



NEW PROSECUTION PROCEDURES ARE IN

SEVERAL CHANGES in procedure dealing with prosecutions came into effect within the Force area on the 1 October.

Firstly the Prosecution of Offences Act sets up a new scheme to take prosecution responsibilities away from the police. No longer will police have sole responsibility for deciding who should or should not be prosecuted in court. Instead a new national organisation, the Crown Prosecution Service becomes effective and has the responsibility of making such decisions.

Effects of the Act

Essex Police have, for many years, employed the services of a County Prosecuting Solicitor and therefore the new Act will not cause too many changes in existing procedures. In fact the new Crown Prosecution Service will be administered by the existing County Prosecuting Solicitors' Office and the new Chief

Crown Prosecutor for Essex is to be the existing County Prosecuting Solicitor Mr John Goodwin. Many of the existing staff will be retained in the new Service.

The underlying purpose of the Act is to introduce an independent element into the prosecution system. It follows therefore that existing procedures where it is decided to take no further action or caution an individual do not come into the scheme. Only when a decision is made by the police to

prosecute an individual will be papers be referred to the Crown Prosecutors Department. It will then be his final decision as to whether or not a prosecution is to follow. The police will of course retain the responsibility for the investigation of offences and the initial decision to proceed. However the Crown Prosecution Service will be responsible for the conduct of the case thereafter.

Withdrawn Charges

The fact that an 'offender' has already been

charged/bailed or summoned to appear at court will not influence the final outcome. In all such cases the Crown Prosecuting Solicitor will have the power to withdraw the proceedings. However, whenever he does so he will consult with Divisional Prosecution Officers and give explanations for such decisions.

Less Police Time in Court

The main benefit of the new scheme to the Police Service is that it will dramatically reduce, if not totally eliminate, the

amount of time spent by police officers in actually carrying out the Prosecution role in Magistrates Courts.

Apart from the role of prosecutor, the Prosecutions Officer often performed a liaison role between witnesses, former County Prosecuting Solicitors and Court Officials. This liaison role will now rest more heavily with officers called to attend court to give evidence. All reasonable assistance should be given in providing necessary support and advice to witnesses particularly those who may be nervous and apprehensive in the strange surroundings of a court room.

Although this is a completely new system the Crown Prosecution Service has only a very limited effect on the way operational policemen deal with offenders.

Fixed Penalty

The same cannot be said of the introduction of the Extended Fixed Penalty System and the Vehicle Rectification Scheme which between them should considerably reduce the number of offences put before Magistrates' Courts.

It is virtually impossible to talk about the extended fixed penalty system without reference to the vehicle rectification scheme and vice-versa for many offences can be included under either scheme.

Extended Fixed Penalty Scheme

Basically under the new Extended Fixed Penalty Scheme the familiar ticket for parking offences and other stationary traffic offences has been extended to cover many traffic offences both endorsable and non-endorsable.

The purpose of the scheme is to save time and money of all those involved; the police, courts and of course the motorist. The amount of time the police and courts spend on dealing with less serious motoring offences, about six million a

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Motorway Madness In Essex

HOPEFULLY, BY autumn of this year, journeys to Police HQ will become a little easier when the opening of the A12 Chelmsford bypass will have taken the load off the notorious Army and Navy roundabout.

Despite the fact that the new road is not yet open,

it was recently the scene of an incredible road accident. The incident involved 31 vehicles, 2 fatalities and 58 people injured. It was apparently caused by someone dropping an object from a bridge going over the new road, which fell through the windscreen of a car passing underneath.

The whole scene was 'set up' by the Essex Fire Service, assisted by Essex Police and Essex Ambulance Service, and was intended to portray a multiple vehicle collision on a motorway, something which Essex has not yet been subjected to.

The casualties for the day came from such people as Police cadets, Fire Service recruits, Casualty Union, St John's Ambulance Brigade and the Red Cross. All were very realistically and expertly made up and played their roles well.

Two hours were allowed for the exercise which was open to the media, who obviously played themselves. Many lessons were learned, although most existing procedures were confirmed as correct and

more than adequate to cope with such a major problem.

As Supt Mike Benning, Deputy Commander of Essex Police Traffic Division, told 'The Law'. "The exercise tested the ability of Essex Police to respond to an incident, the like of which has never been seen in this

County. The officers taking part had no prior knowledge of what to expect, and based on their performance on the day, the public should feel secure that their Police can be relied upon to be more than a match for whatever incident they find themselves called to deal with."



The scene from above, with the force coach playing a prominent role.



Help is on the way for an off duty Police Officer.



The press were there in large numbers, which added to the realism of the exercise.

The Catholic Police Guild

IN 1914 the Catholic Police Guild was founded and to this date is still in existence.

Branches of the Guild usually meet in large City Forces. However, recently County Police Forces have started forming their own branches. Essex Police, members of the Guild over recent years have attended meetings and assisted in activities with the East London Branch, meeting one month at East Ham and the following month at Brentwood.

Having attended meetings with the East London Branch at which the Bishop of Brentwood Thomas McMahon was present, and listened to views of Essex officers, it is time for the Essex Police to form its own branch.

The Guild is open to all Catholic police officers, serving or retired, special constables, police officers whose partners are Catholic and any Christian officer who may wish to become involved.

It is one of the Essex branch's intentions to involve the family, so why not come along to our next meeting on Thursday, October 30? It will be held at 8.00pm, in the conference room next to Our Lady Immaculate Church, New London Road, Chelmsford.

Let us make the Essex Police Branch of the Catholic Police Guild a success.

If you cannot attend the next meeting, do not worry, contact one of the members and let us know of your interest.

For further details contact Dick Madden or John Parkinson at Brentwood Police Station, John Bowman, Moulsham Section, Chelmsford, or Mick Wood at FSU, Headquarters.

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year, should be substantially reduced. This coupled with more effective fine enforcement procedures should encourage prompt payment and enable the courts to deal more swiftly with other criminal cases. It is hoped that the new system will reduce court case loads by up to 20 per cent.

Option

As with the previous system the ticket or penalty must be paid within 28 days or the motorist must state his intention of pleading not guilty and opting for a court hearing. Payment of the ticket will be regarded as an admission of guilt. The worse thing a motorist can do is to ignore the fixed penalty ticket altogether. To do so would mean that after the 28 day period the fixed penalty fee is automatically increased by 50 per cent, treated as a finding of guilt and the unpaid fee lodged as an unpaid fine at the Magistrates' Court.

Types of Ticket

There will be two types of ticket. A yellow £24 ticket will cover those offences which carry

system is stricter owner liability. For example if a ticket left on an unattended vehicle regarding a parking offence is ignored, police will serve a notice on whoever is believed to be the owner. The notice will outline the offence and give the owner an opportunity to pay the original penalty or request a court hearing. Should the notice be ignored the penalty will be enhanced by 50 per cent and the enhanced penalty registered as a fine against the owner. Again the worst thing an owner can do is completely ignore the notice served on him.

Central Ticket Office

Once the tickets have been issued a copy will be sent to the new Central Ticket Office at Rayleigh which will administer the system for the whole of the county. Chief Inspector Terry Dempsey, currently in charge of the C.T.O. says of the new system: "There has been an enormous amount of hard work getting the system off the ground. With the staff and equipment we have here I believe we have a very efficient system."

For the technically minded the



Ch Insp Terry Dempsey at a VDU in the central ticket office, Rayleigh.

an endorsement on the driving licence of up to 3 penalty points. Examples of these are speeding, defective tyres, brakes, steering, etc, and about 50 other offences. When issuing this type of ticket it will be necessary to check the motorist's driving licence for existing penalty points. If by issuing an endorsable ticket the number of penalty points will total 12 or more the motorist would be eligible to disqualification and thus the ticket could not be issued. In such instances the procedure would have to revert to reporting for process.

The other type of ticket is a £12 white ticket which can be issued for a wide range of non endorsable offences, over 190 in all.

Owner Liability

A significant aspect of the new

system is a Burroughs Newfex computer based on a Burroughs Court Information System (B.C.I.S.).

Training

Inspector Ken Goldsmith of the Force Training School has been responsible for force training in the new system. He told The Law that provided the basic principles in issuing tickets were followed, the new system should be extremely beneficial in streamlining the judicial system especially in relation to Magistrates' Courts.

