



Polite Ann wins award



ANN Howlett received her award from Harlow Rotary club president Philip Cook. Picture reproduced by kind permission of Herts and Essex Newspapers.

HARLOW telephonist Ann Howlett has scooped a prestigious community award for outstanding service. Ann has spoken to thousands of callers, many distressed, angry or abusive, during her 26 years continuous service manning the police telephones.

At the end of October she received her award from the Rotary Club of Harlow. The club's Vocational Service Award acknowledges exceptional contributions to the community through a person's job.

Delighted Ann, 52, who has lived in Harlow for 28 years, is married to Pc Roger Howlett — and has two years more police service than he does!

She hopes to carry on to complete 30 years service at Harlow Police Station.

In August this year when incoming calls to the county's police stations were discreetly monitored for an hour between 9am and 10am, Harlow received 71, the highest in the county.

Yet Ann averaged a response time of eight seconds, quicker than British Telecom demand of their staff.

Harlow divisional commander Chf. Supt Mick Brewer said, "We're delighted that Ann has

received the award. It is richly deserved and is recognition for not only 26 years exemplary service as a telephonist, but also it acknowledges other contributions she had made to the division."

Mr Brewer added, "I've always been a believer in having trained professional telephonists.

"The police force is trying to provide a greater quality of service. The delivery of that service often starts with the call to the police station."

Ann said callers were often upset, annoyed or frustrated. "The first person they speak to gets a mouthful of abuse," she said.

And she is nearly always mistaken for a police officer, which may mean trying to interrupt an irate caller before he recounts his entire life story, only to be told, "I'll put you through to a police officer." Calls can be distressing, like the heart-breaking call from an elderly man saying his wife had not returned home. Inquiries eventually revealed she had died five years earlier. Ann received a framed certificate and two pieces of china at a presentation in the Churchgate Hotel.

Start date put back for new police station

COST-CUTTING DELAY FOR BRAINTREE

HOPES are high that work on Braintree's long-awaited new police station will now be underway by March.

But the £3.4 million station, a baby version of Colchester's new divisional headquarters, has been held up by Home Office demands to cut the cost of the scheme.

The Home Office, which funds the project, wants around £800,000 knocked off the building price.

However, Inspector Ken Luxford in the force planning department said it was hoped to reach a compromise in the next few weeks.

"I'm confident that we'll hit the target date, but some things may have

to go from the plans.

"We have gone for a nicely designed building along the lines of Colchester, which is environmentally acceptable and comfortable for the police officers working there," he said.

Work is programmed to start in the current financial year, and the pentagon-shaped sub-divisional headquarters in The Avenue should be operational by early 1993.

It will provide much needed parking for 35 cars, more office and cell space, and much better

recreational facilities, like multi-gym, lounge, dining and games areas.

It will have a barrier controlled security access system, and also a secure van dock for isolating prisoners.

CRAMPED

Much of the existing woodland on site will be retained.

The current Braintree police station in Fairfield Road is very cramped, and because of its size and age is totally inadequate for modern day policing, said Inspector Luxford.

Sgt Kevin Wakefield, based at Braintree, said, "The new station will be

far more roomy and a much better working environment.

We'll also have more space to accommodate prisoners and rooms for them to see solicitors and visitors. At the moment it all take place in the charge room."

Other plans in the pipeline — but still some way off — are a police station for South Woodham Ferrers, which currently has a police office in the community centre, and an extension to the Harlow divisional headquarters. Neither of them could get underway before 1993, said Mr Luxford.

Taking the force's new building plans to the end

of the century are schemes for a police station at Laindon, and a new sub-divisional headquarters at Clacton.

● An £187,000 re-fit and extension to Burnham police station has just been completed.

Officers moved back in at the beginning of the month, from their temporary accommodation in the High Street.

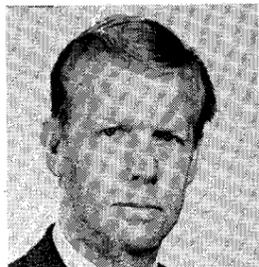
The new station, which has been expanded to include the two attached houses, provides a higher police profile in Burnham.

It includes a new boat-house for the marine section, which has moved from Southminster.

Men on the Move

THIS MONTH sees a number of promotions and moves for middle ranking officers.

Superintendent Peter Fairhead moves from Harlow to Community



● Supt Allan Taplin — moves to Harlow.

Services Branch.

He said: "I am sorry to be leaving Harlow which is a terrific place to work." Mr Fairhead served with CSB as an Inspector in the Chelmsford office in 1984, but is aware of the changing role of CSB since that time.

He said "I am looking forward to my new role. I know the inter-agency approach to child abuse is the way forward."

The vacancy at Harlow is filled by Superintendent Peter Whent who returns to an operational uniformed post, which he last held as an Inspector

at Dunmow in 1980.

His move follows career development advice arising from an extended interview for the Senior Command Course.

He said "I hope I am able to pass on investigative skills which I have gained in major crime and complaints enquiries to officers at Harlow.

My one regret is losing involvement with the Victim Support Scheme in murder and manslaughter cases, which is an area where Essex has led the country."

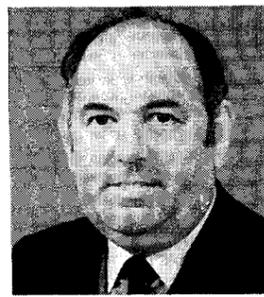
Other moves are the

promotion of Detective Chief Inspector Ivor Dibley to Detective Superintendent, Detective Chief Inspector Rod Ellis from Headquarters CID to Southend, and Inspector Mike Todd on promotion to Headquarters CID.

Mr Todd is about to complete an exchange with the Metropolitan Police where he has been serving as a uniform Inspector at Bethnal Green.

The vacancy for a Superintendent which was advertised nationally is filled by the move of Superintendent Allan Taplin from Operations

to Sub-Divisional Commander at Harlow, and his replacement by the promotion of Chief Inspector Mick Hicks to Superintendent.



● Supt Peter Whent — back in uniform.

Federation Notes FEDERATION NEWS . . . FEDERATION NEWS . . . FEDERATION



by
Brian Pallant

There is very little to report on National Negotiation movements. The pay award was duly endorsed by the Home Secretary and appeared in the September pay packets. Many other items are being negotiated at present which I list below:

ANNUAL LEAVE

A claim is in for an increase in the amount of Annual Leave, as follows:
Under 2 years service — 25 days.
2 or more years service — 30 days.
10 or more years service — 35 days.

The above has been discussed with the official side at the Police Negotiating Board and they would not agree. The matter then went to conciliation. I understand from the National Federation Secretary that no agreement was reached at the conciliation meeting. The next step will almost certainly be to go to Arbitration.

REDUCTION IN WORKING WEEK

A claim for a reduction to a 38 hour working week has been submitted by the staff side.

INCREASE IN OVERTIME RATES

THE Staff side have asked for overtime rates with regard to normal working, Rest Day working and Public Holiday working to be enhanced.

Both the above have been referred to a working group by the official side to look at the hours of work and conditions of service in general.

The staff side have been invited to take part in the working group. The feeling nationally is that we should be represented so our views can be put at an early stage.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

HOME Office Circular

87/1989 covered Equal Opportunities in the police service. The matter was discussed at the Force Joint Negotiating and Consultative Committee and a sub committee was set up to look at problems in Essex.

Phil Carters is the Federation Representative on that Committee which is represented by a cross section of the Force.

JOB SHARING/ PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS

THIS is being discussed nationally, and is being pushed by the Home Office.

I am aware that the West Midlands Force has introduced a system that allows an officer to retire with thirty years service, take his commutation, have the residual pension frozen, and return as a police officer doing the same job. He will be paid the same salary but no rent allowance. This is one area that is being looked at Nationally.

PENSIONS

The Government's Actuary Department has been looking at the Police Pension Scheme. After months of deliberation they have produced their report which does not change anything.

They have recommended no change in the Commutation Table Figures and no increase in contributions for either men or women. However there is a suggestion that the position of the women officers should be looked at with regard to bringing them in parity with the male counterpart regarding widows benefits.

PUBLIC ORDER INSURANCE

This matter is still on going as reported previously. Details have been sent to the Treasurer's Department at County Hall with regard to the correspondence with the Home Office. A

full discussion will take place at the next Police Liaison committee on December 4.

CAR LEASING SCHEME

THIS matter was again discussed fully at the last JNCC meeting within the Force. A letter was sent from Mr. Conlan, Assistant Chief Constable 'A', to the Home Office to enquire as to what the delay was.

We are still awaiting a reply. In the meantime I have spoken with the National Federation Secretary Vee Neild who informs me the problem lies entirely with the Home Office.

At a recent meeting of the side secretaries of the police Negotiating board this subject was discussed.

The Home Office legal department had suggested there should be only one agreed rate for mileage reimbursement for every Force in the country. They were trying to come up with a form of words that would cover this.

However both the staff side secretary and the official secretary were opposed to this.

They both felt it would be better to let each individual force negotiate their own deal with their respective police authority.

This was, in fact, the agreement which was reached at the Police Negotiating Board back in March. All the Home Office have succeeded in doing is wasting some 7 months in bringing in the scheme.

The matter has now been sent back to the

Home Office explaining what is acceptable to both sides of the Police Negotiating Board.

I am sorry to have to report the above to those of you that are waiting for the scheme to come in.

However you can see it is not for want of trying by ourselves, the other staff associations and on this occasion the official side.

OFFICE COMPUTER PRINTOUT

BY NOW most of you will have received details of the records that we are holding in our new office computer. If there are any alterations to be made and you have, not already done so can I ask you to let us know the details immediately. We have employed extra civilian staff to assist us but only for a short period of time.

Can I also ask all members that if their personal circumstances change in the future, they keep us informed. All other force changes will be picked up from the Force.

MEMBERS SERVICES

Christmas Cards — We still have available in the office the old style force Christmas card at the same price as last year, £1.80 for a pack of six.

We have designed a new style force card for this year. It will be a plain white card with the Force Crest in colour on the front and a coloured ribbon on the edge. Inside will be a Christmas greeting which can be changed to suit individual

departments' requirements.

I do not have a price for the cards yet although it is hoped they will be available in November. Further information will be circulated on IRIS.

Memorabilia Sales — Doug Rampling still has the usual goodies for sale. If you are thinking of a purchase for Christmas give him a ring on extension 2215. He still has some of the 150th Anniversary mugs. As a special for Christmas he will be selling them in December filled with sweets for £3.50.

Federation Diaries — The Federation Diary will take the same format this year. Costing 50 pence, the diaries will be available from your local Federation Representative (see lists on the Federation Noticeboards).

The below named are responsible for the circulation of the Diaries on the respective Divisions:
Southend — Michael Bannister;
Chelmsford — Malcolm Kohler;
Basildon — Andy Boa;
Grays — Chris Hovells;
Colchester — Lance Williams;
Harlow — Dave Fincham;
Traffic — Phil Charters;
Operations and All HQ — Terry Spelman.

DENTAL CHANGES

AS FROM the 1st October, all practising Dentists operating under the National Health Service must have all patients Register with them to obtain treatment. Because of this many

Dentists have opted out of the National Health Service Scheme and are becoming totally Private.

Officers are reminded that under Police Regulations Reimbursement for the cost of treatment will only be given if obtained under the National Health Service Scheme, and the NHS receipt produced.

