

# Support Division

THE 1st JUNE saw a fundamental change to the structure of the Force with the birth of the Support Division. In this article Mr Dickinson, A.C.C. (O), highlights the role of the new Division.

The new Division, essentially an amalgamation of the Traffic and Operations Divisions, has resulted from considerable research and consultation by Chief Superintendent Frank Shepherd during the last six months of his long Police career.

The title of the new Division is the keyword to its aim and hopefully to its future success — SUPPORT. Crime, Public Order, Traffic problems and day to day Policing occur in territorial Divisions, the Support Division exists solely to provide assistance in terms of manpower and specialised expertise to operational Commanders. By bringing the centralised areas of specialised support into the Division the Force will benefit from an integrated command structure that will enhance the manner in which support can be

provided but will also maintain the specialised expertise currently available thus improving our service to the public.

The Divisional Commander Chief Superintendent Mike Humberston will, having considered the demands faced by the Force and requests for assistance from territorial Commanders, decide how manpower can best be deployed thus ensuring the most effective use is made of available staff and equipment.

The Force has carefully balanced the level of manpower used for specialised duties, whilst this matter must remain one of continuous review, there is no intention to erode the necessary expertise which must remain available. It is imperative however to ensure that a level of flexibility exists to permit the deployment of manpower in accordance with the priorities and demands of the Force as and when they occur.

The Support Division should offer an enhancement to the duties of its members by providing, on occasions, a variation to normal duties in the in-

terest of the Force and the Public.

The Deputy Head of the Division is Superintendent Ian Wright who will have specific responsibilities for the Information Room, Traffic Management Unit, Emergency Planning and Press and Public Relations.

Superintendent Ernie Paris heads the Traffic Department which retains the existing officers within territorial Divisions.

Superintendent Greg Moss was promoted to his post as Head of the Operations Department on 1st June. His responsibilities include the Force Support Unit (incorporating the Tactical Firearms and Diving Sections), Crime Operations Section, Marine Section, Mounted Section and the Dog Unit.

The Force has been presented with a number of challenges in recent years with increased demands on territorial Divisions. The Support Division is part of the response to answer more demands in a sustained effort to offer the best possible Policing service to the people of Essex.

## SPECIAL CAR FOR TONY

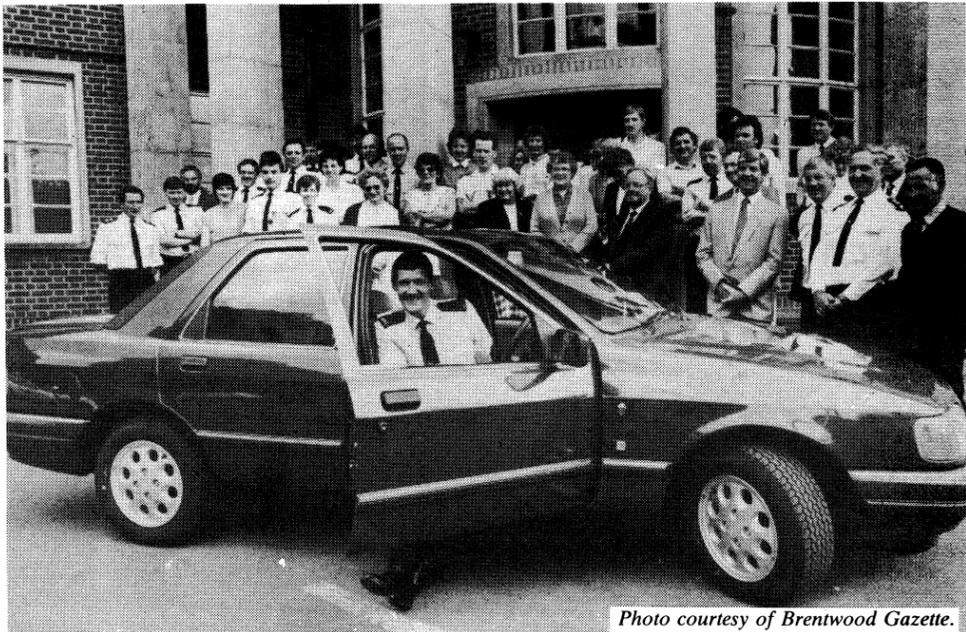


Photo courtesy of Brentwood Gazette.

Pc TONY BOOTHMAN, stationed at Brentwood, was involved in a road accident on his way to work in October 1986. Early in the morning on a foggy day he was riding a motor cycle when he collided with a milk float. He received severe injuries to his left arm and leg which tragically resulted in him losing his left arm.

He spent six months in hospital, was discharged at the end of April, and started back to work in May.

Realising that his mobility would be severely restricted, his colleagues set up a collection fund and the response was absolutely outstanding. Coupled with a 24-hour sponsored 'Netball cum Basketball Match' at the Brentwood School and other events a grand total of £9,521.73 was raised.

The generous discount offered by the Ford Motor Company afforded the opportunity to buy him a Ford Sierra Sapphire Ghia which was presented to him recently by Chief Inspector Ken Hawkins at Brentwood Police Station.

The car, in Regency Red, is the top of the range model fitted with power assisted steering, automatic gear change

and the latest adaption supplied and fitted by Brian Page Controls of Egham, Surrey, enabling Tony to drive one-handed and operating the indicators, lights, horn etc by the flick of a switch.

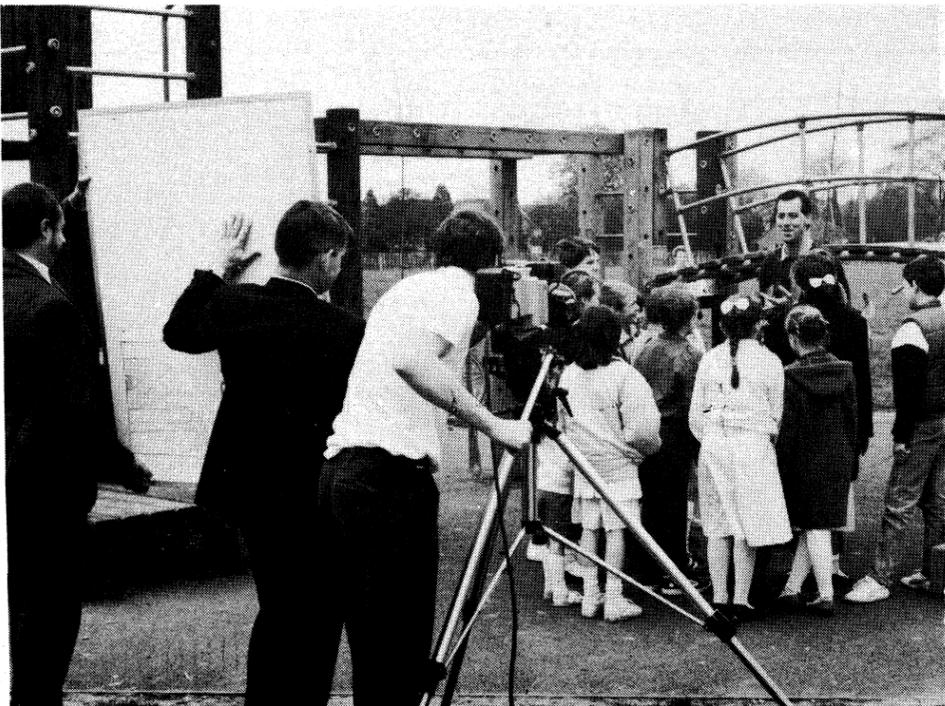
Tony later told *The Law* "I owe the recovery from my accident to a lot of people — hospital staff, family, friends and colleagues. I am deeply indebted to them all. It is not possible to express adequately the gratitude I feel regarding the gift of this beautiful car which will assist greatly with my mobility and independence.

I would like to thank everyone individually who contributed towards the Fund but it is impossible to do so as many of them I don't know. But perhaps I can just say a sincere Thank You through the columns of *The Law*.

Special thanks go to Chief Inspector Ken Hawkins, Inspectors Barry Daymond and Pete Sheldrake and Pc Ian Heffron who all worked so hard behind the scenes.

In returning to work I look forward to serving the community who have supported me in the past seven months."

## DON'T GO WITH STRANGERS — ALWIGHT?



TELEVISION PERSONALITY and comedian Michael Barrimore endorsed Crime Prevention initiatives in Harlow recently by starring in a video film along the 'Never Go with Strangers' theme.

Michael is currently starring in the television quiz show 'Strike It Lucky'. He gave up some of his valuable time to make the video with a group of budding actors and actresses from the Harlow

area — all of whom are Policemen's Children!

The video was made by the Headquarters multi media team and will be shown at Schools in the Harlow Division during the Summer Term.

