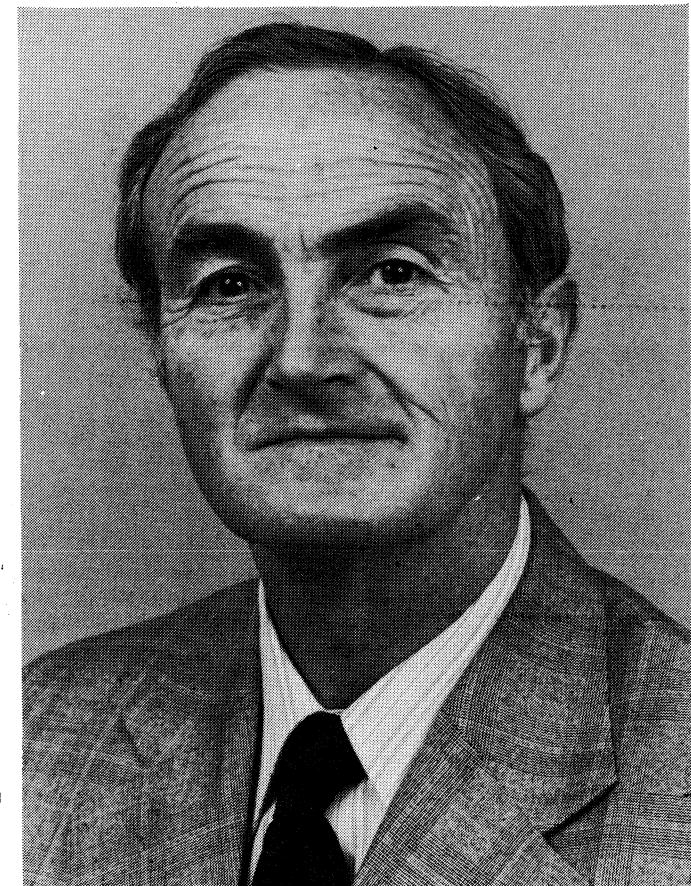




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No 183



Mr Ronald Stone QPM.

27,000 unlicensed vehicles in Essex

It IS now four years since the last Vehicle Excise Licence campaign took place in Essex and this year Essex Police in conjunction with the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre, Swansea, and the Local Vehicle Licensing Office are about to launch another.

The crackdown on motor tax dodgers will start in August. For the first half of the month, DVLC will launch a publicity campaign through the television, radio, newspapers and posters. This will be followed in the second half of August by a period of rigid enforcement.

The last campaign in Essex in 1982 resulted in an additional 20,000 vehicles being licensed. The DVLC also inform us that the 59 campaigns mounted so far throughout the county have resulted in over 29,000 prosecutions and untold numbers of new licences being taken out.

It is emphasised that the present campaign is aimed at encouraging Essex motorists to license their vehicles. It is estimated that there are over 27,000 unlicensed vehicles in Essex alone and as we all know motorists who use such vehicles often commit other related offences such as no insurance or test certificate.

Following this period of persuasion during the second half of August there will be a period of enforcement. This enforcement period will result in prosecutions allowing no mitigating penalty procedure.

Chief Inspector Brian Miller of Traffic Division said: "The essence of the campaign is to give warnings, detect and prosecute offenders quickly. Arrangements have already been made to set courts aside to hear these cases separately as soon as the paperwork has been processed by the DVLC. For the campaign to be successful therefore it will be essential for the paperwork to be sent to the DVLC without delay."

Sgt Don Davies in conversation with a visitor to the exhibition, Mr Ashton from Suffolk.



THE LAW - THE FUTURE

See Editorial page 2

POSTBAG — Letters to The Law, Force HQ

Aid for RUC

Dear Sir,

Over the weekend of the 6th and 7th September, 1986, the Essex Police Force Support Unit will undertake to play a 24-hour five-a-side football match in aid of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Injured Officers Fund.

The event will start at 4pm on the Saturday and be completed at 4pm on the Sunday. All monies raised will be donated to the Charity which pro-

vides facilities and cares for police officers injured in Ulster.

We need help in three ways:

- (a) Cash sponsorship for the charities
- (b) Material sponsorship toward the event (refreshment, etc)
- (c) Raffle prizes

We would be very much obliged for any contributions. A similar event was staged in 1983 and £2,536 was raised. I am sure that

this can be bettered.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours faithfully,
C. E. CLARK,
Chief Inspector,
Force Support Unit,
Headquarters.

Force Band

Dear Sir,

I am now in possession of the Force Band's most recent recordings "Twenty years on the Beat" a polished performance.

At the risk of being labelled a sentimental old fool I admit to the shedding of a tear or two whilst listening and recalling how it all began, but then, "memories are made of this."

May I thank the Band through your columns for the privilege of having once been one of them.

Sincerely,
JACK RIPLEY (retired)
Danbury,
Essex.

Retirement Present with a Difference



PC Terry Weavers with his unusual gift.

RECENTLY RETIRED PC Terry Weavers has just become the proud owner of a 1947 Alliss Chalmers Model B tractor by courtesy of his friends and colleagues at Stanway Traffic and throughout the Force.

The tractor was re-

after I have read it, my grandson (aged 12 years) enjoys reading it and intends to join the police force later.

Thank you once again for your kindness and consideration to my wife and I.

Yours faithfully,
JACK TAYLOR,
ex PC 98,
Southend Borough.

Thanks to all

Dear Sir,

Will you please convey to all members of the Force, through your Media, my thanks and those of my family for the numerous expressions of sympathy on the occasion of the death of my wife, Rose, on July 21 last, also, to those who were able to attend her Cremation at Chelmsford on July 25.

She was a wonderful Wife and Mother over 57 years and we were a close-

knit family and those condolences fortified us enormously. She will be missed beyond measure but we retain very happy memories and by the fact that she did not suffer, she maintained her courage right to the end which was peaceful and that is how we will remember her.

My thanks to all.

Yours sincerely,
B. G. Brinkley,
Chelmsford.

Photograph

Dear Sir,

I have just received "The Law" and seen the photograph of ex Police Officers. I have one of the same photo. I am a widow of ex PC 527 Arthur Williams who died March 2, 1968.

Yours faithfully;
D. WILLIAMS,
Grays.

Ode to the Band

Dear Sir,
The Essex Police Band.

On Wednesday we had a treat,
The Essex Police Band we were to meet.
Bulphan School came to join in too
We had great fun through and through.

The band went from class to class
And answered questions that we asked
They showed us how their instruments played
And how they were cleaned, how they were made.

The drummer who was in the hall,
Explained and spoke to us all
And now I really have to say
It really was a brilliant day!

To the police band
Thank you.
ANITA WILSON,
1M (Horndon Primary).

