



The smiles say it all at Brentwood

EACH year the community-minded officers of Brentwood police organise a social function for the elderly and handicapped people of their area. The most recent event was held at the local Ursuline School last December. Entertainment was provided by the Essex Police Band with a programme of music, laughter and community singing.

Learning to walk

Among the guests was courageous Brentwood schoolboy, 11-year-old Peter Witchalls. Peter suffered a severe vein condition in his right leg and despite considerable surgery in attempts to save it, the leg was amputated last September. Now he is learning to walk all over again with an artificial limb, and smiling all the way.

Peter numbers amongst his hobbies golf, scouting and playing the cornet. He was delighted to spend some time with the Essex Police Band and wrote in a letter to Brentwood Chief Inspector Roger Phillips, "I very much enjoyed the programme and the great playing of the Police Band. I hope I will be able to improve my own cornet playing to something like that when the hospital has completed my ops."

Hero

The photograph shows Peter being presented with a picture of the aeroplane of his hero, legless air ace Douglas Bader, by Mr Bert Green, of Warley Park Golf Club, flanked by cornet players of the Police Band.

Countrywide Postcode checks on Microfiche

FOR some time now Essex Police have been encouraging people to mark all their property, visibly or invisibly, with their postcode and house number. As a direct result of this campaign a considerable amount of property has been recovered, identified and returned to the rightful owners. With something like 13,000 households involved in Neighbourhood

Watch in Essex and agood many others who, although not in a group, have marked their valuables, there is obviously a great deal of property bearing postcode information.

To further aid the identification of this property the Force have purchased a set of Microfiche which enables a check to be

carried out on any postcode throughout the country, in a matter of minutes.

Now officers who are carrying out a check at the roadside or back at the station can put in a call to Property Index on Headquarters Ext 569 and get information about property ownership almost immediately.

Essex policemen travel the world



Superintendent Robin Blackmore

TWO Essex officers have been selected to take their away places. Colchester's Deputy Divisional Commander, Superintendent Robin Blackmore is off to the Sultanate of Oman and Chief Inspector Charles Clark of the Operations Division Force Support Unit to the FBI Academy in America.

For the second year running the British Police have been asked to provide an "In-country Command Course" for officers

of the Royal Oman Police. Superintendent Blackmore, who holds both Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Arts honours degrees, is one of three officers with a training background gained on the Directing Staff at The Policing Staff College, Bramshill, chosen to design and present the course. His input will consist mostly of his specialist knowledge of management issues. His colleagues come from Sussex and Lincolnshire.

Robin leaves for Oman on 20 February, for about 4 weeks. He will stay at the Royal Oman Police Headquarters at Muscat.

Chief Inspector Clark, who has a Bachelor of Arts degree with first-class honours, has been selected to attend a specialist course at the FBI National Academy at Quantico, Virginia, USA. It is an eleven-week event for 1,000 officers most of whom are from the various American Police

forces but which traditionally offers a limited number of places to officers from other parts of the world.

The course will cover a wide range of police related skills from "Management Science" to "Law Enforcement Arts." There is a high priority given to physical fitness and before his departure Charles had to undergo the most stringent of medical examinations. He is due back in Essex at the end of March.



Chief Inspector Charles Clark

NEW EDITOR

CHIEF INSPECTOR Mike Frost who has been the Essex Police Press and Public Relations Officer as well as editor of "The Law" for the past two years, has been appointed head of the Audio Visual Aids Unit at The Police Staff College, Bramshill. He takes up his new position at the end of March but leaves his present post in mid-February.

Faced with leaving the Press Office, Mike told "The Law", "In many ways I'm sorry to go. This was a job I wanted to do and for the most part I have enjoyed it thoroughly. It's been a very demanding couple of years but extremely interesting, and I've learned a lot. I've had a great staff to work with and that makes all the difference."

The new Press Officer and editor is to be Chief Inspector Allan Taplin of Harlow. He will arrive at headquarters on February the 17th and confesses to approaching his new job with some trepidation. It's not like anything he has tackled before, but like all policemen, Allan is very adaptable.



Chief Inspector Mike Frost discusses points of "The Law" with his successor Chief Inspector Allan Taplin (right).



Essex Police Band

20th Anniversary

FREE OFFER — see page 5



POSTBAG — Letters to The Law, Force HQ

Money matters

Dear Sir,
My attention has been drawn to the article headed "Money Matters" by Tony Warren, which appeared in your November edition.

He mentions that an officer from my Force wandered into his office and gave information about the B.T. Police pensions. Let us immediately add that like all Forces we have some Officers who engage their mouth before their brain.

What surprises me is that Tony Warren seems to think that an idea of private pensions would be better than police pensions, (Home Office Forces or B.T. Police), but that is another argument.

Please allow me to state what is true. Prior to 1986 an Officer of the B.T. Police Superannuation Fund (and for that matter the Home Office Forces) could have his pension benefits dealt with in two

ways if he left the Police service before minimum Pension Age after five years' membership:-

- (i) He could preserve his accrued benefits in the Fund, drawing them from minimum pension age.
- (ii) He could have a transfer value, paid to the pension scheme of his new employer.

The Social Security Act 1985 has introduced a third alternative as from 1 January 1986:-

- (iii) He can now have

the transfer value paid into a life assurance scheme, or in your words, a private scheme.

All of this only applies to an officer leaving the Force.

A White paper "Reform of Social Security — Programme for Action" has just been presented to Parliament. Amongst other things this paper proposes that from 6 April 1988 a member of an occupational scheme shall have the right to opt out of it — if he does both he and the employer would have to contribute to a personal pension plan. The joint contribution is to be an amount equal to the contracting out rebate, which may be an amount equal to 5.57 per cent of earnings, how much of this would be met by the employer I do not know. The joint contribution to the B.T. Superannuation Fund is 37.5 per cent of Scheme Pay of which the Employer meets 22.5 per cent. So I would think it fairly clear that if personal pensions are introduced, an officer opting for such a scheme (a) is saving his employer a lot of money and (b) is unlikely to retire on benefits anything like as good as the present

pension pays him.

I am sorry it takes space to briefly explain, but I think it important that your readers do not believe this myth that personal pensions are any good to Police Officers.

Yours faithfully,

C. Cockburn
Chairman
British Transport
Police Federation

Police Reviews

Dear Sir,

I should be most grateful if you could bring to the notice of your readers that we are again offering special subscription rates to probationers. The new rates are £21 per year for probationers, compared to £30.96 per year for other subscribers.

If anyone would like to send for a specimen copy of the magazine they are welcome to do so.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy New Year.

Doreen May
Editor,
Police Review

Belgium Walk

Dear Sir,

"Law" readers might like to know that the 5th International March of the Police Anderlecht will take place on 22 June, 1986. Participants in

Police long distance marches are always assured of good companionship and a hectic social programme.