Remember:

1. PC must always be in uniform.
2. Cannot be issued to juveniles.
3. Only one ticket to be issued.

COMING SOON

WELL THE first edition of this column must have been read by someone, because we have received the following details for this edition:

Yvette of HQ Traffic Admin is arranging a coach trip to see the stage show 'Allo Allo'. Tickets, including coach transport, will be £12.50. The trip will be on Saturday, November 8. Full details from Yvette on HQ extn 404.

The Metropolitan Police Athletics Association have arranged a concessionary price of £6.00 seats for £4.00 at the 5.30pm performance on Sunday, January 24, 1987, of the spectacular 'Holiday On Ice'. Last date for seat application is November 30. Contact Metropolitan Police Athletics Association, RG11 Wellington House, 67/73 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6BE, tele-

phone 01-230 7108/9.

The Instructors' Association of the North East District Police Training Centre, Aykley Heads, which incorporates the former training centres of Newby Wiske, Panel Ash, and Dishforth, is to hold a reunion function at Durham on Friday, October 31. Those interested should contact the Secretary, The Instructors' Association, North East District Police Training Centre, Aykley Heads, Durham DH1 5TT. Some overnight accommodation will be available, and it may be possible to accommodate caravans.

No 9 Regional Crime Squad, MPD, are planning to celebrate their 21st Anniversary with a dinner dance sometime in February / March 1987. The function will be held in Central London. Detective Superintendent Goodman of 9 RCS (01-230 4191) will be making the necessary arrangements and it will

help him if officers who over the years have served with 9 RCS and would like to attend the evening would contact him. When the numbers are known a suitable time and venue will be arranged.

Well, that is it for this edition. Do not forget 'The Law' is now bi-monthly so you will have to think further ahead if you want to use this column to its best advantage. More 'Coming Soon' next time round.

GRAND CONCERT BY THE BAND OF H.M. IRISH GUARDS

and the ESSEX POLICE BAND
 Wednesday, 19th November at 7.30pm at Christ Church New London Road Chelmsford
TICKETS £2
 Cons W. Kennedy, Press Office Police HQ

THE FUNERAL of Leonard Charles Taylor took place on Tuesday, August 19, at Sible Hedingham Church.

Mr Taylor joined the Traffic Warden Section on the date of its inauguration in Essex in 1964. He was promoted to Senior Traffic Warden in July, 1965, and held this post until his retirement in May 1979. All his service was at Chelmsford.

Chief Supt G. Harris, Divisional Commander, Chelmsford, Chief Insp R. Bracey, Chelmsford Division, Traffic Warden Supervisor R. Baker, Chelmsford and Traffic Warden G. Betts, formed a Guard of Honour.

Other members of the Traffic Warden Section, both serving and retired attended — Mr and Mrs R. Baker, Mr and Mrs H. Morgan, Mr and Mrs E. Jones, Mr and Mrs J. Francis, Mr R. Brown, and Mr R. Covington.

Mrs Taylor wishes to thank all those who attended the church service and all those who sent such beautiful floral tributes.

4. Cannot issue ticket for one offence and summons for others.

5. Endorsable Offences — driver must be present.

6. Cannot be issued to drivers who live in Scotland.

7. Endorsable Offence — Licence must be surrendered after checking number of existing penalty points.

8. Finally, and most importantly, the issue of a Fixed Penalty Notice is an alternative to reporting for consideration of summons NOT an alternative to circumstances which previously warranted a verbal warning.

Vehicle Rectification

With effect from 1 October, a further scheme came into operation which gives yet another option of dealing with motoring offenders. The Vehicle Rectification Scheme has been introduced into Essex as part of a nationally agreed policy on dealing with defective vehicles.

The aim of the scheme is to give motorists the opportunity of avoiding prosecution by having defects on their vehicles repaired within 14 days. The type of defects to be considered are those covered by Construction and Use Regulations and Lighting Regulations, and like the extended fixed penalty system there are one or two important points to remember:

1. Juveniles cannot be dealt with under the scheme.
2. If more than four defects are found the scheme should not be used.
3. Drivers from a foreign country cannot be dealt with under the scheme.
4. Neither can vehicles which have been involved in accidents.
5. There should be no split prosecutions ie deal with some offences under the scheme and report others for consideration of proceedings.
6. The scheme should not be used for those defects so serious to be considered dangerous and worthy of immediate prosecution.
7. Drivers arrested for other offences should not be included under the scheme.
8. And finally, like the extended fixed penalty scheme the Vehicle Rectification Scheme should be considered as an alternative to either issuing a fixed penalty ticket or proceedings by way of summons. It is NOT to be considered as an option to a verbal caution.

Benefits

The benefits of the scheme to operational policemen are obvious, not only will it avoid time consuming preparation of prosecution files but also a further reduction in time spent at court.

Having brought a motorist into the system the officer's role will be complete as soon as he has sent the copy paperwork to Headquarters Traffic Admin Unit.

Providing the motorist notifies H.Q. that the defects have been

rectified neither he nor the police officer will hear any more about it. In the event that no such notification is received a prosecution file will be prepared in the normal way.

It can be seen that between



The scheme started 1 October.



Consider the most appropriate action — advice, fixed penalty notice or Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme.



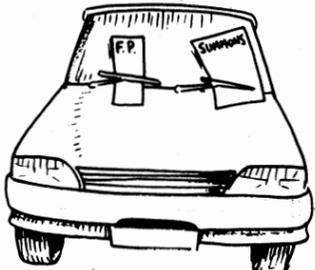
Police Officer must be in uniform.



Fixed penalty notices do not apply in Scotland.



Only one fixed penalty notice on each occasion.



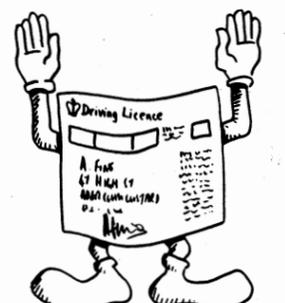
Cannot mix 'n' match.



Cannot issue Fixed Penalty notice to juveniles.



If fixed penalty notice issued for endorsable offences — driver must be present.

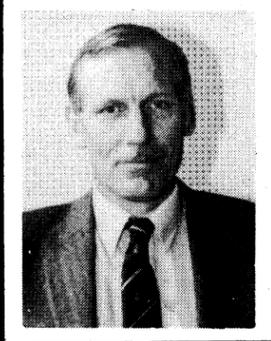


If fixed penalty notice issued for endorsable offence — check penalty points — licence must be surrendered.

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Federation Notes

FEDERATION NEWS...FEDERATION NEWS...FEDERAT



by
Jim Rodgers

RENT ALLOWANCES

Sensible decision affects those on central service.

WITHIN the past few months a situation came to light within this Force, with regard to single officers who had been accepted for posts as Instructors at Regional Training Centres.

It was thought that because the officer's were provided with a room at the Centre for the duration of the term, that this met the requirements of Regulation 47, and that they then became ineligible for their Rent Allowance.

We took the matter up with ACC (A) Mr Comrie, and after some correspondence with the Home Office it was agreed that where a single officer who owns his own property immediately before being seconded to Central Services, and throughout the period of the secondment he (or she) did not sell, let or otherwise obtain financial advantage from the property — then he/she will be paid the relevant Rent Allowance.

Our agreement is that each case will be considered on its merits by Mr Comrie, and I believe that at least one officer has already been sorted out satisfactorily. For their part, I understand that the Home Office is going to send an advisory letter to the three National Staff Associations to confirm the agreement generally.

That seems like a victory for commonsense — and there aren't many of those about!

WIDOWS PRESERVED RATE PENSION

IN THE last issue of 'The Law,' I reported that the Home Secretary had AGREED to an increase in the preserved rate pensions of widows of Police Officers who retired from the service prior to the 1 April 1956.

I was wrong.

I based my report on the fact that the Staff Associations had been trying to reach agreement with the Official Side of first the Police Council, then the Police Negotiating Board since 1956 on this subject. At long last, after 30 years of hard bargaining, the two sides agreed to increase the pension by the negligible sum of £1.41! They immediately made a recommendation to the Home Secretary to that effect.

Fool that I am, I assumed that he would agree with them. But no, he refused to implement the increase and gave as his reason that to deal with this rapidly diminishing band of women would set a precedent which would have dramatic implications for other Public Sector pension schemes!

This seems a strange argument, when one considers

the number of times the Home Office have told the Police Negotiators that they cannot pick out benefits from other schemes which seem to be better — they must look at the whole scheme in comparison with our whole scheme.

It does strike me as an odd situation when one realises the Home Office took this action without giving the Staff Associations the opportunity to negotiate further. In fact the Home Office stance was not disclosed to the two sides of the Police Negotiating Board before the agreement was passed to Mr Douglas Hurd for implementation, with the crushing result now to hand.

