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WHICH IS THE REAL CHIEF?

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“Excellent chance” of £500,000 HQ Sports Complex by 1992

NEW HQ SPORTS CENTRE

Daniel's on duty!

BRIGHT SPARK Daniel Saxby copped the title of top of the class after writing a school project on the Essex Police Force.

Fourteen-year-old Daniel, from Town End Field, Witham, impressed his teachers with a comprehensive study, which included interviews with many serving officers, including ACC(P) Terry Rands.

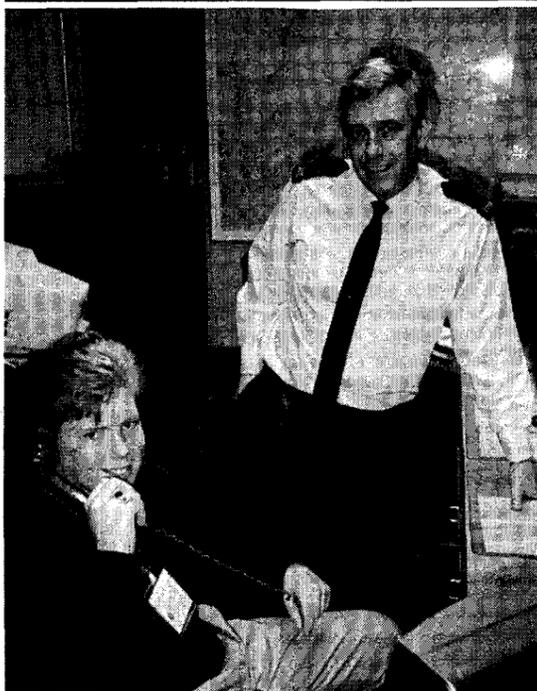
On hearing of his success, Mr Rands invited Daniel and his family up to headquarters as a well-earned reward for all his hard work.

Daniel was presented with a 150th Anniversary Shield and other Force mementos before being whisked off to the Driving School for a spin on the skid-pan.

He was also taken out in a patrol car to see what life is like for a traffic cop, before being presented with a certificate for his efforts by Driving School Inspector Chris Snow.

His visit also included a trip to the Force Information Room where he was shown how emergency calls are handled.

Top student visits HQ



In control... Daniel mans the phones.

WINS SUPPORT

BUILDING WORK on a brand new £500,000 sports pavilion at headquarters could begin as early as next year.

Although still at the drawing board stage, Essex Police Sports Association Secretary, PC Chris Jacob, said the project had won approval from the Chief Constable, and the Association is confident it will get the green light from planners.

“There’s an excellent chance of it coming about as long as everybody works together towards it,” he said. “It has got the support of most people.”

It is hoped the new two storey sports and social club can be sited on land between the Driving and Training Schools, and include facilities such as squash courts, five-a-side football pitch and a jacuzzi.

Ideas for funding the pro-

by Paul Dunt

ject are still in their infancy, but one proposal is that costs could be met by raising members’ subscriptions, possibly by around £1 a month. Funds may also be drummed up through Sports Association grants.

According to PC Jacob, there is an urgent need for a top-rate sports complex in the force as more and more facilities are taken over for office and storage space.

“Chelmsford have just lost their sports room to become a locker room,” he said. “Most forces have got a sports building — Kent opened theirs last October,

but we have been left behind.”

“This facility, if granted, would for the first time give the Force Sports Association a home base from which it would be able to promote sports and social activities for the benefit of all members of Essex Police.”

The Association will be taking plans for the building to Force Planning Officer, Chief Inspector Paul Stanley, in the next few days.

But the scheme will also have to go before the Police Committee and the Home Office as well as meeting the approval of the county council, which owns the land.

Though the majority of members will not live very near the facility, PC Jacob is confident the plans will be welcomed countywide.

“We have 100 officers

staying at the training school each week, and if you look at divisions like Harlow, for example, 50% of staff live in the Chelmsford area,” he explained.

It is proposed the facility will act as a central venue for Force sports matches, making savings on hiring outside venues.

The ground floor, probably about 160ft by 120ft in size, will house a large sports hall, for badminton, basketball, netball, volleyball, five-a-side football, hockey and indoor bowls. It will also include changing rooms, medical room, sauna, jacuzzi and four squash courts.

On the first floor will be a large function room and bar with a balcony overlooking the sports field, a committee room and club secretary’s office.

EAGER LEE COPS AWARD

PINT-SIZED Westcliff Traffic Warden, Lee Eager, is walking tall after being awarded the Essex Police Betts Trophy for the warden giving most assistance to the police in 1990.

Lee, 23, was also awarded the Chief Constable’s commendation in March for her initiative and help leading to the arrest of three people who were later charged with conspiracy to obtain property by deception.

But now there’s a chance her sharp-eyed talents, which tipped off CID, may be used to even greater effect in the Force since she is hoping to swap the yellow and black warden’s uniform for the white and blue of a WPC.

At five foot nothing, Lee, an Acting Senior Warden,

never thought she would stand a chance of becoming an officer but since the height restriction was abolished it has opened up a whole new world of opportunities.

“I’m starting my pre-entrance exams and getting fit and after that I will be applying,” she said. “I don’t know whether I’ll get in, but if I don’t apply I will always regret it.”

If she does make the grade, local villains had better watch out because she has a course in self-defence under her belt, which she is currently backing up with first

aid instruction.

“At self-defence classes we were told that the shorter you are the better you can get people off balance and pull them over. I don’t see what height has to do with it at all — it doesn’t mean you can do the job any better.”

In between backing up local CID officers she also finds time to play the piano, squash and aerobics as well as helping out with a Scouts’ charity and the International Fund for Animal Welfare.

But whatever happens she says she is more than happy being a traffic warden. “I love it,” she said. “Something different happens every day. I don’t get much abuse from people. I think the people who are horrible to us are horrible to everybody. The people round here are really friendly.”



Just the ticket... Tiny traffic warden Lee Eager at work on her Westcliff beat.

Federation Notes



by
Brian Pallant

FED THINKS AGAIN ON SHIFT SYSTEM WORKING GROUP

IT WAS reported in the last edition of the Law, that the National Joint Central Committee had decided not to join the working group of the Police Negotiating Board set up to look at shift systems, hours of work and general conditions of service.

I am pleased to announce that at their last statutory meeting in March they had a rethink and have now decided that they will take part in such a working group without detriment to existing Police Regulations.

Your Joint Branch Board are pleased that this decision has been reached for we were of the opinion that if we stood back from the Working Group then there was a good chance that we would have changes imposed on us without first of all having the opportunity of putting forward the views of the membership.

Following on from the above can I draw members attention to the recent Force Order requesting any suggestions for different types of shift systems both within present Police Regulations and outside.

Your views will be most welcome by the Force Shift System Working Party which is due to meet again on May 7.

Budget reminders

Mortgage Relief

FROM 6 April, tax relief will be restricted to the basic rate of income tax on interest on the first £30,000 of a qualifying mortgage. Where there is a qualifying bridging loan, the first loan continues to qualify for higher rate income tax relief. This depends on the bridging loan being taken out or having been offered in writing in respect of a binding contract to purchases made before 6 April 1991.

The purchase of a small caravan can now qualify for mortgage interest relief from 6 April 1991 even if it is not a rateable hereditament. These proposals do not affect interest relief in any other respect including let property.

Mobile Telephones

From 6 April 1991, the provision of a mobile or car telephone by the employer to a director or employee earning at the rate of £8,500 a year or more will be taxed as a benefit of £200. There will be no charge if there is no private use of the telephone or if the employee is required to (and actually does) make good the whole cost of any private use including the appropriate proportion of subscriber charges and other standing costs.

Friendly Societies

From the Royal Assent, the premium limit on all tax-exempt policies issued by friendly societies will be raised from £150 to £200 a year and restrictions on policies for children will be lifted.

Retirement Relief

The qualifying age for capital gains tax retirement relief on the disposal of businesses is reduced from 60 to 55. The exemption limits have been increased and the first £150,000 and half of the next £450,000 of gains will be exempt for disposals from 18 March 1991.

Inheritance Tax

The inheritance tax threshold is increased from £128,000 to £140,000 for transfers after 5 April 1991.

THE BUDGET PROPOSALS ARE OF COURSE SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT BEFORE THE FINANCE ACT IS PASSED.

S. V. FOSTER,
GEORGE BURROWS GROUP INSURANCE

FEDERATION NOTES . . . FEDERATION NOTES . . . FEDERATION NOTES

FIREARMS SURVEY RIGHT ON TARGET

TERRIFIC! The response from yourselves to our firearms survey can only be described as terrific.

So far more than 2,000 officers have replied to the Survey Sheet sent out by your Joint Branch Board.

The decision to approach the Force was taken by the Board after

seeing the 'Police Review' readership survey, headed "Arming the Police Service", and we, realising that with our full integration into Europe in 1992, and the anticipation that the subject would be debated at the Police Federation Conference in May this year.

We needed to know

your views.

We believe we are the only Force to carry out a survey on this matter and for those officers that have yet to respond, I ask that they do so as soon as possible.

To those who have replied I say thank you. The full result on the survey will be published at a later date.

THANKS WILMA!



FORMER Headquarters Canteen Manageress Wilma Grieg is bade a fond farewell from JBB Chairman Bob Needham.

Wilma was presented with a token of thanks for her assistance to the Force and members of the Federated ranks at HQ canteen, crowd control training and other emergency events throughout her time with the Force.

The JBB wish Wilma, all the very best for the future.

ALLOWANCES

MEMBERS are reminded that these allowances are not normally reviewed until JULY/AUGUST time, although back dated to 1st April, 1991.

They should keep a record of all claims made on their Gold Forms for the months of April onwards if they wish to claim the back arrears due.

It has not been possible at this stage to update the County Council computer to have this done automatically.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

The first surgery took place in the Federation Offices last month and was very successful. It has been decided to hold another on

Any member wishing for an appointment should

contact the Federation Office on extension 2797.

A full update on the affect of the budget from Sid Foster is also included in this edition as a separate article.

MEMORABILIA

Doug Rampling still has a few items from the 150th Anniversary for sale along with his usual 'goodies'.

The new "Rupert" tie is under production and will be available for sale in May. They are expected to go fast so get your order in to Doug on extension 2215. "I regret that due to a small number of bad debts which despite written reminders have still not been settled, it has been decided that no further

credit can be extended for the purchase of items from Federation Office.

In future, cash or cheque with order please. Items requested will be dispatched by return of post.

CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO ESSEX POLICE FEDERATION FUND NO. 2 ACCOUNT."

MORTGAGES

The Woolwich Building Society is offering 1 per cent reduction on all mortgages for the first year.

Below is an article from John Fredericks, the Corporate Services Manager (Eastern).

WORKING HOLIDAY

I have had quite a few enquiries regarding the

level of compensation payable to members who work into a Public Holiday which has been allocated as a day off.

The same principal applies as per Rest Day Regulations i.e. an officer once required to work overtime on a Public Holiday is entitled to be paid for a minimum of 4 hours at double time.

