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ONE WOMAN AND HER DOG



POLICE Officer Lesley Rosenwoud made history this month after becoming the first woman police dog handler in 151 years of the Essex Force.

As she hugged police dog Cassie after the Passing Out Parade at Sandon, her advice to other WPCs thinking of joining her was: "Go for it — as long as you are prepared to get dirty and don't worry about your nail varnish scraping off!"

Lesley, 34, or "Bob" as she was known to the course — after her husband who serves on the Force Support Unit — is no

LASSIE AND CASSIE TAKE THE LEAD

stranger to working with men and animals.

Before becoming a police officer she was a veterinary nurse and her last police post was at Laindon Traffic. Her interest in dogs grew after the Brentwood Dog Section moved to Laindon and she was able to see their work on a daily basis.

After completing the thirteen week Initial Dog Training Course she said that being a woman hadn't

by Paul Dunt

made much difference. "Perhaps it's the start of things to come," said Lesley, who has two children.

But the first job for Lesley and 16-month-old Cassie was to meet the Press, who gathered in large numbers to report on her success.

Also at the ceremony was Guide Dog School for

the Blind breeding manager Neil Ewart.

With him was German Shepherd Larry, father of many a Guide Dog, including new Essex police dog Mabbs who proved too lively to become a Guide Dog but turned out to be excellent at police work. Police dog Lottie was also donated by the Guide Dog organisation.

"It would have been a waste giving them to a pet home as they both are such

THE vast majority of Essex Police Officers are firmly against carrying guns on duty, according to the results of a county-wide survey just released by the Federation.

More than 2,220 of the Force's 2,800 officers in the federated ranks have so far replied to the survey, thought to be the first of its kind, which asked:—

Should all operational Essex Police Officers be armed on duty. Yes or No?

So far, an overwhelming 1701 (77%) have given firearms the thumbs down with 519 (23%) voting in favour of being armed while on the beat.

JBB Secretary Brian Pallant, said he was delighted with the response to the survey which he said confirmed how strongly

good working dogs," said Mr Ewart. Two other pups from Mabbs' litter have also ended up in the Police Force — one with West Mercia and the other in the Midlands.

Alongside WPC Rosenwoud who will be based at Sandon, the following officers were also awarded certificates after completing the course: PC Kenneth Boorman and Rindt; PC Phillip Passfield and Mabbs; PC Kim Jarvis and Lottie; PC George Sterry and Dan (formerly Deano) and PC Dani Elford and Bruno.

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Thumbs-down from ranks

ESSEX "NO" TO GUNS

by Paul Dunt

officers felt about the issue. It is the highest response rate ever received on a Federation survey.

The decision to conduct the survey was taken after an article appeared in 'Police Review' saying that the majority of young officers were in favour of carrying firearms.

Sceptical

The Federation were sceptical about the figures quoted in the magazine as only one per cent of the police population had been polled to achieve the results. So the survey was put out to discover just what Essex officers felt.

Officers were also asked to add their comments about firearms if they wished, and these details are currently being fed into a computer package to see if these throw any further light on the topic.

Firearms

Officers were also asked to give their age, length of service, department and state whether they are permitted to use firearms. These details will also be fed into the computer to discover how certain divisions, age groups or specialist units feel about the issue.

"I think we definitely expected it to have gone that way," said Mr Pallant. "It looks like officers are saying they are happy with the system the way it is."

Conference

The results of the Essex survey may well receive an even wider audience at the Police Federation Conference in Bournemouth later this month. With 1992 and the Single European Market coming ever closer, the firearms issue is sure to be near the top of the agenda.



Essex officers don't want this to become an everyday sight. Picture courtesy of Essex Chronicle.

Federation Notes



by
Brian Pallant

ANGRY FED BASHES THE BRIG

I WAS amazed last month to see Brigadier Pownall, Vice-Chairman of the Police Complaints Authority say on the national news that police officers under investigation for minor breaches of the discipline code should be disciplined even if their case has not been proved beyond all reasonable doubt.

Have the PCA not heard about natural justice and the main belief in English Law that a person is INNOCENT until proved guilty beyond all reasonable doubt?

It appears that the PCA believes that police officers should be dealt with differently from all other members of public.

This is nothing short of outrageous. If this is their attitude then the sooner that a totally independent body investigates all complaints against the police the better.

Members will be pleased to note that Bob Needham our Joint Branch Board Chairman, was quick to respond on the radio on your behalf.

POT ROW BUBBLES ON

IN THE April edition of "The Law" I reported on the efforts of the Joint Branch Board to introduce some form of insurance for Public Order Training.

I made a comment in that article that the Treasurer's Department were in the Joint Branch Board's opinion reluctant to support our proposals.

This was with regard to the fact that Treasurer's Department went down the line of the Home Office i.e. no proviso under Police Regulations for Police Authorities to insure Police Officers.

The article was not meant as an attack on the Treasurer's Department. We understand their dilemma in having to account for expenditure under Regulations.

With regard to the national negotiations we appear to be no further forward.

However I can report as a result of our presentation to

the Police Committee, a letter has been sent to the Home Office and the Police Negotiating Board setting out the Police Committee's concern over the length of time of the national negotiations.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Joint Branch Board of thanking all those concerned for their speedy response.

STRAP UP IN THE BACK

ESSEX POLICE has teamed up with other Forces and County Councils in the Eastern region of the country to launch a major campaign encouraging people of all ages to "Strap in the Back" when they are travelling in cars.

There are over 20,000 rear seat casualties in cars in the UK every year. Of these, 300 are killed and over 4,000 are seriously injured. Ten percent of these casualties are children — often flung forward through the windscreen with horrifying results.

Government figures suggest that 60 to 80 percent of children are now taking heed of new legislation and strapping up in the back. But this is not a

time for celebration. A recent Eastern region survey showed only 38 percent of children wore seat belts on journeys to school.

The campaign, launched at the Harlow Road Safety Centre on May 21, will be running for three months and aims to remind parents and children of the existing legislation as well as encouraging adults to wear seat belts in preparation for the forthcoming adult legis-

lation.

Howard Stableford of BBC's "Tomorrows World" was at the media launch to give his support to the campaign. He has been involved in past road safety initiatives and was pleased to help out with the latest campaign, which will hopefully help bring down the carnage on Britain's roads — currently claiming around 5,000 lives every year.

Thousands of leaflets and posters will be distributed throughout the region to bring the message home. But from midnight on May 31 the amnesty will end with officers enforcing the law.

Chief Inspector Brian Ladd said: "This may seem harsh, but if the public saw the sorts of scenes my officers have to face every week they would be horrified. Can you imagine what it is like telling parents their child could have been saved just by wearing a seat belt? I would rather risk upsetting a few motorists than have to do that anyway."

Present at the launch were police patrol vehicles from seven forces representing the seven counties taking part in the campaign — Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Buck-

inghamshire.

Practical demonstrations were given showing the importance of strapping up in the back.

The Department of Transport has helped with the campaign funding as part of their "Safety on the Move" initiative.

This is the first time a regional publicity project has benefited in this way.

★ Since September 1989, children under 14 must be strapped in the back by law if the car is fitted with seatbelts. From July of this year adults will also have to wear belts in the back, if fitted.

FEDERATION NOTES ... FEDERATION NOTES ... FEDE

Suspension delays on agenda for conference

THIS year's conference will be held for the first time at Bournemouth between May 20 and 24.

Your local Joint Branch Board will be sponsoring the following motions to this year's Joint Conference:-

Motion 29 - Speeding up decisions in cases involving suspensions.

We are concerned at the length of time taken by the DPP and the PCA with regard to reaching a decision on whether or not to prosecute police officers, especially where the officer is on suspension.

Motion 43 - Amendment to Conference Standing Orders.

If our amendment is carried it will allow women representa-

tives from regions proposing their own Joint Branch Board motions.

We are also sponsoring several amendments with regard to the actual numbers required to attend conference.

A full report on the business of conference will be published in the next edition of "The Law" and the June edition of "The Bugle".

HOUSING, HEALTH AND CARS

HOUSING
GOOD news for officers who are in receipt of the new Force Housing Allowance. From April 1, 1991 the allowance has been adjusted by the movement of the Retail Prices Index.

The increase for Essex will be 17 per cent, an increase of £48.84 per month. The new rates will be £336.13 per month payable from April 1, 1991.

The rates will be paid as soon as possible by Finance Department and be backdated.

The increase may well put some officers from Transitional Rent Allowance onto Housing Allowance. If this is the case you will be informed by the Force Finance Office in writing.

Officers please note that Regulations do not make provision for increases in Transitional Rent Allowances. The percentage increase referred to above only affects Housing Allowance.

CAR LEASING
THE Home Office have grave reservations about the scheme and whether or not it is legal.

From a recent letter received from the Home Office it would appear that they are looking at it from the completely wrong angle.

At a recent Joint Negotiating and Consultative Committee meeting it was decided by all three Staff Associations that a joint personal approach to the Home Office was needed.

A meeting is to be set up in the near future.

Prior to this I have written to the Federation solicitors for further Legal advice on parts of the Home Office letter.

DENTAL COSTS
BECAUSE of the problems highlighted recently with regard to local dentists opting out of the National Health Service Scheme, your Joint Branch Board took a proposal to the Chief Constable via the Joint Negotiating and Consultative Committee. The proposal was accepted and as a result it is now agreed that reimbursement of private dentists costs may be claimed.

Standing Order A62/91 issued on May 3, 1991 covers the subject.

ESSEX POLICE FEDERATION LEGAL EXPENSES SCHEME

CRIMINAL DEFENCE

CRIMINAL Defence costs covered under the terms of the scheme seem to have been misunderstood in the past. In an effort to clarify the situation I have had further consultations with our insurers.

Criminal Defence means: Any act or omission or alleged act or omission which leads to the prosecution in a court of criminal jurisdiction of the insured person.

Provided: That an application by the insured person for the grant of a legal aid certificate has been refused.

The company will indemnify the insured person to cover legal costs and expenses incurred up to the time of the granting of the legal aid certificate by the relevant committee.

There are a number of exclusions which in the main refer to the serving police officer and concern matters for which legal cover is provided within the terms of the Police Federation Fund Rules.

Members of the scheme should contact the Federation office extension 2215 prior to any claim being made.

DIARY

FINANCIAL SERVICES

WILL members please note that the next surgery will be held in the Federation offices on Tuesday 25th June 1991.

Any member wishing to make an appointment under the scheme should ring the Federation office on extension 2797.

MEMORABILIA

DOUG RAMPLING still has a few items from the 150th Anniversary for sale and most are going at a very reduced price.

The New Rupert Tie is also now available at the knock down price of £4. If you want one get your order in fast to Doug on extension 2215.

ALLOWANCES

MEMBERS are reminded that as these allowances are not normally reviewed until July/August time, although backdated to April 1, 1991.

They should keep a record of claims made on their gold forms for the months of April onwards if they wish to claim back the arrears in due course.

JOINT BRANCH BOARD OPEN MEETING

6.45pm.