Michael subsequently attended a press conference at Harlow Police Station where he supported the Crime Prevention initiatives being taken.

## Family Fun Day

SUNDAY 5th JULY is the date set aside for the Force Family Fun Day on the Sports Ground at Police Headquarters.

This is the first time the Force has held such an event on a major scale and the main aim is to raise funds for various charitable organisations and for people to enjoy themselves at the same time.

The main charity to benefit will be the Special Olympics Fund, an international charity which provides the opportunity for mentally handicapped youngsters to train and compete in a wide variety of Olympic Sports.

Each Division has also nominated its own charity and among those to benefit will be:

Chelmsford: Hargrave House, a residential home for severely handicapped children.

Basilton: St Luke's Hospice, Basilton.

Colchester: The G.O.O.D. Foundation, a charity giving medical aid and shelter to deprived children in Third World countries.

Grays: The Scout Association in West Thurrock and Brentwood.

Harlow: West Essex Scanner Appeal Fund.

Southend: The Prince Avenue School Partial Hearing Unit.

C.I.D.: D.E.B.R.A. (Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association) research into a painful skin disease suffered by children.

Traffic: No specific charity nominated but monies to be donated to the others.

In addition a donation will also be sent to The Police Convalescent Home.

The Day will have something for everyone. There will be various arena events, displays and many side-shows. But the whole afternoon will centre around a massive relay race.

Every Division and several other Departments will be entering a team of twenty-five sponsored runners. Each will run about half-a-mile around the

Headquarters Sports Field.

The Day needs your support to be a success so come along with your family. Programmes will be on sale in Divisions at a cost of 25p and these will allow free entry. But if you can't get a programme just turn up on the day.

One of the organisers Detective Inspector Dave Bright is urgently seeking tombola and raffle prizes in any size, shape or form. Any unwanted gifts, bottles etc., will all be gratefully received. Dave can arrange collection if you give him a ring on Headquarters Extension 475 or Rayleigh Police Station Extension 270.

If you are unable to attend but feel you would like to make a donation to this very worthy cause Dave will also gladly receive your cheque. Alternatively money can be paid into any branch of the Leeds Building Society, but the best thing you can do is turn up on the day. Remember everyone is invited, serving and retired Officers, Policemen and Civilian staff and the public. We need your support!!

# ANNUAL AWARDS

COUNTY HALL at Chelmsford was the venue for an Investiture Ceremony recently when three Officers received Force Trophies.

The Wilson, Millard and Sir Jonathan Peel Trophies were presented to three Essex Policemen by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis KCB, JP.

The Chief Constable, other Senior Officers, Divisional colleagues and members of each Officers family were also present.

The Wilson Trophy is awarded annually for the most meritorious act performed in the course of duty. This year it was awarded to PC Sean Lofty stationed at Harlow.

Sean had only been in the Force for a few months when in August 1986 he attended an incident at Harlow with two other Officers, where a man was threatening three youths. The man was brandishing a



PC Sean Lofty of Harlow.

knife in one hand and a hammer in the other and had trapped the three youths in a cul-de-sac.

The man was extremely agitated; he threatened all three Officers and refused repeated requests to put the weapons down.

Sean engaged the man in conversation at the same time slowly edged towards him. As he got within reach of the man Sean was able to grab his hand and the knife and then with the assistance of the other Policemen totally disarmed him.

## Millard Trophy

THE MILLARD TROPHY is awarded to the Police Officer who, in the preceding year, made the greatest contribution to social service in the community or to the furtherance of Police and Public relations.



PS Geoff Lee of Ongar with his wife Edna.

This year the Trophy was presented to Sergeant Geoff Lee stationed at Ongar who qualifies on both counts.

Geoff has been raising money for various charities since the mid-1960's but 1986 was something of a boom year for him.

Some of his separate achievements are worthy of note:

He took part in a three-hour sponsored swim raising £500 for the Parkinsons Disease Appeal Fund.

He organised the Essex Police 'Fun Run' as part of the Epping and Ongar Police Fete and contributed to raising more than £1,000 for local charities.

He took part in the Essex police non-stop run from John O'Groats to Lands End and personally raised £6,500 for the Children in Need Appeal.

Over the years Geoff has raised many thousands of pounds by taking

part in sponsored walks, swims, fun runs and marathons. The various charities that he has supported include The Police Dependents Trust, Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Cancer Research, Heart Research Foundation and many local charities.

Spurred on by his Award Geoff subsequently took part in this year's London Marathon and again raised over £1,000 for a local old people's home.

All in all a remarkable effort and there can be no doubt that Geoff has earned his Award.

## Sir Jonathan Peel Trophy

IN DECEMBER 1962, Sir Jonathan Peel retired as Chief Constable of Essex and presented a trophy to the



PC Tony Sale of Basildon with his wife Katherine.

force to be awarded annually to the Police Constable gaining the highest marks, by an Essex Officer, in the promotion examination.

This year the trophy was awarded to PC Tony Sale who is stationed at Basildon Police Station.

## COMING SOON

PRIDE of place for this column must go to the Family Fun Day to be held at Police Headquarters on Sunday 5th July. Come along and enjoy yourselves whilst at the same time raising money for charity.

**50th Anniversary**  
TO MARK its 50th Anniversary the Headquarters Driving School will open its doors to past instructors and students on Friday 26th June. This will be followed on the Saturday by more of a general open day when motor clubs and associations have been invited to attend. For more details of this event and a history of the Driving School's past 50 years see page 4.

**Special Muster Parade**  
THE ANNUAL Muster Parade of the Special Constabulary will be held at the Force Training School on Sunday 19th July.

**Southend Cricket Week**  
SOUTHEND Police Club will again sponsor a marquee at the Essex County Cricket Club Week at Southchurch Park, Southend from Wednesday July 15th to 21st. Britannic Assurance County Championship opponents this year are Hampshire and Derbyshire — the latter also opposing on Sunday in the Refuge Assurance League match. Cricket Club members

will, of course, be welcome and daily visitors' tickets are available from Brian Taylor, Southend Police Club Secretary. Week day tickets this year are £2.30, Sunday tickets £3.75. Closing date for pre-ordered tickets is 7th July. Warrant/Identity Card holders may pay the gate price to the members enclosure, non Police guests must be accompanied. Bar and catering facilities available.

**HQ Musical Society**  
EARLY warning is given of the Society's intention of staging 'The Mikado' in February 1988. Further details of the event will be published in a later issue but in the meantime if anyone is interested in taking part they should contact the Society's Chairman Roy Clarke — the new Editor of The Law on Headquarters Extension 406.

**AND FINALLY** something of an apology to the Musical Society. In the last issue of The Law their latest production, 'The Fabulous Fifties' — (oops, wrong again!!) was advertised as being performed between the 13th and 15th June but in fact it took place between the 11th and 13th.

Those of you who turned up on the 13th probably enjoyed a very good show but the Editor apologises to those who came on the 14th and 15th. He has since had a slapped wrist and been sacked into the bargain...

## Essex Police Marathon

MARATHON RUNNERS in the County are invited to take part in the Essex Police Marathon Championships on Sunday 2nd August at Gloucester Park, Basildon.

The event is being run in conjunction with the Basildon Marathon and Half Marathon under Amateur Athletic Association Rules.

Specially struck medals and certificates will be awarded to all those who finish and there will be prizes in all categories.

Application forms can be obtained from all divisional Sports Club Representatives or from Superintendent Keith Southgate at Basildon Police Station.

## EDNET Update

by Chief Inspector Paul Tedder

AS REPORTED in a previous edition of The Law, progress is being made on the EDNET telephone project. By now some of you may have seen either British Telecom staff surveying for incoming and internal wiring or, perhaps, some of the project staff crawling round on all fours marking up the position of sockets with yellow sticky labels.

### Labels

It goes without saying that the number and position of these labels has been carefully considered and thus it is very important that they are not moved or removed.

### Equipment

The first deliveries of equipment have been made to the main switching centres at Headquarters, Basildon, Chelmsford, Colchester, Clacton, Harlow, Saffron Walden, Epping, Brentwood, Braintree, Grays, Rayleigh, Southend. This equipment consists of the Plessey ISDX digital switch and its power unit. Currently the equipment is only being stored but is now on site ready for full installation by BT technicians. Instructions have also been

issued for certain building works to take place in the switch room at these sites.

### Security

The question of security is important to us all these days. Building contractors should satisfy front counter staff before being allowed access. As far as BT personnel are concerned they should identify themselves with their normal ID card before gaining entry; for some of the more important sites they will also have a project photo-card issued at headquarters.

