



**Merry Christmas**

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# The Chief Constable's Christmas Message

AS IS THE custom at this time of year it falls to me to reflect on the way we, as a Force, have performed over the past 12 months and reacted to the many pressures placed upon us. This is a pleasurable task because it gives me an opportunity to say in very clear terms that I have the greatest confidence in the ability of the Force to respond positively during these trying times and maintain our tradition of providing a truly first class service.

In many respects 1986 has been a year of tremendous achievement for the Essex Police. Much of this achievement however has gone unnoticed by the public media simply because good work is not controversial and is therefore not newsworthy.

The Force has had to deal with a substantial increase in the number of criminal offences and, despite other increases in our operational commitments and the constraints of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, we have done remarkably well. However, it is absolutely certain that we are going to have to continue to strive even harder to prevent crime as well as to solve it. To this end the concept of the Neighbourhood Watch Schemes has proved extremely successful with over a thousand such groups active throughout the County. There is however always room for more, particularly in areas where offences of residential burglary are prevalent. Without a doubt the close co-operation that has taken place between local Rural and Neighbourhood Beat Officers, the

Headquarters Crime Prevention support team and Divisional Crime Prevention Offices is paying off and all concerned deserve congratulation on the continued success of such schemes. Neighbourhood Watch requires the full support and confidence of all responsible members of the public and emphasises the need for every Police Officer to become a Public Relations Officer.

The increased awareness of the need to foster good community relations has greatly enhanced the reputation of the Force and I am most grateful for the tremendous amount of hard work which has been and continues to be done. I know of no other body of men and women who of their own volition choose to spend their own time in helping the community to the extent that Police Officers and their civilian colleagues do. For example, it is not widely enough known how many thousands of pounds are raised annually in the name of charity or the joy given to handicapped children through outings and functions arranged by

members of the Force.

In a Christmas message it would be wrong of me to highlight individual achievements and indeed available space would make it impossible. But I must mention, as an example of all that is best in the Police Service, the efforts of all those people involved in the organisation and participation of JOGLE 853, the non-stop relay from John O' Groats to Lands End. The initial idea was to raise sufficient funds to purchase a walking brace for Matthew Kayne a three-year-old Essex boy who was unable to walk without it. In the end, the efforts of the team raised £27,000 and as a result they were able to donate over £24,000 to the recent Children in Need Appeal. This was a tremendous team effort and all deserve congratulations.

JOGLE 853 was successful because of the endeavours of those involved and it epitomises the efforts of many other officers who have organised similar events on a smaller scale simply to help others. A great deal of skill has also gone

into inviting, gently cajoling or persuading people to sign sponsor forms thereby ensuring their economic success! Such achievements have not gone unnoticed and these efforts have relieved suffering and brought some joy into the lives of others less fortunate than ourselves.

The Police Service has always had to adjust to deal with the stress and strains of changes in society. That we do so with skill and dedication enables us to continue to provide the community with the standard of Policing it demands and has a right to expect. Despite the fact that we face an uphill struggle, we have to avoid becoming despondent or negative and we must approach the future fully confident that we can cope with society's problems and provide a policing service of which we can all be proud. Needless to say this will not be easy because we have limited resources to apply to a large and growing volume of activity but then one does not have to be a police officer for long to be aware of the personal demands the job makes.

Policing is not easy but it is challenging and our ability to meet that challenge is what makes our job worthwhile.



Mr Robert Bunyard CBE, QPM  
The Chief Constable

It gives me great pleasure to wish everyone concerned with the Essex Police, regular officers, civilian colleagues and

members of the Special Constabulary and all their families a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a successful New Year.



Mr Geoffrey Waterer

## ...and from the Chairman of the Police Committee

ONCE AGAIN Christmas is here and it is my pleasure to write a Seasonal message to Force members and their families.

My first thought was to try to be startlingly original in what I write, no doubt if I thought about it long enough something trendy might have evolved. But is that really what you want to read? After all, the message of Christmas has not changed in a thousand years. It remains that of "Peace and Goodwill to all men" and however you dress it up there can be no truer wish than that. So let me just concentrate on the "Good will" bit.

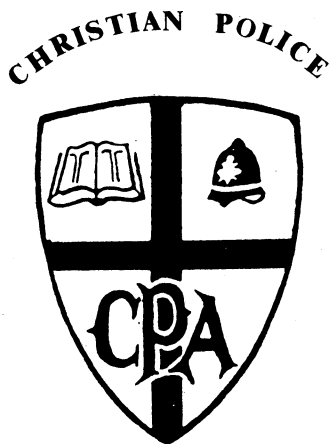
Once again it has not been an easy year for any of you. Lawlessness has not decreased even if there are a few more of you to cope with it, but I know that morale

is high and that says much for the internal good will of the Force.

Some of the worst crimes in the country have come your way in the past year and with these the success rate has been high. Take pride in that, and in the knowledge that the goodwill of the Essex public goes with you as you go your rounds.

My personal wish concerns the "Peace" that I hope you will all enjoy with your families and friends over the festive season. What better way to start you off refreshed and cheerful for the challenges the New Year is bound to bring.

No, it is not original is it? Never mind I assure you that what it lacks in originality is made up for in sincerity, Good Luck to you All.



### ASSOCIATION

THE Essex Branch of the Christian Police Association will be holding a fellowship Meeting at 8pm Wednesday 14 January.

The meeting will be held in the Quiet Room (which is on the ground floor of the new building) at Police Headquarters.

For further details contact Pc A. Millard at Hatfield Heath (0279) 730388.

## COMING SOON

THE ESSEX Police Band will be repeating the success of last year's Christmas Concert with another festive offering this year.

To cope with the expected increased demand, this year two evening concerts will be given, on Monday and Tuesday 22 and 23 December.

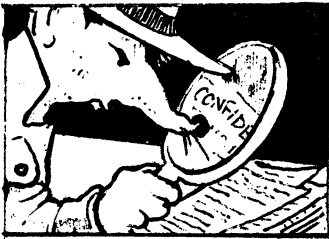
A few tickets are still available for the Monday performance with a greater number available for Tuesday. Contact Wilf Kennedy in the Press Office at Police Headquarters.

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Grays are at it again — recently they organised an evening with Max Boyce and other artistes, and raised a considerable amount for charity. Supt Terry Roberts tells us that plans are now well advanced for a concert to be held on Friday, April 3, 1987, at Blackshotts Civic Hall, Grays, with the Brixton Gospel Choir and the Essex Police Band. Tickets will be on sale after Christmas at Grays Police Station.

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The First Festival of Police Male Voice Choirs will be held at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday, February 21, 1987. The aim of the concert is to raise at least £5,000 for the "Save the Children Fund". Maybe you would wish to organise a coach for this unique event. Full details regarding ticket arrangements from Mr G. D. S. Maddock, Deputy Chief Constable, Chairman of the Organising Committee, Devon and Cornwall Constabulary Headquarters, Middlemoor, Exeter EX2 7HQ.



THE FOLLOWING report accompanied a recent claim for re-imbursement of dry cleaning expenses in the Harlow Division:

'My suit was badly soiled during the pursuit of two suspects who were later arrested and charged with Criminal Offences.

The pursuit of these two youths was through gardens in Sakins Croft and my suit was soiled on a number of occasions; details as follows — A full water-butt was kicked over me by one of the fleeing youths, causing my lower clothing to be totally soaked; A shed roof collapsed under my weight and as I pulled myself out I caused further soiling; to avoid falling through a garage roof I had to roll across it, causing further soiling — managing to get off the garage roof I entered an adjacent garden and whilst running, tripped over a washing line, left very inconsiderately only a foot off the ground — thus even more soiling was caused.

