, two matches have been played, one for fun against Suffolk, and the second in the national competition against Kent County Constabulary in the PAA. The warm-up game against Suffolk was doomed to failure when we lost half the team in transit. Somehow three members of the team managed to lose their way to the HQ at Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, which left the side short. A new player, Debbie Bilner, opened the scoring against Suffolk which put a bit of effort into the side and very nearly put the score two-up when the opposition's goalkeeper missed a ball off a penalty, which unfortunately went wide. In the second half, however, the tram ran out of puff, and lapsed into old habits of not chasing the ball back, thus exposing their own goal to numerous attacks, the end result being a fair reflection of play in a defeat for Essex. Until the team learns to field deep, and pull back with the defence, it will consistently lose.

The second match was thrust upon us by Kent, without time to try and correct the faults of the first

run out. Kent are rated one of the superior sides in the south of England, and true to form they put up a superior performance, Essex suffering a heavy defeat.

At Northamptonshire HQ the team lost four-nil. Despite the score, this was a superb performance against a very strong team including members of the England Under-21 side. Essex managed to correct many of their early season mistakes and showed that they are capable of playing very well together.

The season is young yet, and the team possesses numerous good players, and is quite capable of pulling a few wins, subject of course to PACE, probationer training, etc, but as always we need more players. The team remains popular in the area, because, whatever the score, we play to the end and fight all the way. We have a full season ahead of us, so if you are a hockey player, whether past or present, please get in touch, and give us your support. Any officer, or civilian member of the force, contact WDC Seager at Braintree for further details.

by Jean Seager

MEN'S HOCKEY

THE season got away with a weekend tournament in South Yorkshire. Unfortunately, Essex came away without a win after playing eight games.

On September 25, the men's team were down to play Cambridgeshire at Huntingdon in the first round of the PAA. So far we have been unable to get past the first round. This year it looked possible with a strong selected team, but at the last minute instead of going with a full team plus two reserves, we left with only nine players.

By half time the scoreline stood at Cambridgeshire 1, Essex 0, which did not really show the effort and near misses that Essex had, with the ball going inches past the post and being stopped on the line on several occasions.

At the start of the second half, Essex continued playing in top gear, pushing and probing Cambridge's defence. The task fell duly to Graham Pipe to convert a penalty, which he did magnificently to put Essex back on par.

Cambridgeshire scored the next goal ten minutes before the end and by this time being short had taken its toll on the Essex team.

Cambridgeshire came away the winners two goals to one. Once more, Essex had been taken out in the first round. The man of the match for Essex must have been Tony Stevens playing in goal making some brilliant saves to keep Cambridgeshire at bay and Essex in with a chance of winning.

The Essex team are still looking for more hockey players for the pool, so if you are interested, contact either PC Graham Lumley at Colchester or DC Murphy at Clacton. We would like to hear from you.

calendar of fixtures should be extended and I will be making the relative arrangements throughout the 'closed' season. This should bring our fixtures up to about 20 thus our season next year will be extended.

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking our outgoing captain Taff Jones (Chelmsford) for leading a successful season and thank all members for your loyalty throughout the season.

One final note. I will be circulating membership renewals shortly and any prospective new members should not hesitate to contact me for details. Who will be our first lady member? Other forces have lady members and with the number of females in our force I'm sure there must be some budding lady golfer somewhere.

Good luck and good golfing.

Golf Review

by: Andy Smith

PEGS this year has had a busy and successful season, having about 60 active members. The Society played in 16 matches against other Police Forces and Golf Clubs within the county, winning 8 of them, losing 3 and drawing 5. A fine record.

In addition to this members of PEGS represented the Force in the following competitions. On 9th May, twelve members took part in the No 5 Regional PAA Championships at Burnham Beeches G.C. Berkshire. Roger Culham (Canvey Island) gained 3rd place in the am round, this being our only success on this occasion. During June, two members took part in the National PAA Championships at Notts G.C., Nottinghamshire. Although neither gained successful places both did us proud.

Then in August, four members took part in the English Police Golf Association Competition at Brugh G.C., Hull. This was a

team competition but again we were not placed.

