



Merry Christmas

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The Chief Constable at Christmas-time

THE POLICE Service has always had to cope with the stresses and strains of changes in society and we ourselves have to change to enable us to cope with the day to day business of providing the Community with a standard of policing that they have every right to expect.

Crime trends

In many ways, 1985 has been a better year than some of recent memory for the Essex Police. Trends in the detection of crime for 1985 show a significant shift in the right direction and as we approach the end of the year it is becoming apparent that there has been a reduction in the number of residential burglaries in the County. The crime prevention strategies on which we embarked as a body some few months ago seem to be paying off and there is potential yet to be realised in this field.

On the roads of our County, the year so far has been encouraging in that the number of fatal and serious accidents has fallen. However, there are still too many to allow us to reduce our commitment to maintaining daily contact with the road using public and promoting a greater awareness of their responsibilities.

Restraint

Whilst by no means becoming complacent, I believe that we can be pleased that we have maintained our

standards at a time of financial restraint and increased practical commitments. Not least amongst these latter of course has been the unprecedented need to train every police officer in preparation for the introduction of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. Without a doubt everyone concerned in this enterprise deserves congratulations.

New roles

It is inevitable that this new piece of legislation will mean some changes in the way we go about our daily tasks. People have been asked to adopt new roles and adapt to new procedures and the extra manpower that would have been ideal is simply not available. There will be problems, as is always the case when quite major reforms are introduced, but at the end of the day I am convinced that both the police and the public will reap considerable benefits. What is important is that we attack the job in hand with a positive attitude, so that the greatest possible effect in terms of community confidence in the police is encouraged. I am sure that the Essex Police has coped well with greater problems in the past.

Computerisation

The Police and Criminal Evidence Act is not the only innovative prospect for 1986 of course. Apart from anticipating other legislative changes such as a wider use of fixed penalty tickets

and a new public order act, so far as Essex is concerned, our own computerisation programme will start to come into its own. The unlikely sounding combination of HOLMES and IRIS will bring us right up to date in the computer age. The appearance of computer terminals in police stations throughout the County will doubtless prove daunting to some but will soon be as widely accepted as the personal radios have become even to those, more seasoned officers, who recall making 'points' at telephone boxes.

If experience teaches us nothing else, it certainly cautions us against trying to forecast what will happen in the future. What experience in this Force has shown is that we can approach the future with full confidence in our ability to cope with whatever problems society throws our way and to continue to provide a policing service of which we can be proud.

Confidence.

Thank you all for your support over another year, in the confident anticipation of its continuance in the one which is to come.

It is my greatest hope of all at this time, that everyone concerned with the Essex Police Service, regular officers, civilians and members of the Special Constabulary and all their families should have a Very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and successful year in 1986.



The Chief Constable Mr Robert Bunyard

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICE COMMITTEE

"ONE of the most pleasurable tasks I am asked to perform as Chairman of your Police Committee, is to sit down and write a Christmas message for your newspaper. Each year it gives me an opportunity to review the past twelve months in my mind and to reflect upon the contribution the Essex Police have made to the overall well being of this community in which we live.

"As ever, 1985 has been a year of mixed blessings and the job that you are required to do has not been made easier by external constraints placed upon you. Nevertheless, you have, as always, come through with flying colours and the people of Essex can be justly proud of their Police Service. Certainly I am pleased to assure the Chief Constable and the entire Force that you have well earned the respect and confidence of your Police Committee and the



Chairman of the Police Committee Mr Geoffrey Waterer.

public at large.

"The prospect of 1986 beckons and I have no doubts whatsoever that it will present many new challenges to you. Neither have I any doubts that you will again meet those challenges with fortitude, professionalism and good humour. May God bless you in your endeavours and may you and your families enjoy a peaceful and Happy Christmas and a successful New Year."



All the innocent wonder of Christmas is reflected here in the face of little three-year-old Julie Beaveridge, as she is supported by Pc Paul Webb of the Force Support Unit, on the knee of Father Christmas at Debenhams Chelmsford store.

POSTBAG — Letters to The Law, Force HQ

GOOD RELATIONS

Dear Sir,
Having voiced criticism in your presence recently about Essex Police co-operation with the Press, let me now offer my praise for your intelligent handling of the incident involving the old lady who was duped out of her

money in Colchester. I regard it as a classic example of how the police can use the Press to get the message over, without causing further complications.

Coming to us with the story as soon as you were able to, gave us valuable

working time. You took us on trust about the lady's identity and address, to enable us to build up the story and get the crime prevention message over in a human interest style.

I hope the police are pleased with the end result, which was published on page one of the

Evening Gazette, as well as the follow-up feature, embracing the views of welfare organisations and detailing the security devices such as "spy holes", which are available without charge from voluntary organisations.

I hope that you will not let the modesty of Essex Police officers prevent

others from using our mutual co-operation on this story as an example of how police-newspaper relations can and should work when they are talking to fellow officers.

Thank you for all you did.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Laurie,
Editor

took the service said what we both felt, "You could feel the warmth coming through".

He was a much-loved "grandad Basil", father and husband and above all a friend to his family and will be sadly missed.

Lorna and Phil
Shoulders
Feering

Continuing the series of articles on computerisation in Essex Police.

IRIS EXPLAINED

By Malcom Hargreaves

A FEW words concerning the "Iris" (Incident, Resource and Information System) particularly for those officers who have not yet set their eyes on a copy of the "Overview" booklet circulated to Police Stations.

Many divisions have now had their control room consoles modified to accept two VDU's, or three in the case of Southend. The remaining work will be completed soon. All DHQ's will have four Iris terminals, either at or near their control rooms, one of these, to be used mainly for message switching which will replace our ageing teleprinters. Sub-divisional stations and certain larger section stations will have a minimum of one terminal and full facilities will be available at these sites, equal to those at Information Room or DHQ's. In addition to the fifteen terminals in the Information Room Complex a further five terminals will next year be installed in HQ departments.

This facility, enabling operators to prepare messages using a keyboard and VDU, has always been very well received in other Police Forces. Pre-defined formats will appear on the VDU screen for all our more common messages so that operators simply have to "fill in the spaces." Addressing messages to groups of

Stations will be much easier and faster. Note that any site with a terminal will always have an associated printer upon which to receive messages. Note also that short messages; for example, from one controller at division to another controller at a sub-division may be sent from screen to screen using the Operator Message facility, thereby reducing telephone calls during busy periods.

The heart of the "Iris" system will be the logging of incidents at a terminal rather than using pen and paper. Once logged the incident may be viewed by any terminal on the system and will remove our present practice of frequently writing down the one incident three times, ie: at HQ IR, at Division and again at Sub-division. Incidents may be dealt with either at the terminal originating the log or transferred to any other location for the handling of the police response. A "timed reminder" facility exists for those incidents to be dealt with later, eg: at 2pm when a detached beat officer commences his tour of duty.

All old incidents can be retrieved for viewing at a terminal either immediately if within one month or by sending a message to HQ Computer Room for older incidents stored

on magnetic tape.

Note that supervisors still have a role to play. No incident is finalised until viewed and confirmed for closure by a Sergeant or Inspector.