I would ask that I am reimbursed the cost to dry-clean my rather badly soiled suit and would point out that this was the first day I had worn my suit after having it cleaned.

Respectfully submitted.'

Who could refuse such a plaintiff plea?

### Flying Parrot Ticket

THE LETTERS F.P.T. took on a new meaning recently when the following plea to have one

cancelled arrived at Chelmsford:

'I was taking a rare parrot to Manor Street School Braintree for the children to see. I had to leave the car outside the building for a few moments to transfer the bird to the school.

As I was doing this it managed to escape from me and flew away, I had to go after it and try to catch it, this I eventually did and after about 15 minutes I returned the bird to the school and found this parking ticket on my windscreen.

This does seem rather harsh under the circumstances and I wonder if there is anything you could do to help.'

Foul play was suspected as this was obviously a flight of fancy but the ticket was duly marked up for no further action.



THE FOLLOWING explanation was given for an accident involving a Police vehicle:

'Pc . . . . . driving a Ford Transit Crewbus along the A130 Great Baddow bypass towards the Army and Navy roundabout, was obliged to stop in a queue of traffic in the nearside of two lanes. Mr . . . . . driving an Austin Metro was following the Police vehicle and stopped behind it. Mr . . . . . dropped his cigarette and bent to pick it up, grasping the hot end. He jumped and his foot slipped from the clutch causing his vehicle to jump forward and collide with the rear of the Police vehicle.'

Fortunately nobody was hurt but who said smoking can't damage your health?

## Order of St John



SERGEANT DAVID PERRY of the Force Training School has been awarded one of the highest accolades of the St John's Ambulance Brigade.

Her Majesty the Queen, the Sovereign Head of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, has sanctioned David's admission as a Serving Brother of the Order of St John.

Sergeant Perry joined the Force in 1965 and has always had a keen interest in First Aid. Apart from his voluntary duties with the St John's Ambulance he has taught First Aid within the Force and organised major First Aid Competitions.

On behalf of the Force the Law extends its congratulations to Sergeant Perry for his achievement.

## Motorway Safety Competition Winner

AS PART of European Road Safety Year and The National Motorway Safety Campaign held during July, Essex Police mounted an exhibition at the Dartford Tunnel. One of the attractions was a competition based on knowledge of motorway safety for which prizes were offered in two age groups, 11-16 years and 10 year and under.

The major prize winner in the upper age group came from Bedfordshire and his prize of a 35mm camera outfit has been presented by the Bedfordshire Police on our behalf.

The major prize winner in the lower age group was Ashley Wall aged 9 years of Bicknacre, Chelmsford. Ashley in fact submitted three correct entry forms and the winning entry was one of these. A tie-breaker of a Motorway Safety Slogan in not more than 10 words was used and Ashley's winning slogan was: "Check before you change (lanes)".

As part of his prize Ashley and his mother were 'arrested' and taken from their home to Police Headquarters by a Traffic Car. There Chief Superintendent Mike Humberstone presented Ashley with his prize, a radio-controlled scale model of a Porsche 928.

Ashley's day was rounded off by a tour of the Driving School and a 'spin' around the skid pan — albeit on this occasion he wasn't allowed to do the driving!



Ch Supt Mike Humberstone and Ch Ins Bernie Beasley with Ashley Wall and his Mother.

## Crime Prevention Suggestion Scheme

THE CRIME Prevention Department are seeking new ideas to prevent crime in Essex and promote the concept of Crime Prevention. Awards under the Force Suggestion Scheme are being used as an incentive to tap the wheels of knowledge and ideas in the Force.

Mr Comrie, Assistant Chief Constable, has given the go-ahead and says: "The Force Suggestion Scheme has always catered for Suggestions relating to the prevention or detection of crime and improving the image of the Force with the public. I would like to see more use made of it, and I believe this is a worthwhile and useful application."

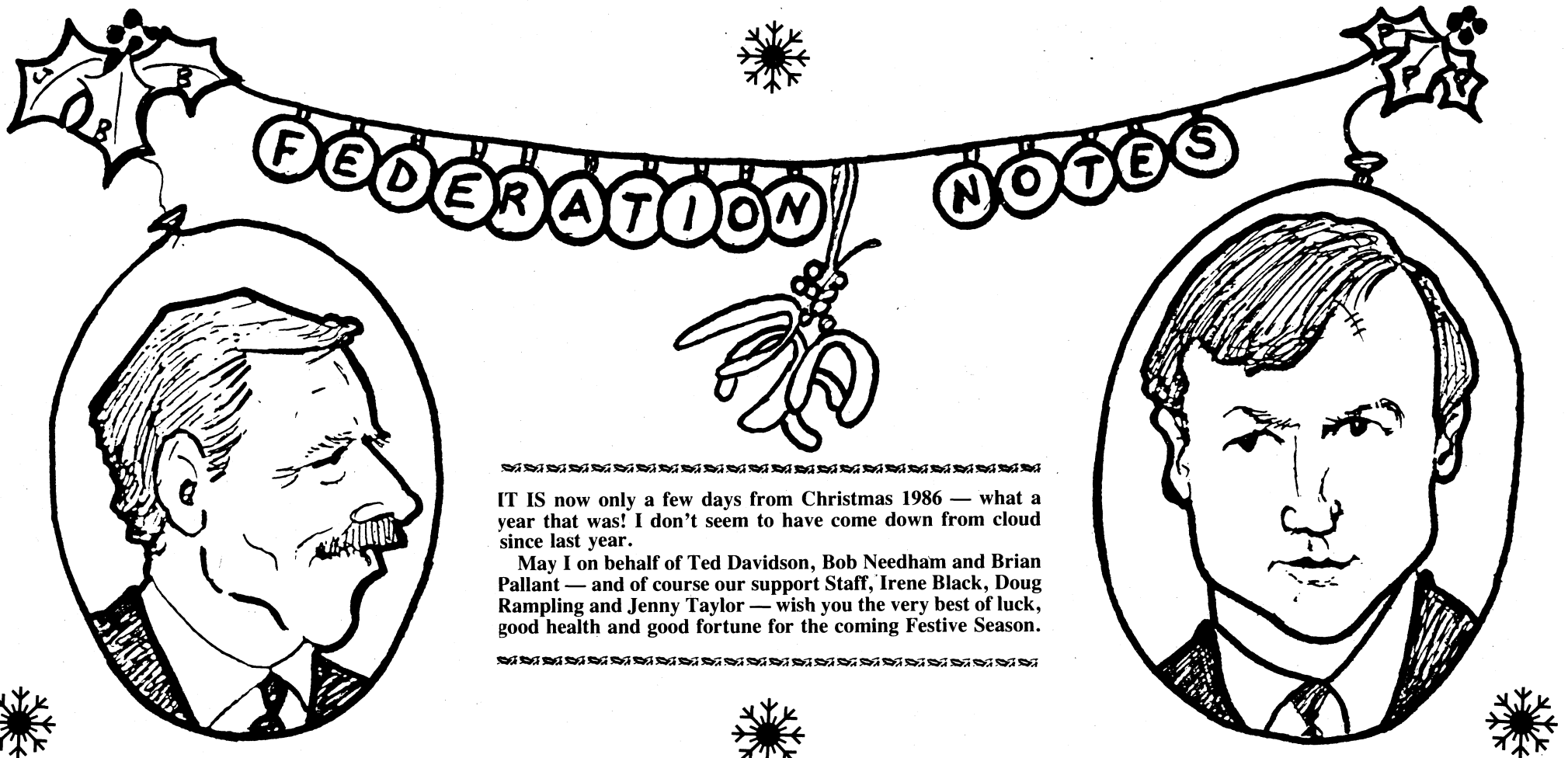
Chief Inspector Graham Furnival the Force Crime Prevention Officer said: "Our present strategy is aimed at encouraging the public to do more for themselves to prevent crime. Whilst Neighbourhood Watch continues to grow we constantly need new ideas to stimulate and maintain the public's interest. We are prepared to consider any suggestion and a financial award for suitable ideas must be a welcome bonus."

