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THEY CALL HIM COLOSSUS



THEY call him Colossus and it's not hard to see why. Towering skywards at an incredible 18 hands and weighing in at well over half a ton, he is the largest living creature in the Essex Police Force.

The five-year-old gelding is also one of the Force's newest recruits and the first of a new generation of police horses for the year made way for the force to step in and take up his reins.

His enormous build and strength meant the cavalry were keen to saddle him up for the Army, but a full quota of new horses for the year made way for the force to step in and take up his reins.

He joined the ranks in April after being bought in Colchester and has now joined his stablemates, Cromwell Cavalier and Crusader, in the Mounted Section behind Southend Police Station.

Since then he has quickly become a member of the team, although everybody takes care to avoid being accidentally stepped upon by those massive hooves.

"For his age and experience, he's doing very

well," said Sgt Paul Hemmings. "He has been used on all aspects of police work. For his stage of training you couldn't fault him. Hopefully he will improve as he gets used to the job and become more and more reliable."

After completing a three-month training programme with the Mets mounted division, Colossus is now facing everything from football crowds at Southend and Colchester to patrolling fox-hunts and meeting pony-crazy youngsters on school visits.

But despite the rigorous training there could always be something out there ready to take a horse by surprise. "You can't really train a police horse to expect everything he's likely to meet outside," said Sgt Hemmings. "You can only train him not to over-react when he comes across something that is

frightening.

"Young horses behave like children, they are exactly the same. They are unpredictable, but any horse I have had for a couple of years I can usually predict what is going to happen."

"A horse may stand perfectly happy all day with Phantom jets thundering overhead and then a toffee paper flying in the wind can startle it," explained Sgt Hemmings, who previously worked for the Merseyside force which boasts over 30 horses, compared with four for Essex.

"It's a weird relationship really, it's trust from the horse and respect for the horse. The horse trusts the rider more than natural instinct. He's a timid animal, his natural reaction to trouble is to turn tail and run away."

Standing dwarfed besides Colossus's huge flanks the thought comes to mind that this may well be the reaction of Essex's criminal fraternity if they come face to face with the crime-fighting giant.

Police committee "yes" to 'copter

KEEP ON FLYING

THE ESSEX Police helicopter was given the green-light for take-off this week as the Police Authority backed the Chief Constable's recommendation to keep the crime-fighting chopper flying high.

After a heated debate, members voted 18 to 5 in favour of a full-time Air Support Unit for the force at an estimated cost of £520,000 a year.

The move delighted Mr Burrow, who told the Authority the helicopter's six-month trial, which began in July, had provided conclusive evidence that there is an operational need for permanent air support within the county.

In the seventeen weeks up until October 27, the Aerospatial Squirrel helicopter had been used

598 times and had proved invaluable in a wide variety of roles including surveillance, security, pursuits and rapid transport of urgently needed personnel, he said.

He dismissed criticism that the go-ahead for the chopper would mean poorer service elsewhere in the force. "If it was to adversely affect the operation of the force I would not be recommending that you should go for the helicopter," he said.

"Its operational usefulness has been proved here in Essex," he explained.

"What we are seeing here is a tool which has been proven, not just by our own experiment, as providing a very real support for those police officers on the ground."

Despite opposition from the Labour group, who voted against keeping helicopter, the project now needs to be approved by the county council's Policy and Resources Committee, and then given the go-ahead for a grant from the Home Office.

The £520,000 cost will be met from within existing resource levels through a £150,000 saving in the overtime budget and a virement of £370,000 from the reve-

nue provision for minor works. If the chopper wins approval from the Home Office the force would qualify for a 51% grant leaving the Authority with a bill of £255,000 a year.

Following a recent Home Office report, it seems unlikely that the helicopter will be purchased outright, with the force most probably continuing with a one-year renewable lease.

The Home Office are currently conducting a national study into the use of helicopters and have advised individual forces not to enter into long term commitments for the purchase or lease of helicopters until their findings are published.

New awards for bravery

THREE COURAGEOUS civilians became the first members of the public to be commended for bravery by Essex Police in a pioneering new award scheme begun this week.

Shop assistant Maria Telford, retired Detective Superintendent Leslie Poole and Joseph Gregory, who trained with the parachute regiment, were all presented with certificates for meritorious acts before Essex County Council's Police Committee.

In the past members of the public were praised for their deeds by a letter in the post.

Maria Telford, 21, of Bretton Close, Clacton, chased a would-be robber for three-quarters of a mile after she heard the owner of a jewellers' shop crying for help.

She ran out of her father's shop to find the jeweller next door being threatened by a customer. She grabbed the man but he struggled free and fled towards the seafront.

Despite being threatened by the man, Maria stayed close to him until the police arrived and he was arrested. He was later sentenced to two years in prison for assault with intent to rob.

Retired Detective Superintendent Leslie Poole, 79,

formerly of Southend-on-Sea Borough Constabulary, helped an embattled security guard tackle a violent shoplifter, while a crowd stood by without helping out.

Mr Poole grabbed the shoplifter's legs to stop him getting away, but the man kicked out with such force that the former detective was thrown into the road in front of a car.

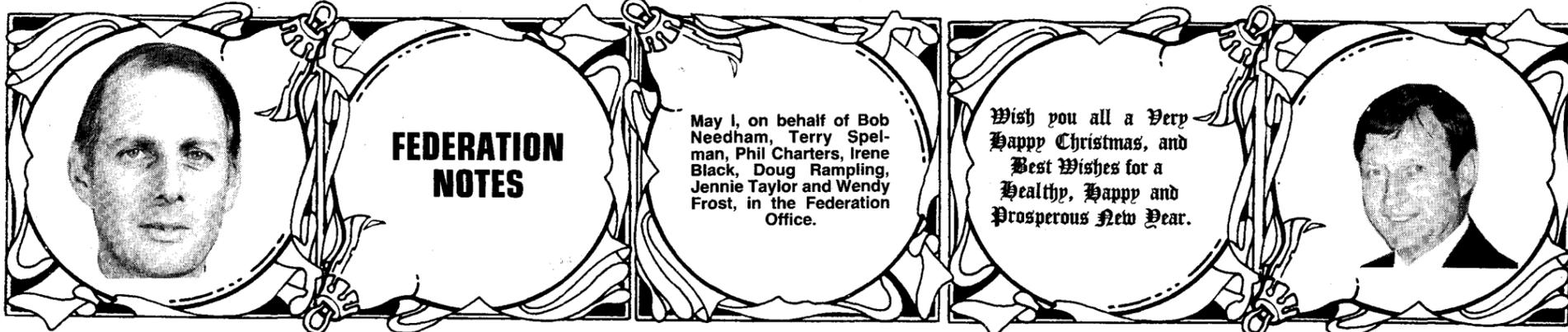
Despite this, he got up again and re-joined the struggle. It then took six men to hold down the man until police arrived. Mr Poole suffered a badly bruised hip and elbow in the fray.

After seeing a man smashing in the window of a Colchester chemist's shop Joseph Gregory followed the man responsible and confronted him. Then the man took out a gun and threatened him with it.

As the man hit the gun against a wall to prove it was real, a struggle broke out and Mr Gregory managed to disarm him. During the incident he had gained the trust of the gunman and warned police that he was armed and to keep away.

The man later pleaded guilty to possessing an imitation firearm in a public place and assault causing actual bodily harm to Mr Gregory.

Merry Christmas to all our readers



IT DOES not seem possible that it was 12 months ago that I sat down to do the Christmas notes for the Law.

There have been many changes throughout the year affecting the service and, in particular, you the members. The most important change being that of Rent Allowance.

This time last year I reported details of the Home Secretary's interference in the negotiating machinery of the Police Negotiating Board. Our fears were well founded. I have covered the latest position on Rent Allowances in a separate article.

The next attack on our conditions of service came with regard to the reimbursement of National Health Service Charges. Again the matter went to Arbitration and this time, although it again went against us, the arbitrators did protect fully those members in service at the time.

This time there was no interference from the Home Secretary. Could it be the savings that they were looking for had already been achieved on Rent Allowance?

There have of course been several pluses throughout the year. The Pay Reviews went through with no attack from the Official Side or the Government and was paid in the September Pay Cheques.

Plain Clothes Allowance was also increased although it was minimal and does not reflect the true cost of providing oneself with clothes for police duty.

Subsistence and Refreshment Allowances also received their usual

index linked update with no problems.

On the local front the two most burning issues which are still with us after a year are:-

CAR LEASING

I HAVE kept you appraised throughout the year of the progress, or lack of progress, on this matter.

It is through no fault of your Joint Branch Board, the Superintendent's Association, ACPT or even the County Treasurers Department that we have reached this situation. Back in February 1990 agreement was reached between the three Staff Associations and the County Treasurers Department.

All we were waiting for was the amendment to Police Regulation to allow the scheme to come into being.

On the 27th March 1990 a Police Negotiating Board Advisory Circular was published setting out the agreed amendment to the Regulations. TO DATE NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE BY THE HOME OFFICE.

Despite mounting pressure both from the Official Side and Staff sides of the Police negotiating Board the Home Office has still not moved on this simple amendment to Police Regulations. The amendment protects both the member who wants to join a car leasing scheme and members who wish to continue to be covered under the existing regulations.

I say to the Home Office you are very quick to take something away from our members, ie Rent Allowance and

National Health Charges, but when it comes to bringing in something which might benefit the member and the service you use delaying tactics. GIVE US A NEW YEAR PRESENT MR BAKER APPROVE THE CAR LEASING SCHEME.

PUBLIC ORDER TRAINING INSURANCE

THIS time last year I reported that The Home Office had rejected our claim on the grounds that there was no provision for insurance to be paid for out of the police grant.

We have persisted in our claim as we felt that it was a responsibility of the Force and the Police Authority to adequately cover the members required to do realistic training.

The matter has been taken direct to the Police Authority to see whether or not they would pay for such an insurance even though it might mean losing Government grant.

The amount of money we are talking about is negligible. The quotes that we obtained was about £4,000 for cover for the entire Force. We think that is an insignificant amount of money to spend on giving members peace of mind when undergoing realistic training.

I will keep you informed of the decision made at the next Police Committee Meeting.

CUTS IN CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

AT THE stroke of its pen the Home Office moved

the goal posts once again earlier this year when it made sweeping changes to Force Capital Expenditure Budgets.

These cuts have a far reaching effect on the efficiency of Police Forces throughout the country.

In Essex, the Budget was cut from over 6 million to just over two million, a cut of 4 million. This had far reaching consequences especially with regard to how we purchased our replacement vehicles.

This year 60 odd vehicles which should have been replaced were not. Other items had to be cut back including some computerised programmes.

All Forces Nationwide are in the same position as ourselves.

It would appeal from our information that, because vehicles are being retained for longer, they are off the road more for repairs.

This will obviously tie up the garage staff and lead eventually to a shortage of vehicles available for patrol duties.

The cuts also appear to be affecting the decoration of Police Houses, a matter which we are very concerned with and are monitoring closely.

RENT ALLOWANCE

THE latest position with regard to the Judicial Review in England and Wales is that it is still going ahead, although the Joint Central Committee are reviewing the situation in the light of the Northern Ireland decision. It may well be that a decision is taken to withdraw.

We are still waiting for the National Office to publish a guide covering all the anomalies on Rent Allowance and examples of what members are likely to receive with regard to their Transitional Compensatory Grant next year.

I understand publication is imminent.

Can I just clarify one point that seems to be concerning members and that is Personal protection.

Officers who are on Transitional Rent Allowance are protected on that figure even if they move house after the 1st April 1990.