Editorial

THE WIND OF CHANGE is once more rustling through the pages of "The Law". On this occasion, however, it is not to be a change of editorial staff but more importantly the content, format and frequency of publication of the paper itself.

From this edition onwards "The Law" will be published SIX TIMES a year, ie every two months. This move has been brought about mainly by the ever increasing problem of rising costs, but an additional factor is the occasional lack of suitable material to fill the pages.

It must be said that there are many dedicated contributors who send in good material every month, for which I thank them. Equally some divisions are noted for their lack of any type of contribution and are rarely represented.

For "The Law" to be truly representative of the whole Force it is essential that all divisions contribute rather than that the contents of the paper revolve around what is happening at Headquarters. You don't have to be a journalistic genius to contribute, simply put the basis of a story or idea for an article on paper and we will do the rest. We can even supply a camera and film if you contact the office.

Remember "The Law" is your newspaper. It would be a great pity if it died through lack of interest.

ART

HQ Musical Society Charity Concert

By Heather Brown

THE Musical Memories Show performed by the Musical Society at Police Headquarters in June proved to be yet another success, raising £1,000 to be divided between the Broomfield Hospital Heart Machine Appeal and EXPOL 853 in aid of a walking harness for Matthew Kane, and Children in Need Appeal 1986.

The first act in true music hall tradition opened with Norma Armon and chorus singing "Let's All Sing Like The Birdies Sing," then followed more "Birdie" songs which included John Bray as a delightful "Cock Robin." More songs were sung appropriate to this era, some with audience participation. Lyn Barkway sang her heart out with "I Want to Sing in Opera," Stuart Giggins sang "Yankee Doodle Dandy," with enthusiasm and Andrew Shepherd paid a tribute to Harry Lauder, dressed in full attire.

There was a first rate performance from the "Corps de Ballet" with the dance of the Cygnets. Rudolph Nureyev would have been proud of them, although he may not have approved of the "Bovver Boots."

We all then went to the seaside with an hilarious version of the "Sand Dance" with John Hart, George Lambeth and Carol Danagher, who does the belly dance with perfection.

The second act was a selection of the "Golden Oldies" from the "50's and

60's," this included the Society's very own skiffle group, also a selection of the Everley Brothers sung by Derek Lee and John Hart, accompanied by Jo Lee playing the guitar with expertise.

Clara Smith sang a rendering version of "I'm Going Back," Eileen Kligerman sang "Kiss me Honey Honey" with Benny Hill, alias John Hart, lurking in the background.

The show would not have been complete without Roy Clark singing, "If I Were a Rich Man."

The finale was from the "Swinging Sixties," this gave some of the younger members of the cast a chance to show their talents and they were a delight to see. Proof that we will have many more shows to look forward to in the coming years.

The producers, Clara Smith, Lyn Barkway and John Hart, are to be congratulated for putting the show together so professionally, also the costumes were as good as I have seen in some West End shows.

The whole cast were full of energy and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, as obviously did the audience.

At £3 per ticket, including a ploughman's supper (with waitress service) it was a very good night's entertainment. If you stayed home to watch the football, you don't know what you missed.

Thanks

Dear Sir,

Recently we lost our youngest son, Sean, in sudden and tragic circumstances.

Please may we through "The Law" convey our gratitude and appreciation to senior officers, colleagues and friends in the force for their support, assistance, messages of sympathy and beautiful flowers which were great consolation to us at this sad time.

Our sincere thanks to you all.

CATH and TERRY
DEMPESEY,
Westcliff-on-Sea.

In Touch

Dear Sir,

May I thank you for the many issues of "The Law" which I receive regularly which keeps me in touch with the force after retiring 20 years ago. It may interest you to know that

She was a wonderful Wife and Mother over 57 years and we were a close-

vered from a field at Bures and is Terry's chosen retirement present. Terry collected his gift in a 1944 Dodge Military Command car and there are no prizes for guessing that his hobby is renovating old vehicles.



Old Friends Reunite—1986



THE ANNUAL pensioners' garden party was held at Force Training School recently and was another resounding success. Yet again the weather was extremely kind with bright sunshine to honour the occasion.

Although the numbers were slightly down in previous years, it certainly did not detract from the occasion and a good time has had by all.

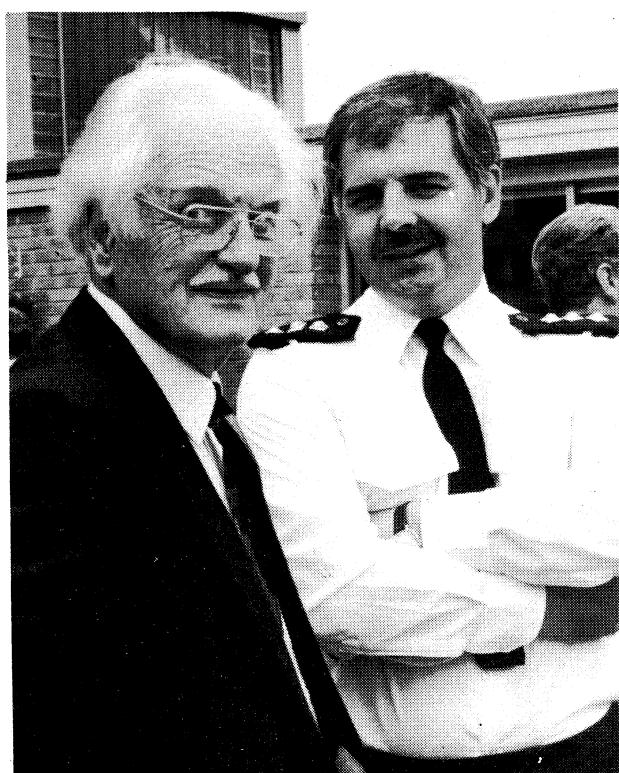
Congratulations once again to the organisers and helpers who worked

hard to make the event the continued success that it is.

NB: A lady's earring was found after the event and was handed in to the Admin Department at Force Training School from where it can be claimed. (HQ Ext 365).



Bill Pepper enjoys the reunion.



"Ginger" Mealey talks to Ch Insp Pete Fairhead.



Pc Alf Henry — practising for the future?



Charlie Havers at 93 the oldest pensioner.

Harlow Specials Retire



SIX LONG serving members of the Harlow Division Special Constabulary were the guests of honour at a special event recently to mark the end of their long and

distinguished careers. They were each presented with an engraved tankard and the gifts in appreciation of the 174 years of service they have between them.

The six officers, Roy Frewin, Harry Matthews, Stan Swan, Charlie Trimnell, Dave Kinley and Derek Eden are seen pictured with Chief Superintendent John Watson.

150 Years Policing Bristol

ON JUNE 25, the Avon and Somerset Constabulary celebrated 150 years of policing in Bristol.