If the cancellation of the Public Holiday is with less than 8 days notice then an additional day off will be reallocated.

This day still remains as a

Public Holiday wherever it is reallocated to.

EXPENSES

The above allowance for those attending Residential Training Courses has been reviewed by the Police Negotiating Board.

As a consequence the Secretary of State has agreed to increase the rate of this allowance as set out in Police Negotiating Board Circular 90/2 to £2.81 per night with effect from the 1st January 1991.

The maximum allowance is £11.24 per week except where an officer has to attend for a week's course of training on the preceding Sunday night and will thus be in attendance for five nights.

DIARY NOTES

REVISED VEHICLE ALLOWANCES

| Type of use | Vehicle categories | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 451 to 999cc | 1000-1199cc | 1200-1450cc | 1451-1750cc |
| Essential users | | | | |
| Lump sum per annum | £579 | £696 | £795 | £897 |
| First 11,000 miles per annum, per mile | 22.2p | 25.1p | 28.4p | 31.4p |
| After 11,000 miles per annum, per mile | 10.0p | 10.4p | 11.6p | 12.4p |
| Casual users | | | | |
| Miles per annum, per mile | | | | |
| 1-1,500 | 42.1p | 49.0p | 55.7p | 62.2p |
| 1,501-5,500 | 29.3p | 33.6p | 38.1p | 42.3p |
| 5,501-11,000 | 22.3p | 25.1p | 28.4p | 31.4p |
| Thereafter | 10.0p | 10.4p | 11.6p | 12.4p |

FOLLOWING an agreement at Committee D of the Police Negotiating Board, the Secretary of State has approved an increase in the Motor Vehicle Allowance Tables with effect from the 1st January, 1991.

The above rates supercede those contained in PNB Circular 90/11. The tables of allowances for essential and casual users are Tables A and C respectively for the purposes of Schedule 5 to the Police (Scotland) Regulations 1976, as amended.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Police Federation Travel & Leisure Club

DUE to difficulties in the travel industry caused by the Gulf crisis, the Blue Sea Travel Agency which was the booking agency for the Police Federation Travel & Leisure Club, has gone into liquidation with effect from Monday, 4 March 1991.

Any members with holidays already booked are covered by the ABTA (Association of British Travel Agents) bonding, which the Blue Sea Travel Agency has, and any members experiencing any difficulties with holidays already booked should contact the ABTA Claims Department on 071-637 2444.

The Travel & Leisure Club still continues, and has moved its operations to Page & Moy Travel Group of Leicester, a very large established firm, which is also ABTA bonded.

Its telephone number is 0533-655555.

As soon as we have any further details you will be informed accordingly. In the meantime, should any members experience any difficulty despite contacting the above companies, they should please contact the Police Federation office at 15-17 Langley Road, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 6LP.

The telephone number is 081-399 2224.

Millard Trophy goes to Kelvedon Sergeant

Caring Julian gives handicapped kids a treat



RECORD-busters: Chelmsford specials celebrate their cycling success. Picture courtesy of the Essex Chronicle.

KELVEDON Sergeant Julian Dawson has won a force trophy — for organising an annual day out with his mates to fun park Pleasurewood Hills.

by Jenny Bullus

But there's a little more to it than that. His friends are three coachloads of handicapped kids, for whom the trip is one of the highlights of the year.

And he has to find around £1,000 through fund-raising and sponsorship to pay for the outing to the American-style theme park near Lowestoft.

In June, Julian will join the children, mainly from local special schools, and their carers, on the sixth trip to Pleasurewood Hills.

They will be assured of a bumper send off from Witham police station with police dogs and horses, traffic cars, the Mayors of Witham and Maldon, and lots of freebies like balloons and badges that Julian and his colleagues have collected.

Modest

Julian, who is modest about winning the Millard Trophy for his tireless efforts, said: "I get a tremendous thrill out of it."

"I suppose I was like most people, and I used to fight shy of the handicapped. When you get involved you realise they have terrific personalities."

Julian's involvement with the handicapped started ten years

ago when he was stationed at Maldon.

He used to organise a police dinner and dance, and ploughed the profits into a Christmas Party for around 30 handicapped youngsters in the town.

From there the idea, and his involvement, took off. Working in his own time, off duty, he has now roped in a committed committee, including section Pcs Gordon Harvey, Keith Dryland and Steve Godfrey plus Specials Derek Hopkins and Paul Shewbridge.

Last year the physically and mentally handicapped children's outing received recognition from the BBC Children in Need Appeal with a grant of £800 easing the fund-raising pressure.

Alderman

Julian will receive the Millard Trophy, an annual Essex Police award for the greatest contribution to social services in the community or furtherance of police/public relations.

Donated by Alderman S. Woodfull-Millard, chairman of the Essex and Southend-on-

Sea joint police authority, in 1968, the trophy has been awarded annually ever since. The first winner was Pc John Graham of Jaywick, for his work in setting up and helping to run a youth club.

Mr Gordon Currie, head of Southview School, near Braintree, said of the Pleasurewood Hills outing: "It's a great day out. For our children to go out is very expensive because we have to take so many adults with them — so getting a sponsor helps us out a lot."

Robbery

● The other annual force trophy winners have also been announced. The Wilson Trophy for the most meritorious act by a police officer goes to Pc David Bishop, whose brave exploits featured in The Law last month.

He was off-duty when he witnessed a robbery in a Billericay supermarket, and struggled to arrest the robber, despite being threatened with a claw hammer and a shopping trolley.

The Sir Jonathan Peel Cup, for the Essex officer gaining the highest mark in the promotion to sergeant exam, goes to Pc S. Shoesmith of the Support Division, who came 35th in the country, out of more than 6,000 entrants.

Stamping Specials are record-breakers

WE'RE on top of the world!

Special constables at Chelmsford are celebrating their world-beating cycle coding session which will earn them a place in the Guinness Book of Records.

They stamped their way into Crime Prevention Week with a record-busting four hour stint — in which they postcoded a staggering 500 bicycles.

Their efforts smashed the previous record, held by Northumbria police, of 267 bikes.

The Chelmsford Division Specials were taking part in a national cycle coding day, on Sunday April 14, lining up against more than 20 other police forces. A

by Jenny Bullus

team from the Mets came in second place with 438 bikes coded.

The ten-strong Chelmsford team got off to a strong start, and helped by appeals on local radio, found themselves chasing the magic total of 500 as their statutory time period came to an end. In the closing minutes, unsuspecting cyclists were being grabbed off the street...

Supt. Tony Boreham said: "We were delighted to get crime prevention week off to such a good start."

With more than 4,000 cycles stolen in Essex last year, this event helped raise the profile of cycle post-coding, and other simple crime prevention measures the public can take.

The special team, headed by Divisional Officer Brian Moye, was Sophie Rea,

John Mimms, Dawn Savory (all Chelmsford); Jenny Nicholson, Geoffrey Claridge (both Maldon); special constables Potter and Hovell (Witham) and Brown (Braintree), and section officers Bill Chalk and Peter Hyam.

Meanwhile Basildon Police also took part in National Cycle Coding Day, as part of an ongoing programme of coding.

Against the odds of pouring rain and the FA Cup semi finals, they still post-coded 160 bikes in the four hours from 10am to 2pm.

=offbeat=

SHARP-EYED and crime-conscious Essex folk often call the cops to report things strange or suspicious.

And as the force winds down from Crime Prevention Week, we continue to preach the partnership approach. But sometimes things ain't what they seem...

Beaky

Police raced to Hadleigh Common after a caller reported two cars driving at high speed, screeching to a halt, and the occupants running off towards the woodland leaving their hazard lights on.

Could there be a simple explanation? Apparently they were chasing a lost parrot. Try explaining that to a beak.

Dozy

A worried lady in the

Brentwood area reported seeing a pair of legs sticking out from under a hedge. But the murder inquiry was quickly scaled down after a bleary-eyed workman admitted having a doze as he waited for colleagues to arrive.

Spotting a woman lying down on the reclined front seat of her Ford Fiesta, prompted an anxious caller from Grays to ring police. A Panda driver discovered a courting couple who couldn't afford an hotel!

Dummy

But spare a thought for the poor woman who raised the

alarm after spotting a man dressed in yellow and black hanging over a balcony as she drove out of a car park in Southernhay, Basildon.

She felt a right dummy when she learned the building was part of the fire station. She had seen a dummy dressed in fireman's uniform being used for a training exercise.

A possible bogus police vehicle parked suspiciously outside Carver Barracks at Saffron Walden really worried a gentleman driving past.

The car was ours alright. Well, how was he to know the

police vehicle had broken down, and was being patched up by a force mechanic?

Collared

Now to the tail of an unfortunate Romeo who found he was barking up the wrong tree.

On the way back from his girlfriend's home in Hockley, he was collared by two unfriendly neighbourhood dogs — and only escaped by the seat of his trousers to shelter up a nearby tree.

A baffled householder called police to report a man up a tree. Could he have been going to a branch meeting?

Playing Chicken

And finally, strange things have been happening down on the farm. Tesco's staff, it appears, have



EXCITED handicapped youngsters get a super send-off from Witham on one of their earlier outings.

been taking to heart the example set by Dudley Moore in his search for the finest free-range chickens.

But they fell fowl of the law when they started larking about with a bow and arrow and an air pistol during their meal break in the middle of the night shift.

A lady living nearby got into a flap and the staff found they were in the soup when armed police turned up. They were let off with a stern warning, and egg on their faces...

CHORUS LINES

THE Choir entered the 1991 Leigh Music Festival which was our first exposure to critical assessment. The adjudicator's verdict of: "A good, creditable performance, with much promise", was encouragement for the future.

In Holy Week, we performed J. H. Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary" at Tiptree and Marks Tey. Our conductor, Norman Eastbrook, said the Tiptree performance was the best he

had heard us. As a reward for our efforts at Marks Tey we went for an Indian meal at Kelvedon.

The Choir had a concert at East Mersea on 19 April, and has one booked at Colchester for 14 May.

The Colchester concert is to raise funds for the Victim Support Scheme, and tickets at £1.50 are available from Inspector Bob Finch at Colchester Police Station.



Focus team did their homework

I MUST respond to the public criticism levelled at staff of the Television Unit by Inspector Burrell in his 'Snow Joke' letter published in the April edition of the Law.

1. The "relatively low demand" quotation that the heavy snow caused in the services of Essex Police was the opinion expressed by a Supervisor of Inspector Burrell's own department (Information Room) who was approached for a professional

and county-wide view, in order that the focus article reflected the accurate advice of the practitioners involved in policing the conditions. 2. The reason the Television Unit filmed road conditions locally was specifically to avoid an unnecessary journey

by car. 3. Although Inspector Burrell might believe otherwise, Television Unit Staff spend a good deal of their time engaged on filming which is directly related to operational work.

Incidentally it is a fact that two of the individuals involved in filming the article concerned troubled to walk to and from work at Headquarters on the day in question to avoid their normal journey by car.