The only exception to this rule is for Emergency Treatment required which cannot be obtained under the NHS.

You are advised to check to see if your dentist is operating under the National Health Service Scheme and register. If he is not, then register with one who is.

POLICE PENSIONS SCHEME

THE LAST edition of the Law concluded the sum-

mary of the Police Pension Scheme. However there is one amendment to make with regard to Part 4 'The Allowance'.

New Paragraph should read:-

The amount of child's allowance following the death of a serving officer is based on their deceased's notional ill-health pension or on the actual pension when death occurs after retirement.

It is normally payable at a rate of 18.75% of the father's pension or notional pension per child subject to a maximum of 37.5% where there are two or more children.

If there is no surviving parent increased allowances of 25% and 50% of the father's pension or notional pension will apply.



DETECTIVE Constable Keith Bartlett (left) is pictured receiving his Joint Branch Board plate from Federation Chairman Bob Needham.

Keith served for many years as CID Constables representative for the force.

The plate is presented to members of the force who have contributed to the welfare and benefit of Federation members, and to retiring members of the Joint Branch Board.

SPECIAL BEAT

THE SPECIAL Constabulary will soon have their own special place on the newstands, when a new publication leaves the presses early next year.

"Special Beat" will form part of the Government's new recruitment drive for more Specials and give working Specials a much-needed voice both in the force and in the community.

Newly appointed editor, Sandra Grundy, said she was looking at a production run of around 22,000 copies, mailed free to all serving Specials in England and Wales as well as to potential new recruits.

The magazine is funded by the Home Office and its production has been contracted out to the Police Review Publishing Company, but it will be quite separate from Police Review, with four copies planned each year.

There are around 16,000 Specials currently in the Force across the country, but by 1993 the Government would like to see their ranks swollen to around 25,000 — around 20 per cent of the entire Force's strength.

Sandra said, "Specials have no representative body as it is, so the magazine gives them a voice."

The first issue of "Special Beat" should be out in January and will include articles and features on the work of Specials as well as general pieces on policing and the challenges facing today's Force.

But, like all publications the magazine will only thrive if there is a steady flow of news and views coming in, so the news team are hoping Essex Specials will do their bit to get the venture off the ground.

Any Specials with ideas, such as commendable conduct of individual Specials, Specials injured on duty, or the recruitment of Specials with interesting backgrounds, are urged to come forward.

It is also hoped to have a lively letters page in the first edition to get "Special Beat" off to a healthy start, so get writing.

Sandra Grundy can be reached on (071) 537 2575 or faxed on (071) 537 2553. Alternatively get in touch with The Law, at Chelmsford HQ, and Jenny or Paul will be pleased to help out.

OFFBEAT

Strange suspects

WELL, we tell people to report anything suspicious to the police, and I'm pleased to say many do.

But has it occurred to you how many things police officers get upto, which may seem a bit strange to the unsuspecting public at large?

Recently a well-meaning gentleman phoned to report prostitutes hanging about the streets in Southend.

They turned out to be WPCs going about their (lawful) business!

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ON THE same day a caller in Chelmsford reported three suspicious vehicles which overtook him along Springfield Road.

He stated, "It looks like they may have done a hold up."

Suffolk police confirmed they were three of their vehicles on a CID course.

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TWO more suspect vehicles were reported behind a house in Grays, less than a week later. You've guessed it they were Essex detectives on a job!

They say animal owners resemble their pets. It seems police officers resemble their clients too.

Battered

OFFICERS at Tilbury received reports of a "man battered" — outside the Fish and Chip shop, of course.

Jumper

POLICE were alerted to a "suicidal" man on the roof of Threadneedle House in Chelmsford. False alarm, it turned out to be a workman.

Tools for tots

THIEVES stole drills from the Early Learning Centre at Lakeside, West Thurrock. Is this taking pre-school education a bit far?



Cerebral Palsy sufferer Tom Green is watched by the Southend-based parachute team as Mickey Mouse breaks the news of his trip to Disneyworld. Picture used by kind permission of the Evening Echo.

Tom's dream trip

WHEELCHAIR-BOUND youngster Tom Green has travelled on a trip-of-a-lifetime to Disneyworld, thanks to the fund-raising efforts of Southend Police.

Local lad Tom, 14, suffers from Cerebral Palsy. But he joined a group of other disadvantaged youngsters on a week-long British Airways trip to Florida last month.

His holiday was funded by the efforts in nine officers and civilian staff who parachuted from 2,000 feet

to raise more than £1,200.

In a special ceremony on October 12 in the Southend club room, Tom was told the news of his dream trip.

The occasion also provided an opportunity to present cheques of more than £1,500 each to representatives of the

Fairhavens Hospice, Rochford Hospital Baby care unit and the Mission of Help.

The money was raised through the Southend Division's Fun Day efforts, and a sponsored non-stop 36-hour marathon.

Inspector Rod Barrett, who spearheaded the organising team, said, "It has been a great effort by people throughout the division, and a lot of people have helped."

Learning about 1992 in German

SPRACHSTUDIENKURS FÜR LEITENDE EUROPÄISCHE POLIZEIBEAMTE!

IT'S FUNNY how the German language always seems to create something grand from a title, but Inspector Denis Sheppard is pleased to be travelling to Munster in Germany for six weeks to attend the "German language course for senior police officers in Europe."

He said, courses like this are organised in many European countries to improve the language capabilities of police officers, as well as to create an awareness of different policing systems within the EEC ready for 1992.

Selection for the course

involved an interview at Bramshill in the German language to ensure participants had the necessary language skills.

The purpose of the course is, in six intensive weeks, to improve General fluency but especially to concentrate on the technical aspect of police vocabulary.

Denis said, "Having looked at the programme, I think it will be a fascinating time.

We are travelling all over Germany and I am particularly looking forward to our four days in Berlin to see how certification is effecting

the police, and to meeting officers from many other European countries. It is a great opportunity."

That is not to say Denis will have an easy time. The many nationalities present means the whole course will be conducted in German, which will involve a lot of concentration!

Denis hopes with the development of Stansted Airport, and the rapidly increasing number of German visitors to Essex, the knowledge contacts and skills he picks up over the six weeks will be of benefit to the force in the future.

Sell-out concert

THERE WAS a full house at the Cliffs Pavilion, Westcliff, for the rousing charity concert

which rounded off this year's Fun Day activities. The band concert on October 30, starred guest

singer Ann Barber, the bands of the 9th/12th Royal Lancers and the Royal Highland Fusiliers, and of course the Essex Police Band, and helped to raise cash for more than 20 charities.

With money still to come in, this year's fundraising total is getting close to a record-breaking £50,000.

Chief organiser Chf. Insp. David Bright said, "We had planned to help 20 charities, but with the amount of money we've raise we will now be able to help another five or six."

Cornwall villa

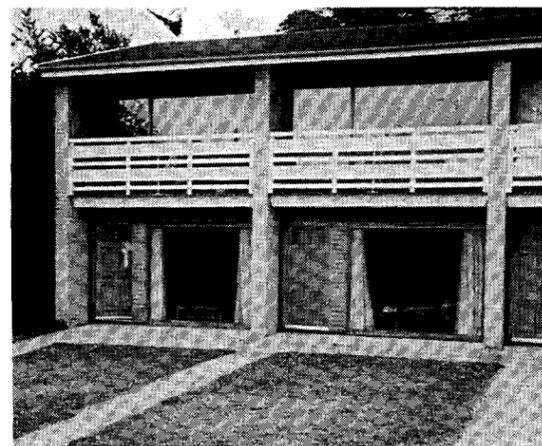
BOOKINGS are being taken now for the Essex Police Force Benevolent Fund holiday villa in Cornwall.

The villa, at Carworgie Manor Park in Newquay, is fully furnished with full bedding including continental quilts, and colour TV.

Carworgie has a heated

swimming pool, bars and restaurant, indoor games room, launderette, mini market, children's play areas, crazy golf, and nightly entertainment during the high season.

For further information, and to make bookings for 1991, contact the Welfare Office on HQ extension 2790.



Thanks

Letter to the Chairman of Essex Police Benevolent Society.

MY WIFE and I wish to express our most sincere thanks to you for the help and support, both materially and personally, which we have received from the Society during our present problems.

It is good to know we are not alone in our attempt to overcome the difficulties with which we are faced.

Jeanette Poston is a great comfort to us, we both look forward to her visits. Please convey our thanks to all concerned.

Ex PS. Laurie Yallop and Vera, Served 1936 to 1966 Torquay Road, Chelmsford



Laurie and Vera Yallop

Study for promotion

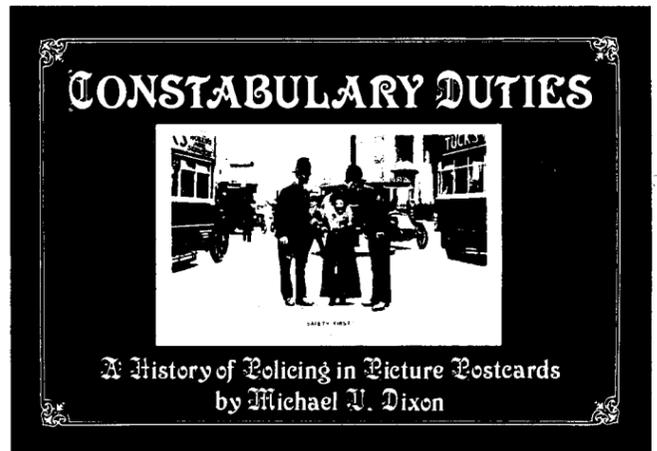
Police Promotion to Sergeant Course 1990-1991

Where? Chelmsford College of Further Education, Moulsham Street, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 0JQ.

What? Course for constables intending to take the 1991 Promotion Examination.

When? Beginning November 28th, 1990, every Wednesday from 3pm to 5pm. Need to find out more? Contact Joy MacMillan, Chelmsford College of Further Education, Moulsham Street, Chelmsford, CM2 0JQ Tel. 0245 265611. Joy will be available to answer questions at the following venues:

- Question Time Chelmsford College 11-1pm 15th November 1990.
- Monday 12th November 9-10am.
- Tuesday 13th November 12-1pm.



CONSTABULARY DUTIES

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Foreword by Sir Peter Imbert, O.P.M. Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police

This fascinating new book provides an illustrated history of modern policing from 1829 to the present day. The illustrations have been selected from rare photographs and postcards, the majority owned by the author.

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The author Michael Dixon, retired in 1989 as Chief Superintendent after 32 years service in the Norfolk Constabulary.