The change in personal circumstances referred to in the October article was with regard to members leaving their appropriate spouses or taking in lodgers who are themselves police officers.

COMPUTER PRINTOUT

BY NOW all members will have received their own federation computer printout setting out the details on our office computer.

If you have found any mistakes or would like to join one of the schemes you are not at present subscribing to then make a note on the record sheet and return it to the federation office at Police Headquarters.

The computer has been causing us problems, but we have cracked them and at the present time everything is up and running.

When the files are fully updated we will be in a position to do anyones

personal pension calculation.

HOUSE INSURANCE

RECENT articles in National Newspapers covering the above subject talked of large increases and of the rate for building cover being anything from £1.60 at the very lowest to anything in excess of £2.20 per £1,000.

Do not forget the Federation cover is still only £1.20 per £1,000 cover. If you are not in it but would like to be just give us a ring in the Federation Office for an application form.

Similarly the contents insurance through the same company George Burrows Group Insurance is very cheap. You do not have to have both.

PENSIONS

HAVING just finished a run down on the Police Pension Scheme you will not be aware of just what you are getting for your money.

You will see the benefits are far more advantageous than any private funded scheme which would not give you the protection regarding ill health or injury benefits.

You should also be aware that you are also covered for additional benefits under the Police Injury Benefit Regulations 1987.

This covers officers who are killed on duty by assault or accident or are permanently disabled from ever carrying out any work again.

A sum of five times

Average Pensionable Pay is paid as a gratuity to either the widow of an officer or the disabled officer in the later case.

Members should bear all these points in mind considering opting out of the Police Pension Scheme.

A.V.Cs

A FORCE order was published recently with regard to Additional Voluntary Contributions in AVC.

Force Order A173/90 refers. The booklet published by the Home Office has not yet arrived at the Federation Office. It is hoped copies will be available shortly.

Members should note however that if they can get a full two thirds pension ie, 30 years service then they should not go for AVC.

This is because Inland Revenue rules say you cannot get a bigger pension than two thirds of your final salary.

You should be wary of purchasing any outside additions to pensions. Seek advice from the Federation Office or from the Superannuation Manager at County Hall before making any decisions.

Whilst on Pensions, for the Women Officers just a reminder -

MATERNITY LEAVE - Do not forget when returning after the above leave if you wish to buy back any of your pension rights for the unpaid maternity leave part you only have SIX MONTHS from the date you return to make that decision.

Contact County Hall Pensions Department for quote as soon as you return.

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Private Patients Plan

MEMBERS are reminded that the scheme is limited in the amounts of refund available for surgical procedures.

The company has set a series of limits against each level of procedure.

For example: a minor operation is subject to a maximum benefit payment of £170, whilst an Extra Major operation is subjected to a limit of £800 and varying limits exist for those procedures that fall between the two extremes.

It is as well to know that the limits quoted include the combined fees of surgeon and the anaesthetist.

The limits are determined by reference to common costs and are in keeping with BMA guidelines and are revised annually.

They are intended to ensure that runaway charges are not put to insurance claims by unscrupulous surgeons.

The effect of this has been that, on the odd

occasion, some members have found their surgeons fees have exceeded the limits of refunds and they have had to top up the cost from their own pockets.

Members are therefore advised to fully check with their specialist before taking treatment what the overall costs will be and where necessary advise the specialist of the recommended maximum cost and negotiate his compliance with the agreed limits.

Vacancies for retired or retiring Police Officers

QUADRANT security services are urgently seeking retired or retiring police officers to operate security at Tilbury Port.

The work, which would be on a part time basis as and when the need arises, would entail general security, operating X-ray apparatus and baggage checking.

Pay at the rate of £6 per hour. (NEGOTIABLE)

They also need a security supervisor to oversee the operation. Possible progression for the right person to Operations Manager post.

Anyone interested should contact Jim Kemp, Quadrant Security. Telephone 0268 282226.

RUGBY

THE Force PAA Rugby Team, having beaten Suffolk 20pts - 0, play Northants Police RFC in the Area Final at 2.30pm at Police HQ on Wednesday, December 12.

MEMBERS SERVICES

Christmas Cards WE still have in stock several of last years force Christmas card depicting the church at Springfield with the force badge inside.

We also have a Brand New Force Card for this year. The card is plain white 8 inches by 6 inches with gilt border and the force badge in colour in the centre. Inside there will be suitable Christmas greetings.

Stocking fillers DOUG tells me that once

again he has Christmas stockings for sale £2 each or £3.50 the pair. He also has various stocking fillers for sale including the Anniversary mug filled with sweets.

Federation Diaries Now available from your local Representative at a cost of 50pence each.

Federation Travel and Leisure Club

THIS club has recently been launched by the Federation Nationally. It doesn't cost anything to join. Further details available from the Federation Office or direct from the Club on 071 281 4071

the SEASON'S GREETINGS

Stamped Specials stop stolen car

CRIME-FIGHTING Witham Specials have responded with a tale of triumph to The Law's appeal for stories from our part-time constabulary.

One evening, a bus full of Specials from the Sub-Division were stuck in a queue of traffic at a red light when the radio crackled into life alerting officers to a car stolen nearby.

No sooner had the message gone out than an eagle-eyed Special Constable at the back of the bus shouted, "there it is!" and all eyes turned to a side road.

"Sure enough after checking we had correctly heard the message, we were able to confirm the vehicle waiting to join our queue of traffic was the one in question," said Sub-Divisional Officer, Derek Hopkins, who was with the group travelling to a meeting at Chelmsford.

"The enthusiasm of those in the back of the crew bus was unfortunately greater than the size of the door and the officers spilled onto the roadway," Mr Hopkins

recalled. "I am not sure what the driver of this vehicle thought when he saw the officers stampeding towards him!"

The driver was arrested and taken to Chelmsford Police Station.

"Obviously there is a large amount of luck in being in the right place at the right time, but all credit to those who took notice of the radio message and were sufficiently observant to spot the vehicle," he said.

And the incident went a great way to boosting the Specials reputation on the Sub-Division: "I must confess to feeling quite pleased when asked by the Divisional Commander to stand, in front of the assembled meeting, and explain the reason for our lateness," said Mr Hopkins.

It is stories like this that have kindled a successful working relationship between the Specials and full-time officers at

Witham, but according to Mr Hopkins, the key is getting the balance right.

"I think we are treading a very narrow line to be honest," he said. "Our role of assisting the regular police officers has got to be put across very carefully."

"In a Sub-Division like Witham it works very well, everybody knows everybody. We have had our moments of friction but it seems they are disappearing into the past now."

When Mr Hopkins, a technical officer for the fire service, joined the Specials 12 years ago things were very different, with officers even refusing to take Specials in their cars.

"Now it's very much the case when regular officers phone Specials and say can you come out on patrol with me tonight? I think it is realised that we are not pinching overtime. That's an old argument that has fallen by the roadside."



Chairman's Christmas Message

SO WHAT is so different about Christmas from the policeman's point of view, except that the rogues have got snow on their boots? The cynics would say, "precious little".

I beg to differ. There is still a bit of magic about Christmas, especially for those with young people around, which goes beyond the coloured lights and trash.

For me it is a time to look back on another good year for Essex Police. While crime has not diminished neither has detection, and much good work has been done in maintaining and improving good relations with the public.

To all concerned — uniformed and civilian — congratulations are definitely justified.

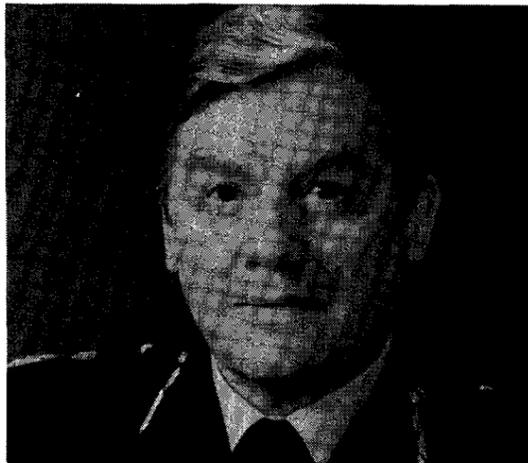
It has been a year of technical innovation, not least with our helicopter trials, which suggest that, while it is no magic wand, it could become a valuable extra tool for good and efficient policing in the future.

With such encouraging thoughts it is an appropriate moment to wish every one of you and your families a traditionally Happy Christmas and of course the best of good fortune in 1991.

Geoffrey Waterer.



From the Chief Constable



THIS year has been a milestone in the history of Essex Police with many events across the county commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Force.

For me it has been a year to remember with pride, for the hard work, energy and enthusiasm with which members of the force past and present, police and civilian, have demonstrated our tradition of service to the public.

Our Fun Day activities alone raised a record sum of more than £50,000 for charity, and other events throughout the year have raised thousands of pounds more. I must also mention the spectacular contribution the force made to the Colchester Searchlight Tattoo.

On the policing side, the force has proved how efficiently it can respond

to difficult circumstances, such as the January gales which created a record number of more than 2,000 incidents in 24 hours.

Our planning and organisation ensured we provided an effective temporary ambulance service for two months, followed by a prison service through out "Watchdog" operation.

An increase in crime has been met by an increased number of detections, and the force is looking to further partnerships with the community in the field of crime prevention.

As we look forward to the next 150 years, may I take this opportunity to thank you for all your efforts, and wish you and your families a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Badge appeal

COULD I through your paper please make an appeal for any reader who has, or who may know someone who has, any of the following Police badges to sell or exchange:

1963-1964 Essex Constabulary.

1964-1969 Essex and Southend joint Constabulary.

1969 - Essex Police.

Would they be kind enough to contact me at Laindon Traffic on x3410, or internal mail system.

I also have a small collection of USA police hats etc to dispose of. No reasonable offer refused.

H. ROY BATES
LAINDON TRAFFIC

Bill lives

I HAVE been asked to point out that police pensioner Edward (Bill) Wiggins is alive and well.

Ex Pc Bill has had dozens of calls to his Leigh-on-Sea home from people who have heard rumours to the contrary.

Boyhood dream comes true for cop-crazy Stephen

EVER since he could speak Stephen Joynes wanted to be a policeman.

And by the time he was nine he couldn't wait any longer. He solemnly filled in an application form in his local paper, the Evening Echo, advertising for constables.

That brought a visit from Chief Inspector Ray Law, who encouraged him, and promised to keep his details in case he was still interested when he grew up.



Flashback Police crazy Stephen applies to join the force, aged 9. Picture: The Evening Echo.

his mind, and never for a moment doubted that he would fulfill his ambition.

Now aged 20, Stephen is a probationary constable at Rayleigh and the job has lived up to all his hopes and expectations.

His unswerving enthusiasm and determination is obvious when he says, "I want early promotion. I will study to get on and become a sergeant as soon as possible."

Traffic
And he is still chasing his boyhood dream when he says, "I really enjoy driving and would like to get onto traffic."

"When I was very young I used to look at the blue lights, and I always wanted to drive a police car."

The young Stephen spent all his time playing with his toy police bikes, and uniforms, and even used to go to sleep wearing his toy helmet.