Monday 8th July, 1991

Marconi Athletic & Social Club,
Beehive Lane, Chelmsford

Admission by Warrant Card

Transport provided if required
by Divisional Representatives.

Bob's pointing the finger of suspicion

BEHIND the scenes worker Bob Stanley has been honoured for pointing the finger of suspicion at the county's crooks.

Fingerprint expert Bob has received a commendation from the Chief Constable for achieving a record number of 180 cold search identifications during 1990.

Bob, who has been a fingerprint officer for 16

years, identified those finger marks without any assistance from the investigating officer, in cases where no suspect was known.

Civilian

He is the first member of the force's all-civilian fin-

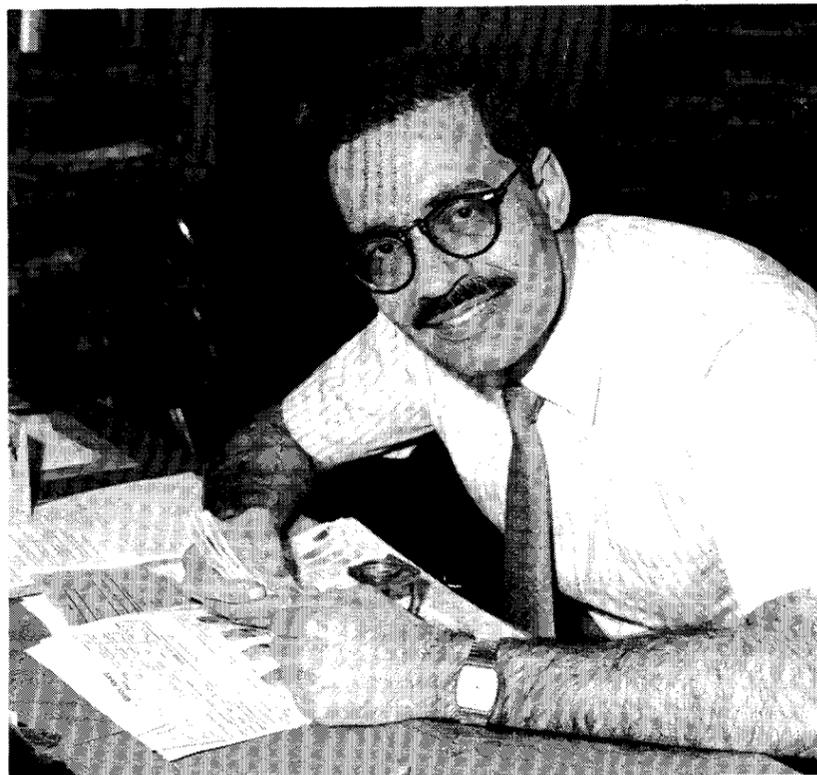
gerprint bureau to receive a commendation.

The bureau holds over 150,000 records, and searching through the collections can take anything from minutes to several hours, to perhaps weeks for a difficult mark on a murder case.

Bob, who received his

commendation last week, said, "It can be painstaking work because of the attention to detail required, but it's very rewarding when you get a result."

He deals with the Southend Division. Bob was commended for his "professionalism, initiative and dedication."



BOB A JOB: Fingerprint searcher Bob Stanley checks out a print.

Help still needed for summer charity crowd-puller

ROLL UP FOR FUN DAY

FOOTBALL stars from Tottenham Hotspur's FA Cup winning squad, the Knights of the Crusades and the Royal Signals Regiment Parachute Display Team will all be descending on Police HQ in July to take part in the fifth Essex Police Fun Day.

Thousands of visitors are expected to turn-up for the spectacular event on July 14 and organisers have pulled out all the stops to make sure the crowds, which topped 22,000 last year, go home happy.

A military fly-past over Springfield is also planned and for the first time at a Force Fun Day, the sports field has been divided up into two arenas to cope with the number of displays and attractions taking part.

Another first will be a dramatic Pit Stop Race, when a team from the Essex Police Garage will be taking on local mechanics in a race to assemble a car and then drive it away afterwards.

As in previous years, the Fun Day has won firm backing from the military, who will have equipment on show, and the day will also see the finals of the football and netball tournaments which have been taking place all over the county.

But help is still needed to make the event a success, says Fun Day organiser Bob Craven: "It's pleasing to say that as the event has grown so has the help and support, but still more help and assistance is needed before, on, and after the Fun Day."

Help is also needed selling programmes, which bring in thousands of

pounds alone and items, particularly crockery and suitable prizes are urgently needed for the scores of stalls and side attractions such as tombola and plant and cake stalls.

Many of the stalls will be run by representatives of the 31 charities which will all benefit from money raised on the day. This year's main charity will be the Essex Kidney Unit Appeal which aims to set up a kidney dialysis centre at Broomfield and is working to raise £500,000.

"Over the four years the Fun Day has been running it has raised more than

£114,000 for charity, which is a great achievement the Force can be proud of," said Chief Inspector Dave Bright. "We hope to raise a lot more this year, but it does rely on people getting involved and it's great fun once you do."

Despite hard times, the business world has also been firmly behind the event building firm partnerships with the charities, although to name them all would take this page and more.

Due to the popularity of the event, which this year will be running from 10am to 6pm, the immediate area

around HQ is out-of-bounds to all vehicles, except residents, but a Park and Ride shuttle will be running all day, free of charge, from Essex County Supplies' car park and Asda.

Money is also being raised by selling Fun Day lottery tickets. The draw will be made on November 17 at the Fourth Annual Essex Police Charity Band Concert, which will be held at the Brentwood Centre this year as the Cliff's Pavilion is being refurbished.

More details nearer the date.

FUN CONTACTS

IF YOU would like to help out with the Fun Day, or have any items for the stalls, please contact one of the people below:

HARLOW: PC Fred Britnell Ext 5505.

COLCHESTER: Inspector Bob Finch Ext 4505.

SOUTHEND: Inspector Trevor Chaplin Ext 6504.

BASILDON: Inspector Les Brunhill Ext 3222.

GRAYS: Sgt John Newberry Ext 5302.

CHELMSFORD: PC John Sewell Ext 3559.

COMPLAINTS: Inspector Stephanie Rowley Ext 2723.

HQ GARAGE: C/Inspector Paul Adams Ext 2680.

SUPPORT: C/Inspector Geoff Emsden Ext 4471.

Off Beat

Enveloped Tax Classic

HELP! The Press Office is being enveloped. Thanks to a mix-up over the new system for ordering stationery, a delivery of 100,000 envelopes arrived for us.

What we actually wanted was 100 envelopes, not 100 boxes of 1,000.

Poor staff in stores couldn't move. We've decided to stick to faxing in future...

BY GADD! Traffic Warden Bill Gadd has come across a few road dodgers in his time, but his latest discovery was a classic.

He spotted an old, treasured Hillman parked on his patch in Clacton, displaying a disc which expired in January 1961 — a mere 30 years ago.

The duty paid was £6. 8 shillings. 0d. The fine could be a bit more...

Bungled

THEY tell me, a mere civvy, that every police officer should be crime prevention conscious.

But have you heard the one about the Essex Pc who went away on holiday? He left a message on his answerphone to say, "Sorry, we're away on holiday at the moment. We will be back home on..."

He was sorry too. He was burgled.

Goose Chase

OFFICERS at Rochford were sent on a wild goose chase when a conservation-minded caller reported that someone had left the gate open at the reservoir.

Loads and loads of geese had got out and were all over the road, he said.

A Panda car went to have a gander, and reported back, "We noticed two sparrows and a starling had escaped as well."

"These are wild geese, which have flown from Canada, so there's a good chance of them making it over the gate!"

Flying Panda

THE sky's the limit, they say, and there could have been a strange sight for the helicopter crew to behold as they tailed a car high above Wickford.

A report came to the Information Room that "BU53 is behind QH99".

Well, lads, did you notice a Panda flying behind you? I know they say pigs might fly...

Clean Case

SUSPECTS come in all shapes and sizes, and three men seen going down the side of a house in Westcliff with ladder, bucket and briefcase aroused a neighbour's fears that they were up to no good.

But it turned out they were clean. It was the window cleaner, who had been doing the house for the past year.

No, my window cleaner doesn't carry a briefcase either!

CARING COPS PLAN THEIR ESCAPE!



WHAT'S going on here then? Three Essex coppers doing time behind bars?

Not quite. Actually it's that intrepid trio from Chelmsford Traffic, Dave Manders, Andy Nunn and George Lambeth, who are making an off-duty escape to America to raise money for five-year-old Russell Blake who is suffering from Non Hodgkinsons Lymphoma — a rare form of cancer.

The jail-breakers intend to travel 7,000 miles to Phoenix,

Arizona, to raise enough money to send Russell to DisneyWorld and also make a donation to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

But they still need sponsors to make the trip possible — so get in touch!

All the costs of their journey are being borne by sponsorship and out of their own pockets — so any money you give will go straight to Russell and the Fund.



Stan's farewell

I RETIRED from the Force in February and had my farewell do at Witham public hall.

Approx 200 people attended and included serving and retired police officers and friends, including some from the City of London.

During the course of the evening I was made the subject of "This Is Your Life".

I would like to thank the following people who made my night a truly memorable occasion. Dc Bill Clark (Witham), Ds Dave Rogers (Braintree), and D/C/I Roger Eason (Chelmsford).

I would also like to thank everyone for the fantastic presents I received and wish everyone in the Force good luck for the future.

Stan Jones,
Ex Ds 21,
Witham.

(Don't forget "you have got to have a laugh")

Supercops

Letter received by temporary DCC Geoff Markham: SIR,

Congratulations on the superb efforts made by your Policemen in the London Marathon. I first became aware of their efforts from the Daily Telegraph on April 11.

I wish to contribute to their charity efforts. Please tell me how I should make my cheque payable.

Patricia Medgitt,
Necton, Nr Swaffham,
Norfolk.

Editor's note: Any other sponsors should make cheques payable to M. Barry (Marathon Fun Run Account) and send them to Insp. Mick Barry at Witham Police Station.

Registering ACC's thanks

DURING the recent Constable to Sergeant and Sergeant to Inspector Promotion Advisory Boards, nearly every candidate appears to have sought assistance from Registry at Headquarters to enable them to prepare fully for the Boards.

The already hardworked staff in Registry clearly responded in a totally helpful way assisting officers cheerfully, in spite of the obvious interruption to their day to day work.

That officers should prepare fully for the Boards is

of paramount importance, and I would like to express publicly my appreciation to the staff in Registry for all the help which they gave.

T. J. RANDS,
Assistant Chief Constable,
(Personnel).

COPPER

(With apologies to Rudyard Kipling)

I was struggling with a drunk who had whacked me round the car,
When a man said, "We don't want your Police violence here",
He wouldn't listen to my explanation of the scene,
But went and told the Guvnor how bad my conduct had been.

O it's Copper this, an' Copper that, an' "Copper go away",
But it's "Good old Mr Policeman", when the riot mobs in play,
The riot mob's in play me boys, the riot mob's in play,
It's "Good old Mr Policeman", when the riot mobs in play.