On the domestic front, our Summer Meeting was held at The Warren Golf Club on 19 July. Some 23 members and 2 guests took part in an enjoyable day's golf. Prizewinners were, Scratch Cup — winner Bob Hayes (HQ Training), runner-up Peter Minterfield (Basildon); Vice Presidents Cup — winners Harry Fordham (Wickford) and Colin Muir (Rayleigh), runners-up Lionel Lee (Brentwood), Laury Austin (Clacton); Best A.M. Handicap — Vaughn Mullender (Braintree), Best P.M. Individual Stapleford — Andy Smith (Epping).

On 17 September our Autumn Meeting was held on a glorious day of sunshine again at The Warren Golf Club when 21 members and 3 guests battled throughout the day to produce the following array of prizewinners. Barry Price Cup — winner

Laury Austin (Clacton), runner-up Bob Hayes (HQ); 2 'J's' Cup — winners Chris Rawlingson (Chelmsford), Laury Austin (Clacton), runners-up Harry Fordham (Wickford), Alex Mackman (Stansted Airport). Best All Day Scratch — Andy Smith (Epping). Captains Prize — John Woods (Chelmsford). Best Individual Stapleford — John Stewart (HQ PSU). 3 Meetings Challenge Shield — winner Laury Austin (Clacton), runner-up Bob Hayes (HQ).

The other internal PEGS Competition which ran throughout the year was the Knockout Trophy. This was won by Laury Austin (Clacton) with Roger Culham (Canvey Island) being runner-up.

Following the Autumn Meeting at our AGM Keith Southgate (Rayleigh) was elected 1986 captain. I wish him a successful and enjoyable year. It was also agreed at this meeting that our



ACC 'A' Mat Comrie with Mrs Sue Bishop presenting the trophies at the Force pistol shooting competition.

Pistol shoot

The Force Pistol Competition at Fingrinhoe had a reasonable turn out this year although it was disappointing to find no members of the Crime Squad or Special Branch represented. All the same, it was a good day with a competitive but friendly atmosphere.

The team event was a close run between the top four, eventually being won by Force Support Unit 'B', but the individual event was extremely close, resulting in a draw with both Inspector Peter Brown (Harlow) and Ps Bernie Emslie on 81 points. A

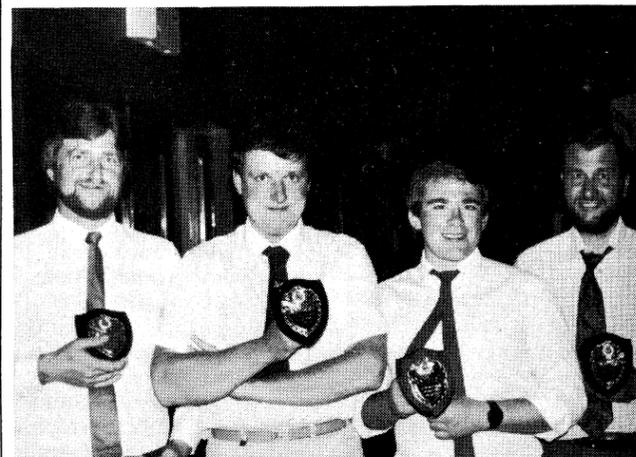
deciding shoot was therefore arranged with Ps Emslie taking the "Bill Bishop" Trophy by just two (2) Points over Inspector Brown.

Day shoot

The day closed with a day shoot for all the competitors including guest appearances by Chief Inspector Johnson and ACC Mr Matt Comrie. This was won by Basildons' Pc Debbage and Ps Chaplin who collected the exorbitant prize money.

by Julia Jeapes

Sea Angling Lines



From left to right: Essex Police Sea Anglers Bob Sanford, Keith Mower, Clive Skingley and Dave Box with their trophies.

The national police sea angling championships were held recently at Weymouth in Dorset. The Essex team gained a credible 3rd place weighing in a total of 66lb 15oz.

Keith Mower took 7th individual place with 37lb 5oz made up of two conger eels and a dog fish. One of Keiths eels weighed in at 26lb.

by: Clive Skingley

Clive Skingley was 12th with 29lb 10oz including a top of 26lb.

Dave Box and Bob Sandford made up the rest of the team but were left telling the tale's of the one's that got away.

The force individual championship was held on the beaches of Clacton on 20th October in conjunction with the annual match versus Clacton sea angling club.

The Barkway cup was won by Barry Wyle who weighed in two whiting for 11lb 7oz. Bob Sandford came runner-up with an Eel pout of 3¾oz (is this his biggest ever fish).

Croker Cup sea angling will be held on 22nd November at Bradwell. Club secretaries contact Keith Mower at Southend.

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