Needless to say, when

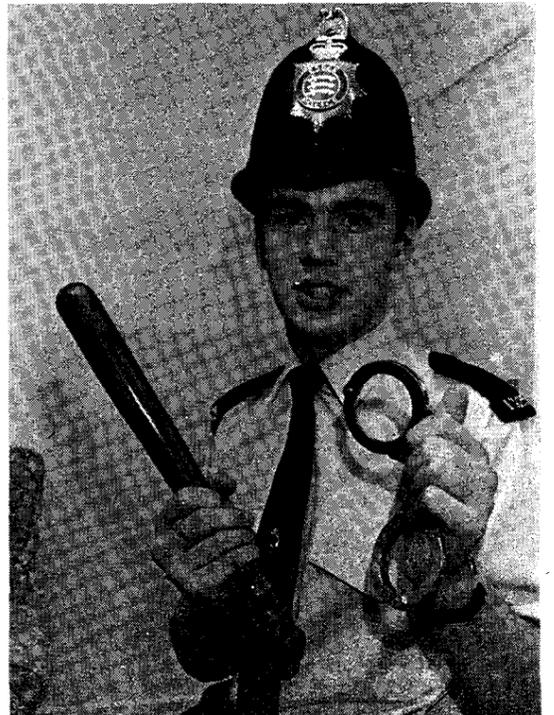
his dream-come-true tale appeared in the Echo he faced a good-humoured ribbing from all his shift colleagues.

But, undeterred, Stephen said, "I enjoy every bit of the job. I was always confident that I would get in."

Warehouse
He left Westcliff Boys High School after gaining the necessary number of O-levels, but was told he was still too young to join the force. He did a number of jobs locally, including working in a warehouse, until he was finally accepted into the Essex police at 19.

Stationed at Rayleigh, it was matter of weeks before he faced his first big test, as the first at the scene of a double fatal road accident.

But his fellow officers have been great, he says, in giving him support and teaching him the job, particularly his tutor constable Paul McMahon and shift sergeant Nigel Wainwright.



Pc Stephen Joynes. Picture reproduced by kind permission of the Evening Echo.

Ron was Father of the civvies I manned the switchboard as war broke out

I WAS most interested in two articles in the current issue of The Law, one about Mrs Squires and the other about the civilians on the centre pages.

You mention one civilian who has been employed for 38 years. I was employed at Headquarters as a civilian from 1935 to 1974 a total of 39 years, but with a break for war service from 1940 to 1946, 4 of which was spent in the Middle East, and was in the siege of Tobruk with the 7th Armoured Div the original Desert Rats — now so much in the news.

Captain Peel was Chief when I joined as a cadet clerk and he lived on the premises with his office in the next room, followed by Supt Smith Chief of Admin in the adjoining room.

Next to that came the Admin Department,

headed by Insp Phillibrown and Sgt Mark Pickett, there were about 5 other Constables and 2 civilian cadets, myself and Gerald Totterdell.

We all sat round one very large wooden table: Mr Squires was there but in a different office. Pc Archie Southgate was one of the Constables — he later married my sister.

I was subsequently transferred to Traffic and then CID. The Information (Control) room came under CID, Insp Draper. At times there was only two of us on duty, one civilian and one Constable.

The "day war broke out" I was manning the switch board and the teleprinter, and the constable (I believe Pc Albert Gladwin) was on the radio. I remember receiving the first "Yellow Warning" and soon afterwards hearing an aircraft,

but unfortunately it was friendly.

The information room was subsequently moved downstairs to the 'Dungeon' and the switchboard went into the 'Strong Room' where the safe was kept.

At that time there were only about 5 cadet clerks, 2 already mentioned and Reg Payne and David Howell, both later joining the Force. Civilian Staff increased during the way and much more so afterwards.

Immediately afterwards we were all on the same pay level no matter what our job. I worked shifts and got the same as others doing 9-5, and the lady (Mrs Coe) in charge of the canteen!

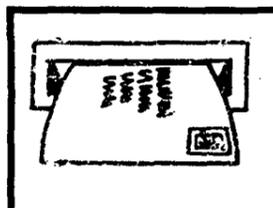
I have many memories of HQ some happy, some sad, some good and some bad, far too many to put in a letter. I recall in-

stigating a branch of NALGO at HQ but this did me no good and was frowned on by the authorities, in fact the man from County Hall who collected our subs manually was chased off the premises, but we persevered.

I was a founder member of the Seaxes Motor Club Committee, and played bowls for HQ and swam in the Clacton Gala HQ Team. It is nice to know that civvies are now allowed to attend courses. I was not even allowed to voluntarily switch shifts to enable me to attend "night school".

When I left HQ I was referred to as "The father of the Civvies" and my photo was on the front page of The Law — I believe Aug 1974 issue.

Ron Cork,
Hill Road,
Chelmsford.



Law Letters

Did Borough forces run ambulances?

I AM carrying out some research into the history of police ambulances, and I am hoping that some serving or retired police officers will be able to help me.

As some of you may be aware, the police service in its early days, besides many other functions, was also responsible for the ambulance service.

These were established in the majority of cities and many boroughs in the country. Slick ambulance services continued in many cities until 1948 when the responsibility was handed over to the newly formed health authorities.

Over the years the now

defunct borough forces of Harwich, Maldon, Southend-on-Sea, Colchester and Saffron Walden have all been swallowed up by the Essex police force, which has itself had a few changes of name.

I know the old Southend-on-Sea borough police force ran an ambulance service during the 1930s and possibly later.

What I am now trying to find out is did the other

borough forces or Essex police run similar ambulance services during the same period of time

I am looking for as much information as possible about the old police ambulance services and somebody out there has any photographs of these ambulances I would very much like to see them. I am serving or retired colleague is able to help me will be only too happy to hear from you.

Steve Wynn, Constable
2012, FSU HQ's.
Ext 2429.

Good to see Grays stalwarts

IN YOUR November issue how good it was to see on the centre page the photograph of two civil-

ian support stalwarts — go Alexander and Pam Tyte — of Grays Division.

Through your columns may I express to them and to all my former uniform colleagues throughout the Force — including those who remember me as their Instructor at Eynsham Hall (1968-70) — the compliments of the season, and very best wishes for 1991.

Alan S. Clarke — ex-Instructor, Grays 1966-82
Leiston,
Suffolk.

A big thank you

A BIG thank you for printing the information and order form for my book 'Constabulary Duties'. It is most appreciated. Some of your readers have responded.

I found 'The Law' very interesting and particularly liked the piece about Fireman Bill.

Once again, many thanks.
M. V. DIXON,
Norwich.

Harry shone at Shanghai Sue's

MAY I endorse MR Mead's tribute (Law Letters, November) to my old comrade of yesteryear, Herbert David (miscalled Harry) Lamb.

He was a toff but far from toffee-nosed: a trump but never a tramp. A laughing Cavalier, no braver man ever trod shoe-leather.

A popular figure, this happy warrior made bearable one's starvation pay and brickbats aplenty.

Dockside pimps and blimps and toms and bums and drifters, he was a match for them all. He shone at Shanghai Sue's and Smoky Joe's and dust-ups at the Tumbling Sailor where black eyes and bloody noses were only half your luck.

One recalls Spider Sullivan, California Kate, the famous and the infamous, the fragrant and the smelly.

Harry's celebrated Grenadiers mock kit inspection featuring me (at great expense) as the hapless rookie, commonly reduced to tears strong men with hairy chests and long memories of the real thing.

May Harry reach his century. By then I expect to be elevated via Force Order "B" to Cloud 9 in my favourite galaxy where the incidence of crime is small. CU in the Astra Arms, mate? Your whisper, I fancy. Speak up! The justices can't hear you.

Ralph Jones

Model police ambulance

I HAVE commissioned a model police ambulance which will be sold to raise money for the Essex Police Memorial Fund.

Based on the Matchbox Yesteryear series, the model is an old Talbot van. This particular ambulance was in service with the Southend on Sea Borough Police from 1930 onwards.

The model will be part of a limited edition of 1,000, each individually numbered. The presentation box will contain a certificate with the serial number printed on it.

All the certificates will be signed by the Chief Constable, John Burrow. The first 100 will bear his personal signature, and interest will have his printed signature.

The models should be available from February, costing around £17 (to be finalised). Those with a personally signed certificate will cost £3 more than the others. Requests for specific certificate numbers will be met where possible.

The Memorial Fund is raising money for a Memorial stone, which will

be inscribed with the names of all officers who have died in the service of Essex Police, including those from the old Borough forces.

Orders for model ambulances should be sent to me at the below address, or I can be contacted by phone on 0245 491491 ext 2429.

Steve Wynn,
FSU
PO Box 2,
Police Headquarters,
Springfield,
Chelmsford.

Do you know Vitor?

PLEASE find attached a copy of a post card which was received by myself at Colchester Police Station.

Just how it arrived at Colchester I am not sure looking at how it was addressed.

However, the content of the card is clear, the author is trying to contact an Essex Police Officer he met in Portugal in November 1989.

Can anyone identify the Officer concerned to enable me to forward the post card to him.

J.E. Bolingbroke, Pc 2116,
NBO Office, Shrub End,
Colchester.

1. CASCAIS: Vista panoramica
 2. CASCAIS: Vue panoramique
 3. CASCAIS: Panoramic view
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Vitor Manuel Santos
 PRAPA 5 DE OUTUBRO
 ESQUADRA DA P.S.P.
 2775 PAREDE
 PORTUGAL

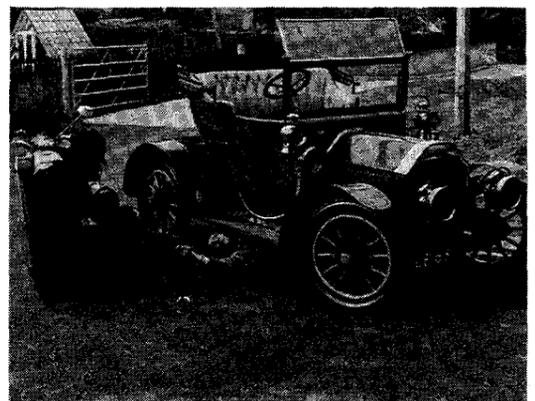
Paredes, 20/8/90

Dear Sir:
 I need to contact a policeman from Essex Police, who sends me some caps from the English Police. I don't know his name or his address. The only thing I know is that he has been in holidays in Portugal (Cascais) last year in November. Please tell him to write to me. Thank you

To the
Commander of
Essex Police

England

Blame the cutbacks!



FOR those who knew Wilf Howard (Law Letters, October), here are some suggested captions for the photograph (above).

So you upset Princess Anne last time she was here, that's no reason to hide this time, OR

O.K. Wilf, you've made your point, Duckham's oil ain't no good, OR

PC: "It says in the book

a 3/4 inch spanner." Wilf: "It says sausages on the back of a bus but it don't mean there's any in there," OR

It's the cut backs, we've had to get this back on the road for another year, OR finally

If you were driving, how come you got run over?

Steve Lodge 2067
Coroner's Office Westcliff
(temporarily)

OFF BEAT

Shift shocked to see Guv'nor on the beat

Youths had batons

A 999 CALLER summoned police to Dry Street, Basildon, warning that a group of ten youths was hanging around armed with large batons and clubs.

Our intrepid officers discovered a group of boy scouts!

Say cheese!

A SUSPICIOUS package was found in a garden in Burnham on Crouch, about 2.5 by 3 inches and containing a white powder.

On close examination police found a processed cheese slice.

Strange sickness

WE'VE all heard some good excuses for taking a day off sick. But one anonymous policeman's illness record raised a few eyebrows — it said he had a cervical inflammation!

Exposed

IN THIS job, as policemen and women all know, you have to see the lighter side of things.

So a message that came through from Basildon division was open to interpretation: "Pupil was exposed to lunch time". I know school dinners are bad. . . .