A Rolls Royce went down the High Street at sixty miles an hour,
I stopped it after seeing the pedestrians cower,
The driver was a rich man that I had met once before,
He complained of harassment and also said I swore.

For it's Copper this, an' Copper that an' "Copper touch me not",
But it's "Nice to see, Policeman" when the other fellow's caught,
The other fellow's caught, my boys, the other fellow's caught,
O it's "Nice to see, Policeman", when the other fellow's caught.

Yes makin' mock of uniforms that guard you while you sleep,
Is really very easy and as surely very cheap,
An' saying that all coppers have crawled out of a drain,
Is easier than fighting with a felon in the rain.

Then it's Copper this, an' Copper that, an' "Copper you're a louse",
But it's "Gallant blue clad 'ero", when a burglars in the house,

A burglar's in the house, my boys, a burglar's in the house,
O it's "Gallant blue clad 'ero", when a burglar's in the house.

We aren't no blue clad 'eroes nor we aren't no villains too,
But normal men an' women most remarkably like you,
An' if sometimes our behaviour breaks through our restraints,
Why, normal men and women aren't a bunch of plaster saints.

While it's Copper this, an' Copper that, an' "Copper you have sinned",
But it's "Policeman come and help me", when there's trouble in the wind,
There's trouble in the wind my boy's, there's trouble in the wind,
O it's "Policeman come and help me", when there's trouble in the wind.

We know we have to keep the rules an' regulations too,
In spite of what the papers say, the majority do,
We root out the bad eggs an' then we put them in the dock,
Then all coppers are pronounced as bad an' condemned en bloc.

For it's Copper this an' Copper that, an' "Copper you are bent",
But every time there's trouble it's the Copper what is sent,
An' it's Copper this an' Copper than an' "Copper fight the crime",
But Copper needs the public to support him all the time!

John McCabe,
Inspector, Clacton.

Clacton holy-days

HAVING seen an article in the Law dated February 1991, I was prompted to write to you.

There was an article concerning Police Officers named after animals i.e. Fox, Bunny, etc.

Well, at Clacton Police Station in 1967 whilst I was a Police Cadet stationed there, I feel it could be said that Clacton was the most religious station in the county.

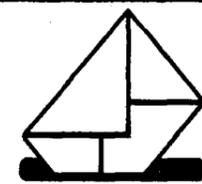
At the time there were 2 POPEs (my father — now retired and myself), 2 Pc BISHOPs and a Pc CAN-NON.

I do not think any other division could equal that.

My father still has connections with Essex Police, (although now living in Lincolnshire) both through the Law, which is sent to him, and my husband on Harlow Traffic.

Rosemary Greaves,
(nee Pope),

Ex Police Cadet 116,
Police House,
Dunmow Road,
Leaden Roding.



Law
Letters

Sixty years serving Essex

IT APPEARS to have been noticed by some of your readers who know Audrey and I that in issue 214 of The Law under retirements a Miss A. E. Biggs retired after 25 years service with Essex Police.

May I say if only for the sake of the children — we were married in 1949 and still are.

It may be of interest that we had completed between us a few days short of 60 years service to Essex Police.

This error both on Force

Order B and your magazine has caused quite a few smiles and witty remarks when meeting past colleagues who know us both well.

It was also interesting to read of the Southend Boro Force and Tom Whally's Golden Wedding thanks.

I recalled in 1951 when Tom, then a member of Southend Traffic, and I, did battle on an advanced driving course under our instructor Sergeant Harry Smith to tie as top student.

One of the many friendly but competitive occasions we had with the "Boro lads".

DES BIGGS,
Ex Ps226,
Martingale Drive,
Chelmsford.

New boots for Doug's debut

THE PHOTO in the May issue of The Law of the Police County Cricket Team of 1938 brought back many happy memories.

To the right of Pc. Reid, I feel sure, was Pc. Goddard. To the right of Ps. Marshall was myself. To the right of Pc. Waller, Pc. Ron Bearman, one of nature's gentlemen. The one named as Insp. Chapman was surely Insp. Micky Stamford.

It was my first game for the county side, on the recommendation of Supt. G. P. Sutton, who presented me with a very good pair of cricket boots before I left for the game.

I managed two wickets for 12 runs. The short

umpire for Southend told me to ignore the leg pulling by one or two of our team.

Vice-captain

Sixteen years later the county side reached the final of the Home Counties Competition. The first game was drawn. I was vice-captain of the side, but was not selected for that match.

The replay was at Brentwood, and as our skipper was on holiday in the West Country I selected and led the side.

We scored over 100 and the Mets side scored 53 all out. The next morning, Sir Jonathan, who attended the game, sent for me and said, "Firstly and most importantly, congratulations on the sportsmanship of all concerned, secondly for winning the cup."

"It matters not who won or lost, but how you played the game."

My best wishes to all past and present cricketing friends.

Douglas Andrews,
Balton Way,
Dovercourt.

PS. When you're feeling low, take Andrews.



Police county cricket team in 1938 at Southend.

ALL THE WORLD WANTS GEORDIE'S SKILLS



CHF. INSP. Geordie Wright with his class at the Abu Dhabi Institute of Criminology.

Scenes of Crime from scratch in the Caribbean

SETTING UP a Scenes of Crime department from scratch is a tough job at the best of times.

But setting up departments in four separate Caribbean countries, with island populations ranging from a few hundred to more than 20,000 at the height of the tourist season, must be a logistic nightmare.

Throw in the fact that two islands served by the same department may be 150 miles apart.

Then give the job to someone several thousand miles away, who has never visited the area.

Chf Insp. Geordie Wright, boss of Essex Police Scenes of Crime section, was the man selected by the Foreign Office for the task.

Fingerprints

Back in 1989, he was asked to identify what was needed to set up a Criminal

Records office, Fingerprint Bureau, Photographic Studio and Scenes of Crime Department from scratch.

He was required to make separate recommendations for each of four separate Caribbean states, Turks and Caicos Islands, British Virgin Islands, Monserrat and Anguilla.

He prepared a 53-page report, which was sent to the Caribbean the same year.

After a long delay the next thing he hears was the report had been fully accepted, all recommendations put into action, all equipment purchased, and would he fly out for two months to help set up the departments as recommended?

The plan is to spend two weeks on each island group. But Chf. Insp. Wright fears

the island authorities expect him to fully train the officers to use their new equipment and techniques.

"In that time I can only show them what to do and leave them to it," he confessed realistically.

Burglary

One example of the problems to be overcome is illustrated by the Turks and Caicos Islands. The capital, Grand Turk, is 157 sea miles from the island of Providenciales, population 5,000 in winter, 20,000 in summer.

"A scenes of crime man attending a burglary in Providenciales has to be flown there. My recommendation is to set up a small section on Providenciales."

Meanwhile, Middle Caicos Island has a population of just 1,200. Chf. Insp. Wright recommended the

handful of officers serving there needed to be trained to do scenes of crime work themselves, such as photography and taking fingerprints.

THE LAW will report on Chf. Insp. Wright's trip in a later issue.



THE POLICE CLUB: Geordie Wright and his interpreter admire the Olympic standard pool.

THE SCIENTIFIC skills of Scenes of Crime boss Geordie Wright are in demand worldwide — from the Gulf States in the Caribbean.

Chf. Insp. Wright returned from a five-day trip to Abu Dhabi at the beginning of May, where he lent his expertise to Arab officers equipped with one of the most modern forensic labs in the world.

He then turned his attention to four Caribbean Islands, to a project he began in 1989 to set up Scenes of Crime departments from scratch!

His 53-page report was adopted in full by police authorities in Anguilla, Monserrat, the British Virgin Islands and Turks and Caicos.

Chf. Insp. Wright's visit to Abu Dhabi was held up by the war in the Gulf.

And his two-month trip to the Caribbean to help set up the Scenes of Crime, Criminal Records, Fingerprints and Photographic facilities may also be put on ice — thanks to a bout of shingles. *Jenny Bullus reports*

Money no object in Abu Dhabi

MONEY is no object for officers of the Abu Dhabi police.

Their forensic laboratory, opened in 1987, is outstanding, said Chf. Insp. Geordie Wright, and they benefit from the wide experience of lecturers from all over the world.

Chf. Insp. Wright, who lectured on forensic science and crime scenes for four days at the Institute of Criminology in Abu Dhabi, said the nationals were proud of their achievements.

The state does not have a major crime problem, he said, thanks to its strict Islamic faith and equally strict laws.

Mind-blowing

But the facilities available were mind-blowing. "I found they had some of the most up to date equipment

which you can buy," said Chf. Insp. Wright.

And the Arabs' commitment to dealing with crimes also revealed a completely different culture.

"Their scientists follow a job through, they don't go home after eight hours.

"They will stay within the complex for a couple of weeks if necessary, until they have completed the job for the investigating officer," said Chf. Insp. Wright.

Because of this they have no backlog of cases.

Chf. Insp. Wright lectured to a group of some 21 students, all Lieutenants (equivalent rank to Inspector). They were drawn not just from the police, but also from Customs and the military.

He said the Institute was predominantly an officers' college, like Bramshill.

Most of its students are Abu Dhabi nationals, although others are drawn

from surrounding Arab States — emphasising the importance of security co-operation in the field of combating crime.

Chf. Insp. Wright said, "They have speakers from all over the world. They are looking for a broad outlook, and benefit from the methods used by other forces."

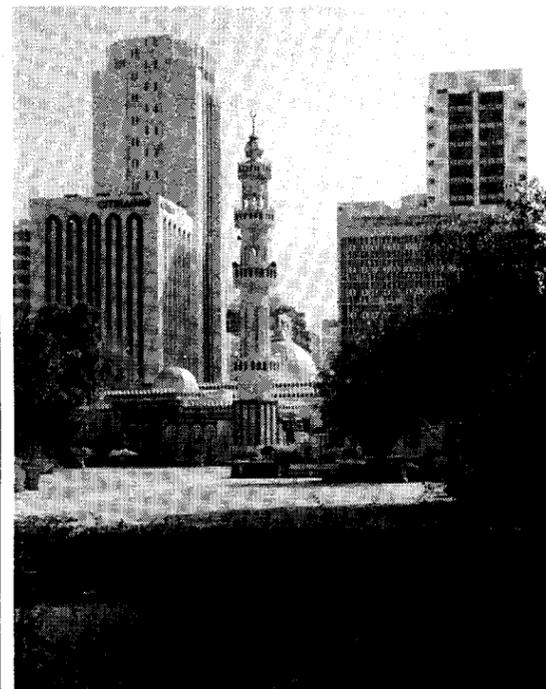
As well as forensic science, he said areas such as drug enforcement, were also taught by visiting speakers.

Marvellous

Chf. Insp. Wright said, "It was a marvellous visit. The Arabs were first class hosts, and very good company."

He was invited to their Police Club, which was unbelievable. "Imagine a five star hotel, and add three stars," he said.