Closely linked with incident logging is the display at the VDU of all operational police resources, 24 hours a day. Cyfas at present provides only Information Room with details of main channel resources. A new Cyfas processor interfaced to the Iris system will update VHF resources while local controllers will update all UHF resources allowing parade states and vehicle availability to be viewed right across the county. When an incident is created the computer software will in the first instance display those resources which are nearest to that incident's location. An operator wishing to select a resource of a particular type for a certain incident will be able to search his resources by call sign group within a sub-division. Perhaps this goes some way to explain why additional call sign types were recently taken into use within the Force!

Additional "Iris" facilities will be described in future issues, by which time the Iris training team will be installed at the Force Training School.

Neighbourhood Watch Youth is a big Success!

EVEN the Crime Prevention innovators, Essex Police have a huge success story on their hands with the trail blazing attempt at Basildon to involve young people in the well being of their own community.

The scheme at Laindon West (Basildon Division) was already one of the most active Neighbourhood Watches in the County. At its forefront is Liaison Person Ken Coulter, one of the County's active organisers. In his own words, this is Ken's story of how this new Youth Group came about and has progressed.

"It was during a spell of vandalism — breaking down of trees, graffiti, etc and complaints of nuisance from an irate resident that I approached the children on a play area. They were called together and questioned about the damage. They were co-operative and very soon about 26 children had gathered round and were asking

quite serious questions about the environment. They wanted to know why they couldn't belong to a Neighbourhood Watch — their parents talked about it. Our group had a discussion about it, the children were spoken to again and all agreed to abide by community rules to protect their environment.

Adopt a tree

"Initially we started by explaining to them the actual cost to supply trees and their upkeep and then it was brought home to them that their parents paid for them indirectly. It was agreed that each child should 'Adopt a tree' to ensure it was kept safe and they would report any further damage. In fact in later weeks they became concerned about street lighting, graffiti etc, but the trees were the

actual starting point.

"We progressed from here to design a syllabus for the group with assist-

ance from the local Neighbourhood Beat Officer and the Local Crime Prevention Officer. A mem-



Photo Courtesy of Ken Coulter

Hidden talents emerge from local youngsters who use them in a creative and constructive way.

ber of the Fire Bridge, parents within the group with specialist skills, a St John's Ambulance Officer

and local CB radio and Photography enthusiasts all have given or promised their time."

"Great pride"

The Editor,

We would like to express our deepest thanks to all colleagues and friends of Basil for the kindness shown on his sudden and tragic passing. We had a feeling of great pride to see so many members of the police service, both serving and retired, and his numerous friends and business associates who attended his funeral.

There are few words that can truly convey our feelings towards such friendship and we think the Rev A. Moody who

Sincere thanks

Dear Sir,

May I belatedly on behalf of Great Horkesley NSPCC thank the Essex Police Band for all their efforts in arranging such a splendid concert for us. The result of the evening was a contribution to the NSPCC funds of £220, which from our point of view is a very satisfactory outcome, particularly since we all found the evening so enjoyable.

Please pass on to Mr Coxon and all members of the band our sincere thanks for all your help in making it such a successful occasion.

Yours sincerely,
A. Warren
Colchester

Memorable

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much indeed for inviting us to the Essex Police Band Concert in Chelmsford Cathedral last week.

My wife and I both enjoyed the occasion very much indeed and it was in every way a very memorable evening.

Yours sincerely
Robert Adcock
Chief Executive
Essex County Council

Scheme, and the praise for the children's artwork is flooding in.

"The posters developed by the youngsters have caught everyone's imagination. The Drugs Poster is circulated throughout Essex. It has been seen in West Berlin and copies have been taken to Denmark by a group of Danish officers. One has even surfaced in Los Angeles, California and caught the eye of LAPD. Negotiations are currently under way for the LAPD to sponsor two children for a holiday with them in LA. The LAPD have asked for details of the scheme in all its aspects and this is being supplied."

Anyone wishing to know more about the scheme should contact Mr Ken Coulter, Laindon West Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, c/o Basildon Police Station. It's another good idea from Essex Police who can show yet again that Crime Prevention works!

We have now moved on to an 'Adopt a Granny' scheme to involve the youngsters with the elderly on the estate."

"In the Year when it is International Youth Year our Community have proved anyone with the right ideas can promote the cause of crime prevention and improve the quality of life by getting to the root of the problems.

"In four months our relative local problems have reduced by 40 per cent and our children are already better 'citizens'.

New Poster

"We ran a Crime Prevention Poster competition and two of the entries caught the eye of a local printer who produced 1,000 of each for use by our local police. Our group are now working on a poster for the local Victim Support

JAIL BREAK 1985

Germany — by Paul Adams

Cyprus by Roy Stevens

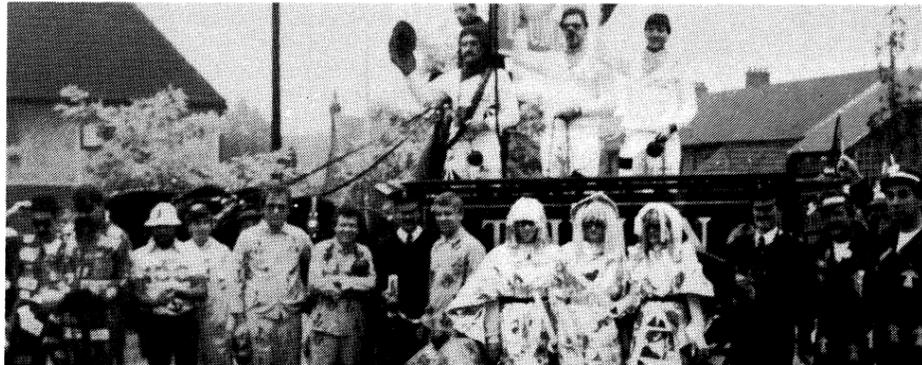
IT ALL started in October, 1984, when I was in Chelmsford and Essex Hospital with pneumonia. Unable to sleep one night I was mumping a cuppa from the night nurses and got into conversation about their first attempt at the Chelmsford Jail Break. Without spending any personal monies they obtained a bus pass from National Travel and got to Scotland, raising £200 for charity.

Feeling somewhat better and more than a little indebted to the nursing staff, I volunteered assistance for their next attempt and decided to try for Germany where I have IPA contacts.

Sponsorship is the ideal way to go places in this event and having decided when and where, next was how — like, who's car, what ferry, how to pay for fuel etc, but there is still a huge amount of good will about and so good old Henry Ford supplied a nice new Granada, Perry's Southend the ferry fare, Mobil Oil money for fuel, and Candor's £100 for the charity amassed a good amount of goods from our other suppliers and dealers for a raffle/auction.

John Willis, the Ford reliability engineer who spends so much time at Headquarters' garage, (most people think he works there), "volunteered" as a co-driver. So with an amazing degree of tolerance from our wives, 0800, October 26, 1985 saw us both outside Chelmsford prison with a Ford Granada plastered with stickers extolling the advantages of dealing with our benefactors, awaiting our team of three escapees. They had joined wholeheartedly into the costume competition for escape uniform and had turned up as extra terrestrial convicts. 0900, and all

the teams rushed out of the prison and away. Off to Dover for the ferry to Calais. We arrived in time to allow the team to chat a few pence out of the waiting coaches, and after a smooth crossing, arrived in



Calais at 12.30pm. From there it was as quick as legal via Dunkirk, to just south of Salzburg before time ran out.