Young love

AN interesting domestic came to light in Harlow. Apparently a girl, aged 24 hours, was being pursued by her ex-boyfriend. Precocious lot these days!

Job swap cop breaks down barriers

THERE WERE surprises in store on both sides when Met Inspector Trevor Hermes joined Essex Police for six months.

Insp. Hermes took over "D" shift at Chelmsford, in a job swap with Insp Mike Todd who travelled to London to work in Bethnal Green.

This was the first such exchange to take place with Essex Police, and has hopefully opened the way for more.

The first surprise for the lads on the shift was to find Insp. Hermes out on patrol with them. The Inspector's role in the Metropolitan Police is very much a hands-on role.

"I didn't change the way I've policed for the last six years as an Inspector," he said, speaking as his attachment came to an end last month.

"I know the public I have met were surprised when they saw an Inspector. My own view is that you can't properly supervise people by sitting behind a desk."

And he believed his getting involved out on the streets had been welcomed by the shift.

by Jenny Bullus

When he first arrived in Chelmsford, Insp. Hermes could sense his officers were wary of him, but the barriers were quickly broken down. And he was surprised how similar the working practices in Essex were to those in the Met.

They are close geographically and there's not a vast difference at all," he said. He believes more job swaps between forces would help to break down widely held — often negative — views of the Met Police.

Square Mile

One of the most striking differences between his patch at Bethnal Green and Chelmsford was the sheer size. Bethnal Green is just one square mile, with the population split about 60/40 between Europeans and Asians.

The size of the area, and the considerably lower number of police officers on the shift means Essex officers have to step back and think about how best to deal with a sit-

uation, he said. And they learn to talk to people more, he added.

In the Met you can be a brave policeman, because you can have back up within minutes."

Insp. Hermes quickly noticed a difference in the people of Chelmsford, from those on the East End patch. They are far more willing to talk to and help the police, but they will also ring up with trivial complaints.

"In Bethnal Green people just wouldn't bother the police with mundane things.

Service

"Perhaps the public are getting a far better service from the police here than they would in London."

He said one area where he was impressed with Essex Police was in the taking of aggrieved statements.

"We don't in the Met. When police arrive at a burglary they will take the details and be away in five minutes."

Because the Mets prioritise crimes according to a points system, a minor burglary would not receive the same attention that it would get in Chelmsford.

"The aggrieved would eventually get a letter saying thanks for reporting it, but the police can't do anything further.

"Here, with the statements that you take, the public get a better service. With the Officer taking an interest, they are not purely a statistic."

Fast pace

In the Met area generally, where Insp.



Metropolitan Inspector Trevor Hermes on his Chelmsford patch. Picture: Essex Chronicle.

Hermes has served for 20 years, the pace of life is faster. "Here you have got time to sit back which makes a pleasing change."

Despite the general impression that crime in London is more serious and more frequent, Insp. Hermes said the workload per police officer is probably about the same at the two stations.

Although Bethnal

Green is one of the busiest stations, with autocrime reaching epidemic proportions. Insp. Todd inherited a shift of 24 Pcs and five Sergeants to tackle it.

Insp. Hermes has also noticed a difference in the attitudes of Chelmsford's youth.

"If they are told firmly they will basically do as they are told, you don't get the confrontation situations that you would in London."

Praise

Thirty-nine-year-old Inspector Hermes has served in Leytonstone, Holborn, Hornchurch and Leman Street. He returned to the Mets this month to take up a post as deputy community liaison officer in Stoke Newington.

And he was full of praise for the shift he left behind in Chelmsford.

Meanwhile Insp. Todd had a successful attachment to Bethnal Green, and returned to Essex as Detective Chief Inspector, moving on promotion to headquarters CID.

Inspector Hermes told how, six months ago, his shift had threatened that the "man from Essex won't last five minutes" at Bethnal Green. But Mr Todd won their respect in his first week, dealing with a double fatal road accident, involving a car being pursued by a police car.

In the next edition, The Law will feature Mike Todd's experiences in Bethnal Green.



Inspector Mike Todd. Picture reproduced by kind permission of the Essex Chronicle.



Comrades lunch

AT THE annual lunch of the Comrades Association, over 100 past and present members of the Force gathered to swap stories and renew acquaintances.

Chief Constable John Burrow praised present members for their charity collections in this year of our 150th anniversary, and spoke about the difference in policing in the 1990s.

Changes in police work is something Ex Det Sgt Fred Joslin knows about, as he joined Essex in 1919 when things were considerably dif-

ferent - how many of you saw CID with bowler hats, let alone wore one?

Mr Joslin, 94, was the first in his family to join the police force and established the family tradition.

He was followed into the service by his sons and now a grandson. His son Peter, is Chief Constable of Warwickshire.

Membership of the Comrades Association is open to officers who have served 10 years. If you are interested in joining tel Sgt Bob Needham at HQ Ext 2796.



Fred Joslin, 94, with his son Peter, at the Comrades Lunch.

FORCE RAISES CHARITY



Getting mobile for Children in Need were WPC Andrea Blake, Insp. Rod Barrett, and Pc Keith Brown. Picture used by kind permission of the Evening Echo.

Flying start to help kids

PLANES, skateboards and squad cars were all sped into action when a team of intrepid Essex Police Officers took part in a breath-taking challenge to raise money for the BBC Children in Need Appeal.

WPC Andrea Blake, Inspector Rod Barrett and PC Keith Brown were determined to make their challenge as tricky as possible using as many forms of transport as they could muster to dash from Southend to Clacton Pier.

Roller skates, bikes,

skateboards, plans and a Ford Granada Police car, fitted with the latest equipment were all brought in to make the dash possible.

Planes from the Seawing Flying Club at Southend Airport were also on hand to add a winged escort.

● MORE than 40 teams took part in a quiz night held at Colchester Police Station to raise money for the appeal, while staff at the station also joined in the fun by dressing up and collecting cash.

The fund-raising efforts brought in £920 for the appeal, which raised a national total of £17½ million this year.



Band concert bo charity cash to £50,



Wheelchair-bound Cathy Dinan meets Mr Markham. The Force has raised money to buy her a new wheelchair.

FOLLOWING on from the success of the Fun Weekend in July, the Band Concert provided a rousing finale to the Forces's fund-raising efforts boosting the profits to a record sum of more than £50,000.

The concert featured the Essex Police Band, conducted by Mr Bob Coxon, and the combined Regimental Bands of the Royal Highland Fusiliers and the 9th/12th Royal Lancers, under the Batons of Warrant Officer Daniel Greer and Band Sergeant Major Chas. McGauley.

The Chief Constable Mr John Burrow joined a number of dignitaries, plus numerous people who have provided sponsorship to the Force Charity efforts, in an audience of 1,000 avid followers of music and fun, at the Cliffs Pavilion Westcliff-on-Sea.

The programme over-ran a little, as it did when the previous year's concert was held at the same venue.

With the draw being made for the Lottery by Mrs Ruth Burrow, as well as an 800 prize Tombola, there was much for the audience to enjoy.

Where else could you attend a four hour professional concert and stand the chance of winning prizes ranging from a Luxury First Class Mediterranean Cruise to a bag of cement?

Since the launch of the first Fun Day in 1987, the combined fund-raising efforts of the Force have

increased as reflected in the staggering sum of £50,018.96 raised this year. THIS IS TO BE SHARED BETWEEN THE CHARITIES OR INDIVIDUALS SHOWN BELOW.

However, rather than look back on 1990, planning has already begun for Fun Day '91 and those readers who would wish to nominate suitable charities (Essex based), are requested to make contact with their Divisional Fun-Day Representative.

Better still, an offer of help or support in some way would be much appreciated, remembering that Help is something that you can Give, but hope you will personally never Need.

In conclusion, on behalf of the Force Fun Day Committee, grateful thanks are offered to all who assisted, inclusive of family and friends, in helping to make the burden of those persons less fortunate, just a little lighter.

DAVID BRIGHT
C/INSPECTOR

WINNING PROGRAMME NUMBERS

PROGRAMME NO. 846, Dinner for Two at Renoufs Restaurant, Rochford, Mr F Knight, 23 Westbury Road, Southend-on-Sea. No 110 Meal for Two at Schulers Restaurant, Eastern Esp. Southend, Mr S Millikin, 132 Kursal Way, Southend. No 758, Dinner for Two at Oldhams Fish Restaurant, West Road, Westcliff, Mr N Grout, Kitkatts Road, Canvey Island.

ESSEX POLICE CHARITY LOTTERY 1990 PRIZE WINNERS:

14 Day Mediterranean Cruise for Two, Bob Hughes - Shell Centre London; 3 Day Mini Cruises for Two, to Sweden or Germany, Gugliemi; Safeways Supermarket Trolley Dash, TKS, Bailey Bridge Road, Braintree; Case of Wine, 0245 267736; Bottle of

Whisky Two Bottles of Wine, Ted, Southend-on-Sea; Wedgewood Plate, WPC 3254, GB; Cuddly Toy, Stansted Insurance Services; Two Bottles of Wine, Plummer; Set of Jump Leads, Durham; Royal Doulton Plate, H. Jackson Plumpead

Close, Southminster; Bottle of Port, M Hewitt, Colchester; Cuddly Toy, D Grant; Bottle of Wine, D Cheale, Jenner Close, Braintree; Portable Telephone Southend 466950; Toy Car, Dave Wright.



The bands on stage at the C

Beating the

BIG-HEARTED Grays PC, Ian Lodge, is fighting a battle against the bulge to help an eight-year-old cerebral palsy sufferer get top treatment and live a more normal life.

Sixteen-stone Ian was moved by the dilemma of little Keith Martin, of A Gardens, Grays, who hopped on the scales to lose at least two stone raise pounds in sponso



Essex Charities benefiting from Fun Day 1990

THE following will share £50,000:

Fair Havens, Southend-on-Sea; St Luke's Hospice, Basildon; St Helena Hospice, Colchester; Farleigh Hospice, Chelmsford; St Francis Hospice, Romford; Kingsdown School for Handicapped Children, Southend; Wickford Toy Library; Bader Centre, Basildon; Thurrock Toy Library; Rochford Hospital; St John Ambulance Brigade (Essex Branch); St John's Hospital, Chelmsford, Maternity Wing; Thurrock Open Door, Grays; Huw Johnson Club for Handicapped Harlow Children; Acorn Village Trust, Colchester; Okeley Home for the Elderly, Chelmsford; DEBRA - Essex Branch (Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association); St John's Hospital, Chelmsford, Children's Ward; CEEGA (Chelmsford Electro Encephalogram Appeal); 'Croft Ward' for Essex Leukaemia Patients, London Hospital; Guide Dogs for the Blind Association (Essex Branch); Mildmay School (Hearing Impaired Unit), Chelmsford; Army Benevolent Fund, (Essex Branch); Lancaster School for Handicapped Children, Southend; Multiple Sclerosis Society, (Essex Branch); Essex Motor Neurone Appeal; Constable Lawrence Brown Appeal Fund (Metropolitan Police); Constable Terry Davies Appeal Fund (Gwent Police); Cathy Dinan, Wheelchair Appeal (already donated).

CASH BY THE THOUSANDS

Sporting lunch with the stars

Day to remember for handicapped youngsters at sports centre



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money.

Keith, who is severely mentally and physically handicapped, has been making remarkable progress since attending a special school in Chigwell, part of the world-famous Peto Institute, based in Hungary, but the fees are around £1,000 a month.

Keith's parents have been told he can make even better progress, but they need to pay next term's fees - £4,250 in advance. Anybody who would like to sponsor Ian should contact him at Grays police station on 391212.