I can only apologise to those ladies whose hopes were raised — and now are so cruelly dashed! I can only plead lunacy on my part — and tight fistedness on the part of the Home Office.

I do believe however that attempts are being made to re-open discussions on this subject (as long as it doesn't take another 30 years) so there may yet be some good will come of it . . .

Legal Advice

REPRESENTATIVES of the Federation Solicitors, Russell Jones & Walker will be at The Training School, Police Headquarters on the afternoon of Wednesday 22 October 1986 to provide a surgery for any officers with legal queries who would like advice.

Any officer who wishes to take advantage of the facility should contact Constable Phil Charters at Harlow Traffic (Extn 20) to arrange a time.

Certain Officers with outstanding claims will be seen by the Solicitors in the morning of the 22nd, those concerned will be notified accordingly.

MEMBERS SERVICES

The Royal Automobile Club is offering a cut-price rate of membership for any Essex Police Officers who wish to take advantage of it. The offer reduces prices by a tenth — slightly more if you pay by bank direct debit or credit card.

The basic membership and rescue service, is being offered at £18.90, with a £5 joining fee. If you use the direct debit or credit card this is further reduced to £18.38 — with NO JOINING FEE! For Rescue & Recovery cover, the cost is £32.85 or £31.94, and the RAC At Home service is £41.85 or £40.94 — this compares with the regular charge of £50.50 per year. Application forms can be obtained from the Federation Office, posters will shortly be displayed on Federation Noticeboards.

Car Hire — Just to remind Members that the British Car Rental at Lex Mead, Robjohns Road, Widford Industrial Estate, Chelmsford, telephone — Chelmsford 268271 are still offering 10% discount to Police Officers on production of warrant card on ordering. The person

to contact is Miss Jenny Pollock and an example of the new rates is shown below. This is before discount.

1.3 Maestro, Rover and Metro £17.10 per day plus VAT.

1.6 Maestro, Montego & Rover £18.90 per day plus VAT.

Further prices and details available direct or from the Federation Office.

Confederation Life Insurance Company expanded their programme at their Rayleigh Office from the 1 September. The expansion will be gradual over the next few years and they will be looking to employ new representatives.

Any member who has recently retired or who will be retiring over the next few years and is interested in starting a new career in selling insurance should contact the Life Underwriter Mr Stephen M. Chadwick or the Branch Manager Clive Wallis at the Hertford Office telephone (0992) 54944, they will provide full details. Mr Chadwick took over the Branch Office at Rayleigh on the 1 September.

PAY REVIEW

SALARY				OVERTIME			PENSIONS Assuming Retirement on or after August 31, 1987.			
OFFICERS SERVICES	Annual Rate	Monthly Rate	Weekly Rate	Hourly 1½	Hourly 1½	Hourly Double	Officers Service	Gross Annual Pension	Maximum Commutation	Residue Pension
Constable on appt.	7,752	646.00	148.60	4.94	5.56	7.42	Constable			
After 1 year	8,289	690.75	158.89	5.28	5.95	7.94	25 years	6,468	14,553	5,498
After 2 years	9,756	813.00	187.02	6.21	7.10	9.34	26 years	6,899	15,523	5,864
After 3 years	9,987	832.25	191.44	6.36	7.17	9.56	27 years	7,330	16,493	6,231
After 4 years	10,317	859.75	197.77	6.57	7.41	9.88	28 years	7,761	17,463	6,597
After 5 years	10,671	889.25	204.55	6.80	7.67	10.22	29 years	8,192	18,433	6,963
After 6 years	11,013	917.75	211.11	7.01	7.91	10.54	30 years	8,624	32,340*	6,468
After 7 years	11,355	946.25	217.66	7.23	8.16	10.88				
After 8 years	11,691	974.25	224.10	7.45	8.40	11.20	Sergeant			
After 12 years	12,372	1,031.00	237.16	7.70	8.89	11.84	25 years	7,096	15,967	6,032
After 15 years	12,936	1,078.00	247.97	8.24	9.29	12.38	26 years	7,569	17,031	6,434
							27 years	8,042	18,096	6,836
Sergeant on Prom.	12,372	1,031.00	237.16	7.70	8.89	11.84	28 years	8,515	19,160	7,238
After 1 year	12,936	1,078.00	247.97	8.24	9.29	12.38	29 years	8,988	20,225	7,640
After 2 years	13,389	1,115.75	256.65	8.53	9.62	12.82	30 years	9,462	35,475*	7,097
After 3 years	13,836	1,153.00	265.22	8.81	9.94	13.26				
After 4 years	14,193	1,182.75	272.07	9.04	10.20	13.60	Inspector			
							25 years	8,058	18,130	6,849
Inspector on Prom.	14,193	1,182.75	272.07	9.04	10.20	13.60	26 years	8,595	19,339	7,306
After 1 year	14,637	1,219.75	280.58	9.32	10.52	14.02	27 years	9,132	20,547	7,763
After 2 years	15,213	1,267.75	291.62	9.69	10.93	14.58	28 years	9,669	21,756	8,219
After 3 years	15,660	1,305.00	300.19	9.98	11.25	15.00	29 years	10,206	22,965	8,675
After 4 years	16,116	1,343.00	308.93	10.27	11.58	15.44	30 years	10,744	40,290*	8,058
							Chief Inspector			
Chief Inspector on Prom.	16,116	1,343.00	308.93	10.27	11.58	15.44	25 years	8,964	20,169	7,619
After 1 year	16,566	1,380.50	317.55	10.55	11.90	15.86	26 years	9,561	21,507	8,127
After 2 years	17,016	1,418.00	326.18	10.84	12.23	16.30	27 years	10,159	22,858	8,635
After 3 years	17,472	1,456.00	334.92	11.13	12.55	16.74	28 years	10,756	24,202	9,143
After 4 years	17,928	1,494.00	343.66	11.42	12.88	17.18	29 years	11,354	25,547	9,651
							30 years	11,952	44,820*	8,964

NOTE: The above scales are approximations only and may vary slightly on some service points. *denotes pay for entry at age 22 years or over. Entrants will move to the next point after three years service.

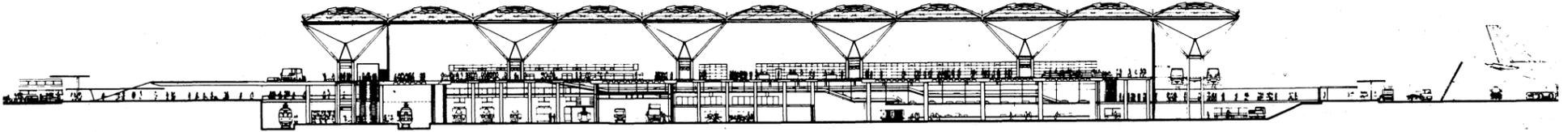
*Assuming age 51 next Birthday and Top Rate for Rank.

Constable to Sergeant Promotions — Incremental Moves

Service on Promotion	Salary	To Sergeants Increment	Salary
15 years plus	12,936	2 years in rank	13,389
14-15 years	12,372	2 years in rank	13,389
12-14 years	12,372	1 year in rank	12,936
Less than 12 years	11,691	On promotion rate	12,372

Unlike the 22 years plus recruit who has to mark time for three years, constable promoted to Sergeant continues up the incremental scale to maximum for the rank.

STANSTED TAKES OFF



An artist's impression of the terminal — Landside/Airside section.

PLANS to cope with a major policing problem of the 1990s got off the ground recently when the existing Police Station at Stansted Airport was re-designated as a subdivision under the command of a Superintendent.

Superintendent Brian Tyrell took up his new post on September 1. He has overall command not only for the day-to-day policing of the airport as it is now, but also for the planning and developing police strategy as the airport expands.

The existing facilities at Stansted are used by half a million passengers a year and have the capacity for growth up to 1-2 million. The Government has given permission for this number to be ex-

tended to 7-8 million in the first instance with eventual expansion up to a figure of 15 million each year.

Work has already begun in earnest at various



View of the terminal from the apron level

locations around the airport. New roads have

already been laid for contractors' vehicles and huge excavations of earth have taken place. The location of a new terminal building has been decided, the site cleared

Included in the construction work are plans for a new police station but again this will not be ready for use for some years. The 'palatial' and 'extensive' accommodation of the existing 'temporary' building is well known; until the new police station is built it is hoped to site further temporary accommodation adjacent to the existing building as an interim measure.