My staff did consult Information Room in researching the article and I would like to believe that had Inspector Burrell discussed his concern directly his letter might have been unnecessary.

G.J. DOSSETT
Superintendent
Force Training School.

A dog called Superintendent

YOUR column of "Doggy Tales" reminded me I once had a dog called Superintendent. You may think this is a strange name for a dog; the reasons were as follows:-

1. His bark was worse than his bite.
 2. He sat around most of the day scratching his rear end.
 3. He thought he could play golf.
- Dave Hurrell,
Carlton Avenue,
Westcliff.

May all your Muster parades be dry

To members of the Special Constabulary:

AT the Specials training day in February I received a pleasant surprise when Mr Rodgers presented me with a workmate bench and cheque as a retirement present from The Special Constabulary, to say I was delighted would be an understatement.

During my 12 years at FTS I have had the happy duty of organising the Specials training and for a number of years was your "admin man!" Over those years I have come to know many of you well and feel privileged to count you among my friends. It is true to say, during our time together we have fought many a skirmish with people who either, have narrow mind-

ed views or, do not fully appreciate the commitment and dedication the Specials give to the people of Essex via the Essex Police. Please accept sincere thanks for my gift and for all the good times. Finally may all your Muster Parades be dry. PETER KNIGHT
Petersfield,
Chelmsford.

Premier division

I SHOULD like to finally lay to rest the ongoing saga in your 'Law Letters' regarding the record held for the longest serving officer in the Grays Division.

My brand new Dr. Martens first trod the pavements of Calcutta Road, Tilbury on the 4. 2. 1961 having come straight from Eynsham Hall. (Remember Eynsham Hall?)

Panda

I served at Tilbury until 1968 when I became the N.B.O. for Chadwell St. Mary at the start of the Panda System.

In 1973 I was appointed the Divisional Coroners Officer, a post I have held ever since.

I make that 30 years, 3 months, and still serving.

Some of the old sweats may well remember Ch. Insp. Fred Northover who was in charge of Tilbury in those early sixties and of course his band of merry sergeants such as P.s.1. Bill Booty, Fred Dyson, Bill Byford.

I have enjoyed every moment of serving in the Premier Division and unless the boss has any other ideas will see the rest of my police service out there.

Pc 664 Bob Goddard
Grays Coroner Officer.

Appreciation

MAC HARRIS'S kind words dun this owd feller a power o' good like. I never knew he cared. We needed his expertise when serving life at the House of Correction: Principal F. Euripides Havers, fabled aficionado of instant justice and splintered syntax. Notably when...

The night a strapping pug knocked him into the fireplace after a little local difference over the Ways and Means Act.

Rising smartly, a live coal clinging to his rump, Fran won by a technical knockout... when the Yanks cut the telephone wires at the Hell's Kitchen Club and a Mexican's knife flashed in the moonlight...

When Fran tossed a sealed envelope at me. "Sealed orders, son," he grunted. "Hand it to the skipper o' the Saucy Sal in midstream. Take y'... bike. There's a boat waitin' for you."

He turned his back, his shoulders shaking. Blissfully awheel, coarse laughter echoed from the nick.

Alas, the skipper produced a warrant for the arrest of six hulking drunks for delaying

their ship. No kidding...

The night Sid Taylor, Fran's clerk, reported: "Fight at the Ship, sir. Joe Edmeades says send a copper in a big 'at.'" Fran nodded judicially.

"Phone young... Jones, 'e's got a big 'ead. 'E'll give 'em one of 'is cheap sermons and a spot o' Shakespeare and talk 'em to def', the asterisk..."

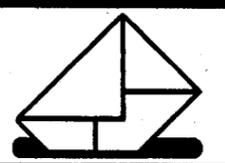
The time a tattered hobo died on us at midnight on the Landing Stage and we discovered nearly £1,000 in a greasy wallet...

Office duty at 6am was no sinecure. One had to answer door and telephone and moderate the massed choirs in the cells.

And to make all things bright and beautiful with a pair of jumbo-sized tetterdemon scanties of antique cut and doubtful pedigree, guv. I dun my best. But on day at 10am Fran barked: "Who's on fatigues, Taylor? Jones?" "Yessir," said Sid. "Why?" "I knew it!" Fran roared with rising choler.

"Eddicated 'e may be. Domesticated 'e ain't." Kindly fill in the gaps, tosh.

Ralph Jones,
Royal Norfolk.



Law Letters

Sporting memories of Grays in the '30s

I WAS interested in the letter from Ex Det. Ch. Insp. Harris in The Law April issue.

It revived happy memories of my service with the persons named, and particularly in respect of the sporting activities many of whom played for the Grays Division football (and cricket) team exemplified by the enclosed photograph of the Grays football team taken in 1938.

Some identified: PC Dawes, Pc Spurgeon, Pc Waller, Pc Liddiat, Pc Harris, Pc Steady and Pc Robinson.

The mention of PC Dawes conjured up the legend that he once took two arrested persons into Grays Police Station — one under each arm — he was physically able and I've always believed it! Among others mentioned I recall Pc Waller as a colleague in the County Cricket team.

That team also included P.S Marshall and Pc Briggs and together with Pc Waller made a formidable bowling trio. If P.S Marshall and Pc Waller failed to impress with speed Pc Briggs with less pace more often than not accomplished the desired result.



GRAYS Division football team in 1938.

I was privileged and honoured as a young constable (probably the youngest ever) to be selected to play in the County XI which proved to be a very good side.

I attach a photograph of the Police County Cricket team taken in 1938 at Southend-on-Sea which readers may find of some interest.

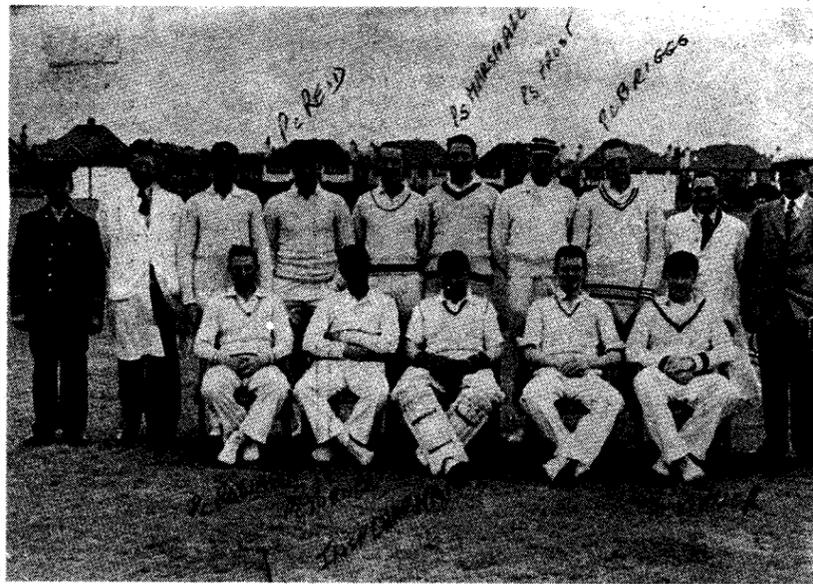
Besides service in Grays and Tilbury Divisions I also saw service at

Romford (Collier Row) — now a Metropolitan Police area — as a PC CID resigning in 1944 regretably on health grounds.

Although my Police career was cut short I've always valued those few years of service in the Force.

To those of you still out there I savour the memories.

Ex Pc 714 A.J. Robinson,
Mill Hill,
London, NW7.



POLICE county cricket team in 1938 at Southend.

Early turn at Tilbury

IN LAW Letters in the last edition, I read with great interest the letter from Mac Harris — Ex-Chief Det Insp referring to the 'Three Musketeers at Tilbury'. I have some additional names involved in Tilbury Station with Harry Lamb and Insp Havers.

These were at the time of the air raids on London in 1940. At that time men on early turn (6am — 2pm) were detailed to clean the station each morning.

Names which come to mind, in addition to those already mentioned, Pc Ron Rose, Pc Vic Andrews, Pc

Bruce Howard and Pc Bill Petherick (later Asst. Chief Constable).

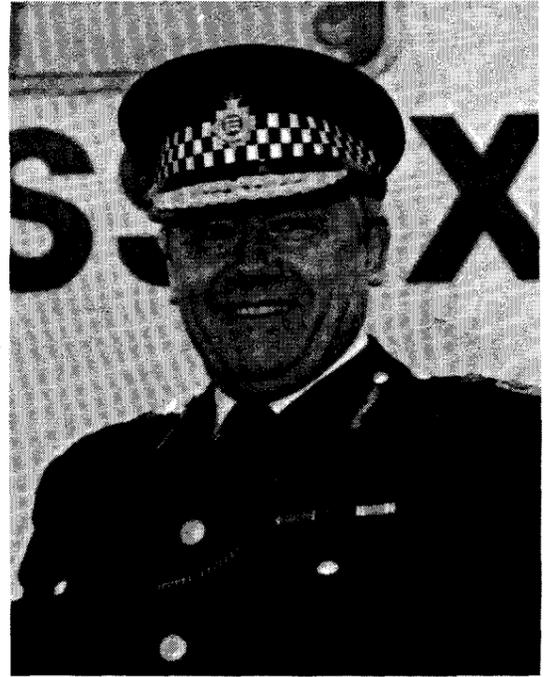
We have many happy memories.

STAN WEST,
Ex Ps 127,
Hall Road,
Great Bromley.



THE CHIEF

With Anglia TV's 'The Chief' on our screens for a new series, film crews have been back at HQ, bringing familiar sights, such as the 'Big House' to nine million viewers. Mike Davies grabbed his clapper-board and joined the 'Eastland' Force on location...



Top Capers

AS Crime Prevention Depts cool down after a blaze of publicity it seems not all is doom and gloom on the crime front.

If only more thieves took a note out of the book of car snatchers in Bath, Avon. After stealing a retired driving instructor's car, the apologetic thieves returned it the next day with a note saying "Sorry".

Motorists in New York, however, are going ape over a fruit fiend who fancies himself as a Beverly Hills Cop. The slippery scoundrel has caused dozens of cars to conk out after stuffing bananas up exhaust pipes.

Police in Los Angeles it seems are also finding car-crime a tough egg to crack. They chased a Rolls-Royce at 70mph for three miles in a bid to stop it. But what really annoyed them was that the car thief refused to answer the car phone.

Also reluctant to leave the comfort of the car was a rare Essex dormouse. Van driver Jason Franklin from Halstead covered 30,000 miles with the tiny stow-away nestling in his spare tyre! He finally lured it out after six months.

Not so shy though was baby Jenny Cooper who was born in a police station after her parent's car clapped out on the

way to hospital. The tiny tot was delivered by a rookie Rawmarsh WPC only two weeks out of training school.

WPC Jennifer Clayton delivered the 7lb baby only minutes after the concerned couple arrived at the police station for help. New mum, Michelle, of Rotherham, was so grateful she named her new daughter after the cop.

Also in its infancy is an innovative idea from West Midlands Police aimed at raising money to keep more cops on the beat. Force bosses have given the go-ahead to sell advertising space on police stations, which should bring in £1,000 a time.

