

# The Law

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**New recruits  
all ship shape  
— centre pages**

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## Cardboard Info Room cut out for duty

**THE NEW Force Information Room will be built of cardboard!**

But the life-size mock-up at the former RAF base at Wethersfield will be built to make sure the force provides the best possible working conditions for staff.

Any Essex Police employee, whether police or civilian is invited to come along and view the proposed layout next month.

### TRIALS

For a week the FIR team and ergonomic consultants will carry out simulation trials, with the help of 30 experienced control room operators selected from all over the county.

They will test out several cardboard layouts for the new Force Information Room to determine which is most suitable.

Once the final layout has been chosen, it will be available for viewing the following week.

The mock-up, based in an old aircraft hanger, will be open at specific times for staff to view and these times and duties will be circulated.

### FUTURE

Members of the FIR team will be on hand to explain the layout and future plans.

Sgt Keith Beechener of the FIR team said: "Our aim is to ensure the final layout provides the best possible working environment of the staff who will work there."

Once Home Office approval has been given, it is intended to start building the new Force Information Room next year, and it should be up and running by late 1993.

### GARAGE

Plans are in hand for a hexagonal new building on land behind the garage at HQ.

Representatives of other police forces have been invited to view the card-

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## Thanks Pc says Sweet Pea



A final cuddle as Sweet Pea and Pc Bailey say farewell.

Picture courtesy of the Daily Mail

## Deer friends

**NEWPORT Pc Trevor Bailey has been burning the midnight oil this summer to nurse a tiny fallow deer back to health after finding her near to death.**

Sweet Pea, as Pc Bailey named her, was found dazed and bleeding wandering along the main London to Cambridge Road after a painful

encounter with a hedge cutter.

Part of her ear had been sliced off and her body was lacerated, so Pc Bailey took her home, tended her wounds and gradually built her back up to strength.

But the good life suited Sweet Pea just a little too well and she soon became so fond of her human companions that she lost her natural fear of dogs and other predators.

Had she been released back into the wild she would have become an easy target for hunters.

So Pc Bailey searched for a safe home for the little doe and discovered Mountfitchet Castle and Norman Village at Stansted.

With two other female fallow deer at the Castle already, Clover and Poppy, the hope is they will soon adopt her as their own.

# BUSTING CRIME ON THE PHONE

**ESSEX Police Crimestoppers has just celebrated its third birthday and looks all set to go from strength to strength in its fourth year of crime-busting.**

Since the Force's scheme was launched in July 1988, 1260 telephone calls have been received from members of the public leading to 147 people being arrested and charged with criminal offences.

Chief Constable John Burrow said that without a doubt the scheme had proved to be a most successful extension of policing in the county.

"Since Essex Police Crimestoppers was launched a variety of crimes ranging from armed robbery to minor theft have been detected," he said.

"In addition a considerable amount of crime has been prevented."

Local politicians have also been putting their weight behind the scheme, which is the only independent force scheme in the country.

John Wakeham MP, said the task of upholding the law could not simply be left to the police. "Each of us has a duty to tackle crime in order to make our neighbourhoods safer places for our friends and families," he said.

Bob Spink, prospective parliamentary candidate for Castle Point said both he and Sir Bernard Braine had been victims of crime during the 1980s and he had been a victim of car crime in June.

"Crimestoppers has proved its worth as a sound means of combating crime", he said.

Chief Inspector David Bright, who spearheaded the Essex Scheme, said the idea of

a phone line the public could call anonymously to give the police information about a crime had proved to be a winner.

"The secret is to keep it in the public's eye. There's no magic in detecting crime."

He said local backing for the scheme, which is an associate member of the regional Anglia Crimestoppers Scheme, had been very strong with good links with the local media and business communities.

"There has been support from the business community from the big corporate giants to the corner shop."

### SUPPORT

"We have also had good support from the local newspapers and radio stations."

"The aim of the scheme is to provide the maximum benefit for operational police officers, so we have tried to make it as simple and as paper free as possible," he added, noting that the confidential phone lines were manned round the clock.

The scheme is coordinated by a team of ten people, including representatives from the media and business, and meets monthly, usually away from police stations, to put the emphasis on the point that it is a community idea, rather than purely a police scheme.

"It's an ideal way to do something positive," said a board member, who is the manager of a local bank.

"I think the success of Crimestoppers has been greater than anticipated, but we are still building on that success in 1991/92," concluded David Bright. "If anyone has any ideas that could help with the scheme get in touch and remember to plug the number — (0245) 252252."

**A horse  
with no  
name**

**TODAY The Law launches a very special competition to name the Force's latest addition to the Mounted Section, based at Southend.**

Police horse Cromwell, aged 17, has just retired from active service to green pastures and the Force is currently trying out a new horse, to hopefully fill his shoes on the beat.

However, at present, Cromwell's replacement has no name, so the section are throwing it open to readers of the The Law to see what you can come up with.

In the past horses' names have all begun with the letter 'C' and had eight letters — like the other three horses in the Force — Crusader, Cavalier and Colossus.

But Sgt Paul Hemmings says he is willing to consider something new.

Any names for the new horse should be sent to Paul Dunt or Jenny Bullus at the Press Office. The winner will be chosen by Sgt Hemmings and there could even be a small prize available.

**Federation Notes . . . Federation Notes . . . Federation Notes . . . Federation Notes . . .**



*by*  
**Brian Pallant**

**TAX, TESSA AND INTEREST**

ALTHOUGH separate taxation has been with us for a reasonable period, Building Societies report the general public are not taking full advantage. The original legislation enables anyone who is not making full use of their personal allowance against income, currently £3,295, to receive interest on investment gross without tax being deducted up to the level of the £3,295. This is particularly important for the officer whose spouse is either not in receipt of an income or the income is below the amount of the personal allowance; therefore a certain amount of tax allowance is wasted.

Should you be in these circumstances and wish to reorganise your investments with the Building Society the non tax payer will need to complete a Form R 89 available from the Building Society and the investment transferred into their name in order to receive interest without the payment of tax on interest.

In addition to Building Societies, there are investments that pay gross interest, which is particularly useful to the non tax payer amongst these are: National Savings.

Investment Account 12.25% gross variable  
Income Bonds 13% gross variable  
Capital Bonds 11.5% gross fixed

Care should be taken if you are investing and able to take advantage of gross interest when considering the new TESSA contracts. A number of investors have missed the point that although TESSAs are tax free and offer competitive interest, it is possible, making use of the unused personal allowance, to achieve interest tax free from ordinary Building Society accounts.

This is a more flexible approach as the TESSA will probably require a switching charge if you wish to transfer to another society during the five years of the contract.

The message here is if you are a tax payer but your spouse is not, consider gross interest contracts in the name of the non tax paying spouse and compare this with the terms offered by the TESSA.

A great deal of interest has been generated by this legislation in gross interest accounts offshore.

To a certain extent the demand for these accounts by non tax payers has been reduced following the legislation obliging on shore Building Societies to offer gross interest.

However, they are of continuing use to tax payers as interest is paid gross and therefore the tax charge is deferred increasing the cumulative return on the investment.

It is well worth investigating the interest rates offered offshore as they can with some institutions be very competitive with on shore rates and are offered by most of the larger banks and Building Societies. S. V. FOSTER, George Burrows Group Insurance

**The Federation investigates which of your details are stored on computer**

**TAKING A BYTE OF YOUR PERSONAL FILE**

**WHAT'S a personal record?**

This question has caused quite some considerable debate. It's not so academic as it may seem.

The poser arose when a member of the force questioned whether or not details of informally resolved complaints are retained on the management computer used by the Complaints and Discipline Department

at Headquarters.

Home Office guidance on the matter says: "No entry relating to the attempted or successful resolution of a complaint should be made on the personal record of the officer concerned".

Some arguments fall on the side of your personal record being the record of Service held in the Force Personnel Department.

The other side of the argument and that which is being forwarded by your Joint Branch Board, is taken from the brief guide to the Data Protection Act where personal data is referred to as: "Information relating to an individual who can be identified from

that information".

The first step to resolving the matter was to find out if informally resolved complaints were being recorded on the computer after completion. The answer here is Yes.

Joint Branch Board Chairman, Bob Needham has had a meeting with the head of Complaints and Discipline together with the Force Data Protection Officer.

Some common ground has been found.

It seems that the next step is to take the matter to the Discipline Sub Committee of The Association of Chief Police Officers for further debate.

The aim of the Joint Branch Board will be to ensure that 'no entry' relating to the informal resolution of a complaint shall be kept on any record, (computers included).

**FEDERATION NEWS . . . FEDERATION NEWS . . . FEDERATION NEWS . . .**

**Medical**

THOSE members over 60, or who have a dependent on the enrolment who is over 60 will know of the Income Tax Relief that is available on their subscriptions for the Essex Police Private Medical Scheme. This measure has now been in effect for a full tax year and P.P.P are now issuing Certificates of Payment for taxation purposes.

Our premiums are adjusted at source to take into account the appropriate tax reduction.

The receipt of the certificates does not indicate that a further application needs to be made. It is merely an administrative 'tying up loose ends'.

Members are advised to retain the certificate safely in case it is required by the authorities in respect of the tax value allowed.

**Pay**

AT A meeting of the Police Negotiating Board on July 23 agreement was reached with regard to this year's Pay Award

and other allowances.

The Pay Award will be as the agreed index of 8.5% from the 1st September 1991.

For members information I have produced below details of all the scales plus overtime rates and all the new pension and commutation details.

Regarding the cadet's pay claim I understand that only 5% was offered. This was unacceptable and will probably have to go to arbitration to be resolved.

The Dog Handler's allowance has increased as thus:

a. For the rank of constable from £792 to £858 and  
b. For any other rank from £1,083 to £1,176

N.B. The regulation with regard to pay has yet to be ratified by the Home Secretary. However I understand that as in the past the salaries department at County Hall will be implementing the new scales from the September pay day based on the advisory circular.

May I take this opportunity on your behalf of thanking the staff

at County Hall and our own finance staff at headquarters for their prompt attention.

**JCC Meeting**

ON THE 5th September 1991 members of the joint branch board attended the JCC Open Meeting in Kent. The General Secretary Vee Neild gave

1. Federation evidence to the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice.

2. Offender whilst on Bail.

3. Secure accommodation for juveniles.

4. Police Budgets — cut back and rate capping.

5. Officers in Provided Accommodation — Vee Neild preparing an agenda paper for the Police Negotiating Board.

6. Current survey regarding assaults on police nationwide.

7. Administrative dismissal now named incapacity procedure.

8. White paper on the citizens charter and in particular the area that affects the Police Service.

Most of the regulations have been agreed it was just the job sharing which was posing a few problems. The experiment has yet to start in the six chosen forces.