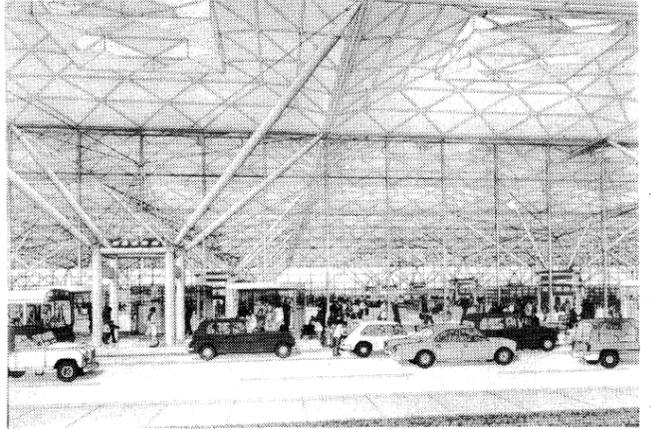
In addition to Superintendent Tyrell taking command, the existing establishment at Stansted has been supplemented by a planning team consisting of a second Inspector and another Sergeant. This development team will plan and control the force response as the airport is enhanced in line with the

Government's decision that it should become London's third airport.

Superintendent Tyrell told The Law that he was very much looking forward to the challenge of

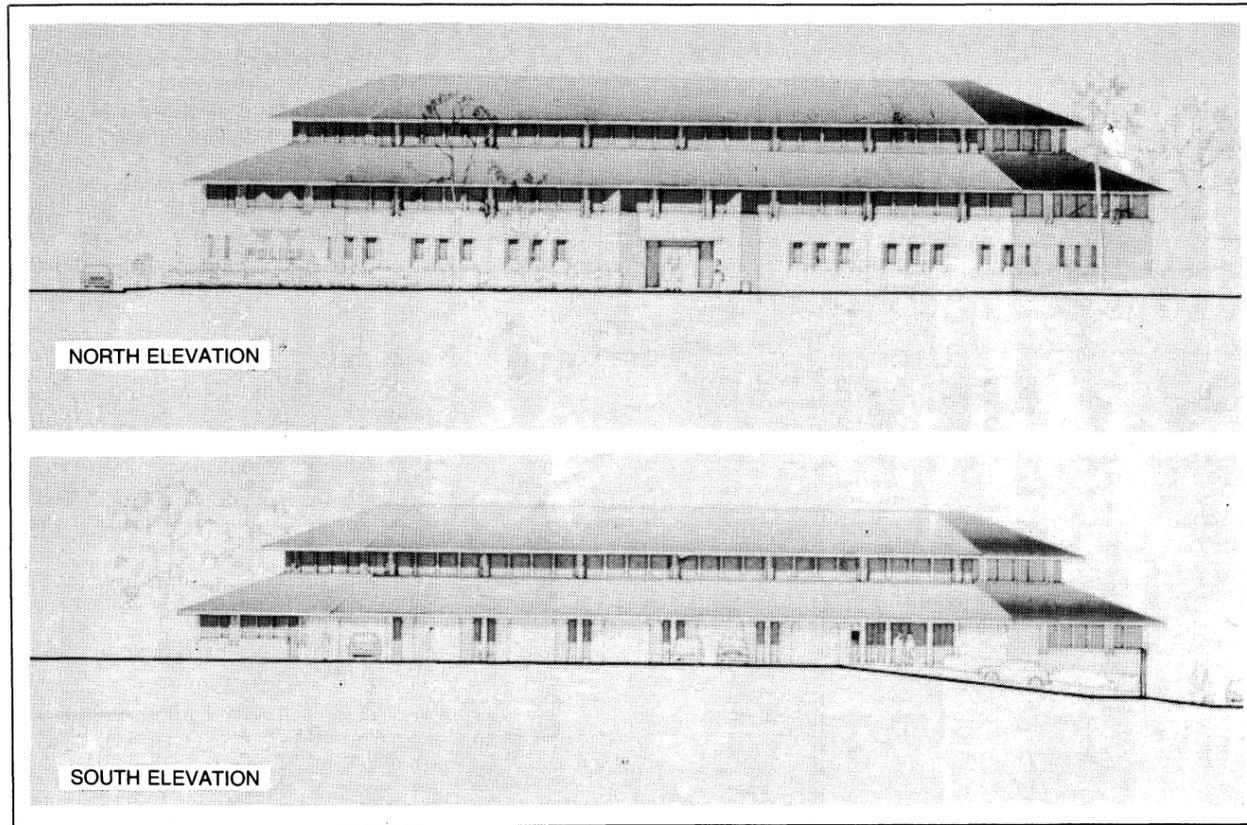
planning for the future policing of the airport.

The Law will include a report from time to time on how the airport is expanding and the progress of construction work.



View into the terminal from the departures drop-off area.

1988 FOR COLCHESTER



Artist's impression of the new Police Station proposed for Colchester.

TWO projects involving new buildings are due to be started in the near future. Firstly, and the larger of the two is the construction of a new Divisional HQ at Colchester. Planning is at an advanced stage, current negotiations with the Home Office will hopefully soon result in agreement being reached with the architect on the castings of the building. The next stage will be to invite tenders followed soon after by the successful contractors starting to rebuild.

Already, demolition of several old buildings has taken place on the Southway/Maldon Road site, leaving it occupied only by National Car Parks whose lease expires on December 31. Completion of the new building is hoped to be late 1988.

The shape of the building has been likened to a 'square doughnut' with a courtyard in the centre. The advantage of the design, besides making efficient use of the site area, is that all offices have natural light.

Security has naturally been given a high priority. Access to the yard and building will be by individual cards. CCTV with a voice facility to the Control Room will cater for visitors. The public foyer will house waiting and interview facilities.

Of special interest is that prisoners will be loaded and unloaded in a secure van dock beneath the building immediately adjoining the Charge Room. Yes, the prison bus will have room to get into the dock and yes, it will be able to turn (on a turntable).

Accommodation is on three floors, all the plans have been displayed at

Colchester and the comments made have in the main been very favourable.

Laindon

The second project is a stopgap. The building currently used at the Laindon Police Station is a converted bungalow leased from the New Towns' Commission. Due to the development of the site a requirement has been made to vacate the bungalow. Fortunately, a suitable site for a permanent section station has been offered and in the period between vacation of the bungalow and the construction of the section station, two linked portable buildings will be positioned on site. It is expected they will be required for about three years, starting in November 1986.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The tale of an incident card

SOMEONE who does believe in the value of the Neighbourhood Watch Incident Card is Constable Dave Jepson from Witham, Essex.

In May 1985 a Neighbourhood Watch was formed in an area of Witham called Chipping Dell. The residents joined the scheme with much enthusiasm. In July the same year a vehicle arrived outside one of the houses, and the two male occupants were seen to get out, lift the car bonnet and then walk up the road and along the side path of a nearby house.

One alert resident duly completed an Incident Card and included the registration number of the vehicle. Shortly after the men returned to the car and drove away.

The incident card was handed in to the Watch Co-ordinator but no crimes were reported at that time in the area. Two weeks later a resident in the area contacted the Police and informed them that he could not open the rear door of his house and it appeared that someone had tried to force it. This was confirmed by Pc Jepson when he visited the house.

Enquiries were then commenced and the Co-ordinator visited. The Incident Card referred to earlier now had some significance especially as the house they had walked up to was one in question. A check on the ownership of the car was made, but it had recently been sold and the current owner was unknown.

An entry was then made on the Police National Computer, drawing attention to the car and outlining the suspicious circumstances in relation to the attempted burglary at Witham in May.

In September 1985 the vehicle was stopped by the Metropolitan Police. In the boot of the car was found a TV and Video which the occupants could not satisfactorily account for. They were arrested and subsequent enquiries revealed that they had been stolen that day from a house burglary, again at Witham in Essex.

These men it transpired were also responsible for six other burglaries in the Witham area including the attempted break-in in May.

They have appeared at Crown Court and are currently serving terms of imprisonment.

Surely that shows the importance of collecting information on Incident Cards even though at the time everything appears okay.

In Essex we don't need convincing of the value Incident Cards or for that matter Neighbourhood Watch.

FSU RAISE £6,000 FOR CHARITY

MEMBERS of the Force Support Unit staged a major fund raising event, in aid of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Injured Officers Fund, on Headquarters Sports Field during the weekend of 6/7

September. The main event was a 24hr five-a-side football match between two teams of the FSU. The FSU's 6 shifts were divided into two teams of 20 players under Captains

Bob Good (the 'A' team) and 'Monty' Montgomery (the 'B' team), team members played on a rota basis to provide five a side throughout the 24 hours. Players were sponsored by friends, relatives and colleagues with the object of raising as much cash as possible for the benefit of the charity.