The Police Walking Tours are affiliated V.W.L. and I.V.V. and will be for distances of 10, 20, 30 or 42 Kms. Starts are timed between 8am and 2pm and a fee of 30 Belgium francs is payable.

For foreign groups this year there is a reception on the Friday evening in the Police museum, Antwerp for 100 FB and the Saturday for 400 FB there is a tour of Brussels and evening reception with gifts, dinner and a disco. They do like to see visiting officers in uniform.

With fairly cheap ferry crossings to Belgium the event is within reach of most police officers. Anyone who is interested can contact me at HQ ext 495.

Sincerely,
Bob Needham,
PS 259.

Old Friends

Dear Sir,

My thanks for another year's worth of The Law — it does keep us retired members in touch with what's going on in the Force and how old colleagues and friends are faring.

We have had the pleasure of numbering among our guests this year several serving and retired members and civilian staff too. This always gives Clem and me special pleasure — them too, we hope!

May we take this opportunity of wishing all our friends in Essex and the members of your staff all the very best for 1986.

Yours truly,
Joe Allan
Dorset.

'IRIS'

Continued . . .

STREET index linked closely to the Incident Logging and Resource Availability systems described last month is a facility called Street Index. Many beat constables will have already devoted time to compiling manual records of all the streets, landmarks and telephone kiosks throughout our County. These records have been collated at HQ and already about one third of this data has been copied to computer disc storage. It is hoped that all the data will be available on the "IRIS" training system by April 1, 1986.

Every time an incident is created at a terminal anywhere in the County, the operator will complete the "location" field eg Sandford Road, Chelmsford. The computer will check this "location" in the data-base and if it finds an exact match will display on the VDU screen the Section ie C11, the beat ie D and a Map Reference (Ordnance survey). If the chosen location offers a number of options eg Red Lion PH, Chelmsford, the computer will display a list of all the Red Lion public houses in the Chelmsford area, allowing the operator to select the appropriate one in relation to the incident.

Once the selection has been made, the computer automatically checks for police resources within the appropriate Section eg C11 and at the touch of one more key, will display available and committed vehicles/officers within both the Section and the Sub-Division. It is the operator's task to select the appropriate resource/s to deal with the incident, aided further by an asterisk on the screen against those units which match the beat precisely.

The potential is here for us to respond and grade our response to calls more professionally, but conscientious updating of their locations by all officers will be essential to the success of the system.

The Street Index facility can be used independently of Incident Logging by any operator simply to assist in locating streets, landmarks, eg Post Offices, Schools or Farms and telephone kiosks.

BURGLAR ALARMS

The "IRIS" system will, in due course, record by divisional serial number all silent intruders and personal attack burglar alarms which at present are received initially at HQ Information Room. An operator, by creating a new incident and entering the alarm serial number, will then see a screen which provides all possible information about that particular installation including precise location, description of premises and advice on points of Entry/Exit to be covered. The section and beat details will again be completed followed by an automatic check and display of the police resources nearest to the premises. Information concerning special hazards will also be displayed eg "dangerous glass roof at rear".

Operators will be able to display keyholders with addresses and telephone numbers. Temporary changes to keyholders can be entered to the system at local terminals.

The Burglar Alarm system will monitor all alarm activations and automatically produce letters at HQ for dispatch to troublesome installations. These letters will initially warn the owners of premises to rectify faults causing false activations, but in the event of further false calls, a letter will be produced withdrawing police response to further alarms. When police response is withdrawn in this way the computer will display this information clearly on the VDU screen when the serial number is first entered at the keyboard. This significant feature of the "IRIS" system will be monitored from a terminal in HQ Crime Prevention Department to ensure that the Force gains the maximum benefit from the reduction in police time attending false alarm calls.

Audible "bell only" alarms will not be catered for with this facility. Next issue: PNC Interface, Directory Enquiry Facility and Action Plans.

ESSEX HAS THE KEY

Blue Peter

"Lend An Ear" appeal

AFTER much ransacking of drawers and turning out of cupboards, Essex Police amassed an amazing pile of keys to be donated to the pre-Christmas BBC Television Blue Peter "Lend An Ear" appeal.

The appeal was for old keys, coins and brass to be sent to blue Peter to raise money to obtain equipment to aid children with hearing problems. Sergeants Anthony Kirvell from South Ockendon and Richard Malcolm of Southend were among a number of Officers who suggested that found property sections were awash with old keys which could well add weight to the fund.

Add weight they certainly did. Some one-hundred weight of keys arrived at headquarters from all over the place. These have now been taken, free of charge, to the BBC by Roadline. It just goes to show that when it comes down to brass tacks, Police Officers often hold the key to coining it in for charity.



ESSEX POLICE officers are a proud lot who always do their best to put on a good show when Royalty visit. Bull . . . sorry . . . Full marks then to the Stanway Traffic Motor Cyclist who's boots brought a real shine to the occasion of Prince Andrew's visit to Wivenhoe. It's amazing what tyre blacking and the mind of a traffic man can do!

Who is the Grays Admin Chief Inspector who recently introduced his own Chief Superintendent Peter Blythe to visiting dignitaries as Chief

Superintendent Peter Wright? He'll need all his foxy wiles to live that one down.

Did you hear about the moles at Colchester? They were ruining the garden at a detached beat house so the incumbent requested the pest control officer to call. His acting Chief Superintendent declined, suggesting in a memo that " . . . in the first instance Pc . . . should flatten the molehills with a spade which should result in driving the moles away". That should please the neighbours Guv! Anyone for a par-ceta-mole?

A cheeky motorist at Leigh parked on double yellows and rushed off to do his shopping, locking his keys in his car! When he realised, he called the Police who were delighted to help. He got his keys back and a £10 fixed penalty ticket!



An apple for teacher but flowers for Sir?