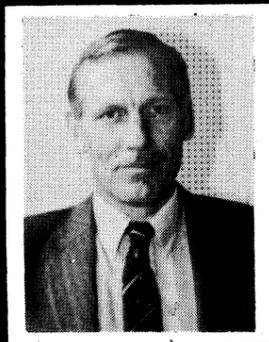
The project staff are much easier to identify — a sheaf of printed schedules, a role of yellow labels and dusty knees to their trousers.

All these staff are working to tight time schedules and, although they would love to talk about the project to everyone, please let them get on with their work unhindered.

This series of articles should keep you up to date with what is happening, but if you really need to know more then the Project Office is contactable (when we're not all out) on Headquarters extension 454.



## Federation Notes



by  
*Jim Rodgers*

### RENT ALLOWANCE

THE Police Committee, at their meeting in March 1987 authorised commencement of negotiations for the biennial review of Maximum Limit Rent Allowance for the Force.

The District Valuer as is usual was charged with the responsibility of valuing a Force Selected Police House to determine the level of allowance due. The Joint Branch Board has already obtained two private valuations and these indicated a possible increase of between £15 and £16 per week for Federated Ranks.

The District Valuer has now published his valuation and it has been forwarded to the Home Office for acceptance and approval. In the past this has always been a formality, and there is no reason to believe that this year it will be treated any differently.

The District valuer indicates a Maximum Limit Rent Allowance of £67.87 per week, and a Multiplier of 8.67. The Flat Rate Lodging Allowance will therefore be approximately £33.94 per week.

The Home Office will not take too long to approve the new figures, it then falls to Finance Department to calculate the new allowance and get them into payment as soon as practicable. It goes without saying that they will do their best work if you have provided them with up to date information relating to Rates and Water Rates, with your new ACC 3A. If you haven't — any delay is down to you!

### POLICE PENSIONS INDEX LINKING

IT has been brought to my notice that some officers may be under a misapprehension with regard to "Index Linking" on their Police Pension.

the case of an officer who retired on an I11 Health Pension, in which case it would be automatically "Index Linked" from the date of retirement.

The Pension that you earn according to the length of service is related to the salary at the time you retire, whatever your rank or increment. The Pension then remains at that same level until such time as you reach the age of 55 years — except in

The Pension is not affected by subsequent increases in Police Pay. The "Index Linking" is based on inflation figures over the period between retirement and reaching age 55, and then annually updated according to changes in the cost of living.

### PRESERVED RATE

IN spite of the cold hearted attitude of the Home Office with regard to the uplifting of preserved rate widows pensions, the Police Federation and the National Association of Retired Police Officers will continue to urge a change of heart.

The arguments put forward by the Home Secretary do not hold water, and at this years Blackpool Conference Leslie Curtis reiterated our resolve to press for justice for this gradually diminishing band of police dependants.

## FEDERATION NEWS...FEDERATION NEWS...FEDERAT

# THE END OF AN ERA!

FORMER Joint Branch Board Chairman, Ted Davidson, has retired from the Service. That simple sentence spells the end of a remarkable decade. The end of an exhilarating era.

Ted, a basically shy man, overcame his reticence to become one of the Force's most colourful and extrovert characters. The possessor of a fine baritone voice he came to prominence some years ago as lead singer with the Force Musical Society. He often told the tale about his lead in The Dessert Song, when dear old Lou Minshall described him as "The Red Barrel" — instead of the Red Fox!

It was this that encouraged the theatrical in Ted, and his Edwardian jackets and mutton chop whiskers became his trade mark — until he discovered the Track Suit! In no way could you describe him as athletic, but he took to the anonymity of the Track Suit, like a duck to water. He became a famous figure at any Federation venue for this excentricity — far from being anonymous, he became even more conspicuous.

This flamboyance apart, Ted was a tireless worker for the Federation. He quickly became Chairman of the

JBB and was my running mate for ten years before he handed over to Bob Needham in 1985, due to the pressure of work as Secretary of the Inspectors Central Committee.

He was famous as the instigator of the "Golden Silence" at Conference in 1977, when the then Home Secretary, Merlyn Rees, first learned of the depth of feeling within the Police Service about the level of Police Pay. This knowledge led to the setting up of the Edmund Davies Inquiry into Pay, the Negotiating Machinery and the Staff Associations. For that, the whole service has cause to be thankful for the efforts of Ted Davidson.

Now that he has left the Service, I suspect that Ted will occupy his time adding to the attractions of his Olde Worlde Cottage and its gardens. The listed barn, the punt and the antique farm implements adding to the appearance of his stately home, and I believe "Lord" Edward and "Lady" Janet will spend a very long, healthy and happy retirement presiding over the whole affair.

I for one, already miss his day to day company . . .

## Group insurance

THE Policy was due for renewal from 1 June, 1987. We were girding our loins to negotiate new terms, when the Broker's came to us and offered an improvement of the Death Benefit and Accident Benefit — without an increase in premium.

The Death Benefit increases from £52,320 to £55,000.

The Accident Benefit increases from £3,000 to £6,500 for loss of a limb or an eye.

The Premium remains at £5.82 per month.

Additionally, the Spouse Insurance Death Benefit increases from £11,300 to £12,000 for the same premium of £1.13 per month.

This seemed an offer that we could not refuse and so we accepted it gratefully, but so that we wouldn't lose our negotiating skills, we sought and obtained the facility for "husbands" to be included in the Spouse

Scheme. Husbands of serving Policewomen Officers, who are not members of the Regular Force, can now be covered under the Scheme, providing the wife is in the Force Group Insurance and agrees to have the premiums deducted at source.

### Continuation option

Any member of the Force who is a contributing member of the Force Group Insurance Scheme is entitled to re-insurance with the Company upon retirement — without making a medical declaration. He or she can be re-insured for the same Death Benefit as the Group Insurance Scheme, but the premium will be calculated on age, and may be relatively expensive.

If an officer indicates an intention to take advantage of this continuation option, and has com-

pleted the necessary proposals form, then he will continue to be covered by the Force Group Insurance for 28 days or until the completion of the policy documents, whichever is the sooner.

In the event that the officer dies waiting for the documents to be completed he will remain "continuously covered under the Group Insurance Scheme", even though he may have retired and accepted a Com-muted Lump Sum from his Pension in the meantime!

If no such continuation option is sought, then an officer ceases to be covered on the first day that he is on pension.

In the normal course of events, the premium might be considered prohibitive, but there are certain acceptable welfare reasons for supervisors to consider this facility in emergencies.

## OFFICE CHANGES

NOW that Ted has gone, Dougie Rampling has been employed by the JBB to run our "Shop". The number and variety of things on sale in the office have created a need for a manager — to release Irene Black for her proper role in the scheme of things.

It is hoped that a full, and illustrated list, will be published soon, and that will be one of Dougie's first jobs.

As time goes by we hope to use his organisational ability to streamline the office filing and he is therefore a welcome addition to the Staff.

As the Secretary of Chelmsford NARPO, he will still be available on Extension 397, in the office which he now shares with Brian Pallant. Brian will no longer be using Extension 386, but has a direct line on his desk should the internal phones be engaged. (0245 490643).

My extension is still 398, and the Force Medical Scheme Secretary, Bob Needham is on 495. When he is not there, Jenny Taylor will deal with your problems.

## FEDERATION SUBSCRIPTIONS

THE Police Federation Joint Central Conference 1987 at Blackpool agreed to an exception being made to Police Federation Fund Rule 4 in 1987, in order to increase members' subscriptions from July 1, 1987 from 66 pence per week to 90 pence per week for all members of the Federated Ranks.

The rate for Police Cadets to be increased from 24 pence to 30 pence per week. The new monthly rates are Federated Ranks £3.91, Police Cadets £1.30.

The increase this year is from July 1 and not October 1 as in previous years. However, there will be no further increase as the Auditors have allowed in their calculations for this years index rise.

The increase next year will revert back to October 1 and be in line with any pay award.

For the members information the rise was requested of Conference by the Joint Central Committee having taken advice from the National Auditors, George Hay and Company.

The main reasons for this large increase in subscriptions are:-

1. Increase in Legal charges with regard to Advice, Legal representation at discipline hearings, civil claims and medical charges.
2. Increase expenditure in general.

By the way the largest increase is the Legal professional fees in 1986 this amounted to £1,013,868. The projected figure for 1987 is £1.2 million another increase of £200,000. The majority of this increase is due to an expected increase in discipline representation costs.

You will see therefore that just to maintain our present level the increase is justified. The other alternative would be to reduce the level of representation for our members and that we would not want to do.

If any member would like any more details then the Joint Branch Board Treasurer Brian Pallant is available on extension 397 at Headquarters.

## CRUISES

P&O CANBERRA CRUISES are offering 10 per cent fare reduction to Essex Police Officers, plus up to £50 per adult in Cruise cheques for on-board spending on a number of cruises.