The match started at 4pm on the Saturday and the kick off was made by Constable Alan Wright, Chairman of the RUC Police Federation, with Mr Markham ACC(P) on hand to keep order as the first of some 20 referees used during the match. It soon became apparent that Monty's team were the strongest and they quickly built up a comfortable lead. A

three hours of the match the players were given tremendous support by members of the public and colleagues who attended the Summer Fair.

The fair had been organised by two senior members of the FSU, Pc's Larry



Supt Charlie Clarke took many a soaking in a good cause. Looks like he could have used the divers' breathing apparatus.



by Bob Good

few minor injuries were sustained during the match and first aid was administered by the official scorer, Dawn



Dawn Montgomery managed to last the whole 24hrs as scorer, and also administered first aid.



Barry Dobson was on hand as the clown

Collins and Ken Delgado. This was a totally new venture for the force and the fair included many traditional stalls such as treasure island, hoop-la, coconut shy, roll-a-penny etc. Business was brisk with several hundred people attending and enjoying an unusual day with members of their police force.

Static displays were put on by the Driving School, Mounted Section, Headquarters Garage and Crime Prevention department. Arena displays were given by the dog section, cadets and Pc John Barr with members of his ju-jitsu club.

The Marathon football match was completed on the stroke of 4pm with Monty's team winning 426 goals to 261.

The Essex Police Federation Chairman, Sgt Bob Needham, and Joint Branch Board Secretary, Sgt Jim Rodgers presented all players and officials with medals to commemorate the occasion. Mr Markham was on hand again to draw the raffle which included two return flight tickets to Amsterdam, A BMX cycle, a colour television and a midi hi-fi system. All raffle and summer fair prizes were generously donated by individuals, local and national companies.

The FSU ended the day with a few aches and pains but a great time was had by all. The summer fair raised over £1,300 and the total raised is expected to exceed £6,000.

WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER, sees the launch of a new radio station covering the whole of Essex.

"BBC Essex" will have a team of reporters and presenters, most of whom will be based at the main studios at Chelmsford. Other studios will be operating from Southend, Colchester, Harlow and Stansted Airport.

There is no doubt Essex Police will be greatly involved with the new station once it goes live. Indeed many officers have already made a point of getting to know the reporters and news staff.

The Force Press Office is very conscious that a good relationship with the media is essential, and especially so with local radio.

Radio makes great demands for constantly updated news and that is where the Press Office can help.

More and more officers are going to find themselves confronted by the media, and often the timing will be inconvenient and a positive interruption to the investigation or incident being dealt with.

That is the time to use the Press Office.

There is someone available 24 hours a day if the need arises, and the office is manned from 0700 to 1730 hrs, Monday to Friday. If you tell the Press Office, you will only have to do so once — they can take care of all enquiries which can be referred to them thereafter.

Police officers must still expect to be available for interview if the need is there, but using the Press Office will keep the interruption to a minimum and avoid much unnecessary waste of time.

Radio in particular is a very useful media for police to use in informing the public quickly. It could be a vehicle used in connection with a crime, or even a problem with traffic congestion at a road accident or whatever. Tell the Press Office, and they will quickly pass your information to the appropriate local radio station.

In the meantime "The Law" on behalf of Essex Police wishes BBC Essex good luck in the county and looks forward to working with the new station.

BBC comes to Essex



Ch Insp Allan Taplin, the Force Press Officer during an interview at the studios of BBC Essex at Chelmsford. Also looking on are BBC Essex News Editor Simon Ellis and reporter Charlie Lee-Porter.

Law Letters

Snapshots

Dear Sir,
This is just by the way of a 'thank you' to press officers who have sent in picture stories about members of their forces. I am interested in the unusual, and items of national interest about people but not (please not) routine promotions or matters of purely local interest.
In particular I am looking for colour pictures to use on our new page 4 feature 'Snapshots'. Perhaps you might let your photographic department know that we are expanding the use of colour, and want to feature as many forces as possible on the cover. It is picture interest as well as composition and quality, that counts. The unusual stands a better chance than the commonplace of making the cover.
I am also interested in picture stories on force innovations. If something is happening in your force that you think would be of interest to our readership, please give me a ring about it.
With best wishes.

Yours sincerely
Tony Judge
Police
15-17 Langley Road
Surbiton
Surrey KT6 6LP

Thanks

Dear Sir,
Please convey my thanks to Mr Rampling for his kind letter sent to my mother following my father's recent death.
We have donated to Broomfield Hospital the Medix Travelling Nebuliser which NARPO so kindly gave my father. This we did after the go-ahead from Mr Coxon who has been most kind to my mother. Donations in lieu of flowers have also been sent to the hospital. They have been very appreciative of both gifts, and will be able to purchase another of these machines with the money.



IPA notes

The IPA Travel Bureau

IPA TRAVEL in conjunction with the well-established firm of Exchange Travel Ltd, is setting-up a new office affiliated to ABTA and ARTA which will operate from November 1986 at High Street, Slough, Bucks. Once established, IPA Travel will be able to offer members substantial discounts (even more than the Federation) on all types of holiday and travel with the protection offered by the two

Retirements

PS C. Reid, Chelmsford, retired 17 August, after 27 years 299 days service.
C/I J. Camp, Information Room, retired 5 September, after 31 years 194 days service.
WPC E. Wilson, Grays, retired 14 September, after 25 years service.
PC R. Thurston, Tilbury, retired 24 September, after 25 years 150 days service.
PC B. Beal, Southend, retired 28 September, after 27 years 131 days service.
Supt F. Saunders, Grays Deputy Divisional Commander, retired 30 September, after 32 years eight days service.
PC I. Bendall, HQ, retired 30 September, after 29 years 341 days service.
PS D. Murfitt, Mistley, retired 30 September, after 33 years 248 days service.

Would it be possible to pass on our appreciation to all friends and former colleagues of my father who attended the funeral and sent donations. Their presence at the funeral and the messages of sympathy we have received have been comforting.

Although my father had retired from the Force almost forty years ago, through NARPO and the many social functions held at Headquarters he and my mother were able to keep in contact with old colleague and friends. They always came away from these gatherings full of enthusiasm and praise for those who had arranged them. The most recent one they attended was in April, I believe. He had loved his years in the police force, and after seeing the innovations at Headquarters wished he were a young man at the start of his career again!

The speedy, sympathetic support to my mother has been staggering.

Your sincerely
Judy Iliffe (Mrs)
daughter of Harold Tomalin
Chelmsford

Gratitude

Dear Sir,
My family and I would like to express our gratitude for the many messages of sympathy received on the sudden death of my husband Len. We would also like to thank everyone for their support at the Crematorium Service, for the beautiful floral tributes received and the donations to the British Heart Found-

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organisations to which it is affiliated. Use of the facilities will be of benefit to both members and IPA.

Nuremburg 1987

AT THE time of writing, there are six seats available on our coach to visit Nuremburg with the Force Band from July 3-13 next year. Cost will be about £150 per person, and an easy payments scheme is being introduced by monthly instalments of £25 per person over the next six months commencing October. A full programme is in course of arrangement and any members wishing to join the party should contact John Bray at Crown Court Office, Chelmsford, as soon as possible. Strictly first come, first served.

Chelmsford Section

THE new season has started with meetings generally held at Chelmsford Police Station the second Friday of each month. There are a few hiccups from that arrangement, including a visit to The Kings Head Police

PC A. Saville, Halstead, retires 14 October, after 28 years 118 days service.
PC G. Parkinson, Clacton, retires 14 October, after 24 years 60 days service.
W/Insp G. Kaye, Southend, retires 31 October, after 21 years 109 days service.
Insp D. Ryan, Rayleigh, retires 15 October, after 31 years 109 days service.
Insp J. D. Chidwick, Executive Support, retires 26 October, after 27 years 96 days service.
Insp D. R. Fell, Traffic Management, retires 31 October, after 28 years 226 days service.
PC M. C. F. Briggs, Southend, retires 2 November, after 19 years 148 days service.
WPC S. C. Ding, Colchester, retires 23 November, after 10 years 295 days service.
PC D. Amos, Chelmsford, retires 30 November, after 26 years 314 days service.

ation. It has been of great comfort to us at this sad time.