Awards are made according to the merit of the suggestion. The scheme is open to police officers and civilian employees, so if you have an idea put it on paper and submit it via your Divisional Commander.

seasons greetings from



"I DONT CARE HOW EFFICIENT IT IS AT GUIDING YOU SIR — A SHINY RED NOSE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE OBLIGATORY LIGHTS"



IT IS now only a few days from Christmas 1986 — what a year that was! I don't seem to have come down from cloud since last year.

May I on behalf of Ted Davidson, Bob Needham and Brian Pallant — and of course our support Staff, Irene Black, Doug Rampling and Jenny Taylor — wish you the very best of luck, good health and good fortune for the coming Festive Season.

## Christmas cards

THIS year an experiment was introduced with regard to the ordering of the Christmas Cards.

Each Division had its own representative to circulate order forms and collate the needs to the manufacturers.

The idea of this was to take away from the Federation Office some of the pressure especially at this time of the year.

It appears that many wanted cards and having ordered them have been dismayed to find the order form still on noticeboards — an enquiry to this office and Irene Black is ordering and supplying cards at a very late stage in the proceedings.

This has proven to be a more time consuming and wasteful method of dealing with the problem and from the consumer's point of view, very frustrating. I can well understand, and you have my assurance that there will be a different system next year. We will try to get the order forms out earlier next year from the Federation Office, we will apply a strict closing date for initial orders and a final closing date after which time we will not order more from this office.

I hope that this will resolve the matter, in the meantime can we assure you that every effort has been made within this office to meet the needs of those who have been in touch.

## FLAT RATE ALLOWANCE

### — Income Tax

THE Inland Revenue Technical Division have agreed with the Joint Central Committee, that the tax allowance for Uniformed Officers of the Federated Ranks will increase from the present £35 to £40 per annum, with effect from the new tax year, 1987/88.

This increased allowance cannot be claimed before the beginning of the tax year commencing April 1987.

### Expenses

If any uniformed member considers that his/her actual expenses on deductible items exceed the allowance given, they are

free to seek a deduction for the excess by submitting the appropriate receipts to the Tax Inspector at Gateshead.

### Accountant

Whilst on the subject of tax and financial matters generally, we have available to us the expert advice of the Branch Board Accountant. We pay him a retainer to provide certain advice in notice form (which you can obtain from Brian Pallant) as well as individual advice on certain matters. Give us a ring and find out the full range of facilities he provides — Ring Brian on Extension 386.

## OPEN MEETING 1987

THE Joint Branch Board has booked the Marconi Sports and Social Club once again for this Annual Event. The Meeting will be held on Monday June 22, 1987, so make a date in your diary.

The Chief Constable and the Chairman of the Police Authority have been invited to address the Meeting again, as have Leslie Curtis and Peter Tanner the JCC Executive.

Local Representatives will make arrangements for coach transport to the meeting, so that there is no risk of "Drink Drive Problems", let him or her know early, that you intend to attend.

## CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION

A CHANGE has recently been announced in the minimum compensation payable under the CICB Scheme; this has been increased from £400 to £550.

The increase applies to all officers injured on or after 7th November, 1986.

THOSE OFFICERS INJURED BEFORE 7th NOVEMBER, 1986 must apply and have their application accepted by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board BEFORE the 6th January, 1987, in order to qualify under the £400 minimum.

If you have been so injured, and believe you have a claim, contact Phil Charters on Harlow Traffic, extension 20, as soon as possible. Time is of the essence where the level of injury might be a relevant factor.

## Federation Elections

### NEW REGULATIONS INCREASE STABILITY

BY THE time this edition of The Law gets into distribution the Elections for 1987 Representatives on the Branch Boards will have been and gone, and a new era is about to begin.

Regulations are in the process of agreement at Home Office and are expected to contain a clause which will decree that Federation Representatives should be elected on a three-year Term of office. This will mean that there will be an increased stability within the Joint Branch Board, and enable representatives to get the feel of the job, before going to the electorate again. It may well

be that these Regulations will come into force within the early part of 1987. I do not intend to hold further elections on a three-yearly basis, but would ask the Presiding Officer to make a declaration that those currently in office will continue in office until December 1989 — or until such time as they relinquish or become ineligible to remain representatives.

In the event that there are objections to this course of action, then we would consider, perhaps holding a Casual Election in those areas of objection.

If no objections are received then so much the better!

## Private Medical Scheme

THE cost of claims in recent months seems to have settled down to a reasonable level. Our insurers are encouraged by the trend that is being established and we are hopeful that this experience will continue.

### Premiums

Our pensioners pay their premiums by Bankers Order

Mandate. This system creates a large volume of administration annually when premiums are renewed. The increase in premiums means that subscribers have to be mailed with details of the new charges and requested to make personal alterations to their mandate. These measures work quite well in the majority of cases but the inevitable paperwork builds up when subscribers fail to

adjust to the new premium rates.

The Management Committee have considered this problem and the advantage of Direct Debiting. We are in the process of negotiating a Direct Debit facility for next year in the hope of reducing administration and improving the effectiveness of introducing new rates for subscribers.

## RENT ALLOWANCE

IT HAS been brought to my notice that a rumour is abroad that Rent Allowance is under attack again. This has been interpreted as "no improvement in our present position".

It may very well be that after the Pay Settlement in September 1987, the official side of the Police Negotiating Board will attempt to eliminate the financial burden that Police Authorities have to provide Rent Allowance, but I can assure you that with effect from the 1st April, 1987, the Essex Police Rent Allowance will be increased in accordance with the District Valuers appraisal of the Force Selected House.

We shall, in the early part of February be having private valuations of the House and then we shall make advances to the

District Valuer to set a new Rent Allowance for the Force.

The Joint Central Committee — aware that the whole remuneration package for police officers will come under the microscope late in 1987, have already taken steps to arm themselves for the fight, we seem destined to have, merely to retain our traditional rights. We will be throwing our support behind them in their endeavours, and may even call upon the membership at large to assist. Those of you who remember the pre Edmund Davies era, will be aware what that entails. Those who have only known the luxury of Annual Pay Awards, will have to learn very rapidly when the time comes . . . In the meantime . . . "Happy New Year".



ESSEX POLICEMEN RAISE ALMOST ONE QUARTER OF ALL CASH PAID TO BBC ESSEX FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

# £24,097-23!



Photo courtesy of Essex Chronicle.

The JOGLE team at the Children in Need evening organised by BBC Essex, where Supt Mike Benning handed over the cheque to Suzi Quattrone.

IT TOOK 4 days 19 hours 40 minutes to run from John O'Groats to Land's End and that was just the beginning. Thanks to a considerable amount of publicity the following five months were spent collecting the various donations from organisers and individuals throughout the county. The final contributions were received just in time to present a cheque for £24,097.23

pence to the National BBC Children in Need Appeal on Friday, November 21. The cheque was presented during the programme and was broadcast "live" to viewers in the BBC East region.

The WALK Fund was paid £3,153 to provide a "Philip Olds" type walking brace and treatment for three-year-old Matthew Kayne, who has for the first time

in his life, been able to walk with the assistance of a frame.

The 'Jogle' (John O'Groats to Land's End) Team has been unable to thank everybody individually for either their very generous contributions or assistance given to the Team in arranging and running this marathon of marathons, so to anyone that has been missed the Team

has expressed their grateful thanks for their part in a successful venture.