After a night's rest in a nearby hotel in the Munich area, our journey back became a sightseeing tour for our team's benefit, travelling via Stuttgart, along the Rhine to Koblenz and then along the Mosel to Trier.

Most important, we made about £600, half to go to the organisers, the National Association of Boys Clubs, and half to St Peter's Hospital at Maldon.

THERE was a definite chill in the air on October 26 but neither Stew Fardel, Geoffrey Benton or I were particularly worried. All we were concerned about in CDU was whether we'd succeed in escaping from

Chelmsford Jail to the warmer climes of Cyprus.

Getting out of the prison wasn't too difficult. The major problem was getting to Manchester in time to board the Cyprus Airways "Airbus". We did and on board got the first taste of Cyprus hospitality as guests of the Cyprus Tourists Organisation — free wine!

During our week's stay, we were able to tour the island. It is full of strange contrasts from the white sand beach at Ayia Napa to the desolately primitive

life of the villagers high in the Troodos Mountains. Yet, there is something extremely satisfying on a warm October afternoon to be able to pick fresh, juicy oranges straight from the tree! Olive trees and banana plantations too appear to be everywhere, so there's no shortage of the right kind of fast food!

But true fast eating is definitely out of the question in Cyprus. The many restaurants and tavernas offer leisurely service in very congenial atmospheres. Char-grilled steaks, pork and fresh fish are the order of the day, with the local brandy costing £1.50 a bottle!

The ancient city of Nicosia — though not a resort — offers a wealth of interesting sights. In the afternoon, traders stop work to cook on open charcoal fires outside their premises. They are only too keen to chat and share their food, wine and brandy the moment you start to talk. It's part of their Cypriot hospitality which extends to everyone. Despite this we did manage to find time to buy presents for our wives.

The bad news was we had to leave. But the good news is that Cyprair Holidays — part of Cyprus Airways — are offering members and families of the Essex Police Sports and Social Club very special rates in Cyprus. You can get a good self catering one week's holiday for as little as £239 (based on two people sharing) including the air fare. But if you prefer hotel accommodation or something specifically tailored, they'll cost a holiday to meet your requirements. So if you'd like more details contact me on HQ ext 556.

CIVILIAN SEMINAR AND NALGO VISIT

THE National Police Civilian seminar recently held at Lincoln was attended by Essex Police delegates Brenda Byrne and George Allen, President of the Essex Police branch of NALGO, the civilian employees union. Welcoming the visitors to his Headquarters, the Deputy Chief Constable of Lincolnshire spoke of the importance of the civilian role and the need to unite behind their trade unions.

Many important subjects were aired over the weekend and discussion went on into the early hours of Sunday morning. Amongst the more important were the formation of separate police branches, vital if police civilians in NALGO nationally are to gain separate negotiating rights; a proper career structure; civilianisation and its effect on police civilians and information in respect of Crown prosecution changes.

Amongst other matters to crop up were the questions of linked

grades and one commanding particular attention perhaps, especially by members of county branches who find themselves unable to break away from Regional branches, that of pooling finances and expertise. Another suggestion was the formation of a National Co-ordinating Committee. This would have a brief, amongst other things to consider comparisons between Council gradings and report to the National Advisory Panel.

NALGO VISITORS

Back on the home front the Eastern District Council annual general meeting was held in Harlow during November. The National President Mr Morrie Steel and some of his officers visited Essex Police Headquarters for lunch with the Chief Constable. Later they toured the HQ complex, accompanied by local NALGO members.

'NICKERS' — a book review

by Maureen Scollan

NICKERS — A gentleman's Guide to Police Duty. By Brian Hilliard. Published by the Police Review Publishing Company at £2.50.

A sense of humour is an important asset to any police officer, together with the ability to enjoy an occasional joke at his own expense or at the expense of some aspect of the job. 'Nickers' caters for such people.

We can all relate our own experiences (often humorous) of life at a police training school, our first arrest, going to court, parading for duty, relations with the CID and sporting activities within the police service. Some of these occurrences have become exaggerated by the process of time, and these are the sort of things related in *Nickers*.

This little book is published by *Police Review* and is written in the witty, faintly cynical style of Brian Hilliard, the deputy editor, and a retired Met Inspector.

All police life is here! Who can recall the practical exercises at training school where the poor recruit attempts to deal with instructors who over-act their roles as ordinary members of the public following ordinary pursuits like handing in found property or

being too merry in the street. We've all attended the early turn briefing where most of the three people present are half asleep, and suffered the practical jokes which are played on new officers on night duty. In the chapter on night duty itself the author decided night duty is disgusting. How many would agree with him?

"If you are a single man, night duty starts just at the moment that your drinking companions have metamorphosed from their dull pedestrian selves into wits and intellectuals . . . If you are married then night duty starts at the same time as the last episode of the TV serial that has cut you off from human contact at 9.30pm every Tuesday for the past few weeks, or five minutes after you have discovered that the pipe leading to the shower has been leaking for two weeks . . ."

Some of the book's chapters have previously appeared in *Police Review* as part of the saga of Pestilence Row police station. Those who read them there will almost certainly enjoy them afresh. The whole book is amusing and enjoyable to read. It would make a good bedside book to keep you chuckling long after the wife has dozed off, or it would make a good tonic for any police officer jaded by influenza or the recent winter.

PRIVATE MEDICAL SCHEME

The help desk

Members are asked to make full use of this facility. The telephone number is 0272 429481. In the very near future, a local charge telephone number will be installed, increasing the level of service offered to members.

Anaesthetists

Should there be any occasion where subscribers have cause to be concerned about the standards displayed by local Anaesthetists, please communicate with the Group Secretary.

Enrolments

Are you one of the twenty-two subscribers who still have not returned your completed Enrolment Form?

Late enrolments cause unnecessary delays at the office and will almost certainly mean a delay in the payment of any benefits should you require private treatment. Why not get it into the mail today.

The Red and The Blue

ON WEDNESDAY, 13 November, the Essex Police Band gave one of its now regular concerts with the Band of HM Irish Guards. This proved as great a success as ever, even though the venue had changed.

This year's concert took place in Chelmsford Cathedral; a popular choice with the audience, not so the bands.

The overall effect was apparently stunning, but may be described slightly differently from a position between two rows of battling trombones, fifty feet apart! (No offence to the trombones, it was due to the acoustics of the building. I know that because they told me.)

The programme in-

cluded solo and combined items, opening with the rousing March Militaire by Gounod played by both bands.

Solo items included a cornet duet "Playmates" played by the solo cornet players of both bands accompanied by the Essex Police Band, also "The Two Imps" a xylophone duet played by an Imp from each band accompanied by the Irish Guards Band.

The concert closed with an overture (to make the Irish feel at home) The Thievish Magpie.

An enjoyable concert for both audience and players which hopefully will be repeated many times.