Sincerely
Murial Jeavons
Braintree

Sympathy

Dear Sir,
The family of the late ex Inspector B. G. Brinkley wish to thank all past and serving members of the force for the numerous expressions of sympathy on the occasion of his sudden death on 5 August last, and to those who were able to attend his Cremation at Chelmsford on Tuesday 12 August, 1986.

He was indeed a kind and loving father and a wise counsellor to all who sought his advice, for this and for his cheerfulness is how he will always be remembered.

Yours faithfully
Bertram G. Brinkley (son)
Chelmsford

Explanation

Dear Editor
May I please use the good offices of your columns to first of all explain that due to illness I have been unable to produce any "NARPO Notes" or indeed carry out any correspondence over the past months, and on Doctor's orders will be a few weeks before I can resume activities.

Secondly, may I thank most sincerely everyone who has written to me, telephoned and swamped my family with offers to help. People have been so kind and it would be impossible to thank everyone individually — my grateful thanks to you all.

I hope that now I am back home I shall continue to improve and will be back in harness before long.

Yours sincerely
Doug Rampling
National Association of
Retired Police Officers
Chelmsford Branch

MONEY MATTERS



by
Tony
Warren

I HAVE just finished watching a programme about an investment company whose founder / advisor has disappeared along with most of the money. Fortunately, the new Financial Services Act will make it a safer world for your savings — here's how.

The Act is expected to make it a criminal offence to sell insurance without belonging to an authorised regulating body. The only way round this is to be 'tied' to one company and only sell their products. The commissions in the latter case will be higher and will have to be declared.

Most brokers will choose the first way and accept lower commissions just to stay independent.

Brokers will have to meet strict rules, like having to be solvent, keeping proper accounts, and have the ability and equipment to manage people's money, advising competently on investments.

I have listed some elementary but essential safeguards when seeing an investment adviser. In the broking community this list would go down like a French kiss at a family reunion, but it must be told because investors need protection:

Membership of FIMBRA (previously NASDIM) is a good indicator, or, if not, is he a licensed Dealer in Securities. Even better, try and find someone who has had good efficient service from him.

Your bank will carry out a check for you by writing to his bank to see if he is of good repute and sound financially. You should ask for confirmation of the existence of a client account kept separately from the business accounts. If he doesn't have a client account, don't invest with him.

Has he any automated systems for managing the investment. Ask to see them. (Out sticks my neck . . . It is not possible to advise on investments properly these days without computer equipment!)

Ask to see his Professional Indemnity insurance. Bear in mind this only covers against his incompetence, and not if a criminal offence is committed.

Is he established and can you verify an honest background.

Is he a Limited Company. If he is, he can just liquidate and start up again leaving creditors with the official receiver. Only deal with partnerships, sole traders, or Big old Limited Companies with branches in the City.

Is he independent — can you really choose from a range of companies. It is critically important to be able to see several companies compared in an unbiased form.

FORCE LOTTERY

RESULT of the draw held on 6.8.86: 1st prize Pc I. Heffron, Brentwood, £1,500; 2nd prize Pc G. Corsham, Westcliff, £700; 3rd prize Dc J. Kreyling, Rayleigh, £300. Consolation prizes at £50: M. Sewell, Grays; D/Supt Ainsley, HQ; Pc Deal, Dunmow; Ps Bowman, HQ; Pc Harrop, Harwich; Pc Lamb, Rayleigh; Smedley, Colchester; Pc Finch, Colchester Traffic; Ellis, Grays; Pc Stoneman, Orsett Dogs.

RESULT of the draw held on 15.9.86: 1st prize Honor Miles, Chelmsford, £1,500; 2nd prize C/I Furnival, HQ, £700; 3rd prize Ps D. Gladman, FTS, £300. Consolation prizes at £50: Pc Carpenter, Grays; Pc Weavers, Colchester Traffic; Dc Brown, Brentwood; Pc Caton, Brentwood; Dc Puttick, Brentwood; Joyce Robertson, Basildon; Pc Ashdown, HQ; Pc Hirst, Clacton; Supt Butcher, Basildon; Pc Clow, Clacton.

Market Place

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DCI P. Whent, Harlow Station; or 0376 22518.
GOZO, MALTA, guest house, h/b £10.50 per day, shower/toilet en suite, flights from local airports. Details from Peter Spensley, Benfleet Police Station; or 0375 891117.
HONDA CD175 motorcycle, L reg, tax and MoT, £125 ono. PC Blaxland, Rayleigh Station; or 0702 205424.
HOLIDAY BUNGALOW to let, 100 yards from Suffolk beach. Sleeps max 7, available all year round, competitive rates, close to Norfolk Broads. PC Milbank, HQ I/R "A"; or Chelmsford 460306.

beanstalks, table, under tent and groundsheet, exc cond, £650. PC D. Bishop, HQ FSU, ext 207; or Brentwood 233327.
DO YOU retire in the next 5 years? Would you like to maintain your present income? It can be done easily. Contact PC Bob Goddard, Grays; or Tilbury 77876.
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genuine low mileage, long MoT, £1,650. TW Paula Knowles, Grays; or Grays 375477.

AWNING for 12ft caravan, only used twice, £50. PC Gilbranch, Laindon Traffic.

KITCHEN UNITS, wall units, incl double oven in housing, hob unit and sink. PC Waltham, Laindon Traffic; or Basildon 42333.

SAPELE FACED internal doors, three, with handles and hinges, £15. Mike Beaveridge, HQ Press Office. Ext 375.

SNOOKER TABLE, half-size, on metal frame table, balls, cues, £25. Carol Rivers, HQ Ext 375.

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Obituaries

July 14, ex Insp Henry W. Dalling, 69 years, who retired from the Force 1966.
August 5, ex Insp Bertram G. Brinkley, 82 years, who retired from the Force 1959.
August 6, ex W/Ch Insp Dorothy Hodges, 77 years, who retired from the Force 1963.
August 9, ex PS David J. Brad-dock, 78 years, who retired from the Force 1964.
August 19, ex D/Insp William L. Jeavons, 77 years, who retired from the Force 1963.
September 1, ex Insp Frederick R. Priestley, 73 years, who retired from the Force 1959.
July 29, Mrs Daphne Cox, typist at Corringham, whilst still employed.
September 25, ex PS Geoffrey Cowell, 62 years, who retired from the Force 1974.
September 29, ex PS G. Sutton, 89 years, from Southend Borough.

Divers in the news

IN AUGUST, the Force Diving Team, under the supervision of Sgt Nigel Dermott, assisted Essex Radio reporter David Stead when he interviewed the international swimmer Sarah Hardcastle at Warrior Square Swimming Pool, Southend.

The idea was to interview Sarah under water as a charity stunt for Essex Radio's "Helping Hands" Appeal. The interview was conducted using the diving team's communication system and helped with the early publicity for the charity appeal.

It just goes to show the depths to which some people will go to help a very worthy cause.

And talking of help, the divers were at it again recently when they helped Kathryn Curtis of Chelmsford.

Kathryn lost her glasses from her pocket into the



David Stead interviews Sarah Hardcastle

river at the rear of Debenhams store, Chelmsford.

PS Nigel Dermot of the diving section heard of the young lady's plight and of an unsuccessful search which had been carried out by the Chelmsford Branch of the British Sub

Aqua Club. He was organising a day's training anyway and arranged for his team to train in the river where the spectacles had been lost.

The result was one pair of glasses found, a good day's training and one pair of spectacles returned to their owner.

Private Medical Scheme

HOW ARE things going now that the new style contract has been in existence for a number of months? Our insurers are happy with the numbers in the scheme and they consider it strong and viable. The special options seem to be working and the claims experience within those groups is providing a satisfactory profile. However some large claims in the major group are causing concern. What we should guard against is the large claim which is unnecessary. Have you thought about the advantages of taking your treatment via the National Health Service and accepting the cash benefit of £17 per night for doing so?

To take an extreme example — suppose a member should suffer an injury which requires emergency treatment, it would be inappropriate to opt immediately for private medical treatment. The cost of a few weeks' post-accident treatment in a private hospital runs to many thousands of pounds. Whereas a member receiving similar treatment in a National Health Service hospital would receive several hundreds of pounds in cash benefit for himself. The result of this

procedure is a significant savings in expense on the claims but at the end of the day it is the actual member who is able to have an effect on those levels by thinking about cost containment. Examples of ways in which you can make your contribution in addition to accepting NHS treatment are to consider the many day care treatments that are available in private hospitals. This helps to reduce the huge cost of overnight accommodation charges in private hospitals. Even leaving the hospital promptly on your day of discharge for instance will avoid "clocking up" another day's worth of charges if you are able to vacate your room prior to midday because some private hospitals charge their rates with effect from twelve noon.