In commemoration of this date a philatelic cover bearing the Arms of the Avon and Somerset Constabulary, specially hand-stamped by the Post Office with a cache bearing the Bristol Constabulary badge has been produced.

The cover has been designed by a professional company to the highest standard and will be available in two versions:

Type A: This cover will bear the "Police Stamp" issued in 1979 and each cover will be signed by the Chief Constable. Each cover will cost £10.

Type B: This cover will bear the Queen's

Birthday Stamp and will cost £3.

Both covers are in limited supply and early application is advised by any person desirous of obtaining this unique offer. Orders should be sent to:

Avon and Somerset Constabulary Headquarters,
Community Involvement Department,
New Bridewell,
PO Box 188,
Bristol, BS99 7BH.

Cheques should be made payable to "Avon and Somerset Constabulary (Commemorative Cover Account)."

The proceeds of the covers will be donated to police charities.

Crime Prevention Call in the Experts



Crime Prevention officers Andrea Blake, Liz Poynter and Keith Brown pictured with art students Sanjam Patel, Darren Fessey, Tim Rowe, Lee Tredini and Peter Greenwood.

FACED WITH the challenge of how to produce art work and design acceptable to a public used to professional advertising the Crime Prevention Department sought expertise. They approached the Southend College of Art to see if they could help with ideas for promotional display material that could be used throughout Essex on Crime Prevention exhibitions.

Having given details of the subjects to

be covered it was left to the students, who volunteered for the project, to create the design and final layout of the subject displays.

It is a credit to the Southend College of Art and the professionalism of the students themselves that the results have been well received by the public who have readily commented favourably on the work.

COMING SOON

IF YOU are organising or know of any forthcoming event which you think others should hear of, why not tell "The Law."

If the response is sufficient, this column will be a regular feature, hopefully to keep you better informed.

We start with the Essex Police Band and details of their forthcoming engagements, further details of which can be obtained from Constable W. Kennedy, HQ Press Office.

Monday, 20 October, 7.30pm, Christchurch, Chelmsford, joint concert with the Hertfordshire Constabulary Choir. Admission by ticket, £1.50p.

Wednesday, 19 November, 7.30pm, Christchurch, Chelmsford, joint concert with Band of HM Irish Guards. Admission by ticket, £2.

Wednesday, 17 December, 7.30pm, Ursuline School, Brentwood, Christmas Concert. Admission by ticket available from Brentwood Police.

Monday, 22 December, 7.30pm, Marconi Club, Chelmsford, Annual Christmas Concert. Admission by programme, £1.

Tuesday, 23 December, 7.30pm, Marconi Club, Chelmsford, Annual Christmas Concert. Admission by programme (obtainable from the Marconi Club) £1.

On the weekend of 6, 7 September, the FSU are holding a 24-hour non-stop five-a-side football match in aid of the RUC Injured Officer's Fund — details from Chief Inspector Charlie Clarke, HQ

DOG AND MOUNTED SECTIONS ENTERTAIN YOUNGSTERS FROM MID E...

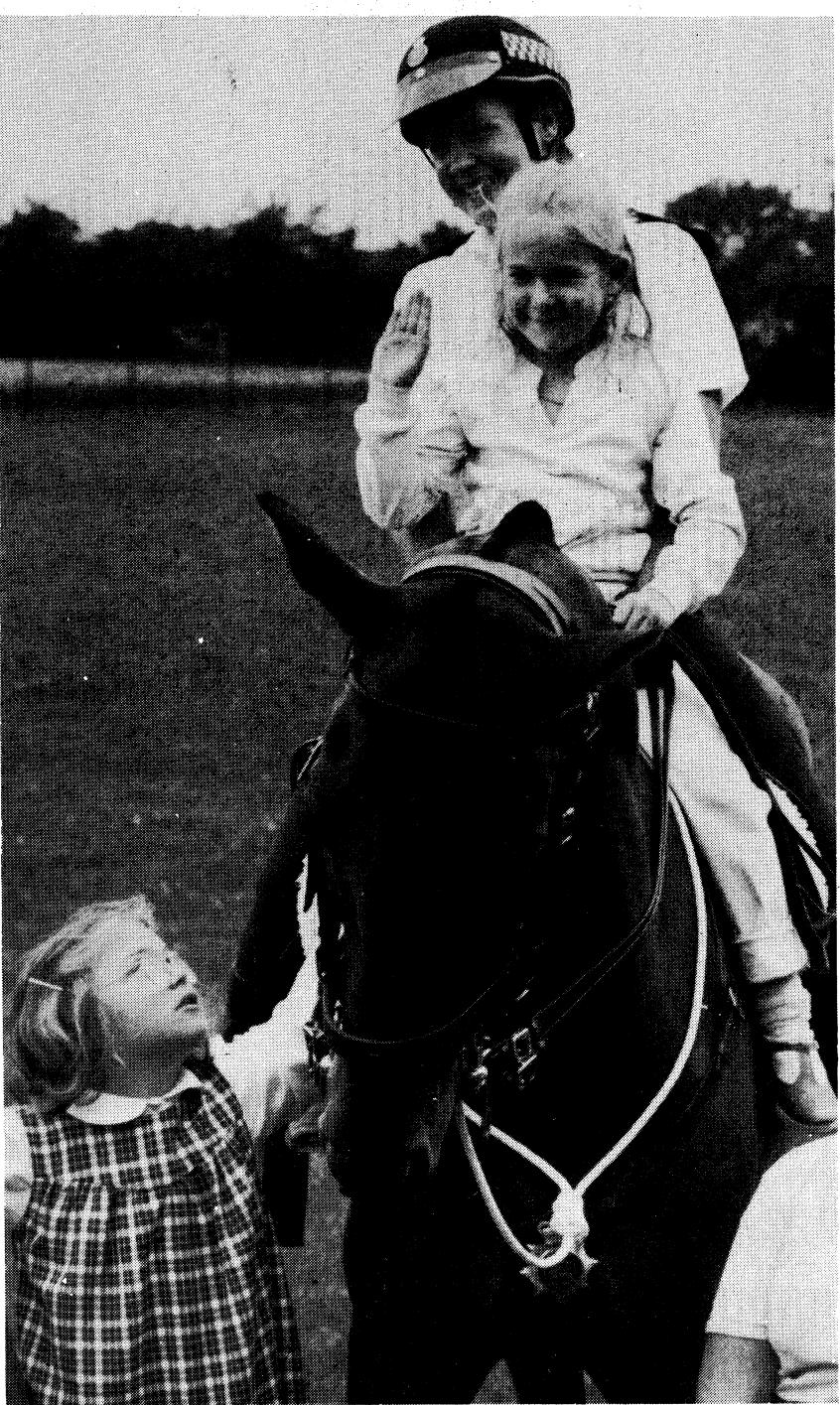
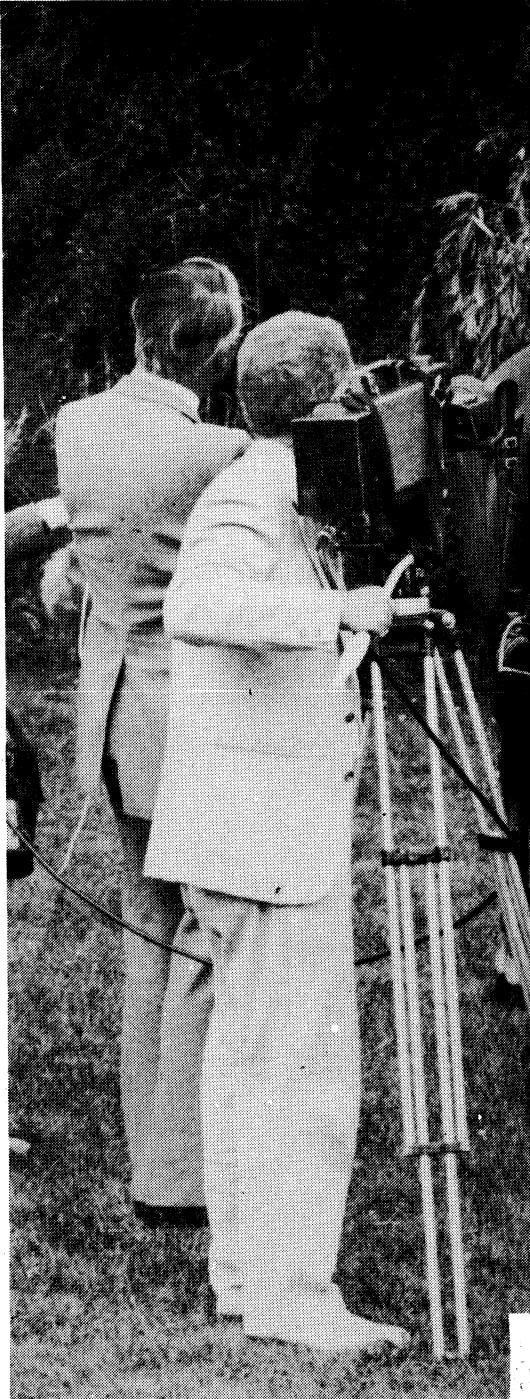
EVERY PICTURE...