Alternative shift systems. The staff side would be responding at the next Joint Working Group meeting with the official side re alternative shifts and the total package including annual leave and rest pays and overtime.

**Mileage**

AT THE present moment discussions are taking place with Assistant Chief Constable 'A' regarding the working of Standing Order 36 and also the publication of a Force Order regarding the use of officers own vehicles when on protracted major incident enquiries.

However the area that concerns me at the moment is that some members seem to be under pressure to claim mileage other than under the appropriate police regulation.

By way of example: if you are an Essential or Casual user then

the rate you should receive for all Duty mileage should be a per the agreed tables. It is illegal to be paid so many miles in the month at Casual Rate then the rest at the locally agreed Force Rate. This appears to be happening and is obviously being done just to save money.

If you are having a problem in this area and would like further advice regarding the appropriate regulation, please give me ring on extension 2797 at Headquarters.

Members should also note there is no such thing now as Public Transport Rate. In this Force we pay mileage as per police regulations with a further agreement that officers when attending courses and visits outside the Force area normally made by public transport can if they so wish use their own vehicle and claim the locally agreed Force Rate. This rate is MOST DEFINITELY NOT MEANT TO BE USED FOR OPERATIONAL POLICE WORK.

**All those vital facts and figures for the financial year 1991/2**

1991/1992		SALARY				OVERTIME		PENSION			
		Annual Rate	Monthly Rate	Weekly Rate	Hourly Rate	Hourly 1/2	Hourly Double	Assuming Retirement on or after 31 August 1992			
					1 1/3	1 1/2		Officers Service	Gross Annual Pension	Maximum Commutation	Residue Pension
<b>Constable on Appt.</b>		11790	982.50	226.01	7.53	8.47	11.30	<b>Constable : APP., £19,674</b>			
After 1 Year		12606	1050.50	241.65	8.05	9.06	12.08	25 Years	9837	22133	8362
" 2 Years		14841*	1236.75	284.50	9.48	10.67	14.22	26 "	10492	23608	8919
" 3 "		15192	1266.00	291.22	9.71	10.92	14.56	27 "	11148	25084	9476
" 4 "		15693	1307.75	300.83	10.03	11.28	15.04	28 "	11804	26559	10034
" 5 "		16233	1352.75	311.18	10.37	11.67	15.56	29 "	12460	28035	10591
" 6 "		16749	1395.75	321.07	10.70	12.04	16.05	30 "	13116	49185 +	9837
" 7 "		17268	1439.00	331.02	11.03	12.41	16.55	<b>Sergeant : APP., £21,588</b>			
" 8 "		17778	1481.50	340.80	11.36	12.78	17.04	25 Years	10794	24286	9175
" 12 "		18819	1568.25	360.75	12.02	13.53	18.04	26 "	11513	25905	9786
" 15 "		19674	1639.50	377.14	12.57	14.14	18.86	27 "	12233	27524	10399
<b>Sergeant on Prom.</b>		18819	1568.25	360.75	12.02	13.53	18.04	28 "	12952	29143	11010
After 1 Year		19674	1639.50	377.14	12.57	14.14	18.86	29 "	13672	30762	11622
" 2 Years		20367	1697.25	390.43	13.01	14.64	19.52	30 "	14392	53970 +	10794
" 3 "		21039	1753.25	403.31	13.44	15.12	20.16	<b>Inspector : APP., £24,510</b>			
" 4 "		21588	1799.00	413.83	13.79	15.52	20.69	25 Years	12255	27573	10417
<b>Inspector on Prom.</b>		21588	1799.00	413.83	13.79	15.52	20.69	26 "	13072	29412	11112
After 1 Year		22263	1855.25	426.77	14.23	16.00	21.34	27 "	13889	31250	11806
" 2 Years		23133	1927.75	443.45	14.78	16.63	22.17	28 "	14706	33088	12501
" 3 "		23820	1985.00	456.62	15.22	17.12	22.83	29 "	15523	34926	13195
" 4 "		24510	2042.50	469.85	15.66	17.62	23.49	30 "	16340	61275 +	12255
<b>C/Inspector on Prom.</b>		24510	2042.50	469.85	15.66	17.62	23.49	<b>C/Inspector : APP., £27,264</b>			
After 1 Year		25197	2099.75	483.02	16.10	18.11	24.15	25 Years	13632	30672	11588
" 2 Years		25881	2156.75	496.13	16.54	18.60	24.81	26 "	14540	32716	12359
" 3 "		26571	2214.25	509.35	16.98	19.10	25.47	27 "	15449	34761	13132
" 4 "		27264	2272.00	522.64	17.42	19.60	26.13	28 "	16358	36806	13905
<b>NOTE:</b>		The above scales are approximations only and may vary slightly on some service points. * Denotes pay for entry at age 22 years or over. Entrants will move to the next point after 3 years service.									
<b>Constable to Sergeant Promotions - Incremental Moves</b>											
<b>Service on Promotion</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>To Sergeants Increment</b>		<b>Salary</b>							
15 years plus	19674	2 years in rank		20367							
14 - 15 years	18819	2 years in rank		20367							
12 - 14 years	18819	1 year in rank		19674							
Less than 12 years	17778	On promotion rate		18819							
(Unlike the 22 years plus recruit who has to mark time for three years - Cons. promoted to Sgt., continues up the incremental scale to maximum for the rank.)											
								+ Assuming age 51 next Birthday and top rate for Rank.			

## Epping's in the news

UPBEAT Epping Police are hitting the headlines by producing a new community newspaper.

The Beat, a 32-page tabloid, was launched last month, packed full of information, and advice on home and personal security.

The new newspaper, which will be distributed quarterly to homes throughout the Epping and Ongar area, gives the force an opportunity to put over its point of view — without costing Essex Police a penny.

Funded by advertising, and published by the London Leisure Publishing Corporation, the first issue of The Beat contains articles about Neighbourhood Watch, current crimes, the Special Constabulary, the Fear of Crime, safer swimming, traffic tips, seat belt laws, and profiles of the local community policemen, plus a children's section with Schools Liaison Officer Bobby the Bobby (Pc. Bob Higgs).

Sub-divisional commander Chf. Insp. Ian Cotgrove was delighted with the first issue, and believes other areas of the force will soon follow suit.

The Beat already has widespread coverage in the Metropolitan Police area.

## Czech mate

CZECHOSLAVAKIAN student Jana Cejkova felt the force of Essex Police when she visited headquarters for the day.

When she and fellow student Jan Musil, both 17, went to stores to be given some police badges, one of her hosts playfully snapped a pair of handcuffs round her wrists.

Sadly they were an odd pair without a key, and poor Jana was trapped until they could be cut off.

Czech-born PC. John Mertl showed the two round HQ including trips to the Air Support Unit and the skid pan. They were attached to Harwich Police for a week as part of a voluntary work trip.

## Police review

ATTENTION probationers! Did you realise that Police Review, the weekly magazine about the British police service, offers a reduced rate to probationers?

The publishers have asked The Law to remind you that probationers can receive the magazine by post to their home address each week for an annual subscription of £43.50 (The full rate is £49.50).



William Drane

## Essex Pc's daughter leaves £55,000 to the force in memory of her father

AN ESSEX policeman's daughter has left £55,360 to the Essex Police Benevolent Fund in memory of her father who served in the old Colchester Borough Force.

Spinster Doris Drane of Wavell Avenue, Colchester, died on October 2 and her wish was that the money should go to the Force her father served in for 28 years.

William Drane was born in Aldham in 1881 and joined the Colchester Force in June 1906. Before that he had begun work at 11 as a general farm worker earning 2/- a week.

He became a Sergeant in 1918 and was promoted to

Inspector in 1928, but he is most remembered for an expression he frequently quoted: "Just the art of being kind is all this sad world needs." He retired in September 1934.

But Inspector Drane has not been forgotten in the modern Force. One of the postcards printed for the Force's 150th Anniversary is based on a picture of him and a photograph of him also hangs on the wall at HQ.

William Drane's brother, Charles, also served in the Force, joining in 1899 and retiring in 1925. During his time he served at Romford, Harwich, Birchanger, Ongar and Grays.

Chelmsford men travel 5,500 miles across Europe in 100 hours

# Traffic trio tackles 10 capitals

by Jenny Bullus

THREE Chelmsford traffic policemen arrived back in Britain last week after completing a gruelling 5,500 mile marathon on wheels.

Their European adventure began on Westminster Bridge in London on September 4, and took them via ten capital cities in less than 100 hours.

And the exhausted threesome, Pcs Ian Donaldson, Harry Sexton and Andy Butler, have raised £1,700 for Broomfield Hospital's Intensive Therapy Unit from their Busman's Holiday.

### SURVIVAL

Travelling virtually no-stop, the officers snatched sleep on the back seat of their 2-litre Granada, loaned by Ford, and ate survival-type meals.

But despite the tight schedule, they kept within speed limits.

And they were fortunate to encounter so few hold ups that they had time to stop for a Pizza in Rome.

The biggest problem they faced was before they even set off, when their pre-arranged plans to start form the House of Commons car park were scuppered by a hostile Met. policeman.

Their route took in Paris, Lisbon, Madrid, Rome,



WHEN IN ROME: The traffic trio snatch a lightning break to be snapped in view of the Coliseum, from left to right, Andy Butler, Ian Donaldson and Harry Sexton.

Vienna, Berlin, Amsterdam, Luxembourg and Brussels, with a brief photo stop by a well-known monument in each capital as proof of their visit. They also had a car to be stamped by police in each city.

In Amsterdam, when they failed to find an obvious monument, they took a few quick snaps of the railway station and it was onwards towards Luxembourg.

But not before spotting

what they believed to be a brightly-lit mobile brothel, in a city renowned for its red light area.

One of the toughest parts of the drive was between Lisbon and Madrid, when they crossed a mountain range in a violent storm.

### AUTOBAHN

But there were few traffic delays, the only problem being on the Autobahn through East Germany where a long stretch of roadworks slowed their progress.

Pc Donaldson said, "We did get very tired, but we were confident we would get round in the time." They had to, as he and Pc Sexton were due at Chelmsford Magistrates' Court on September 9.