Heather Eames

Christmas Greetings

MAY we wish all our "customers" a Very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year from the girls in the Typing Centre, Chelmsford Town. WE WOULD like to thank everyone in the Force for

their help and support during the past year. Happy Christmas, Sue and David Bishop.

GREETINGS to everyone, from the typing section at Southend.

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As others see us



Neighbourhood Beat Officer Constable Alan Tucker as portrayed by six-year-old Louise Brook following a visit to Edwards Hall School, Eastwood. Colleagues say that it's a good likeness, right down to his ginger beard!

MARK'S DAY OUT

THE staff of the Essex Police driving school were visited earlier this month by one of their biggest fans. Mark Madgett, aged 12, from Basildon, accompanied by his mum and dad, was given a conducted tour of the Driving School by Basildon Neighbourhood Beat Officer PC Jim Gibson and Inspector Paul Adams lent a

hand when it came to the workshop area. The day was a complete success and as PC Gibson pointed out: "Everyone who met Mark was impressed by his cheerful inquisitive nature." The Law and all Mark's friends in the Essex Police extend their greetings to Mark and his family and wish them all a Happy Christmas.



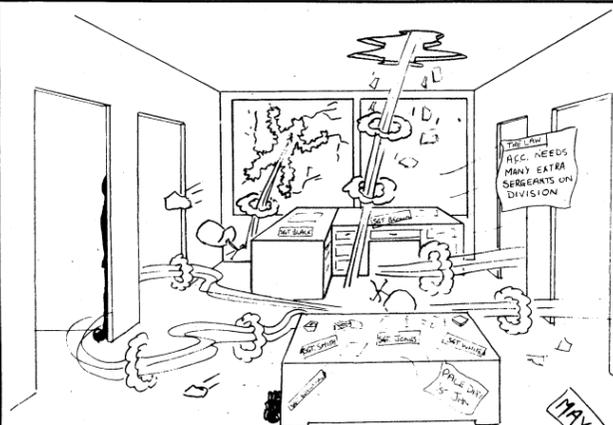
PC Looks back on 1985



"QUITE FRANKLY CHARLIE, I THINK A SIMPLE 'GOOD MORNING SIR' WOULD HAVE SUFFICED - INSTEAD OF 'PASSED OVER AGAIN THEN GUV'



"HAVING EVALUATED ITS POTENTIAL FOR THE POLICE SERVICE - MY REPORT WILL BE SIMPLE - HELP!!"



THE DAY THE A.C.C. CALLED AT ADMIN.



We wish you a...



"YEARS AGO MATE, THEY PLAYED SOCCER WIV A PIGS BLADDER - OF COURSE NOW WE KICK THE WHOLE POLICEMAN."



MARCH



I KNOW I SAID "KEEP A LOW PROFILE" JENKINS - BUT REALLY. !!!...



WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE THE HEDINGLEY WICKET??



GENTLEMEN OF THE PRESS - LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT THE WIDELY REPORTED "DEFENDER-BATON" IS JUST ONE ALTERNATIVE UNDER SCRUTINY



"INNER CITY RIOTS BE BLOWN. I'VE JUST PARKED IN THE CHIEF INSPECTORS SPACE"



Seasons Greetings from PC

HE SAYS THAT IF HIS "DETENTION CLOCK" DOESN'T RUN OUT SOON, HE'S GOING TO DROP YOUR NAME TO SEVERAL MILLION VERY ANGRY KIDS"

Christmas Greetings



I USED to be "the Admin", but now Chief Inspector Div, so when it comes to Christmas and Best Wishes I want to give, I do not know who to say it's from or where I am to send, so perhaps it's best just to say Thank you from us at Southend. I am sorry for the trouble and the aggro we seem to cause to all the departments at HQ because of all our flaws. We really try to do our best, and not to drive you round the bend. We wish you Best Wishes for Christmas from the Admin at Southend.

CHRISTMAS Greetings to you all, from Richard and Yvette (Print Room).
GRAYS POLICE Admin

staff wish to extend to all members of the Force, both police and civilian staff, a Happy Christmas and healthy and prosperous New Year, with the hope of stability, not only in the world but within the Force in 1986.

AS '85 comes to an end, our Christmas Greetings we will send, to all our friends both far and near, A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Headquarters, Typing Pool.

SEASON'S Greetings to Chief Chance and Chief Batten and all the police officers, Berlin Borough and Berlin Township, New Jersey, USA, from Pc 2123 Amos.

A SPECIAL Christmas wish to all from the Force's favourite three!

"ALLO ALLO", I weel say this only wunce, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from the staff of Property Management.

SEASON'S Greetings to all our followers from Bandmaster Coxon and all members of the Essex Police Band.

HAPPY Christmas to all, from Chelmsford Division Traffic Wardens.

GREETINGS to all our friends in the Force from the Collators at Colchester. COLCHESTER Courts Office wish all their friends, colleagues and

counterparts a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous 1986.

HAPPY Christmas to all in Colchester Division from the friendly Divisional Admin Office.

CHRISTMAS Greetings to all from Accident Abstracts, HQ.

BEST Wishes for Christmas to all our friends and ex-colleagues. Thanks again for your support. Tony and Victoria Warren, Anthony Warren Insurance Services.

CHRISTMAS Greetings to all those who made our job what it is, June and Lee, Ops Admin.

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KEEPING PACE

By Sgt Mike Todd

WELL this is it, we have reached the end of these articles as we begin to use the Police and Criminal Evidence Act in earnest after our initial dry run. I have not been able to cover the whole act in the time and space available, but I hope that they have been of some value to you as we have tried to gently ease the force into PACE.

Before we delve into the final instalment, I must just preach to you one more time. PACE is a very substantial piece of legislation and the week long course that you all attended (some many months ago) is not going to be enough, in itself, for you to do your job professionally once the act is fully in force. It is vital that all of us, whatever our rank are fully conversant with PACE, so please do look at it again. Remember large chunks of it replace what has been our day to day practice for many years. Anyway back to the act.

Warrants

For some years we have had over 40 statutes which gave magistrates power to grant warrants to search premises, from the Theft Act to the Licensing Laws. Many of these had differing conditions of use, however PACE has cleared up the situation by standardising the application for and execution of all warrants. The codes of practice lay conditions that, we should check out information received which appears to justify an application for a warrant and if the source is anonymous we should seek corroboration. We should try to ascertain the nature and location of the articles concerned and also find out what we can about the occupier and nature of the premises (ie have they been searched before).

Application

Application for a warrant (unless a matter of urgency) should not be made without the authority of an officer of at least the rank of Inspector. There is an exception if it is schedule 1 material which we will come to, when the authority should come from a Superintendent or above. The application should be in writing including (i) Enactment under which the application is made; (ii) Premises and object of search; (iii) Grounds on which the application is made. If the justice refuses the application then no further application may be made unless supported by additional grounds. If an informant has provided us with the information for the warrant we do not have to disclose his identity but we must be prepared to answer the JP's questions re accuracy of previous information, etc. The application is obviously made in person and the officer must answer any questions on oath. The warrant itself will specify

(a) Name of person applying for it; (b) Date of issue; (c) Enactment under which issued; (d) Premises to be searched. It should also as far as possible specify the articles or persons sought. We will be given one original and two copies and it will be valid for one month from the date of issue. It will authorise entry and search on one occasion only and it may authorise other persons (ie a Doctor) to accompany the constable.