Supt Ian Wright interrupts his lunch to offer advice on uniform.



Sergeant Rod Barrett took a break from playing the villain of the piece.



WPC Caroline Dunn and Crusader made a point of getting close to the children.



Sergeant Paul Probyn and Bruno pose for a photo with new found friends.

RECENTLY OFFICERS of the Dog Section, helped by those from the Mounted Section, played host to about 40 youngsters and helpers from the Mid Essex Riding for the Disabled Group.

The dogs put on a performance at the Sandon Dog Section, which was in fact the same show presented at the

Colchester Tattoo, where it was very well received.

Afterwards the animals were introduced to the children at first hand. Once the entertainment was over, some of the officers joined the children at their barbecue at Speakman's Farm and had a whale of a time.

Mrs Middleton, Secretary of

Riding for the Disabled Group said of the day: "We got tremendous support and co-operation from the police. Today has been wonderful — we can't thank them enough."

"The Law" was there, and found it hard to decide who enjoyed the day most — the youngsters or the police officers.

ESSEX RIDING FOR DISABLED GROUP



A new hat and a new friend, what more could you want?



The looks say it all.

The BBC were persuaded to attend and the result was 5 minutes of super television. WPC Caroline Dunn riding Crusader gave an interesting interview.



Martyn Garwood and Bruin made a clean sweep with Bruin's surprise entrance, and then his chase to catch a bag snatcher.

Essex is the prize

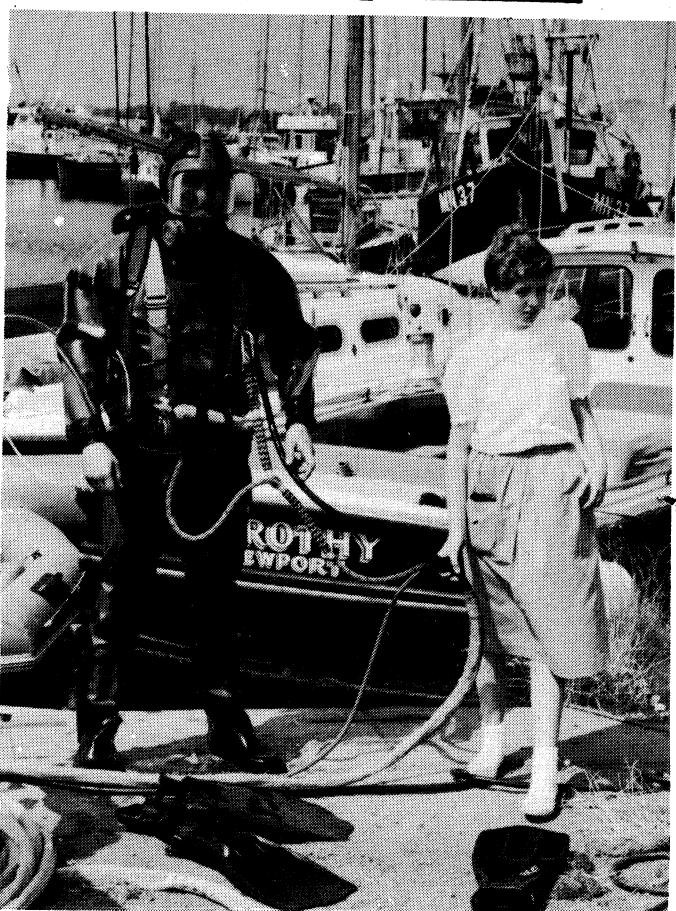
THE PRIZE for a recent Crime Prevention Campaign for youngsters from the Tilbury area was a day out with Essex Police.

PC Calvin Bowles, the local Crime Prevention Officer, organised a competition in conjunction with Asda Superstore for children at schools in the Tilbury area to design Crime Prevention posters.

The competition turned out to be a huge success and the artistic quality extremely high. Sixteen winners were eventually chosen, two each from the eight participating schools.

The prize winners were collected from Tilbury in the new Force coach. They were first brought to Headquarters to be entertained by the Driving School, then it was on to see the divers in action.

After lunch it was back to Tilbury where Vigilant III was waiting to take them on a trip along the River Thames.



You can get quite wet helping a diver.