But finally back to cars. Force Press Officers Jenny Bullus and Paul Dunt are busy dusting off their bikes in horror after the publication of the Home Office's Car Theft Index, suggesting Ford Capris ran a "high risk" of being stolen. Both addicted Capri owners we quickly locked the eight-year old Duchess and 14-year-old Duke behind closed doors. Please call us two hours before an incident breaks so pedal power gets us there in time.

THIS MONTH saw the start of a second series of 'THE CHIEF'. For those who haven't seen the series, it is about a fictional Chief Constable, John Stafford, played by Tim Pigott-Smith, who runs the 'Eastland Police Force' made up of Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridge.

'The Chief' is not and was never intended to be a wham-bam cops and robbers type series — there have been too many of them flashed across our TV screens already.

In 'The Chief' the creators have brought to the small screen just what a Chief Constable is and the awesome powers he holds. They have also made the series topical and controversial.

Liberal

The first series saw the new Chief Constable with very solid liberal views at loggerheads with his Police Committee, the Home Office and died in the wool officers within the Force.

Each episode also brought with it issues such as discrimination, prison riots, bomb scares, sieges and the lack of public confidence in the police. Totally fictional examples of course, but I will leave you to ponder the closeness to reality.

Certainly, the people producing the series have gone to great lengths to ensure that in each story a phrase spoken, a position adopted, or a building, office or equipment used is as accurate as possible.

Drama

OK, I know not many, if any, of you will have seen a Chief Constable out on the streets at a bomb scare or offering fish and chips to inmates during a prison strike — I know I haven't and why should you for that matter?

The Chief Constable's day is mainly made up sitting behind his desk dealing with paperwork, going to meetings, attending conferences and generally overseeing the efficiency and effectiveness of his Force — not the sort of material which would make compulsive viewing.

So the drama people have

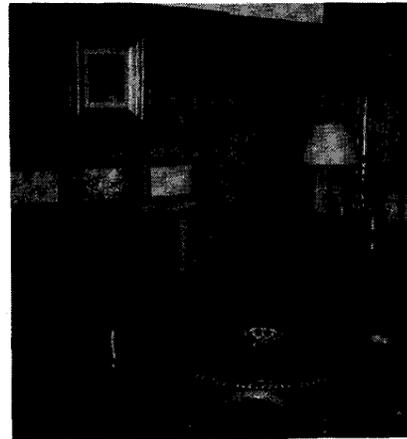
got to be given some latitude.

Essex Police became involved in the series back in 1989 when the Chief Constable was approached by the producer, Ruth Boswell, with a request to be

police headquarters for the 'Eastland Force' — so if you thought you recognised it, now you know.

Studio

With many of the scenes filmed in a mock-up of the



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE: Inside the big house and the film set. Can you tell which is which?

allowed to film sequences outside the front of police headquarters.

The production team were so impressed with the architecture of the building they wanted to depict it as the

building back at the studio, the set designers were acutely aware that doors and windows visible both from the inside and out had to be identical in shape and size. So the crew spent many days

place inside the 'real' Big House and headquarters.

But you would be wrong. In fact, the only time filming has actually taken place inside headquarters was for a sequence in the last series,

at the 'Big House', measuring and photographing every last little detail.

Such is the accuracy of their work that after watching the series you could be forgiven for thinking that much of the filming took

when early one Sunday morning the Information Room was invaded by a film crew complete with lights, cameras and all the equipment needed for a shoot.

Actress

An actress sat at one of the terminals while another member of the cast stood out front by the police channels.

The remaining 'actors and actresses' in the scene were officers and civilians on duty at the time!

During and before filming, the production team have sought advice from officers of all ranks and from different departments within the Force to ensure the finished series is as accurate as possible. On average nine million people watched each episode last series, so they can't be doing too bad!

But to check out for myself how the set designers had reproduced the inside of the 'Big House' I went along to the studios in Norwich to snap a few pictures. Can you spot which one is the real McCoy?

● Picture of Tim Pigott-Smith, and logo reproduced courtesy of Anglia Films.

Variety Music Hall

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An evening of light entertainment and song

20th, 21st, 22nd June

In the Assembly Hall,
Police Headquarters

Ploughman's Buffet included

Tickets £3.50

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LETTERS EXTRA

Parking at HQ — Chapter 2

IS IT a matter of blissful ignorance, total insensitivity or that best of British attitudes "I'm alright Jack" mentality that is coming to the fore in the latest saga of the Headquarters car parking revolution?

Having spent vast amounts, no doubt, to facilitate access to certain "essential" user groups, to the main car park and Headquarters Courtyard, one has to question the technology that will not, upon occasion, afford access to police vehicles fitted with the appropriate tag, but will let in the bread delivery van and the milkman; is this really good security?

With regard to the problem over who shall and who shall not have car parking facilities, this saga has taken another bizarre twist in recent times, with the introduction of copious amounts of NO WAITING cones in the immediate area of

Headquarters, this occurring at the time that the only officially sanctioned parking area for HQ staff, other than the Orchard car park, is the playing field (although surely this is a sad abuse and erosion of this limited facility).

This is being torn up, its turf destroyed and concrete being laid.

Given these circumstances, where exactly are those people who are not in the privileged class i.e. lower ranked police officers, who do not have the tag, expected to park?

It is a sad day when we shoot ourselves in the foot and fixed penalty tickets are seen as the solution, to bring

into line those whose only misdemeanour was to come to work and have the audacity to try to park their vehicle.

In these times there is a lot of topical talk on such subjects as equal opportunities, man management etc, even surveys on morale (and rightly so).

Perhaps those who sanction such thoughts and activities might do well to remember that little things do matter and it doesn't help to have this sort of hassle before the day even starts.

Is there hope for redemption? Probably not, but as policemen, we all, at some time, have to appeal to another's better nature.

N. Daws, Pc 1895.
Signed by 30 members of the Force Support Unit.

Insp Ken Luxford replies:

WORK is currently being carried out to provide 120 car parking spaces at the edge of the playing field behind the Training School, at a cost of £30,000.

These should be completed during May. While staff cars have been temporarily displaced from this area, no waiting cones have been placed in some of the residential streets surrounding HQ, to prevent parking at junctions and blocking in households.

Tags for existing parking spaces were distributed to departmental heads to allocate at their discretion. After security checks, the bread and milk vans were allocated tags because they deliver before reception is manned.

Seeing red on the M25



ON TRIAL: An Essex Police Granada complete with red tape.

MOTORISTS on the Essex stretch of the M25 are seeing red when the force's latest traffic car passes by.

Because Essex Police are taking part in a six-month trial which could produce a standard-look traffic car for every force in the country.

Thanks to scientifically-based research, Essex traffic men could be saying goodbye to their shiny yellow stripe, and going red instead.

The trial has come about as a result of an HMI's inspection of the M25, sections of which are policed by the Mets, Surrey, Kent and Herts as well as Essex.

Recognition

Although he was impressed by the Essex traffic car, the HMI recommended a standard livery for all forces should be considered.

This would make recognition easier for the public and would eliminate confusion, particularly, for example for women on their

own.

It was also felt other vehicles using similar markings, such as ambulances, medics cars and garage recovery services, added to the confusion — so the new police livery should be distinct from these.

Chequered

The recommended livery — being trialled by six forces — has a red stripe bounded by two strips of chequered tape, replacing the blue tape used on Essex cars. This is a higher grade of tape, which can be up to six times more reflective.

The cars have the word POLICE on the back quarter, and their force's crest on the front door.

In Essex, a Granada decked in the new livery went on patrol on the M25 last month. Other forces trialling the new look are South Wales, Thames

Valley, Tayside, the Central Motorway Police in the Midlands and Cambridgeshire, which intends to introduce the new livery on all its force vehicles.

Traffic boss Supt Bob Good was a member of the working party set up by the National Motorway Conference of the ACPO Traffic Committee.

Photos

He said, "One of the first things we did was get photos representing every force's traffic patrol vehicles. No two were alike.

"I was under the impression that most force's would be using the same yellow colour as us. I was surprised to find that most used red."

The reason for the trial period, said Supt Good, was to see how the new livery stood up to operational use, and get patrol officers and fleet managers' views on it.

He said the new reflective tape was more expensive, and had been slightly more difficult to apply — but this was to be expected with a higher, more reflective grade of tape.



TRAFFIC car in the current Essex Police livery.

Bloodwagon Boys recall

In safe hands

THE HANDS which now hold models of the ambulances they once crewed, are the same as those which administered first aid in pre-National Health Service Southend.

As reported last month Pc Steve Wynn of the Force support Unit commissioned 1,000 models of ambulances used by the Southend on Sea Constabulary in the 1930s and 40s to raise cash for the Essex Police Memorial Fund.

Aircraft

It was the first time that all six of the former police officers had got together since their retirement and tales of the 'good old days' flew thick and fast. These ranged from the night when George Rushforth was driving the ambulance and the white roof was spotted by a German aircraft which then machine gunned it, to

the advice given by 'Floaty' Turner to an expectant mum who had gone into full labour to "keep your knees together girl till we get you to the hospital".

Collar

The Chief Constable presented each of the six with a model ambulance which bore their original collar numbers. He also sought the advice of ex Sgts Jack Ladds, Sooty Fenton, and Larry Adlington on their former probationer constable Terry Rands who turned up in the guise of ACC'P'. Mr Rands said he could not miss the opportunity to meet the men who had such an influence on his

early years in the service.

After chatting with the Chief all six went to the range and were given a demonstration of current police firearms. When given the opportunity to shoot ex-Royal Marine Jack Ladds produced such a good result that Chief Inspector Bob Ward offered him a place on the Tactical Firearms Group.

The group left Headquarters at 4pm still regaling each other with stories of the tricks they played on one another and that, "You don't do things like that nowadays, do you?"

A few models of the ambulance are still available from Pc Steve Wynn, FSU, costing approximately £17.



REUNITED: Six former officers presented them with ambulances. From left to right: George Rushforth, Mr Burro

'Urry up wagons on patrol

THE BOROUGH bloodwagons which patrolled Southend in the 1930s had another name — they were also known as the 'urry up wagons.

Ex-Pc 129 Eric Tomlinson, now 88, well remembers the days when they had to rush out to clear up after a "rough and

tumble" on the seafront.

And he recalls that the old Sunbeam Talbots were very fast, so they were good in chases after stolen cars.

Ex-Pc Tomlinson joined the force in 1925, but was invalided out 20 years later, having been blown up by a land mine at Lei during the War. He lives Hilltop Close, Rayleigh.

Austin

He told "The Law" that in the early days, the Southend-on-Sea borough force used an Austin 16 ambulance. This was the forerunner of the Talbots. The force also used Norton motorbikes and Wolseley cars.

Our picture of the borough boys in the Royal Navy brought back some memories, as Mr Tomlinson is in the picture, third from the left next to Bill Murgatroyd.

He also remembers Pc Absalom, Pc Broad, Sgt Bonnett, Insp Thorogood and Mick Sweeney. Other names from the 1930 include Fletcher, Johnson and Marsh.