As far as we could find out this was first by Essex Police to run non-stop the length of Great Britain and raise such a large amount for charity.

For the statisticians among you the Team covered 853 miles at 7½ miles per hour and £32 per mile.

## Sporting Lunch for Handicapped Youngsters

HANDICAPPED children from the Harlow area were given a special Christmas treat recently

thanks to the tireless efforts of Detective Inspector Mike Jackson.

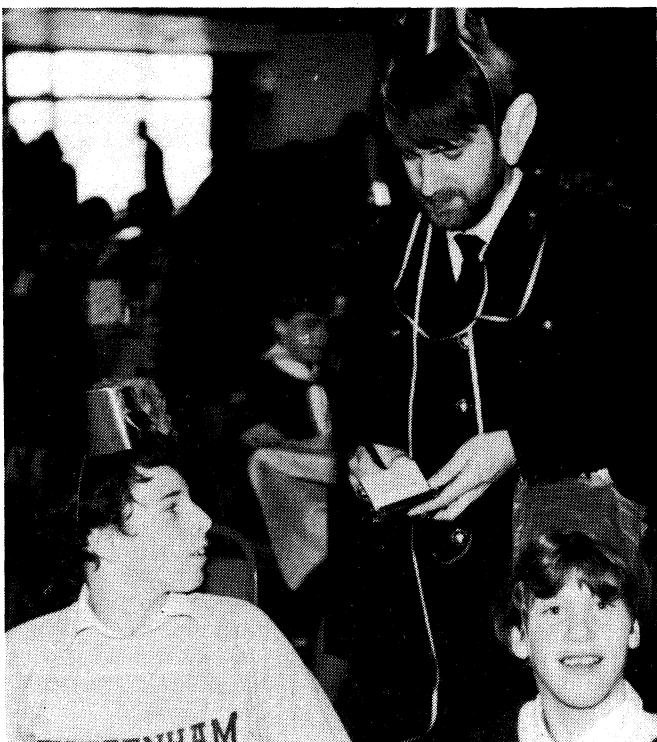
In November Mike

arranged a Sporting Evening and with the help of others raised over £7,000. The money was donated to a number of special schools to finance sporting facilities for handicapped youngsters.

With the balance of the money, early in December Mike arranged a Sporting Lunch for 120 handicapped youngsters at the Harlow Moat House Hotel. He was ably assisted on the day by VIPs from the world of sport, including Frank Bruno, David Wilkie, Mike Pickering, Essex Cricketers and Tottenham Footballers.

Following lunch and much autograph hunting, presentations were made to many of the youngsters to mark their achievements in various sporting activities.

The lunch was rounded off with a disco before the children were ferried back to school by a fleet of black taxis.



Big Ears? — No it is Mr Plod, better known as PC Keith Blisset, one of the many who were asked for their autograph.

## 'Careers for the 80s'

THE POLICE were one of the major exhibitors at a 'Careers for the 80s' exhibition at the Royal Horticultural Halls, Westminster in November. This event was the biggest careers exhibition of the year and Officers from 16 different Police Forces and from a wide variety of backgrounds were available to talk about career prospects to potential recruits.

Essex Police were one of the participating Forces and were ably represented by Sergeant Les Berry of the Force Training School, Pc Terry Irving of Rayleigh CSB

and Pc John Turner of Chelmsford Traffic.

Although many Forces are recruiting only to fill vacancies which arise through retirement, etc, it is estimated that 5,000 recruits are still needed each year.

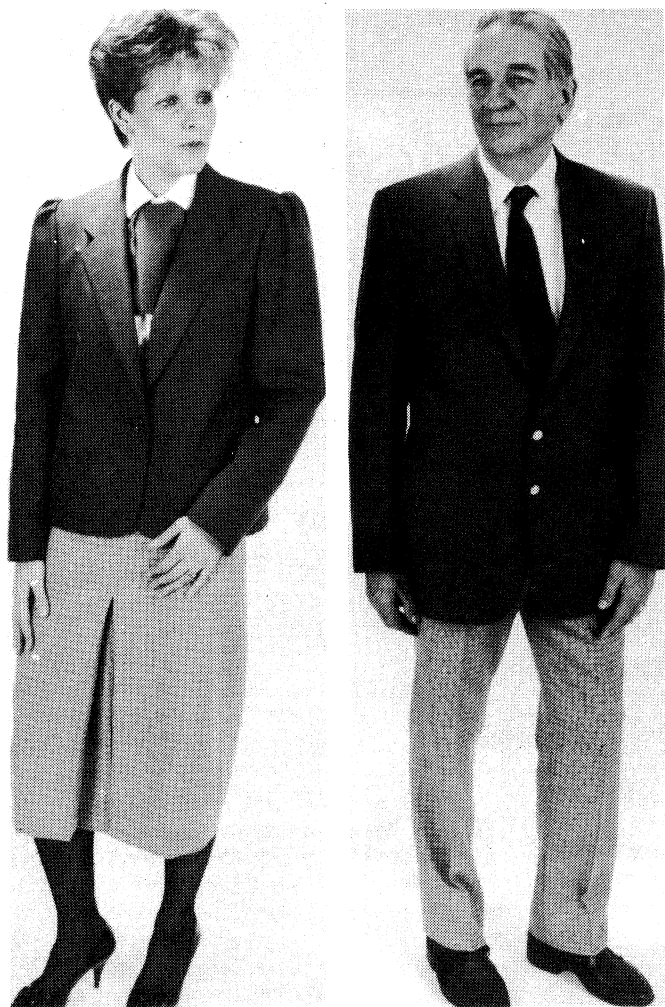
During the four day exhibition about 50,000 teenagers from all over London, the Midlands and the South attended, as well as parents and careers advisers. The majority of those attending visited the Police stands. All in all a very successful venture.



Ps Les Berry and Pc Terry Irving with a group of interested potential recruits.



## CIVILIAN UNIFORM GOES ON SHOW



A SMART uniform for selected Civilian staff will be issued sometime in the New Year.

The uniform, seen here 'modelled' by Mrs Yvonne Kwast and Mr Bob Thick of Headquarters Information Room, consists of a blue blazer and skirt/trousers in a 'dog tooth' check. It will initially be issued to Station Officer Assistants and other personnel who regularly come into contact with the general public.

## NEW YORK MARATHON

IN NOVEMBER Frank Ruggles and Dave Grimshaw of Stanway Traffic along with 20,000 other runners took part in the New York City Marathon.

Both of them successfully completed the course and hoped to have raised in excess of £2,000 for Heart Disease Research.

Whilst in New York, waiting to register for the Marathon, they met by

chance another Essex Policeman Patrolman Dave Cuomo, but this one came from New Jersey, a suburb just outside New York in Essex County.

Frank and Dave were shown tremendous hospitality by the American Essex Police during their stay and intend to keep in touch with them. They hope to arrange a combined charity event sometime next year.



## Taff Jones Memorial Fund

THE above Fund, set up following the tragic death of Detective Chief Inspector Taff Jones earlier this year is to close on the 31 December.

So far donations totalling in excess of £2,000 have been received and in January 1987 a Presentation is to be made to the Children's Ward at Broomfield Hospital.

Any Officer wishing to donate to the Fund should contact Detective Constable Fred Nicholls at Chelmsford CID.

## Charity Football at Billericay

LOCAL officers at Billericay have been doing sterling work over the past few months in raising funds for the Children's Cancer Centre at St Bart's Hospital in London.

The idea was the brain child of Sergeant Dave Jones at Billericay and various fund raising events have been held. Dave himself went on a sponsored slim and also arranged two football matches against a local team the JK (Mayflower) Veterans. As their name suggests they are attached to a local hostelry but any rumours that they are past their prime should be quickly squashed!