Pc Donaldson's favourite stop of the whirlwind tour was in Berlin, a city which, he said, exuded happiness. They stopped at the Brandenburg Gate. "The whole place was heaving with people enjoying themselves. There was a terrific atmosphere."



ONLY SEVEN MORE CITIES TO GO: The lads stop their Granada by the statue of Christ in Lisbon.

## Cardboard

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board mock-up, as many are planning their own new communications projects.

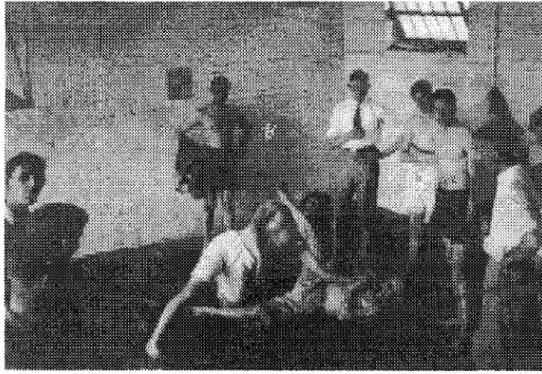
Sgt. Beechener urged police officers and civilian staff to come along and find out more about the new information room. The Wethersfield site, which is off the B1053 road between Wethersfield village and Finchingfield.

# Getting to grips with the class of 1934

THIS photograph taken 57 years ago in the gymnasium at Police Headquarters, Springfield, may be of interest to some elderly readers.

On the mat are judo instructor Paddy Jackson and recruit Ron Stanley. I can identify most of the other recruits in the gym, myself included, but I shall not name them. (Undoubtedly, a few readers will know their names, the vast majority will not. Bill Burden took this photograph.

The may 1934 cauldron of nineteen assorted recruits produced a far from mundane brew. It spewed two Assistant Chief Constables, two War Heroes, two deaths (one by



enemy action), two sackings, a hybrid Poet, and among others, one unsociable creature.

If my crude and earthy prose offends you, then please allow that I live under primitive conditions in very

rural North Devon, where man takes fourth place behind horses, cattle and sheep and his wife obtains their daily milk from the house cow.

G. Ball  
The Compost,  
North Devon

## Where's Jessie Turner?

I would be most grateful if your readers could help me track down an officer Turner, who I believe was a policeman at Brentwood around 1949 - 52.

My wife, Majorie Gaccon, flew out to Nairobi, East Africa by charter plane from Bovingdon Airport in December 1949 to join me.

Accompanying her was a Miss Jessie Turner who was flying out to get married to a Mr Brian England. Miss Turner's father lived in the Brentwood area and I understand was a police officer (I believe an Inspector) in Brentwood.

It is quite possible that the father (and the mother) will now be deceased, but I understand Jessie had a sister living in Brentwood too.

Is there any possibility any of your readers know of the existence of an officer Turner around this time or the existence of any member of the family whom I could contact?

We have lost all contact with Jessie and would be most grateful for any help.

Neil Gaccon  
St Johns Crescent  
Whitechurch Cardiff

## Any stamps in the house?

I UNDERSTAND the Green Shield Stamp Scheme is to end in October. Can I request your readers to donate any Green Shield Stamps that they may have to the Carr-Gomm Society — a charity which provides housing for single isolated people — and send them to me so that I can redeem them for cash from the issuers.

The building of such a house in the Brentwood area is about to commence.

C.E. Williams (Ex Pc 564),  
Fundraiser,  
Becket Close, Warley,  
Brentwood. Brentwood 222610.

## Brian's fond memories

ON BEHALF of my wife and I, may I thank all friends who took the time and trouble to attend Witham on August 24. Also those who contributed to the retirement gifts we received.

I will treasure these forever, alongside fond memories of my service with the police.

It is with pride that I remember I started at Southend and finished at Witham: Similar in many respects - great tradition, atmosphere and comradeship.

I owe the Essex Police, and colleagues, everything. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

Brian Palmer,  
Bridport Road, Chelmsford.

## Grateful Thanks

MAY I through The Law send grateful thanks to all who sent cards and letters on the death of my husband, Ralph, and also to those who attended his funeral.

My son, Peter and daughter—in-law, June, send their thanks to all.

Our special thanks to the four serving officers who paid such a touching tribute — we were proud to remember that Ralph served in the same force for many years.

Audrey F Hagger  
Sidmouth Road  
Chelmsford



# The day our battling bobbies aimed to shoot down the Luftwaffe

I WRITE regarding two items in the June issue of The Law — 'Plotting in the Chief Constable's Loft' and 'Essex "No" to Guns'.

During the 1939/45 war there was a strong connection between these two items.

Amongst the many extraneous duties undertaken by the traffic patrols was an HQ guard which was responsible for the security of HQ. The guards, armed with .45 revolvers were stationed at the front and rear entrances to the main office.

## GUARD

During an air raid alert, the guard was reinforced with two men armed with Lee Enfield rifles patrolling the sports field (the area where enemy paratroops were expected to land) and one man in a position on the roof where he could survey the approaches to HQ.

This man (on the roof) was linked by telephone to the war duties room. His duty was to identify aircraft approaching and inform "control" — also to give the location of any exploding bombs, parachutes and falling aircraft.

To assist him to give this location the "backroom boys" in the A.R.P. acquired a "plotting table"



similar to the one described in the June issue and might indeed have been the same one.

## SALUTE

Whilst I here put pen to paper may I be permitted to make the following asides which have now surfaced in my memory in the

hope that readers might find them amusing.

We did have some training in the use of firearms, probably each man firing the maximum of five rounds with the rifle and revolvers, but a large number of parades were detailed for drill to enable us to present arms and

salute the senior officers when carrying arms.

Later, it did occur to us that we were never told when and at whom we were to shoot. We were expected to use our own initiative.

## SPOUT

As far as I can remember there were only two accidents, both occurred in the "guard room" one when the keys of a typewriter were shot away and the other slightly more serious, when an officer whilst testing his gun, forgot there was "one up the spout" and lost the top of his fingers.

There was one (unrecorded) incident when a rifle was fired in anger. An officer on patrol on the sports field fired a volley at low flying aircraft on route for Coventry during the night of the Blitz.

I do not think he expected a "kill" but he said it helped to relieve his feelings.

The enclosed photograph shows Joe Beckett and myself at the rear of HQ office, armed and guns at the ready to meet and deal with all emergencies!! Note gun ready for a quick draw!!

Dick Coe  
Dalrymple Close  
Chelmsford

## Glad tidings from Ral

ADDENDUM. Lo, it came to pass on the night of the full moon in the summer solstice that tidings came from a far waterhole even the tip called Til.

And the harbinger was an eminent cognoscente in the field of low life (formerly a gallant sidekick). And he saith:

Perchance the dual-purpose artefact mentioned was owned jointly by one Bell-tent Bella

of the Ram & Crummet and her acrobatic consort. Fiddlers Elber fame identifiable by his cats et, (expletives deleted) by his feline leer.

The garment should be transferred pronto from the inventory to the Lost & Found Register.

I stand corrected. Memory is short. Owd bods fergit.

For Bella was sweetheart of the forces, high-kicking mezzo-soprano and toast of shellbacks o'er the Seven Seas and all nicks to Charing X.

Dost remember?

The twain had other titles but what's in a moniker? Survivors starring in the dramatis personae of the long-running epic Havers Follies will readily identify.

Eat thou thy heart out, Joan er, Coggins.

Ral son of the prophet  
Jonah, 'is marque X

## New roots

Laindon Police lay down their new roots in the town as Councillor Dave Marks, Chairman of Basildon Council, plants a tree outside the new station.

Photo courtesy of the Brentwood Gazette



## A SPLASHING TIME

I FEEL I must write in order to redress the balance set by the correspondent in the last issue of The Law.

I also had arranged to escort two 10-year-old boys, together with their fathers, to various 'specialist' departments around the county.

Without exception I found that all had prepared for the visit and gave the children the time of their lives. The enthusiasm and professionalism shown by all the officers concerned made me proud to be a member of the same organisation.

I have thanked the officers concerned personally

but I would like to record publically my thanks and gratitude to the following:-

Southend Mounted Section  
Rayleigh Marine  
Sandon Dog Section  
Driving School  
Air Support Unit  
Ladies of Southend Canteen

The look of joy on the faces of the children at the end of a long, tiring day said it all.

M.W. Gurden,  
Inspector,  
Epping.

Pioneering policy promises better help for the mentally ill

# THINKING AS ONE



GOING DOWN! David Van Lennep and Phil China experience life in the deep end for today's divers. Picture courtesy of Les Brand.

## Fifties frogmen leap to the Ninja nineties

**NINJA** Turtles step aside! The original Essex Police frogmen have returned and teamed up with the force's modern diving section for a day.

As a 70th birthday treat for diving section founder David van Lennep, he and fellow pioneer Ex-Sergeant Phil China, visited Heybridge Basin on Saturday, August 17 to see the force's Underwater Search Unit in action.

They studied with interest the section's modern equipment, the Underwater Search Unit vehicle, and watched the team diving.

The trip was organised by divers Pc Aidan Brick and Sgt Nigel Dermott, following a request from ex-Special Constable van Lennep's daughter.



TIME FOR TEA: From left to right: Pc Rob Triggy; Pc Aidan Brick; Pc Bob Lay; Pc Paul Ashworth; David Van Lennep; Phil China and Sgt Nigel Dermott. Picture courtesy of Les Brand.

Sgt China, who has retired to Suffolk, and Special Constable van Lennep, who lives in the Basildon area, set up the diving section in the late 1950s after realising

their diving hobby could be useful to the force. They wrote the first police diving manual, and developed a system of underwater communication.

**A PIONEERING** agreement between the police, health and social services promises a better deal for the mentally ill in South Essex.

After seven months of detailed negotiations, a joint policy has been thrashed out in the Basildon and Thurrock area for Section 136 of the 1983 Mental Health Act.

The section allows police officers to detain an apparently mentally ill person found in a public place, and remove him or her to a place of safety. The person must then be examined by a doctor and social worker.

### BOUNCED

The different interpretations placed on this section by health authorities, social services and police have sometimes left vulnerable individuals being bounced from one agency to another.

By Jenny Bullus

Mr Mark Callaghan, director of Basildon and Thurrock Health Authority's Mental Health Service, said, "The three agencies have agreed to share the burden of responsibility. The joint policy means we have agreed a common language, to work together to address the problem."