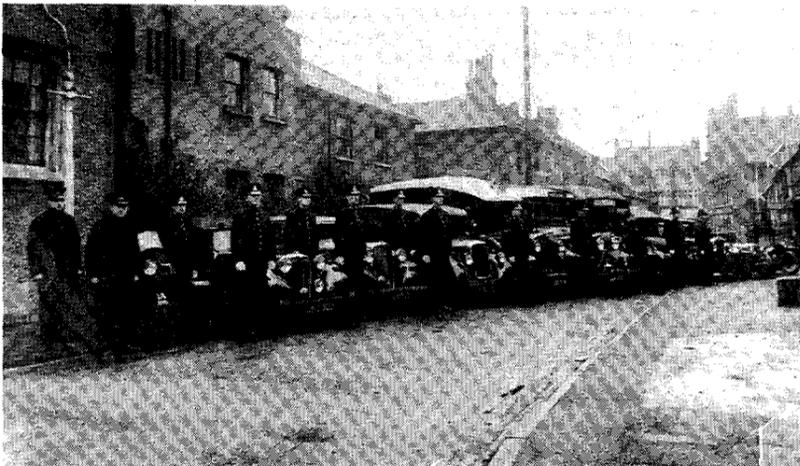
Thanks for the memories Boro' Lads

MAY 1, through your paper express my thanks for a very memorable day on March 28, with my pals ex-Southend Borough lads, on our visit to police HQ.

Thank you for the presentation of the original scale model of the borough ambulance, and special thanks to Pc Wynn and Chief Insp Ward, for their hospitality, in showing us around and refreshing us.

It was a most enjoyable day, and much appreciated by us all.

**J. P. Ladds, Ex-PS 41,
Rutland Avenue,
Southend.**

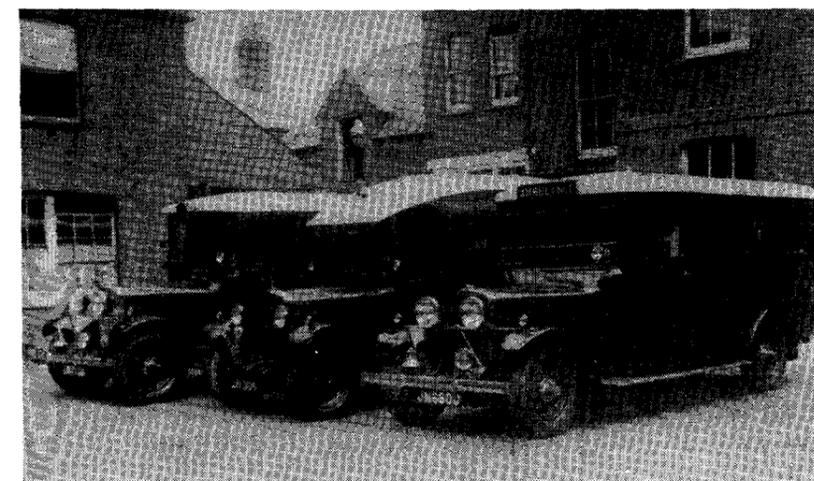


THE BORO' boys, circa 1936. Former officers have helped us come up with the following names, from left to right: mechanic's assistant name unknown, Ron Absalom (civilian mechanic), Pc Eric Tomlinson, Bill Murgatroyd, Donald Hudson, Pc Bernard Broad, Insp Bill Thorogood, Wally Shead, Sgt Frank Bonnett, Insp Kent Sim, Sgt Edwards. Can any reader help us with the identities of the last two officers on the right?

the good ol' days



rough ambulance drivers got together at HQ, where Chief Constable John Burrow model ambulances. From left to right (back) Jack Ladds, Popeye Phillips, George F 'Sooty' Fenton and Floaty Turner. Front left to right are Pc Steve Wynn, Larry ton and Chf Insp Bob Ward. Picture courtesy of the Essex Chronicle.



THE SOUTHEND Borough Constabulary fleet of the '30s. This picture was used to help design the replica model ambulances. On the left is the bloodwagon. Picture reproduced by kind permission of the Essex Record Office (D/BC 1/7/6/40).

Cop an Eiffel of this, lads



OH La La! Just a touch of face powder for rugby-playing Rayleigh Pc Ian MacLellan, from make-up artiste Nathalie Tabareau.

SACRE BLEU! Can the rumours be true that the beefy lads from the Force Rugby team were seen wearing make-up?

And they looked so scrupulous that a film crew came over from Paris to shoot a series of photos for international glossy mags?

The bizarre event began on April 2, and Rugby club chairman Mick Hall was convinced it was a belated April Fool's wind-up.

The Frenchmen's English was touchingly flowery. They wanted to demonstrate that Rugby was at the heart of the British nation — with a series of pictures, not of the top teams in the land, but showing teams of some of the great British institutions, like the police.

The team was happy to play ball, and the picture session was arranged for 2pm the following Friday. Simple...

Or was it? The five-strong film crew arrived at Force HQ at 11am and began unloading their equipment from an enormous Renault van.

For the next two hours, out came the spotlights, perched on every possible promontory, transforming the Chief Constable's lawn into an on location film set.

No-one at HQ seemed unduly alarmed, perhaps we've become accustomed to Anglia TV crews filming "The Chief".

That is, apart from the unfortunate staff in reception, suffering from fuses blowing left, right and centre as the

by Jenny Bullus

film crew's powerful electrical equipment overloaded the system.

Christophe Gautier, reporter from the agency GLMR associes, produced his portfolio, to demonstrate the exceptional quality colour photographs the agency produces. There was a breathtaking series on religious leaders, featuring the Pope, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and well-known figures from around the world.

The rugby series tied in with the forthcoming World Cup, due to be held in England in October.

The film crew were shooting ten different rugby sides, including one from Barclays Bank, the RAF and Oxford University.

The feature is due to appear in the Sunday Times colour magazine at the end of next

month, with orders also from Le Figaro in France, La Repubblica in Italy and a Japanese magazine.

With a little help from the Press Office, the crew were able to line up Witham Ladies Rugby team — a shock for Chris who had no idea that women played the sport.

The idea was to take one shot of the team in their everyday working clothes, uniform, of course, for the police...and a second shot in the same location with the team in its rugby kit.

Mick Hall had expected the team shot to be taken on the rugby field, and had instructed his side to bring CLEAN kit.

But photographer Robert Battistini, a Corsican now living and working in Paris, wanted the team to look like they had just finished a match.

Make-up girl Nathalie

Tabareau stepped in with her pots and potions, to smear the lads with her fake mud concoction.

The film crew decided the pictures should be taken at the front of headquarters. When the Chief Constable's Jaguar drew up into the centre of his work of art, Battistini had to be restrained as he ran to ask for it to be moved.

He was clearly a man used to getting his own way, the archetypal photographer. When he wanted a player to sit on the roof of the Force Support Unit van, or toss his police helmet skywards, Battistini's orders were obeyed.

But then having seen that portfolio, his ability to create a sumptuous picture could hardly be disputed.

This may have been the strangest request the rugby team will ever have, but, with 1992 coming up and all that, Mick Hall reflected, "C'est la vie."

Letters Extra — I'm in the picture

Weights and Measures: passing that exam meant promotion

I WAS interested to see the photograph of the Boro' boys on page three of the April edition of "The Law".

I think the photo must have been taken in 1935 or 1936, as I was transferred to the CID in 1936 and therefore wouldn't have been in the photograph in 1938.

You ask for identities — looking at the photograph, second from the left is Ron Absalom, civilian mechanic. First on the left is his assistant, whose name I cannot remember. Third left is Eric

Tomlinson, then Bill Murgatroyd and myself. You have named the others, although I don't think Mick Sweeney is in it.

Next to Frank Bonnett is Mr Kent Sim who became Deputy Chief Constable of the Borough force.

Weights

He was then an Inspector in charge of Aliens and Firearms, Hackney Carriages, Weights and

Measures and the Traffic Department.

Next to Mr Sim is Sergeant Edwards, he was in Weights and Measures, passing that exam in those days ensured almost immediate promotion to Sergeant.

I trust this may be of interest to what must now be very few who remember those days.

Donald Hudson, Primrose Walk, Stockton Park, Fleet, Hampshire.



FRENCH photographer Robert Battistini and his assistant compose their rugby photo. Spot the ball...

Putting the brakes on car crime

ESSEX POLICE have adopted a Cavalier attitude to car crime in a bid to show the public how to put the brakes on car thefts and thefts from cars.

Along with 51 other forces in the country, Essex's Crime Prevention Dept has just been given a brand new Vauxhall Cavalier car on a six-month loan to demon-

strate how to beat the car thieves.

The SRI 2 litre injection model is equipped with factory fitted standard ultrasonic alarms and deadlock central-locking as well as security etched windows and security-coded radio/cassette units.

The crime prevention car was handed over to Chief Inspector Bob Hayes at a special launch held at Bedfordshire Police HQ, which was attended by the

Home Secretary, Kenneth Baker, who addressed officers from all over the country on the growing problem of car crime.

Paul Tosch, chairman and managing director of Vauxhall Motors Ltd, which donated the cars, said according to recent data, cars in England and Wales were five times more likely to be stolen in the UK than Belgium or Germany.

"There is therefore a social dimension to this problem



High security crime prevention cars prepare to hit the road.

which is beyond the control of the motor industry. We will nevertheless make life as difficult as possible for car thieves," he said.

Vauxhall had spent £4 million developing sophisticated

deadlocks and factory-fit alarms and the company was the first winner of the vehicle security award by the British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association in 1988, going on to win it again in

1989, he said.

The Cavalier, bearing crime prevention logos, was used extensively throughout Crime Prevention Week and will be in constant use until the end of the loan period.

Humane awards

TWO quick-thinking Westcliff officers have been awarded certificates by the Royal Humane Society for reviving a young woman who had collapsed in the street.

WPC Karen Zanchi gave mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to the 25-year-old housewife, while PC Kevin McPoland applied external cardiac massage. They receive the Society's Resuscitation Certificate.

The incident happened in Westcliff in November. The woman had collapsed, apparently due to drinking alcohol while taking medication for asthma.

Before an ambulance arrived, she had stopped breathing, and the two officers revived her several times. She recovered after hospital treatment.

Royal Thanks

Royal opening of Stansted Airport:

LETTER TO THE CHIEF CONSTABLE FROM THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN:

I KNOW of the difficulties you went through in preparation for the Queen's visit.

It was however accomplished by the Force with exemplary efficiency.

The Queen wishes me to pass to you and all those concerned her thanks and congratulations.



CADET Gemma Syrett inspects the new helicopter while on attachment to the Press Office.

"State of the Art" Radio Contact New chopper lifts off for action

THE Force's new helicopter took to the skies last week and, according to the Air Support Unit, the purpose-built machine will now give even better back up to officers on the ground.

Following the Police Authority's decision to keep the crime-fighting chopper flying high, the original trial helicopter, an Aerospatial Squirrel, which is now working in Kuwait, has been replaced with one specially built for police work.