Additional savings of up to 90 per cent are available for children. For further details ring Canberra Cruises on 01-831 1331.

# Driving School — 50 Years On

By David Austin

**1987 MARKS THE 50th Anniversary of the Essex Police Driving School, but it's beginnings and the reasons for its founding go back beyond 1937.**

By the early 1930's there were over 2 million vehicles on our roads and the accident rate was very high. In 1931 6,591 persons were killed in road accidents compared with 5,165 in 1985 when the roads carried around 20 million vehicles.

The Home Office came under pressure to introduce Police Motor Patrols to help prevent road accidents and to control and regulate traffic generally.

Captain Unett the then Chief Constable of Essex set up a Motor Patrol Group based at Headquarters, Chelmsford in September 1931. It was under the control of Superintendent Totterdell and consisted of ten Triumph 529 cc motorcycles purchased at £45 each. Twenty men were posted onto motor patrol duty and soon three Austin 16 HP cars were added to the fleet costing £310 each. A year later two 14 HP Vauxhalls together with a 'powerful' 30 HP Ford V8 'pursuit' car were obtained.

In 1933 the new Chief Constable Captain Peel reviewed the use of

protective clothing in those days. There was a lack of volunteers for motorcycle patrol duty and it was decided to disband the motorcycle group in favour of more cars.

The Ministry Driving Test was not in force and anyone who had a driving licence and said they knew how to drive was allowed to drive Police vehicles. This unsatisfactory state of affairs was common and resulted in Police drivers becoming involved in accidents and having no better knowledge and in some cases less than other drivers with whom they had to deal.

The Metropolitan Police set up a Driving School in Hendon in order to give their drivers at least basic training in handling vehicles.

tenham was a well known racing driver of the 1920's and 1930's. He was also an authority on motoring matters. He was appointed by the Metropolitan Police and later by the Home Office to work out the system for training Police drivers. He devised a system of car control and set it out himself complete with diagrams in two note books. He then began training Officers from Hendon initially and then others from Essex, Lancashire and Cheshire.

In 1937 Eric Postons, who had joined the Essex Motor Patrol Group in 1932 and Don Murray who began driving police vehicles in 1934, were the first Essex Officers to go to Hendon to be trained by the Earl himself. The training was very comprehensive and lasted six months.

On returning to Essex, these two Officers founded the Essex Driving School at the old Police Station in Guilthavon Street, Witham.

Their initial task was to train eight other men to be Instructors, of whom

very high quality vehicles of the period as this list shows:-

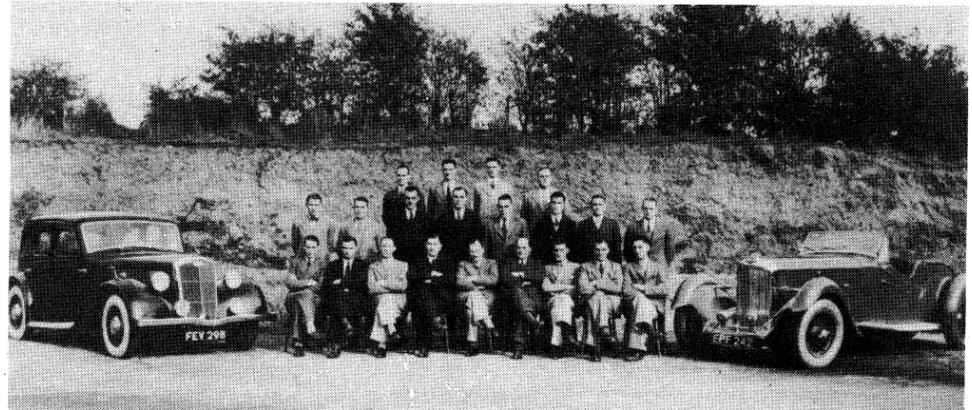
- An Elvis Speed 25.
- A Humber Super Imperial.
- A Talbot 105 Airline (only 20 ever made).
- A Standard Flying 20.
- A 2 litre MG.

clever and far sighted man who unfortunately died in 1943 aged just 40 years.

The 'System' has been adapted for motorcycle training and adopted by other motoring organisations. The Institute of Advanced Motorists for example base their training and test on it.

tion equipment and the mechanical examination of vehicles.

Every year some 900 students pass through the Driving School to receive various forms of training. With the emphasis of the training programme being on driving and riding, there is little doubt that if



A photograph of the second advanced driver training course held October 1937, featuring Inspector Eric Postons (third from right in front row) who was trained by the Earl of Cottenham.

- A 14 HP Rover.
- A 15 HP Triumph Dolomite
- and a Lagonda Rapide open tourer that was destined to end its days on the 'skid pan.' The skid pan was constructed in an old gravel pit at Headquarters and PC Murray was the first Officer ever to drive upon it.

Many of the Officers who became the first Instructors on the School went on to become very well known in Police and Motoring circles, none more so than Frederick Ronald Priestly, who became the Officer in Charge of the School in 1950 and on retirement worked for the British School of Motoring at a very high level.

The Police system of driving as it has become known has been taught for 50 years virtually unchanged from the notes originally made by the Earl of Cottenham. This in itself is a tremendous tribute to an extremely

The School which moved to Chelmsford in 1938 has trained Officers from a wide Area of England and also from abroad. It has gained a reputation for expertise and high standards.

There is a wider variety of courses available to students now than ever before. Apart from Elementary, Standard and Advanced Car Courses, there are Standard and Advanced Motorcycle Courses and Officers are taught to drive Heavy Goods Vehicles and Public Service Vehicles. Driving Instructors are still trained for other Forces who do not sent their students to Chelmsford as they once did, having set up their own facilities.

Traffic Law Instruction is an important role carried out by the School and this ranges from dangerous chemicals through the complexities of the law itself to the operation of speed detec-

Mark Everard Pepys, the sixth Earl of Cottenham were alive today, he would feel justifiably proud that his system has stood such a test of time and promoted a high standard of driving and road safety.

## OPEN DAYS

TO CELEBRATE the 50th Anniversary of the Driving School there will be two Open Days on Friday, 26th and Saturday, 27th June.

The Friday has been reserved for ex Instructors and students to come along and reminisce about days gone by.

Saturday is more of a general Open Day. Not quite open to the public but various motor clubs, motoring organisations and general supporters of the Driving School have been invited to attend.

Apart from driving and skidding demonstration up to 35 old motor cars and a dozen motor cycles will be on display.



the Essex Constabulary Motor Patrol Group set up 1931 and based at Police Headquarters, Chelmsford.

motorcycles as it was realised that men on constant motorcycle patrol were often off duty through sickness or accident. There was very little in the way of proper

The Driving Test became compulsory in 1934, but it was not until 1936 that 'great leap forward' in Police driving occurred.

Mark Everard Pepys, the sixth Earl of Cot-

six would be selected. These eight included the names of, Priestly, Covington, Borthwick, Gilder, Leonard and Clarke.

The cars provided were

## Air Traffic Patrol



OFFICERS OF the former Traffic Division linked forces with the Essex Radio Access Jambuster recently to offer a unique service to the County's motorists.

The occasion was that of the Southend Air Pageant on Spring Bank Holiday Monday when thousands of motorists were expected to converge on the Town.

Inspector Dave Howard of Laindon Traffic hitched a lift in the Jambuster and was able to constantly update Southend Control with the state of the traffic.

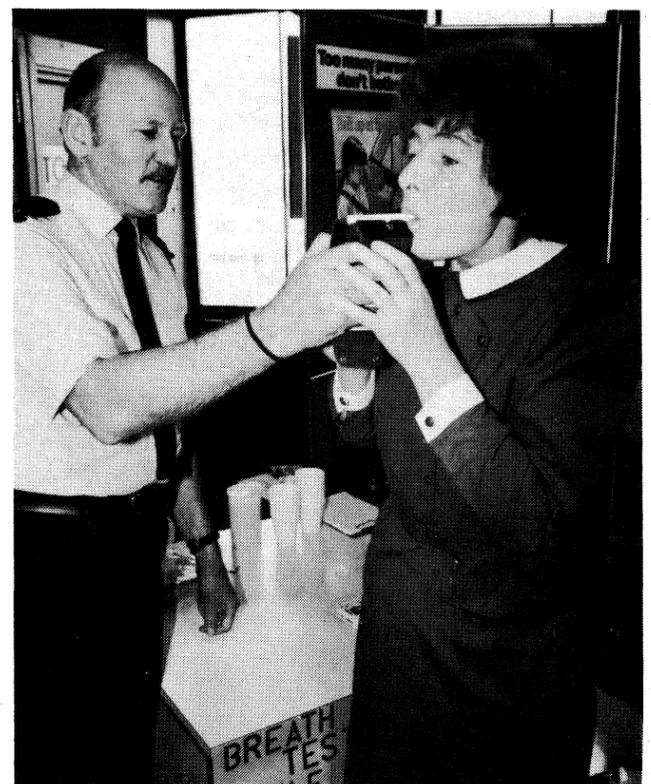
## Open House at Rayleigh

RAYLEIGH POLICE STATION recently threw open its doors to the public and over 4,000 people took advantage and had a look behind the scenes.