Signed: Munro's Mouse

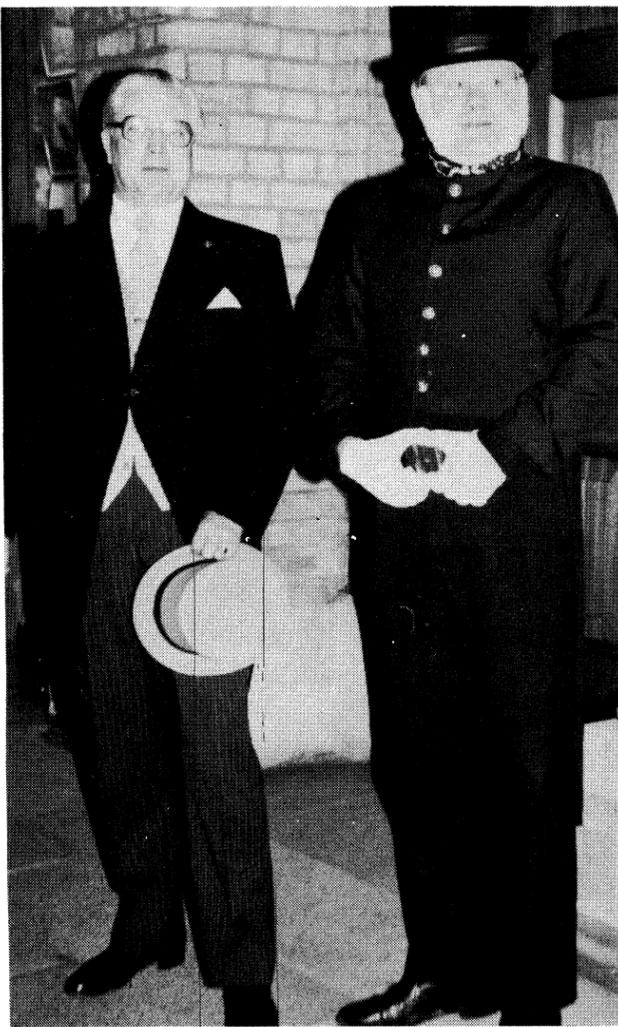


Maldon Shoppers' Victorian Christmas

WHEN Maldon Chamber of Commerce decided to go 'Victorian' for Christmas they decided to go all the way. Always ready to enter into the spirit of community life, Maldon police joined in the festivities.

Following an appeal for a uniform of the period in November's "Law", PC Barry Walker joined the town's shopkeepers on two December evenings appropriately dressed. Even the customers did their bit by turning out to do their Christmas shopping in costume. In fact, it seems that the only things not in keeping with the historical theme, were the prices of goods on display.

Both evenings were a great success and business boomed in a carnival atmosphere of yesteryear yuletides. As Barry Walker remarked, "This is what Community Policing is all about."



PC Barry Walker, Maldon Town Neighbourhood Beat Officer, during a Victorian Christmas shopping evening with local businessman Mr Frank Thornton. (Uniform by courtesy of PC's Wyatt and White of Epping Police).

Joan Harris Memorial Fund raises £3,345



Chief Superintendent George Harris and his son Mark present a cheque to Dr William Pratt representing Essex County Hospital. Dr Colin Iskard and Mr Richard Boggan look on.

JOAN HARRIS, the late wife of Chief Superintendent George Harris of Chelmsford Town, was a very special lady. She spent much of her life in Community Service and when she died of cancer in July last year, a fund was set up in her memory. In aid of cancer research, the total raised was an amazing £3,345.

Donations to the fund came from far and wide but primarily from members of the Essex Probation Service, for which Mrs Harris had worked since January 1972, and from police colleagues of Chief Superintendent Harris. Mr Harris told "The Law", "Never in my wildest dreams did I think this much would be

raised. On behalf of myself and our son Mark, I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone who helped. The money will be used in the best possible way to help people and alleviate suffering caused by this terrible disease."

The fund was presented to Dr William Pratt of Essex County Hospital, where Mrs Harris was treated, at a ceremony at Chelmsford Police Station. He affirmed that the money would be used to buy equipment to help the fight against cancer and will be dedicated to her memory.

TIPTREE — A peep into its past

by Maureen Scollan

"TIPTREE HEATH is a wild and waste country ... with a superabundant, unemployed but willing agricultural population, and an immense excavation of gravel pits ..."

This is part of a description of Tiptree in the 19th century written by John Mechi. He was a Victorian businessman and agriculturalist who helped lay the foundations for present-day Tiptree with his work on land improvement and drainage and his organisation of agricultural shows. Were he to rise from the grave and return in the strawberry season he might find much of which he still approved!



Inworth Hall, at the nearby village of Inworth.

Internationally famous

Tiptree today is a large village — almost a town — with a population of around 8,000 people. It has four flourishing junior schools and its own comprehensive school, and is the home of internationally famous jam and marmalade manufacturers Wilkins and Sons — who celebrated their centenary in 1985 — and the large printing companies centred on Hutchinsons. The village also houses a number of smaller firms and a wide range of shops which are mainly to be found on either side of the straggling main street that is Church Road, along much of

which are single yellow lines which cause problems to police and traders alike. The village also has a modern sports centre, a number of public houses and a wide range of organisations catering for many different interests.

Thirteen parishes

Unlike many of the older Essex villages there was no ecclesiastical parish of Tiptree until 1858, St Luke's church having been consecrated two years earlier mainly at the instigation of Mr Mechi. Tiptree certainly existed before the 19th century, but the land covered by Tiptree Heath and the farms and cot-

tages built upon it was divided between thirteen different ecclesiastical parishes — Inworth, Messing, Layer Marney, Gt and Lt Braxted, Gt Totham, Tollesbury, Tolleshunt Knights, Wigborough, Salcott, Goldhanger, Wickham Bishops and Langford. Knowing that fact explains apparent anomalies such as why Inworth Grange is in Tiptree, while Inworth Hall is miles away in the modern village of Inworth. In former centuries the people living in each of those parishes had the right to graze their cattle on their parish's part of Tiptree Heath, and cut down trees. A substantial chunk of Tip-

tree heath remains despite this!

By 1862 the population of Tiptree was 853 people who were mainly agricultural labourers, although there was a silk factory in the village which employed eighty people. The church school — St Luke's — was opened in January 1864 with a 19-year-old teacher in charge. It was said that she was of excellent character but had no previous experience and no training. For her work she received £25 a year plus £6.16s 'school pence', a sort of levy paid by her pupils. She also had free lodging in the school, but one wonders what she taught her charges?

With the survival of the original school log books it is possible to see what they were supposed to learn, eg in 1876 the 7-year-olds had to learn the whole of 'The Village Blacksmith' by Oliver Goldsmith. Look it up if you haven't come across it, and imagine how many of today's 7-year-olds would tear themselves away from their computers and B.M.X. bikes to learn such a poem.

Convenient

With the coming of the Kelvedon, Tiptree and Tollesbury light railway in 1904 and the improvement in road transport, Tiptree people were able to get into Colchester fairly easily. This trend started the gradual development of Tiptree as a convenient place in which to live while working elsewhere. Although the railway closed in 1962 the nearness of the A12 makes Witham and Chelmsford easy places to get to, although the road into Colchester is diabolical, especially after the frosts and snows of winter.

On 1 January 1985 the village of Tiptree became the centre of a new section within the Colchester division. It includes the villages of Layer-de-la-Haye and Layer Breton, Birch, Wigborough, Salcott and Virley. The wheel of history had turned full circle.