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SUPERSTARS, ice-cream and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles joined forces with Essex police Inspector Mike Jackson on November 27th to give 400 handicapped youngsters an action-packed day to remember.

Mike, based at police headquarters, is also chairman of the Harlow-based presidents Sporting Club and, as in previous years arranged the special celebrations at the Harlow Sportscentre.

Bruno

Beaming youngsters arrived for their "Sporting Lunch" in a colourful convoy of balloon-covered taxi-cabs with a special police escort, and pulled up at the Sportscentre with an excited blast of horn-blowing.

by Paul Dunt

Once inside they were introduced to the first star of the day - "Here he is kids, the Nicest Man in the World." Frank Bruno chuckled and walked on stage. The children roared. He must have shaken hands and posed for pictures with every single one of them before he left, still smiling as always.

More stars followed Big Frank onto the stage and around the food-laden tables as the disco hotted up with the sounds of Jive Bunny, Elvis Presley's Hound Dog and the Itzy Bitzy Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka Dot Bikini.

Children's Tv presenter Andy Crane was there as were soccer maestro

Trevor Brooking, formerly of West Ham and England, Commonwealth Games Silver Medalist Wendy Jeal, and John Childs and Alan Lilley, of Essex County Cricket Club.

Eastenders

Eastenders stars Mike Reid and Adam Woodyatt (Ian Beale) also joined the line-up of celebrities, the latter answering a thousand youngsters' questions along the lines of: "Hey Ian. How's Cindy?"

There was also a question of double-take for some Harlow police officers in the hall as The Bill stars, including Peter Ellis, mingled with the

crowds to meet the youngsters.

Cameras were flashing all day, but there was one shot no cameraman or woman worth their salt could afford to miss as local MP Jerry Hayes slid a snake around his neck. Journalists were writing their caustic captions even before the shutters clicked.

"I came here last year, it's terrific," said Trevor Brooking, who paid tribute to the work that went into organising the event. "I think it's a good opportunity for people to realise these youngsters can have just as good a time as anyone.

I think this is rather unique because of the size of it. There's such a lot of hard work that goes into



Soccer star Trevor Brooking meets one of the youngsters. Former Arsenal goalkeeper Pat Jennings was also on hand to pass on footballing tips to the kids.

it. Someone like us just pops along for a couple of hours on the day."

Awards

After lunch there was a presentation of awards to some of the handicapped youngsters who have made significant achievements in sport.

All of those at the lunch were aged between five and eighteen and attend schools in the

Harlow, Nazeing, Stansted, Brentwood, Loughton, Chigwell, and Bishop's Stortford areas.

The Presidents Sporting club is dedicated to providing sporting facilities for handicapped children and at the clubs' annual sports evening this year presented £20,000 to local special schools and organisations. During the past six years more than £80,000 has been raised and donated.

Hair today . . . gone tomorrow

YOU CAN bank on Chelmsford's C shift not to lose their heads, but they have been losing their hair.

Seven lads from the shift took on the "skinhead" look, to raise

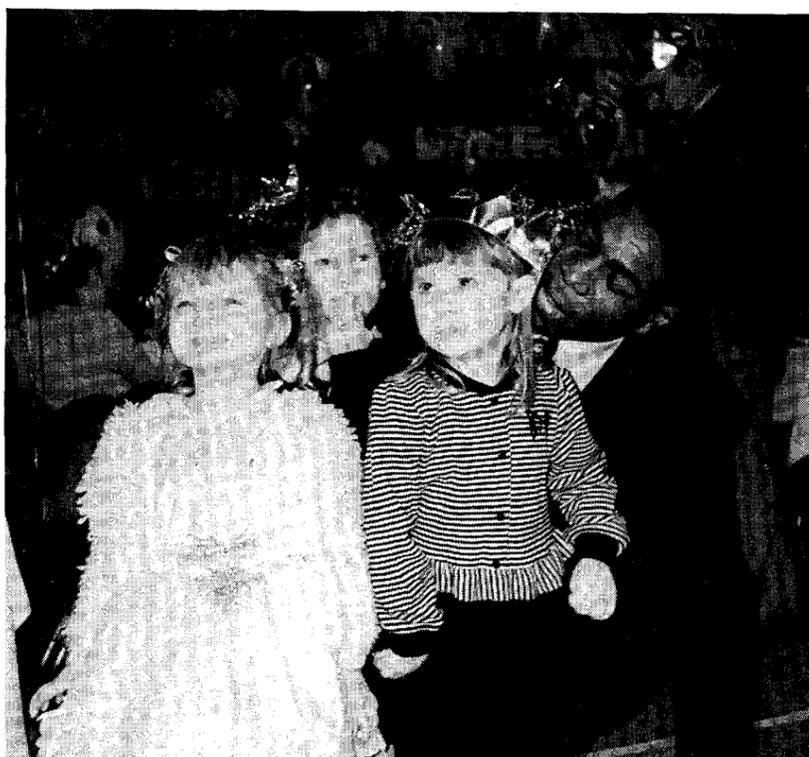
more than £300 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Taking part in the charity headshave were Pcs Julian Cole, John Roberts, Steve Cloake, Stuart Gill, John Cornish,

Tony Cairney, and Paul Ricketts.

Wouldn't like to be stopped by any of them on a dark night . . .

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Boxing hero Frank Bruno poses for photos with three beaming youngsters. The gentle giant was a knockout at the lunch and made it a day to remember despite cries of "where Harry".



New approach to crime prevention

PARTNERSHIPS IN COMMUNITY ARE KEY TO SUCCESS

Greenstead

GREENSTEAD CARES was an initiative introduced to tackle complaints about crime and environmental problems on Colchester's largest council estate.

A panel of local people was formed, with guidance and finance from NACRO. They canvassed local residents as to their needs on the estate and put pressure on local agencies to redress the problems.

Industrial Security

A SUCCESSFUL Crime Prevention initiative was introduced, on the Charfleets industrial estate, Canvey Island, the brain-child of Detective Sergeant Chris Jones.

He persuaded traders it was in their interests to tidy up the area surrounding their individual businesses, both as a crime deterrent and to encourage custom.

The local council participated, the traders co-operated and the result was a reduction in crime.

HAVE the police lost sight of our *raison d'être*, that is to prevent crime?

When I saw the results of a recent national survey of patrol officers which revealed as few as six per cent believed Crime Prevention has anything to do with them, it made me wonder.

Are we so busy rushing around, believing in the "Hill Street Blues" image of high-speed policing, that we forget our role of trying to stop crime?

The image comes to mind of the proverbial swamp, where the engineers were so busy fending off crocodiles they forgot the reason for being there was to drain the swamp.

We can't stop crime, but perhaps we can put more effort into reducing it. Some officers, as they rush between increasing numbers of incidents, see

the work of the NBO, CSB and Crime Prevention as a soft option.

In reality, the significant increase in reported crime shows there must be scope for both imaginative detection and prevention measures in action plans.

Specialists and patrol officers must recognise the inter-dependency of each others skills, and accept there is a long-term as well as immediate aspect to policing strategy.

We need to put more effort into crime reduction programmes, and we need to tap the resources available in the community to do so.

IMAGINATIVE

There is a wealth of people in Essex ready and willing to get involved, and as we operate to tight manpower levels, we need their help to fight crime.

Essex Police has a well-deserved reputation for imaginative initiatives, including crime prevention campaigns.

Most of the best ideas have originated from patrol officers, through addressing a particular problem on their patch.

In Essex, we have now adopted a new approach, recognising the sub-division as the operational unit of the force by appointing sub-divisional crime prevention officers.

They are part of the sub-divisional problem solving team. It is intended that they liaise with researchers, LIO, Field intelligence teams, CID, and NBOs to identify as early as possible preventative measures to combat crime trends.

Equally important is the development of contacts and partnerships to identify people to take part in Crime Prevention Panels, Crime Reduction groups and Neighbourhood Watch.

There are many examples throughout the county of amazingly successful campaigns in high-crime areas, involving individuals, councils, other Agencies and businesses.

Residents Associations, Chambers of Commerce, Youth organisations, Victims Support Schemes and the probation service are others that can become involved.

The immediate aim is to have at least one Crime Reduction Group of volunteers established in each sub-division.

The force Crime Prevention philosophy is to have "local people seeking local remedies to local problems."

DEVOLVED

Sub-divisional crime prevention officers need the support of all officers in achieving this aim. Some basic home security advice will have to be devolved to officers attending burglaries, for example.

The local CPO will provide support and informal training. The CPOs will be responsible to sub-divisional commanders.

The number of Headquarters crime prevention staff has been reduced, while the numbers of CPOs elsewhere in the county have increased, putting the emphasis on local input.

While HQ will continue to train, offer resources,

finance and information, support to local initiatives will largely supplant initiatives dictated from the centre.

The partnership approach to Crime Prevention using other agencies, and sharing the responsibility for crime prevention, is aimed at changing public attitudes.

There will never be enough policemen and women to do the job alone. Crime Prevention is for everyone, and with patience and minimum interference volunteers will achieve remarkable results.

ENTHUSIASTS

The enthusiasts must be allowed room to develop their ideas, with police participation as equal partners, offering crime information and support when required.

These people should be encouraged to seek maximum publicity in declaring their intentions to reduce crime.

The more people who participate, the more chance there is of altering the lethargic view that Crime Prevention is "nothing to do with me, but something for the police to worry about."

On an optimistic note, the achievements in Essex since the Home Office first suggested inter-agency co-operation Crime Prevention in 1984, have been considerable.

It is our success and range of activity that have brought us to the limit of further expansion, ie

through manpower resources.

We are convinced many agencies and influential people are behind us. A little help from all officers in suggesting people who may be prepared to join Crime Panels will assist the CPOs.

It shouldn't just be people in top jobs, the recently retired, disabled, unemployed, and housewives have much to offer.

We are all members of the community, and it is in everyone's interest to improve the quality of life.

Crime prevention is being given a higher priority from now on, and your local CPO needs your help.

Supt. Iain Munro, Force Crime Prevention Officer.

Barbara's watching

BRENTWOOD was one of the first areas in the country to have a paid full-time Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.

The district council employed Barbara Waltham, who has not only helped increase the demand for Neighbourhood Watch schemes throughout the area, but also promoted a wide range of crime reduction activities.

Roadshow

SATURATING a small area with crime prevention and reduction advice was the idea behind an experimental roadshow in Felsted.

The Crime Prevention Roadshow involved the CPO, NBO and CID officers.

Pubwatch

PUBWATCH, a scheme to bring publicans into co-operation, was pioneered in Brentwood. It has involved them in various drink-related campaigns, as well as an early warning system to spot potential trouble-makers.



Stranger danger

A "Say No to Strangers" Christmas panto for kids is being staged in Southend, a joint venture between the borough council and the police.

Dressing up

THERE will be some strange sights in the Force HQ Information Room this Christmas as staff dress up in fancy dress to raise money for charity.

On Christmas Day and Boxing Day, all manner of characters will be manning the phones in a bid to raise money for the Chelmsford Hospice or similar charity.

So if a large bucket visits your department in the run up to the festivities please make sure you have plenty of loose change on hand.

Any other stations wishing to make donations are asked to forward them to PS 159 Hawkins, in the headquarters Information Room. All donations will be fully appreciated.

Di at Hospice

ACC Geoffrey Markham is pictured in a group meeting the Princess of Wales, during her visit to St Luke's Hospice in Basildon in early November.