Among those who attended was Police Committee Members, Councillor Mrs Nora Goodman, seen here being given a breath test by Pc Keith Davey.

Exhibits were on display from most specialist departments of the Force and BBC Essex attended and broadcast 'live' from the Exhibition.

All in all the event was great success and allowed local people to see just what goes on in their local 'nick'.



# SUPPORT DIVISION . . . what's it got to offer?

HAVING decided upon June 1, 1987, as a start date for the Support Division, the Government heard about it and thought of our first test — the Prime Minister calling a General election on June 11, 1987. Consequently, this first week or two has seen the new Division totally committed and very much in the role envisaged for it. Every member of the public will be aware of the pre-election political activity with Parties vying for the considerable media attention on offer. Virtually all such activity within the County has seen the involvement of most of the elements of the new Division, whether it is covering walkabouts, public meetings, helicopter landings or escorting battle buses.

This is what the new Support Division is about. The name was chosen with care. It has brought together virtually all of those officers whose primary role is to provide support and assistance to Territorial Divisions. In crime matters, public disorder and where extra demands in general policing occur.

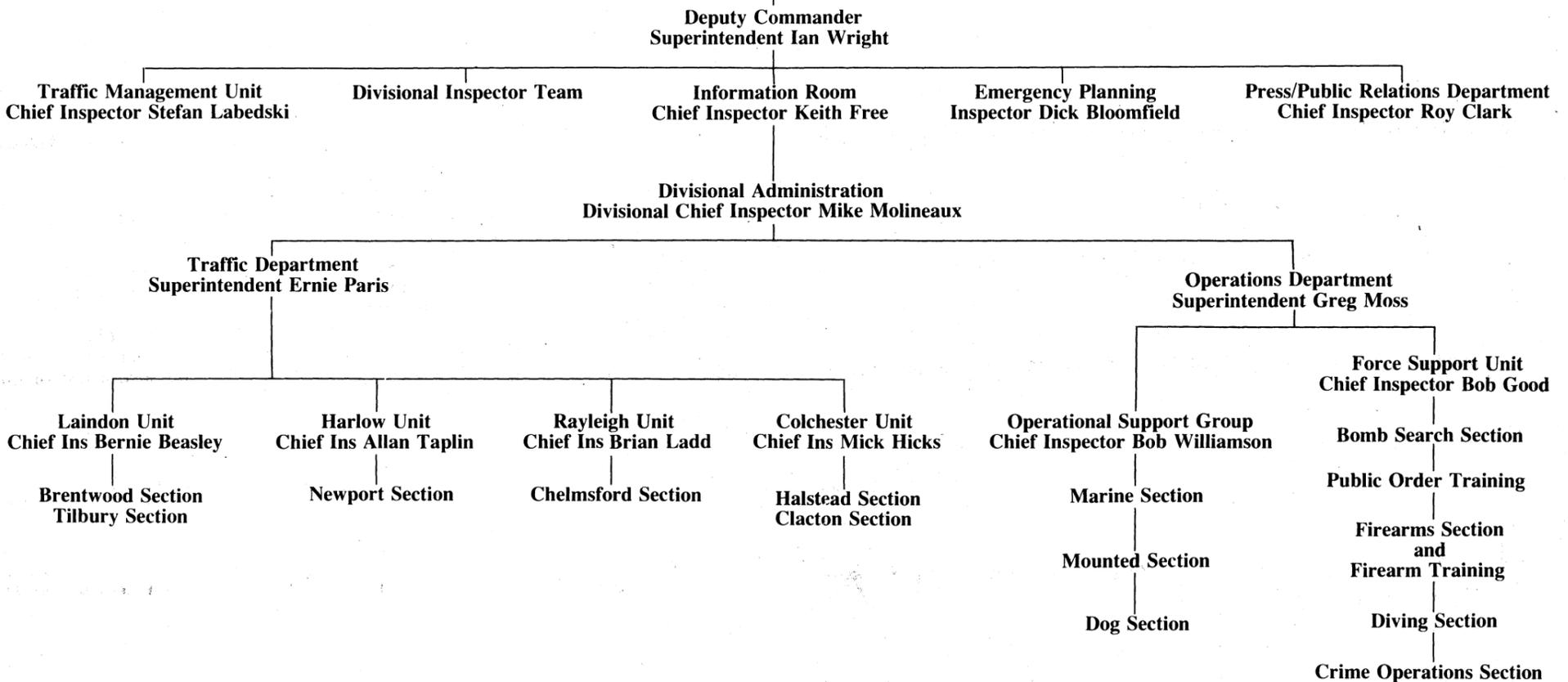


Commander  
Chief Superintendent, Mike Humberston

So what is new? Well, by having a unified command structure, it will hopefully lead to greater flexibility, quicker evaluation of priorities and a better, more effective response to the people of Essex.

And the component Units of the new Division have their special skills, expertise and equipment, but equally all have wide general policing experience above the norm. After all, every officer in the Division is a volunteer selected after special training whether it be Support Unit Officers, Dog handlers, Divers, Mounted Branch, Marine Officers, Traffic Officers or such diverse Sections as Firearms and Press and Public Relations.

I am happy to command this new Division and if the support I have received is anything to go by, the Division will very aptly live up to its name in providing it to the rest of the Force.



## ESSEX PLAYS ULSTER

by Maureen Scollan

WE ALL thought the media told the whole truth, so bullet proof vests were packed and wills were hurriedly made before the policewomen's hockey team set sail to play in Ireland recently.

At 2.30 in the morning twenty of us yawned our way on to the Force coach at Headquarters for the first stage of the journey. The whole trip had begun with a seed sown by Beverley Acres, ex W.R.A.C., P.T.I. now stationed at Harlow, who casually mentioned the Army Hockey Team at Lisburn where she had once been stationed. Secretary Jean Seager took up the idea and made the necessary contacts in the Army, the R.U.C. and the Force.

### Surprise

Eighteen hours after leaving Headquarters we were being warmly greeted in Belfast by members of the R.U.C. Hockey Team. That was the first surprise: they weren't wearing armour. Two bullet proofed transits took us to a comfortable hotel in a picturesque village about twenty miles from Belfast. One or two — including the weary "chaperone" — soon crawled thankfully into bed, while others still had energy to practise into the small hours such sociable pursuits as leg-wrestling and removing shirts from men.

Next morning our R.U.C. hostesses kindly provided transport into Bangor where those of us who had not been to Ireland before were astounded to find that we might have been in Clacton, although the obvious exception was the high fence round the Police Station and its armed guard.

The first hockey match was at the Thiepval Barracks in Lisburn, against a combined team of W.R.A.C. and Ulster Defence Regiment players. The hard surface of the pitch made life difficult and the final score was 6-1 to the Army. The one goal was thanks to Kay Potter, but two home goals were caused by defensive errors. Perhaps it was due to over-indulgence in local hospitality that the team didn't seem to pull together, and it was also forced to do without Bev Acres who was injured in a pre-match warm up (those who believed that will believe anything).

It was noted with some surprise that the Army team carried their ranks onto the sportsfield, and shouts were heard of "Corporal it's your ball," and "Well played Ma'am" at appropriate moments. The Essex Ma'am was the subject of much hilarity for watching the entire match while wearing a hat created by Jean Seager: a red baseball cap with furry ears, a BBC Essex sticker, and a plastic gorilla carrying an umbrella who had taken refuge on the peak. The W.R.A.C. Major couldn't believe her eyes — one wondered whether she thought it was part of the uniform!

Mess hospitality was enjoyed after the well-deserved W.R.A.C. win, and Bev Acres nearly caused a full-scale bomb alert by attempting to light what turned out to be an exploding cigarette. We didn't need to ask who had doctored it.

That night we experienced normality again by dividing into groups according to a preference for Indian or Chinese food. The curry squad managed to convince the charming Indian lady complete with sari and strong Irish accent that they were from a children's home. The "housemother" later had to explain to a surprised R.U.C. reserve constable that his hat had been transferred from his head to a lamp post by someone who was in the same job as himself.