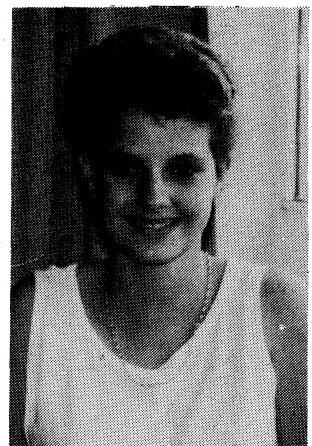


All the prizewinners and their Police guides stopped at Heybridge Basin to watch the Divers on an exercise.



Ch Insp John Johnson of the Driving School, dwarfing four youngsters still giddy from the skid pan.

"Queen" at FTS



Wendy Silvey

17-YEAR-OLD Wendy Silvey, a clerk in the Admin Office at Force Training School, has recently started her reign as the Chelmsford Carnival Queen.

Wendy is looking forward to a very busy year attending various carnivals throughout Essex. Although very time consuming she is enjoying every minute of it.

MONEY MATTERS



by
Tony
Warren

WHEN I first saw one of the new two pound pieces, my mind wandered back to a phrase used to describe men of, let's say, "different" persuasion. As I stared into the deep gold finish, it appeared as though someone was winding back a projector through time — I caught a flash of a newspaper headline "50 pence gallon on the way!" it shouted.

Then I saw my first Essex County Council wage packet, showing £84 for the month of October 1969. The projector slowed and ground to a halt as I saw myself putting petrol in my first motorbike at three and eleven pence a gallon — I had bought the bike second-hand from a dealer for £25. As I stood there, feeding petrol from a nozzle which relied on the holder to know when to stop, I little realised that at that very moment, an Essex County Constabulary Police Constable was retiring with a lump sum of £1,200.

Had he taken everyone's advice and put it into the Building Society, taking the monthly income, he would today have precisely £1,200.

As the investor is becoming more and

more aware of better returns by investing money rather than depositing it, there is an ever increasing volume of smart money being taken out of Building Societies and put into unitised investments such as Investment Bonds and Unit Trusts.

With this in mind, I had a long conversation with a senior official of the Abbey National Building Society this week. I asked him how he expected to attract large lump sums if Investment Bonds were paying between two and four times the rate, year after year, and tax free.

He admitted that there is now a constant and worrying flow of money from the Society into Single Premium Bonds, but then he astounded me by saying, with a wry grin: "If people want Investment Bonds, we will start selling them!"

My message is this — if you are about to put money into a Building Society and take the income — STOP and think, go for advice first, but NOT to a Building Society or Bank!

FORCE LOTTERY

RESULT of the draw held on 1.7.86: 1st prize PC S. Dodge, Thorpe Le Soken, £1,500; 2nd prize PC A. Hurn, Epping, £700; 3rd prize PS P. Dolphin, Southend, £300. Consolation prizes at £50: DC Creene, Chelmsford; PC Bishop, HQ FSU; PC Smith, Chelmsford Traffic; J. Freeman, Clacton; DC Eves, Southend; PS Campbell, Chelmsford Traffic; WPC Norman, S. Ockendon; PC Edwards, Benfleet; Joan Cotgrove, Basildon; TW Prior, Westcliff.

RESULT of the draw held on 27.7.86: 1st prize DS B. Spraggon, HQ CDU, £1,500; 2nd prize Insp C. Owen, Southend, £700; 3rd prize PC R. Jones, Hatfield Heath. Consolation prizes of £50: PC Bragg, HQ; Insp Davies, HQ; PC Oliver, Burnham; DC Masson, HQ CIS; PC French, Braintree; Insp Stenson, Epping; PC Tarbox, Tilbury Traffic; PS Buckley, Benfleet; PS Johnson, Grays; PS Fussell, Harlow Traffic.

Market Place

LADIES TWO piece wet suit, excell cond, hardly used, £30. Mike Beaveringe, HQ ext 374/5/6.

FORD FIESTA 1300 Ghia, MoT March '87, tax, vgc, new tyres, battery, exhaust etc, sunroof, radio, low mileage, £1,899ono. PC Longden, Basildon, or Billericay 50514. "B" FIESTA diesel, blue, sun roof, under 8,000 miles, excell cond, very low fuel consumption, 4,995. Ex PC Mead. Tel 0268 694201.

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

BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE — ONE WORD PER BOX

Name and Rank

Station

Home telephone Signed

CPO "Pulls strings"

THE FORCE, by now used to using "Peter Pan" to educate youngsters in not going with strangers etc, found itself suddenly faced with a new challenge.

It was unfortunate that the Home Office only allowed the Crime Prevention Department three weeks to prepare its new campaign to launch a Home Office/Walt Disney roadshow.

The roadshow was made up of a double decker bus crammed with lifesize cartoon characters; Pinocchio, Jiminy Cricket, J Worthington Foulough (the fox), Gideon (the cat) and a bundle of assorted bears with names like Gummi and Zummi (you know the sort of thing).

The Crime Prevention Support Unit went into its most supporting phase yet, assuring Divisional Crime Prevention Officers that they were not required to dress up. To coincide with the start of the campaign the film "Pinocchio" was released, and showing at the local Odeon Cinemas.

Launch day for the national campaign was Monday 14 July, in Essex, where the roadshow was to visit Brentwood and Southend.

Exhibitions were mounted during the morning at Chapel High, Brentwood, by Lionel Lee; and during the afternoon in the shopping precinct in Southend High Street by Andrea Blake and Keith Brown. At Southend loads of goodies were handed out to the local crowds, by NBO's Keith Mower and Peter Hyem.

A nice touch to the afternoon took place when some of the characters went to the childrens ward at Southend General hospital, and met the young patients.

On its way from Brentwood to Southend the travelling roadshow was led by a traffic car containing Nick Grimes of Laindon and Fred Feather of HQ, CPSU. On route the convoy detoured to pass several local schools where the youngsters had been lined up and had an unexpected treat.

So successful was the day, that with only one week's notice Colin Green at Harlow set up an exhibition for the town centre there.

It makes you wonder what next year has in store doesn't it?

Retirements

PC C. J. Clancey, Southend/Rochford, retired 6 July after 15 years 181 days service.

D/Supt. J. Kenneally, HQ/CID, retired 31 July after 30 years 6 days service.

PC P. Garwood, Chelmsford/Halstead, retires 8 August after 29 years 106 days service.

C/I B. K. Miller, Traffic Administration, retires 16 August after 27 years 150 days service.

PC L. J. Gray, Basildon/Billericay, retires 17 August after 23 years 182 days service.

WPC L. J. Clancy, Operations/Information Room, retires 31 August after 7 years 327 days service.

Obituaries

June 5, ex PS A. Nash, 72 years, who retired 1968.

June 18, ex PS L. Martin, 71 years, who retired 1963.

June 22, ex Insp H. Tomalin, 79 years, who retired 1949.

June 22, ex Insp A. W. Jay, 82 years, who retired 1964.

June 26, ex PC G. E. Miller, 71 years, who retired 1969.