Ever mindful that they were friendly games the Police were allowed to win the first one and by arrangement JK Veterans the second.

Non playing Captain of the Police team for the second match was Pc John Clarke who is recovering from serious injuries sustained in a road traffic accident. He was ably assisted in getting the match underway by Frank McAvennie the West Ham and Scottish International footballer who gave his support to the venture.

As Dave Jones told the Law, "That neither the Police or the Veterans came out overall winners doesn't matter at all. Both teams throughout enjoyed themselves and at the end of the day the true winner was the Children's Cancer Centre. Thanks to everyone's efforts we managed to raise over £1,500 which has been passed on to the centre."



Photo courtesy of Keith Steele

ACC (P) Mr Geoffrey Markham and Ch Insp Stuart Rigg with Frank McAvennie and PC John Clarke.



Photo courtesy of Keith Steele

The teams in usual pre-match pose, before going onto to complete their money-raising game.

## Chief Constable's High Commendation

AT A recent Police Committee meeting at County Hall Woman Detective Constable Linda Vernon was awarded the Chief Constable's highest accolade, a High Commendation, by the Chairman of the Committee, Councillor Mr Geoffrey Waterer.

The presentation was made in the presence of the whole of the police Committee and the citation was read by Mr Peter Simpson the Deputy Chief Constable;—

"Woman Detective Constable Vernon was off duty on Saturday, 21st June, 1986, walking with her mother past a newsagents shop in Barrack Street, Colchester, when she saw two men wearing stocking masks walk into the shop and grab the shopkeeper by the throat.

She immediately instructed an assistant in a nearby shop to ring the police and inform them that a robbery was taking place. She then ran back to the Newsagents and with the aid of two passers by grabbed hold and arrested one of the masked men, restraining him until other Police officers arrived.

This man, together with his accomplice, who was arrested later subsequently appeared before Chelmsford Crown Court

and were both sentenced to terms of imprisonment.

The Chief Constable wishes to Highly Commend WDC Vernon for the outstanding initiative and courage she displayed whilst off duty when she tackled and arrested a violent man responsible for robbery."

In presenting the Award on behalf of the Police Committee Mr Waterer said that Linda's actions highlights the pro-

fessionalism and courage exercised daily by Officers of Essex Police. He told Linda that her relatives and colleagues could feel justifiably proud of her actions, she responded to a situation which most of the general public would have simply ignored.

Linda, aged 31 years, joined Essex Police in March 1983. She has served as a uniformed officer at Chelmsford and Halstead and is currently

attached to the Criminal Investigation Department at Braintree.

A former secretary with the Colchester Council, Linda told the Law that it was a great honour to receive such an award. She said that at the time she did not stop to consider what might have happened to her and felt that any police officer given the same circumstances would have done the same thing.



Photo courtesy of Essex Chronicle.

WDC Linda Vernon was presented with the Chief Constable's High Commendation by the Chairman of the Police Committee, Mr Geoffrey Waterer. The citation was read by the Deputy Chief Constable Mr Peter Simpson.

# Law Letters

## Magnificent

Dear All,

What a magnificent effort. On behalf of BBC Essex and the many children whom the money will benefit, could I say a big thank you. £24,000 was one of the biggest individual contributions to Children in Need and will be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks for turning up at Clements Hall on the night to hand over the cheque. Your contributions to the evening helped turn that into a success too.

You might like to know that your contribution has helped push the total raised in Essex for Children in Need to over one hundred thousand pounds.

Thank you,  
Best Wishes,  
Keith Roberts,  
Programme Organiser,  
BBC Essex.

## Marathon effort

The Editor,

From one who knows a bit about marathon running, having completed nine in a couple of years, I would like to draw your attention to the achievements of PC Steve Wyn, stationed at Pitsea, who between 14 September 1986 and 2 November 1986 ran eight full marathons — that's one a week for eight weeks!

The events and times are as follows: 14.9.86 Slough Marathon 3:49:35; 21.9.86 Worthing Marathon 3:43:37;

27.9.86 Polytechnic Marathon Windsor to Chiswick 3:50:55; 5.10.86 Richmond Marathon 3:39:52; 12.10.86 Masters and Maidens Marathon in Hampshire 3:45:31; 19.10.86 Canterbury Marathon 3:44:36; 26.10.86 Harlow Marathon 3:37:26; 2.11.86 Harlow Marathon 3:51:23.

If my facts are correct Steve has now completed twenty full marathons in a little over two years and although the above times are short of his personal best, they are all very respectable and still five minutes quicker than my best! I am also envious of his wife Cindy, who is prepared to travel around the country with Steve and hang around the finishing line for hour after hour in rain or shine and never complain. My wife thinks I'm mad and never fails to remind me before a race.

Ps David Starr  
Basildon.

## Sign

Dear Editor,

While on holiday recently in South Africa, I noticed some very unusual road signs, one of which is enclosed (translated I think it means 'No Drinking and Driving!'). I thought that quite possibly it might interest the readers of the 'Law'.

Unfortunately I was not too quick with the camera, and missed some of the really good shots which might have had the Motorway crews pulling

their hair out.

Yes, the roads out there were full of surprises. One experience of driving along motorways (not the M1 but the N1!), was to see on several occasions, young children on the side of the road, with a herd of cattle grazing! Imagine that on the side of the M25!



Going back to the enclosed photo, I was wondering if something similar might be of use in this country, perhaps outside all the local pubs! It might get the message across, especially at this time of year!

Hoping that you are all keeping well.

Yours sincerely,  
Joanna Crow,  
(ex Jo Sell, but definitely not Jo Crow!)

St Albans, Herts.

## Thanks

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

May I, on behalf of my family and myself, express our sincere thanks to you all for the beautiful floral tributes, letters and cards of sympathy received following the death of my dear husband, Gerald.

Also may I thank you all who attended his Thanks Giving Service and Interment at Radwinter Church. He will be sadly missed by us all.

Yours sincerely,  
E. Cowell (Mrs)  
Radwinter.

GOZO, MALTA, guest house, h/b from £11.50 per day, pool/bal/shower, flights arranged. Peter Spensley, Benfleet Station or 0375 891117.

CHRYSLER AVENGER 1977/S, 1300 DL, alarm fitted, all good condition, MoT April 1987, 49,000 miles, radio cassette, £650 ono. K. Brookes, Roxwell Station or Roxwell 243.

WANTED NEW or used Cambridge Diet Plan Pack/s, genuine reason. Pc 1387 F.S.U., HQ ext 207.

WANTED, TROLLEY Jack and Black & Decker Work Mate. Pc Rickards, F.S.U. or Southend on Sea 333293. ZENITH EM camera with case, Optomax 135mm telephoto lens, Chinon 28mm lens, Elsinor 80-200mm zoom lens, Prinzflex 3 x teleconverter £65. Dc Kestell, Shoebury Station.

REAR SEAT belts, "Generation" suitable for children 3 years +, and adults, fit most saloons, two boxed, cost £40, £25. Ds Currell, HQ CDU (Fraud) or 0702 712151. CAMERA PRAKTIKA, telescopic lens, 135mm Zeiss Jena, auto flash unit, exposure meter, complete kit, excellent condition, all cased, £90 ono. Mrs J. E. Gough, Chelmsford 360573. SALE of workshop, garden and garage items, including tools, ladders, garden chairs etc. Mrs J. E. Gough. Chelmsford 360573.

## MONEY MATTERS



by  
Tony  
Warren

THE next 400 words critically affect every officer in every UK Police Force.

The last time I covered this subject, it attracted a sharp response from the Federation, both locally and Nationally. Ever in the firing line, here we go!