### SENIOR

Their commitment was sealed on August 27, when senior representatives of the three agencies signed the policy document at Basildon Hospital.

Basildon Divisional Commander Chf. Supt. Michael Curtis and Acting Chf. Supt. John Papple of Grays Division signed on behalf of the police.

Essex Police are keen to use this joint agreement as a blueprint for other areas of the county.

A key feature is that it has been drawn up by the staff at grass roots level, the ones who will be operating it — including custody sergeants John McGowan (Basildon Division) and Mike Johnstone (Grays).

### ANALYSED

A joint form has been produced, ensuring that everyone detained under Section 136 will be properly registered, and an agreed procedure followed.

A monitoring mechanism is built in, with a register at Basildon Hospital allowing statistics to be analysed.

### VIOLENT

Where a person is not violent, the aim is that their place of safety should be at the hospital, rather than a police cell.

All three agencies are confident the new system will work, guaranteeing the rights of the mentally ill.

## Kids weed out worry with the fast food force

**CARING KIDS** from Purfleet Primary School have been toiling hard to weed out their differences with the area's elderly residents.

Fifteen children from the Top Junior class leapt into action when Police Sergeant Steve Nuttall told them elderly people on the Garrison Estate were being upset by youngsters' anti-social behaviour.

To restore the pensioners' faith in youth, they spent four hours cutting the

grass, digging flower beds and weeding — totally transforming the look of their sheltered housing complex.

In recognition of the kids' efforts, Sgt Nuttall arranged a trip round Grays Police Station, followed by a free slap up meal and party, courtesy of the town's Macdonalds Restaurant.

The clean up kids got to work after residents of the estate in Purfleet had complained of youngsters causing damage to gardens, and flowers, climbing over the

perimeter fence, knocking on doors and running away, and other nuisances.

The last straw came when a widow who had been growing roses to put on her husband's grave had them torn up and pushed through her letterbox.

Sgt Nuttall said: "The children worked really hard, and helped restore the elderly people's image of youngsters. It also helped the youngsters to see that the elderly have a right to peace and quiet, and are in the main friendly and approachable."

## Conservation cops cut, clip and coppice

**GREEN-minded** police officers are being invited to try out a "bramble bashing" weekend.

Organised by Brentwood-based WPC Jean Seager, the weekend will provide a chance to carry out conservation and woodland management work.

For the past two years, Jean's annual leave has regularly been spent on National Trust working "holidays", from clearing rhododendrons

on Lundy Island to coppicing projects on Trust-managed woodlands.

"It's hard work but a lot of fun. They are all National Trust owned or managed sites, so all the projects are in attractive areas," she said.

Colleagues have shown so much interest in her conservation work, that she has arranged a weekend working in Basildon Park, Berkshire from October 18 to 20.

Costing just £10 a head,

including all meals, the weekend's accommodation will be a shooting lodge in the forest. Facilities are basic but include proper beds and showers, although Jean recommends taking plenty of warm clothes.

Men and women are welcome, and the lodge sleeps about 30. Jean needs to hear from anyone interested by the end of September. Contact her at Brentwood CSB on ext. 5381

## Cop Papers

**IT HAS** been a dog's life lately for the nation's pooches as the Government steps up moves to control dangerous breeds.

But as man and woman's best friend struggles to shake off the reputations as Public Enemy No 1, a new Japanese arrival in the West Midlands has been showing that not all new breeds should be hounded out.

Santosh's Arashi Kumo (or Robert as he is better known) is a pure white Japanese Akita puppy and has become the first of his breed to become a British Police dog after joining the West Midlands Force.

He was recruited due to a shortage of German Shepherds and for the next five months will be learning the ropes at Rose Road police station in Birmingham. The Akita is the largest of the Japanese Spitz breeds and is used widely by police forces in Japan where it is renowned for its courage.

### TOPLESS

Now there's nothing the Japanese like better than a spot of wrestling so there's no doubt they'd be great fans of 25-year-old Gilda Pedone, daughter of a high-ranking Italian police chief.

The former secretary has just won a topless olive oil wrestling championship in which women fight it out in a rubber swimming pool topped up with oil. "I suppose it's better than having a thief in the family," her Chief Supt dad was reported to say.

### STUMPED

Also getting to grips with a slippery customer was cricketering cop Det Con Brian Arkle who stumped a dressing room thief while playing cricket on his day off.

After the sharp-eyed detective caught the man he spotted moving around the pavilion, he then went calmly back to his game and scored 105 runs leading his Gateshead Fell team to a six wicket victory. How's that!

### BUGGIES

Police in Australia are also trying out the sporting theme this month in a bid to knock crooks for six. Perth police are trying out golf buggies on some of their beats. The buggies, equipped with flashing lights, are considered ideal for patrolling the city centre.

### PEELER

But finally at a time when the force is facing a spate of bad publicity it's good to see the public still have a sense of humour towards us.

Police who asked the public to name Derbyshire's top cop received a nomination for Sir Robert Peel, the Victorian who founded the first force. A resident in Mackworth, Derby, joked: "He was the last policeman seen on our estate."

### GRAYS DIVISION REUNION

8pm Friday, 11th October 1991

All serving and ex members (Officers and Civilians) are cordially invited to the annual Grays Division Reunion to be held at the 'Beat Retreat' bar, Grays Police Station.

RSVP

P.C. Ian Lodge  
Secretary

# Steering away from chalk and talk as r

# Shot on of re



EYES RIGHT: Proud probationers march past Inspecting Officer Peter Simpson at their final parade. Picture by Jenny Bullus.

## Traditional parade is only the end of the beginning Passing out with pride ... and the heat

**THE PASSING out parade at Shotley is perhaps more in line with its Naval past, than the new-style police training piloted there.**

It is not without its critics, who argue valuable training time is taken up rehearsing drill, the march past and salute.

But there are those equally as strongly in favour, including many students who pass out with pride.

Opponents ask what is its value to the forward-looking management-orientated style

of community policing? A style which replaces militaristic discipline in favour of the flexible problem-solving approach.

Supporters say it is a special occasion to mark the successful completion of the first phase of training, shared with families and friends. Certainly the emotions unleashed by the students of

course 2/91 as their parade was dismissed bore witness to the spirit of comradeship and teamwork they had built up.

This is the new Shotley, where training is very much a co-operative venture between the centre and the probationer's own force.

Insp. John Worland explained, "This is a very personal view, but to me the parade suggests there is a finality to police training. I see it as a barrier to the fact that Shotley is only one part of the foundation course."

The parade has certainly changed over the years, a fact echoed by Inspecting Officer and Essex Deputy Chief Constable Peter Simpson as he addressed course 2/91.

It was helmets off for the address, a welcome relaxation in the searing heat which threatened to make some students literally pass out.

Mr. Simpson promised to keep it short, recalling how he stood to attention for what seemed like hours at his own final parade some years ago, and remembers not a word of the Inspecting Officer's

address.

His message was clear and simple: treat members of the community as you would like to be treated yourself.

This may be a traditional proverb, but proves in rapidly changing times that some of the old creeds are timeless.

## Sad Jason sidelined

**HEARTBROKEN Essex P.C. Jason Prendergast was sidelined by injury just an hour before his final parade.**

As C Class marched off the parade ground at the end of their final rehearsal, Jason turned his ankle in the gutter at the edge of the square.

"I am still choked," he said, speaking after the Harwich Pipes and Drums marched off and the parade was dismissed. "It's a very emotional day, it's what you look forward to as the climax of the course."

"I've thoroughly enjoyed the course," said Jason, who was due back on the night shift at Thurrock three days later. His fiancée, among the proud audience, watched sympathetically as Jason hobbled onto the parade ground to be presented to Mr Simpson.

Meanwhile proud Essex WPC. Shiela Roberts, a former Special Constable who had been unable to join up until height restrictions were scrapped, was marching forward to receive the Ryton Salver from Mr. Simpson.

The salver is awarded to the student showing the most endeavour and determination to complete the course. Shiela was one of two Essex officers receiving awards; P.C. Peter Harris won the Lifesaving Trophy, for making the most progress in swimming and lifesaving.

There were 17 Essex probationers among the 44 students passing out from course 2/91.

WPC. Roberts said, "You make so many good friends here, and work closely together as a team. Everyone on the course doesn't want to leave."



ESSEX WPC Shiela Roberts, Commandant Chief Superintendent



PC 94 Sarsfield Donohue of Essex Police is inspected by Mr Simpson on the parade ground at Shotley. Picture by kind permission of Wolseley Place Studios, Ashford.

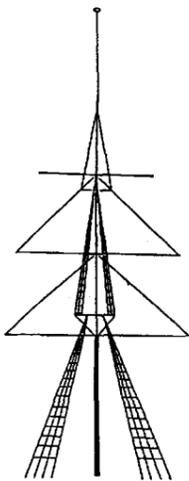
# Rookie cops gear up for the heat of the beat

# They sails ahead turning tide recruit training

**SINCE the scathing Scarman report into the race riots of the early 80s, police training has undergone a metamorphosis, moving from legal definitions and chalk and talk, to the hands-on era of role play and learning social skills.**

**The district training centre at Shotley, where virtually all Essex recruits are now trained, has been at the forefront of the changes.**

**Jenny Bullus reports.**



spent four weeks in force.

They then return for five weeks on shift with their respective forces, finishing the first phase of their training with a further five weeks at Shotley.

"This is the fundamental change in police training," said Insp. Worland, "The Training Centre is only part of the initial training, it is a co-operative venture between the officer's force and here."

"We are trying to establish stronger links between the forces and here. The experiences the recruits have on their stations with their tutor constables, are what we will work on when they come back here."

After getting established on their particular shift, many probationers are reluctant to be dragged back to Training Centre. WPC. Carol Readman, of Cambridgeshire Police, said, "When you're role-playing, you think, 'It's not like this in real life'. From the point of view of learning to deal with people it is not realistic."

"Joe Public isn't like what we're like. You know no-one's going to lump you here. But for practising your powers and the law it's good."

Carol was role-playing as the girlfriend of a youth who had knocked down a cyclist and driven off, knowing he was well over the drink-drive limit.

The two officers arriving at their door were first tested on their powers of entry. But a range of other skills were needed, as they woke up the youth, discovered he was claiming to have drunk half a bottle of sherry since returning home, and ended up wrongfully arresting him for failing to stop after an accident.