Prisoner's life saved

CONSTABLE Vince Brown of Basildon has been awarded a Royal Humane Certificate for saving the life of a man in the course of making an arrest. The presentation was made at a ceremony at Basildon Police Station by local Councillor Dennis Mitchell.

During the small hours of September 7 last year, a vehicle made off from a



PC Vince Brown

road accident on Canvey Island. It was stopped on the sea front, but the driver decamped, closely followed by PC Brown. The suspect ran into the water and started to swim away. He got into difficulties and at considerable personal risk, the officer rescued him. The man was then arrested.

To make the actions of PC Brown even more worthy of commendation, the suspect was well known to him and to the police as being unpredictable and as having been violent in the past. Also PC Brown is not a strong swimmer.

Seaxes shop closes

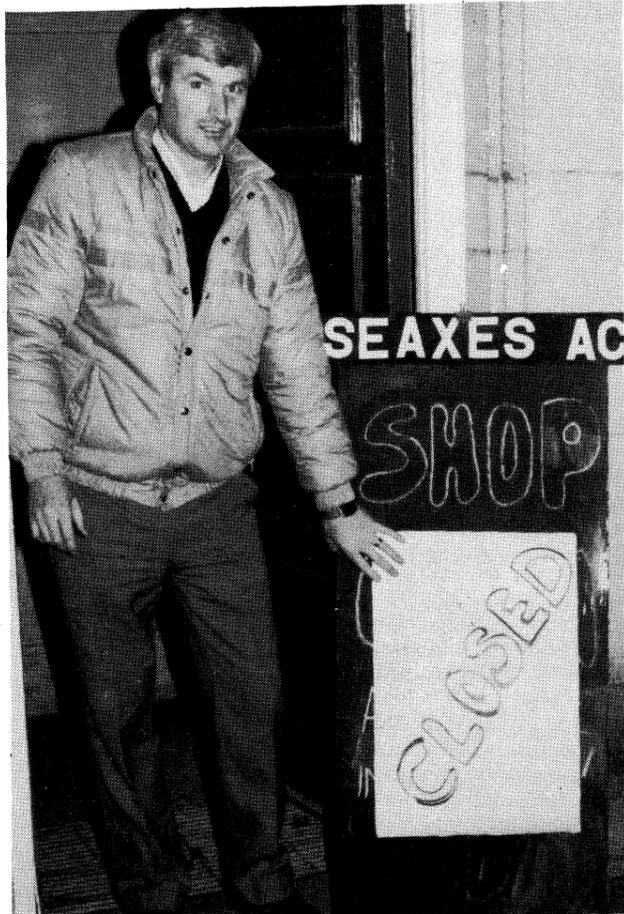
SEAXES Motor Club is very much alive and kicking but sad to say after almost 20 years, the motorists shop at Headquarters is now closed.

Unable to compete profitably with commercial motorist discount stores and unable to find staff to run the shop, the club was left with no option other than to shut the doors shortly before Christmas.

At its hey-day the small Headquarters shop was a thriving concern offering a variety of services to Essex Police motor club members. Almost anything could be obtained at trade prices plus a small handling charge for club funds. Particularly useful was the free loan of holiday kits comprising of everything from a roof rack to a spark plug, with spare windscreen and accident triangle thrown in for good measure.

For many years the shop was run by Sergeant Derek Arber and Pc Dudley Lay of Headquarters Traffic. The hours that these two donated without thought of reward only became truly apparent when they were no longer available to do the job.

A valiant effort to carry on was made by Sergeants



Bob Cordery and Brian Jaggs but the writing was on the wall. Now that writing is clear for all to see, it reads "Shop Closed"!

Another example of a

service that many people want but few are willing to work at in their own time, the Seaxes shop and those who ran it, are owed a debt of gratitude by the many who took advantage of them over many years.

Swedish cruise



THREE-DAY cruise to Gothenburg in Sweden from Harwich (Parkeston Quay) on Friday, 7 March, on the MS Tor Scandinavia.

The cost is £20 per person sharing a two-berth cabin and £15 per person sharing a four-berth cabin. All cabins have shower and toilet. Children under four years travel free.

The timetable is as follows:

1130 hours	Friday	7 March 1986	Depart Harwich (Parkeston Quay)
1200 hours	Saturday	8 March 1986	Arrive Gothenburg
1500 hours	Saturday	8 March 1986	Depart Gothenburg
1400 hours	Sunday	9 March 1986	Arrive Harwich (Parkeston Quay)

A sightseeing tour of the city of Gothenburg is included in the cost.

If you are interested please complete the reservation slip and return to DS 231 B. R. Firmin at the Port of Harwich NO LATER THAN 18 FEBRUARY. Cheques should be made payable to DFDS Tor Line.

Tickets for the cruise will be issued to all members of the Essex Police, retired police officers, civilian employees and their immediate families.

For those who do not have access to the Internal Mail system, please send your bookings to Essex Police Office, c/o H.M. Immigration, Parkeston Quay, Harwich, Essex.

Passports are required.

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I require a two/four-berth cabin

STANSTED AIRPORT HOLIDAY FLIGHTS

Summer Holidays 1986

COUNTRY	DESTINATION	TOUR OPERATOR	DEPARTS	TELEPHONE
BELGIUM	Brussels	Anglia Holidays	S/S (Air UK)	0603 43764
BULGARIA	Bourgas Pula Varna	Balkan Tours Balkan Tours Balkan Holidays	Saturday Sunday Saturday	0223 211016 0223 211016 01-493 8612
CANADA	Toronto (direct service) Vancouver (via Toronto) Toronto	Wardair Wardair Globespan	Saturday Saturday Sunday	01-680 4281 01-680 4281 0293 54541
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S/S = Scheduled Services

TBA = To Be Advised

Summer Holidays 1986 — SPAIN

MAINLAND SPAIN	DESTINATION	TOUR OPERATOR	DEPARTS	TELEPHONE
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	Gerona for Costa Brava/ Costa Dorada	Enterprise Sunstart Holidays Martin Rooks Owners Abroad	Thursday Thursday Thursday Thursday	01-897 4545 01-221 8010 01-730 0808 01-514 4000
	Malaga for Costa del Sol	Enterprise — Sovereign Sunstart Falcon Owners Abroad Martin Rooks	Sunday Sunday Sunday Sunday Sunday	01-897 4545 01-221 8010 01-221 6298 01 514 4000 01-730 0808
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Your local travel agent will be pleased to assist you with further details of the above holiday flights, or telephone the airport Public Relations Office (0279) 502385 or Information Desk (0279) 502379. Flights to Singapore and Hong Kong are expected to start in March, 1986. For the latest information telephone London Express Aviation (0279) 502336.