On April 6, 1988, you will be able to opt out of the Police Pension scheme, take a transfer of value from it and start your own with a company you personally choose.

You are soon going to be inundated with strong views from both quarters. Here's the picture in 338 words.

Staying in the Police Scheme ensures guaranteed benefits based on your final salary. Your contribution is based on the cost of paying retirement income to those already gone. There is no investment element but the employer contributes generously to the scheme. If you leave early, though, your benefits are reduced.

Leaving the Police scheme requires you to choose a company and throw money into a tax-free pot, along with a generous contribution from your employer (believed five per cent-ish of your salary).

This pot is always yours and you can control and monitor the investment — brokers are geared up to provide this service. Not only that, if you leave your employer, you can take it with you.

You will be allowed to put in a percentage of your income (believed up to 17.5 per cent) and, when you retire, you will be able to take as big a pension as your fund will provide, after removing your tax-free lump sum.

This means that with a good company and a stout contribution, your pension will be substantially better than the existing scheme. It also means that if you pick a poor company, it may be worse!

Now for "sides"! On the right, you have the Government who's aim is for every employee to have his own personally-funded pension, fully portable between jobs and managed in the way he wishes.

On the left, you have the officials who say it is better to stay in the Police Scheme where you have guaranteed benefits.

In the middle, you have the pensions brokers and investment analysts who would like you to go to them and buy your own scheme. To get your business they will offer very competitive services.

Underneath, there is you! Here's the bottom line. If you are a shrewd saver, and greedy for retirement, look at personal schemes. If not, don't!

## National Association of Retired Police Officers by Doug Rampling

Party was once again held at Headquarters and, as usual, it was a great success. (Note for next year's diary, Friday, July 3). I am sorry I did not get along, but I am told that all who attended had a most enjoyable time.

## Widows' pensions

I regret to report that on the subject of Preserved Rate Widows' Pensions — having reached agreement at Committee "E" of the Police Negotiating Board — an increase in pensions to these widows would be made. The Home Secretary has refused to ratify same, which means that the extra money will not now be paid.

I personally think that this is disgraceful — how can the Home Office act in such a dogmatic manner when everyone else concerned was in agreement? — It's beyond me. Rest assured that the matter will not be dropped — the fight goes on.

## Garden party

Due obviously to the lack of activity on my part, little has gone on since I last wrote in the LAW. The Force Garden

## Conference

The annual conference at Plymouth on September 12 was well-attended. I am informed. A full report on conference will

appear in the National Bulletin, so I do not propose to elaborate upon it here. The only Motion I would draw to your attention is the one dealing with annual subscriptions. It was decided that as from 1.1.87 the annual subscription would be increased from £2.40 to £3 for full members and from 60p to 96p for widows. May I ask you therefore, to please forward 1987 subscriptions to your respective treasurers as soon as convenient.

## Comrades' Association

The Comrades Association held their annual luncheon at Headquarters on Friday, October 17. The event was well-attended and a good time had by all. Unfortunately, NARPO did not hold a luncheon this year, but hope to do so in 1987.

So there we are then — the end of another year. Many thanks to all who have taken the trouble to drop me a line. My thanks also to all those who have helped and advised throughout the year. May I close, by wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy 1987.

## Market Place

CLARINET, excellent condition, with case. Cost today £245, sell £125. Pc L. R. Snowden, Hutton Station or Billericay 57761.

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Wpc Dixon, Witham Station or 512461.

FRIGIDAIRE/FRIDGE, large size, 43in high, excellent condition, working surface on top, £35. Insp. Taylor, Basildon Station or 0702 548685.

ONE PIECE leathers, black, blue or white, also matching 'Borei' helmet, fit 6ft - 6ft 2in, 14-stone rider, as new, £110. Dc Dave Elam, Harwich Port or 02556 6077.

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## FORCE LOTTERY

RESULT of the draw held on 24.10.86: 1st prize Pc P. Mullaly, Rayleigh, £1,500; 2nd prize Dc J. Potter, HQ, £700; 3rd prize Ds D. J. Henshall, Brentwood RCS, £300. Consolation prizes of £50: Ps B. Brown, Colchester Traffic; Wpc C. Brotherwell, HQ FTS; Hilda Burr, Colchester; Pc B. Bastow, Clacton; Pc A. Nicholson, Clacton; Pc E. Turnbull, Harwich; Pc P. Smith, Clacton; Ps D. Smith, Hatfield Heath; Pc A. Tinson, HQ Traffic; Pc J. Kettley, Laindon Traffic.

RESULT of the draw held on 19.11.86: 1st prize C/Supt F. G. Shepherd, HQ, £1,500; 2nd prize Pc K. Bambury, Chelmsford Traffic, £700; 3rd prize C/I A. Fox, Grays, £300. Consolation prizes of £50: Ds A. Smith, Epping; Pc C. Odell, Grays; Pc G. Orvis, Harlow Traffic; Supt M. J. Brewer, Chelmsford; Pc D. King, Southend; TW H. Garwood, Colchester; Wpc A. Clear, Dunmow; Ps I. Walker, HQ; Pc T. Williams, Copford; C/I G. Furnival, HQ.



## 1,000th Neighbourhood Watch Group

A BRUSH with the law! The famous witches of Canewdon (which is allegedly the witch capital of England), hung up their broom sticks and stayed at home on the night Essex Police Crime Prevention Department took over Canewdon Village Hall for the inauguration of the 1,000th Neighbourhood Watch Group in Essex.

Over 100 villagers braved a wet and windy night recently to attend the hall to be greeted by a Crime Prevention exhibition on 'Bogus Officials', post coding and Neighbourhood Watch, and not as someone said 'Witch Watch'!

The turn out was equally impressive on the Police side, headed by Mr Bunyard the Chief Constable, The Force Crime Prevention Officer Chief Inspector Graham Furnival, the Southend Divisional Commander Chief Superintendent Harper and Chief Inspector Tony Tomlinson were backed up by C.P.O.'s Andrea Blake and Tony Ashdown, and the local Neighbourhood Beat Officer Constable Tony Blake.

The meeting was opened by Mr Bunyard who said of Neighbourhood Watch, "I did not think we would generate so much interest, I must confess I was surprised. When we started it we were not at all sure, but we now realise the public is genuinely interested in

doing something to beat crime. Anyone in public service can get the impression that people do not care very much and want everything done for them, the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is a clear sign people are willing to help".

Chief Inspector Furnival gave the talk on Neighbourhood Watch and physical security, all aspects of Neighbourhood Watch were covered from the earliest origins in America, to present day. Mr Furnival defined it as "a chance for Neighbours in a community to work together in an attempt to combat and prevent local crime". He went on to say "that in two years the

schemes in Essex had brought people together and enriched community spirit. In areas with a scheme the crime and vandalism were reduced".

To compliment the talk on physical security the Prudential video 'Stop Thief' was used. During the interval the Chief Constable was able to chat with villagers over a cup of tea. The meeting was concluded with a talk on property marking by C.P.O. Andrea Blake and a brief question time followed.

Crime Prevention were last seen disappearing to the local Coven to recruit a liaison witch for Witch Watch, what witch, witch who'...



Mr Robert Bunyard, The Chief Constable and WPC Andrea Blake.

### Retirements

Pc D. Amos, Chelmsford, 30 November 1986, after 26 years and 314 days service.

Pc M. C. F. Briggs, Southend DHQ Collator, 2 November 1986, after 19 years and 148 days service.

Insp J. D. Chidwick, Management Services/Executive Support, 26 October 1986 after 27 years and 96 days service. Wpc S. C. Ding, Colchester, 23 November 1986, after 10 years and 295 days service.