When your surgeon talks about his proposals for your private treatment, take the opportunity to question him about his costs. Some days of the week are cheaper than others, some hospitals used by him are cheaper than others.

Remember also the professional advice available to you via the Helpdesk special telephone service on Chelmsford 268281.

ANGLING LINES

THE FIRST round of the South East Police Angling League, contested by Essex, Surrey, Sussex, Kent and the City of London Forces, was held at Ardleigh Reservoir on 15 July. To say that we had a good day would be an understatement, fishing to Team orders for the first time we cleaned up.

Tony Morris had an individual win with 19lbs of roach and perch with the rest of the team backing up with second, third, fourth and seventh places.

This put us at the top of the table, 12 points clear, and gave us the "Essex-Sussex" Challenge Trophy for the first time in six years.

The Hampshire open, fished on 19 August, at HMS Dryad near Portsmouth, dampened any confidence we may have gained. It took place in very cold conditions guaranteed to keep the carp population from feeding.

Peter Pickup topped the Essex list with just over 7lbs of "wildies" with Ian Fraser close behind with 6lbs. Unfortunately all of the team 'blanked' so overall we had a miserable result. Fortunately the result did not count towards league points.

The second round of the league, on 26 August, again in dreadful conditions (remember

that hurricane?) on the Royal Military Canal at Aldergate in Kent, produced yet another surprise victory for Essex.

Once again we took the first three places, with 'new boy' Paul Chesney (freshly promoted from the Chelmsford Divisional League) landing some large bream for a weight of 6lbs 7 ozs, for the first place. The whole of the team did well, consequently our lead in the league jumped to 53 points.

The Croker Cup (Pairs) Match was fished at Alton Water in Suffolk, on 3 September, yet again the weather played havoc with the proceedings, with huge 'breakers' pounding the shore and many of the field simply unable to cope with the conditions.

Those who were lucky enough to draw a sheltered peg found some of the quality fish that this venue can produce, giving a well-deserved win to Steve Adams and Phil Brochen (Southend Div) with that 'old-timer' Neil Everard and partner Mick Phillips (Harlow Div) taking second place.

Dave Ruff and Kevin Taylor took first and second individual places respectively. Top weight of the day was Steve Adam's 4lbs 11 ozs 8 drms. In better conditions I would have ex-

pected five to ten times this weight from the winner... next year maybe.

The Third round of the League, 9 September, was held at Rye Nook in Sussex, guess what... the large shoals of rudd weren't feeding, because of the weather! (Bring two keep nets it said in the instructions).

A tactical error on my part managed to put our top men all in the same section, meaning that we were practically fishing against each other and a poor showing all round meant that our lead was cut to 14 points. However, we're still at the top and with just two rounds to go, on the Lea and the Wey I'm still confident that we can do it, particularly as these are our kind of waters. We should be able to get in some practice on the Lea before the next round.

Finally, here are some placings for the various individual awards:- Matchman of the Year (Essex) Kevin Taylor 109, Dave Ruff 102, Tony Morris 96, Bob Neale 95. Individual (S.E.P.A.L.) Bob Hunter (Essex) 128, A. Chandler (Kent) 127, D. Lewis (Surrey) 123, G. Lindfield (Sussex) 120, Kevin Taylor (Essex) 118, Tony Morris (Essex) 116, Dave Ruff (Essex) 111.

INDUSTRIAL WATCH

POLICE CONSTABLE Ron Taylor, a Crime Prevention Officer in Basildon, Essex, describes an initiative in his division which is really taking off.

Following on from the County enthusiasm for Neighbourhood Watch, he turned his attention to the Industrial estates which had suffered from a stream of burglaries, theft and damage.

A nursery factory estate containing 89 units was initially selected as a pilot project. Every unit was contacted and invited to an exploratory meeting to discuss security in general and the part that they could play in protecting themselves. The response was excellent with two thirds of the estate attending.

This meeting, between the local police and the factory users was an excellent start. The idea of forming themselves into an association to look at security measures and to pool resources to achieve improvements was suggested.

A good deal of research had already been done by the police as to what was available regarding manned security, insurance, incentives, intruder alarms on a shared basis, and security lighting as well as security marking and in-house security measures. Subsequently, 61 of the 89 users agreed to form themselves into a Security Association with an elected committee and formulated constitution. One of their first acts was to

contact a number of security companies for quotations on supplying security guards to cover the association's premises between 10pm and 6am weekdays and 24 hours each weekend. They obtained these for just over £5 per member per week.

The benefits of being an Industrial Association are many. It represents individual members or the group in total in any local matters. Insurance Companies and brokers are now prepared to offer discounts to established Industrial Associations which can show a reduction in security risks. The local authority have also shown a willingness to deal with the group.

The Police continue to support the Association, with security advice and crime statistics, and the Crime Prevention Department produced an Industrial Watch Sticker designed by the Basildon C.P.O.'s for use in all such groups.

To date Basildon has five such Industrial Associations with one other at the starting post. Although too early to make any claims on crime reduction the signs are that Basildon has substantially reduced its crime problems on the estates with Industrial watch and, just as importantly, the close liaison between the local police and the Industrialists has improved co-operation and understanding. Long may it so remain.

Force Swim

IT WAS another cold and windy day for the start of this year's Force Long Distance Swim. This event has been plagued by cold weather for the last



PC Alan Barley of Basildon having just completed the swim in uniform.

tors feeling the effects after the start. Two new records were set however, the first by the overall winner of the event, 14 year old Gary Clarke, son of PS Eddie Clarke of the Force Driving School, in a time of 26 minutes 31 seconds. The first police officer home was PC Michael Bute of Basildon in what is now the new police record time of 27 minutes 11 seconds. First woman was WPC Nicola Coote of Chelmsford, 28 minutes 36 seconds, first veteran, yet again was Superintendent Ian Wright of Operations, 31 minutes 15 seconds.

The race, over a course which is 1 nautical mile long, was first held in 1955 by the then Southend on Sea Borough Constabulary. It has been held every year since.

All competitors, except two, completed the whole course and this year there were a number of guests taking part. Among them was an officer from Devon & Cornwall and

also Fred Hammerton, a reporter from the Southend Evening Echo. When asked how he felt before the race Fred said: "I'm looking forward to it, but the adrenoline is definitely running."

When asked after the race would he compete again he said, after a very long pause "... probably". There is no doubt though that he is hooked, as are all the other competitors who turn out each year from across the county to make this unique event the success it always is.



First veteran home, yet again, Supt Ian Wright, Operation.

Men's Force Hockey Team

THE men's hockey team has several fixtures for the forthcoming season.

If you are a current team member and are still interested in playing or if you would like to play hockey for the Force, please contact PC Graham Lumley at Shrub End, Colchester ext 232, or Home 0787-227732.

First fixture has already been played. Save the team from folding.



Winners of the team trophy, Chelmsford, with their Divisional Commander Ch Supt George Harris.

RUGBY ROUND-UP

TOWARDS the end of the 1985/6 season the Essex Police RFC had two very notable successes. We were the winners of the Thurrock March Floodlight Cup that has directly resulted in us being invited to play in the Major Floodlight Tournament during October and November. This is a bit of a coup for the Club as we were invited over the heads of several notable conten-

play the Fire Brigade and had a set of forwards that consisted mainly of backs, if you can make sense of that, but were only narrowly defeated after a very hard fought game.

All these fixtures have, however, born testament to the standard of fitness that has been achieved during the pre-season training sessions that have been held on Fridays at Headquarters since the beginning of August.

Thurrock RFC, kick-off at 7.30pm. This is the first round of the Thurrock Floodlight Cup and we take on Upminster at the start of what we hope is a bit of a Cup run.

Fixture lists are available from Mick Hall or Bill Clark at the Force Support Unit who will be very pleased to see any supporters who come along to the matches. If there are any new players



The Force Rugby Squad with their trophies.

ders. We also won the Runners-up plate in the Regional 7-a-side tournament hosted by the City of London and hope to go one better in the tournament to be held again next spring.

We have played three fixtures so far this season and lost to Basildon RFC and Thurrock RFC which in context is not surprising as they are very strong opposition indeed. We

took a very weak side to Hugh Harris has had a large number of players at his mercy during these sessions and the results are plain to see.