Princess Diana is talking to Mrs Jinnie Bannister, who contributed the first 25 pence to the hospice funds six years

ago, from her purse containing 50 pence.

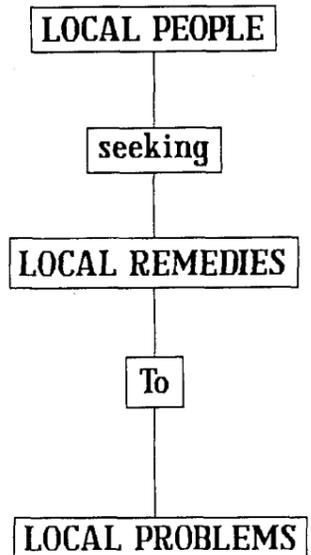
Sister Trudy Cox, founder of the Hospice is on the right.

The hospice was among the many charitable organisations supported by Essex Police fund-raising activities during 1990.

Picture by Roy Smith.



CRIME PREVENTION PHILOSOPHY





Celebrating their success in the Southend Music Festival are, from left to right, Eileen Kligerman, Lynda Barkway, Derek Lee, Bob Drake, Clara Smith and pianist Bryan Cass.

On song for success

HITTING the right note at the Southend Music Festival were members of the force Musical Society who won a staggering NINE trophies — plus several medals.

They swept the board in the Musical Show class taking the top three places, and bettered that by taking the first four in the Gilbert and Sullivan class.

Other successes came in the Parlour Song, English Folk Song and Mezzo solo classes.

On song were society chairman Derek Lee, producer Clara Smith, Lynda Barkway, Eileen Kligerman, and Bob Drake, accompanied by pianist and the society's

musical director Bryan Cass.

They entered the fortnight long festival last month as Essex Police Claryan. Together with some other members of the Musical Society they form the group Claryan for occasional concerts and cabarets.

Their stunning success came despite having little chance to rehearse their numbers together.

Clara is a veteran of the festival, having entered every year since 1981, and

with her name already engraved on nearly every trophy.

MINSTREL

But this year she encouraged other members of the Musical Society to take part, and discovered she had stiff competition. She was beaten into second place in the G & S class by Derek's rendition of the Wandering Minstrel from the Mikado.

But she was delighted by the success of the other members.

Bryan Cass's accompaniment played a major part, and unusually for festivals, this was re-

cognised several times in the adjudications, as "sympathetic, stylish and accommodating."

Derek said although many excellent singers took part in the festival, he believed the secret of the Claryan members' success was in their presentation — not just singing but performing.

Hardly surprising, therefore, that the Musical Society's last show "My Fair Lady" was such an outstanding success. Next year's show, "Oliver", will be performed in February, so make sure you get your ticket in the New Year!

They died in the line of duty

Brutal murder of Pc. Gutteridge

by Jenny Bullus

POLICE in Epping have chosen the 150th Anniversary of the Force to commemorate the brutal murder of popular local bobby Pc. George Gutteridge.

Pc. Gutteridge was shot four times and died at the roadside on his beat in Stapleford Abbots, in September 1927. Both his eyes had been shot out.

At the time there were few clues to indicate any motive or implicate any suspect, but eight months later two men went to the gallows convicted of the crime. It transpired that Mr. Gutteridge had been trying to arrest them on suspicion of stealing a car.

The Essex Chronicle of September 30, 1927, recounts the death of the well-respected Lambourne End beat officer:

"While the countryside was still enshrouded in heavy early morning fog, Police Constable George William Gutteridge, aged 38, married, with two young children, a member of the Essex Constabulary stationed at Stapleford Abbots, was found foully done to death at Passingford Bridge, within 400 yards of his home at Townley Cottages, Stapleford Abbots.

"Constable Gutteridge had been fired at from close range by someone using a heavy revolver of Army pattern. Four shots were fired in all, aimed at the head, which was terribly injured.

"Not a single definite clue was left, but the dead man's colleagues of the Essex constabulary started in grim earnest to try to unravel the mystery."

Now, 63 years on, officers of the Epping sub-division have set about to ensure Pc. Gut-

teridge has a proper memorial.

An inscribed Memorial stone made out of granite and bronze has been erected on a roadside verge, close to the spot where the officer fell.

The memorial will be unveiled on December 19, at 3.30pm. Among those present will be Mr. Gutteridge's daughter, now 74, who was 11 years-old when he was killed.

Police have also traced several people who knew Mr. Gutteridge, but have been unable to track down any of his ex-colleagues.

Epping sub-divisional commander Chf. Insp. Ian Cotgrove said, "He is the only officer killed by a criminal act in our sub-division."

The money was raised by donations, and by generous contributions from the parish and district councils.

Pc. Gutteridge's body was found by mailvan driver Alec Ward.

Detectives found evidence that he had stopped a vehicle, and further clues soon emerged. A Billericay doctor reported that his car had been stolen overnight and the following day it was found in Brixton with bloodstains, and fingerprints in it.

Eventually, the trail led to Frederick Browne and William Kennedy. They were convicted at the Old Bailey and sentenced to death.

Kennedy revealed the story behind the shooting of Pc. Gutteridge's eyes. He said as the officer lay lifeless on the ground, already killed by two bullets, Browne had shouted, "What are you staring at me like that for?" and shot out Mr. Gutteridge's eyes.

Poacher stuffed mud in officer's mouth

by Paul Dunt

MODERN DAY bobbies gathered by a chilly roadside on November 21 to pay tribute to a 19th Century Essex peeler who came to a sticky end in 1850 and became one of the force's first officers to die in the line of duty.

PC Bamborough was walking a convicted poacher from Billericay Magistrates' Court to Shenfield Station when the handcuffed prisoner attacked him, pushing him into a pond and stuffing mud into his mouth.

Nine days after the assault the officer died from consumption. But during the year in which the force celebrates its 150th anniversary, officers at Billericay and Wickford were determined his memory would not be forgotten.

Nowadays lorries and family hatchbacks hurtle past the spot where PC Bamborough died and a

balmy summer has dried out the pond. But no doubt he would approve of the fleet of cars local dignitaries, the clergy and officers arrived in to mark his death.

Struggling above the noise of the traffic, the Rev David Lowman, rector of Wickford and the Rev Harvey Reed, rector of Hutton led a memorial service to the officer, 140 years to the day after the tragic tale.

A memorial stone, engraved by local stonemasons S. Carter and Sons was unveiled to mark the spot opposite Hutton House, Hutton, near the junction of London Road with Church Lane.

There in traditional 1840s police uniform was PC Laurie Pipe, who joined officers in a com-

memoration lunch at Hutton House, now owned by Hambros Bank Ltd, to mark the historic occasion.

It was from the house, which overlooks the spot where the constable met his end, that a girl spotted the incident and saved the poacher from the gallows.

She was a vital witness in the case and gave evidence explaining that PC Bamborough's prisoner had gone back to the pond after the attack and pulled the officer out of the water. He was convicted of manslaughter, instead of murder and was put on a convict ship to Australia.

Assistant Chief Constable, Geoff Markham, who was at the ceremony paid tribute to local officers for their initiative. "It really is a matter of personal pride to me to be invited to come here and unveil this memori-



al," he said.

At the lunch a special toast was made to Wickford PC Geoff Whiter, who was a leading light behind the idea

and who also celebrated his 20th wedding anniversary on November 21. His wife, Christine, was with him at the unveiling to see the plans reach fruition.

Maldon co-operation

ALL FOUR emergency services made a benchmark in inter-service co-operation last week when they handed over an eight-foot park bench to the people of Maldon.

The Police, Fire, Ambulance and Coastguard Services all chose to donate the teak bench from money awarded to them for their part in organising and running the annual Maldon Carnival held in August.

Acting Chief Inspector Roy Giddings at Maldon Police Station said the money was usually put in benevolent funds, but felt this year a joint presentation was in order.

"We just felt this year it would be nice. It's the sort of thing that shows solidarity in the services," he said.

Despite pouring rain, the ceremony went ahead outside the town's war memorial where dignitaries, including the Mayor, members of the emergency services and members of the Maldon and District Carnival Association held the official hand-over.

A police car, a fire tender, an ambulance and a coastguard Land Rover were parked up in the High Street as a backdrop to the presentation and to symbolise the links between the services.

The donated seat, which has been inscribed by emergency services, will be placed in the High Street outside All Saints Church to be used for the people of Maldon.

Inspector addresses Interpol

INSPECTOR John Viney addressed an Interpol Symposium on Data Protection, held at Interpol HQ in Lyons from 7-9 November. Inspector Viney is Secretary of the ACCPO Data Protection Committee.

With the removal of EEC travel restrictions in 1992 and the development of the Channel Tunnel, the Symposium also dealt with access to the criminal records of travelling criminals.

Inspector Viney, who is based at headquarters in Chelmsford, is recognised as being an authority on the effect of Data Protection on British policing.



I.P.A. NEWS

MID-ESSEX BRANCH
Fred Dyson

BREWERY VISIT

ON FRIDAY evening 2nd November, an interesting visit was made by coach for members, wives and friends, to Mauldon's Brewery at Sudbury, Suffolk. This brewery is situated on an industrial site.

On arrival we were welcomed by Peter Mauldon, the owner, who gave an interesting talk. The brewery was started at the turn of the century by his great grandmother, but not on the present site.

The staff are six in number, including Mr Mauldon. Their only manufacturing output is ale, which we sampled from the barale called "Squires Bitter".

It had a lovely flavour and went down very well with some sandwiches which had been prepared for us.

It was interesting to note that Customs and Excise make frequent visits to the brewery, being in possession of keys they can enter the premises at any time to examine the "brew" without having to contact the owner.

Should you come to our Xmas Social at H.Q. on Friday 14th. December, at 8pm you will have the opportunity to sample Mauldon's "Real Ale".

Can I remind all members of the A.G.M. at H.Q. at 8pm on Friday 11th January, 1991. There is much to be discussed as to our future programme for 1991, so please make the effort to attend.

Two events have officially been booked. **Friday 8th February:**

Annual Dinner at the Rivenhall Resort. It is limited to 60 persons at £13 per head. It will be first come first served with members taking priority. So fill in your response slip and with your

cheque forward it to the Social Secretary Dick Giggins.

Saturday 20th — Wednesday 24th April:

Branch trip to Northern France by coach to Rouen, taking bed and breakfast in an Ibis Group Hotel. A full programme is being arranged and seats will be limited to 43. Again it is first come first served, so fill in your response slip and forward it with your deposit of £30 per head to Dick Giggins.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all members, their wives and friends who supported the Branch in attending events throughout the year.

MAY I WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.
Fred Dyson

National Association of Retired Police Officers by Doug Rampling

HERE we are again writing what is the final epistle for 1990. It hardly seems five minutes since we were thinking of Christmas cards and social functions, and yet here we are again on the same track.

1990 has been a year filled with action forcewide. The 150th anniversary was celebrated in style with events throughout the county. The high-

light of the year must have been the participation of many members in the Colchester Tattoo. What a great performance it was.

Other events including the Admiral McHardy March, the Force Garden Party and Fun Day, all contributed to make it a memorable year.

On the national front the N.E.C. have been very active. Matters that have received much attention vary from pensions, preserved rate widows, post retirement marriages and unemployment benefits.

Branch membership continues to maintain an even flow. We have unfortunately lost some friends but new membership continues to keep the balance.

Everyone who ordered diaries from me should have received them by now. If you ordered one and have not got it yet please let me know.

I am pleased to report that the villas at

Carworgie Park, owned by the Force Benevolent Fund have continued to be a great success. Mrs. Wendy Rawlings of the Force Welfare Department, who handles all bookings tells me there are still a few vacancies for 1991.