Execution

When executing a warrant this should be done at a reasonable hour unless this would frustrate the purpose of the search. When we get there we must obviously identify ourselves to the occupier

producing or warrant cards if not in uniform, and then produce the warrant for the occupier. One change here is that we must now supply him with one of the copies for his information. On occasions we are forced to execute warrants when there is no one there. If this is the case we should leave the copy of the warrant in a prominent position on the premises so the occupier will be aware of the search. When we conduct the search, it should only be to the extent required for the purpose for which the warrant was issued. So in effect when we have found the article we are looking for or are satisfied

that it is not there we must conclude the search and leave.

After execution

When we have finished with the warrant it should be endorsed with the result, and the original returned to the Clerk of the Court. It will then be retained for 12 months in case the occupier of searched premises wishes to inspect it.

New Power

I must briefly mention our new power under section 8(i) of PACE to obtain a warrant for material likely to be relevant evidence. This warrant can be granted by JP if he has reasonable grounds to

believe (1) A serious arrestable offence has been committed; (2) Material likely to be of substantial value to the investigation is on premises; (3) It is likely to be relevant evidence (not schedule 1 or subject to legal privilege). In addition to these one of the following conditions must also apply. (i) Not practicable to communicate with person entitled to grant entry to premises; (ii) Can get entry to premises, but not practicable to communicate with person entitled to grant access to evidence; (iii) Entry will not be granted without warrant; (iv) Purpose of search will be frustrated or seriously prejudiced

unless we can get immediate entry (ie drugs). Schedule I material, if you cast your minds back to your course, includes such items as journalistic material, human tissue and personal records. This type of material if required by us under a warrant will need to be on application to a circuit judge. The new power under Section 8(i) is very wide and could be of great use in investigations as it does cover loopholes in the law such as records of stolen goods kept by a handler.

I have run out of space already so it only remain for me to wish you all good luck working with PACE in the future.



National Association of Retired Police Officers by Doug Rampling

I REGRET to say that the proposed Pre-Christmas get together was not, in the event possible, due to the bar being fully committed on suitable dates. However, we will try and get something arranged for the Spring, perhaps a coach trip to Windsor and Hampton Court, with the chance for a picnic and a suitable hostelry on the way back.

It has also been suggested that we run a "Day Trip" to France with a coach to the Hypermarket. This would give you a chance to stock up on your duty free etc. If you are interested here is your advance notice to make

sure you have a passport, that has not run out, ready to go as soon as I have fixed a date. If you do not have a passport then you can obtain a European Travel Document from the Post Office.

As this will be the final column for 1985 I thought that it would be most opportune to just keep it short and sweet. I have tried to keep everyone updated throughout the year and as you will know, now that Conference is out of the way and fully reported upon, it will be 1986 before things really get going again.

NARPO will continue to strive for the things that are closest to our hearts, that is: (a) Pensions (b) The Welfare of our members (c) Promotion of Social Intercourse and Comradeship.

The NEC will press for a meeting as soon as possible with the Home Secretary, on the subject of Preserved Rate Widows and who knows, one day, the wheel will turn and we shall have justice for these people, and not before time.

Those of you who ordered Diaries should have by now received them, if not, please let me

know. I stress however that if you did not order from me at the AGM I cannot help.

Well now that's about it for 1985. May I take this opportunity of sincerely thanking everyone who has assisted me throughout the year I appreciate your help and counsel.

In closing I extend the good wishes of your Committees for Christmas and hope that 1986 will be a very Healthy and Happy year for everyone.

Retirements

C/Supt K. Hambleton, seconded Staff/Commandant PTC Ashford, retires January, 5 1986 after 31 years 287 days service. PS 211 Harold Halsall, stationed at Grays, retired December 1 1985 after 29 years 282 days service.

Obituaries

November 7, ex PS Basil H. Shoulders, 60 years, who retired from the Force in 1980 and at the time of his death was a civilian employee in HQ Admin Stores.

November 12, ex D/Insp George F. C. Kemp, 76 years, who retired from the Force in 1958.

November 11, ex PC Francis J. Dobson, 81 years, who retired from the Force in 1955.

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SPAIN, de-luxe 4 bed flat overlooking sea in real Spanish village near Valencia, from only £60 pw all in for Essex Police officers. (References available HQ ext 376). Bookings 01-851 4932.

ELDISS TORNADO 1985 used thrice. Fully equipped, fridge, awning, many extras. Worth £4,700, offers around £3,900 must be seen. PS 72 Coleman, Witham, or 0206 210492.

MONEY MATTERS



by Tony Warren

WOE is you when fate finally slides you off life's mortal coil; for two harbingers of doom await you, The Grim Reaper and The Taxman! (some think he's one and the same!).

During one's life, it is a real treat to sit back in an easy chair on a cold night, before a warming fire — the babes asleep upstairs, and only the crash of the knitting needles disturbing the peaceful evening air. How restful, as you sip your hot chocolate, to muse about the lifetime's build up of property and money which will pass into your heir's deserving hands; your face eases into a gentle grin and you sigh with contentment.

Think again! I know a Sergeant who is thinking again — very swiftly and with great deliberation. Here is his story, I'll call him Sgt Taxhurt.

Mortgage

With seven years a skipper, he's comfortable, taking £13,203 plus his rent allowance and overtime. His house would fetch £65,000 and his mortgage is only £8,000, covered as it is by an old low cost endowment.

He takes my articles seriously, so he insured his wife for £75,000 last year. The children are girl and boy, six and nine respectively. He naturally sees them bearing the full fruits of his income and labour from his life's work.

Staggering

As the years go past, his estate will rise in value as the first thing he would worry about now is what the taxman might get

when he and his wife are gone. Trying to sell more insurance to him would be like weaving barbed wire!

And yet, even now, his children would owe the tax man no less than SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED POUNDS on inheriting his estate as it is today! Staggering, isn't it, yet quite accurate.

Here it is, and I bet there are a few of you like this out there. Above the rank of Chief Inspector, the problem is probably quite severe.

SGT TAXHURT'S GROUP INSURANCE.....£52,320
HIS WIFE'S GROUP INSURANCE

£11,300
HIS WIFE'S LIFE INSURANCE £75,000
HIS PENSION LUMP SUM (3 years wages).....£39,609

THEIR HOUSE VALUATION...£65,000
TOTAL ESTATE VALUE..... £243,229
THEREFORE . . .

TAX DEDUCTIBLE FROM ESTATE.....£73,400

The cure? You should have guessed! It's a special CTT policy, ask your insurance man for details.

PACE

Next month's article will address the problem of Policemen insuring against "PACE" liability — our enquiry is before Lloyds at this very moment, and we should have all the answers by December. In the meantime, have a peaceful Christmas!

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SPECIALS' LAW

IT'S hard to believe another year has gone by. 1985 has been a good year for the recruitment of Special Constables to the Essex Police Force.

There has been big changes within the Police Force as a whole, what with the new Police and Criminal Evidence Act coming into force from the January 1. This has meant that all "specials" in Essex have had to be trained in the new Rules

and Regulations. I hope that everybody has their winter woollies sorted out now that the weather has changed, not that there has been too great a change in the weather since last winter! I don't think that I have done a duty without wearing my pullover once this year.