It was equipped with an Olympic-standard 50m swimming pool, gym, snooker table, plush guests rooms, cafes, an Arabian-style tent, and had access to the beach.



MODERN city in the desert: High rise buildings in the centre of Abu Dhabi..



Hungry for funds

FASTING fund-raisers at Grays turned a blind eye to bacon rolls and cream cakes for 24 hours to help save lives in the famine-struck areas of the world.

Angela Botting, Kate Bryant, Sandra Luff and Alison Smith, who work in Grays CID Admin raised

more than £270 over the 24 hungry hours as part of Oxfam's annual appeal for the Third World.

"Despite the torments we all made it," said Angela.

"We would like to thank everybody who sponsored us and those who didn't we will get next year!"

Only 15 and a half hours to go! The fasting foursome brave it out with a smile.

Sporting chance for pavilion?

FOLLOWING last month's front page report in "THE LAW" detailing proposals for a new sports pavilion, at HQ, a questionnaire has been sent throughout the Force asking for people's reactions on the idea.

The questionnaire, from Sports Association Secretary, Chris Jacob, also asks if members of the Association would be willing to raise their subscriptions to assist with the funding of the project over a three to five year period.



Police horse Cavalier prepares to get his head down in last week's headlines.

Sporty new shredder makes super bedder

WHAT would the Sunday Sport make of this one! "Police Horses Bed down Every Night with Britain's Rauchiest Read!"

There was a time when all old newspapers were good for wrapping up a steaming portion of fish and chips. But times are changing – and so is the Force.

In line with growing concern for the environment and mounting pressures to cut costs, the Force's Mounted Section, based at Southend, have swept out the old sawdust bedding for their horses in favour of a new, more comfy material – shredded newspaper.

Essex is the first Force in the country to make the switch, which according to Sgt Hemmings, will not only save time and money – about £3,000 a year – but will also make life a lot healthier for the horses and staff at the section.

"It's quite common for stable-kept horses to suffer some breathing complaints from time to time because of the dust from the sawdust and the staff often get bunged up in the winter from it," he said.

"Newsprint has no dust, which is much better for everyone, and it also provides a much better bedding because unlike sawdust it is very absorbent. This stops the wet spreading all over the stable, which also makes

cleaning out easier." "Because of the decline in building, shavings have become very expensive and newspaper also degrades much better than shavings," he added.

Sgt Hemmings first hit upon the idea after seeing the shredder machine at a trade fair. It has been developed specifically for making horse bedding by a German

company and has only been in the country about six months. It is expected other Force's will follow Essex's lead.

The Press Office and other departments have been playing their party helping to supply old newspapers, so don't forget there is life after death even for "The Law". Now, where on earth has my copy of "The Independent" got to?



Sgt Paul Hemmings strips down the Page Three Stunnas for bedtime.

From muddy graves to BILL'S BATTLE FLIGHT IS JUST THE TICKET

It's amazing what cops and civvies get up to in their spare time. Paul Dunt joins Traffic Warden Bill Gadd in the Clacton mud for some rather unusual plane spotting.



Oily pistons and memories.

EVEN IN the 1990s not many people own an aeroplane, but Clacton Traffic Warden, Bill Gadd, has enough fighters and bombers under his command to form one of the world's most unusual air-forces.

He may well turn up to work in an ageing Austin Maxi, but after writing his last ticket of the day his thoughts turn to his own special squadron, many of which fought it out for air supremacy above the English Coast 50 years ago.

Bill has never really counted exactly how many aircraft he owns, the list is growing all the time, but his flight includes a P51D Mustang, a Short Stirling bomber, a brace of Hawker Hurricanes and a Focke Wolf 190.

Sadly, none of his aircraft will ever fly again, but their rusty remains, now housed in an equally unusual museum, still transport hundreds of fascinated visitors and enthusiasts to a time when vapour trails scribbled across the skies.

Mustang

Many of them, like the silver-nosed Mustang which dominates the entrance to the museum, were dragged from the sea around the holiday-

town, but none are in such good shape as the American long-distance Fighter.

Most, like the Short Stirling, which belly-flopped onto a sandbank and was blown-up by the army after the war, are little more than a jumbled collection of twisted steel and oily pistons dragged from the mud.

But behind every last shattered fragment lies someone's life story, a personal tragedy or triumph. And it is that interest, plus the love of aeroplanes, which inspired and launched the East Essex Aviation Museum, nestling on the edge of a caravan site at Point Clear, near Clacton.

The two Arsenal fans, holidaying on the Essex Coast from London, had never seen anything like it. Housed in a creaking and leaking Martello tower, built in 1805, it's certainly not your average Victorian and Albert.

During the war the site was named HMS Helder and was used as a training camp for landing craft. The tower also once served as a cafe, but has now housed the museum for 7 years.

"It's funny, but I usually 'ate museums, but this is great — how d'yer get 'old of all this stuff then," one of them asks Bill, who is busy adjusting the position of a metal pan, ping-pong from the sound of water drops it is catching from the roof.

"My old man would love

BACK TO BLIGHTY FOR THE 436th

TO EUROPEANS, 1992 brings to mind the Single European Market, but to many Americans next year will hold a very different significance – it marks half a century since the USA joined World War II.

Ever since the conflict ended, Americans have travelled to the UK to meet old pals and remember those who died, but for some, the 50th Anniversary is likely to mark their final visit as old age creeps up on the ageing heroes.

After pulling up the Mustang, the East Essex Aviation Museum formed firm links with the 436th Squadron Society. During the war the squadron was affectionately known as Riddle's Raiders and in 1989 Riddle, who reached the rank of Brigadier General visited the museum.

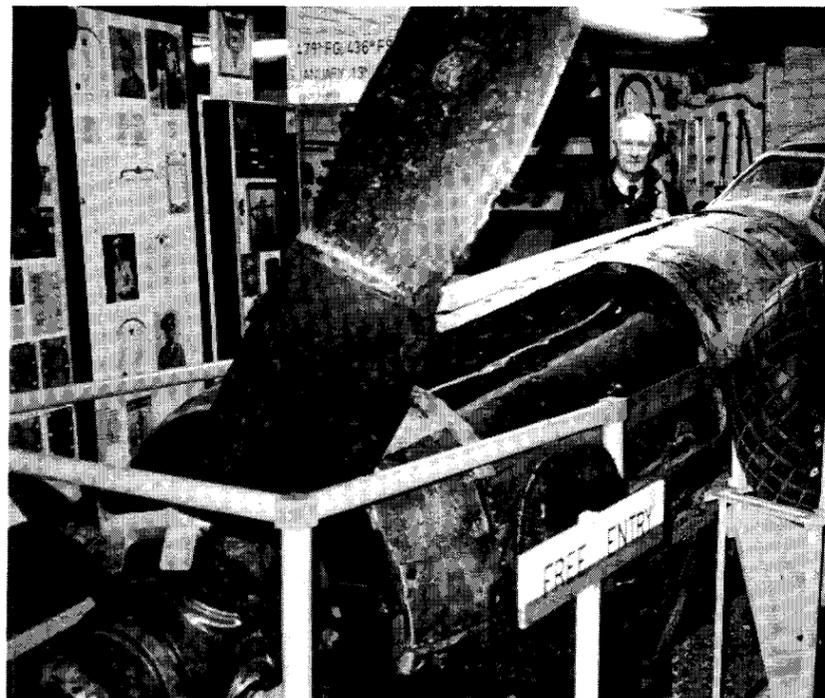
He brought his wife with him and two former squadron pilots and they were delighted to see the care and attention given to their memory. They were particularly moved to see that the tower had been named after Raymond King.

Other squadron members have also made the trek to the leaky Martello tower in homage to their colleagues and the Society helps out the museum with donations.

It is hoped many of them will be coming over next year.

If anybody would like to know more about the museum, or has some interesting items which could go on display (recent

arrivals include an Iraqi soldier's headscarf and the tail of a Sea Harrier jet from HMS Illustrious) contact Bill Gadd at Clacton Police Station.



Bill Gadd and "Little Zippy", the P51D Mustang hauled from the Cl

The Martello Museum



Bill looks out to the wreck sites from the top of the Martello tower.

," says the other. "He's
ys on about the war. Hey!
e's a gun I used to use at
they're bloody 'eavy you
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Fighter

It is happy to give another
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um's history. As its
man and founder he has
collecting and storing bits
pieces of aircraft and
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Fighter Group, 436th
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Florida

the controls was
nd King, a 22-year-old
pilot from Pennsylvania,
with only a few months'
perience under his belt.
ustang, however, was a



war-weary bird, the veteran of
many a dog-fight and as fate
would have it, it too developed
engine trouble.

King, who had trained in
Florida, ditched just off the
coast and struck out for the
shore. But the water was icy
cold and despite being picked
up by the coastguard alive, he
later died from exposure. The
Mustang stayed put, upside
down in the water, right by the
town's sewage pipe.

Four years ago, with the help
of local fishermen and divers,
chains were strapped around the
fuselage and the nose of the
elderly aircraft saw sunlight for
the first time in more than 42
years.

As it came up one of the
wings suddenly broke away and
the nose was winched on a
single chain around the prop.

"It smelt absolutely awful,"
recalls Bill, who has been a
traffic warden in the town for
six and a half years.

But after months of
scrubbing and restoration work
by the museum's dedicated
group of around 50 enthusiasts,
the smell began to fade and the
watery wreck now holds pride
of place in the museum.

Two incredibly well
preserved machine-guns from
the aircraft have also been
placed on view, as has one of
the wheels, which to their
amazement was running on a
remould tyre!

Soda

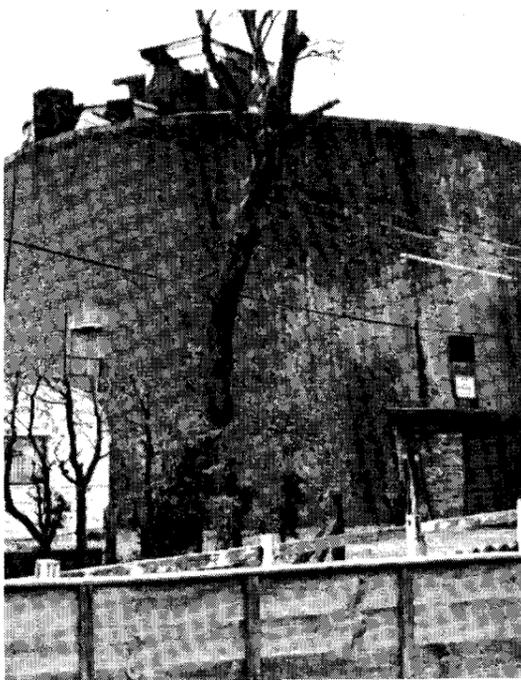
Yet the work did not stop
there. The museum team were
determined to discover all they
could about the young pilot
who flew the Mustang — now
the last remaining Eight Air
Force P51D that saw combat
action in World War II.