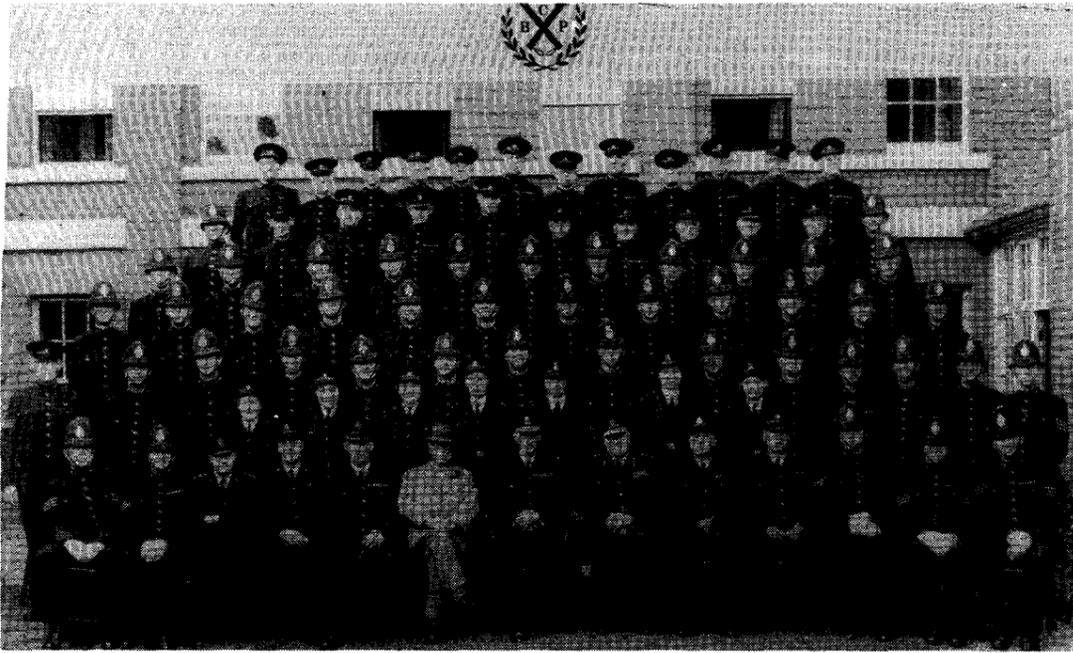
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BLOCK LETTERS
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Memory does not fade

I EXPECT you have received letters concerning the photograph of the old Colchester Borough Police in the Law.

I suppose I could remember most of the regular officers, but there are quite a number of War Reserve Constables and Special Constables in the picture.

I would like to see the

original of the photograph. I don't remember it being taken, I have not got one, and I cannot recognise myself on it although I must have been there at the time.

In the front row I recognise, from left to right, Sgt W. Plummer, Chf. Insp. Porter, Chf. Insp. Clear, Lt. Col. H. Stockwell, Insp. Westley, Sgt. Mills, Sgt. Brooks.

There also are WPC Breen, Sgt. D. Kirk. WPC Sutherland. I would probably know all of them if the faces were clearer.

That's the best I can do. Memory does not fade much, although it is nearly 72 years since I joined the old Colchester Borough Police, and the last remaining eight years in the Essex Police.

H. SALMON, IPSWICH.

Theo in the back row

RE. YOUR photo of Colchester Borough Police in "The Law". The man second from the left in the back row was my father-in-law Theo Hitchcock.

He was a Special during the War. My husband Eric Hitchcock was in the Colchester Borough, but didn't join until about 1946-47. I expect ex-Sgt Cliff Alerton would have known him.

I remember a Sgt. Mills but can't remember what he looked like. We were stationed at Colchester for eight years, then my husband was made a Dc. and we moved to Pitsea.

Veronica Hitchcock, Glebe Way, Galleywood.

Fireman Bill was a Wartime Special

I THOUGHT these old photographs might be of interest to readers of "The Law".

The first is of the Epping Fire Tender which, as can be seen, was pulled by two under-nourished horses during the early part of this century.

I do not know the date of the photo, I estimate about 1918. You will see the photograph is taken in the Epping High Road opposite the Half Moon

Public House where there are 2 or 3 shops.

I understand the Fire Tender and crew had been called to a fire at the back of one of these shops.

A Police Officer can be clearly seen on the right with some form of arm band. It will be interesting if any of your readers can recognise this officer.

Also, my Great Grandfather Bill Searle is

seen holding the hose to the tender. I understand he was a Sub-Station Officer at Epping for over 30 years.

The second photo is of my Great Grandfather standing in the rear garden of his home in St John's Road, Epping in 1914, when it would appear that because a large number of Policemen had been called to the services, all Epping Fire Station personnel were summoned and sworn in as Special Constables in Essex, and were required to do patrol duties during those bad years.

You will see his dress includes Regulation Arm Band, whistle, bowler hat and the prescribed large

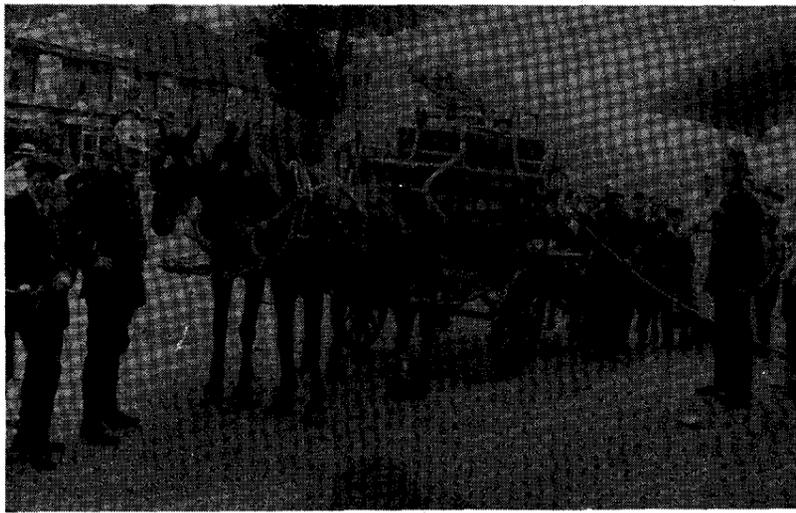
boots. On the right hand side is the old water pump, there originally being of course, no piped water to the house.

I don't know whether any of the Special Constabulary or retired persons are able to throw any further light on the subject of Special Constables during the First World War in Essex. I have only gleaned the above information from relatives now deceased.

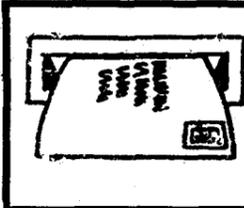
Brian Searle ex D/SGT 55 The Esplanade Holland-on-Sea



● Special Constable Bill Searle.



● The Epping fire tender, about 1918.



Law Letters

Top Cops' course is ego exercise

ON READING the October issue of The Law, one could have been fooled into thinking it was an April issue.

I refer to the article "Top Cops Class of '91". It states a course for senior officers will last five months and, I quote, "it's a whole new concept and at the moment we are still in negotiation over exactly what the course should contain."

It should have read, "We don't know what we are having a course for really, except for an ego exercise."

Does this really mean that senior police officers are promoted, and then have to go and learn the job? It would appear so.

I joined Essex Police in 1937 not many courses then but we did the job, and were respected by the public.

Not many, if any, college degrees, but the senior officers were well respected and were experienced policemen.

You may print this as I have no fear of being posted to Saffron Waldon. I retired over 21 years ago.

W.H. Feebe, ex PS 108, Highfield, Clère, Suffolk.

Geoffrey's pal was Sammy Salt

FOLLOWING my letter in last month's edition of The Law, attempting to trace a former inspector at Saffron Walden, I received a tremendous response from both serving and retired officers.

I am pleased to be able to say, as a result, that the ex-Inspector has made contact with his old friend Father Geoffrey Pye.

A number of officers correctly identified the ex-Inspector as Bernard Salt, known as "Sammy". And Mr Salt, who lives in Harlow, also made contact to identify himself, after reading The Law. Thanks to everyone for their help.

Chf. Insp. David Bright, Benfleet.

Great night at Grays

MAY I express, through the columns of "The Law", the great pleasure that was so enjoyed and appreciated on Friday evening October 5 at the Grays Divisional Police Club by myself and many others who once "served their time" within that Division.

The great hospitality extended by the Divisional Commander, Messrs Lodge and Barret and their numerous helpers was stupendous. Once again I heard the Club's Snooker Table groan beneath the tremendous weight of the varieties of excellent food displayed upon it.

It was nice to once again

meet up with old faces, I think perhaps Harry Lamb at 81 was the eldest in years, but certainly not in appearance. He was still the 6foot 2inches of Grenadier Guardsman he has always been.

Bill Smith, Jock Sanderson, Ken Revell and many more were looking fit and well.

Mention must be made of the delightful Ms Jan whose lavish hospitality with the product of a glorious grape harvest was an experience that will linger long.

William Mead Thelma Avenue Canvey Island

Girls Get-together

I SHOULD like to thank all "the girls" who attended the recent Reunion of Essex Police Women. The atmosphere was terrific with old (and not so old) friends meeting, in some instances after 40 years.

I should especially like

to thank all the people who helped prepare for the evening and make it a success, and I am reliably informed the general request was to make the dinner an annual event.

Jean Seager WPC. 3134, CSB Brentwood.

ESSEX POLICE FUN DAY SUNDAY 14TH JULY 1991

ANOTHER success for charity and an opportunity to enhance our relations with the public is on the cards if our Committee have their way.

Arrangements are well in hand to raise funds for various charities and organisations.

Schools are to be invited to participate in Netball and Football Tournaments on the day with preliminary rounds held in Divisions during the weeks prior to the Event.

It is anticipated that over 4,000 children between the ages of 7 and 11 will be involved.

Your Divisional Representatives need ideas, volunteers and any kind of assistance you can offer.

RASILDON
DS Bob CRAVEN
C/INSP Dave BRIGHT
Insp Les BRAMHILL
WPC Jess FISHER
PC Jeff BRIGHT

CHELMSFORD
FS JOHN BOWMAN
Ch Insp Dave HULL
DS Mick HAIG
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PC Colin FREEMAN
DC John STEWART
Pc Fred BRITNALL

SOUTHEND
Det Insp Steve BRIGHT
Mrs Marie BENJAMEN

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Insp Peter SHELDRAKE
C/Insp Bob WARD
Dc Geof CALLAN
Dc Ian BOX

Ch Insp Paul ADAMS
Insp Stephanie ROWLEY
PC Brian PALLANT
Ch Insp Dick BLOOMFIELD
Sgt Mich DAVIES
Mrs Wendy HOLDEN

Ch Insp Paul STANLEY
Mr Doug RAMPLIN
Mr Geoff MARKHAM

COLCHESTER
Pc Chris JACOB
Sgt Ann TURNER
Ch Insp Geoff EMSDEN
Insp Bob FINCH

GRAYS
Insp Dennis SHEPHERD

As you can see, some Divisional Reps need more assistance than others.

Rob Craven, Fun Day secretary.

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Helicopter helps with 41 arrests

HALFWAY TO SOARING SUCCESS

THE HELICOPTER is now over halfway through its six month trial and has numerous successes to its credit.

Its total flying time to date is over 200 hours, and it has assisted with at least 41 arrests.

It has been deployed to Cambridgeshire, Kent, Suffolk and has even assisted the Metropolitan Police on a couple of occasions, even though the Mets have three helicopters of their own!

It has taken part in many successful searches for people and property, and the Air Support Unit have even made several arrests ourselves, just to prove we don't mind getting our hands dirty!

The helicopter has also flown 190 policemen and 100 assorted civilians. Visitors to the unit are always welcome, on or off duty. We will do our best to accommodate you on a flight, as and when we turn out to a call.

Located at Boreham Airfield, the unit operates an Aerospatiale twin engined Squirrel, capable of 155mph and an endurance of up to three-and-a-half hours.

by Mike Kliskey

The helicopter is on standby between 8.30am and 10.30pm, although the office is manned from 7.30am to 11pm.