At a glance it would be difficult to tell the two apart, since

the new helicopter is also an Aerospatial Squirrel.

It has been zero-houred, meaning every part with a limited flying time, such as the engine and rotor blades, has been replaced.

But, according to Inspector Mike Walker, there are essential differences which make the new police chopper even better.

Unlike the old model, it has

sliding doors at the back, which makes video-filming from the air much easier and the 700 watt PA system, complete with a two-tone horn has been recessed into the main bodywork.

The new helicopter also has new wider stripes, but the most important difference by far is the radio system.

"It's state of the art," says pilot Cptn Mark Ashford. "We now have a specially designated channel, Channel 88. It should prove a big improvement in ground to air communication."

ROOKIE COP'S TESTY ARREST

More adventures of blues on the beat from former policeman, Chas Elliot...

I WAS working as an aide to CID in a Metropolitan Police, sub-divisional station in the West End of London.

It was twelve o'clock on a September night and, together with a colleague, I had just completed a fruitless period of observation outside a Salvation Army hostel.

We had been hoping to encounter a man who was suspected of involvement in an armed robbery in Hyde Park.

We knew that he habitually spent his nights in this particular hostel but, perhaps because the robbery had been successful and he had sufficient money to spend his night in more salubrious surroundings, he had not turned up.

Heavy

At twelve o'clock the heavy doors closed, indicating that there would be

no further admissions on that night. My colleague John and I then started back towards the 'Nick' to see what else might require our attention before our period of duty finished at 2am.

It was then that we saw Wiggins. Wiggins was new. He had just emerged from training school and been let out on night duty for the first time.

As Wiggins appeared to be heading in our direction we decided to delay our departure. It was the practice to send young constables out by themselves at night, primarily because it enabled them to find their way around and then get back to the station.

It was considered better for them to get lost at night because, if they had to ask the way, it would be likely that they would ask another policeman, not a member of the general public.

Nothing tends to reduce the confidence of the public in their police force more than the realisation that a number of them are wandering around trying to find the 'Nick'.

We felt that, if Wiggins was lost or in need of a friendly word, we could reassure him.

Wiggins gradually approached, walking with purposeful and measured tread.

His demeanour suggested that he was aware of the true weight of constabulary authority that rested upon his shoulders. He even tried the odd door handle with a show of familiarity. At that point, Wiggins apparently saw us because his pace quickened slightly.

Dirty

I should explain, at this point, that on observations such as this I wore a black, rather dirty, beret, wind-cheater jacket, roll neck sweater, old trousers and rubber boots with the tops turned down.

My mate, John, wore a cloth cap and raincoat

which looked like Oxfam rejects. It was, perhaps for this reason, that Wiggins appeared not to know who we were.

"Hello, hello, hello," he said, "What are you chaps waiting for?"

It was wicked of me, I know, but I couldn't help feeling that this was an excellent opportunity to introduce Wiggins to the old police maxim, which says, 'Words cannot hurt me, but make an attempt or offer and you're in bother.'

For this reason, I suggested that, as there were only two of us, two 'hellos' would have been sufficient.

I then went on to say that I was waiting for Christmas and that he should mind his own business. I then asked if uniformed policemen's heads actually did go up to the tops of their helmets.

Dignity

All this was too much for Wiggins. His face was suffused with anger at the thought that a couple of scruffs, like John and myself, should appear to be unaware of the dignity of

the force that he represented.

These days, Wiggins would have been able to get in touch with the station by radio and obtain advice on what action he should take.

In those days, however, the only means of communication was from a number of police telephone boxes, and Wiggins didn't know where they were.

Rather ill advisably, he decided that he would arrest us and take us back to the station; if he could find it. In the event, as we were going there anyway, we weren't at all worried by the prospect.

It was just after we started back that John and I began discussing things like, the civil damages for wrongful arrest. "Do you know John," I said, "I heard of a case the other day where the copper had to pay the damages himself because he didn't have reasonable suspicion."

Wiggins began looking worried. "Not only that,"

said John, "But I thought some chap called Lord Symonds made some rules in 1922, which said that people had to be cautioned and told what offence they were being arrested for."

All the time, Wiggins had undoubtedly been going through his memory for some reference in Moriarty, Hopker's Summons Headings, The Metropolitan Book of Police Reports, in fact, anything which might justify the action that he had taken. He had drawn a blank.

Arrested

At this time, Wiggins, whose anger appeared to have subsided, came to the conclusion that it had not been such a good idea to arrest us.

"Look you chaps," he said, "I have decided to let you off this time, but don't let it happen again."

Unfortunately, John and I were adamant. We had been arrested, and arrested we were going to stay.

This presented the poor chap with a severe prob-

lem, he was, in fact, lumbered.

Eventually, almost supporting a protesting Wiggins between us, we approached the police station. A public spirited passer-by asked what we were doing with the policeman.

I suggested that we had found him, apparently abandoned, in the street and were going to hand him in. "If he's not claimed within three months," I said, "We might be able to keep him."

It was, by then, a short time to the charge room, where we entered to the usual confusion of fifty odd drunk and incapables, six or seven prostitutes, etc.

The sergeant looked at me as we entered, "Have any luck Chas?" He said. "No skip, not this time, but we'll try again tomorrow," I replied.

Wiggins was overcome with relief at the realisation that he had been among friends all the time. We took him to the canteen and bought him a cup of coffee.

Force high fliers broaden international horizons

ROTARY TRIP TO USA

ESSEX police Chief Inspector Ian Gruneberg has been selected by Rotary International to join a group study exchange visit to the U.S.A. and Canada from 13 April to 19 May.

He overcame fierce competition to win a place which is open to up and coming managers under the age of 35.

He will join a fire officer, fashion buyer, bank manager and manager of a car leasing company.

Chief Inspector Gruneberg is 34 and has 12 years service with the force. He is a graduate with a BSc degree in biology.

PROGRESSIVE

The Chief Constable supports Chief Inspector Gruneberg in this venture which is seen as advertising the progressive nature of Essex police.

He will visit American police forces and study the cultural, social and economic make up of the community, and will lecture Rotary clubs in Essex on his return.

Chief Inspector Gruneberg said "I am pleased to have been chosen by Rotary for

this visit which I expect to be both exciting and hard work. I am certain it will be of benefit not only to me but to Essex police and the community we serve."

EDUCATION

The Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange is an educational programme designed:

To provide outstanding young business and professional people opportunities for studying another country, its people and institutions.

To further international understanding by allowing people to meet, talk and live with each other in a spirit of fellowship so that they may get to know each other's problems and aspirations.

To involve Rotarians in a specific, practical and meaningful international service project by organising educational programmes and providing hospitality for study teams.

Policing Germany — from ageing Ladas to riot control

LAST month Superintendent Bob Good, head of the force Traffic Department, joined 31 other English speaking students attending the Polizei — Fuhrungsakademi in Munster, Germany.

The object of the course was to study the organisation and objectives of the German Police and to encourage close co-operation.

Ladas

The officer in charge at Eisenach (equivalent to a Chief Superintendent) explained how his radio system was 20 years out of date and his patrol cars were 10 to 12 year old Ladas!

Prior to re-unification they had a detection rate of 95 per cent — they failed to explain the recording system!

Separation

In the last few months bank robberies in the east have risen by a massive 1,000 per cent, this was explained by the low value of the previous currency and the lack of security measures by the banks, themselves.

The difference in standards between the two

In Germany there is strict

separation of the army and police. Under German law military units cannot be used in support of the civil authority, which means the police have to be self sufficient in all areas.

Forces are organised in each of the 16 federal states under the control of the Minister of the Interior.

Basic training lasts some two and a half years and a full time 'standby' force is equipped to assist with emergencies.

Hostage

In addition units of the Federal Police — Bundeskriminalamt (CID), Bundesgrenzschutz (BGS) and Railway Police — all carry out supporting functions. The BGS (Border Guard Service) is awaiting re-organisation as the main part of its work — to guard the East/West German border has disappeared.

Special Intervention Squads



RIOT control: Supt Bob Good inspects one of the Border Guard Service's vehicles, equipped with water cannon.

are on hand to deal with hostage and terrorist situations.

Overall the German Police (in the West) are well staffed and equipped with a ratio of one officer to every 400 head of population. Essex Firearms Officers here

would recognise the benefits of 200m indoor ranges!

Any officer requiring further information, or contacts in Germany should contact Superintendent Good, Support Division, Headquarters, Traffic Department.

Facing up to drug problems and civil unrest

MEET Special Agent Geoff Payne! The former head of Colchester CID has just returned from the FBI Academy where he has been learning about law enforcement US-style.

Det Supt Payne, now based at headquarters, was the only British policeman selected to attend the three month course at the National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, where he worked alongside 250 police officers from all over the world.

The idea of the intensive course was to give American and overseas officers the chance to learn about different methods of policing, looking particularly at the future, and the role of leadership and communication.

At the Academy, which is comparable in size to Essex University, and is also responsible for training Special Agents and Drug Enforcement Officers, Det Supt Payne soon discovered

that British policing was very different compared with the rest of the world.

"The way the British Police Force is organised, with our national standards and ranking system, means we have a much more cohesive and well organised system than American officers have to cope with," he said.

Corruption

A US town the size of Chelmsford would not only have its own police force, but would also have the State Police Force in charge of traffic on the interstate and major roads, the State Bureau of Investigation, investigating financial and political corruption, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the FBI — all trying to

by Paul Dunt

agree on their relevant jurisdictions.

But despite the confusing structure, he was left in no doubt about their professionalism.

"There's no doubt the experience I have gained has changed my attitudes in various areas to do with management, leadership, and what planning police forces should undertake to improve the quality of their service in the future."

The course also left him with worldwide police contacts. His room-mate was a Chief of Police from Alaska, who hunted moose in his spare time, and he was fascinated by conversations with police chiefs from Central American countries such as Costa Rica and Panama.

Future

A lecture with Senior Special Agent Dr William Tafoya, one of the world's leading authorities on forecasting the future for planning purposes, also gave Supt Payne a view of what the American police of the future could expect to face.

"I think the Americans, with their immense drug problem and lack of effective control on firearms, see their future as more violent, and they are actually forecasting civil unrest within their society by the year 2000," he explained.

"This is based on many facts which indicate the racial problems and also the widening gap between the have and have-nots

Law enforcement — US style

Any idea for a headline?

SIMPLE ideas formulated during everyday work often turn out to be the ones with the biggest time or money-saving potential.

And the latest award winners in the Force Suggestion Scheme prove the point. The force has already taken on board the four winning suggestions, ranging from a system to improve the reliability of personal radios to a standardised Force calling card.

The winners are as follows: Police Sergeant A. J. Ashworth, Harlow, £100:

Identified potential revenue for the Force from application at Court for costs to be awarded to defray Police costs — as against CPS costs — in some categories of cases.

For legal reasons, part of this suggestion could not be implemented, but it stimulated a Force review into Police costs at Court, resulting in agreement between Police, CPS and Courts of a £15 award of costs to cover Police Administration in each case.