### Friendship

The second match took place against the R.U.C. at the New Forge sports complex on the outskirts of Belfast. Here we saw our Irish hostesses in action on the field, Paddy Dunbar in particular amazing everyone by her fleetness of foot. It was a thoroughly good game, in which the friendship which had grown up between the two teams was quite apparent to those who watched from the sidelines. The final score was a 2-0 win for the R.U.C., but for once the result was immaterial: it was the being there which mattered. After the match the superb facilities of New Forge were enjoyed, including a disco where we had the chance to meet other R.U.C. officers and hear some of their experiences at first hand.

On the final day the team and I went our separate ways, meeting again in the evening before the return journey on the night ferry. The girls were taken to visit a distillery and to see the Giants Causeway, while I was entertained by Chief Superintendent Anne Donald, ardent supporter of the R.U.C. sporting teams, and senior Officer of Complaints and Discipline.

I visited the R.U.C. Museum, enjoying the chance to speak with the curator Mr Robin Sinclair, and also found the nearby Ulster Folk Museum to be a fascinating place.

Having seen something of the beauties and normality of Northern Ireland, I was also keen to see the more obviously vulnerable parts of the city, such as the Falls, Shankhill and that Springfield Road which isn't in Chelmsford. There were people sitting peacefully in a lovely park in Falls Road — a sight not shown on the TV news. People were shopping, jogging and generally going about their ordinary affairs. The obviously vulnerable parts of Belfast are like virtually any inner city area: it is only the huge slogans and murals on house walls which make it easy to identify Catholic or Protestant streets. It was sobering to see the heavily fortified police stations and army posts, and to watch a mobile jeep patrol go out from Springfield Road police station with its escorting tank complete with two soldiers peering from the turret.

### False impression

So what were our overall impression of Northern Ireland? Firstly, an abrupt realisation that media coverage had created the false impression held by most of us that Belfast is a gloomy and totally deprived city whose inhabitants live in a permanent state of siege. It isn't and they don't.

### Stress

Although our Irish hostesses were at pains to show us normal life, it is obvious that stress does exist for all the R.U.C. Officers that we met. A higher than average proportion seemed to smoke heavily and drink: life was obviously something to be enjoyed there and then. We were also struck by the seemingly casual ways in which great personal tragedies were referred to. The policewoman whose husband had been killed; the girl whose husband had been blown up but had survived; the Officer whose family had to move house five times because of threats and Lindsay Henry who we had seen on the TV news when she was knocked down on duty at the scene of an infamous funeral. Her bruised and swollen face was a visible sign of the great load carried by our courageous colleagues over the water.

Few can fully explain the Irish political situation, but seeing a tiny glimpse of things for myself has made me greatly admire our R.U.C. colleagues for their friendship, comradeship and support for each other. The hockey was good as well!

# Law Letters

## Retirement Party

Dear Editor,  
I shall be retiring from the Force at the end of June after 35 years of Service. My wife Anthea and I would like to invite past and present comrades who I have had the pleasure to serve with during that time to a Retirement Party to be held at Rayleigh Police Station at 8pm on Friday June 26.

Yours sincerely,  
Frank Shepherd  
Chief Superintendent  
Operations Division

## Exchange Holiday

Dear Sir,  
I have received a letter from a German Colleague who is trying to arrange an exchange holiday for his 14 year old son.

Could you please arrange for the letter to be printed in The Law and if any officer feels that he can extend such an invitation perhaps he could contact me for more information.

John Kennet  
Prosecutions Inspector  
Harlow Ext 317

Dear Sir,  
I am a German policeman and I ask you to help me.

My son Bjoern, 14 years of age, would like to spend his Autumn holidays (1 October — 10 October 1987) in England with a guest family, preferably with a guest family who have a son of the same age or nearly the same age as my son.

In return we would have the British pupil in the care of our family during his holidays. The exchange may help my son and the British pupil as well to overcome the existing language barriers.

As my son does not speak perfect English, it would be of a certain advantage if one of the British guest family had a certain knowledge of German, however, this is not preconditional.

My family lives in a village some 70 miles south of Hamburg and we would do our best to

show him as much of our country as possible to make his stay as pleasant as possible.

I herewith kindly request you to show this letter to all your colleagues of the Police and to inform any interested British colleagues about the possibilities of an exchange so that the pupils have the chance to get in contact with each other.

Many thanks in anticipation.  
Yours sincerely  
Arnold Lang

## Sympathy

Dear Sir,  
May I, through your column, please convey my thanks to all those serving and retired Officers of the Essex Police who attended Alex's funeral on May 1 and for the beautiful floral tribute.

My thanks also to the many friends and ex-colleagues who sent cards and messages of sympathy to myself and my family.

Our grateful thanks to you all.  
Yours sincerely,  
G. Paul (Mrs)  
Chelmsford

## Proud

Dear Editor,  
May I ask that through the column of your newspaper you permit me to say a very sincere thank you to the Chief Constable and all the members of the Essex Police, past and present for the kind messages of sympathy resulting from the death of my husband Fred (ex Constable Tarbun 608). He was always so proud of being associated with the Force and it was so nice to see many of his colleagues both at the service and the crematorium. I only regret I could not thank them personally.

These are very sad times but I have the support of my family to overcome the grief and the heartache associated with the loss of a dear partner of 58 years and I know that if I need further help the Force Welfare Officer

will be on hand. That thought is indeed comforting.

Thank you all once again.  
Yours sincerely,  
M. E. Tarbun (Mrs)  
Braintree

## Thanks

Dear Sir,  
May I through your column express the thanks of my family and myself to all those officers of the Essex Police both serving and retired who attended David's funeral at All Saints Church Maldon on the 6th April 1987.

I would also like to thank all his ex-colleagues who so kindly sent me messages of sympathy and gave me their support at this very sad time.

My thanks also to Chief Superintendent George Harris and other colleagues who attended the cremation at Chelmsford.

I am so grateful.

Yours sincerely,  
Joan Phillips  
Maldon

## Tribute

Dear Sir,

I write to acknowledge with many thanks the flowers sent by the Essex Constabulary on the occasion of my brother Alan's funeral last week. That in itself would have been sufficient. I should like to thank you also though most warmly on behalf of all the family for the tribute you paid to Alan by the Force's officers attending in a private capacity. Your support moved us all and added a dignity to the occasion that helped to alleviate the shock and sadness which we were all suffering.

I should be most grateful if you would personally thank all those known to you who participated and I am sure Alan would have liked further acknowledgement expressed in your magazine "The Law".

Once again, although some of Alan's colleagues were known to us, we were not aware of the many friends he had in the Force or the esteem in which he was held and the warmth of your comradeship will remain with us always.

Yours sincerely,  
R. J. Wyatt

# MONEY MATTERS



by  
Tony  
Warren

NOW that I have been writing this article some three years or so, I was delighted to have once again featured in Jim Rodgers spot — this time, sharing it with an insurance company who also came in for criticism! Some have commented to me that, once again, the attack bore a personal ring, but I'm sure it wasn't intended like that.

I'd like to hark back to my article of nearly two years ago in which I said the Winds of Change are coming, and that Policemen will be allowed to "do their own thing" with regard to their pensions. (You heard it here first, folks!).

As much as we want to earn commissions from selling pensions (Yes, we DO do it for commission!) I am now satisfied that there is no likelihood of any personal pension being produced which could provide the benefits that are available with the Police scheme. Even if a company comes up with a dynamic product with minute commission and charges, it can never cope with early retirement like a Police pension.

When you retire at age 65, the insurance companies will give you, each year, about a SEVENTH of your pension fund. This is your LIFETIME INCOME (some people call it their "pension"). Go out at

the age of 50, when a lot of Policemen retire, and this is down to a NINTH of the accumulated fund (which, by the way, hasn't had so long to accumulate, has it?). Retire at 45, and you'll only get a TENTH of an even smaller fund — and that's WITHOUT taking a commutation.

Even if you managed to reach the figure you want, and you're hoping for a lot from an insured pension scheme if you do, you then have to replace the benefits that come with the Police Scheme — namely the death and early retirement benefits — this costs money.

The Government is offering a 2% boost to those who start their own personal pensions and this might have been a reason to look a little closer. The trouble is, this only applies to people who are CONTRACTED IN to the State SERPS scheme. You all contracted out years ago, remember?

We have had meetings with actuaries on this point and the general consensus is that the Police Pension benefits are exceptional. In other words, don't come out of the Police Scheme.

## National Association of Retired Police Officers by Doug Rampling

good friends B. Brinkley and H. Phillibrown.

"Philli" as he is affectionately known decided that it was time to call it a day and stand down. He has given devout service to N.A.R.P.O. and was for many years Branch Treasurer. At the A.G.M. our Chairman Ralph Hagger paid tribute to Mr. Phillibrown and thanked him for his services.