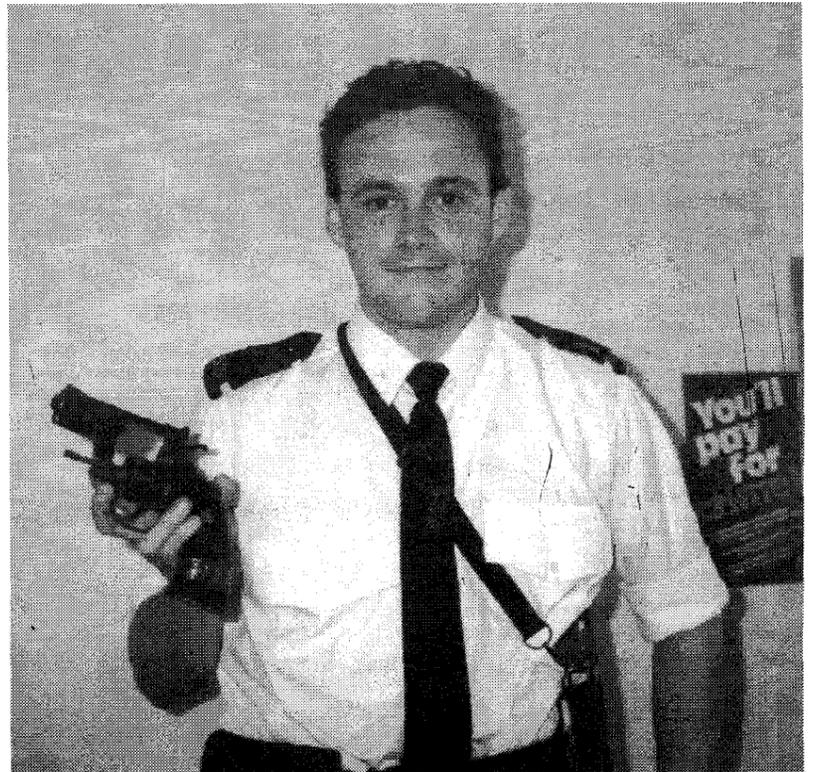
The students debriefed each other, no supervisors were in sight.

## Curfew

The Shotley centre can accommodate around 150 students, the only centre to do so in mixed accommodation blocks.

As the police service tries to move away from its militaristic image, Shotley is leading the way — despite its Naval past.

In the last few months it has dropped its 11.30pm curfew. Students are free to do what they like as long as they arrive in time, and in a fit state, for their classes.



**ROOKIE cop John Fisher (Beds Police) receives a handgun over the counter in a role-play exercise.**

## Ganges stays afloat



**FINAL PARADE: Essex Deputy Chief Constable Mr Simpson inspects the recruits. Picture by kind permission of Wolsey Place Studios.**

## THE Police Training Centre at Shotley Gate opened in 1986 as a detached wing of Ashford Training Centre in Kent.

The premises were formerly known as HMS Ganges, a Naval Training Centre, which had closed ten years earlier.

In 1988, a pilot course for the new system of police recruit training was run at Shotley. Its success led to the introduction of the new national training programme the following year.



**I SWEAR: Pc Adam Walmsley (Herts Police) prepares for a grilling in the witness box.**

Soon after, in September 1990, Shotley acquired independent status as the training centre for all forces in the East Anglia region. Almost all Essex recruits are now trained at Shotley, alongside students from Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire.

But the centre's origins go back to the turn of the Century. The original HMS Ganges was a teak built Royal Navy ship. In the late 19th century it was brought to Harwich Harbour, where it was used to train boys in preparation for naval service.

To look after boys who were sick, a hospital was built at Shotley, and gradually other buildings

grew up around it. In 1906, the boys left the ship and took up residence. Training took place there for the next 70 years.

When an additional police training centre was required, the Home Office leased the HMS Ganges site from Potton Developments. After the police moved in, a ship's cannon was found in a state of disrepair. It was lovingly restored by Essex Sergeant Fred Winter, and a ceremonial firing is now being planned.

The recently refurbished mast of a sister ship to the Ganges which towers over the site — and has listed building status — remains as a permanent reminder of the centre's Naval tradition.

## d for salute



**receives the Ryton Salver from Mr Simpson as Shotley d Love (West Midlands Police) looks on. Picture by Wolsey Place Studios.**



**ESSEX Inspector John Worland, seconded to the Support Services Unit at Shotley.**

## Murdered Essex PC's family meets the modern Force at work

# Never to be forgotten

**THE FORCE'S** links with murdered Pc George Gutteridge have been renewed.

Sixty four years after his horrific death, Pc Gutteridge's daughter Mrs Muriel Alexander and her husband John, with eight other members of the Gutteridge family came to see how the modern force operates.

The visit was arranged and escorted by Pc Nick Padmore from Epping, leading light in getting a memorial placed at the murder scene in Stapleford Abbots as part of the force's 150th anniversary celebrations.

"It was marvellous to find that Pc Gutteridge's daughter was still living in Essex and able to unveil

**By Maureen Scollan**

the memorial," said Nick. "The visit to HQ followed on from a chat with her son Brian who asked about the murder weapon. "Knowing the gun was at HQ I suggested a visit to see it. In no time we had a Transit full!"

Nick collected the family from Rainham, and Muriel and her relatives were taken on a tour of HQ which included the Force Training School, Information Room, Air Support, Driving School and Scenes of Crime.

In the range they had a talk from Inspector Steve Golding on modern police weapons.

When he asked for vol-

unteers to try their luck at hitting the target Muriel's husband, John, son Brian and grandson Mark needed no encouragement.

They were equally fascinated to see the gun that killed their policeman ancestor.

Muriel was eleven when her father was killed, and the memory was still painful enough to prevent her from viewing the murder weapon.

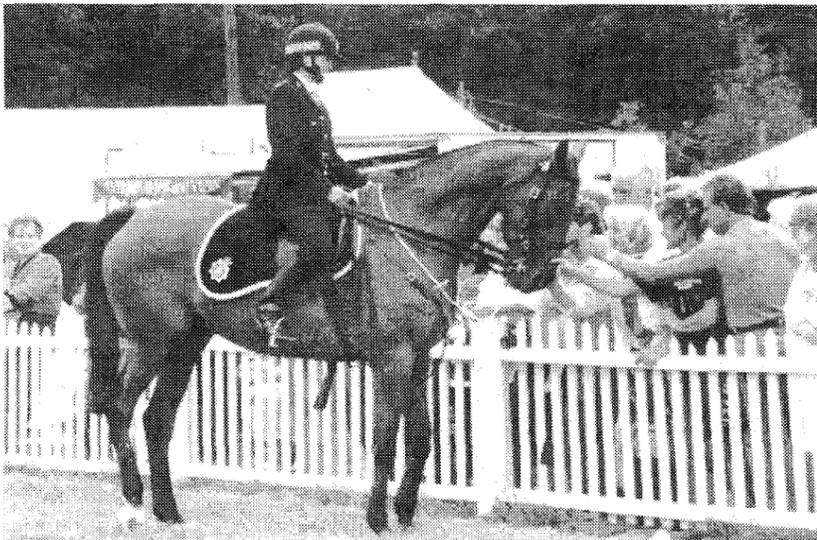
Nevertheless she thoroughly enjoyed seeing something of the modern force and its backup departments.

The day ended with a family visit to Pc Gutteridge's grave in Warley cemetery, its headstone the gift of his colleagues in the force.



**ON THE steps outside HQ** are Mrs Muriel Alexander, centre front, and her husband John with their son Brian, daughter-in-law, son and daughter. Also present are the family of Pc Gutteridge's deceased son, and Pc Nick Padmore.

## Crowds greet Crusader and Caroline



WPC Caroline Dunn and Police Horse Crusader come in for plenty of attention at the Essex Heavy Horse Show held last month at the Essex County Showground, Great Leighs.

Caroline and Crusader, who attend the event every year were presented with a special rosette after a short display demonstrating the work and effectiveness of the force's mounted section.

Picture by LES BRAND.

## More fun to come

WINTER nights may already be closing in but Essex Police's Fun Day team are already planning for the hot summer evenings of 1992.

A date for next year's Fun Day spectacular has already been set for July 12 and the message from the organisers is it's never too early to get involved and help out organising the event.

Following the success of the six mini-fun days, Fun Day Secretary Bob Craven has already set the dates for next year's Netball and Football tournaments which are to be incorporated into the Schools Liaison programme.

But before all that there is still the Band Concert on November 17 to look forward to. This year it is being held at the Brentwood Centre, as the usual venue, the Cliff's Pavillion, is being refurbished.

Joining the Essex Police Band for the event will be the 1st Battalion King's Own Border Regiment and the 1st Battalion Royal Anglian Regiment. Tickets are on sale for £5 and £6 and the hall holds 1800 people so it should be a good night out.

Money raised from the event will be added to the money raised from the Fun Day. Any money outstanding from this event should now be sent to the Fun Day treasurer Geoff Callan, who is busy totting up the final figures.

If any person is interested in refereeing the football or netball tournaments please contact Bob Craven at Basildon CID.

## Calling comrades to lunch

**MEMBERS** of the Essex Police Comrades Association are reminded that the Annual Luncheon will be held at Police Headquarters on Friday October 25. The meal will be ready at 1 o'clock and the bar will be open from 11 a.m.

Reservations and payments should be made to the Secretary, Bob Needham at H.Q.

The Association is open to all police officers, including retired members, who have served with Essex Police for at least ten years.

This means there are a lot of current members of the force who could come along and enjoy a lunch with former colleagues.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Student

CHIEF INSPECTOR Paul Grover has been awarded a one year state studentship at the University of Essex studying a one-year course leading to a Master of Arts Degree in the Theory and Practice of Human Rights.

CI Grover is no stranger to student life. He studied at the University of Essex from October 1985 to July 1988 and obtained a Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours) Degree in Philosophy.

### Princess

AN exhibition aimed at stopping the illegal trade in endangered species has been launched at Stansted Airport by Princess Alexandra.

The Princess, president of the UK branch of the World Wide Fund for Nature, visited the airport on September 3 to view the exhibition of items seized by Customs officials.

The exhibition, which is hoped will be on permanent display, is aimed at alerting tourists of the harm

being done to the environment and wildlife by purchasing items such as coral, skins and ivory while on holiday.

Items on show at the exhibition included crocodile skins, carved ivory, stuffed eagles and animal skins.

### Diploma

FOLLOWING a course at Kings College, London, Det Chief Insp Jock Whitehill has been awarded a Diploma in Child Protection.