At night and on Sundays, the helicopter is available on a three quarters of an hour call-out basis, when requests should be made to the Information Room inspector.

The main reason for turning down requests is after hours. The pilots all live some distance from the airfield, so it is impossible to be airborne any quicker.

Only major incidents will justify the 45 minute wait.

When the office is unmanned, the Air Support Unit welcomes anyone calling, whether for advice or to assist with a job.

No authorisation is required to obtain assistance from the helicopter, just a phonecall from yourselves or via HQIR if mobile.

The helicopter is equipped with both main channel and personal

radios, a powerful public address system and a 30 million candlepower spotlight.

When the unit attends a job, communication with other units is invaluable and this should be over channel 88 on personals. This is a dedicated ground to air frequency, available on most personal radios. If your radios aren't able to go to 88, please contact HQ communications.

The helicopter is yours, and there to assist you so don't hesitate to tell us what you think and would like us to do. Any comments, questions or requests, give us a ring.

Typical response times are Chelmsford three minutes, Maldon five minutes, Billericay five mins, Brentwood 6 mins, Ongar 6 mins, Braintree 6 mins, Basildon 6 mins, Harlow 10 mins, Southend 10 mins, Grays 11 mins and Colchester 12 mins.

At the moment we have a paramedic with us on trial from 8am to 6pm, and respond to ambulance calls requiring their specialist skills.

Their aim is to stabilise patients prior to removal to hospital.

We welcome the co-operation and being able to add another dimension to the use of the helicopter.

The paramedic was able to treat a woman while she was trapped in her car after a recent road accident.

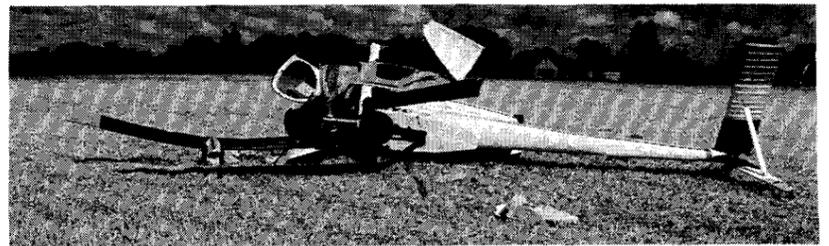
The crash happened on the M11 at lunchtime on October 22. The woman was suffering from cuts, bruises and shock after her Talbot Rancho was in collision with a lorry.

She was injured by glass splinters from her smashed windscreen and side window, and was also hit by items of shopping which were thrown forward from the back of her car.

Before the ambulance arrived, and before she could even be released from her car, the paramedic treated her through the window.



Junction 31 of the M25, and The Lakeside complex, with the inevitable queues for the Dartford Tunnel. One of many photographic requests the helicopter has assisted with.



The helicopter crash at Felsted.

Searches, Skyshout and Nightsun

TO HIGHLIGHT the capabilities of the helicopter, here are some examples of jobs we have attended.

Our first call was to Norsey Woods, Billericay, where a suspect had made his way into the woods, following a serious sexual assault.

A synchronised search with a dog unit resulted in the suspect breaking cover and being arrested by a local unit. The man was charged with attempted rape.

On July 9, the aircraft assisted a search for four suspects who had made off into Thorndon Park after a house burglary.

Two of the suspects were arrested with the helicopter overhead, and later said they went to ground because of the helicopter.

These are good examples of how the helicopter can contain an area, giving local and dog units the chance of finding suspects. The local units saw the two suspects and arrested them. Two others were also arrested nearby.

Skyshout
The following day there was a suspect vehicle at Clacton. The aircraft was able to clear the beach by using the powerful "skyshout" loudhailer.

The loudhailer was then used over the town

On July 31, the Colchester Tattoo started, and the helicopter was used extensively for route security and escort of VIPs.

The helicopter was called out on the Sunday, and was en route to a fire in Colchester within the promised 45 minutes. This was a 22 pump fire at Fingringhoe Ranges, which was endangering local residents.

We flew numerous sorties, and were able to assist various senior fire officers to locate seats of fire, and identify any homes that may be in danger. This was a good example of how we can be used for command and control. This job was one of many fires attended during the hot summer.

Arrest
On August 6, a suspect was seen making off after a burglary at Chignal Smealey. A man was seen crossing fields in a direction away from the house, and matched the description given. Using "skyshout" we persuaded him to stay put while we landed and arrested him.

Two days later the Air Support Unit proved its worth in finding a car stolen after an aggravated burglary at Langham. This was parked in an innocent party's driveway in Capel St Mary, Suffolk. The householder was on holiday.

Lengthy road searches for the vehicle were avoided, and forensic evidence pre-

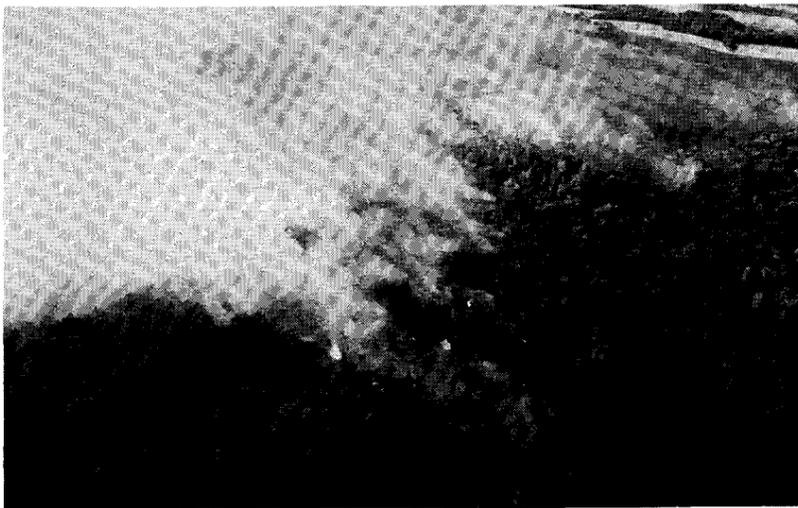
served.
On August 17, the "Nightsun" was put to good use on the M11, searching for an injured party who was believed to have wandered off. We were operating almost on the centreline of the runway at Stansted Airport, and had to move off to allow a Boeing 767 to take off. All local airports have been very co-operative when we have been operating in their airspace.

Chase
On August 28 we went to a high speed car chase at Canvey Island. Before we arrived the vehicle had been lost, but we were able to locate it and start a search for the occupants. Car chases are another area where the helicopter comes into its own, but only if we are called early enough.

Later that week, a helicopter crashed at Felsted. Our pilot was able to isolate the battery and fuel, and assist with accident investigation.

Other successes to date include locating stolen boats, one in the back garden, performing traffic management at road accidents on the motorways, transporting specialised units rapidly to a scene, and assisting with acid house party operations.

We have completed more than 70 photographic requests, including video, and searched for a stray bull and a 12-stone Rottweiler.



Twenty-two pump fire at Fingringhoe Ranges, Colchester.



The stolen Volvo found abandoned at Capel St Mary.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE FORCE'S GROWING

Back up for the Bobby of WHAT A TIME BEHIND THE SCENES



THIRTY-FIVE new civilian posts have been created within Essex Police this year, and there is rarely a shortage of applicants.

Civilianisation in the force has taken off in a big way, and the Home Office has made it clear to trend will continue.

Currently one third of the people employed by Essex Police are civilians, and hopefully, as more specialist areas become totally civilian, the old diehard attitude of some police officers towards the "civvies" will die out.

One crucial area the force is addressing as the civilian army grows is providing a career structure. Schemes exist to transfer to different departments and learn new skills, and the Training School is also providing more and more courses for civilian staff.

Specialist roles like the Fingerprints and Photographic departments are entirely civilian, allowing a high level of expertise to be developed.

Variety

And the variety of civilian jobs is wide, many of them roles which do not exist outside the police force.

Apart from the Station Office Assistants and Communications Officers, there are jobs in

prosecutions offices preparing papers for court hearings, CID administration staff helping detectives with their paperwork, and data protection staff.

Many of these jobs exist at police stations throughout the county, although senior appointments still tend to be at headquarters.

And although the pay does not match that of the police officers they work side by side with, there are other benefits — like further education paid for by the police.

Recently at headquarters, a press day was held to show off the role of the "invisible force", the little known-about backroom boys and girls that keep the force ticking over and provide the back-up for the Bobby on the beat.

Assistance

To the public at large, when they phone or call in at a police station most assume they are speaking to a police officer. Yet a well-trained civilian will often be able to provide the assistance they require just as well as a

police officer — leaving the policemen and women more time for policing.

More than 1,300 civilians work for Essex Police. Over the last ten years an additional 253 civilian posts have been created.

The longest-serving civilian has been employed by the Essex force for 38 years, and 59 staff have more than 20 years' service.

Vacancies

When four vacancies for communications officers were advertised recently, there were 188 applications from throughout Essex. With plans for a new Information Room in the pipeline, the number of communications officers will double over the next few years.

Pam Tyte is Prosecutions Department manageress at Grays, a post which until recently was filled by a police officer.

She joined the service as a shorthand typist at Tilbury 18 years ago. Pam is full of praise for the training she has received, which has enabled her to reach her current "senior officer" grading, the only one in the division.

"The force has paid for everything, and given me a day release," she said. This has allowed her to obtain a Diploma in Management Studies.

Jo Alexander is another civilian who has risen through the ranks in her ten years with Essex Police. Starting out as a typist, she has progressed to the role of Chief Superintendent's secretary.

"I don't think people joining now know how much things have changed, with the training courses and promotion courses."

As a CID and Uniform typist I used to do everything the CID and uniformed officers needed doing. There were only two civilians in each sub-division then."

Shifts

Jill Wilson enjoys the shift system she works as a Station Officer Assistant at Brentwood. Although she had some basic training, she says she has really been a case of learning on the job.

And of course, working in a police station ca



THE GIRLS FROM GRAYS DIVISION: Brentwood-based Station Office Assistant Jill Wilson; Jo Alexander, Chief Superintendent's Secretary at Grays and Pam Tyte, prosecutions department manageress.

Civilians are part of police family

ESSEX police can be divided into two distinct groups, but the division is NOT police and civilian, Assistant



ACC (Personnel) Terry Rands.

Chief Constable (Personnel), Terry Rands has stressed.

Neither is the division uniformed and plain clothes, he added. He divides the force into operational and support staff.

Mr. Rands classes anyone who has direct dealings with the public as operational, and that, of course, includes civilians.

"In practice we now have a great many civilian staff who are operational," he said, "As traffic wardens, Station Office Assistants manning the front desks at police stations, and communications officers answering

999 calls."

"We also have many police officers who are working in a support role."

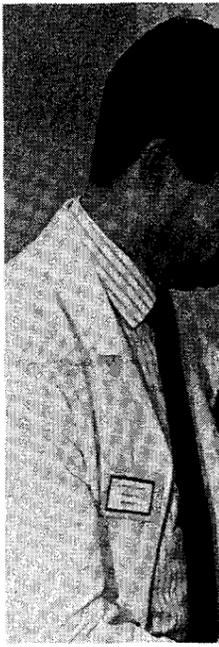
Mr. Rands said civilians, who now shoulder the lion's share of police paperwork, are all part of the Essex Police family.