Insp D. R. Fell, Traffic/Traffic management, 31 October 1986 after 28 years and 226 days service.

Pc A. E. Green, Harlow/-

Hatfield Heath, 31 October 1986, after 30 years and 7 days service.

Pc R. S. Kent, Laindon Traffic, 13 December 1986, after 30 years and 1 days service.

Pc N. J. Nattrass, Chelmsford/Halstead, 20 February 1987, after 7 years and 206 days service.

Insp. D. Ryan, Southend/Rayleigh, 26 October 1986, after 31 years and 109 days service.

C/Insp I. R. Saines, Colchester Administration, 31 January 1987, after 34 years and 157 days service.

Pc A. Turns, Harlow/Saffron Walden, 28 November 1986, after 27

years and 311 days service.

Ds B. G. S. Searle, Colchester/Walton on Naze, 4 January 1987, after 28 years and 74 days service. Pc J. S. Cross, Colchester/Brightlingsea, 31 December 1986, after 30 years and 68 days service.

### Obituaries

November 24, ex-Pc G. W. Leslie, 79 years, who retired from the Force 1964.

December 1, ex-Police-woman Superintendent Nellie Bohanna, 70 years, who retired from the Force 1972.

December 2, ex-Pc T. Whetton, 87 years, who retired from the Force 1958.

## Headquarter's Musical Society

A PLEASANT event took place in the Headquarters Bar during the evening of 13 October, when the profits from the show "Musical Memories", staged in June, were handed over to the respective charities.

Dr M. Murray, Heart Consultant, from Broomfield Hospital and Detective Constable Greenfield, representing the "EXPOL '86" group (who ran from John O' Groats to Lands End during the summer), were both presented with cheques for £570, but musical society

chairman Roy Clarke.

Dr Murray, thanking everyone, explained that the money would be used for heart monitoring equipment at the Broomfield Hospital, and Bob Greenfield that theirs would be used for the "Children in need" Appeal.

The Society would like to thank everyone who supported the show and made such a splendid result possible.

by Sylvia Bray

## Max Boyce Road Show

THE STATE THEATRE, Grays was the venue for a variety show in November, organised by Grays Police and featuring television star Max Boyce.

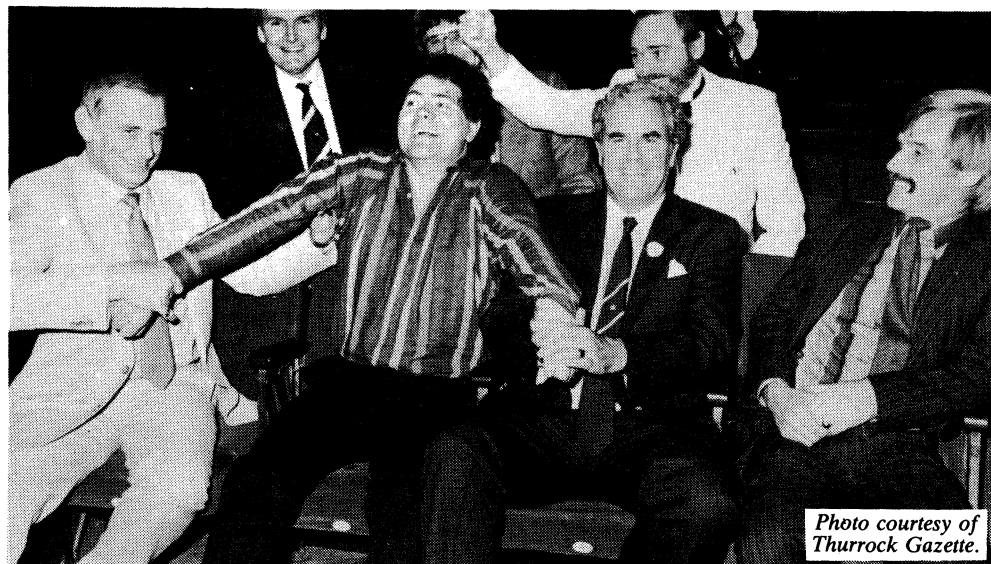
The show was organised by Superintendent Terry Roberts and staff from two local Thurrock schools, Culver House and William Edward Comprehensive.

Over 1,700 people attended the Show and they were treated to a first class evening of entertainment.

The purpose of the Show was to raise money to fund an outdoor educational pursuits centre run by the two schools in Triff, South Wales.

### Benefit

The Show cost about £5,000 to stage and a final balance has yet to be made. However, Superintendent Roberts said that he was hoping that at the end of the day the Pursuits Centre would benefit from the Venture.



Max Boyce assists Supt. Terry Roberts and Insp Terry Bates with their enquiries. Whilst Pc John Barrett, teacher Dave Ellis and the manager of the State Theatre Ray Roberts look on.

## JERSEY TOUR

A TOUR has been arranged for Essex Police Football Club to Jersey.

The party will leave England on Friday, April 10, returning Monday, April 13.

Accommodation for three nights will be provided in a hotel in the Jersey capital of St Helier. The arrangements there will be half-board (bed, breakfast and evening meal).

An accurate cost is not available at present, but should be in the region of £70 to £80.

If you are interested in going full details can be obtained from Dc Box, Headquarters Fraud Squad.

## Force Snooker and Billiards

THE FORCE Snooker and Billiards Competition will be held on Tuesday, January 27, at the Chelmsford Snooker Club.

The respective winner of the event will represent the Force at the PAA Indoor Games Competition due to be held later in the year.

Anybody interested should contact the Organiser before the end of the year so that numbers can be catered for.

On receipt of your anticipated entry you will be sent further details, ie format, times, meals, etc.

Contact Rodney Booth, Ps 178 at Braintree for further details.

## BERLIN 86 MARATHON



LAST SEPTEMBER the 'Basildon Divisional Marathon Team', made their third Trek across to Berlin in East Germany, to enter and complete the 13th Annual Berlin Marathon.

This year the Marathon Team used the event as the basis for a joint charity appeal, on behalf of two local causes — 'The Children's Centre' at Basildon Hospital and 'The Fairhaven Hospice' at Westcliff-on-Sea.

Following the successful completion of the Marathon by the team, in excess of £3,000 has been raised through sponsorship between the two causes.

The running team led by Basildon's Divisional Commander Chief Superintendent Alan Gilling, comprised of constables Allan Barley, Terry Astbury, Paul Watson, Roy Keble and June Hutton, who all completed the 26 mile 385 yard course with a mixture of elation and exhaustion.

The other two members of the crew were constables Gordon Sinclair and Eddie Smith, who as drivers / back-up team, provided the necessary support along the 1,460 miles of the journey.

'Berlin Marathon 86' proved to be yet another successful venture by the 'Basildon Divisional Running Team', for two more very worthwhile and needy causes!

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## FORCE PISTOL COMPETITION

WICK ranges, Fingering-hoe was the setting on 8 October for the Annual Force Pistol competition. This year it produced one of the closest fought contests for some time with several teams in with a chance to take the trophy.

The morning started well, with the distance shooting and reduced timings giving everyone equal chances. At lunch time the competition was still wide open.

The afternoon's shoot produced some really excellent shooting from the closer distances with the TFG team 'B' of Larry Collins and Ian East running out as team winners.

TFG team 'A' of John Manners and Keith Bishop just managed to hold off Colchester 'A', Chris McIntosh and Sue Watson by one point to take the runner-up position.

Individual winner was Larry Collins with Chris MacIntosh taking the runner-up trophy.

Last year's winners of the team trophy FSU 'A'

had to settle for winning the 'clay' shoot after a gruelling knockout competition.

Trophies were presented to the winners and runners-up by Mr Simpson ACC 'O' now Deputy Chief Constable.