High Commendation for Crime Squad Detective



Photo courtesy of Essex Chronicle

AT THE last Police Committee Meeting at County Hall, the Chief Constable's High Commendation was awarded to Dc 1287 Michael Puttick of the Regional Crime Squad at Brentwood. This is an accolade which is rarely given. The Citation read as follows:

"Detective Constable Puttick was on duty on Thursday, 30 August 1984 in his own private vehicle, by himself, in the High Street, Stratford, driving in the direction of Bow, when he heard a burglar alarm sounding at a sub-post office/off licence.

He saw two men run off from the premises, one carrying a sawn-off shotgun and the other armed with a knife. Dc Puttick gave chase on foot and tackled one of the men, subsequently disarmed and arrested him on suspicion of robbery and detained him until assistance arrived.

This man later appeared at Snaresbrook Crown Court and was sentenced to 3 years imprisonment.

The Chief Constable wishes to highly commend DC Puttick for the outstanding initiative and courage he displayed when he pursued, tackled and arrested an armed and dangerous man responsible for an armed robbery".

Mike, aged 32 years, joined Essex Police in March 1972. He has served as a Uniformed Officer at South Benfleet, Dunmow and Braintree. He was appointed to the Criminal Investigation Department at Braintree during August 1978 and transferred to the Regional Crime Squad in January 1984.

ROAD SAFETY AWARD FOR EPPING PC

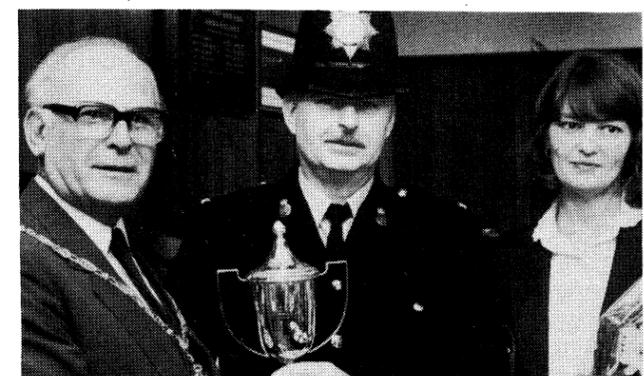
DAVID SIMS, who has been a constable at Theydon Bois since 1972, has been awarded the John Pattison Memorial Trophy by Epping Forest District Council.

An Essex officer since 1970, David, 39, is well known in his area for his work in the local community. In particular he has taken an interest in promoting road safety. He has worked to this end in the schools and youth organisation that came under his wing for many years.

Nominated by Theydon Bois Parish Council, David and his wife, Jennifer, were enter-

tained shortly before Christmas by the Chairman of Epping Forest District Council, Councillor Ashley Bryant. Councillor Bryant paid tribute to Pc Sims and presented the trophy before a meeting of the full Council. Jennifer, looking justly proud of her husband, received a bouquet of flowers.

This sort of recognition by local authorities on behalf of the people of Essex just goes to prove that Essex police officers are doing a great job and that their efforts are appreciated. Thank you Epping Forest District Council.



Councillor Ashley Bryant, Chairman of Epping Forest District Council, with Pc David Sims and his wife Jennifer of Theydon Bois at the presentation of the John Pattison Memorial Trophy.

Attention Philatelists

ESSEX Police have produced two special first day covers. One commemorates the Essex Police Special Constabulary 150th anniversary by the Chief Constable.

The other, issued for Basildon Police Town Show display, is signed by Divisional

Commander, Chief Superintendent Alan Gilling.

Details and covers can be had from Detective Constable Raymond How at Southend CID office. All profits are being donated to Leukaemia Research.



Photo courtesy of Essex Chronicle

Royalty in the County twice

Early December saw a visit to Essex by Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales (above) and just a month later Prince Andrew was in the County.

Princess Diana was here to visit Hargrave House, which is a home for severely handicapped children and young adults, run by the Essex County Council near Chelmsford.

His Highness Prince Andrew went to the James Cook boatyard at Wivenhoe, Colchester, where a 400 ton sailing ship is under construction. The craft will be used with handicapped people.



Photo courtesy of Colchester Evening Gazette.

Judy's in the muck again

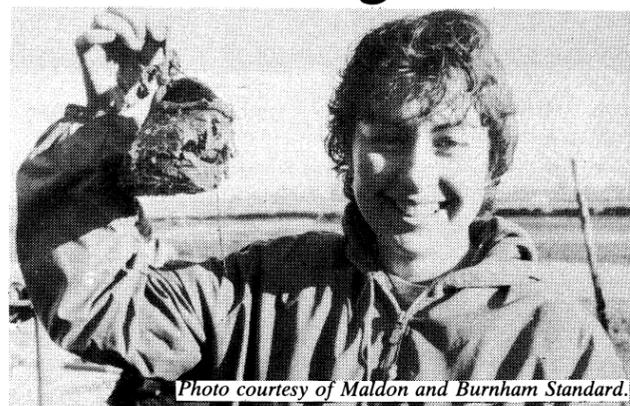


Photo courtesy of Maldon and Burnham Standard.

WPC Judith Atkinson (Maldon) pictured after showing them the way home in the 10th Annual Maldon Mud Race on New Year's Day.

NEW YEARS Day saw the 10th annual Maldon Mud Race. The idea is to race across the mud at the towns Hythe Quay and this year saw nearly 100 mud hoppers braving the cold and the slime to raise more than £2,000 for national and local good causes.

Needless to say Essex Police were well represented and produced the first woman home in the scantily clad shape of local WPC Judith Atkinson. At the end of the race she was hosed down with cold

water along with everyone else and could have gone on to take the Miss Wet T-shirt title as well if there, had been such a competition!

Judith's boss, Chief Inspector Wally Thorogood had no doubt about her potential as a mud racer. "I knew she would do well" he commented to "The Law", "she's always in deep water at Maldon". Another colleague was heard to remark "Never mind, she always muddles through somehow". Ho, hum!