An amazing combination of
luck and coincidence led to the
discovery of a box of
photographs and documents of
King, whose immediate family
had all since died, and now the
wall next to his aircraft has
become a memorial to the
unfortunate pilot.

"The interesting thing is that
he was a nobody really, he
wasn't an ace, he was just a
young Flight Officer," said Bill,
as he points to a picture of King
in happier days, working at the
Soda Fountain in his local store
back home.

Junkers

All around the museum are
similar scenes. Displayed on
the floor the blackened hulk of
an old aircraft engine stirs an
interest but it is the photographs
above it, of the men who flew
and fought under its power, that
gets the emotions going.



The East Essex Aviation Museum — nestling among the caravans.

"Just look at the engineering
and wiring on that," says Bill,
as he examines the bomb rack
of a Junkers Ju 88 hanging on a
wall. But, as well as the
mechanical exhibits, the old
tower is crammed full with
other displays of wartime items
such as uniforms, ration cards
and even an old policeman's tin
helmet for use in air-raids.

All the display cabinets are
home-made. "I got that sheet of
glass when they were changing

the front of Timothy White's,"
smiles Bill. "I'm always
looking in skips to see if there's
anything useful for the museum
— people round here know me
by now and give things to us.
It's all done on a shoestring."

But as he climbs the tight
staircase to the roof of the
tower and opens the heavy
original oak door, he reveals
that his dream is to find an
intact Spitfire resting quietly in
the mud and just waiting to be
uncovered.

"There's so much out there,"
he says as he looks out to sea.
"There's a Fortress over there, a

CHELMSFORD-BASED Pc John
Mertl returned to the country he
fled 23 years ago, when he was
asked to join a high-powered
British Police delegation visiting
Czechoslovakia.

Acting as an unofficial interpreter, he
revisited a country faced with a
virtually collapsing economy,
standing precariously on the wobbly
legs of the new democracy.

The Czechoslovak Police are
desperately short of resources: money,
technology and training materials.
But their first problem is to shake off
the old image of the state security
police, and win the confidence of the
people.

In both Czech and Slovakian
republics, crime rates have rocketed
since the old regime was overthrown
in November 1989, in some areas by
as much as one hundred per cent.

Skodas

Police drive around in low
performance Skodas and gas-guzzling
Russian Volgas, while criminals from
abroad use BMWs and Mercedes,
making pursuits impossible.

Driver training is non-existent,
accounting for numerous accidents
involving police vehicles.

The country faces a drugs problem,
being used as an international
trafficking corridor, and with a lack of
legislation making it difficult for
police to act.

A further problem is the abduction of
young girls, believed to be taken to
brothels abroad.

The immediate aim for the police is
to shake off the straightjacket of a
heavily centralised and bureaucratic
system. Three separate Ministries of
the Interior control the police: the

Swordfish there and a Halifax
behind there," he points out.
They are all sites to be visited
and could yield anything from
an entire aircraft to a handful of
scattered fragments.

And while there are still
aircraft out there in the sea or
embedded in the mud in
surrounding countryside, the
museum's quest will continue,
reviving memories of long-
forgotten pilots who fought and
often died, in the Essex sky.

Collapsing economy wobbles Czechs' new democracy



SWAT HQ: Members of the paramilitary special task force in Bratislava, set up to fight terrorism and international crime, with their Skoda Favorit in new police livery. John Mertl is pictured back right, next to Sussex Deputy Chief Constable Tony Leonard, leader of the group.

by Jenny Bullus

Federal, Czech and Slovakian
Ministries, and much work is
duplicated or triplicated.

Police pay is appalling, but a new
police union has been created. Its
deputy secretary requested a meeting
with the British group and was
anxious to learn about our conditions
of service.

The four-strong British delegation
was invited to evaluate what help and
advice we could offer the
Czechoslovak Police, still reeling
from the shock of almost overnight
change.

The group was headed by Sussex
Deputy Chief Constable Tony
Leonard, along with Chief Insp. Mike
Brown from Sussex and Chief Supt.
Colin Moore from Devon and
Cornwall.

Curious

Pc Mertl, 44, was curious, but
surprisingly unsentimental about
returning. New roads and high-rise
buildings had changed the country,
but not its people.

However, he said, "People are
walking around smiling now, whereas
before they didn't."

He felt privileged to have been
involved, because, he said: "We have
seen the new hop of people who knew
nothing but oppression for the last 41
years."

The desire for change is real, but
hampered by the collapsing economy,
he said.

The recommendation that police
should change their uniform from its
current military style, demonstrating
their new image, was met with

pessimism. It would cost at least 230
million crowns, and the money was
not available.

Experiment

The Czechoslovaks believed,
sophisticated technology was the only
solution to the rising crime wave.
They proudly demonstrated a policing
experiment in the district of Benesov,
involving a database with full
personal details on all its 90,000
residents.

So detailed it is that, from the chassis
number of a vehicle, it is possible to
establish the maiden name of the
registered owner's mother!

The system is seen as the panacea to
defeat crime in Czechoslovakia.

During the eight-day trip, the group
visited both training institutions and
operational police stations,
discovering different aspects of the
country's police and security system.

There were the Black Sheriffs,
employed by private security firms to
guard precincts. Styled on the movie-
image of the US cop, they walked the
streets clearly displaying their
firearms, although their powers were
only those of the private citizen.

In Bratislava, the group visited a
special police task force, set up to
combat the 76 per cent increase in
crime in the area, where the clear-up
rate has declined to just 24 per cent.

Dagger

The 120-strong paramilitary unit has
12 armoured personnel carriers and
water cannon. Each officer displays a
paratrooper's dagger on his belt.

Outside Prague, the group was
shown the immediate response and
support unit, providing high-profile
patrols and dealing with public
disorder throughout the city's ten
police regions.

Its commander admitted there was
resentment among Prague officers,
because his unit was not responsible
for paperwork.

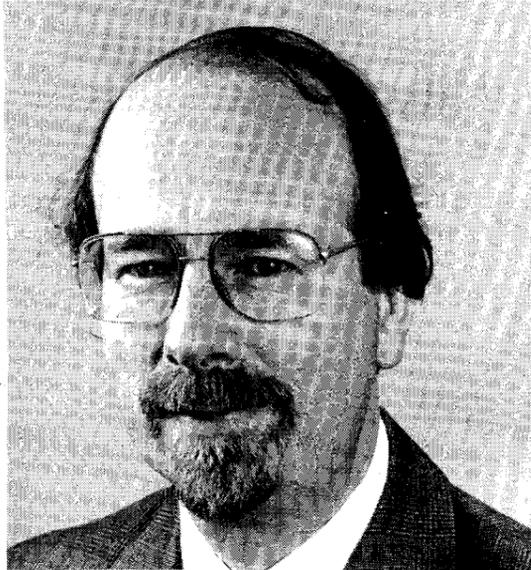
The British delegation's early
impressions of the Czechoslovak
Police were of the need to develop
training, to teach management skills,
and for technological improvement,
particularly communications.

But foremost was the need to gain
the support of the people, as a
democracy can only be policed by
consent.



THE British group meets the commander of the immediate response unit for Prague, Major Jan Kovanda. A gas-guzzling 2.5 litre Russian Volga, used by the unit, can be seen to the right.

Changes as the force goes high-tech



HEAD of IT: Robert Ross.

Planned policing is the key

WITH a budget of nearly £120 million a year, and employing more than 4,000 staff, Essex Police is a big business — and it needs to be run like any successful company.

In recent years the force has moved forward in providing a planned approach to policing — to ensure flexibility and control over the speed and direction of development.

Operational and organisational goals have been introduced to reach the ultimate goal of providing quality of service.

To achieve this senior managers need to gather data, develop options, make choices, implement policies and measure results.

Innovative management techniques have been the key to putting the running of the force onto a businesslike footing.

Evolved

The re-organisation of the Management and Technical Services Department, introduced in March, evolved out of this thinking.

MSD — the Management Support Department — was born. This powerful department exists to help the force respond to change, by providing support services to strategic chief officers.

Head of department, Chief Supt. Peter Nevitt, explained: "Most companies have a five year business plan.

"The force is developing its own corporate plan. We need to know where we want to be in five years time."

Two key new senior civilian posts are planned for the new department.

A senior analyst, with a background of research skills, will head up the new Analysis and Research Section.

Mr Nevitt explained, "Essex police have a long tradition for providing a high level of services to the community, but we can't take that for granted.

"We need to be sure we can say that objectively rather than instinctively. We have got to

find better ways in which the quality of our performance can be measured."

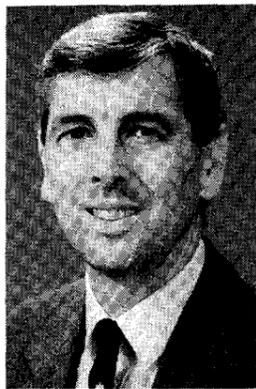
This section's role will also involve liaison with the Home Office and HMI's office to ensure the force conforms with emerging national standards.

Secretariat

The second key post is that of the Executive support officer. This falls under the Policy Secretariat Section headed by a Chief Inspector, which will co-ordinate meetings and developments going on force-wide, to provide a full service to the chief officers and groups involved in the policy making process.

The MS Department does not in itself have power to implement change, it is designed to support this process.

The new department has two other sections: Management Development, headed by Supt. Barry Devlin and Chf. Insp. John Coyle, which will act like an internal consultancy, and the Project Support Section, led by Chf. Insp. Andy Drane, which will be involved with feasibility studies and formal techniques ensuring there is a sound business case for both major and minor projects.



Peter Nevitt

Essex to get 21st century communications

CHANGE is in the air for Essex Police as the force goes High-Tech.

Three major projects are coming on stream as the force strives towards an ultra-modern information and communications network.

Millions of pounds will be spent on the latest technology, enabling Essex Police to provide a better service, and in the longer term, to actually save money.

At the head of these exciting changes is Information Technology manager Robert Ross, who took up the new civilian post in September.

Experience

He brings to the task nearly 30 years experience in the IT industry, much of it spent working in London.

He takes charge of the new Information Technology department, reporting direct to Acc (A) Mr James Conlan, and replacing the old Technical Services department.

Perhaps the best publicised of the three major projects he inherits is FIR — the new Force Information Room.

Costing some £4 million, this will replace the current two-tier communication system with a single level of control, based in a new HQ Information Room.

Both hand held UHF radios, and VHF radios in cars will then be controlled centrally.

To support this new system, a new network is needed to connect HQ with the six Divisional HQs, and other stations.

Network

The £2 million EPCON — Essex Police Communications Network — project will provide an integrated network, enabling all types of information, be they radio, telephone or data, to be passed over one network. To do this makes sound economic sense.

Computer Technology of the 21st century will be introduced under the third major project, which aims, eventually, to bring all information used by the force onto a single database.

EPICS — the Essex Police Integrated Computer System — will come on stream in phases. The first phase costing £5 million aims to bring together incident recording, property, custody, process and intelligence, into the new system. This will be piloted in Basildon Division before force-wide implementation.