And he is determined that civilians will be encouraged to join the force as a long-term career.

Developing the career structure is still in its early stages, but it is his dream that "one day we will get someone joining us from school as a scale 1 clerk and ending up as our Chief Administration Officer."



Julia Greenwood, fingerprint searcher



Norman Eastby

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mean diving straight in at the deep end. "On my first set of nights, at 3am a man came in and said 'I'm a nutter escaped from an asylum. I think you want to arrest me'. I stayed quite calm!" she said. Jill's job involves manning the front desk, and working in the control room. As well as answering the phones, she operates the radios and the IRIS computer terminal. "Often people phone in and say I want to speak to a police officer, when it is really something simple.

She often has to attend court, sometimes taking the oath to serve additional charges on defendants.

She will also sign TICs, for additional offences admitted and taken into consideration.

All these jobs were previously done by police officers.

Other jobs out on divisions include those of divisional admin officer, handling all the paperwork and problems no-one else can solve, according to Paul Gibson at Colchester.

There are a range of manual jobs, including mechanics keeping police cars in good shape, drivers, caretakers, and cleaners, and not forgetting traffic wardens.

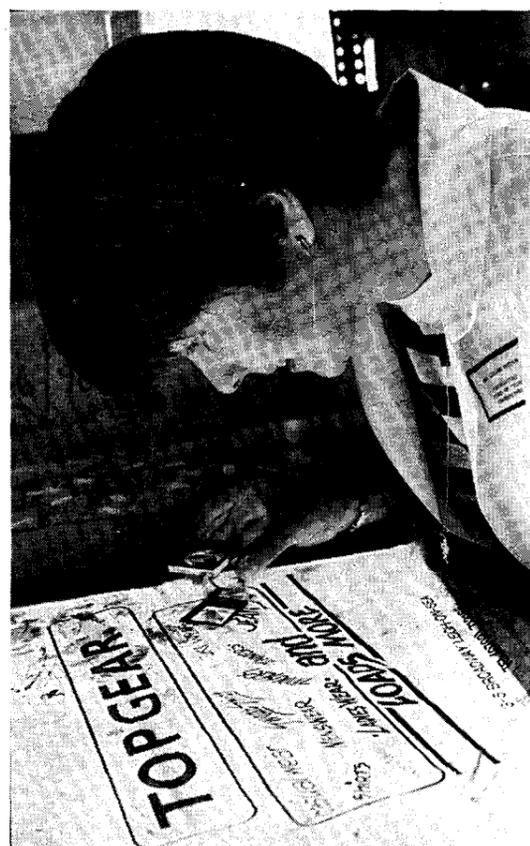
At headquarters the range of civilian jobs is even greater, with press officers, finance and property management officers, staff in registry — which keeps force orders and records — plus civilians in statistics, computers and the firearms licensing department.



Norma Blamey, section clerk at Canvey Island; Carol Bowler, deputy prosecutions department Manageress for Basildon sub-division and Kay Gibbs, Station Office Assistant at Basildon.



SOUTHEND: Howard Gardener, SOA; Michael Lines, Traffic Warden Supervisor; June Lambert, Senior Clerk in Admin.



Sharp-eyed Gillian Metson studies some potentially vital fingerprint evidence.

Nerve centre where the phone lines never stop buzzing

SOMEWHERE in the county another person urgently wants to speak to the police. A red light starts to blink on a cluttered panel in front of Sue Stannard. She answers. It's the 562nd incident of the day — and it's still only 1.30pm.

At the other end of the line anything could be happening. A child hurt in an accident, a threat to blow the local magistrates court sky-high, or a distraught woman who has just discovered her husband with a knife in his back.

In the 19-years she has been working in the Essex Police Information Room, Sue, 41, has handled most of them. She is on the frontline of the Force's battle against crime — but what most people she talks to don't realise, is that she is a civilian.

After 3½ years in the Wrens, she joined the Fingerprint bureau, but used to a more action-packed way of life, she signed up for the "nerve centre" and has never looked back since. Nor has the Force.

In those days civilians were only permitted to man the police radios, but now they

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LES BRAND

virtually do it all, working alongside their police colleagues, manning the phones, controlling incidents and operating the Police National Computer.

Team
 Civilian staff in the information room form almost half the team, and as far as "B" shift goes that mix works well, according to Sue: "In here there isn't a lot of difference between us. We don't generally notice it."

The system also seems to work well for the public — most would prefer a policeman or woman at their door dealing with the incident, rather than stuck at the end of a phone, and there are few problems with the arrangement.

Only once or twice in her career has Sue had a caller asking specifically for a police officer, but those cases are usually to seek advice on a point of law, which shouldn't be a 999 call anyway.

But life in the Information Room isn't suited to everyone: "A lot of people don't like working in here because it's claustrophobic, with no windows. Some people find the challenge of the radio too much, they are frightened of it."

Demanding
 "I can understand that, but that's the part I like, talking to the cars, that can be quite a demanding job. It's quite interesting when the SOAs come in from outside, they generally prefer it. It wouldn't want to go out on division."

"When it's busy it's really interesting, it's so different

from everything else. The only time I don't like it is when I'm sitting here at 4 or 5 in the morning when it's boring and there's nothing to do. I can't think of anything else I would prefer doing — and the money's good for civilians."

But when the big one breaks it's all about team work and Sue is evidently proud of the working relationship "B" Shift has developed over the years. By working closely together cars can be on their way to an incident while the caller is still on the line — teamwork that can save vital seconds.

But although Sue says shift work means pay is relatively good (although still lower than her police officer col-

leagues) she is less than happy about the level of training given for such an important job.

Training
 "We are not given enough training but they are revising that for the new information room and it does need a new training course." Learning over the shoulder of working operators can mean picking up bad habits, she says.

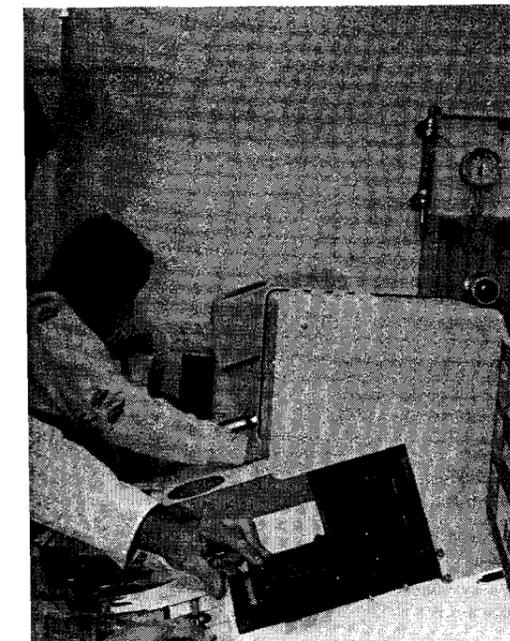
"It's not the right way to do it. It's not fair on the people learning — there is no proper training system." One skill that has to be learnt on the job is taking information from people who could be in shock, or hysterical at the scene of an accident.

"I just sort of stay as calm as possible, trying to get

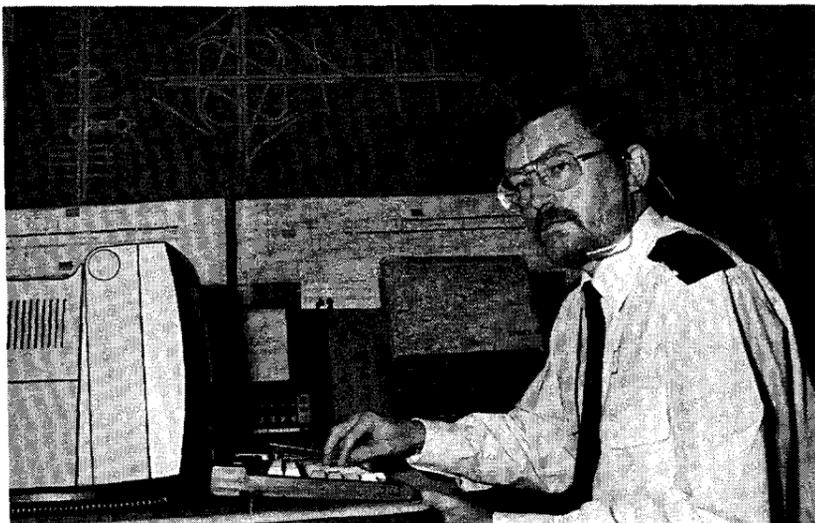
them to stay calm, finding out what the incident is about first," she says. This way officers can be off to the scene as quickly as possible.

In fact civilians working in the information room has been such a success story that some quarters have argued for the whole operation to go civvy, with supervision also under civilian control. It is not an idea Sue supports.

"I do think we need some police officers in here for their background and their local knowledge," she said. "We don't have the same local knowledge as police officers that have been out on the beat and they know the way the local police work as well, so it does help to have them here."



Work in Scenes of Crime Photographic Department.



Communications officer Mick Wade at work in the Information Room.



Bernice Squires re-visits her old home. Picture courtesy of Les Brand.

80th birthday treat for Bernice Headquarters re-visited

by Carol Rivers

THE PRESS OFFICE was only too pleased to help when they had a call from the family of Bernice Squires asking if they could arrange an 80th birthday treat.

Mrs. Squires had spent her childhood living at Police Headquarters and her daughter asked if they could visit her old home.

In the 1930s Bernice Squires, daughter of the late Deputy Chief Constable Alfred Offord, lived in the building which now houses the reception area.

Despite all the alterations she was able to point out where their lounge

had been and recalled playing with her nine brothers and sisters on a swing suspended from the ceilings.

She also fondly recalled the pre-car days when the stable block — like everything else now converted to offices — house the Force pony and traps. It was one of these which met her from the station when she returned after being evacuated to Ipswich during the first world war.

Mrs Squires met her husband at Headquarters

over fifty years ago when he was employed as a civilian clerk, and watched as he was given a spin round the skid pan by modern day police officers — a far cry from the days of the horsedrawn carriage.

Whilst visiting she also had the opportunity of comparing notes with Deputy Chief Constable Peter Simpson and at the end of the day was presented with an Essex Police 150th Anniversary plaque to remind her of her day out. She returned home with many happy memories from her past rekindled.

International co-operation cracks crime

A THEFT on board a North Sea ferry prompted Essex detective Frank Holden to forge a close link with the ship's Scandinavian crew.

And now Frank has invited the Swedish Chief Purser of the Tor Britannia and his wife to be his guests for a visit to the county.

Although Herman Sjogren has been travelling to Parkeston Quay for years bringing thousands of visitors to England, he has never had a holiday in this country.

Dc. Holden explained, "Investigating the thefts involved close co-operation between different nationalities. There was an excellent liaison

between Essex Police and the crew of the Tor Britannia."

He said Scandinavian Seaways was very helpful in releasing a number of the ship's key staff for the trial at Chelmsford Crown Court.

In August, two young men were jailed for the thefts, and assaulting Danish Purser Ib Neilson, during the crossing from Gothenburg.

Dc. Holden has obtained a newspaper cutting of the court case, which he intends to present to Herman in a frame, "in recognition of international co-operation in the fight against crime."

He said Herman had been impressed by the British justice system.

New office

FOLLOWING the opening of Colchester's prestigious police station in Butt Road a year ago, work has been going on to provide the north of the town with an impressive new community police office.