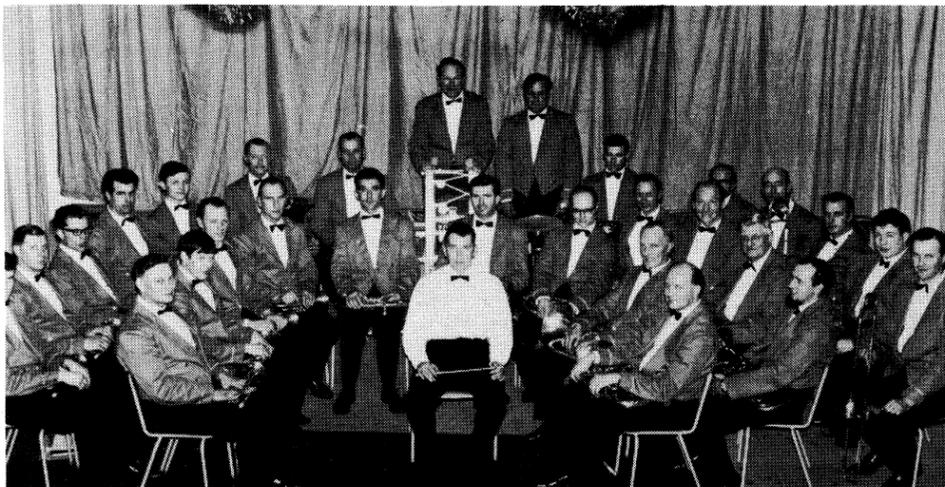
Essex Police Band twenty years on

THE FORCE BAND are 20 years old this year. First formed in early 1966, as a surprise item for a Traffic Dinner being held at Police Headquarters, the Band has, over the years, seen many changes in personnel and has had to overcome many difficulties.

I wonder how many faces readers can recognise on the photograph here, taken in the Assembly Room at Police headquarters, sometime in 1967?

The Band has always strived, however, to improve its standard and anyone who has heard it recently would agree that today's standard is very high indeed.

Not only do they give a lot of pleasure but they are also excellent ambassadors for the Force wherever they play. An example was the event staged at Blackshots Civic Hall which attracted more than 700 people to hear the Band and the Tredegar Orpheus Male Voice Choir in concert. Sponsored by the National Westminster Bank and organised by Grays Police, the night culminated in the



How many faces can you recognise from this band photograph of 1966?

presentation of a cheque for no less than £1,400 to Culverhouse School and William Edwards School.

During its twenty years the Band has played at numerous venues up and down the country

and abroad. Everywhere it is praised for its standards of musicianship and the pleasure it gives to the people of Essex can perhaps be best measured in that almost every concert is sold out well in advance.



The Essex Police Band with the Tredegar Orpheus Male Voice Choir delighting their audience at Grays.

Free Concert

Now the Band wish to say thank you to its many supporters over the years. On Wednesday, 26 March, 1986, the Band will be giving a Concert in Christchurch, Chelmsford, commencing at 7.30pm. Admission will be by ticket only which can be obtained, free of cost, from the Band Secretary, Press Office, Police Headquarters. Tickets will be limited so it will be first come first served.

Please use the attached form to apply for your tickets.

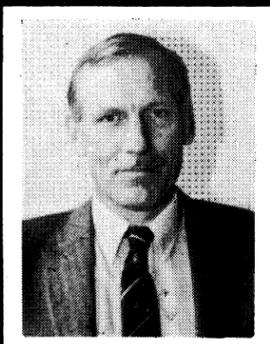
By Wilf Kennedy

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Please forward tickets for

.....persons for the 20th anniversary concert by the Essex Police Band. I enclose herewith a self addressed and stamped envelope.

Tickets may alternatively be collected from the Press Office.



by
Jim Rodgers

PENSIONS

IN THE November issue of *The Law*, Tony Warren, the "Money Matters" correspondent, made one or two comments about portable pensions, which may be open to misinterpretation. The British Transport Police Pension Fund, is part of and administered by the Railways Pension Fund. This is quite distinct and separate in arrangement from the system operated on behalf of the County and Metropolitan Police Authorities.

I am given to understand that the organisation have absolutely no plans to allow their members, either now or in the foreseeable future, to fund their own private pension schemes.

The Social Services Secretary, Norman Fowler, has expressed an intention that all workers will have their own portable pension. To date he has instituted consultations on a long-term problem of providing pensions to an increasing number of people of pensionable age, supported by the contributions made by a possibly decreasing number of taxpayers — or employed persons.

The difficulties he experiences in re-designing our national pension scheme are immense, and it is clear they will not be solved "at a stroke".

What Mr Fowler wishes to do, rather than commit the problem to future generations to solve, is to devise a system which will sit alongside and not threaten existing employers schemes. He is determined to ensure that employer's pension schemes continue to play their present vital role. (This is perhaps bad news for commission-earning pensions salesmen!

Essentially the object was to provide employees with a choice, but this has been referred back for a re-think.

In the case of Police pensions, and for that matter similar bodies of employees, the contributions do not "pay retired officer's pensions direct"; the amounts collected each month from serving officers is paid into the County's funds, from which they pay the Pensions. The Pension paid is the officers contribution plus an amount which is almost double, being the County's contribution to the scheme. It is true that the money is not invested, thus showing a growth to the principle, but the pension is much more valuable than the initial contribution anyway.

However this means that there is not a sum of money allocated for each individual, showing its current value at any given time, available to be transferred hither and thither. Furthermore, the results of such a transfer — were it possible — would not necessarily be "startling" or "brilliant", since to provide similar benefits to those presently enjoyed by retired police officers, would involve much larger sums of money than would be accrued in a private scheme of this nature, if one uses funding assumptions employed by most actuaries.

Finally, any worker can enjoy the same degree of security enjoyed by police officers if sound advice is heeded during the years leading up to retirement. The whole subject of pensions is complicated, and any officer contemplating retirement or a change in occupation, has good reason to seek proper, professional advice on the matter, from an independent source.

The Problem about people being responsible for the management of their own Pension Funds, would revolve around the discipline they imposed on themselves when looking to upgrade or improve their entitlements. It takes sound judgment to know when to contribute a little more than you can afford at the moment — to secure the future!

LAW AND ORDER

A personal view by the J.B.B. Secretary

THIS is not a continuation of last month's article, but of necessity it seems that the subject is one which must continue. A natural progression as it were.

Since last month, regularly armed patrols have been set up at Heathrow Airport, as a deterrent to terrorist attacks.

I was approached by the local press for a comment, and my immediate reaction was that if it came to the pinch armed police would be deployed at Stansted Airport sooner or later. I further commented that our role, that is the Police Service's role, was one of protection for the public — and on that basis, we should not relinquish the role to the Army, as had been suggested.

I have been considering this statement, and now acknowledge that it was made in haste, and without too much thought to the consequences.

My mind was concentrated a little more on the subject, as later that same day, it was announced that the police officer who accidentally shot the child in Handsworth last year, is to be prosecuted for manslaughter.

I believe that the Police Service still has a role as protector of the public, and I also believe that the

public at London's Heathrow Airport, would be better protected if the armed patrols were military, rather than police. This would be equally true of Stansted Airport!

I make this statement on the following basis, and in this I believe I mirror comments made on behalf of the Police Federation nationally, that primarily the Army is not as restricted in its mode of reaction as is the Police Service.