If you are interested contact Wendy at Headquarters on extension 2790. Discount prices for retired officers are available.

Stuart Rigg (formerly of Benfleet) now residing in Tiptree, would be pleased to quote for any painting and decorating work that you would like done.

Now he is retired Stuart is able to return to his craft which was temporarily suspended during his 30 years in the force. Contact him on 0621 819619.

Finally money: I do not like to have to keep harping on about subscriptions but unfortunately I have to. There are still quite a number of members who

have not paid their subs

for 1990. Please, if you have not paid, either send off your cheques to the treasurer or let me know if you do not wish to remain a member.

It is important that we maintain subscriptions as each branch is levied a precept payable to central funds in December each year.

This precept is payable for each member, whether or not they have paid their subscription to branch, so if you have not paid, the branch has still to find contribution.

It only remains for me to sincerely thank everyone who has assisted throughout the year with all the items mentioned.

Let us now look towards 1991 with renewed vigour and hope we can achieve the goals we set out for.

On behalf of all your committee members may I wish you and your families a very happy Christmas followed by a healthy and happy new year.

CHIEF'S COMMENDATIONS

THE CHIEF Constable, John Burrow, presented certificates of commendation to the following officers, at a ceremony on November 6.

Pc Anthony Spong, Grays: "dedication to duty which has resulted in an excellent crime detection record during the past 12 months."

Pc Michael Green, Landon Traffic: "for the way in which he investigated a fatal traffic accident where the offender failed to remain at the scene. The determination, persistence and skill displayed in subsequent interview, resulted in a person being traced and later sentenced to two and a half years imprisonment."

Keith Rodwell, Civilian at Harlow Traffic (joint with C. J. Newman — did not attend): "for initiative and prompt action at the scene of

a fatal road accident which they came upon whilst testing a police car. After calling for assistance, they rendered first aid to two seriously injured persons."

Pc's Martin Garwood, Sandon Dog Section, Alan Jones, Westclif Dog Section, Peter Morley, Orsett Dog Section: "for their professional and swift actions in disarming and arresting a man in possession of a handgun who was making threats to kill."

Insp Graham Harvey, Southend, Pc's Keith Bishop, David Bishop and Ian Frakes, Force Support Unit, together with Pc's Gibbons and Mueller who did not at-

tend: "for prompt action at the scene of a fire in a flat, effecting the rescue of an occupant trapped on an upper level, and the evacuation of neighbouring flats that were likely to become endangered by the fire."

Pc Steven Smith, WPC Beverley Gaylor and Pc Nicholas Brewer, Harlow: "for their dedication to duty and professionalism in dealing with an offence of violent disorder and assault while off duty in Harlow on July 18, 1988. Their observations and action, even though the subject of assault themselves, prevented further serious injury to an unconscious male and enabled the arrest and conviction of those involved who subsequently received terms of imprisonment."

Man the Lifeboats

"IT WAS the most terrifying experience of my life. When the lifeboat came, I was begging for life. It seemed as though we were in the water forever."

The words of a fisherman, rescued from the icy North Sea by a lifeboat one February night.

Lifeboat crews are ready to answer such calls for help, every hour, every day, of the year.

Incredibly, lifeboatmen and women are volunteers who put themselves at risk for only the satisfaction of preserving life.

The RNLI has been serving seafarers since 1824, just a few years before Sir Robert Peel founded the Metropolitan Police Force.

As for police officers, devotion to duty, combined with determination, skill and patience, moulds each lifeboat crew into a special team.

So perhaps it is not surprising to find among the

Police Lifeboat Appeal.



We're appealing for money to build a new Mersey Class lifeboat and we'd like you to help us by arranging fund raising events.

If you collect over £250,000, that's half the cost of a new lifeboat (this may sound a lot but it's only £1.50 from everyone in the Force) we'll name it in honour of the Police.

So please get organising! Competitions, sponsored walks. Anything that appeals to your sense of fun.



crews some 30 serving police officers, including no fewer than 7 at the Aberdeen lifeboat station.

The RNLI bronze medal for bravery was awarded to one police officer for his part in an outstanding rescue, outside Dover Harbour, of three men from a motor vessel during the height of the October 1987 hurri-

cane. The RNLI relies entirely on voluntary contributions to maintain the service and, in 1990 alone, it will have cost around £37 million.

An appeal to police officers has been launched to raise £455,000 — the cost of a new Mersey class lifeboat — by early 1992. Please support the Police Lifeboat Appeal: many will have reason to be grateful. Annually life-

boat crews save 1,500 people from death at sea.

"How do you say 'thank you'? We put their lives at risk to come and pick us up."

The appeal was launched by the Chief Constable of Cheshire Police, Ian Oliver.

For further information, please contact your local RNLI office or Mr Ken Thirlwell, RNLI Scotland, Tel: 031 557 9171.

Market Place . . . Market Place . . . Market Place . . . Market Place . . .

3 BED-HOUSE, semi detached, double garage, central heating, secondary double glazed in Boreham village, £68,000. Wpc 3174 Partridge HQIR (C).

HOTPOINT 800 WASHING MACHINE used twice, £200. Wpc 3174 Partridge HQIR (C)

MG METRO TURBO black. Jan.90 grey and red interior. Offers in region of £5995. Pc Addison, HQIR.

GIRLS RALEIGH 'DENIM' CYCLE colour blue, suit age 8-12. £30. Teresa Allen, SOA, South Ockendon.

CHILDS RALEIGH BMX CYCLE colour red, suit age 3-6. £20. Teresa Allen, SOA, South Ockendon.

SUZUKI VITARA J1XSE 4WD, hardtop, 1988F power steering, roof rack, towing system. bull bars excellent

condition, £7,500. Pc Howard, Steeple Bumpstead.

IBM COMPATIBLE PORTABLE COMPUTER, Amstrad PPC 640D plus external monitor twin disk drives, £375 o.n.o. A. Draine, HQ 2651 or 0279 76543.

STEREO RECORD PLAYER linear tracking twin cassette with radio, 18 months old. Bargain £40. Terry Spelman, Extn 2796.

CORNWALL, POLPERRO. Modern holiday chalet on pleasant site overlooking sea, sleeps 4/5. All mod cons. indoor & outdoor pools. Sauna, jacuzzi, club. Discount given. Craig Bailey, 2 Collins Cross, Bishops Stortford Herts. Tel: 0279 653570.

miles, two owners, good condition, economical, taxed, MOT, £995. Anita Somerville, HQ extn. 2308.

TWO BEDROOM, SEMI-DET BUNGALOW, Chelmer Village, very quiet location, new solid oak fitted kitchen, fully tiled bathroom with shower, unoverlooked rear garden, excellent neighbours! £67,795. Pc Butterworth, Moulsham Police Station. Tel 490296 or 0245 4913932.

DUTTON SIERRA kit car, built 1984, black, white wheels, sunroof, Ford 1600 crossflow engine, MoT, economical fun motoring, £1,050. J. Bullus HQ ext 2454.

VAUXHALL NOVA (hatch), 1.0, "D" Reg, low mileage, new tyres, £2,650 ono. Supt Good HQ 2401 or 0245 267086.

BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE — ONE WORD PER BOX

Name and Rank Station

Home telephone Signed

RETIREMENTS

6 January 1991 **Pc R..W. Cook,** Basildon/Benfleet, 25yrs 356 days. 11yrs 301 days.

6 January 1991 **Wpc S.E. Mayes,** Chelmsford, 14yrs 129 days. 18 January 1991 **Pc B.A. Blake,** Southend/Canewdon, 30 yrs.

6 January 1991 **Pc M.S. Brunning,** Chelmsford, 21yrs 334 days. 20 January 1991 **Pc P. Chilver,** Colchester/Clacton, 27 yrs 131 days.

6 January 1991 **Pc F.W. Dunnigan,** Southend, 20 January 1991 **Wpc S.J. Featheredge,** Colchester/Clacton 14 yrs 354 days.

OBITUARY

31 October ex **Ps Edward Maggs Childs** of Armadale, Western Australia, aged 65 years, who retired February 1977.

Join the Frostbite challenge

GET FROSTBITE, for fun! Cheshire Constabulary has invited hardy competitors to take part in its fell walking/running championships in March.

The gruelling Frostbite 91 event takes place over 50 miles of rough terrain, incorporating much of the scenic South Cheshire Way and all of the Sandstone Trail.

It will be a testing event for the two-man teams, covering 30 miles on the first day and 20 on the second.

For those slightly less fit, there is the 40 mile Frostbite for Fun event, which will be run at the same time.

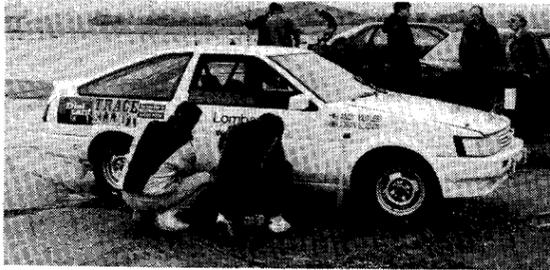
The combination of distance, terrain and potentially adverse weather will make the event both demanding and challenging for all standards of competitors.

For Frostbite 91 there will be several competition categories, including Fastest team overall, Fastest women's/mixed team overall, fastest veterans team and fastest non-police team.

Entry is open to serving and retired officers, their families and civilian employees of competing forces.

The event takes place over the weekend of March 2 and 3, and anyone requiring an entry form or further details should contact Pc Paul Thompson, Divisional Training Office, County Police HQ, Nuns Road, Chester, CH1 2PP, telephone 0244 360222, extension 3164.

As well as being challenging, it is hoped the event will prove a successful fund-raiser, with great potential for sponsorship.



Andy and Adrian check out their car for the rally.

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viously he has only competed in one-day events.

The cost of entering the rally topped £4,000 for Pc. Butler, who was helped by a £400 contributing from the Seaxes Club, and various other sponsors.

Although Andy was the one to do all the driving, he was accompanied by navigator Adrian Gladwin, and a back up team of eight mechanics, some of them off-duty employees of HQ workshop.

Three back-up vehicles carried all the necessary equipment and spares. As Andy explained: "We carry a vast amount of spare parts in the van. I will get through five sets of tyres, they are special forest tyres but they wear out quickly."

Andy entered his Toyota, a standard showroom model with added safety features, in

the 1600cc class. He said there were 22 others competing in his class with a total of 188 drivers taking part in the event.

Before setting off for the rally, Andy took a few tips from last year's race winner Scandinavian Penti Arikala. He met up with Ford works driver Penti at the company's base in Boreham.

To find out how Andy got on, don't miss next month's edition of 'The Law'.



Pc Andy Butler (left) takes a few tips from rally ace Penti Arikala.

BRIEFLY

Clay Pigeon Shooting

IN LATE October, a team of four from Braintree entered the Green King sponsored "Earl Haig Appeal" team clay pigeon shoot at Castle Camps, Cambridgeshire.

The team was made up of John Clements (Halstead Traffic), Neville Hayden (Halstead), Ray Howard (Steeple Bumpstead) and John Pheby (Great Yeldham).

This was the first time of competition for two of the team, which finished eleventh in the overall classification. John Pheby top scored for the team.

It is now hoped to encourage clay shooting within the sub division with a view to applying for Croker Cup recognition in the future.

If any members of the force would be interested in entering a Clay Section, could they please contact Ray Howard or John Pheby. If there is enough interest within the force, we will approach the Sports and Social Club for a section to be set up.