The Ipswich Road office has been completely gutted and rebuilt, providing a range of new facilities.

The buildings, formerly consisting of two houses with an office in-between, have been a base for the neighbourhood beat and dog section. With the emphasis on returning to community policing, the new offices will provide the opportunity for a greater police presence in the area.

The refurbishment includes ample garaging, spacious new dog pounds so the animals do not have to remain in the back of the vans when their handlers are in the office, two shower rooms and comfortable rest room.

Inspector Bob Finch said: "The imminent opening of this much needed office will allow Colchester Police to diversify some of the local tasks away from the main station, and more importantly forge a closer rapport with the general public in north Colchester."

Brave dog trio disarm gunman

THREE force dog handlers have jointly received an award for their bravery in disarming a gunman. Pcs Martin Garwood, Alan Jones and Peter Morley were awarded the Edwards Trophy for the dog handler showing the most initiative at the annual Essex Police Dog Trials presentations last month.

They were praised for their outstanding initiative and bravery in overpowering a gunman at Eves Corner, Danbury, in March this year.

They were leaving Sandon for a public order patrol in the early hours of Sunday March 4 when they were directed by Information Room to a telephone kiosk.

Information Room staff were engaging the caller in conversation, who stated he was armed and would shoot the first policeman he saw.

En route the three officers formulated a plan of action. They were first on the scene, and while the man was kept talking on the phone with his back to them, they crept

up on him.

They could see he was holding a firearm in his hand. The trio overpowered the man and he was detained. It later turned out that the firearm was a very good replica.

The officers' citation said they "acted in the highest traditions of the service."

Novice

The overall winner of the force dog trials was a novice, Jack, with handler Phil O'Connell of Laindon.

Two-year-old Jack had three months training at the Regional Centre in Guildford and only became operational in January this year.

Pc O'Connell and Jack received the Kate Cup with 835½ points, as the overall winners. They also won the Paddy Shield for the highest mark in the Criminal Work section and they took the Jeff Lawrence shield for highest mark in the Searching section jointly with Pc Peter Beauchamp and Kaiser of Westcliff. Superdog Jack also won the best novice dog trophy.

Other results were as follows:

Murray Shield (highest mark for Obedience) Pc Peter Hewitt with Topy (Grays), Sergeant's Shield (highest mark for Tracking) Pc Colin Ball with Strachan (Colchester), Brain Bishop Memorial Trophy (highest mark — Hard Surface) Pc Alan Jones with Kaz (Westcliff), Sandon Trophy (for the

second with the highest aggregate mark) Laindon, Aceroon Memorial Trophy (awarded to the Essex dog gained the highest mark in the regional dog trials) Pc Colin Ball with Strachan.

The top four overall have been selected for the South East Region police dog trials, to be organised by Sussex Police in 1991. Joining Pc O'Connell and Jack will be second-placed Pc Hewitt with Toby, Pc Jones with Kaz (third) and Pc Ken Boorman of Laindon with Bruno (fourth).

Sunday School reunion

DEPUTY Chief Constable Peter Simpson combined business with pleasure at a recent charity cheque presentation — when he met up with his old Sunday School teacher.

Mr Simpson presented £1,000 to the Addenbrookes Hospital Cancer Scanner Appeal on behalf of Miss Millie Birch last month.

When the young Mr Simpson lived in the police house at Saffron Walden during the 1950s Miss Birch, now 86, was his Sunday School teacher. Mr Simpson's father was Divisional Superintendent there at the time.

Mr Simpson said, "She is a lovely lady and I am pleased to support her efforts. I have kept in touch with her."

Over the past ten years Miss Birch has raised more than £16,000 and presents a cheque to the Scanner Appeal every year.

The way we were

HITLER has a lot to be thanked for in turning the Essex police into an equal opportunities employer.

The force had been a male dominated preserve for just over a century before it was recognised that upholding law and order was a job for women too.

The Second World War

had been raging for two years when policemen were called up in 1941 to serve in the front line.

Their places back home were filled by women auxiliaries and after the war in 1946, they were given the choice of staying on as officers or civilians.

Memories of the good old days came flooding

back when around 130 police women past and present gathered in Chelmsford for a reunion dinner.

They travelled from as far afield as Cheshire, Derby and Dorset to catch up on news of former colleagues.

Ex-WAPCs Diane Smith and Joyce Jones turned up in the uniform of the Forties... something of a contrast to the fashion of the Nineties.

In 1946, Diane went into admin and Joyce became secretary to a succession of three chief constables.

With the chatter reaching the noise level of Concord taking off, reminiscences continued for hours.

One of the organisers said: "They just about managed to keep quiet during the speeches. It was a wonderful evening. "Two former colleagues met again for the first time since 1943."



The way we were... Diane Smith and Joyce Jones compare the Forties fashions with the uniform of today, worn by Cadet Kate Mowl.

Grand charity cheques

MEMBERS of the Force Musical Society are pictured with their president, Deputy Chief Constable Peter Simpson, handing over two cheques, each for £1,000, to representatives of CHARMS (Chelmsford Action for the Relief of Multiple Sclerosis) and the Northwick Park Hospital in Harrow, for research into chronic arthritis in youngsters.

The money was raised at the society's 25th anniversary Silver Souvenirs concert.



● The cheque presentation at headquarters.



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■ The Essex Police Crimestoppers display board at Roots Hall football stadium.

New ideas from Canada conference

CATCHING CRIMINALS THE CRIMESTOPPERS WAY

WITH MORE than 1,000 calls from the public, and 109 people arrested and charged in a little over two years since its inception, Essex Police Crimestoppers Scheme has commanded considerable attention across both the County and the Country.

The Force Scheme, which is run independent of the Community Action Trust National Project (CAT) is funded totally by local Councils, businesses and individual sponsors, and has achieved impressive results.

The ambition of all connected with Crimestoppers is to improve on the detection rate achieved to date, by introducing new ideas to promote even greater awareness and response.

Crimestoppers is not a new departure in police

policy. The Police can seldom act against criminals without information and clearly there is no substitute for the citizen who is ready, able and willing to come forward and provide assistance and subsequently give evidence at Court on behalf of the Prosecution.

However, in the real world, there are many people who do have information of value regarding a variety of crimes, but who are unlikely to come forward to assist police investigations.

Magic

As detectives informed police officers know only too well, there is nothing magic about solving a crime, it is a matter of opportunity and Crimestoppers provides such opportunity.

Provided with in-

THE ESSEX Police CRIMESTOPPERS scheme has received more than 1,000 calls since it was introduced just over two years ago. The scheme has gone from strength to strength, but is always looking for fresh ideas to keep it in the public eye.

In September, scheme co-ordinator CH. INSP. DAVID BRIGHT attended an International Crimestoppers Conference in Canada, and returned with new suggestions to boost the already thriving Essex scheme. Here he provides an update on all the latest Crimestoppers initiatives.

formation to point him in the right direction it is the professionalism of the police officer, that subsequently leads to the obtaining of evidence for arrest and charge.

To enjoy continued success, it is essential the Crimestoppers Scheme maintains a high public profile and to this end, numerous initiatives have been employed throughout Essex.

Signboard

Two recent ideas, as

the photograph shows, are the construction of a 20' x 5' professionally prepared sign board, that has been erected at Roots Hall football stadium, home of Southend United, and also the printing of the Crimestoppers Logo and message on half a million milk bottles, which have been distributed throughout the County by Dairy Crest PLC. The support of this company, and Southend United, indicates the support being received for the Force Scheme throughout the County.

Essex Police Crimestoppers has, on perma-

nent loan from Ford Motor Company, a Long Wheel Base Transit Van, which is decked with the Crimestoppers Logo.

Advertisement

The purpose of this vehicle is to be seen as a moving advertisement for the Force Scheme, and is available for use for official purposes throughout the Force.

Arrangements to book this vehicle can be made by telephoning either Headquarters extension 2731 or Benfleet 3303.

Due to the crime detection successes attributed to the Crimestoppers van, as well as the considerable media publicity, arrangements are in hand to ac-

quire an even larger vehicle which will also be liveried with the Crimestoppers Logo, and other messages pertinent to crime investigation.

Canada

In September, as Co-Ordinator of the Force Scheme, in company with the Honorary Secretary of the Board, I attended the 11th International Crimestoppers Conference held in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Apart from the warm welcome extended to us as the only independent Scheme in the United Kingdom to be represented at the Conference, we were briefed on a vast array of successful ideas to both promote further success regarding Crimestoppers.

These ideas, if approved at Chief Officer level and with the support of the Board of Essex Police Crimestoppers, it is hoped will further ensure the existence of the dedicated 0245 252252 Crimestoppers Number, as an effective weapon in

the fight against crime in the County.

Booklet

It is pleasing to report that whilst relative beginners in the field of Crimestoppers, several of the Force Initiatives were well received by many of the 830 Delegates attending the International Conference, in particular great interest being shown in the specially prepared Essex Police Crimestoppers Information Booklet, as well as the Crimestoppers Information Business Card, which is soon to be distributed to all Force Personnel.

Essex Police Crimestoppers has made considerable impact since its launch on the 1st July 1988 and all of those involved are determined to ensure the continued success of this Crime Detection/Prevention Initiative.

To this end any suggestions to improve or better this new approach to crime detection would be both appreciated and welcomed.

Catherine on wheels

LETTER FROM A.C.C.(O) GEOFFREY MARKHAM

IN THE summer I asked Essex Police through its regular, civilian and special constabulary members to support me in a fund raising endeavour.

Miss Catherine Dinan, a lifetime resident of Chelmsford, suffers from rheumatoid arthritis and in trying to improve her mobility and quality of life she has undergone many complicated and painful operations.

She is now almost completely disabled but the tremendous courage she displays in coping with the pain she must always endure is an inspiration to everyone fortunate enough to know her.

To help her to retain her independence and to assist with her mobility it was decided to organise a

walk with a view to raising sufficient funds to buy a battery operated wheelchair.

I approached the Force Fun Day Committee and they loaned me sufficient funds to purchase the chair on the understanding I would repay the full amount of the loan and, if any surplus funds were raised as a result of the appeal, then these would be paid into Fun Day funds and distributed to the charities we have supported this year.

The walk took place on 28 July when we joined with friends and relations of Cathy who were also determined to help her.

After the walk, sponsored money flooded in and I am delighted to say the contribution of

each and every department of the Force was sufficient to pay for the chair, insure it and provide Cathy with suitable waterproof covers to ensure its all weather use.

The Force effort was matched by Cathy's friends and relatives and I will now be able to swell the Fun Day funds by over £2,000 after repaying the initial loan.

I have always been proud to be an Essex police officer but never more so than on occasions like these. Thank you all for your tremendous support, writing to The Law seems to me to be the best way of ensuring that my heartfelt thanks reach everyone. Reproduced here is a letter from Cathy which I think says it all.

Dear Friend, — My name is Catherine Dinan. I am the person you so kindly supported on the sponsored walk, which took place on the 28th July 1990.

It was a great day, everyone who took part completed the fifteen miles.

I am now the proud owner of the Elite Whisper wheelchair and would like to thank each and everyone of you because without your support it would not have been possible.

You have given me a new lease of life for which I am very thankful.
 Yours sincerely,
 Catherine

Six city tour for Police National Orchestra

THE NEWLY formed Police National Orchestra takes off on a six-city charity concert tour this month.