### Morris

A CLACTON Traffic Warden has discovered an out-of-date tax disc that really takes the ticket! The tax on a Morris Eight spotted in Jackson Road expired in June 1937! The duty paid at the time was £3 1s 11d.

## Obituaries

16.8.91. Ex Pc P A ATKINSON, aged 42 yrs who retired 1987.

27.8.91. Ex Pc A G WATERS, aged 83 who retired 1960.

## To our Readers

**IN FUTURE** the names and addresses of all those who receive their copy of *The Law* by post will be kept on a computer file in the Essex Police Press Office.

The purpose of this is to simplify the updating of such records and the printing of the Law wrappers and for no other purpose.

Would all postal recipients of *The Law* please check their details on the Law wrapper and if any of the details are incorrect, or if anyone no longer wishes to receive their copy of *The Law*, or who do not wish their details to be kept on the computer (and who will therefore not receive *The Law*), please contact Sergeant M. Davies at the Press Office.

Press Officer (0245) 452450, Police Headquarters, P.O. Box No 2, Springfield, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 6DA.

## Vigilant Ann joins sea rescue



**SHIP AHOY!** Ann McIntosh and Inspector Mike Walker with the *Tosca III* in tow at Westcliff.

A VISIT to Rayleigh Marine Section by M.E.P. Ann McIntosh was delayed when the Vigilant III went to the assistance of the yacht *Tosca III* which was in difficulty near Maplin Sands.

Miss McIntosh was keen to see the work of the Marine Section and was due to be picked up from Southend Pier at 1.30pm on 18 July, but instead was ferried out to the Vigilant by Southend's Atlantic 21 lifeboat which had also gone to the assistance of the yacht, which was taken in tow by the Vigilant.

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## 999 crews race to Southend for a seafront spectacular in the sun

# Ready for rescue



A baby is plucked to safety

THOUSANDS of people flocked to Southend Seafront after a lorry and a bus collided leaving 30 injured and wreckage blocking Western Esplanade.

But far from being ghouls, the onlookers were there to see the town's first 999 Spectacular - a two-day event displaying the work and role of all the emergency services.

Alongside the Police, Fire and Ambulance Services, the Southend Royal National Lifeboat Institution, HM Coastguard and the RAF were on hand to demonstrate how all kinds of emergencies are tackled.

Supt Mike Benning, Deputy Divisional Commander of Southend Police, said the displays such as the mock road accident and an offshore rescue, were all looked on with interest from the vast crowds.

"From the police point of view it was a success," he said. "It's the first time all services have put on a display like this in Southend. The



Emergency teams strive to rescue a car crash victim

cliffs along the seafront proved a perfect amphitheatre."

As well as having traffic officers at the scene, the force also had the dog and horse sections, the diving unit, NBOs, Crime Prevention Officers and Schools Liaison officers on hand, among others, to meet the public.

"It was a good opportunity for the people of Southend to meet their local officers and the event also gave those officers more time to meet and chat with their counterparts in the other emergency services," Supt Benning added.

## Book 'em Sarge!

A NEW book giving Sergeants practical help in understanding their role has been written by an Inspector from Northamptonshire.

"So You Think You're A Good Sergeant?" is a self-help development guide in an easy-read style, already warmly received by training experts.

Author, Inspector Terry Walters, says it has been written from the fruits of his experience (including mistakes) as both Sergeant and Inspector.

He stresses it is not a law book. "This guide deals with those things which no one ever tells you. It's intended to help the reader achieve the best performance from his or her team at the same time as getting maximum job satisfaction.

"So You Think You're A Good Sergeant?" is available at £5 plus 80p postage and packing from the Training Department, Northamptonshire Police, Wootton Hall, Northampton, NN4 0JQ. Cheques to "Northamptonshire

## A beat on the wild side

ESSEX POLICE has stepped up its role of protecting wildlife by appointing Wildlife Liaison Officers in every sub-division of the force.

The move means that in every sub-division across the county there will be an officer who has a specific responsibility, in addition to his other tasks, for wildlife matters.

Essex was the first force in the country to appoint a Wildlife Liaison Officer, back in 1981 and has moved ahead of the field again ten years later by extending that role to sub-divisional level.

To give these officers guidance on their new responsibilities, a special seminar was held at HQ on September 13, where Assistant Chief Constable (Personnel) Terry Rands, who spearheaded the new roles, spoke to the officers about the importance of their task.

Also speaking at the seminar, were Andy Jones, of the Royal Society of the Protection of Birds, representatives from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and HM Customs and Excise.

An example of the work of Wildlife Liaison Officers was the recent prosecution of a man at Epping for possession of badger pelts.

## All in a day's work

CRIME-BUSTING civilian warrant officer John Reed has been awarded a Chief Constable's commendation after his sharp thinking brought in nine arrests in just two weeks.



John Reed

Eagle-eyed John, radioed police after spotting four men acting suspiciously.

This led to four arrests for burglary and theft, two of which were down to Benfleet Traffic Warden Lynn Marshall, who discovered two of the men had hopped on a train to escape. Lynn also awarded with a commendation for her initiative and action.

The next day John based at Benfleet spotted three youths stealing motorbikes. He managed to detain them until police arrived.

On another occasion, he saw two youths acting suspiciously and they were arrested for going equipped to steal.

Tilbury Special Constable Paul Wilson, 26, has also been earning a commendation — albeit bare footed and chested and clad in jeans!

After being woken up by a car alarm at 2am, he looked out and spotted two men walking towards a nearby garage.

When one of the men started pulling a 'For Sale' sign off the roof of a car he knew something was up so he threw on his jeans, ran to his car and set off after them. The car turned into a side road and he parked up nearby.

When one of the men walked past he jumped out. After a chase and a struggle the half-dressed Special



Paul Wilson

pinned him to the floor and waited for back-up.

He flagged down a taxi only to be confronted by a passenger armed with a piece of scaffold who kicked him in the stomach and bundled Paul's prisoner back into the taxi. The thieves were never found, but the car was recovered.

## And Tigger came too . . .



We've seen a sign! The happy pilgrims push on for Canterbury.

HEADQUARTERS D/I Ray Newman, swapped policing for the life of a pilgrim recently when he helped lead a church youth group on a 26-mile trek from Thorpe Bay to Canterbury Cathedral.

The merry band, all members of the '86 Group youth club from St Augustine's Church, Thorpe Bay, set off on their journey after a fond farewell from family and friends.

But their first stop was at the Thorpe Bay Yacht Club where the walkers, who included Ray's sons Andrew and Simon, daughter Natasha and retriever, Tigger, boarded a fishing boat bound for Kingsferry.

Once in Kent, the pilgrims got their legs moving as they set off on a three-mile hike to a church hall before bedding down for the night after a traditional pilgrim's meal of doughnuts!

But the next day, the walking really got going as the group put 18-miles under their belt and an excited Tigger introduced himself to the local livestock.

After another night's kip in a church hall, the pilgrims were back on the road again and trudging along the final five miles to Canterbury where they enjoyed a service at St Martin's Church.

Unfortunately the group were unable to get into the famous Cathedral, despite their long and unusual journey, but were able to console themselves with a visit to McDonalds where it was fries and Big Macs all round!

## Offbeat

IT'S all very well Essex Police appointing Wildlife Liaison Officers but after hearing of one accident recently it seems things really are going a bit too far.

Who do you suppose was the first on the scene after a car swerved to avoid a fox? Mr Badger of course.

And police obviously thought a similar incident was in progress in Chelmsford according to the IRIS operator who recorded an 'ANNOYMOUSE' call last month. Perhaps someone stole his cheese.

But spare a thought for the unfortunate angler who was fishing in Pitsea and fell asleep. When he woke up he found someone had walked off with his tackle. Ouch!

You've also got to feel sorry for the Colchester man who called police to tell them his jeans had been stolen while he was swimming.

The first thing officers did when they arrived on the scene was to take down his brief details. Poor lad — only just lost his trousers and they are after his underpants already.

However alarm bells were ringing in Gt Wigborough after officers reported they were following a fire engine which they thought might have been stolen.

Turns out the officers had been getting a little hot under the collar and after discovering all was in order the only thing needing hosing down was the red faces!

But fortunately it's not only the police who make mistakes — the press are also apt to drop their own fair share of clangers like this call from a London news agency:

Agency: "I'm phoning with regard to a woman whose been knitting since June — got the info from a junior reporter."

Press officer: "Nicking since June? I'm sorry I don't know what you mean."

Agency: "I said knitting since June — I'm assured Essex Police Public Relations Dept knows all about it. I'll check with our junior where he got it from."

A few minutes later the agency rung back to say they had checked our press tape and the story he was after must have been a woman "missing since June!"

## Chorus Lines

ON A glorious summer Sunday morning the Essex Police Choir sang at a service at Great Braxted Parish Church to mark the installation of the new High Sheriff, Michael Clarke.

Witham Sub Divisional Commander, Chief Inspector Brian Palmer, who was within a few weeks of his retirement, read the first lesson. After the service refreshments were provided at nearby Braxted Hall.

On 7 September the choir gave a concert at Brentwood which raised over £400 for the mental health charity MIND. Bob Hayes and Denis Shepherd, each performed solo items which were well received although I suspect they may have packed the audience with friends and relatives to judge from the prolonged applause.



# I.P.A. NEWS

MID-ESSEX BRANCH  
Fred Dyson

## Cream teas sold out

WITH well over 1,000 scones made by members wives and friends, with flour donated by a local Millers — together with milk, cream, jam and tea donated by other local companies, our Branch was able to set up an I.P.A. stall at HQ Fund Day on Sunday 14th July selling cream teas.

Helping to serve were members Roger Richardson, Dick Giggins, Tony Hillam, Gordon Oakley and myself, also our wives.

We were kept busy serving, almost non-stop till late afternoon when our supplies ran out.

We were honoured when Chief Constable John Burrow and his wife called in for tea. Also the Chairman of No 10 Region Ray Hansen and his wife got busy helping to serve cream teas.

Come the end of the day our wives, who had worked non-stop under difficult and cramped conditions, were ready to drop. Every credit to them for their hard work and dedication.

To show how successful it was our stall made £550 towards the charities.

### RIVER TRIP

On Friday 9th August a boat trip was organised from Harwich to Pinmill on the river Orwell. A total of 88 members, wives and friends,

including 12 from Harwich, boarded the Pleasure Boat "Brightlingsea" for the two hour evening trip in perfect weather.