June 26, Mrs Edith M. Bates, who in 1968 donated the Betts Trophy. July 1, ex PC E. H. Hodson-Walker, 59 years, who retired 1978.

DANISH CRUISE



Three-day cruise to Esbjerg in Denmark from Harwich (Parkeston Quay) on Sunday, November 9, 1986, on the MS Tor Britannia.

The cost is £21 per person sharing a two-berth cabin and £16 per person sharing a four-berth cabin. All cabins have shower and toilet. Children under four years travel free. The timetable is as follows:

1700 hours	Sunday	9 November, 1986	Depart Harwich (Parkeston Quay)
1345 hours	Monday	10 November, 1986	Arrive Esbjerg
1730 hours	Monday	10 November, 1986	Depart Esbjerg
1230 hours	Tuesday	11 November, 1986	Arrive Harwich (Parkeston Quay)

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 October 8, 1986. Cheques should be made payable to DFDS and can be post dated October 8, 1986. Tickets will be issued on the day of departure at Harwich.

This offer is open 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, c/o HM Immigration, Parkeston Quay, Harwich, Essex. PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED.

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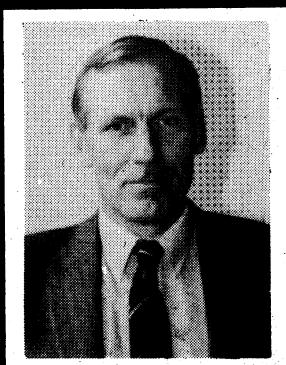
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I require a two/four berth cabin

HOLIDAY — WOOLACOMBE BAY, North Devon. Small comfortable friendly guest house or large mod fully equipped caravan, sleeps six. No VAT. Ex PS Clive Ferrie, 0271 870540.

Federation Notes



by
Jim Rodgers

PENSION COMMUTATION

FOR those who have followed the column for some time, the difference between joining the service before and after 8th August, 1961 will be well known. Officers who joined after, cannot draw their pensions until age 50 years, unless they have 30 years service.

The Home Office have recently put out a Circular in which it clearly indicates that although the officer cannot draw his pension until he is 50, he can take his Commutation entitlement at the time he leaves the service.

A new set of Commutation tables dealing with this element has been drawn up but I understand that alterations will have to be made to this facility because it contravenes the Inland Revenue rules, which state that you cannot take from a Pension scheme until it becomes payable — this would not be until age 50 years, if the officer has less than 30 years service.

OPERATION BLISTER 1986

INSPECTOR Dave Smith MBE of the Sussex Police is coming to the end of a marathon walk to end all Marathons. It puts Ian Botham's John o' Groats to Lands End stroll in the shade! By the time this is in print, he will be taking a well earned rest.

Dave has visited the headquarters of each of the 43 forces in England and Wales, as well as the three Convalescent Homes — Hove, Harrogate and the new one at Goring on Thames — and Bramshill Police College.

His motivation was to raise money for the Relocation of the Seaside Home but in the process he has been monitored to find the damaging effect of carbon monoxide, car fumes for instance, on the pedestrian road user.

Five times a day he blew into a contraption, not unlike the breathalysers we use from time to time, and this gives a reading which has been recorded and the data thus produced will be used by Medical Science in due course.



Inspector Dave Smith MBE presented ACC(P) Mr Geoffrey Markham with a plaque, and received one in return.

managed by Juris Aleksejus, who is an experienced walker himself. It was his job to ensure that Dave took his proper sustenance, as well as keeping the van and caravan on

FEDERATION NEWS...FEDERATION NEWS...FEDERAT

PAY AWARD IS 7½%

AT A MEETING of the Police negotiating Board on Tuesday, 22nd July 1986, agreement was reached that the pay of the Federated Ranks ie Constables to Chief Inspectors and

the pay of the Superintendents will be increased by 7½% from 1st September 1986.

New pay scales will be published on

Federation Notice Boards as soon as they are received at our Office.

A more detailed report will be given in the next edition of the Law.

DISCIPLINE ADVICE

THE Federation has re-issued its laminated plastic card which gives advice on the Police Disciplinary procedures. These have been circulated to all members of the Federated Ranks by your Representatives. If you have not received your card yet, contact your local representative or the Federation Office at Headquarters.

Please note that where a complaint is of a minor nature it can be Informally Resolved. It may be in your best interests to co-operate in this process but you do not have to do so. If in doubt ask your Federation Representative.

RUC Injured Officers Fund

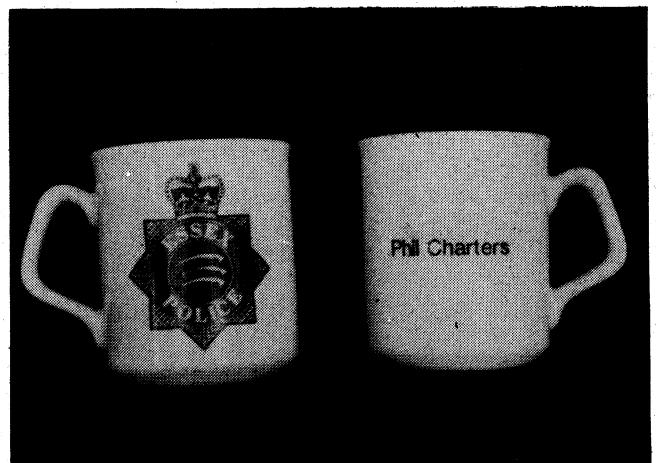
THE Force Support Unit are holding a non-stop 5-a-side football match on the Force Sports Field commencing 4.00pm on Saturday, September 6, through until 4.00pm on Sunday, September 7. It is hoped that there will also be other attractions going on — make it a family day out bring the wife and kids along on the Sunday and support this worthy charity. All the funds raised from the sponsor-

ship and the raffle will go towards paying for a holiday for the RUC Injured Officers sometime in 1987. Raffle tickets are now available from Mick Hall in the Force Support Unit or Brian Pallant in the Federation Office. There are numerous prizes to be won including a trip to Amsterdam. Further details will be circulated in due course on the Federation Notice Boards.

MEMBERS SERVICES

CONSTABLE Gerry French, at Chelmsford Town traffic office, has commissioned a Force mug, with the Force Crest blazoned on it with the kind permission of the Chief Constable.

The basic mug costs £1.55 pence, but if you wish to have it personalised with your own name or nick-name, then the cost is increased by 20 pence for the first word,



and an additional 15 pence for each additional word.

Orders may be placed through the Federation Office for either the basic mug, which we can supply at once; or for the personalised ones which will obviously take a little longer. With the fact that Gerry is dealing direct with the firm who produce the mugs, and the Federation acting as his agent, I would ask that you pay on order, so that he can keep his books up to scratch.