The Comrades Association held a very successful buffet luncheon at Headquarters on the 16th May. Some 130 people attended and once again full marks must be awarded to Charles Howlett and our Welfare staff for all the effort made on our behalf. Praise is also due to everyone in the Headquarters Canteen for such an excellent spread. It was a most enjoyable occasion. Thank you all.

Can I sign off with a gentle reminder to those of you who have not as yet sent this years subs. Please we do need your support, so let your respective treasurers have a cheque, it's only £3 after all and 90p for widows.

## RETIREMENTS

C/Supt F. G. Shepherd, Operations/Divisional Commander, retired 26 June 1987 after 35 years and 147 days service.

Ds I. R. Batson, CID Stansted Airport, retires on 10 July 1987 after 24 years and 357 days service.

Dc M. J. Bedford, Southend/Leigh CID retires 20 June 1987 after 25 years and 63 days service.

Pc C. B. Burchfield, Colchester/Clacton retired on 30 April 1987 after 30 years and 6 days service.

Insp E. F. Davidson, Personnel/Federation retired 30 May 1987 after 29 years and 280 days service.

Pc R. S. J. Giles, Chelmsford Court Escort, retired 22 April 1987 after 25 years and 32 days service.

Pc R. J. Hyde, Southend Coroners Office, retired 22 May 1987 after 30 years service.

Pc D. A. Hills, Headquarters Traffic/Driving School, retired 28 April 1987 after 30 years and 4 days service.

Pc V. A. Martin, Southend, retires 21 June 1987 after 20 years and 196 days service.

C/Insp J. A. Tomlinson, Southend/Westcliff, retired 1 May 1987 after 26 years and 11 days service.

WPc P. A. Wheatley, Southend/Rochford retired 31 May 1987 after 10 years and 121 days service.

Pc R. F. Wolton, Colchester retired 31 March 1987 after 27 years and 98 days service.

Pc D. Woolnough, Colchester/Great Bromley, retired 30 April 1987 after 29 years and 98 days service.

Pc R. F. w. Knight, Colchester/Clacton, retires 16 July 1987 after 30 years and 27 days service.

Pc D. F. Powell, Support Division/Laindon Traffic, retires 30 June 1987 30 years and 67 days service.

Dc J. A. Line, Southend Scenes of Crime, retires 5 July 1987 after 27 years and 257 days service.

## OBITUARIES

27 March, 1987, ex Ps R. F. Cracknell, aged 70 years, who retired from the Force 1964.

11 April, 1987, Mr A. Dace, aged 70 years, School Crossing Patrol, Shenfield Primary School. Mr Dace has served in that capacity since 1981.

9 March, 1987, H. W. Giles, aged 80 years, retired from the Force 1962.

24 April, 1987, ex Ps A. Paul, aged 68 years, retired from the Force 1969.

24 March, 1987, ex Pc L. E. Peters, aged 82 years, who retired from the force 1955.

29 March, 1987, ex Ps D. E. Phillips, 71 years, who retired from the Force 1963.

23 May, ex Chief Inspector K. Roy who retired from the Force on the 18 May 1987, after 35 years' service.

25 April 1987, ex Pc D. M. Scollard, aged 75 years, who retired from the Force 1960.

13 March 1987, ex Pc J. A. Tarbun, aged 84 years, who retired from the Force 1962.

14 March 1987, ex Inspector A. G. Wyatt, aged 59 years, who retired from the Force 1984.

12 May 1987, Mr W. G. Bullivant, aged 63 years, who was a part-time cleaner at Westcliff Police Station.

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# RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN?



Photo courtesy of Vic Martin

THE LAW was recently sent this photograph by Ex Pc Vic Martin of Southend. It was taken at the recent Air Pageant at Southend and with a crowd estimated at half-a-million people lost/found children were somewhat plentiful.

The photograph could be showing ACC (0) Jim Dickinson and Chief Superintendent Charlie Harper launching the Forces latest recruitment drive. But have you got a better caption — if so send it to The Law Office at Headquarters.

# SPLASH '87

MORE FUND-RAISING news. A group of Officers from Shoeburyness Police Station entered a team of swimmers (novices) in SPLASH '87, an attempt at a World record breaking sponsored swim that took place at Southend recently.

The idea was to raise money in aid of a £1 million building appeal fund for Nazareth House, a hospice at Southend.

The Shoeburyness team consisted of non-swimming captain, Sergeant Ken Sylvester, Wpc Lisa Menzies, Special Wpc Donna Hindle, PCs Mick Barker, Phil Gibbs, Tony Golab, Brian Treadgold and Peter Ward and swimming mascot Alexander Golab aged 7.



In the event we are told that the team didn't particularly excel in their swimming ability but they

made up for that in the amount of sponsorship they achieved — over £500. WELL DONE.

## Order of St John

CONGRATULATIONS to Ex PC Derrick Hughes who has recently been invested as an Officer of The Order of St John.

Derrick is currently employed as a Civilian Clerk at the Shrub End CSB Office. He retired from the Force as a Police Officer in September 1985 having served at Grays and Clacton. During this time he was involved in all aspects of first aid training within the Force and was a qualified First Aid Instructor.

Derrick's involvement with the St John Ambulance Association spans many years. In 1970 he made an Auxiliary Member of The Association and an Honorary Member in 1973 in recognition of his services.

In 1978 Derrick was sanctioned by Her Majesty The Queen, the Sovereign Head of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, as a Serving Brother of the Order of St John.

Derrick is still actively involved in St John Ambulance matters: he has been Chairman of the East Essex Centre since 1975. His latest promotion as an Officer of St John marks an appreciation of his continued services.

## Community Service

Pc DEREK SEWELL, a Neighbourhood Beat Officer from the North Springfield and Chelmer Village area of the Chelmsford Town Sub-Division, was recently presented by the Mayoress of Chelmsford with her Award for Service to the Community.

Derek has been actively involved in his community, he was instrumental, along with two other people, in setting up the Chelmer Village Youth Club, for which there was a critical need.

Derek drives vehicles to transport mentally handicapped people and is very active in several charities.

He has given and still gives freely of his own time.

# TOPCOP '87

by Chris Atkins

A RATHER damp and misty Saturday morning in May was the setting for TOPCOP '87.

The team of Paul Tedder, Ian Walker, Ken Howard, Chris Atkins, Geoff Bendall and organiser Chris Long, all from Technical Services (Communications), accompanied by two officiators, were out to raise money for Leukaemia Care Society by climbing the eight main transmitter masts used by Essex Police.

They range from 300 foot towers at Great Bromley and High Garrett to 35 foot of guyed lattice work at Southend — a total height of 1,180 feet of vertical steel ladders or step bolts.

Equipped with safety helmets, gloves and warm jackets loaned by British Telecom, the first climb began at Great Bromley at 09.30. Despite pouring rain the team were all keen to get going with the



The team prepare to start their arduous day — suitably dressed of course.

chance of raising over £2,000 for the Charity.

With eight masts to climb and the length and breadth of the county to travel, Chris Long had quite a task working out a time schedule and route to complete the climb in one day, but with the assistance of two top-of-the-range cars loaned by Candor Motors most masts were completed on time.

The last mast climb, on

top of the Headquarters building, was completed at 17.30, at the end of which the team was bruised and obviously tired but happy that for every foot climbed they had raised just under £2.

Chris Long and the rest of the team would like to say thank you to all those who made a donation or sponsored the event and helped raise so much money. Donations are still accepted!

## Rural Policing at its best



THE ABOVE PHOTOGRAPH arrived too late for the last issue of The Law but even though the event occurred some months ago we considered it worthy of inclusion.

Earlier this year rural Policeman Ken Marks retired from the Force having served over 24 years as the village Pc at Steeple Bumpstead (yes it does exist and it is in Essex — just).

Having retired, Ken was invited back to the Village School in March for a surprise presentation. A collection had been organised by the School and Ken was presented with a carriage clock, an album prepared by the children and a cheque in appreciation of his services to the community whom he had served for such a long time.

Also present was Pc Robin Stanton who took over from Ken when he retired.

## Where are they now?

EX-CHIEF INSPECTOR Bob Stansfield and his wife Kathy are fit and well enjoying their retirement in Spain.

Bob was an importee from one of the Northern Borough Forces in the 1960's and was stationed at Colchester, South Ockendon and Rayleigh.

He is currently living at Casa Los Almendres, Pou Roig 10F, CALPE, (Alicante) 03710 Espana. He recently wrote to The Law saying he would welcome any old or young Com-



rades who happen to be passing on Route National 332 (Alicante-Valencia) Road. "Just

turn off at Kil 142.7 just before the bad bend and we are 50 yards up the hill," says Bob.

## COMMUNITY GOLFING

IN APRIL, Chief Inspector Roy Pizzey of Greater Manchester Police staged the First Police Pro-Am Golf Tournament at Mere Golf Club, Cheshire. This event was in fact due to be played in August 1986, but due to inclement weather, was postponed until this date.