The 'Bill Bishop' shield for the best overall individual shot was won by this year by Larry Collins, and the trophy was presented by Mrs Sue Bishop.

by Gordon Bennett



Sue Bishop, with Larry Collins, winner of the "Bill Bishop Trophy."

## SPORTS REPORT

I'M TOLD that indoor bowling is fast becoming one of the most popular television spectator sports. From time to time I seem to find myself watching it and not being able to climb the stairs. I mention this because last year Essex Police started to sponsor a bowls competition called the 'Inter County Competition' which I believe was the brain child of Doug Alcock of Stansted amongst others.

It must be said that the competition has become very popular indeed amongst police forces beyond the Home Counties. This year's entries came from as far afield as West Midlands, Lincolnshire and Surrey. I'm pleased to say that the competition has attracted bowling of a high standard and may well become the sort of event which ranks highly on the bowling calendar. My compliments to Doug Alcock and his committee.

The trouble with this publication which is now every other month, is that I sometimes find it difficult to report on matters that are current at the time of going to press. One such event at the moment is the Croker Cup competition for 1986 which is drawing to a conclusion.

All I can report at this stage is that it is a very close thing between Colchester and Grays and the final results will have to wait until the next issue. The two sports which will decide the competition are rifle shooting and sea fishing, both of which I am awaiting the final results from the team captains. I must say that the 'dark horses' this year are Clacton who must be commended on their efforts. It will be interesting to see where they come in the final results.

Well Christmas is coming which is a busy time for all Clubs. I wish all committees all the best in their efforts over this period. I hope that all parties, etc, go well and that there are lots of contented children of our members. On behalf of the Management Committee of your Sports Association can I wish you all a happy Christmas and I for one look forward to 1987 when the whole sporting calendar for the Croker Cup starts again. Don't forget Race Walking, Sunday, 18 January, at Essex University, Colchester, 11am. See you there.

All best wishes to you all. Yours in sport.

John Barrett, Secretary.

## SEA ANGLING

ON THURSDAY, 20 November, 1986, the Annual Event of the Croker Cup took place at Bradwell. Teams from Headquarters, Chelmsford, Braintree, Rayleigh, Southend, Grays, Harlow, Clacton, Colchester and Basildon took part.

The weather was moderate and six boats were used, the organiser of them being ex Chief Inspector Don Harmer.

The winning team was Clacton with a weight of 57lbs 2ozs, second was Headquarters with 55lbs 10ozs, and third was Rayleigh.

The individual winner for the Barkway Cup was taken by PC R. Cockett from Southminster Marine Section with a weight of 30lbs 8ozs. All anglers caught fish, mostly whiting with a fair amount of codling.

by Michael Bannister

### Where is the cup?

THE LAST edition of 'The Law' carried a report of the Force Long Distance Swim, an annual event held at Southend.

One of the trophies hotly contested each year is that for the winning team.

Unfortunately it was not possible to present that trophy at the last event. The trophy is missing. Can anyone shed any light on the whereabouts of the trophy now? If you can, contact 'The Law' office on Headquarters 374/5/6 and we will arrange to return the trophy to its proper place.

## Angling Lines

The PAA National Championship Match, held at Gunthorpe, Nottingham, on the river Trent, failed, as usual, to live up to the expected 'Bagging-up' of large quantities of roach, bream and chub... don't ask me why, conditions were perfect, the sun shone and we all had a most enjoyable day, even with the poor result. Kevin Taylor netted 5-1-8 for top Essex place, followed by reserve Peter Richardson with 2-0-0 and myself with 1-2-8, with just a few ounces for the rest of the team. We finished in the bottom ten, but gained some useful experience.

The following day we challenged Surrey to a 'friendly' match before returning home, fished down stream of the match length. Results were even worse than the day before even though Iain Fraser won the Individual Shield with 1-5-8, the trophy went home to Surrey, until we can get back on the Avon in September 1987.

Back on home ground on 7th October, we got our expected result in the penultimate round of the SEPA league at Broxbourne on the Lea, proving once again that fishing to 'team orders' works. We did enough to ensure that whatever happened in the final round was of no consequence (which was just as well!).

Bob Neale (2-6-0), myself (2-1-0) and Tony Morris (2-0-0) bagged up dozens of small gudgeon on pinkies and squats, with the rest of the team backing up with enough to put us well clear in the table.

Tony's result in particular, from a very difficult swim, was worthy of merit and saw him into a position to challenge me at the top of the individual table, just when I thought I had only Tony Chandler from Kent to beat. Bob's second place overall was slightly offset by the fact that he broke a brand new carbon rod on the first cast of the day!

The Thames Valley Open, at Wallingford, near Oxford, produced the predictably dreary result, with half the team blanking, in fact half the competitors didn't get a bite all day. Neil Everard returned after several years absence from the team to make top Essex weight with 2-13-0.

### BOB HUNTER

The final league match of the year, at Godalming in Surrey, on a flooded river Wey on 21st October cost me the individual championship. Weights were very low all round, but I managed to blank whilst Tony Morris's 0-8-0 of bits did enough to put him past both myself and Tony Chandler.

Top Essex weight of the day was Peter Richardson's 0-12-0, and the team did badly as a whole, but considering the conditions it was a bit of a lottery and a disappointing end to the season. We saw our 36 point lead dwindle to just six points, but we had done just enough to take the Shield, for only the second time in the league's history, and to take first and second individual awards as well.

So, a great end to a most successful season here are some of the placings: SEPA League, (Lowest points wins) 1st, Essex 217; 2nd, Sussex 223; 3rd, Surrey 247; 4th, City of London 357 and 5th, Kent 391.

Individual: (Highest points wins) 1st, Tony Morris 176; 2nd, Bob Hunter 173; 3rd Tony Chandler (Kent) 173 (on weight); 4th, Geoff Lewis (Surrey) 166, 5th Jim Findlay (Surrey) 159; 6th, Bob Neale 157; 7th Graham Lindfield (Sussex) 157 (on weight).

Essex Police 'Matchman of the Year' (Highest points win) 1st, Tony Morris 124; 2nd, Kevin Taylor 109; 3rd Dave Ruff 105; 4th Bob Neale 100; 5th, Dave Delamain 97; 6th Phil Brochen 88; 7th Bob Rowley 79; 8th Iain Fraser 78; 9th Paul Smedley 74 and 10th Bob Hunter 70.

That's just about if for this year, although there are one or two matches to be held during the winter, see the next issue for reports.

## BOWLS

ON THURSDAY, October 9 the Essex Police-sponsored Inter County Bowling Competition took place at Towerlands Indoor Bowling Club, Braintree.

Twelve county teams entered the competition, teams from as far apart as West Midlands, Lincolnshire and Surrey being included. Play was of the highest standard, many of the competitors being players who had represented their counties at the highest levels. Until the last three ends were played it was still doubtful who would win but Surrey under the captaincy of John Dobson finally pulled ahead to win by three shots. The Metropolitan Police were runners-up, Essex on this occasion were 'also-rans'.

Mr Stone, Deputy Chief Constable, attended the evening meal and presented the prizes. Doug Alcock, Essex Vice-Captain, presented Mr Stone with a cut glass liqueur decanter as a retirement present from the Essex Police Bowls Section.



## NOTICES

### Holiday Fund

APPLICATION FORMS to join the Southend Police Holiday Fund should have been returned to the Secretary, Mrs Burrows, at Rayleigh Police Station by the 10 December.

Did you remember to send in yours?

### Friendly Society

IN VIEW of the impending dissolution of The Friendly Society no more subscriptions will be collected after 31 December 1986, neither will any benefits be paid after that date.

The last deductions from salary for serving members will be for December. The County Treasurer has been notified.

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