Now on a more festive note I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Good luck in 1986



and don't forget to keep me in touch with all the happenings in your Division.

by Jan Williams

Essex Police Civilian Staff Welfare Fund

AT THE General Meeting of the above Fund held on October 9, the Committee discussed the economics of the Fund during the past five years as shown in the following table:

Grants for 1981	722.00
Grants for 1982	545.00
Grants for 1983	1,108.00
Grants for 1984	982.00
Grants for 1985	1,888.00

Members' subscriptions have remained static at 3 pence per week for manual staff and 13 pence per month for salaried staff since the Fund's initiation 10 years ago and the Committee felt that in order to keep pace with the increased trend in Grants, as seen above, the Fund must double its members' subscriptions to 6 pence per week for manual, 26 pence per

month for salaried staff.

It is hoped that all our members will continue to support us thereby enabling us to carry on with the very worthwhile objectives of the Fund.

The proposed increase will take place with effect from January 1, 1986. Without their support this Fund could not operate.

CANADA GEESE FOR ESSEX

I.P.A. bring a gift for Essex from their visit to Ontario

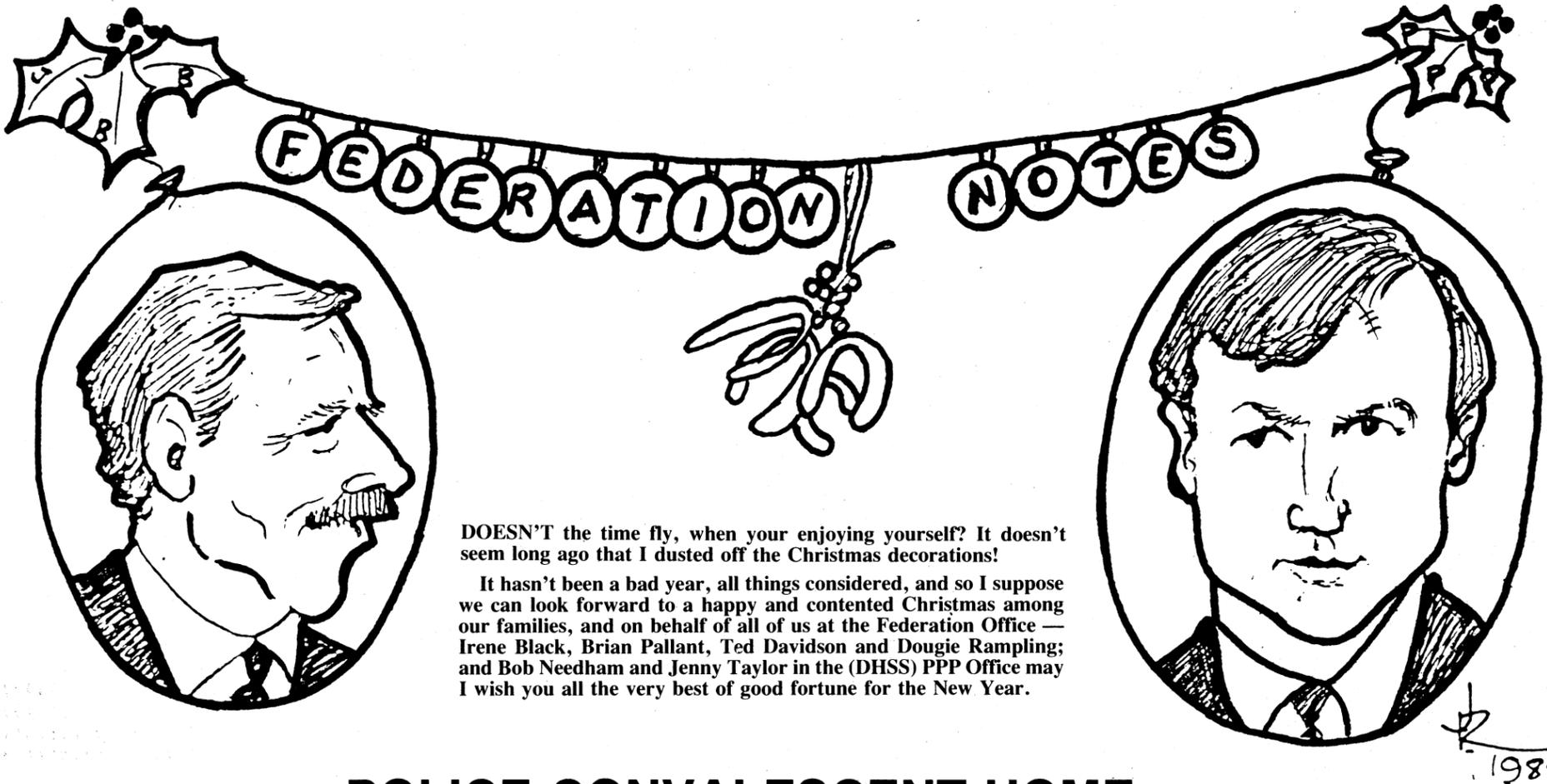
THE Chairman's Room of County Hall was the scene of a presentation to the Chairman of the Essex County Council, Councillor Ron Collins of an engraved plaque from Essex County, Ontario, Canada, as a gesture of freindship between the two administrative bodies of the same name.

In July this year, during an International Police Association visit to Cana-

da, Essex IPA Secretary, Sergeant Mike Stanbury, on behalf of the County Council Chairman presented Warden Shannon Olsen of the Canadian Essex County with a plaque of the County of Essex coat of arms. In return he was pleased to receive an engraved brass plaque of Canada geese in flight, which will now grace the wall of the Chairman's Office in County Hall.

FORCE LOTTERY

RESULTS of the draw held at Rayleigh November 10 1985:- 1st prize M. P. Farnden, Brentwood CSB, £1500; 2nd prize PC P. Passfield, W. Mersea, £700; 3rd prize PC A. Cracknell, Harlow, £300. Consolation prizes at £50 each: PS Travers, Benfleet; Supt Kenneally, HQ; PC Saville, Ongar; PC Ward, Harlow; PC Boa, Basildon; PC Buckley, Hadleigh; PC Shelley, Leigh; PS Delmain, Harlow; PC Butler, Laindon, PC McKinnon, Laindon.



DOESN'T the time fly, when your enjoying yourself? It doesn't seem long ago that I dusted off the Christmas decorations!

It hasn't been a bad year, all things considered, and so I suppose we can look forward to a happy and contented Christmas among our families, and on behalf of all of us at the Federation Office — Irene Black, Brian Pallant, Ted Davidson and Dougie Rampling; and Bob Needham and Jenny Taylor in the (DHSS) PPP Office may I wish you all the very best of good fortune for the New Year.

POLICE CONVALESCENT HOME

THOSE of you who have been unfortunate enough to require convalescence, and have taken advantage of the facilities at the Seaside Home at Hove, will be aware of the caring atmosphere which prevails there.