The information will be held in such a way that any combination of information required can be retrieved from the one system.

"Bearing in mind the size of the development we're now undertaking, the restructuring of the former

Management and Technical Services Department is logical," said Mr Ross.

Expertise

"It recognises that IT is an expanding area, requiring specific expertise, and brings it under a civilian head."

"It doesn't mean we won't talk to the users, that is the operational policemen."

During 1991 all three projects will progress beyond the concept stage, towards the contract stage, and should be fully implemented towards the end of 1993.

Mr Ross said: "I'm aware that most people in the force don't know a great deal about these projects, which are going to affect them in the not too distant future. I'm anxious that people are made aware of what is going on."

Each project is headed by a police officer, Chf Insp Barry Daymond being in charge of FIR, Insp Mike Jackson dealing with EPICS and Insp David Wilkinson with EPCON.

Under the new departmental organisation the three projects, plus other short term projects come under Systems Development.

Other sections in the IT department are Systems Support, Data Protection and Computer Operations.

Further articles in "The Law" are planned to keep readers updated with major developments.

IPA — South East Essex Branch Music down the dock

ON FRIDAY 22nd March about 80 people gathered at the PLA Clubhouse at Tilbury Dock for a Cockney Night.

Amongst these were invited guests from Hertfordshire failed to appear.

The questions were set by Ron Capes and proved difficult for some teams. An excellent buffet was laid on by Grays Bar.

After an exciting contest the winners were Mid Essex, and they were presented with their winners plaques by Gordon Oakley.

Our next event is a car Treasure Hunt on the 12th May, followed by a Bar-B-Q at Brentwood Bar on Friday 28th June. If you are interested in attending please contact one of the committee members as soon as possible.

W. We have also two future

events, a visit to a Belgian Beer Festival in November and an Elizabethan Night in October. We need to know anyone interested in either of these events very quickly, or they may have to be cancelled.

Finally I know there are many IPA Members out there who never receive any information regarding events etc. If you are a member of the I.P.A. and work or live in either Basildon, Southend or Grays Divisions and wish to be attached to our Branch would you again please contact me and I will arrange for the Newsletters to be sent to you.

If you are not a member and are interested in joining then I would also be pleased to hear from you.

D.J. FOX
Pc 1460. Tel. 0277 631212
Ext 3217 or 3220.

Samantha's success



Pc Don Cahill shows shy Samantha what her prize trip will entail.

SHY schoolgirl Samantha Turner has won a whirlwind tour of the Essex Police Force.

The seven-year-old from Saffron Walden was runner-up in the Primary School section of Uttlesford District Council's "Looking for a Logo" competition.

Her prize includes a trip round the town's police station, a ride in a police car, a visit to the Force helicopter at Boreham, a tour round police HQ in Chelmsford, and a cruise up the River Blackwater on the police launch. Phew!

Samantha, who had never visited a police station, will be joined by section winner Ailis O'Rourke, also from St Thomas More School, and three youngsters from the school who entered the competition.

On her special day out, she will be accompanied by community Pc Don Cahill, who

attended the council chamber in Saffron Walden on May 10 for the presentations.

The competition was launched to give Uttlesford — which includes Saffron Walden, Dunmow, and Stansted — a distinctive logo or emblem. Essex Police were asked to provide one of the prizes.

Many entrants, both adults and children, depicted Stansted Airport, but the judges preferred to concentrate on the district's rural character.

Samantha's logo depicted the letters U.D.C. with the words Upholding, Doing, Caring, underneath.

The overall winner, by James Butler, of Saffron Walden, was a design showing a church, tree and ploughed field. He won a personal computer.

CHORUS LINES

ELECTRIC light has not reached the Twelfth Century Parish Church at East Mersea. Singing by the light of candles and oil lamps proved a test of the choir's visual and vocal abilities on April 19.

The lighting and a packed congregation added to the atmosphere of the concert, which raised £370 for the Colchester Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme and £215 for the Church.

On May 14, we gave a concert at the United Reformed Church, in Lion Walk, Colchester, to raise funds for the Victim Support Scheme.

The acoustics in the church were so good that when Martyn Woodland

gave his solo performance of "Stuttering Lovers" we could hear the whispered comments of two elderly ladies who were sympathetic about his speech impediment!

The church's magnificent pipe organ allowed Angela Coote to demonstrate her prowess, playing pieces by Boellman and Gounod.

The mix of choir and solo items, if judged by audience appreciation, was a success.

News in Brief

Gold Blood

BLOOD donor Pc Bob Goddard from Grays has been awarded a Gold Badge and certificate from the Blood Transfusion Service, for providing 50 donations of blood over a period of 30 years.

Ryton Reunion

CALLING officers who attended Ryton-upon-Dunsmore training centre in Sept/Oct 1981 - the classes of 8/81.

A ten-year reunion has been arranged at the West Midlands Police Social Club "Tally Ho" on Friday, September 13.

Contact Wpc Mandy Price at the Traffic Patrol Section, City of London Police, Wood Green Police Station, 37 Wood Street, London EC2 (Tel: 071-601-2139) for further information.

Bachelors

FIVE Essex policemen have been awarded their Bachelor of Arts degrees from the Open University. They are Insp D. Sheppard BA (Hons) and DI R. Newman, PS J. Standen, PS R. Needham and Pc A. Watkins.

Top Team

THE ESSEX Police First Aid team won the Driscoll Trophy competition held in Ipswich in April. The team of Insp L. Chilcott (FTS), PS S. Smith (Harlow), PS B. Emberson (Clacton) and Pc A. Fitzjohn (Driving School) also came second in the Humphrey Cup written exam.

Job Swaps

TWO more Essex officers are taking part in six-month exchanges with the Metropolitan Police following Chief Inspector Mike Todd's successful posting to Bethnal Green last year.

Chief Inspector Denis Sheppard, from Harlow, has exchanged with Chief Insp K. Mayo from Limehouse. And Insp Kevin Macey from HQ has swapped jobs with Insp M. Wandrag from Hornsey. Insp Wandrag is serving at Grays. The job swaps run until October 11.

Belgian trip

PC BRIAN Higgleton (Finchingfield) and Wpc Anne-Marie Gostling (Grays) attended the British section of an international exhibition held in Liege, Belgium.

Beam me up Scottie . . . but don't forget your Zimmer frame

STAFF in the Information Room prepared a special send-off for long-serving Scottie Rogers when he retired in May.

After 20 years service in the nerve centre of Essex Police, colleagues decided Scottie needed something to support him in his old age.

So they clubbed together to provide him with a designer Zimmer Frame, Quebec Zimmer XVII!

Scottie, one of the force's longest serving frontline civilian staff, was no stranger to shift work when he first entered the Information Room, having worked for 18 years with the GPO.

It was B Shift colleague Terry Lack who came up with

the Zimmer Frame, complete with blue light and chequered board, created from the base of a child's desk with a little help from HQ garage staff.

Scottie, 65, who lives in Braintree with his wife Brenda, also received a Workmate bench.

After 20 years of the sound of sirens, he now plans to turn his hand to composing music.



SCOTTIE'S send off: A helpful shove down the steps from B-shift colleagues sees communications officer Scott Rogers off to his retirement.

Volunteers help trap crooks ON PARADE IN COLCHESTER

COLCHESTER'S £100,000 purpose-built Identification Parade Suite has attracted attention in police circles as a unique facility in this country.

But according to Insp. Bob Finch, Essex officers are still not using it to its best advantage.

Over 18 months, Colchester Police have built up a register of 650 volunteers, and can arrange any parade given sufficient notice.

And they are building up a supply of props which could almost outdo the Mercury Theatre.

Dozens of pairs of spectacle frames are available, as are baseball caps and plasters, which every parade volunteer would sport if a scar or tattoo needed to be covered.

Arrangements are in hand to obtain false moustaches, and on one occasion wigs were

borrowed from the theatre.

Insp. Finch reflects: "We've cancelled more parades over facial hair than anything else."

If a suspect has grown a beard,

unknown to police, then ten clean shaven volunteers are little use. However, one suspect asked for a razor and calmly shaved off his beard!

I.D. parades at Colchester are parades made easy," said Insp. Finch, "as long as officers come properly prepared.



Inside the Identification Parade suite at Colchester.

Planning is the most important thing."

The first step is to give clerk Karen Callaby, who maintains the register of volunteers, sufficient notice - preferably at least four days. She is on extension 4517.

For youngsters, the best time for a parade is 4.30pm, for adults, 5.30 or 7.30pm. Daytime parades can be arranged in difficult cases, and local firms are co-operative.

Insp. Finch says the officer in charge of the parade, who must be a substantive inspector, should visit the suite and familiarise himself with its layout before the parade. One the day he must bring at least three officers with him to look after witnesses, volunteers and suspect.

Volunteers, paid £10 expenses, are the most essential part of the parade, and officers must stick to time, and ensure they are not unnecessarily kept at the station. If a parade is

expected to take more than two hours, it should be split into two separate parades.

Mirror

Colchester is the only police station in the country to have such a suite designed within the main building. Its beauty is that, thanks to an arrangement of lighting and smoked glass, acting like a mirror, suspects cannot see the witnesses.

The busy suite at Brixton, which has to be booked by Met. officers seven weeks in advance, and holds some six parades a day, can only cater for four witnesses, as it is housed in two portable buildings.

Video

In fact, the Mets. have used Colchester's suite on several occasions, once for a parade with 42 witnesses, split into three groups of 14, involving a

rape suspect.

The suite has full video facilities, and if a witness is elderly, disabled or very nervous, the entire parade can be filmed and viewed by the witness at his or her own home.

Insp. Finch recommends all parades are filmed, even when a solicitor is present, as this can avoid disagreement in court.

A good identification can secure a conviction, he stresses.

Witnesses rarely pick out the wrong person, although they may be unable to make any identification.

Insp. Finch stresses the suite is available to officers throughout the county, mainly for cases with a large number of witnesses, and where the suspect is a prisoner.

It currently averages three parades a week. Insp. Finch said he had run a parade with 30 witnesses, and completed it in two hours.

Plotting in the Chief Constable's loft

EAGLE-EYED electrician Kevin Timmons rescued a little piece of Wartime history from a corner of the Chief Constable's loft.

by Jenny Bullus

While re-wiring the HQ fire alarms recently he came across a discarded plotting table, used by the Royal Observer Corps to detect the height and direction of enemy aircraft.

War film fan Kevin immediately recognised the wooden dial, which, to the uninitiated, looks like a sundial.

"It's a lovely piece of history," he said. "At first I thought it was a piece of rubbish, but when I picked it up I knew exactly what it was."

Kevin, who works for Chelmsford Electrical, made his historic find in the roof space of the old

Observer Corps was formed, it was up to the Chief Constable to enrol its members as Special Constables.

The Colchester group, which covered the whole of Essex and Suffolk, was formed in 1926, said Mr Gowers.

Served

Gordon Gowers, who has recently retired from the Royal Observer Corps, and served with the Corps in Chelmsford during the War, said the wooden dial would probably be a very early plotting table, perhaps pre-1935. He said later ones had metal rims.