The orchestra, made up of police staff from 31 different forces, will play a programme of popular classical pieces including "Last Night of the Proms" — type music.

The tour, which gets underway at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral on November 17, will raise money for the Save the Children Fund and the Police Dependents Trust. Concerts will also take place in Glasgow, Exeter,

Bristol, Birmingham and London, at the Royal Albert Hall on November 21.

In both London and Birmingham, the orchestra will be supported by a 150-strong mixed choir. The choir's solo numbers will include Ave Maria and Polotsvian Dances.

Jerusalem

The programme includes Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite, Finlandia, the ever popular Jerusalem and Pomp and Circumstance, Barber's Adagio for

Strings and Henry Wood's Sea Songs.

Tickets for the Royal Albert Hall cost £6, £8, £12, £15 or £17.50 for the Grand Tier. To order tickets, send a stamped addressed envelope to HR Promotions, 4 Victoria Terrace, Nantlle, Gwynedd, LL54 6BP. Cheques should be made payable to Police National Orchestra.

No Essex officers are currently members of the orchestra, which includes musicians from Jersey and the Royal Ulster Constabulary. The conductor is Robin Page.



I.P.A. NEWS

MID-ESSEX BRANCH

Viking experience in York

ONCE again a successful weekend was had, when members, their wives and friends, totalling 48 in all, set off by coach early Friday morning 12th October, for York, staying at the "Holgate" Hotel.

In the evening we were invited by York IPA to visit their HQs. We were greeted by Chairman Ken Thorpe and other members. An exchange of plaques was made by our Chairman Roger and Ken Thorpe.

Saturday morning was free to tour the City. Many visited various museums, or walked the

City walls, and others went shopping. In the afternoon the party visited the Jorvik Centre, a museum of living experience, depicting the way of life when the Vikings first came to this country.

Saturday evening we entertained some of our York IPA friends to our Hotel where a resident organist played.

At 10am on Sunday we boarded our coach for home, taking a different route by travelling over the "Humber Bridge", stopping at Lincoln for lunch.

As the year closes we can look forward to a

final get together at the Xmas Social at 8pm on Friday 14th December at Police HQs. Also the ladies home made cooking, and drinks supplied by the men.

Friday 11th January 1991
This is a proposed date for the AGM at Police HQ. We would like to see as many members and their wives as possible and to bring suggestions for future events. On this night it is suggested you bring along photographs — some of the ugliest in the way of facial expressions, and wedding day photographs, anything for a laugh. **Fred Dyson**

SOUTH EAST ESSEX BRANCH

Cockney night for Germans

FOLLOWING a visit of 10 region of the British section to Freiburg in the Black Forest earlier this year a party of 51 members and wives made the trip to England in October.

The visit was hosted by "K" Division Metropolitan Branch who requested that South East Essex arranged the farewell party for Saturday 20th October.

After the vast amounts of beer, wine and German food we had been supplied with in their country, revenge was taken by arranging a Cockney night at the P.L.A. Police Club at Tilbury with a pie, mash and liquor meal.

Organised by Steve Cowland our P.L.A. rep-

resentative, the evening was a sell out with 150 attending. Steve and his wife Angie being dressed as the Pearly King and Queen.

Our visitors from Freiburg were joined by members from K Branch, Kent, Mid Essex and New Zealand.

The evening ended with a sing a longa 'Ben' of both Cockney and German songs.

A return trip to Freiburg has been promised.

I.P.A. MEETINGS

ON 31st 10 Region Committee were holding an open meeting at the Met Police Sports Club at Chigwell at 8pm.

On 29th November 'K' Division met. Have invited all Essex members to Chigwell Sports Club at 8pm to their meeting — The National President Mr J.O. Evans will be speaking.

A good opportunity to meet John Evans and look at the Met Police Club. If enough members are interested we can arrange transport — Contact: Gordon Oakley or Dick Giggins.

MONEY MATTERS



by Tony Warren

AN ASTOUNDING fact of life emerged recently with a lady I know, and the implications are disturbing.

I refer to those innocuous plastic cards with metallic strips on them, called "Credit Cards".

We've all got them in one form or another.

I would like to lead you down the path my friend took, and tell you the sequence of events that led to this article.

When you apply for the card, you fill out a form which tells the credit company how rich you are and why you should be honoured with the granting of the magic plastic. Naturally, you want your partner to be in on the deal, so you sign the little bit at the bottom which allows your companion to have a 'second user' car on your account.

Unfortunately, this

particular lady and her husband split up, and she duly wrote off to her credit-card companies, cancelling the cards issued to the now-departed spouse.

Unfortunately she forgot to cancel the second user card on one particular account. Her spouse, still having the card, decided to go on a spree and visited a collection of shops in the area, including those wonderful institutions called banks, where, with due authority, he made cash withdrawals against her account, bringing it well over the credit limit.

When the account was sent to the main card-holder, (the lady), she saw, to her horror, the estranged hubby was living the life of Riley at her expense.

She did what we would all do and rang the credit card company. This is

where the story becomes difficult to believe.

Explaining to the wearisome official that she didn't want that other user out there, spending money on her account, she was told that, so long as the second user was in possession of the card, he could continue to use it, and was authorised to do so because she had signed to that effect. The account would just go further and further above the credit limit — a staggering situation.

She argued that, as the main account holder, she was cancelling the card. She was then told she could not do that unless she got the card back — an impractical suggestion in the circumstances.

She gulped with disbelief when she was further informed that, provided the second user only made purchases un-

der the "floor limit" of the particular retailer, no phone call check was necessary and therefore the debt would be honoured.

In other words, until the car was returned, that now luxuriating hubby could spend what he liked!

Of course, I didn't believe her, so I rang up two different credit card companies and was told the exact same story.

Their advice was that the main account holder must write (and prove receipt) to the second user, telling them they are not authorised and that there is no way of repaying the loan. Any use after that could tentatively be considered an offence.

The moral of this tale is be careful when nominating second users on your credit accounts — you could be gently unglued at the seams one day!

National
Association of
Retired
Police
Officers by
Doug Rampling

I HAVE received a letter from a Miss P. Humm of Colchester who is seeking information in respect of her grandfather who was the local constable at Boxted and later at Colchester.

His name was Archie Humm and he died about 1948. Miss Humm would be glad to receive any information about her grandfather, and in

particular a photograph. Her father, William Humm also served at Colchester during the war years, retiring in 1945. Has anyone any pictures of either? If so please contact me.

Len Cole, secretary of Colchester/Clacton branch has received a letter from ex. Chief Inspector Harry Salmon, a mere 96 years young and still playing bowls. Harry asks, is he the oldest pensioner?

So let's hear from you folks, it will be interesting to find out. Could Harry be our oldest pensioner or even oldest bowler?

The comrades dinner held on October 26 was well attended as usual, and appeared to be a great success. Thanks are due to Bob Needham for the organisation, and to the D.S.O. staff for a nice meal that for the first time (to my knowledge) was taken at individual tables instead of the long bench

variety. The faces continue to look as young as ever.

Please don't forget we shall be running our pre-Christmas get together at headquarters on Friday 7th December. If you are thinking of coming along please let me have your slips back as soon as possible in order that I can

arrange suitable refreshments.

Finally, as the 150th anniversary year comes to a close may I thank everyone who provided items for the displays. It all seemed to go very well. Items will be returned to those who requested same in due course.

"Truckwatch"

ESSEX Police launched "Truckwatch", a major Crime Prevention Campaign last month.

By joining forces with the Road Haulage Association, the Freight Transport Association, transport operators and truck drivers throughout the county, the force expects "Truckwatch" to curb the rise in commercial vehicle thefts and help to improve the recovery rate of stolen merchandise.

In the first six months of 1990, more than £11 million of goods vehicles and their loads were stolen in the Essex Police area alone. Although most of the loads stolen are insured, losses mean higher insurance premiums to hauliers, which reflect in increased costs to consumers.

Whenever a truck is reported to Essex Police as having been stolen, details will be transmitted by computer and fax to the associations and then out to Truckwatch members.

Drivers will report any sightings of vehicles listed as stolen to the police for interception or investigation.

"Drivers taking part in Truckwatch will provide us with extra eyes and ears, in and out of the county," commented Superintendent Iain Munro, recently appointed as Force Crime Prevention Officer.

"More than 20 Essex truck operators have joined the scheme already and many more have indicated that they wish to take part."

Essex Truckwatch will link with a similar scheme in the Midlands and with others to be launched by Police forces elsewhere.

Air Support T-Shirts

AIR Support Unit T-shirts are on sale from the unit. They cost £6 each, and come in medium large and extra large sizes.

The bear the logo "Essex Police Air-Support Unit". Contact the unit, or call in at Boreham Airfield.

RETIREMENTS

16.11.90 Pc B. Lee, Southend. 30 yrs.
7.12.90 Pc P. Bennie, Harlow/Ongar. 16 yrs 27 days.
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yrs 25 days.
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PAA National 10 Mile Road Running Championships

Andy leads Essex Challenge

ON FRIDAY 12th October, in glorious Autumn weather, the Essex Police Squad set off from Headquarters for the National PAA 10 mile Championships at Exeter.

Saturday, the day of the championships saw a change to cooler weather with overcast skies, but conditions were ideal as the 327 runners lined up

at the start of the race within the grounds of the London & Manchester Assurance Company, Winslade Park.



Essex road-runners prepare for the race. From left to right Mark Talbot, Mike Kliskey, Barry Daymond and Dave Pickles.

After a congested start the first Essex runner to stamp his mark was Chris Turner who led the team until the 3 mile stage when Andy Down caught and passed him.

Behind Chris a battle was taking place between Barry Daymond, Dave (Chopsticks) Pickles, and Roy Kebbell.

Barry soon paid for his lack of race fitness however as Dave and Roy dropped him and pressed on in pursuit of Chris.

Meanwhile Andy kept going in impressive style and eventually finished first for Essex in an excellent time of 59.04, (67th in the race).

Following a six mile struggle, during which they changed places several times, Roy finally got away from Dave in the final mile to finish second for Essex and 82nd overall. His time of 60 mins 10 seconds was agonisingly close to a first sub 60.

Dave pursued him all the way and was timed at 60.19 (84th). Both had passed a tiring Chris Turner with about one mile to go but Chris completed the scoring for

Essex in a time of 60.38 (88th).

Barry Daymond kept up a good pace with a respectable time of 62.43 (109th). Further back but still running strongly Mike Kliskey (228th) and Mark Talbot (248th) completed the Essex men's squad. Their times were 70.16 and 72.12 respectively.

Essex were also well represented in the womens race with Wendy Brown finishing in 74.03 (259th overall and 11th woman) and Alison Bourne in 78.41 (293rd overall and 21st woman). Both ran well and they might have been in the prizes if there had been a third woman to make up the team.

The Metropolitan Police won the men's team trophy with Essex 15th out of the 34 teams competing. The individual prize went to W.Gilroy of Northumbria in a very good time for the testing course of 51.16. The first veteran was Peter Bidmead of Sussex who had a superb race to finish in 53.12. The first woman was S.Lynch of Gwent who beat over 200 men to record 59th place in 58.14.

Herts broken in Knockout Cup

THE FORCE rugby PAA side got off to a fine start in this year's Knockout Cup by recording a convincing 36-13 victory over Hertfordshire in the first round.