Some members of the party attempted to navigate the boat under the supervision of the "Captain". When the boat reached the Orwell Bridge the honour fell upon Brian Miller's wife Barbara to steer the boat round for the return journey.

It was now getting dark and lights on shore were illuminating the coast line, especially Felixstowe Docks.

The trip included a meal of fish and chips, followed by cheesecake.

Many thanks to Dick Giggins for arranging this trip.

### RETIREMENT

Our Vice Chairman Brian Palmer has now retired from the Police Force after 30.5 years service. At the moment Brian and his wife June are enjoying a holiday visiting Johannesburg, South Africa, Sydney, Brisbane and

Canberra, Australia, finally calling at Hong Kong. We look forward to hearing of his travels.

On behalf of the Branch I would like to wish Brian and June a happy and wealthy retirement together.

### BEREAVEMENT

It is with sadness that I have to report the death of Dan Hare, one of our well known members, who died on Sunday 25th August, in Colchester General Hospital, after suffering a stroke two weeks previously. He was a staunch supporter of our functions and will be greatly missed. May I on behalf of all members offer our sincere condolence to his wife Joan and the family.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

October 18th to 20th

Our weekend trip to Bath.

Friday 8th November

HQs bar, when we plan indoor games with "M" Branch to try and regain our trophy. We will be doing our own buffet.

Friday 13th December

Our Xmas get together — supplying our own drinks and food.

Secretary Vera Bayliss:-

On Tuesday the 16th July, Great Baddow Bowls Club was the venue for the annual bowls match between Pensioners and Serving Officers. Why was the event so memorable? The Pensioners won by 10 shots, that's why.

The serving officers were the hosts this year and their Captain, Sgt. Ray Little chose his own club as the venue. The weather was good and the excellent meal provided by the club ladies rounded off the afternoon. We look forward to next year.

**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**  
Chelmsford Branch will be holding their Christmas Social at HQ on Friday 6th December. I will be circulating members with full details.

# RETIREMENTS

## The life of Brian

TRADITIONAL policing was the style adopted by Chief Inspector Brian Palmer, who retired as Witham sub-divisional commander last month.

During his seven years in the town, first as Inspector before being promoted in 1986, he strove to improve community relations and build up a close relationship with the public.

His top priority was to make an impact on public order, clamping down hard on any disturbances. To this end he took a keen interest in licensing, and building a relationship with the town's publicans.

Mr Palmer, 55, joined the Southend Borough Force in 1961, having been influenced by a TV detective series. His service in the South of the county included a spell with

the Vice Squad, where he first learnt his licensing skills.

After promotion to Inspector he was posted to Chelmsford, and subsequently served two years as Prosecutions Inspector.

He will put these skills to good use in his retirement, with plans to become a licensing consultant. But first Mr Palmer and his wife June set off to travel extensively to South Africa, Hong Kong and Australia. They are due to return to England in mid-October.

Mr Palmer has also been heavily involved with the IPA, the Police Federation and the Royal British Legion.

Chief Insp. Tony Kavanagh takes over as Witham sub-divisional commander.



Brian Palmer, his wife June and one of his many grandchildren.

### Other retirements

- 31.8.91 Chief Supt N. Butcher, Grays, 29yrs 226 days
- 10.9.91 Supt R. Phillips, DCC/C.D. & I. 26 years 184 days
- 14.9.91 Ps K. Mann, Basildon/Billericay, 30 years
- 19.9.91 Ps R. Smith, Personnel/Rayleigh CSB, 33yrs 89 days
- 19.9.91 Pc I. Clifford, Harlow, 30 yrs 7 days
- 25.9.91 Pc J. Wiles, Grays/Pilgrims Hatch, 25yrs 291 days
- 10.9.91 WPC B. Brooks, Southend, 17yrs 3 days
- 9.10.91 Dc A. Ward, SOC Harlow, 20yrs 330 days
- 13.10.91 Pc B. Berry, Colchester, 24yrs 247 days
- 20.10.91 Ps K. Tait, Harlow/S. Walden, 21yrs 258 days
- 1.11.91 Pc A. Bentley, Support/Brentwood Traffic, 30yrs 14 days
- 15.11.91 Ps D. Harvey, Southend/Rochford 30 yrs
- 13.7.91 Mr J.C. Jones, Driver/Labourer, Grays, 8 yrs
- 28.7.91 Mr L. Lapage, Clerk, Southend, 6 yrs
- 28.7.91 Mrs M.J. Allen, Gen Services Officer, HQ Admin 6 yrs
- 8.8.91 Mr J.W. Clarke, P/T Cleaner in Charge, Westcliff, 5 yrs



Daphne (centre front row) at her retirement party.

### The right type for CID

CID typist Daphne Nichols, who retired this summer, was involved in more than 25 murder investigations during her 35 years with the Force.

After working for a solicitors, Daphne, joined the Force in 1956 as a typist in the traffic section.

But eight years later higher pay and the prospect of exciting investigations took her to CID where she stayed for the rest of her career.

Back in the early days, a murder meant everyone from CID was moved out to the scene of the crime and she well remembers the many times

when she would settle down to work in a cramped caravan.

"I often used to work from 7am to midnight if there was a big investigation going on," she said. "But there was always a very good atmosphere, although tempers would get a bit frayed if it went on a long time!"

Usually she was only typist as the scene and in the days before computers that meant an incredible workload.

"I enjoyed my job a lot — it was something different," said Daphne, whose mother used to work in the HQ canteen. Despite illness, she says she is keeping her busy, though she misses the life at HQ.

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BY THE time this column gets into print the Annual Conference for 1991 will have passed into the history books.

However, judging by the comments I have heard recently, if the proposed subscription rate of £12 per year is approved, half the membership will be gone at a stroke. It appears this is the most contentious motion of the conference, and one certain to provide fierce debate.

The remainder of the day's events will be divided up by various motions dealing with future accommodation for General Secretary, life memberships, annual precepts, and the updating of the Branch Officers Guidance Booklet.

**ANNUAL BOWLS MATCH**  
Report from our Social

## MARKET PLACE... MARKET PLACE... MARKET PLACE... MARKET PLACE

**FORD ESCORT 1.3L** 1980 V Reg 4 door, blue. Radio/cassette 78,000 miles. £350 o.n.o. J. Neal, C shift HQIR.  
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# Mets win first police Triathlon in Guernsey

## TRI-ING TIME FOR FEARLESS FOURSOME



THE TEAMS line up at the start of the annual charity cricket match between Gordon Barker's XI and the Harlow CID XI, held at Felsted School.

Recently retired Det. Chf. Insp. Mick Patrick returned to captain the CID team, who were up against the talented former England and Lancs batsman Frank Hayes in Gordon Barker's team.

But the real winner was to be the Thaxted Physically Handicapped Centre. Full report on page 12.

PICTURE BY LES BRAND.

IT BEGAN at 5.00am on Friday 23rd August when team members Captain Gary Matthews, Mick Kliskey, team mechanic and driver Mark Harmon and Janet Adcock met up to start the journey to Guernsey for the first Police Triathlon hosted by Guernsey Police.

Intense training had been undertaken in order to complete the Olympic distances of 1500m sea swim followed by a 40k cycle and 10k run.

We arrived in Guernsey and soon found our guest house (albeit double booked).

The friendly hosts allowed us to keep our bikes by our bedsides in case they were kidnapped by the Mets, who were known to be in the area and favourites to win.

by Janet Adcock

Saturday was spent driving around the course to find the hardest hills and sharpest bends. I tried out my wetsuit in the sea and after twenty minutes managed to get my head under although still holding my nose and spitting out seaweed.

With the knowledge of the course, we registered our team and collected our yellow swim caps and bike and run numbers.

### PASTA PARTY

A friendly atmosphere continued in the evening when we attended the pre-carbo-loading pasta party where we met teams from Sussex, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire, West Midlands and The Metropolitan, hosted of course by Guernsey Police. No alcohol passed our lips and by 10pm all teams were tucked up in bed.

Sunday morning! What am I doing here? There must be easier ways to be eligible for force sport! Our hosts at the guest house kindly got up at 5am to provide the final carbo loading of cereals, toast and honey.

6.45am we arrived at Pembroke Cove where the sea looked clean, deep and absolutely freezing.

We set up our bikes, laid out clothes in order of dressing and attempted to get on the wetsuits, it was only three minutes to the start when a kind Guernsey Policeman informed me that mine was back to front!

We made our way into the water only to be hauled out again as the sea mist and fog came down. Five minutes later we were back in and ready to go...

Desperately trying to see through the mist and anti-fog goggles, the 48 competitors set

off for the mile swim. Life boats and canoes gave much needed confidence. 32m 18s later, our first Essex boy, Mick was out and on route to the bike change followed closely by Mark only 42 seconds later.

The bike route took us along a beautiful coastline but there was no time to take in the sights. The Mets had set the lead in their matching shorts, vests and mirrored glasses. The bike route was a distance of 40km followed immediately by the 10km run.

First place went to Dave Manning from the Metropolitan police in an overall time of 2.09.38. First team was also awarded to the Mets who took all four places.

First lady was Diana Craig from Warwickshire in a time of 2.32.09.

First Essex Champ was Mick Kliskey with a swim time of 32.18, cycle 1.06.32 and run of 46.58 totalling 2.25.48 and 12th place overall.

Unfortunately Mick forgot that all important bottle on the bike and dehydrated on the finish line and was quickly rescued by a blond St John Ambulance Nurse who escorted him to the nearby hospital, where another pretty nurse took over the duties of caring for Mick.

### HOSPITAL

Gary Matthews finished in 2.34.42, followed by Mark Harmon in 2.43.40, I was enjoying the sights so much, I got lost on the run and came in 3.5 hours later.

Sunday evening, we collected Mick from the hospital and went on to a buffet where prizes and medals were awarded to the 48 competitors who all finished the event.

Guernsey Police Constabulary intend to run a triathlon on the same distance next year, when Essex Police again hope to send a team. Anyone interested in the sport should contact Gary at the Force Support Unit.

## Fish with WASPS

WITHAM Police Fishing Club (WASPS) has a few vacancies for new members this year.

The club, which has four lakes near Witham, has been established five years. It is only allowed 125 members, but likes to keep to the maximum to allow it to keep the lakes stocked.