Pensions

AT A MEETING of Committee E of the Police Negotiating Board, held on 27 February 1986 agreement was reached on a recommendation that the preserved rate pensions of widows of police officers who retired from the service before 1st April 1956.

The Home Secretary accepted the recommendation and on 25 June 1986 implemented an increase in the flat rate pensions of £1.41 per week, with effect from 27 February 1986.

It must be made quite clear that the officer must have retired prior to 1st April 1956, and therefore had no opportunity to exercise the option to contribute towards a higher widow's pension. (At that time the option which became available on 1st April 1956, was for the officer to increase his contribution from 5% to 6½% of Average Pensionable Pay, to purchase a Widows Pension equivalent to one third of the officer's Pension entitlement.)

COMMUTATION PROTECTION

IN LAST month's issue of The Law, there was a small item relating to a PMAS Commutation Protection Policy.

The advice in the item is excellent, officers should ensure that they have made proper arrangements for the protection of their loved ones in the event that they die prematurely.

I realise that whenever you die, you at least will consider it to be "premature"! Whilst the PMAS Policy is sound, the man who has 10 years to go to retirement should ensure that he takes out a policy for at least TEN years, not for the next five years as shown in the article.

The next thing that one should remember is that the Commutation for a Constable retiring with 25 years service, (so long as he joined prior to 8th August, 1961), will be about £12,592 so that a £20,000 policy will cover adequately his expectations. The Constable who retires with 30 years service however, will be capable of taking about £28,000 in a lump sum, so that he should not settle for a £20,000 policy.

Sergeants, Inspectors and Chief Inspectors will be entitled to correspondingly higher lump sums.

Just as an aside to this subject, the Group Insurance has a Death Benefit of £52,320 at the moment, which more than protects the Commutation of most Chief Superintendents — most of whom are in the scheme.

the move to meet up at the arranged pit stops.

In addition to Juris, Dave has been accompanied by various colleagues, who have given up their leave time to

LAW SPORT—LAW SPORT—LAW SPORT—LAW SPORT**Seaxes Win Ford Trophy**

ON SUNDAY, 29 June, 1986, Seaxes Auto Club competed in a driving test competition against the Ford Motor Company Public Relations Department and Bow Bells Motor Club (Met Police), at Eagle Way, Brentwood.

Each club had to enter a team of 12 including at least two women. The Seaxes team were, Gary Franklin (Rayleigh), Dave Pike (Rayleigh), John Gaut (Laindon Traffic), Mick Bliss, Alan Weatherley, Roger Reed, Andy Wardman, Alistair Brown, Ralph Froud (HQ Garage Workshops), Kevin Doo (HQ Garage Workshops), Steph Hoskins (Brentwood Traffic) and Sue Kelly (Laindon Traffic).

The competition consisted of 6 tests all timed to the second with all vehicles supplied by Fords.

Test 1 — Formula Finesse — involved driving a Sierra round a tight course and keeping a ball in a bowl on the bonnet.

Test 2 — Reversing — again using a Sierra, it involved reversing through a series of narrow gates and then into a garage area.

Test 3 — Tractor — this test was to reverse a tractor and trailer into a garage and out again.

Test 4 — Caravan — using a 2.8 4x4 Sierra Estate you had to reverse a 25 foot caravan approx 100 yards.

Test 5 — Blind Drive — this test used a Granada Scorpio which the driver drove blindfolded through four gates with the passenger giving instructions.

Test 6 — Autotest — the fastest test, this used an XR3 Turbo driving in and out of cones at speed.

LONG DISTANCE SWIM

THIS YEAR'S long distance swim is to be held on Monday, August 18. The venue will be the same as usual with the start at the site of the old Westcliff jetty at 11.15 am.

All are welcome, whether competitors or their family and friends and refreshments will be available after the race.

Details of those attending, whether participants or guests, should be sent to Sgt Sheern at Grays Police Station by Monday, August 11.

SPORTS REPORT

John Barrett, secretary.

THE main sporting competition of the Force, the Croker Cup, has reached a very interesting stage. All of the team games have been completed and most of the recognised winter activities are almost complete.

At this stage I will give you the points as they stand. This includes the recent six-a-side cricket championships which were held at Chelmsford last week. Colchester 27; Grays 26; HQ 21; Clacton 18; Southend 12; Harlow 10; Chelmsford 9; Braintree 7; Rayleigh 7 and Basildon 2.

You can see that this year the competition is taking a very interesting path. It seems that Grays, HQ and Clacton are giving the favourites Colchester, a run for their money. This makes the whole thing much more interesting. Mind you, there is still lots to come.

The Force swim on August 18 is a Croker Cup event — teams of four to compete. As autumn approaches we have all of the Angling competitions, the Shooting competitions and before the summer ends we should have results of the Bowls and Tennis. Still a very tight state of affairs at the top.

For just one more occasion I would urge anyone that is interested to support their secretaries and team captains to make 1986 a good year for the Croker Cup and not a one horse race.

I have been brought to task for not mentioning the Force Rugby Teams. Now, I've nothing against rugby. I must confess that I find it a bit of a tease to understand what's going on but as always it is satisfying when effort brings results.

During March and April of this year our team won the Thurrock Invitation Floodlight Competition and also the PAA Sevens Plate competition at East London. I have also been asked to mention that new players are always welcome. They should contact either Mick Hall at FSU or Hugh Harris at Grays.

Very shortly your Association will be selecting the recipient of the Annual Award for outstanding services to sport or any particular part of sport in whatever capacity. Be sure that the choice will be a difficult one but as always the Management Committee will do its best to reflect the views of the majority.

Pistol Competition

THE 1986 Croker Cup Pistol Competition will be held on 29 July and 2 September, 1986, at the Hadleigh Pistol Range.

Entries are open to all divisional sports club members with experience of pistol shooting. Firearms and ammunition will be supplied at the range.

The best five scores from entrants representing each club will comprise the club team score. Full details may be obtained from Sgt Soward, Rayleigh, Sgt Perry, FTS, PC Sewell, Laindon Traffic.

Golfing Diary

OUR SUMMER meeting took place at Stisted Golf Club on Monday, July 14, and was again very well attended by some 44 players. Firstly, I must apologise to those members who wished to play but were unable to due to a limit put on our numbers for the event by the Club. I can assure you all that this will not happen again.

Our normal numbers for a summer meeting are between 20 and 30 but this year interest has doubled. I trust that disappointed members and their guests will take part in our early autumn meeting at Cannons Brook Golf Club on Wednesday, October 1, so BOOK EARLY!