And he shed some light on why it may have been at police HQ. When the

Chimney

During the War it had nine posts in Chelmsford, and Mr Gowers thinks one may have been at police HQ.

He looked out for enemy planes from the top of the 90 feet high disused Cromptons factory chimney, and using a primitive telephone, relayed information to the group's headquarters in Colchester.



Kevin Timmons and his historic find.



I.P.A. NEWS

MID-ESSEX BRANCH
Fred Dyson

Rouen Trip

AT 9am on Saturday 20th April, 35 members, including wives and friends, assembled at Police HQ and boarded our coach for a five day visit to Rouen in Northern France.

After a brief stop at Abbeville, we arrived at our Hotel Ibis overlooking the River Seine during the early evening.

The following morning we were free to go sight-seeing in the City of Rouen. On the South Bank of the Seine a large speedway track had been built, where "Go-Karts" and Motor Cyclists were racing.

Joan of Arc

In the City there was much to see including the Cathedral, Palace de Justice and Palace du Vieux-Marche. This building was erected to commemorate the death of Joan of Arc.

Outside this building on Sunday mornings was an open market of flowers, fish, cheeses and other delicacies.

Our member Derek Lee whilst in the City, fell over a street bollard and hurt his hand whilst trying to photograph the local fire brigade fighting a fire involving a car and the front of a building.

In the afternoon the group went by coach to Dieppe. One of our members wives fell over a street bollard. I wonder what there is about these "French Bollards" that keep popping up out of the ground.

Fishing

On the Monday, a wet morning, we set off for Honfleur, a fishing town on the estuary where the Seine flows into the Channel.

On arrival the sun was shining, and made it a picturesque place, especially the harbour.

In the afternoon we moved on into the "Calvados" area and visited a Cider Distillery.

Calvados

It was explained to us how the drinks were processed, after which we went into the tasting room and sampled the apple aperitif "Fleur de Pomme" and the liqueur "Calvados Boulard".

Picturesque

Tuesday morning was a visit to the picturesque dis-

trict of "Les Andelys" and, high on a hill overlooking the Seine and the town of Les Andelys, was the remains of Chateau Gaillard XIIc. The view from the top was panoramic.

After lunch we returned to Rouen and were taken on a guided tour by the Vice-President Pierre Van Risseghem of the Rouen IPA, then taken on a preview of the IPA Art Exhibition. From there we went to the Hotel de Police Rouen (Police HQs) where we were welcomed by the IPA Chairman, Patrice Boucher, and many members.

Plaques and items of uniform were exchanged by our Vice Chairman Brian Palmer and Patrice Boucher.

On Wednesday morning we left for home after a very pleasant stay.

I would like to thank Social Secretary Dick Giggins for his hard work in preparing this trip. Also thanks to members Bill Fancourt and Tony Hillam for their part as interpreters.

Forthcoming Events

Friday 14th June

A walking treasure hunt at Witham, assembling at Witham Police Station at 19.30hrs. Afterwards retiring to Witham Police Station to sample the "eats" the ladies have prepared.

Unfortunately the bar is now closed, so we will have to supply our own drinks.

Sunday 14th July — Force Fun Day at HQs

Our Branch and S. E. Essex Branch will be having a stall selling cream teas.



Vice Chairman Brian Palmer (left) exchanges plaques with Rouen IPA chairman Patrice Boucher.

GOING UP THE CREEK

LAW COMPETITION

THIS spectacular picture could have come straight from the pages of a geography text book.

But, no, it was captured by one of our eye-in-the-sky photographers from the force's Air Support Unit.

So, where is it? Essex has a vast coastline of mudflats, creeks and inlets.

In a special competition, The Law is asking sharp-eyed readers to identify the location.

The Essex Chronicle Series, printers of The Law, have donated a prize for the first correct entry drawn out after the closing date, Monday, June 10.

This date is also the deadline for contributions to the July edition of your favourite force newspaper.

Competition entries, and items for inclusion in The Law, should be sent to Jenny Bullus or Paul Dunt, Press Office, HQ.



Assistant Sec: Mr C. L. White; Social Secretary: Miss V. Bayliss.

Committee members: Miss J. Hurley, Messrs. C. Storrar, G. Breeding, R. Hagger, R. Waller, E. Harll, R. Calver, E. Mitchell, R. Richardson, J. Draper, R. Wager, G. Oakley and R. Norman.

Subscriptions

The Treasurer reported there were still some 64 members who had not paid their subscriptions for 1991 and 22 still outstanding for 1990.

Please pay as soon as possible so Fred can square up his books.

Spalding

The trip to Spalding went well. Although the weather could have been kinder the colour of the blooms at Springfields more than made up for the wind.

Blenheim Palace has been suggested for our next venture, any more ideas would be welcome.

Legal expenses

I am pleased to report for the benefit of members who subscribe to the Police Federation Legal Expenses Scheme, that subject to an application for a Legal Aid Certificate being refused, cover of legal expenditure has now been extended to retired officers for any motor-

ing prosecution.

The insurers will also hold the member covered for expenditure up to the time the legal aid certificate is granted.

Comrades

The Comrades Buffet held on 4th May was once again a full house. Thanks are due to Sgt. Bob Needham for the organisation and to the DSO Staff for the service and food. For the first time food was served at tables with everyone seated. This proved a good move.

Southend Branch Secretary Brian Taylor is now at home recovering from recent surgery and hopes to be back at his desk soon.

Southend Branch

Southend will hold their AGM towards the end of May when a new chairman will be elected as Jim Devlin, after some 21 years in the chair, has decided not to seek re-election.

The Branch owe him a sincere thank you for all the stalwart support he has given.

Colchester Branch

The coach outing to Windsor will be on Saturday 27th July. Pick up times as follows: Clacton Railway Station 0800. The Cross at Wivenhoe 0825. Colchester Bus Station 0845. London Road Car Park Lexden 0855.

There are a few seats left and anyone interested should contact John Powell on Wivenhoe 824218.

Essex Cricket Week this year is 16th to 22nd August at Colchester Castle Park and once again we are cordially

invited to use the Divisional Hospitality tent.

Later in the summer it is hoped to start a snooker tournament, culminating in the semi-finals and finals being played at Colchester Divisional Sport Club together with a social/buffet evening.

There will be a nominal fee of £1 to enter the tournament which is being organised by Jim McDonald. Give Jim a ring if you are interested on Colchester (0206) 573286.

The Colchester Police Annual Divisional Ball will be held at the Officers' Garriso Club, Colchester, on Friday 25th October. Tickets at £16.50 each. The event is being organised by Colchester/Clacton Branch NARPO and tickets are available from John Tracey at Colchester Police Station or Reg Shelley on Colchester 47739.

Red Cross

The British Red Cross Chelmsford Branch, are seeking the services of a retired police officer who would be willing to assist their Appeals Committee with appeals and fund raising activities.

The work, which is entirely voluntary would be varied and interesting.

Anyone interested should contact Brigadier John Whitehead at Branch Headquarters, 200 London Road, Chelmsford. Telephone Chelmsford 490090, or phone Miss Ann Rowlands Tel No 0277 354608.

National
Association of
Retired
Police
Officers by
Doug Rampling

Chelmsford Branch
CHELMSFORD Branch held their AGM at Headquarters on Saturday 27th April, with some 26 members present. Following the resignation of George Hodges and Bill Smith their places on the committee were taken by Gordon Oakley and Ron Norman.
The full committee for the year 1991/92 is as follows:
Chairman: Miss O. Butler; Treasurer: Mr F. Dyson; Secretary: Mr D. Rampling; Vice Chairman: Mr J. Baker;

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Home telephone: _____ Signed: _____

OBITUARIES

FORMER Detective Chief Inspector William Smith has died, aged 76. Born in Lowestoft, former fisherman Mr Smith joined the Essex Constabulary in 1936.
During his career he received six commendations, and served throughout the force area including Chelmsford, Clacton, Hornchurch and an attachment with Scotland Yard.
He was promoted to Chf. Insp. in 1966, and served in the Regional Crime Squad

at Colchester, before retiring in October 1967.

Other deaths:

18.3.91 Ex Pc A. LISTER aged 76, who retired 1967.
20.3.91 Ex Ps T. MILN aged 71, who retired 1974.
13.5.91 Ex Ds R. WOOD COCK, aged 39, who retired in 1991.

LAW SPORT . . . LAW SPORT . . . LAW

FENCING COP THROWS DOWN THE GAUNTLET



ON GUARD! Fencing fan John Sones is on the lookout for sparring partners interested in joining him for a dynamic duel in one of the world's oldest and most dramatic sports.

John, a Sergeant at Braintree, was a keen fencer as a teenager and has recently taken it up again after a 20-year break. But so far attempts to find converts to the sport within the Force have foiled him.

"I would like to hear from anybody who is currently fencing, has fenced, or who would like to learn," he said. "If the response is good it may be possible to form a divisional or Force section with a view to entering competitions."

John, who currently trains with the Colchester and District Club and also visits the Suffolk Police fencing club, said he returned to the sport to improve his physical fitness and is sure many more

people would enjoy it.

"It's a competitive sport that requires speed, accuracy, agility and mental alertness," he said. "It's very much a battle of wits. You may have to go through a whole series of moves to get through their guard."

There are three types of weapon used in the sport, the Sabre, Foil and Epee, but these days John concentrates his training on the latter, developed from the old duelling sword. Unlike the foil, it can be used to score points anywhere on the opponent's body.

Despite its historic origins, modern fencing is very much a high-tech sport and competitors are wired up with electronics to record points. The specially designed outfit is padded, but a heavy hit can leave a

MODEST MARTIN'S MAGIC MARATHON



WITH all the publicity surrounding the team of ten Essex bobbies who ran this year's London Marathon, it seems Marathon Man, Martin Gormley, slipped through the net after storming through the finishing line.

Stats officer Martin achieved an incredible result, finishing the gruelling course in an amazing 2 hrs 20 mins and 6 secs — just 11 minutes behind the winner. It was only his third marathon and he came in 107th out of a field of 23,050.

Martin is pictured above winning a recent marathon in Maidenhead.

bruise!

But so far it seems, most of John's challengers have been the ones on the receiving end. At the British Policing Fencing Championships in Hendon, last month he won a medal for coming third in the Epee competition and this month achieved a fourth place trophy in the Bedford Invitation Epee Competition.

"I'm very glad I returned to the sport," he said. "None is too old. One of the Colchester veterans is 66-years-old and fences very well."

If anyone is interested in taking up Fencing or would like to improve their abilities and set up a Force Club, they can contact Sgt John Sones at Braintree Police Station on (0376) 551312.

FOOTBALL Fresh start

THE FORCE football team will be kicking off the new season with a fresh look and a commitment to put last season's poor results behind them.

That's the promise of newly-elected manager Dave Murthwaite, who is urging new players to join.

"At the moment there are no county footballers, we will be selecting a new side. We know there are good footballers in the county, and we want them to represent the force."