On 15 October, we played our first round PAA fixture at Police Headquarters against Surrey. This is the first PAA fixture we have had at home for a very long time.

We also have a big fixture on 29 October, at

out there wishing to come along, then contact those above.

A tour has been planned to Germany, principally Hamburg, in March, and at the time of print is very nearly sold out. There are, however, a few places left and if you wish to come on the tour contact Mark Pickett at Stanway Traffic or Doug Bedford at the Support Unit.

Cricket review

1986 HAS been an excellent year for the Force team. We played 14 fixtures, won 9, drew 3 and lost 2. Winners of the Home Counties Cup (Essex Police first win for 32 years), winners of No 5 Regional PAA 6-a-side and losing finalists of the No 5 Regional PAA Team competition.

The season began in May with a win away at Suffolk on a slow wicket affected by early rain. Essex made a total of 122-6 and dismissed Suffolk for 92. Dick Argles took 4-19.

Against Chelmsford CC at the beginning of June, John Croot made a useful middle order score of 38 not out from a total of 129-9 and Errol Greene's four wickets were not enough to prevent Chelmsford making the required 130 runs to win by 3 wickets.

A new fixture this year against Britvic Sports brought a feast of runs for Essex on a glorious sunny afternoon. A 2nd wicket partnership of 60 between Dick Argles 57, and Laurie Austin who made 102 not out and then a 3rd wicket partnership of 105 with Dave Bloxham 32 not out enabled Essex to declare with a daunting total of 211-2. Britvic in reply were dismissed for 22 due to fine spells of bowling from newcomer Russ Abbott 3 for 6 and Phil Mellon who had 7 for 14.

In mid-July we had a tight draw against Leigh CC, Essex won the toss and elected to bat, we made a respectable 199-6 declared thanks to Paul Gamman who made 60 and Simon Lister 75 not out his maiden half century and off only 55 balls. In reply Leigh made 197-7 Phil Mellon was again amongst the wickets but this time only four.

At the end of July we had a good win on a damp afternoon away against Cambridgeshire and in August a draw against Abberton and a thrilling last over win away at Felixtowe.

The season ended at the beginning of September with another draw against Leigh CC but only just. Essex chased a Leigh total of 165 were floundering on 100-8 before John Stonehouse 42 not out and Alec Lockyer 20 not out made amends to bring the total to within 5 runs and 160-8.

On the more competitive side the first round match of the Home Counties Cup was won by default, as the Met Police No 2 area failed to turn up.

The second round match drew us against Kent, away at Maidstone. Kent batted first in glorious sunshine and were restricted to 127-8 due to sound bowling performances especially by Phil Mellon 3-27 and Laurie Austin 3-28. They were backed up by some good catches and fielding. When Essex began their innings the weather closed in and heavy rain caused the game to be abandoned with Essex 90-8. The game was replayed two weeks later again at Maidstone but this time with welcome sunshine and blue skies and no chance of rain. Essex batted first and made 228-7, Laurie Austin

scored an excellent 91 and Simon Lister 48 sharing a century stand. In reply Kent made 205-9. John Best took 3-58 and John Stonehouse 3-51.

The semi-final was a trip to Oxford against Thames Valley. Essex batted first and lost Errol Greene to the second ball, but thanks to an excellent 98 by Paul Gamman and 51 from Nigel Cocknell we were able to total 198-5 after 40 overs. Thames Valley began steadily making 40 before losing the first wicket but tidy spells of bowling by Austin 2-22 and Mellon 6-31 and two excellent catches by Gamman made it a fine day for him. They were all out for 122 which gave Essex a win by 76 runs.

The final was played at Valentines Park, Ilford, on Tuesday, 2nd September, against the Met Police area No 1. Essex batted first and totalled 193-8, with fine knocks of 60 by John Butcher and 40 by Laurie Austin. The Met were dismissed for 104 and Phil Mellon and Laurie Austin each took 3 wks. Laurie Austin well deserved his nomination as man of the match.

The PAA team competition began with a first round match away against Bedfordshire. Beds batted first and in the 45 overs available to them made 139-7. Dick Argles took 4-29. Essex in reply went to 101-7 before John Stonehouse and John Croot completed the task of scoring 140 for victory.

Coggeshall CC provided the venue for our home semi-final match against Surrey. Surrey made 174-9, and Essex made 176-3, which included half centuries by Dick Argles, 51, and Paul Gamman 56 not out.

Now in the final the game was played on Thursday 11 September, again at Coggeshall with Sussex the visitors. Sussex batted first and made a total of 162-8 off the overs available. With feelings high in the Essex camp after winning the PAA 6s for the 2nd time in 3 years a few days earlier, the team were now chasing a third title.

The innings began steadily but despite a fine half century by Laurie Austin wickets began to tumble in the chase for runs and Essex were all out for 150. Sussex won the day by 12 runs.

Though a disappointment on the day, everyone now looks forward to 1987 and the possibility of making it a hat trick. There is certainly no reason why we should not achieve it.

On a final note, the Inter Divisional 6-a-side competition was played at Melbourne in July. Seven Divisions were represented and Clacton defeated Chelmsford in the final.

In August Basildon played Harlow in the Divisional 11-a-side competition. In a tightly fought game Harlow came out the winners by 3 wks. Noticeable performances by John Rhymes (Harlow) with four wickets and Trevor Reynolds (Basildon) and Pete French (Harlow) who both had good knocks of 40 runs, French undefeated.

LADIES HOCKEY

— by Jean Seager —

WELL THE season has started and the bruises are starting to appear. On September 3, 'the girls' put up a good defence against Cambridgeshire Constabulary, at the all-weather surface, Witham, but lost 2-1.

A very fast game which woke everyone up for better things to come I hope. This was followed by an all day tournament at Camb. HQ on the 7th where Essex did not expect to come in the top three.

Games were played against Northants (the eventual winners), Kent (runners-up), Suffolk and West Midlands (runners-up with Kent).

At first when we lost 1-0 to West Mids who had 7 players to our 10 we felt low, but when they subsequently went through to the semi-finals we felt a lot better.

A game was also played at Lincolnshire HQ where we lost against a strong 11 with only 8 players. The final score remains a team secret!

We have the continued support of the old team, Jean Seager, Chris Gillingham, Lou Harris, Pat Ellis, Julie (the entertainer) Baker, Nad Harrington (we hope your chin gets better!) 'Tanky' and Yvonne Taylor, with new hope coming from Chris Thomas of Benfleet, Gwynn Jenkins of Basildon and Karen Crouchman of Dunmow. Hopefully, having missed regulars Sue Woods, 'Pansy' Potter and Chris Adams for the first two games, the team will pull together for a successful season.

To all the players keep it up and to anyone else who wants to join in, please get in touch.

Referees Society

YOU WILL hopefully have seen the previous articles in "The Law" about the proposal to form an Essex Police Referees Society.

It may be that you want to know more about that, or that you are interested but do not know if it is really for you.

In order to let you know more about it, and to seek your views, an informal meeting has been arranged. It will be held at 7.45pm on Monday, November 3, in the Quiet Room at Police Headquarters.

If the scheme gets under way, your affiliation fees will be paid for by the Force Sports Association. The effect on force football should be beneficial in that all Croker Cup and similar matches will have qualified linesmen and referees.

So there you have it, if you are interested, come to Headquarters on November 3 and find out more.

SPORTS REPORT

I HAVE always taken the view that for one division to win the Croker Cup for five consecutive years is no accident. Something has to be done by one or more people to achieve this marvellous record.

Having been a Club secretary myself I know how difficult and frustrating it can be to keep an enthusiasm going within a division for the period of a whole year and at the same time try and deal with about 20 different sporting events.

The Association, in selecting the recipient for this year's annual award, has, I am sure, taken this into account. In doing so I am pleased to record that the annual award for 1986 has been awarded to Sergeant Reg Shelly, the Secretary of the Colchester Division Sports Club.

He has been the Secretary of that Division for a little over six years and in my view, has been the one person that

has organised the various sections to enter and win event after event. I think I will echo the views of the Management Committee when I say 'well done Reg in a job well done'.

Having said that, I must say that this year things may be a little different. The Croker Cup competition for 1986, is as close as it has ever been. For once Colchester are not having things their own way. It must be said that Grays division are at present in a slight lead with 46 points against Colchester's 43. Close behind with 32 points are Clacton and with 31 points are Southend. Still yet to come are the tennis, bowls, sea angling and rifle. I shall have to really be on the ball with the recording of points. Well done everyone, it really is marvellous to have a good close competition.

Yours in sport,
John Barrett

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