Nevertheless, the results of days play were as follows: winner of the club championship, The Scratch Cup, was Keith Davies (Chelmsford) with a score of 150. Runner-up was Colin Muir (Rayleigh) with a score of 154. The Vice President Cup was won by Kevin Maley (Clacton) and Ken Smith (Rayleigh) with a total Stapleford Score of 80 and runners-up were Bob Hayes (HQ) and Steve Wilmott (HQ) with 73 points. Best AM Scratch Score was Peter Rouse (Rayleigh) with a gross 81. Best AM Handicap was Ernie Carr (HQ) with nett 67. Best PM Individual Stapleford was Bob Cameron (retired) with 40 points. Best All Day Handicap was Alf Henry (Harlow) with nett 136.

Mr Stone presented the winners with their prizes and trophies and so ended an enjoyable day.

On Friday, July 4, we hosted the area finals of the Police National Knockout Cup, and a team of 10 took on those from Cambridgeshire, City of London and the Metropolitan Police Forces. The final outcome was that in the morning we were drawn against the City of London, who we beat 3 and 2, then in the afternoon we played the might of the Metropolitan force who had convincingly beaten Cambridge in the morning. The result was a very close affair — three matches going to the 19th hole, but in the end we lost 3 and 2. To lose to the "Mets" who are the reigning knockout champions was by no means discreditable.

Just one final word to our members — I would like to thank you all for your support so far this season and if you haven't played in any matches yet don't worry, you haven't been forgotten and I'm sure Keith Southgate our captain will try and get you a game.

**H.Q. phone extensions
374 and 375**

Angling Lines

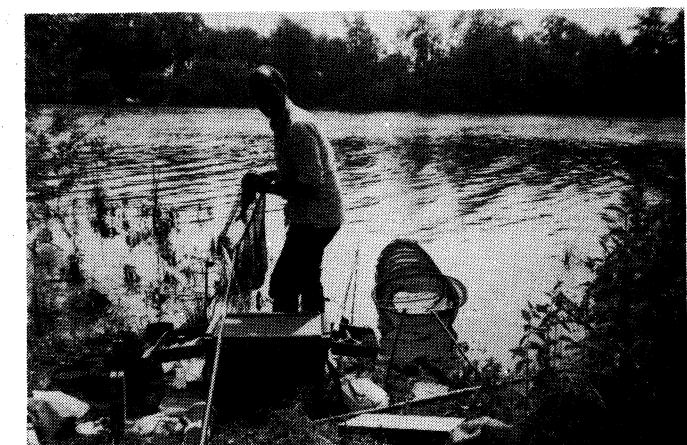
by Bob Hunter

**Survey Charity Open
— July 9**

A TEAM of five visited the match lake at Yately in Hampshire, where once again all 20 fish present were caught. If it wasn't for the thought of riding up and down the A12 all day I wouldn't bother with this overfished, under-stocked pit. But, just to prove all things are equal in adversity, Tony Morris hammered the opposition with 6lbs 11oz 8dr, for the individual win, with the team managing 11th place out of 18. Tony also won the raffle.

**West Mids Open
— July 10**

Another 18-hour day for the team, this time of six, here at Bidford on Avon, 160 miles up the road in Warwickshire. Up against the Midland "Pros" on their home ground, with a normally excellent river fishing poorly (reason . . . see excuse book, number 27!) we managed a creditable (provisional placing) of 12th from 28, with the whole team doing well, in particular, Tony Morris, bagging second on his section, and, as usual the raffle. Particular thanks to Bob Neale here for the 320-mile drive in the rain, with the rest of us



Bob Neale with another large roach.

snoring in the back.

Matchman of the Year

I won't bother you with the intricacies of the scoring system, but points are awarded for each match towards this trophy, to be awarded at our annual dinner in November, placings so far are: Kevin Taylor, Mistley, 57 points; Tony Morris, Saffron Walden, 51 points; Bob Neale, Traffic, 48 points; Bob Hunter, Traffic, 43 points; Phil Brochen, Southend, 42 points; Paul Smedley, Colchester, 42 points; Pete

Richardson, Southminster, 38 points; Bob Rowley, Rayleigh, 38 points; Dave Ruff, Grays, 37 points; Iain Fraser, Witham, 37 points.

Dates for your Diaries

September 3, Inter-Divisional Pairs at Alton Water, Suffolk. November 5, Winter Championship at Ardleigh, Essex. Both matches open to all. Watch out for the TPM's. With 10 matches still to go, it's still wide open, watch this space.

Essex Police v Veterans XI

1985 saw the inaugural match of the Force Veterans and current Force Cricket XIs. The match was a rip roaring success, particularly for the winners the Veterans, to the extent that the match has become a permanent fixture to be played for the Roger Parker Cup.

This year's fixture was played on Friday, July 4, 1986. The silver cup for the winners game added incentive for both teams to strive to be the first to have their names engraved thereon.

The Veterans batted first and in the 35 overs available to them made 137 for the loss of 5 wickets. John Rhymes with 34 not out, Mick Benning 22 and John Croot 20 were the main scorers. The wickets were shared fairly equally by the Force XI; worthy of note was Alec Lockyear's performance with 2 for 14 in eight overs.

On reply the Force XI made a disastrous start losing three wickets in one over to Errol Greene and at one



Winners of the Roger Parker Trophy:
The Veterans.

stage were 17 for 3, a position they never really managed to recover from. Eventually they were all out for 110 with notable knocks from Dick Argles 27, Simon Lister 23 and Paul Shead 23 not out.

There was a good all-round bowling performance by the Veterans despite the ageing, creaking joints, but worthy of mention must be Errol Greene with 4 for 18 off 6 overs.

May I take this opportunity of thanking Mr G. R. Markham and Mr W. Stonehouse (father of John Stonehouse) for their umpiring prowess and a special word of thanks to the catering staff for the excellent meal provided.

FOOTBALL REPORT

WELL, the new season is nearly upon us once more, by the time you read this we will have had three full training sessions and hopefully most players will be raring to go.

There have been some changes to the management set up from last year due to the retirement from football of John Rhymes who I would like to thank on behalf of the football section for his long and successful service to the club. The new manager for the 1st team is Mick Wood who was assistant last season and he will be assisted by Charlie Clark who moves up from the 2nd team. The 2nd team will again be managed by John Weatherley who will be assisted by John Stewart.

With regards to new players, and there must be more of you out there, we would like to see you come along and be a member of Essex Police Football Club. Hopefully in my next report, the season will have started and I can give you a good report that both teams have started on a winning note.

Finally, the 1st team open the 1986/87 season with a Kershaw Cup Final against Rochford Town on Saturday, 23 August at Headquarters. Kick off 3pm. Any support would be gratefully appreciated by the players.

WANTED

IF YOU play ladies hockey the Force team need you. You may be a serving officer, a member of the Special Constabulary or a civilian employee.

Training and selection sessions will be held on Sundays 17, 24 and 31 August.

If you are interested, contact Jean Seager at Chelmsford CID ext 265 or 0376 48904.

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