The idea of the tournament was to encourage Community relations in yet another field, incorporating Police Officers with youngsters in sport — in this case Golf.

Police Forces throughout England and Wales were invited to send a team consisting of a Police Officer and two Junior golfers, both under 18 years, but one under 16 years, to Mere in Cheshire.

It was suggested that each Force chose its juniors by inviting Golf Clubs throughout its Police District to send its best two golfers to a Force Final and the eventual winner would represent that Force. Then a Police Officer who either works near or lives near the area where the juniors live would accompany them to the National Finals.

Police involvement with the juniors at all levels would be important and it was hoped that local Police Officers would support their respective Junior Team and be involved in the selective process in their clubs and at the Force Finals, thus creating further Police involvement within the community.

A fine idea by Mr Pizzey and judging by the 28 Forces who each entered a team in the Pro-Am, one which received plenty of backing.

This year Theydon Bois Golf Club, Epping, supplied its best two Juniors, the Barrington Brothers, and together with

Andy Smith, travelled to Mere Golf Club in Cheshire. This time the weather was fine and together with a Professional Golfer from Llangollen Valley Golf Club, Wales, made their debut in the Tournament.

The Event was heavily sponsored by various bodies including Stylo and British Airways, and this enabled the vast array of prizes for the Juniors and prize money for the Professionals to be available. The Top Prize was a trip for the two Juniors and Police Officer to Miami, to visit DisneyWorld and represent Britain in an International Police Pro/Am.

The competition format was that the best two nett scores on each hole would count and the winners would be the team with the lowest total score. The Par for the course was 71 and the winning score was a nett 120, achieved by the Hertfordshire Police Team. This was a truly remarkable score being 22 strokes under par. Essex finished seventh with a nett 127.

The day was excellently organised and judging by the looks on all the Junior Golfers' faces they had all had a day to remember and more important each and every one of them will be another ambassador for Police/Public relations.

In 1988 Essex Police hope to run a Junior Pro-Am Tournament for the Junior members of the Essex Golf Clubs, an event that Inspector Mackman, Dunmow is organising. I trust that when this comes about, golfer or not, you give him the support he will require to make it into a successful Community Event.

by Andy Smith  
Secretary  
P.E.G.S.

## SPORTS REPORT

IT SEEMS that, in the course of the sporting calendar, one or two things crop up which gives me a great deal of pleasure to mention in my column. The first of these matters relate to shooting in the person of Sergeant Phillip Webb of Colchester. On two occasions recently he has been selected to represent the national PAA team in the pistol shooting event. I am sure that during the year his name will be presented to me on PAA headed notepaper time and time again. Another Officer in the shooting scene, this time full bore rifle, who has quietly gone about the business of winning, is Pc Ray Carpenter of Hutton. Ray won this section of the National PAA league for 1986/7.

This was the third year running that Ray has won this Competition which I am told is a record. My personal congratulations to both of these sportsmen.

### Table Tennis

Two of our members that seem to go on forever are Dc Dave Birkett and Pc Chris Jacob who seem to play table tennis rather well. At the recent National PAA Championships Dave almost won the men's singles title only to be beaten by the Number One Seed, a Scottish National Champion. In the men's doubles Dave and Chris were knocked out in the quarter finals by this same Scottish person and his partner who went on to win the title. Well

done to both of these Officers.

### Track Suits

I have received approval by the FSA to start the ball rolling to acquire track suits for our teams. The style and colours have been agreed and the quality will be of a very high standard indeed. The intention will be that a nominal £10 charge will be levied for each complete suit. I will let you know when they are available. All competitions are going well. It's a little bit early to see how the Clubs are progressing. However, good luck to all participants.

Yours in Sport

John Barnett

## Golfing Diary

OUR season opened with the Spring Meeting which was held at Channels Golf Club, Chelmsford. A limit of 60 players was imposed by the Club and these places were fully booked some two weeks prior to the competition and my apologies to those members who were unable to attend due to this. My advice in future is "Book early to avoid disappointment."

This record turnout was caused no doubt by the excellent terms offered by Channels Golf Club. The course played well for the time of year and the sun did peep through the clouds on at least one occasion affording some excellent scores. The catering was excellent!

A familiar face to many — Derek Arbour, having retired from the Force and now working at Channels Golf Club, acted as starter and got us off to a good day's golf.

The winners of the various Trophies competed for were as follows:  
Vic Brooker Trophy (Best AM Handicap):

Winner — Pete Anderson (Witham) nett 65 (won on back 9).

Runner-up — Adrian Scantlebury (Grays) nett 65.

President's Cup (Best PM Stapleford):

Winner — Vaughan Mullender (Braintree) 40 points (won on back 9).

Runner-up — Roger Culham (Hadleigh) 40 points.

Best All Day Scratch — Keith Davies (Chelmsford) 145 gross.

Best All Day Handicap Dave McKenzie (Colchester) 138 nett.

Mr Markham (ACC) joined us for the evening meal and afterwards presented the prizes to the winners.

My congratulations to all the winners and my thanks for the attendance of everybody, which made such an enjoyable day for all. Our Summer Meeting is being held at Stisted Golf Club, Braintree, on Wednesday 15th July and as

always, is open to all serving Police Officers, so if you are not a member of PEGS but would like to attend, do not hesitate to contact me.

The Spring Meeting was also used as a qualifying competition for the Number 5 PAA Championships and the best players of the day with a handicap of 18 and less qualified. These players should by now be aware and will represent Essex.

Just one more time, during early March I unfortunately lost all of PEGS records including my list of current members. I have tried to remember all current members but if you feel I have overlooked you, please contact me. Also I am trying to put back together the records so if you feel you can help, I would like to hear from you.

FOLLOWING our defeat in the Police National Knock Out Cup by Suffolk on 5th May, 1987, our next venture into major competition was the Number 5 Regional PAA Championships which was hosted by Sussex Police at Goodwood Golf Club on 20th May.

Fortunately the weather was excellent and conditions perfect for golf. I am pleased to say that the outing produced good results for Essex. Laurie Austin (Clacton) taking third place in the AM Handicap with a nett 67, followed closely by Andy Smith (Epping) in fifth place. John Stewart (Headquarters Force Support Unit) in ninth place. Overall six of our eight players finished in the top sixteen places.

Also in the Team Competition being run in conjunction with the main event, our two teams finished third and fourth. Out of seventeen teams this was an excellent Essex performance.

Personally I am pleased the way everybody played and the results only go to show how the standard of golf in Essex is improving.

## CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

FOR THE second time Gloucester Park, Basildon was the scene of these championships. There was an enthusiastic turnout although nobody was more keen than the Officer who turned up one day early. Despite being held later than usual the conditions were still wintry with the going softer than expected following heavy rain. A strong south westerly wind, ready to greet the runners on the steep ascent of the hill, added to the excitement before the start. Nevertheless, undeterred, 77 men and 12 women, lined up as Chief Superintendent Blythe started the five mile race.

Pc Phimister took an early lead but was soon overtaken by the following pack. The race was then once again dominated by the 'old' rivals from Headquarters, Chris Turner and Tony Robinson. Turner eventually proved the winner, to keep his title, in a time of 28 minutes 42 seconds. He was pushed all the way over the two laps however

by Robinson who finished just 10 seconds later. We will surely see many more battles between these two in the years to come.

In third place and first veteran home was Inspector Barry Daymond of Grays in the fast time of 29 minutes 29 seconds. Here is a fine example to younger Officers who consider that they are too old to compete. In fourth place was Andy Down in 30 minutes 24 seconds. Earlier in the season he would have expected to have done better but on this occasion he was laden with guilt after forgetting to bring the rolls (apologies to those who went hungry at the finish). Second veteran was Inspector Barry Ansell who finished in eighth position. Three veterans were in the first ten places.

The team event was a battle between Colchester, Grays and Headquarters, who all turned up in large numbers. In the end Colchester had sufficient to win with 725

points against Grays, 663, and Headquarters, 657. When considering the fact that Colchester only had three in the top twenty as opposed to Headquarters who had four in the first seven one can see the value of entering a large team.

In the Women's Event, over one lap, Moira Hewitt retained her title with a comfortable win over Moira Owers. The respective times were 19 minutes 16 seconds and 21 minutes and 24 seconds. It was pleasing to see over double the number of women compete over 1986.

Team Points:  
Colchester..... 725  
Grays..... 663  
Headquarters..... 657  
Basildon..... 383  
Chelmsford..... 222  
Rayleigh..... 218  
Braintree..... 213  
Harlow were not represented.

Mr G. Markham (ACC) presented the trophies.

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