The Police Officers currently deployed at Heathrow, are issued with Heckler and Koch sub machine guns, which are being restricted to single shot, rather than rapid fire. These weapons are similar to those used by the SAS on their raid on the Iranian Embassy seige (but to them, retaining the rapid fire potential).

The Police Officer would be obliged to conform to the Home Office guidelines in that they would have to give a clear oral warning that they were police officers, and that they were armed, etc. The officers would also have to take all possible steps to ensure that members of the members of the public would not be endangered by their actions.

The Police Officer carries total personal responsibility for the use of

a police firearm, and he alone will be required to account for its use.

His actions will be subject to the rigid scrutiny and strict accountability, applied to all police actions these days.

The Police Officer who is required to carry firearms as part of his every day duties, is highly trained. In the main this training is intended to deal with conventional criminals who carry out their trade with weapons — either handguns or shotguns. The training is concerned with containment, negotiation, disarmament and the protection of life and property.

He is not trained to deal with fanatical and ruthless killers whose objectives seem to be to kill indiscriminately, as many people as possible in the shortest possible time.

You can imagine the scene with the officer giving his warning as he falls to the ground riddled with terrorist bullets.

No, I have changed my mind, the right people to deal with them are soldiers, who have been highly trained in the art of killing. Whose reaction is to kill rather than cajole. This change of heart will protect more Police Officers too, in the long run!

MEMBERS' SERVICES

JUST before Christmas last year, in fact too close to Christmas for my liking, I was forwarded details of a Police Federation Christmas Card, with advertising material which indicated that they could be purchased through the local Branch Board Office.

I was not too happy about the added workload being dumped off onto the JBB Office, nor was I too pleased with the design anyway portraying as it did the imbecile representations of police officers and a dwarf supported policewoman!

However, to my great surprise, I was inundated with orders for them, and well over 400 packs were

brought and sold at £1.50 per pack of 6.

This proved to be good news, because the firm who printed the cards said that they would split the profits between the Police Convalescent Homes, and the remainder being divided between Force Benevolent Funds, on a pro rata basis to the sales achieved by each Joint Branch Board.

This means that the Convalescent Homes will benefit from your response, as well as our own charity fund.

I hope that a similar venture is tried next year, but if anyone is listening, can you make it earlier, so Irene Black doesn't have such a hectic November.

Mysteries of The Orient

FANCY A HOLIDAY IN BANGKOK?

DURING a "Jail Break" fund-raising event, late last year, some of the lads got as far away as Bangkok. I don't think anyone met up with Emmanuel, but they did raise a fair amount of money for their chosen charity, and impress the proprietor of the Bangkok Palace Hotel at the same time. So much so that he immediately offered a 50 per cent discount on accommodation charges at his hotel (quote reference TJ), as well as a free facility for two children under 12 sharing accommodation.

The brochure shows a plush, very eastern promise hotel of 650 rooms, with all mod cons.

Anyone interested — get in touch with my office.

Jim Gets a BEM

by The Editor

IT IS almost traditional for police officers to scan the New Year's Honours Lists to see who is mentioned from the Service. When it is one of your own Force it is always a pleasure and doubly so when the award is richly deserved. Such is the case this year with the announcement that her Majesty The Queen has been pleased to honour Sergeant James Arthur Rodgers with the British Empire Medal.

Known to everyone as Jim, he has been a keen Police Federation man for most of his 30 years in the police. He was elected Joint Branch Board Secretary in 1976 and has held this position unopposed ever since. This makes him one of the longest-serving Branch Board Secretaries in the Country and it is for his Federation work primarily that Jim has been recognised.

Jim, 52, is married with three children. He lives at Southend-on-Sea and joined the Southend Borough Police in March 1955. He was promoted Sergeant in 1965 and was promptly elected to the JBB as the Southend Sergeants' representative. On amalgamation with the County police in 1969 he continued to serve as the Southend Divisional representative until he became Assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the JBB during 1971. Five years later he took his present position.

For many years Jim has been on the management committee of the Gurney Fund and he has long been to the forefront of various charity fund-raising events. Not least among these have been his efforts in aid of the widows and orphans of the Royal Ulster Constabulary and now he is engaged in the vital work of financing the new convalescent home. This latter has been a concern for some time as he is an active member of the Finance and Management Committee of the Seaside Convalescent Home at Hove.

Often outspoken in his views, Jim has served his Essex colleagues, the community and the Police Service with distinction. No shrinking violet, he is well respected at every level. As Mr Ronald Stone, the Deputy Chief Constable, commented on hearing of this award, "Sergeant Rodgers has served the Police Force for 30 years with absolute integrity and complete loyalty. He has made a major contribution to the efficiency and well-being of the Force."

When asked for his feelings about the award, Jim said: "Obviously I am delighted. I must thank everybody, especially my colleagues on the JBB."

Many congratulations and many thanks Jim — and so say all of us!

Football report *Sea angling lines*

by John Weatherly

HAVING reached the half-way point in the current season, we find mixed fortunes for the two Force teams. The first team have reached top spot in the Olympian League Premier Division with an extended run of games without defeat which reaches back to the first month of the season. An unchanged team for seven weeks obviously helped matters but also the form of the front runners has been very notable with Steve Jones and Phil O'Connell competing for top scorer.

The Reserves haven't been doing so well and find themselves just below half way in their league table. Occasionally they really produce the goods as in the recent 6-0 win over South Woodham but it is consistency that is lacking at present.

In police competitions we are unbeaten and have played our way to the Area Final of the National Cup. A hard-fought 3-1 win over old rivals Beds and Luton

took us to this position where on 28 February we play away to Kent.

In the No 5 Region Cup, we left it very late before Cliff Haines scored an excellent goal to defeat Herts 1-0.

Most recently, we travelled to Northampton in the Southern Counties Cup. The game was played in very cold windy conditions but persistence and excellent football transformed a 1-0 half-time score to 4-0 by the end and once again Phil O'Connell nipped in with another hat-trick.

The next month will prove vital with the first team trying to consolidate their league position, the reserves trying to improve theirs and the combined Force side doing their best to reach the finals in the cups. There is plenty of exciting football to watch and anybody is welcome.

THIS year's Croker Cup sea angling competition was held recently at Bradwell. The event was fished by 60 anglers who braved the very cold, wet and windy conditions to be rewarded with, in general, quite meagre catches of whiting and dabs. The cod this year were noticeable by their absence.

Despite these adverse conditions, Bob Sandford from Basildon managed to weigh-in 11lb 2oz to take top individual bag. This must have been very satisfying for Bob as it has silenced recent leg-pulling aimed in his direction. Bob was backed-up by Brian Cook, Jim Gibson and Les Blackburn to help Basildon take the team

By Clive Skingley

prize with a total weight of 25lb 6oz.