In the first half both sides were evenly matched, and the score at half-time was 13-all.

But Essex moved into a higher gear in the second half with fine tries from Mark Pickett, Andy Glistler and Paul Gale.

The next round takes

place on November 7, when Essex play away to Suffolk. A win would lead them to the area final.

The Saturday 1st XV has had less success. Although playing well, league defeats came against Thurston 22-19,

and Old Cooperians 21-3. However, the standard is high and the team hoped to hit top form in its league match at Ongar on October 27.

The 2nd XV scored victories over Colchester 5ths, and Southend 5ths by 17-13, before going down valiantly to a strong Clacton 2nd team 39-6.

Doug Bedford

GOLF

Finalists for second year

ESSEX were runners-up in the national team knock-out for the second year in succession, again losing out to Gwent, the reigning champions.

The event took place on September 12 at Hesse Golf Club in Hull. The Essex team played superbly to reach the final.

The team was Rod

Booth, Peter Anderson, John Woods, Roger Culham, Nigel Ginn, Bob Hayes, Keith Davies, Colin Muir, Kevin Maleary, John Parkinson and Jim Maltby.

Autumn Meeting

Steve Bardwell won the Barry Price Cup, with Captain Peter Mayes and Roger Culham winning

the Two Jays Cup at the autumn meeting, which took place at Stisted Golf Club, Braintree.

The weather was good, scores were good, with 42 in attendance.

The AGM was held in the evening. Roger Culham was voted next year's captain, with Tony Kitching as vice-captain.

Rod Booth

CROKER CUP FINAL TABLE TENNIS

Colchester are Croker champs

THE 1990 Croker Cup Final was held on Monday October 8 between Colchester and Chelmsford Divisions. Colchester won the toss for venue, and the match was played in Colchester's assembly hall.

Chelmsford division were the defending champions having won the cup for eight consecutive years, but were suffering from the recent transfer away of force number one player Dave Birkett.

The level footing was radically changed prior to the match as a week before the final Colchester recruited Darren Jones, a top Essex table tennis player, to their

Special constabulary and, so were able to add him to their squad making them heavy favourites.

In front of Colchester's Commander Ch Supt Michael Blackwell the Colchester team turned on the style, with Captain Chris Jacob showing why he is a European Police gold medalist, and Darren Jones playing superbly with both taking all six singles matches.

The only consolation for Chelmsford was that Clive Harding, Peter Layzell and Steve Cheseman were all able to win a consolation single against John Bolingbroke, although he played well above his normal standard to come close to taking a game.

The trophy was then presented to the winners by Mr Blackwell who was proud to see a final between his current Division and his former Division.

Peter LAYZELL Force Table tennis captain.



Colchester divisional commander Chf Supt Michael Blackwell presents the Croker Cup for Table Tennis to Captain Chris Jacob.

FORCE SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Force Lottery

THE result of this months Force Lottery is as follows: £1500 DCons I.D. Box, H.Q., C.D.U.; £700 Cons T.P. Williams, Harwich; £300 Spt J. Papple, Grays.

The following will receive £50 each: M. Withey, Southend; Cons L. Brown, Driving School H.Q., T.W.H. Garwood, Colchester; Cons G. Sharpling, Pitsea; Ch Insp T. Gibbens, Clacton; Insp J. Stonehouse, Braintree; Cons R. Howlett, Harlow; Cons L. Jennings, Stanway Traffic; Sgt R. Clough, Driving School H.Q.; D. Cons L. Rampling, S.O.C. Grays.

The management committee of Essex Police Sports Association has recently met to revamp the lottery. The rules have been amended and details will be published in the next edition.

The main changes are that the cost of each chance will now be 50p instead of 25p. This will not mean you have got to pay more money, as no one has any 25p chances. Making the chances 50p is easier for administrative purposes, the maximum chances you can hold has been increased from £4 to £8 which should increase the prize money quite considerably.

The monthly prize money will now be 70% of the income, with three main prizes and ten consolation, so this amount will vary from month to month. The more chances you have, the bigger the prize.

Croker Cup

FRESH WATER ANGLING: 1st Phil Brochen and Steve Adams, Southend, 6

pts; 2nd Mick Phillips and Neil Everard, Harlow, 4 pts; 3rd Jason Weald and Dave Ruff, Grays, 2pts.

The teams from H.O., Braintree, Colchester, Chelmsford and Basildon all receive 1 Croker Cup point.

DARTS Semi Finals Southend beat Grays (Grays 2 pts), Clacton Beat Harlow (Harlow 2 pts).

BILLIARDS Semi Final Colchester beat Southend (Southend 2 pts).

BOWLS Final grays beat Southend (Grays 6 pts, Southend 4 pts).

GOLF Final Basildon beat Chelmsford (Basildon 6pts Chelmsford 4 pts)

TABLE TENNIS Final Colchester beat Chelmsford (Colchester 6 pts C'Ford 4 pts)

Present situation: Southend 46, Basildon 25, Colchester 23, Grays 22, Chelmsford 17, H.Q. 16, Harlow 11, Braintree and Clacton 10.

Although Southend have a good lead at the moment, this could be overtaken by both Basildon and Colchester who are still in several finals. There are 36 pts at stake in the following events that are outstanding: Rifle and Pistol Shooting, Tennis, Sea Angling, Squash and Swimming.

Tracksuits

RUCANOR have stopped producing the St Tropez tracksuit, that we were using as the Force tracksuit, (although I still have some sizes available).

They will now supply us with a "shell" tracksuit in either navy or black. These are available from the force Sports Secretary, Chris Jacob on Ednet 4490 or 0206



WPc Lynda Imrie (Witham) left, gold medal over 66kg, and WPc Pat Foster (Leigh) bronze medal under 66kg at the national PAA Judo championships.

National P.A.A. Judo

AT THE recently held National P.A.A. Judo Championships, in Aberdeen, WCons Lynda Imrie from Witham won the Gold medal and National Championships in the Ladies over 66 kilo. At the same championships WCons Pat Foster from Leigh on Sea won the bronze medal in the Ladies under 66 kilo weight (see photograph).

Tennis championships in Dusseldorf, and returned with two Gold medals and one Silver. Taking part in the veterans events, he was runner-up in the individual competition, losing 18-21 in the deciding set, and won the doubles and team events.

European Table Tennis

CONS Chris Jacob recently represented the British Police at the European Table



Berliners breach Essex Wall HISTORIC HAMMERING ON SOCCER TOUR

by Laurie Rampling

THE COMBINED footballers of Grays and Basildon Divisions made history last month, when they became the first British side to play a competitive fixture against a German side since re-unification.

On a tour that took in four tough fixtures, including the game against the Politzei Berlin Direction 2, and three other army units, the 14 man squad were to find their task a stern one.

The match against the Berlin Police side was played on Thursday morning 11 October, in glorious sunshine, and on a surface that would have graced any First Division club.

Presentations were made to the German Captain prior to the kick-off by Essex captain Johnny Carpenter from Grays. A reciprocal presentation of a ceramic plate, to commemorate the fixture, was later made to tour manager Laurie Rampling from Grays.

From the kick-off the

Essex lads acquitted themselves well to the task of containing the Germans, who play semi-professionally in the West German Bundesliga.

But the typically German possession game gradually wore the opposition down, and once the Essex 'Wall' was breached on the stroke of half-time, the result was never in doubt.

In the second half the Germans added five more goals to complete what appeared to be a rout, but never was. Although the German side was superior in most aspects of the game, they never were in spirit.

Marksman

The Essex lads fared more successfully against the army opposition, on the remainder of the tour, chalking up a 2-0 win against a combined RMP/RCT unit with both goals coming from Basildon marksman Martin Oakley.

There was also a fine

victory against the 62 Sqn RCT unit 4-1, the last fixture of the tour, with goals from Johnny Carpenter (2) and Trevor Deer (2), both Grays men.

Sandwiched between these victories, was a hard earned goal-less draw against the No 2 RMP Provo unit, played under floodlights, in the shadow of the 1936 Olympic Stadium.

Tours

That match was played on the evening following the morning defeat against the Germans.

Ancillary to the Football were guided tours of both former Eastern and Western sides of the city, courtesy of the Provo Commander Lt Colonel Stuart McLean. It is hoped a similar trip can be made next year, again to Berlin.

The full tour party: Laurie Rampling and Steve Evins (Joining tour Managers) Johnny Carpenter, Trevor Deer,

Peter Gerrard and Spencer Williams (Grays Division). Dean Finn, Nick Beinder, Martin Kendrick, Brian Ganley, Neil Phimister, Johnny Frence, Johnny Kerr and Martin Oakley from Basildon Division. The tour was supervised jointly by Superintendent John Papple from Grays and Chief Inspector Dennis Rensch from Basildon.

This was the second tour to Germany by the combined Divisions, following last years successful trip to Dortmund and Werle. It is hoped to make it an annual event, with one or two of the party including Laurie Rampling and Brian Ganley, participating in next years Berlin marathon, as part of the tour.

Thanks must go to everyone at No 2 Provo unit RMP, and No 62 Sqn RCT for their hospitality, in particular Lt Colonel Stuart McLean, Lt David Pettigrew and Captain Tony Cave.



Essex captain Johnny Carpenter from Grays presents a force 150th Anniversary Shield to the German captain before the game.



The combined Grays and Basildon division footballers line up with their counterparts from Berlin Politzei.

Phil's on target

HOTSHOT Phil Webb has fired in a claim for selection to the British Police pistol team for next year's European Championships in Portugal.

Last month Ds Webb put up the highest police score when competing for the British police against the Great Britain national team.

The three-strong police team lost by just five points to the national team, with a score of 1,561 to 1,566.

Ds Webb, who is based at headquarters, kept over 60 per cent of his shots within the 9-ring for a score of 526.

The "Free Pistol" discipline is a precision competition of 60 shots in two and a half hours, shot unsupported, standing, single hand, over a distance of 50 metres using a .22' calibre pistol.

The bullseye or 10-ring is two inches in diameter, the 9-ring being 4' across.

During 1990, Ds Webb has been selected to represent the British Police pistol team

plus the Army open in April next year, together with three recorded scores in April where the team competes on a shoulder to shoulder basis with each other at a three day meeting.

Ds Webb, a member of the British national team between 1977 and 1983 and previously chosen as a reserve for England in the Commonwealth Games, has been selected for the past three European Police Championships, which are held every four years.

on six occasions, the only Essex police officer in the team.

Throughout the season he has kept within the top three scores produced by the team, which is crucial — as three will be selected for the European Police Championships.

Team selection will be made from this year's scores,

Sailor of the year



Malcolm Gandy (right) receives his award from Steve Bright.

ON FRIDAY 28th September the Sailing Section held a disco at Rayleigh Police Station.

During the evening the Essex Police Sailor of the Year Award was presented to Sgt Malcolm Gandy from HQ.

The award was appropriately presented by the worst Sailor of the Year, DI Steve Bright (Rayleigh) to Malcolm for his skill and dedication in the field of dinghy racing.

Malcolm is the East of England solo dinghy

champion, a title he has held for the last two years.

Also for the last two years he has achieved the 10th position in the P.A.A. National Dinghy Championship which, considering some of the competitors were Olympic standard, is very good.

He has travelled the length and breadth of the country representing the force at numerous P.A.A. events, achieving consistently high results and is a very worthy first recipient of this award.

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