Police Sergeant Cullers, Harlow, £75:

Recognised that personal radio batteries were becoming defective because of a lack of a system to rotate their use. He designed a Stacking System involving a rack, with newly charged

batteries being placed in the top and those next for use being withdrawn from the bottom. Following successful trial, racks were manufactured and distributed to Stations.

Savings should result from the extended life of batteries and operational efficiency should improve from the availability of more reliable radios.

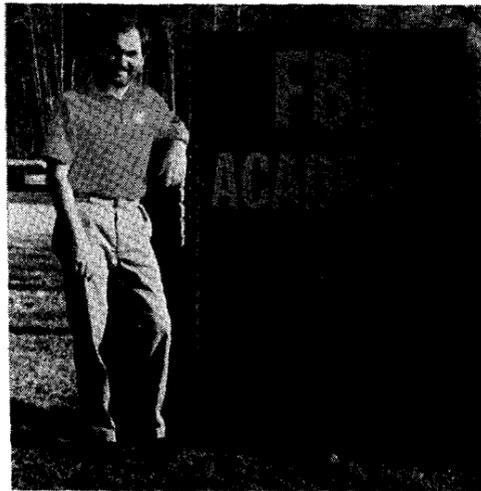
Police Sergeant White, Chelmsford, £50:

Suggested the use of a calling card similar to one in use in Thames Valley, to facilitate contact between members of the public and officers dealing with their particular cases.

There being a consensus within the Force that there was a need for such a card. Policy Group gave consent for a Force card to be produced and distributed for use. A number of different calling cards were already being used around the Force and this suggestion has resulted in standardisation.

Police Constable Hyem, Shoeburyness, £50:

Suggested that, as Interview Report Books would be used as exhibits in court, an Exhibit Label should be incorporated into their layout. A revised book, including Exhibit Label, will be produced at the next print run.



SPECIAL agent Geoff Payne: training with the FBI.

Elaine's slim chance

WEIGHT-LOSS wonderwoman Elaine Howard was declared runner-up in the national final of the Weight Watchers Slimmer of the Year competition earlier this month.

The Steeple Bumstead bobby's wife — featured in The Law in February — joined three other super slimmers at London's Dorchester Hotel for the final, judged by keep-fit fanatic The Green Goddess.

Media star

Elaine, who shed a staggering seven stone to reach her current weight of less than ten and a half stone, became an instant media star. She was snapped up for a live interview on Sky TV, and has featured in the Daily Mail and The Sun.

Husband and minder Pc Ray Howard said: "I am very proud of her. She reached her goal weight six months ago and is holding it. She's lost two pounds more now."

And Elaine's new-found confidence helped her land an exciting new job, working for English Heritage at Audley End.

She beat off 125 applicants for the post.

Professional

"I did feel proud of the professional attitude of British policing," he reflected. "It was apparent to me that the care and dedication of the British officer stands in good comparison with police officers all over the world."

"They did express extreme surprise that we were able to continue policing without having all officers armed, but at the same time they were surprised at the low levels of violence and armed incidents in our society."

"It only goes to illustrate that compared with many other places we do live in a peaceful and well ordered society. I was personally shocked to see handguns on sale in shops where kids were buying sports equipment. I even saw an AK 47 on open display in one store."



I.P.A. NEWS

MID-ESSEX BRANCH

Fred Dyson

OUR Chairman Roger Richardson has recently suffered from a cartilage problem in his right knee.

He has been into hospital where a minor operation was carried out, and is now home. At the moment he is experiencing some discomfort and is only able to walk with crutches.

On behalf of all members I wish him a speedy recovery.

Barn Dance

I hope you will be able to take part in our forthcoming Barn Dance on Friday 17th May. This will be held in a marquee on the HQs

Sports Field. Tickets at £2.50 will include sausage and chips. Owing to Licensing difficulties, it's a case of bringing your own drinks.

Friday 14th June

A walking Treasure Hunt at Witham, assembling at Witham Police Station at 19.30hrs. My experience of other treasure hunts has been that they are good fun.

I hope the ladies will help by providing some 'good-

ies' to eat, known as an American Supper, to be taken when we finish in the Witham bar.

Sunday 14th July

Force Fun Day at HQs. It has been decided the Branch will have a stall selling scones, served with cream and strawberry jam with tea and coffee being available.

Those willing to help make scones, and we shall need plenty, please contact Molly Giggins on Chelmsford 251082.

Please give your full support, as proceeds go to charity.

Committed to a safe and healthy future

TONY CORBETT is the first to admit that health and safety legislation is not the first thing on people's minds when the start work every day.

About 80% of the force's employees are probably not even aware there is a healthy and safety committee in existence, set up specifically to help protect them while at work.

"If I'm honest, safety is about third or fourth in line," admits the force's Health and Safety Officer. "For the majority of people, health and safety at work is tucked away in the back of their minds until an accident occurs."

He is only too aware of the consequences of this attitude. Hundreds of people lose their lives or are seriously injured every year in accidents at work.

"Did you know that in one year the UK loses 5,000 people from the workforce every year?"

But he is determined to keep force personnel out of those appalling statistics. "It is a task only I and the committee can achieve if more people get involved and think safety first," he said.

The Health and Safety Committee, chaired by ACC(P) Terry Rands, meets quarterly to discuss ways of improving and securing the health, safety and welfare at work of all employees of the Essex Police Force.

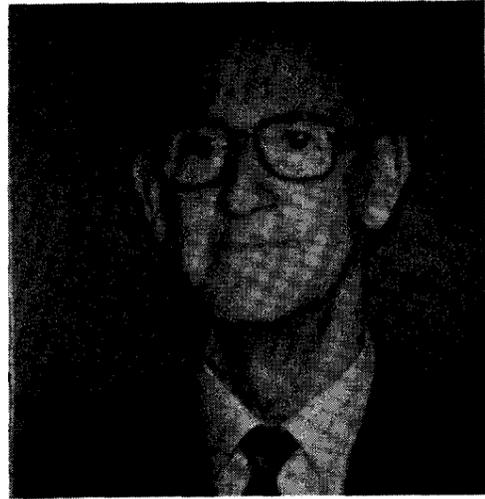
It has 10 members, including Trade Union and Federation representatives

and is due to meet again on July 11.

But it can only survive and flourish with a healthy flow of ideas from the workforce — something that has been sadly lacking so far. "One of the reasons why the committee hasn't achieved an awful lot so far is that people don't know that it's there," he explained.

"The members are very enthusiastic, but it would give them fresh ideas and a lot more to talk about if people contacted them or myself and suggested ideas or voiced concern about worrying situations at their work place," he added.

At present, the committee



SECURING our safety: Tony Corbett.

is looking at ways to improve safety training among employees and is hoping to set up safety committees out on division.

Health and Safety notice boards have been put on display in prominent positions at divisional stations and civilian supervisors in particular have indicated a positive response, requesting leaflets and information for their colleagues.

Anybody with ideas or information for the com-

mittee should contact one of the following members or contact Mr Corbett on extension 2439: Supt J Burrows (Supt Assocn) Colchester; PC D. Finchar (Police Federation) Harlow; PC T. Spelmar (Police Federation) HQ

PC R. Fugl (Police Federation) CSB Rayleigh Mr W. Gadd (NALGO) Clacton; Mrs S. Steven (NALGO), Grays and Mr I Steele (Property Management), HQ.

Tom's thanks

THE following is an extract from a letter received from Ex Chief Inspector Tom Whalley following his Golden Wedding Celebrations.

"Tom Whalley and his wife Christine, wish to thank all friends and colleagues from Essex for their cards, letters and best wishes and will be replying to each in due course."

By the time this gets to print Chelmsford will have held their AGM: Jill Smith and George Hodges, both long standing members of the committee have already informed me they will not be seeking re-election.

May I on behalf of the membership publicly thank both of them for all their efforts on behalf of NARPO

over the past years.

The remainder of the committee have all offered themselves for re-election. I shall report fully after the meeting, assuming no-one else want the job?

The Annual Luncheon has now been fixed at Headquarters on the 31st August 1991. Our menu will be Homemade Leek & Potato Soup, Roast rib of beef with yorkshire pudding, a selection of four vegetables including roast and duchess potatoes. Apple pie chantilly, Cheeseboard and coffee.

The cost per head will be around £11 which will include wine. I will circulate full details nearer the date.

Bob Needham tells me that replies have been flooding in for attendance at the Comrades Spring Buffet on

National
Association of
Retired
Police
Officers by
Doug Rampling

4th May. This is always a popular event and I would advise anyone who has not already replied to do so post haste.

Traffic man wins £14,000 grant

LAINDON traffic Pc Norman Lipton has won a grant of over £14,000 from the Home Office to carry out a one year project to see how computers can be used in the investigation of offences committed by the owners and users of heavy goods vehicles and coaches.

Breaches of the regulations governing the use of H.G.Vs and coaches can put lives at risk where drivers fail to take proper rest periods, or exceed daily driving periods.

which modern technology can assist.

He will liaise with team responsible for the Holme Crime Investigation Computer and the Police National Computer.

The results of Pc Lipton work will be made available to the Police Service nationally. Pc Lipton is 48, and has 13 years' service with Essex Police, the last 11 of which have been on traffic.

MARKET PLACE . . . MARKET PLACE . . .

KNOWSLEY 4 BERTH CARAVAN, full awning, fridge, porta potti, cooker, new tyres, spare wheel, gas bottles, old but good condition. £550. Pc Bickford, Maldon P.S. Extn 3740 or 0621-857849.

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OBITUARIES

2.4.91. DC Trevor PRESTON, Basildon, Serving Officer. 79, who retired in 1965

28.3.91. Ex Pc J. HOLT, aged 82, who retired in 1960. 4.4.91. Ex Ps S. COOKE aged 94, who retired in 1946.

1.4.91. Ex Det Chief Insp N. McCUE, aged 79, who retired in 1965

RETIREMENTS

8.5.91. Pc G. COLLIER, Chelmsford/South Woodham Ferrers. 29 years, 356 days. er, HQ F.T.S. 25 years.

17.5.91. Dc D. BOX, Southend. 30 years, 182 days. 31.3.91. Mrs R. BRUCE, Clerk/Typist Basildon. 18 years.

24.3.91. Mr W. J. HAYDAY, Driver/Southend. 19 years. 31.3.91. Mr R. CARTER, Comr Officer, HQ Support. years.

26.3.91. Miss A. E. BIGGS, Part-time clean- 31.3.91. Mr R. MACEY, Comr Officer, HQ Info Roo 15 years.

LAW SPORT . . . LAW SPORT . . . LAW SPORT . . .

Mini fun

MORE than 120 schools have now signed up to join in the Essex Police/Hi-Tec mini-fun days which kicked off to a spectacular start in Colchester on Saturday, April 20.

Hundreds of young netball and football players converged on Stanway School to take part in the event from as far afield as Tiptree, Tendring, Weeley and Copford.