Grays were placed second. The team of Ian Frazer, Peter Sheldrake, Roy Rout and Bob Neale totalling 19lb 11oz.

The following week the Essex Police team fished against Hertfordshire Police at Canvey Island and managed a convincing win, weighing in 31lb to Hertfordshire's 14lb. The team is going well this year having won two of their three league matches so far.

Lecture

Of interest to all anglers, Pc Dave Clark has organised a Sea Angling Lecture by top

angler and writer Mick Tomer at Southend Police Club Room on Friday, 28 February at 8pm. The talk will cover tackle and technique advice and demonstrations. There will also be videos including big game fishing in South Africa, together with slide shows of local catches and stories of "the one that got away". Light refreshments and bar will be available.

Admission to the evening is by free ticket available from Dave Clark at Westcliff Police Station, telephone 330921, ext 34. Numbers are limited, so "first come, first served". Take my advice and get on to Dave for tickets now!

ON FOOT TO GERMANY

From Thurrock to twin town Muchengladbach in Germany is about eight marathon days by running shoes, or so reckon Sergeant Denis Sheppard, PC John Carpenter and PC Spud Edwards, all from Grays Police Station.

These gutsy three plan to run all the way in March and hope to raise charity sponsorship in excess of £5,000.

They will set out on March 19 to run to Sheerness for the ferry to Holland. After that their target is a daily trot of about 28 miles, with hospitality being provided by Dutch and German officers along the way.

The plan is to give £1,000 to Cancer Research and to split the remainder between various Essex youth projects. Obviously they are looking for sponsors and all contributions will be gratefully received.

"The Law" thinks that anyone who undertakes this sort of torture jaunt deserves all the support they can get. So it's dig deep time again for "Law" readers. The team are waiting for your pledges at Grays Police Station.

Tony's American Football Dream

AMERICAN football fan, Sergeant Tony Tillman, from Clacton, won the trip of a lifetime in an American Football magazine competition. He and his wife, Maragret, spent a week in New Orleans with tickets for the Superbowl final thrown in.

The Superbowl is the American Football equivalent to the FA Cup. Tony has been a fan for the past three years after giving up playing soccer. To get to the Superbowl

game is every fan's dream.

He entered the competition in "Touchdown" magazine. It was run in conjunction with Delta Airlines. A keen Miami Dolphins supporter, Tony had to "spot the ball" and pick six divisional winners and the side to score the highest points in the American League. Unfortunately the Dolphins didn't make the final but no doubt the Tillmans' were almost as thrilled to watch the Chicago Bears run off with the title.

TABLE TENNIS

THE force table tennis championships will be held at Southend Police Station on Thursday, 27 February, commencing at 11am. The championships will include the following events:

(1) Men's Singles, (2) Ladies' Singles, (3) Men's Doubles, (4) Ladies' Doubles, (5) Mixed Doubles, (6) Veterans' Singles, and (7) Consolation Singles (for first round losers).

Winners of all events (with the exception of 7) will represent Essex at the P.A.A. No 5 Regional Finals on Thursday, 20 March.

Any officer interested in entering any of these events should contact Cons 158 C. Jacob at East Hanningfield Police Station.

Billericay policeman in Lombard Rally rescue squad

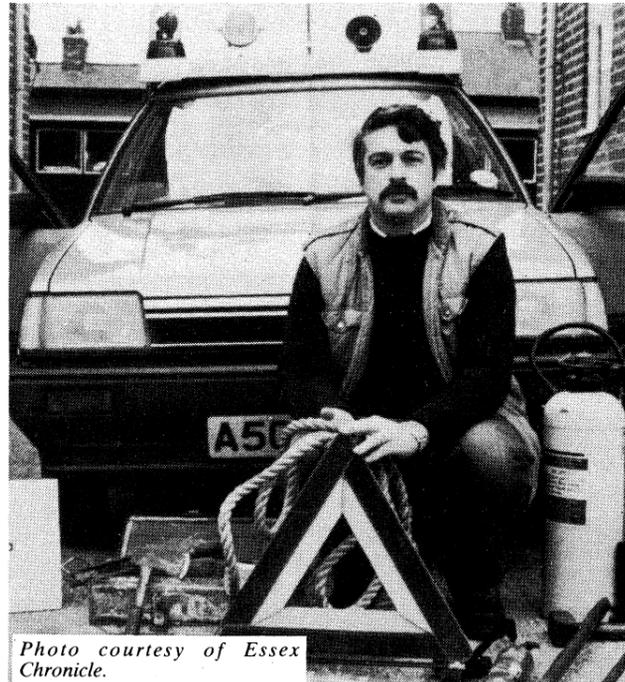


Photo courtesy of Essex Chronicle.

WELL known Essex Police motor enthusiast Peter Savory, who is stationed at Billericay, was one of many unpaid volunteers who formed rescue squads for the recent RAC Lombard Rally.

Peter used his own Toyota Tercel as one of the 'Flying Doctor'/Instant Rescue vehicles which play an essential part in the annual 900 mile marathon rally. His passengers were a pair of volunteer doctors who shared with Peter five days and four nights of readiness to go to the aid of the rally participants in case of emergency. Fortunately the resuscitation, fire fighting and cutting equipment also carried in the car was not needed this year.

1,600 MILES

All told, Peter and his crew covered seven stages of the rally and drove 1,600 miles through ice and snow for virtually the whole time.

(Acknowledgement to Chris Manning)

INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION

present a
HOLLYWOOD NITE

Saturday, May 17
at
Marconi Club, Chelmsford

(More details next month)

SPORTS REPORT

AS FAR as sport is concerned I look forward to 1986 very much indeed. Putting silly mistakes to one side, the probability is that this next year should be a more efficient one from the Secretary.

The draw has been made for the Croker Cup Competition for 1986 and all details are in the hands of your sports club Secretaries. Remember what I said in my last column about Colchester? It is up to all Divisions to give them a run for their money this year. I'm sure that they will welcome the competition and do their best to win the trophy yet again.

Tennis will be played on a knockout basis this year and details of the draw will be circulated in the near future.

My congratulations to all those that took part in the Force Cross Country Championships held at Gloucester Park,

Basildon, on 9 January. It was a bitterly cold afternoon with the ground very soft and wet.

The winning man was Chris Turner, of Colchester, and the winning woman was Moira Hewitt, of Headquarters. The first Veteran home was Barry Ansell, of Rayleigh.

A mention for John Hedgethorpe, of Colchester, who completed the course. It was his last day of police service and how appropriate it was that he was in his shorts and funny hat taking part in athletics. Well done.

I wish you all a belated happy New Year and the very best of luck in the forthcoming year of sporting events.

Yours in sport,
John Barrett
Force Sports Secretary

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