Much of this is due to the Home Superintendent Dennis Holmes and his wife and accomplice — Betty. For many years they have contrived to keep a "family home" sort of atmosphere at Hove, and this has contributed greatly to the recovery of many police officers back to full health and vitality.

Unfortunately, Dennis has been suffering from hypertension, and the Doctor has finally recommended that he be permitted to retire, since the burden of command could well have a serious effect on his health. Dennis was due to retire in 1986, but had given an undertaking to remain in post until the Home was removed to Goring on Thames, sometime in 1987.

The Management Committee, after careful consideration of the Doctor's report, and after taking into account Dennis's wishes, have decided to grant him an Ill Health Leave of absence until July 1986. Betty, who was also employed as Secretary Receptionist, has been awarded paid leave until the same date to care for Dennis.

It is obvious that they will be missed, by the Management Committee, the Staff

and the present patients. They will also be missed by the many past patients who have benefitted from their care and friendship.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish them both a long and very happy retirement, and assure them that they leave us with a monumental task to find a successor.

Re-Location

In spite of the restful atmosphere etc at Hove, it has for some time been obvious that we could not provide treatment for rehabilitation, merely rest for officers who had already been cured of their ills.

The Management Committee therefore have undertaken to re-locate the Convalescent Home on a site which will provide space for additional facilities to aid recovery. To achieve this an Appeal for Funds has been made; within the Service it is hoped we will raise £1 million, the external appeal we hope will raise a further £1½ million.

The Public Appeal was launched on Thursday, 21 November, 1985, by the director of the Appeal, Lord Trenchard — No! Not that Lord Trenchard — his son! A Press conference was held at The Mansion House, then an evening launch to which the rich and famous were invited in the hopes that they would not only donate, but persuade their friends to donate as well.

Unfortunately, the Press Conference

and the launch seem to have coincided with another appeal being launched by Princess Diana! Although the Queen and Queen Mother have made very generous donations to the Convalescent Home Appeal, there doesn't seem to be as much press coverage as the Princess can command!

None the less for that I believe that the wheels have now started to churn and that donations and pledges will be made and the target will eventually be achieved.

We have been given support by Margaret Thatcher, Neil Kinnock, David Steel and David Owen — which means that we confirm that the Police Service has no Political bias! We have also received patronage from Lord Hailsham, Lord Elwyn Jones and the Speaker of the House of Commons, and the Secretary General of the Commonwealth Sir Shridath Ramphal.

The Churches have also given their blessing in the persons of the Archbishop of Westminster, the Chief Rabbi, Archbishop of Canterbury and the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council — where can we fail?

The Appeal Council which has been set up looks like a veritable Who's Who, with every sector of commerce and industry being represented!

Should any enquiries be made at

Stations as to where donations should be sent, the Appeal Director of the Police Convalescent and Rehabilitation Trust, has an office at Room 203, Tintagel House, Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TT.

If you can't remember all that, get it sent to my office and I will ensure it gets to the Home's Funds.

Appeal

A decision was made to raise the £2 million within the service from the officers of the contributing Forces. This worked out at about £15 per head for all ranks.

When the matter was raised at the Force Benevolent Fund Meeting, it was agreed that that Fund should pay this Force's full commitment — £40,000, and in order to refund the Benevolent Fund, the contributions were increased by a nominal figure. This means that slowly but surely you are reimbursing our Fund, but our Force commitment has been allocated already.

In the event that individual officers wish to raise money, by any means — then by all means do so. Every little helps. If you wish to make any additional donations — or enquiries are made with regard to suitable deserving charities — then by all means do recommend this very worthwhile venture.

If donations are forwarded to me I will ensure that an official receipt is forwarded and that the money is paid into the Home's Funds.

Law and Order

THE Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, recently announced that a huge sum of money will be available for "law and order". The amount he was talking about was so vast that the media immediately believed that he was going to allow the Police Service to recruit a further 1,000 police officers.

Not so! The total amount of money was for ALL aspects of "law and order", that is to say the Prison Service, the Probation Service and all the other departments however loosely connected

with the maintenance of the Queen's Peace.

The thought that 1,000 more Police Officers are needed, in the opinion of the Press is significant, though in truth that sort of figure would be a mere drop in the ocean! The Metropolitan Police could make good claims for all of that number, and many forces throughout England and Wales could make valid claims for several hundred more officers in order to bring their forces up to a realistic establishment.

The provision of an

extra 1,000 officers in total would mean a mere 24 extra per Force. For Essex this would mean each territorial division would get a further four officers; which means an additional officer on each sub-division! For the Metropolitan Police, which covers a much smaller, but much more densely-populated area, the same number would mean a further six officers to police North London. That number would not even replace the officers currently nursing injuries from the recent Tottenham Riots!

In addition to the package for Law and Order that Douglas Hurd is put-

ting together for Christmas, the Government is now trying to persuade the public to assist in crime detection by providing clues on a "points basis" to see whether a crime will be investigated by "a detective or a bobby on the beat." It appears the system is being employed in some of our more stretched forces already — not yet in Essex, I hasten to add!!

Now we come to the position where a former Police Sergeant of the Force, who realising we were suffering from a manpower shortage, has gone and formed his own security company! He is to provide uniformed pat-

rol officers — yellow coats and yellow helmet (they always did go in for the garish in the Borough didn't they?) who will be available for all sorts of activities, starting at a £1 per night.

Those of us who knew Nigel Harbour, will remember him as "South-end's premier children's entertainer, Uncle Nigel", and may well think that this is another of his party pieces. Don't be fooled, this is no joke, at £1 per night he will be even cheaper to employ than a Special Constable! And you all know that they are less expensive than Police Officers on overtime!

Suppose that Mr Douglas Hurd heard about Uncle Nigel's Private Police Force . . . The mind boggles!

But I digress . . . the money being made available for Law and Order, will not provide 1,000 officers. It is doubtful whether Police Service's share will provide 100 extra officers in total. All that has happened is that a veil has been drawn over the problem, in the hope that it will go away, and so as each Force puts forward its claims for additional strength the usual bartering will take place.

Isn't it a funny old life?

Centurions walk on

ONE HUNDRED MILES is not a journey to embark upon lightly — even in the car. When you are going on foot, as John Hedgethorne was on September 14, the exercise needs some forethought, though not too much or you decide against it.

Garrison stadium

The event was a 24 hours track walking race at Colchester on the Garrison Stadium where the Force athletics championships have been held for the last few years. Hedgethorne had not tackled one of these long races for ten years and had the additional burden of staging the event.

With everything else in his programme he could only find time to train for one hour per day and even this for only one month before the race. On this rather inadequate schedule Hedgethorne, went rather cautiously in the early and middle stages of the race. Too cautiously as it turned out.

100 Kilometres

The first target was to complete the 100 kilometres as the national championship at this distance was included in the main event. Here

there was a new British record as Edmund Shillabeer, a veterinary surgeon from Plymouth, covered the 62½ miles (250 laps of the track) in 9 hours 41 minutes).

At this stage Hedgethorne was fifth in a very steady 11 hour 53

By _____

John Hedgethorne

minutes while Len Perrott of Wickford, who was in one of these masochistic events for the first time, got though in 12 hours 40 minutes for 11th place of the 24 who got this far. Len had found the going rather hard and after a few more miles gave up.