This includes civilian staff, specials and cadets. And while young faces are needed, so are older ones as the force is proposing to run a veterans team.

Weekly training will re-start on Tuesday July 23, at 3.30pm, and will be held for one-and-a-half hours every Tuesday.

There will be a three-day training session on August 7, 8 and 9 to get the first team and reserve side into shape.

For more details contact Insp. Murthwaite on HQ ext. 2423, or reserve team manager Andy Spink in the Information Room, B Shift.

For the over-40s, anyone who is reasonably fit and interested in playing for the vets. side contact Chf. Insp. Doug Adams, HQ ext 2404, or Supt. John Rhymes, ext 2402, before the end of July.

FORCE SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Croker Cup Results

Football: Braintree 0 Grays 5 (1 Croker Cup point Braintree)
Darts: Southend beat Chelmsford (1 point Chelmsford)

At the Management meeting of the Sports Association held on 26th March, Basildon were awarded their Darts match against Braintree and will now be at home against Clacton, they were also awarded their Billiards match against Chelmsford and will now be at home against Braintree. Both matches must be played before 29th April. No points were given to Braintree or Chelmsford.

Long Distance Walk

The above event will take place at 9am Sunday 19th May at the Ford Sports and Social Club, Gardners Lane, Basildon and will consist of a 26 mile 365 yards Race Walk.

This is a Croker Cup event and the first 20 from each Division to finish will count towards Croker Cup points. Entries must be in to Insp. J. McCabe at Clacton Police, Ednet 4604, before 29th April.

British Police Fell Race

The British Force Fell race will take place on Monday 15th July over a course in the Peak District, and will be up to ten miles. Any officer requiring further information contact Cons R. Kebb on Ednet 3236.

by Chris Jacob

Force Tracksuit

The new Force tracksuit, which is a two tone blue "shell suit", is now in stock, price £25. The retail price for this is over £50. Any member of the Force Sports Association requiring details of this, or any of the Hi-Tec and Stuart Surridge equipment available to members, contact Chris Jacob on Ednet 4490 or 0206-563512 (Answerphone).

Force Lottery

This month's force lottery was won by traffic warden A. Cox of Colchester, who has only just joined the lottery, and this was his first time in.

Result: £1,500 T. W. A. Cox/£70 Insp. G. Harvey, Leigh on Sea/£300, Mr J. Hindmarch, HQ.



MO CHAPLIN, with her Ladies Singles PAA National Darts trophy.

The following will receive £50 prizes: WCons H. Fox, Basildon; Supt K. Southgate, Basildon; Sgt R. Ricks, Witham, Cons G. Bright, Basildon; DCons E. Walker, Maldon; Cons G. Poyser, Harlow Traffic; DCons A. Kitching, HQ CDU; Cons S. Evins, Benfleet; Cons J. Manners, HQ FSU and Mrs J. Stalford, Basildon.

P.A.A. National Darts

The P.A.A. National Darts Championships took place on 23rd and 24th April at Brixham, Devon. WCons M. Chaplin, Southend won the Ladies singles title and together with WCons Sue Woolard, Southend won the Ladies pairs title.

Croker Cup Snooker

Results: Braintree 3 HQ 2 (1 Croker Cup point HQ)
Grays 2 Southend 3 (1 point Grays)

Billiards: Southend received a walkover against Harlow.

Pistol Shooting

This year's Croker Cup will consist of a shoulder to shoulder shoot and not a postal event. This will take place on Wednesday 19th June. For further information please contact Insp. D. Perry on Ednet 2179.

Golf

The Croker Cup golf will consist of one all day event and

not rounds. This will be held on Friday 25th October at the Warren Golf Club, Woodham Walter, tee off at 11am. The format will be Stableford, Full Handicap, Teams of 5 players best 4 to count. Maximum handicap 18. For further information please contact Cons J. Woods at Maldon Police, (0621) 852255

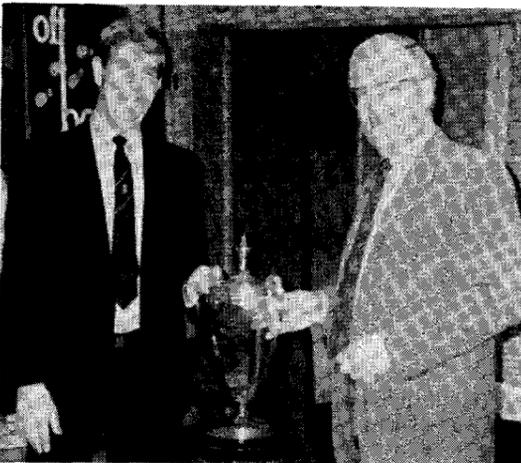
European Police Shooting

Sgt Phil Webb, HQ has been selected to represent the British Police in the European Police Shooting Championships, to be

held in Portugal in October.

Croker Cup Results:

Darts: Harlow 3 Grays 2 (1 Croker Cup point Grays)
Table Tennis: Colchester 7 Gays 2 (1 point Grays)
Snooker: Colchester 3 Basildon 2 (1 point Basildon)
Football: Colchester 5 Clacton 2 (1 point Clacton)
Snooker: Chelmsford beat Harlow (1 point Harlow)
Billiards: Southend beat Harlow (1 point Harlow)



CHAIRMAN of the Force Sports Association Mr Geoff Markham presents the 1990 Croker Cup to Chf Supt Peter Blyth of the victorious Southend Division.

FORCE CRICKET

Dick hammers school bowlers

THE CRICKET season is with us again. On 17th April the Force XI started with a visit to Colchester Royal Grammar School.

On a bitterly cold afternoon the Force batted first scoring 182-6 dec, Dick Argles scoring a notable 95 (2 6's, 12 4's). Other contributions came from Martin Reed (21) Lorrie Austin (18) and Paul Gamman (26).

After tea, the sun came out but the wind got colder, hampering the Police bowlers.

Initially the school batsmen were contained but as the fingers grew colder the control went and the school scored 183-6, the winning runs coming in the last over.

Captain Lorrie Austin said "The result was a disappointment but it was a good game and everybody had some useful practice."

The Force XI would welcome any spectators, be they current or past members of the Force. A fixture card has been

produced and is available from the secretary. Fixtures are spread throughout the county from Clacton to Southend and Maldon to Dunmow. If you have an hour or two to spare, come along, make yourself known. There is a fixture every week to end of September. For details of fixtures and for a fixture card contact Ps Dick Argles, Basildon D.T.O, X3134 or 0268 - 759362 (home).

Richard Argles
Hon. Sec. Essex
Police Cricket Club.

ESSEX POLICE C.C. FIXTURES

June
Wed 5 Kelvedon C.C. (Away)
Wed 12 Chelmsford C.C. (Home) 2.30 pm at High Roding C.C.
Tue 18 Home Counties Cup 2nd Round, Wed 26 Basildon C.C. (A)



Kevin outsmarts Met. fighter

PUNCHING Pc HOOKS TITLE

ONGAR-BASED Pc Kevin Farrer is the new British National Police Novice Boxing Champion.

He boxed superbly to gain the Light-Welterweight title at the National Sports Centre of Wales on Friday 19th April.

The Championships are open to any serving Police Officer in England, Wales and N. Ireland who has no more than 10 amateur bouts on his record.

Left jab

Kevin, 25, who boxes for the Billericay Amateur Boxing Club, was matched in a straight final with P. Smart of the Metropolitan Police, who had 9 previous bouts, winning 5 of them.

by Ian Batkin

Round 1 started briskly with Farrer scoring first with jabs but boxed on the retreat, allowing Smart to come forward onto his jab and then catch him with crisp one-two combinations. Smart, boxing behind a solid, accurate left jab, matched Farrer almost punch for punch to share the opening round.

Round 2 saw the Essex boxer intelligently change tactics, having learned what his opponent had to offer. Using the ring well and showing ability which belied his two bout record, he started to push Smart backwards. The left jab, often doubled up, was seldom out of Smart's face and now it was the Met boxer who was to

retreat and counter. Towards the end of the round the technique of both boxers became ragged but at the bell, Farrer had clearly and decisively taken the round.

Tactics

When the bell sounded for both boxers to come out for the start of Round 3, it was Farrer who appeared the fresher and more determined as he continued his tactics of the previous round. Smart tried doggedly to match Farrer's work-rate but the Essex boxer's strength and accuracy kept the Met boxer on the retreat. In addition to the jab and one-two combinations, Farrer varied his punches with some telling hooks to the head and body. Twice Smart was cautioned by the referee for landing kidney punches but these were not intentional fouls and were caused by fatigue.

After the final bell it was Farrer's arm that was raised in victory, the Judges scoring 60-57, 60-58 and 60-56 to give Essex Police their first National Boxing title ever.

After claiming his trophy, a jubilant Kevin said, "I couldn't imagine coming away a loser. I wanted that title so much."

Showpiece

D.I. Bob Miller, the team's travelling manager added, "The decision to take Kevin to Wales the day before the bout was justified. He was calm, relaxed and ready to do the job. We had time to settle him in, watch his weight and prepare him mentally and physically."

The choice of venue for the championships

and the organisation by Supt Jenkins at Cardiff and D.C. Jones, Flying Squad, could not be faulted, but this showpiece of Novice Police boxing could have been better supported.

The standard of boxing varied between enthusiastic but technically lacking, to extremely talented and entertaining.

Most entrants were drawn from the Met, West Midlands, R.U.C. and Staffordshire with only the odd entry from other forces, which is disappointing.

There are many good boxing clubs in the Essex Police District who would be willing to receive and instruct Police Officers and enter them for competition.

Shift work did not stop Kevin Farrer so come on, let us try to enter a bigger and better team for next year's Championships.

STICK 'EM UP



The Essex Icemen get into gear. Picture by Les Brand.

Garage Guys get their skates on

MECHANICS from the police garage slipped into gear and skidded on ice to raise funds for the Broomfield Hospital Kidney Unit Appeal.

The garage guys swapped their overalls for skating boots to take on the Sawbridge worth Motorcycles in a charity ice hockey match.

The ten-strong team from HQ were treading on thin ice, as they had never played the game before.

But they beat their fellow novices from Herts by 5-2, in a thrilling if not

skilful performance. And their zany efforts could have raised a cool £1,000 when all the programme and sponsorship money is collected up.

Chieftains

The ice challenge took place at Riverside Centre in Chelmsford, where the lads are regular supporters of the Chelmsford Chieftains.

The game was tougher

than they realised, and although the team escaped injury, there were plenty of aches and strains in the workshop next day, confessed organiser Colin Adams.

It was a family effort from mechanic Tony Crabb, who roped in his sister Samantha, the only girl in the team.

Now the fearless ice champs are looking for a new challenge — what about a police team to take them on?



The Garage Guys go on the attack in their charity challenge. Picture by kind permission of Les Brand.



Kevin's a knockout... Ongar based Pc Kevin Farrer with his National Police Novice Boxing Trophies. Picture courtesy of Essex Chronicle.

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