Ray Howard

Swimming success

AT the City of London swimming gala, held on October 25, Wpc N. Coote, Brentwood, won first place in the 50 metres freestyle.

Pc P. Whitehead came second in the men's 50 metres breaststroke. The Essex mixed relay team of Wpc F. Brennan, Saffron Walden, Wpc Coote, Wpc L. Smith, Colchester, Pc J. Eveleigh, Canvey, Pc D. Ward, Southend, and Pc D. Mathlin, Laindon, won first place.

Cricket match scores £750 for charity

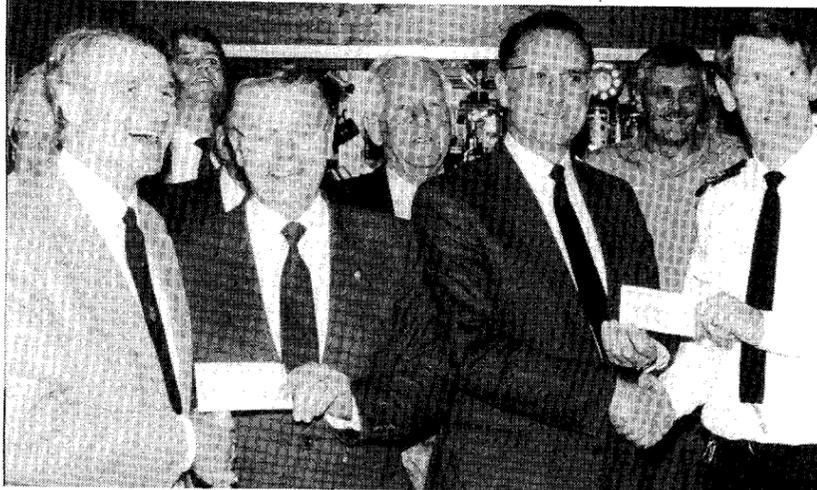
THE ANNUAL Braintree Police v Local Traders Charity Cricket Match played in July raised a total of £750.

In October, a presentation evening was held in the bar at Braintree Police Station.

The picture shows the manager of the traders team, Mr David Bowtell presenting the cheque to Mr George Harris of the Chelmsford Hospice, and the Captain of the Police team, Inspector John Stonehouse handing a

cheque to ACC Terry Rands for police charities.

Next year's game is scheduled for Thursday 18th July, we can promise this will be an excellent event, so make a note in your diary now.



FORCE SPORTS ASSOCIATION

FORCE LOTTERY

THE result of this month's Force Lottery is as follows: £1,500: WDCons Maria Tiffin, Colchester; £700: Cons Geoff Cox, West Mersea; £300: Mrs Linda Harris, H.Q.

The following will receive £50 each:

Cons Rodney Howell, Harlow; Cons Chris Hovells, Corringham; Cons David Leech, Saffron Walden; Cons Kevin Hazell, West Bergholt; Ch Supt Neil Butcher, Grays; Cons Mick Aitchinson, Tiptree; DSgt Ron Kelsey, Benfleet; Cons John Bailey, Harlow; Cons Robin Rush, Clacton; DSgt Mick Sear, H.Q.

CROKER CUP

THE Force Sea Angling

Championships were held recently at Wallasea Island for the Inter Divisional Croker Cup and the Individual event.

Individual result: 1st D. Bedford, H.Q.; 2nd Keith Mower, Southend.

Croker Cup: 1st Southend — Rick Mathews, Keith Mower, Dave Clark and Dave Box — 6pts.

2nd Headquarters — R. Cockett, Chris Biggs, D. Bedford and B. Hawkins — 4pts. 3rd Clacton — 2pts.

Basildon, Grays, Braintree, Chelmsford and Colchester all get 1 Croker Cup point. Harlow did not enter.

CROKER CUP DARTS

THE Croker Cup Darts Final was held recently between Clacton and Southend, with

Southend winning 4-1. Southend 6 points, Clacton 4 points.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT

STUART SURRIDGE have sent me details of some clearance lines they are doing at the moment. These include Basketball vests and shorts, Athletic vests and shorts, Football shirts and shorts, Bowls clothing (Jackets, trousers, shirts and waterproofs), Snooker cues and Footballs in sizes 4 and 5. Hi-Tec have also sent me details of footwear they have reduced in price. Anyone who requires further information, contact the Force Sports Association Office.

ANSWERPHONE

THE answerphone for the Force Sports Association

Office will now be on telephone number (0206) 563512. Contact to the office can still be made on Ednet 4490, but there will not be an answerphone on this extension any more.

P.A.A. BOXING

THE P.A.A. Boxing Championships will take place at the National Sports Centre, Cardiff on Friday 19th April, 1991. Anyone who wishes to enter, or would like to attend as a spectator (there will be seating for approximately 1,000) please contact the Force Sports Secretary as soon as possible.

Chris Jacob, Secretary, Force Sports Association.

The running scene

Down moves up

THE next S.E.P.A.A. Cross Country League fixture is at Horsham, Sussex, on Wednesday, December 12, at 2.30pm. Transport for the Essex team will leave from the Training School, Headquarters, at 11am sharp. Please come along for this pre-Christmas bash.

If you need some fine tuning, there is an East Anglian League fixture on Wednesday, December 5 at Marsham Heath.

S.E.P.A.A. League. Shotover, Oxford, October 25.

THE first league race of the season was one of mixed fortunes for Essex, with a disappointing turnout being compensated by some excellent individual performances.

The course, with its notorious hill, was exceptionally dry compared with previous years, and the going was to the liking of Andy Down, who achieved his highest position (6th) for several seasons.

His excellent run was nearly matched by Chris Turner, showing a welcome return to form after a lean spell.

Chris finished just 4 seconds behind Andy in a time of 33.09 (8th). Also in good form was Len

Perrott, who, having been sidelined for most of last season, gave a warning to others of his race potential.

He finished in 15th position with a time of 33.56. Len was closely pursued by Barry Daymond, who recorded 34.35 (19th).

It was a welcome return for Barry and the hills were obviously to his liking, although the same could not be said of Roy Kebbell. He finished in 35.37 (27th).

The 'A' team was completed by the reliable Neil Phimister in 42nd place with a time of 37.19. The 'A' team competition was won, as usual, by Thames Valley iwth 47pts. Kent were second with 104pts, and Essex third with 117pts.

In the 'B' team competition, Essex were less successful, hardly surprising as the team were 4 men

short. However, thanks to Gary Matthews, who was 54th, and Laurie Rampling, 62nd, the team finished 5th.

The women were also handicapped by being one short, but good running by Wendy Brown, Alison Bourne and Ronnie Potter, ensured joint 4th team position. They still have plenty of time to make up for lost ground on winners Kent. Wendy was 6th in the women's race with a time of 25.57, Alison 9th (26.55) and Ronnie 21st (32.19).

In the Veterans event, Essex again dominated as they did last season, with Barry Daymond, Roy Kebbell and Laurie Rampling forcing Surrey into second place.

I am still searching for runners to strengthen the squad, regardless of ability. Don't forget a full squad means vital points are not lost.

Please feel free to contact me on the below number if you have any queries on Force running events.

Pc Roy Kebbell, Cross Country Secretary, Coroner's Office, Billericay. Extension 3236.



Force success in national event

THREE GOLDS FOR ESSEX FIGHTERS

ESSEX officers proved they were a force to be reckoned with when they fought their way to NINE medals in the National Police Tiaho-Jutso championship.

Fielding the largest team at the event, with at least one competitor in each weight category, Essex dominated in both mens and ladies sections and won more medals than any other force.

The force's tally of medals included three golds, for Kay Blackman, Jim Hollick and Andy Glistler.

The Tiaho-Jutso (self-defence) competition took place at the Ashford District Police Training Centre, Kent, on November 21.

The officers, who have trained in their own time most Sundays for the last year, anticipated fierce competition.

We have attended the last four National competitions, and have enjoyed some success, even though we have fielded smaller teams.

THROWS

The sport of Tiaho-Jutso is an advanced system of the throws and locks taught to police officers during their probation, and at Public Order training.

The system was devised

by Bob Foster

to improve the self-defence tactics taught to police, to encourage them to train, and to make the techniques an instinctive reaction when making arrests and defending themselves.

The competition started with a briefing and weigh-ins on Tuesday night, November 20. The next morning our ladies were first on the mat and picked up several cuts and bruises.

Teams competing came as far afield as both Scotland and Wales. In the past the Garda have taken part.

As they could not attend this year we were unable to hold an international event at the end of the day, with the best competitors from each country selected to fight against each other.

By the end, the Essex team had collected — from the six weight categories — a total of three gold, three silver and three bronze medals.

Three competitors who came away without medals fought hard all day and were eventually put out of the competition by Essex team members on their way to the medals.

Linda Imrie from Witham won the silver medal in a contest that was decided by a single point.

In the lighter ladies categories Julie Sargeant of Southend won the bronze, Pat Foster of Leigh the silver and Kay Blackman of the FSU won the gold medal.

In the mens under 90 kilo open, Nick Banks from Basildon won the silver medal being beaten by an old rival in an even fight. Nick also won the fiercely sought-after best stylist award and Kay Blackman was the runner-up for this award, to add to her earlier gold.

The largest category of the day was the mens over 80 kilo 2nd Kyu and under in which we had five competitors. Andy Goodwin, FSU and Clive Morris of Rayleigh fought well all day only just losing out on the medals.

HARD FIGHT

Dave Bent, Tim Stokes and Jim Hollick all of the FSU made the finals with Dave and Tim getting well deserved bronze medals and Jim his first gold medal at the event.

In the under 80 kilo

event Paul Bird from Wickford fought well and was unfortunate not to be better placed than 5th position as he appeared to be scoring well throughout his contests.

However Andy Glistler, also from Wickford, won through after eight hard fights to gain out last gold medal of the day.

To add to our other successes the final touch was when all of the team was upgraded and three members, Jim Hollick, Linda Imrie and Kay Blackman were awarded their Black Belt first dan.

The competition closed with a presentation dinner, prizes being awarded by the Commandant of the Training Centre.

I would like to thank the Force for the support which we have received and congratulate the competitors for their efforts, which made all the training worth while.



Pc Dave Bent attacking on his way to bronze.



Pc Andy Goodwin struggles with Pc Dave Bent during an early fight.

Andy takes on rally aces

CHELMSFORD traffic cop Andy Butler lined up against the big names last week to take part in the prestigious Lombard RAC Rally.

The gruelling mudbath through the North Yorkshire forests was to take its toll on some of the top drivers.

The rally took place over 1,400 miles in the North of England and Scottish borders, with 350 miles of driving over rough forest tracks.

Seaxes Auto Club chairman Andy, who has been rallying for ten years, had been planning

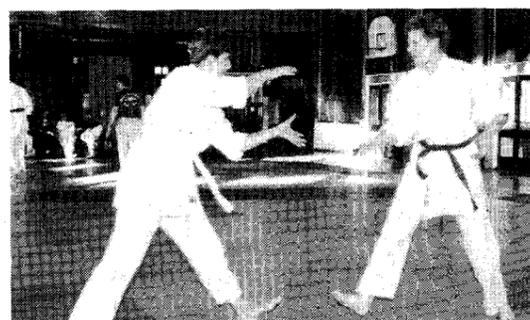
for the big one since March.

Keyed up to face his greatest motoring challenge, Andy said: "Just to finish would be an achievement." Pre-

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Pc Jim Hollick celebrates winning Gold.



WPCs Pat Foster (right) and Julie Sargent in action. Both won medals.

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