Hedgethorne was now pushing through the night on a mixture of short bursts with rests in between which gave him a slower 100 miles time than he used to do (21 hours 16 minutes) but at least he arrived at this point (402 laps) safe and sound, the soft rubberised track having cushioned his feet so well that he

never had a blister from start to finish.

John was still fifth at 100 miles but now paid the price of too much caution as his strength carried him through to second in the closing stages. The leader was too far in front to be caught despite being in a worse condition.

Second place

So Hedgethorne had to be content with second place, something he had not really contemplated before the race and therefore a bonus. It kept his record intact: in the seven 100 miles (or more) that he had completed, John has never placed lower than fourth. This time it was 111 miles but he is already plotting next year's track-circling exercise at Watford in May when, without all the arrangements to make for staging the event, a proper training stint beforehand should put him back in the 125 mile bracket.

"The trouble is anno domini," says Hedgethorne ruefully, "I don't feel any older than when I was hundred miling before, but after fifty miles or so the old bones give you a gentle reminder about how old they feel."

Croker Cup Golf

By Gordon Hugh-Wiffing

TEAMS from Clacton and Basildon met at the Orsett Golf Club golf course for the final of the Croker Cup competition. Clacton ended the day worthy winners after some inspiring golf.

The match was played in glorious weather which brought out the best in several players. Marked amongst this for Clacton was Laurie Austin. He was given able back-up by team-mates John Wright and Mick West, who only came into the side at the last minute. Also deserving of a special mention was captain and anchor-man Dave Bray who secured the title for

Clacton with a birdie three on the last hole, the difficult 18th.

Basildon's end was ably held aloft by team captain Peter Manterfield and colleagues Harry Fordham, Pete Baxter and Roger Culham. The general feeling at the end of the day was that with just a little more luck running their way, they could well have halved the result if not taken the trophy. They accepted defeat philosophically however, with a strengthened resolve to walk off with the cup next year.

Arrangements are now in hand for a presentation evening to be held in the bar at Clacton Police Station.



Billiards and Snooker championship arrangements

THE Sportsman's Club in Clarence Road, Grays, will provide the venue for the Essex Police billiards and snooker knockout competition on Monday, January 20, next year. Dave Box of Southend Scenes of Crime Department said to 'The Law,' "There will be more tables than ever available to us this year and anyone who wants to take part should get in touch with me on Southend extension 550 as soon as they can."

Play will commence at 10am, but everyone will need to be there by 9.30am to have their names entered in the draw. There will be an entry fee of £2 but refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Overall winners will go on to represent Essex Police in the PAA regional finals at Southend Police Club. The Snooker tournament will be played on 20th March, next year with the Billiards matches the following day.

Again anyone who feels up to the challenge should contact Dave Box at Southend Police Station. His telephone number is Southend 341212, ext 550.

FOOTBALL REPORT

ESSEX Police Football Club had a slow start to the season and it took a month or so for the teams to settle down. The second XI now playing in a higher league have "on paper" a very strong squad but have failed to find consistency and hold a mid-table position.

1st XI

Vaughan Mullender and Kevin Street are having an excellent season with hopes of gaining a 1st XI place but too few have played well at the same time to produce good team performances.

Whilst the 2nd XI continue the hunt for form the 1st XI took just five matches to find a blend and after gaining just 5 points from those first five matches have now remained almost unchanged for six league games and one league cup game.

By _____

John Rhymes

Those games having been won the team found themselves top of the Olympian League Senior Division One.

This successful period has produced some fine team performances with the 3-0 victory over previously unbeaten Herongate Athletic being the pick both for football and entertainment.

National

The 1st round of both the PAA National and the PAA Regional Cups have been negotiated successfully with 5-0 and 4-0 victories over Norfolk and City of London respectively.

Rarely is there a Saturday without a match at HQ so why not join our gradually-increasing band of supporters?

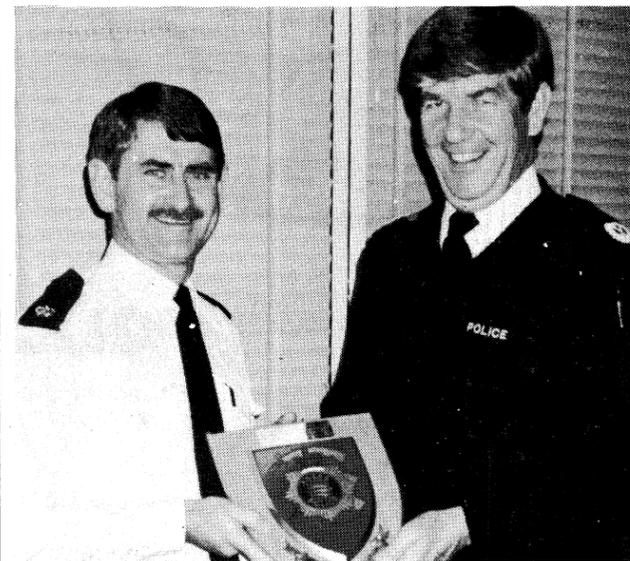
Sports notes

Fencing

I would like to draw your attention to one young lady who every year competes in her chosen sport and seems to improve every time a report about her reaches me. She is WPC Teresa Sewell of Canvey Island and her sport is competitive fencing. With her achievements for 1985 she has raised her National United Kingdom ranking to 26 which is a remarkable personal success story. We shall watch her

I WOULD like to thank everybody that took the trouble to nominate candidates for the Force Sports Association annual award for 1985. There were some interesting and worthwhile nominations from a variety of sports as well as those for services to sports clubs generally.

A clear winner for the award, which incidentally is given to anyone who is thought to have contributed outstandingly to their sport or activity, was Superintendent John Rhymes of Harlow who is



ACC 'P' Mr Geoffrey Markham presents Supt John Rhymes with his trophy.

the Essex Police football team Manager.

Success

It has to be said that over the years Essex Police football has enjoyed a tremendous amount of success under the guidance and enthusiasm of Mr Rhymes. He has been a nominee on previous occasions but this year he clearly received the majority vote.

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Sports Association, Mr G. Markham, the Chairman, presented Mr Rhymes with his award.

progress with interest in the years to come.

Croker Cup

With just a few events to be played in one or two sports in the 1985 Croker Cup competition it would appear that Colchester Division may take it again. Something really must be done about this situation.

I would like to thank PC Nick Banks for contacting me this week on a matter of common interest to us both.

Yours in sport,
John Barrett,
Secretary.

Ladies Hockey

AGAIN the team has suffered through manpower shortages both at home and away. Since my last report only one game has been played, that against Lincolnshire at their Headquarters, which at the time was under seige from Legionnaire's disease. The result was 1-3 in favour of the opposition but it was an interesting game which Essex, being two players down, held until the last quarter when the opposition scored two quick goals.

Only two games remain before Christmas, one against Northamptonshire and on December 18, against Herefordshire.

A very full season lies ahead in 1986, and hopefully one with improved results. The New Year will see us touring England, visiting Kent, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Lincolnshire, and hopefully teaming up with Suffolk on a trip to Holland. Full details of that will come later.

Meanwhile, to all hockey players — "Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year."

The Law

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