Organiser, PC Chris Jacob, said the day had been a fantastic success: "The support in this area has been marvellous, I think all the children had a smashing time and also got the chance to know their local officers better."

As well as raising money for 35 charities nominated by the police (topped by the Essex Kidney Unit Appeal and the Star and Garter Appeal) the mini-fun days also raised money for charities chosen by the schoolchildren themselves.

Fun Day Secretary Bob Craven said volunteers are still needed to help sell and distribute programmes, both before and at the main event on July 14. Any body who can help should contact DCI Mike Todd at HQ.

The second mini-fun day kicks off on Saturday, April 27, at Prince Avenue School, Southend.

Veteran Barry leads the way

BARRY Daymond took the runners-up award in the veterans event at the national PAA cross country championships. And with the Essex team taking third place in the 10-mile road walking championship,



WALKING team: Mick Dunion, John McCabe and Gary Matthews, with ladies cross country runners Wendy Brown and Veronica Potter.

the trip to Lancaster University proved worthwhile.

Held on March 27, this was the final cross country meeting of a disappointing season, which has been hampered by unavailability of several of the stronger runners.

Of the 12-strong Essex squad, the ever-consistent Mick Dunion came home 5th in the 10 mile walk, again earning selection to the British representative team.

Gruelling

Gary Matthews and John McCabe acquitted themselves well in the walk to ensure the team's overall third place.

All seven members of the mens cross country side completed the gruelling 7-mile course with Barry Daymond coming home first for Essex in 69th place closely followed by the ever improving Mike Kliskey in 112 place, and Neil Phimister in 149th place.

Next home for Essex was young Paul Cakebread, enjoying his first season in the team, closely followed by old warhorse Lance Williams in 260th and 262nd places respectively.

Bringing up the rear, but by no means disgraced were veterans Laurie Rampling in 319th place and Roy Kebbell in 321st, Roy having recently



V for veteran Barry Daymond with the men's cross country team. Back (left to right): Neil Phimister, Lance Williams, Roy Kebbell and Barry. Front: Paul Cakebread, Laurie Rampling, Mick Kliskey.

returned following a long standing knee injury.

In the ladies event both competing Essex girls fared well in a strong field. Wendy Brown finished in 14th place, Veronica Potter coming in 56th place.

Struggle

We struggled throughout the year to field strong teams, and were unable to take part in the

SEPAA championships in March because of the Queen's visit to Stansted Airport.

The women's contribution was particularly disappointing, with only three girls representing the side throughout the year.

Anyone interested in Cross Country, Road Running or Athletics, contact either Pc Roy Kebbell, at Billericay Coroner's office, or Dc Laurie Rampling at Grays SOC on ext 4872.

Laurie Rampling

Police can help work of Trust

The Prince and the Pauper

TEENAGE Colchester fencer Leon Butterfield has been given a sporting chance . . . thanks to a grant from The Prince's Trust.

Leon, already the National under-13 champion, has outclassed all local competition and needed money to travel to a

London club to develop his Olympic potential.

As one of five children, 13-year-old Leon's parents could not find the money for extra tuition and competition expenses. A £500 grant has helped him on his way.

Disadvantaged

Last year The Prince's Trust gave away £48,000 in Essex. The money was given to individuals and groups who meet its aim which Prince Charles said is, "To be an influential source of effective encouragement to young people, particularly those who are in some way disadvantaged, by encouraging them to develop themselves fully and enabling them to be of service to others."

The Prince and Princess of Wales take a personal interest in the work of The Trust and have raised funds by attending Wembley Pop Concerts and Royal Film Premieres.

Chief Inspector Roger Grimwade is the Essex Police representative on the

local committee, which is drawn from voluntary and statutory agencies but includes a high proportion of public spirited young people.

Activity

Supt Iain Munro, Crime Prevention Officer, spoke to the April meeting of the Essex committee on "Community Approaches to Crime Prevention."

In March the Trust made a grant to Tendring Crime Prevention Panel to support an activity programme for youngsters in their area during the summer holidays.

But the Trust also supports more unlikely claims, Cash was given to a young mechanic who had served a short term of imprisonment to replace the tools which his "friends" had disposed of while he was inside.

He was in a vicious circle, he couldn't get a job because he had no tools, and he couldn't buy tools because he had no job.

Chf Insp Grimwade said, "The Trust gives money to

people who would not be considered by even the listening bank.

"We know there is a risk of the money being wasted, but there is also a chance of removing the need for a young man to re-offend."

Contact

Many members of Essex Police are involved with young people on a voluntary basis, and also come into contact with disadvantaged young people through their work.

If you know an individual or group who may be helped by the Trust then contact can be made on 0277 202003, or via Chief Inspector Grimwade at Headquarters, extension 2450.

The Trust avoids paperwork and every applicant is visited by a committee member.

Supt Munro said, "I was unaware of the work of The Prince's Trust. It is another example of an organisation some of whose activities can help reduce crime."



FENCING hopeful Leon Butterfield . . . The Prince's Trust gave him a sporting chance. Picture courtesy of Adrian Rushton Photography.

ESSEX POLICE SPORTS ASSOCIATION

IT IS likely that the EPSA will become registered for VAT in the near future. From 1st May 1991 all claims must include VAT receipts. This includes all travel expenses. A new claim form is being printed and will be supplied to all section secretaries. All claims must be authorised by the section secretary or Force Sports secretary.

At Gloucester Park Stadium, Basildon



on Wednesday, 22nd May, 1991 at 1pm



For further information — please contact Dc Rampling at Grays on Extension 4872 A.S.A.P.



Running without trousers: The team of ten Essex policemen warming up for the London Marathon.

Marathon team narrowly miss record **TEN BRAVE BOBBIES TAKE A BEATING**

TEN brave Essex bobbies failed by just six minutes to smash an RAF record in last Sunday's gruelling London Marathon — but the team's bold bid is expected to have raised around £10,000 for charity.

The ten men — running in uniform from the waist up and complete with helmets and truncheons — crossed the finishing line on Westminster Bridge together in a time of 4 hours, 36 minutes and 16 seconds.

It was a team effort to be proud of, overcoming cramp and strong head winds. Half the team had never run a marathon before, while Steve Wynn

by **Jenny Bullus**

had completed more than 100.

ROARED

Their greatest encouragement came from the London crowds, who roared them on from the heart, exploding the myth that East Enders are anti-police.

Inspector Mick Barry

said, "We were disappointed that we didn't break the record, but the objective was to get a team of ten across the line.

"We were extremely pleased that we all finished as a team, and raised thousands of pounds for two worthwhile charities."

The team, which trained hard for the prestigious event, was supporting the Essex Kidney Unit Fund and Leukaemia Research.

BACKPACKS

The RAF record for a team of ten of 4 hours, 30 minutes was set last year. But this year an RAF (Regiment) team was out to beat it, complete with 40lb backpacks.

They passed the police team only at about 23 miles to finish in 4:32.

Pc Dave Birkett, 30, said the team got away to a good start, setting off close behind the front runners and being carried along by their pace.

But they hit the wall at 21 miles and struggled until they reached Pall Mall when the cheering crowds and the nearing finish line helped rouse them for the final mile.

BLUE PETER

The brave boys in blue had enjoyed national recognition before the event, featuring on Blue

Peter as well as in The Times, Telegraph, Sun and even The Sport.

They warmed up for the big race in the Reading half marathon, completing the course on April 7 in 1 hour, 59 minutes 17 seconds.

The team was made up as follows: Dc Laurie Rampling, 44, of Grays; Insp. Mick Barry, 43, of Witham; Pc Alan Barley, 43, of Chelmsford; Pc Steve Wynn, 32, FSU; Pc Ed Smith, 43, FSU; Pc Phil Smith, 27, FSU; Pc Keith Bishop, 40, FSU; Pc Bob Rosenwold, 38, FSU; Pc Ian Rayner, 32, Chelmsford; Pc Dave Birkett, 30, Force Training School.

GRUELLING

The intrepid ten were not the only force entrants in the 10th London Marathon. Also aboard the force coach, and all completing the 26.2 mile course, were first-timer Wdc Angie Noakes, cross country star Wendy Brown, Superintendent Mick Benning and his Southend squad, and Barry Daymond from HQ.

With 20 sore feet and 20 aching legs, the last word goes to the team of ten, who echoed the cry, "Never Again." But who knows, there's always Berlin, or New York . . .

Crime prize for Shona

TALENTED schoolgirl Shona Cutter has been joining forces with Essex Police in the fight against crime by painting a poster bearing the message "Stop Crime Now."

Ten-year-old Shona, a pupil at Great Bentley Primary School, won a competition set to the school by local bobby Pc Dave Stevens, who invited pupils to think up a poster with a crime prevention theme.

Pc Stevens said the standard was high, but Shona was the outright winner. For her prize Shona was treated to a ride in a traffic car plus a tour of Clacton Police Station and a visit to the Town Hall, where her poster will be displayed.

Miss Marple beats burglars

TV SUPER sleuth Miss Marple lent her support to Crime Prevention Week by presenting a "secured by design" award to a new housing development in Clacton.

Actress Joan Hickson, who plays the elderly crime-fighter, joined Essex Police officers at the New Martello Bay housing development which has been specially built to keep the criminals out.

The award recognises that the Galliford Sears Homes complex meets national criteria on crime prevention laid down by the Home Office.

The venerable actress was taken on a tour of the homes by the Force's architectural liaison officer, PC Ian Pigney, who advised the development company in installing alarms and security.

SPORTS LATEST

Mini fun results

JUST IN are the results of the first Essex Police mini-fun days held at Stanway School, Colchester on Saturday. For more Fun Day news turn to page 11.

Netball results:

Seven to ten year-olds: Home Farm, Colchester beat St Luke's Tiptree 3-0.

Eleven-year-olds: St Andrew's, Greenstead beat Home Farm 5-1.

Football Results:

Seven to ten years: St Luke's beat Tiptree Heath 3-0.

Eleven-year-olds: St Andrew's beat Kingsford, Shrub End 3-0.

KENT ARE CHAMPS



ESSEX hosted the PAA Rugby Sevens, held at headquarters on April 17.

The event was won by Kent Police, whose victorious team was presented their trophy by Chief Constable John Burrow.

Green machine

HOT on the heels of reports that the Force is testing out new red stripes on its patrol cars comes news that a new "green" machine from Ford is also being put through its paces.

But don't expect to see officers driving around in British Racing Green Escorts!

The colour refers to the car's engine which conforms to the world's strictest emission standards.

The Ford Scorpio 24v, launched at the Geneva Motor Show last month, will be with the Force for a year and is expected to cover 100,000 miles in that time.

Technology

Ford and Cosworth Engineering have built Formula One technology into the design and development of the Scorpio's 195 horsepower V6 "green" engine.

Along with the advanced 2.9 litre engine, the Scorpio, which tops the Granada range, also has 16-inch alloy wheels with ultra-low profile tyres, modified suspension and updated brakes with ABS.

Six forces have been loaned specially prepared police models of the car as part of Ford's product evaluation programme.

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