It has two large lakes at Little Braxted, one containing large Carp and Tench, the other large Carp, Tench, Bream and Roach. To date this season three 20lb-plus carp have been caught, the largest 26.75lbs, and a 7.25lb tench.

The club also has a large lake and a pit at Dannatts Sand Pits, Hatfield Peverel. The smaller pit gives good easy fishing, the larger generally has large carp and tench, plus perch, roach over 2lbs, crucian carp and rudd.

These waters fish particularly well in autumn, and through the winter.

The size of the club and setting ensure peaceful fishing. Children are only allowed in on day tickets with an adult member.

The club also has complimentary tickets for Billericay Club water, and Maldon Angling Club Waters, giving a good variety of fishing.

The membership fee is £25, and anyone interested should contact Jim Pardy (secretary) at Witham Police Station. You do not have to be a serving officer.

## FOOTBALL

LOSING 1-0 to the senior team Tiptree United from the Jewson League in the final of the Tom Farr Trophy has been the only defeat in the build-up to the league campaign by Essex Police.

A style of play that

## GREAT START

encourages short passing and patience, has produced entertaining football and,

according to Ongar Town, who conceded five goals at HQ, it is quite effective.

In response to requests in The Law and on Focus, new blood has added eagerness and pace to the club with the likes of Daryl Heffer and Robert Diss, together with the experience of existing players like Clive Day and Cliff Haines, the new club captain.

It is early days yet, but there is an air of optimism suggesting there will be more glee than gloom this year.

STOP PRESS: The force team kicked off its Essex Intermediate League campaign with an emphatic 6-1 victory against Upminster at HQ.

The team is looking for a linesman, anyone who can help contact Insp Dave Murthwaite at FSU HQ.

## SPORT SHORTS

### Pedlars

THE PEDLARS and Pushers cyclists, so called because of their Drug Squad connection, are planning another charity ride, just 90 miles this time from Cambridge to Woburn Abbey and back.

Their ride on September 22 will raise cash for Action Research for the Crippled Child, so dig deep and offer your support via DS Bob Cordery on HQ ext 2175.

Following the success of their London to Brighton ride, several of the Pedlars took part in the London to Cambridge bike extravaganza in July, a ride of 58.5 miles passing through the Essex villages of Nazeing and Roydon.

### Mick wins

MICK Lawrence led the way as Essex Police Freshwater Angling A team beat numerous strong teams in the Dorset Police Open on the River Stour at Blandford Forum in August.

Mick won the match overall, captain Pc Bob Hunter came 5th overall,

Pc Alan Diver won his section and Pc Graham Garnham came 4th in his section.

Essex Police Angling Club's individual championships were held at Newland Hall, Roxwell on July 31, with 24 anglers competing for the Kingfisher Cup.

Result: 1 Graham Garnham (34lb 2oz), 2 Neil Everard (19lb 10oz), 3 Pete Pickup (14lb 13oz).

### Sea Angling

The P.A.A. National Sea Angling championships were held at Berwick upon Tweed, on 18th August. This event was won by Essex. This team was Paul Hemmings, Southend, Dave Gilby, Southend, Dave Clark, Leigh on Sea and Dave Ware, Witham.

Dave Clark also won the individual event with a catch of 39lbs 4oz, which was nearly 5lbs more than the runner up. The total team weight was 75lbs 5.5oz.

### Croker Cup

Billiards (semi final),

Southend beat Headquarters, 2 Croker Cup points to HQ.

### Sports Field

The Force Sports Field was recently double booked. Any organisation that requires to use the field must book in advance with the Force Sports Secretary, where the bookings book is held. This will save further embarrassment.

### Table Tennis

Cons Jacob has been selected to represent the British Police at the European Table Tennis Championships, to be held in Utrecht, Holland in September.

## August lottery

THE result of the August Lottery is as follows: £1500 Cons W.J. Brightmore, F.S.U. H.Q.; £700 DSgt G.R. Franklin, Leigh; £300 Sgt D. Hayward, Harlow; £200 Cons H.K. Knight, Harlow Dogs; £100 Cons J.E. Wright C.S.B. Colchester.

The following will receive £50 prizes: DCons J. D. Cockburn, Harwich Port; Cons R.J. Wood, Clacton; Insp H. Norman, Chelmsford; Mrs L.D. Thompson H.Q.; Insp J. Stonehouse, Briantree; Insp D. Frampton, Southend; Ch Insp P. Adams H.Q.; Sgt D. Sharpe, Wickford; Cons F. Brittnell, Saffron Waldon; Cons K. Bambury, Chelmsford.

## FORCE SPORTS ASSOCIATION

### Bowls

Supt G. Moss, Harlow and Cons B. Arnell, Southend have both been selected to represent the P.A.A. at Bowls on Saturday 14th September at Newcastle upon Tyne.

### Force Lottery

The result of the July lottery is as follows: £1,500 Cons R. A. Hill, Westcliff; £700 M. P. Farnden, Brentwood; £300 Cons J. C. Knott, Pitsea; £200 WCons K. T. Cummings, Chelmsford; £100 Sgt N. Hirst, Chelmsford.

The following will receive £50 prizes: Cons A. J. Shelley, Tilbury; Sgt I. V. Clark, Leigh

on Sea; DSgt P. J. Judge, Stansted Airport; Sgt L. Sellers, Southend; Cons G. Sharpling, Benfleet; WInsp E. M. Saunders, Headquarters; Cons A. J. Burman, Harlow; DSgt R. M. Burman, Chelmsford; Cons M. S. Heard, Chelmsford; DCh Insp D. Cass, Grays.

### Freshwater Angling

A No 5 Region P.A.A. Freshwater Angling match took place at Aroingly, Sussex on Wednesday 3rd July. Cons R. Hunter, Chelmsford came first in his section and the

Force team managed fourth position.

### Annual Award

Each year the Essex Police Sports Association makes an award of a trophy to a member or a group of members, who, in the opinion of the Management Committee, have made an outstanding contribution in the service of sport and the Association. Nominations for this year's award have to be submitted in writing, along with a brief pen picture of the candidate, stating reasons for the application, to the Force Sports Secretary not later than Monday 30th September.

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



Record breaking ride for Essex team

# CYCLE TRIO WIN NATIONAL TIME TRIAL

**RECORD-BREAKING** Essex racing cyclists powered their way to victory in the PAA National Championships, held in the Neath Valley, South Wales.

The top team of Mick St. Leger, Graham Snellin and Mick Kliskey sliced more than ten minutes off the previous championship record with a combined time of 2 hrs 47 min 37 secs.

One hundred riders from 23 forces took part in tough 25 mile time trial event. Such was the standard this year that three other forces recorded team times of less than three hours.

The Essex riders spent months of hard training and racing preparing for the event. Part of the build up was a 25 mile time trial run by Hampshire Police near Winchester.

## Winning isn't everything

THE last weekend in August saw the Men's Hockey Section return to Merseyside for the National Police Tournament.

Injuries and late cancellations left the team badly depleted, and it was thanks to Paul Grover, who stepped in at the last moment, that we could field a team at all.

The standard of hockey was very high from all 17 forces taking part and, despite balling bravely in all the games, Essex failed to win one. This left us propping up the other teams, finishing last.

However, the sun shone all weekend, and we won second prize in the raffle, so we didn't come home empty-handed.

Special thanks to Gaynor and Suzanne the Shorts (Lothian and Borders) who helped us out during the tournament, and commiserations to Paul Grover for missing out on a meaty end of tournament dinner.

With the new season starting, we need new players. If you are interested contact Chf. Insp. Ward (Colchester) or Mike Kilsley (Air Support Unit).

By Graham Snellin

Essex had five riders in this event, held on an undulating course on the A34 road. The humid conditions did not deter Graham Snellin (Harlow Traffic), who won in a time of 57 min 36 secs.

Mick St. Leger (Stansted Airport) finished third in 58 min 58 sec, being narrowly beaten by reigning national champion Gerry McGarr (Gloucester Police).

Mick Kliskey (Air Support Unit) came close to a personal best with an eighth place time of 1 hr 2 min 45 secs, with Gary Matthews (FSU) finishing in 1.11.05 and Tim Turner (Ongar) in 1.14.06.

Essex went into the PAA Nationals fielding their strongest team for years, with Graham Hurrell (Pitsea) replacing the absent Gary Matthews.

The weather was kind with a slight headwind on the longer outward leg.

Pre-race favourite was three times previous winner Nick Yarwood (Gloucester Police) and he again proved to be fastest in a course record time of 53 mins 57 secs.

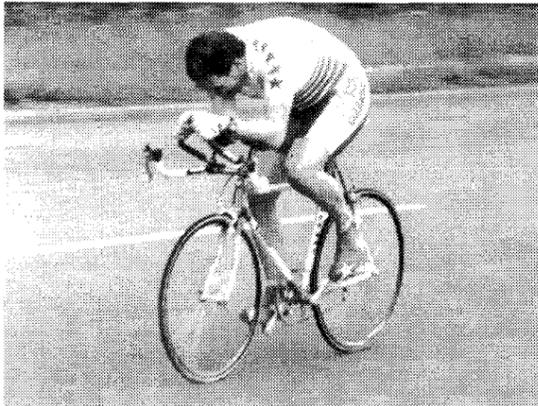
Mick St Leger redressed the balance against Graham Snellin when he took second place in 55 min 12 secs just ahead of local rider Paul Cannon (South Wales Police) in 55m 16 secs.

Graham Snellin had to settle for fourth place with a time of 55 ins 38 secs, but the ride of the day came from Mick Kliskey who chose the perfect occasion to improve his personal best of over five minutes, recording a seventh place time of 56 mins 47 secs.

Graham Hurrell finished in 1hr 1min 58 secs.

Tim Turner, riding a trike, recorded a good time of 1hr 12m 17secs and had the distinction of being the only competitor on a trike.

The team prize is awarded to the force who fastest three riders have the lowest aggregate time, which went to Essex.



MICK ST LEGER: Beat Snellin for second place on The PAA Nationals.

## FRANK HITS OUT AT CID



EX-ENGLAND star Frank Hayes attacks the CID bowling at Felsted School. Picture by LES BRAND.



GRAHAM SNELLIN: Won Hampshire Police Time Trial.

# Ex-England bat stumps three

WEDNESDAY 17th July saw the third playing of the annual charity cricket match at Felsted school between Harlow CID XI and Gordon Barkers XI. The newly named opposition GBH (Gordon Barker's Heleven) won the toss and decided to bat first.

The innings, opened by Frank Hayes and Graham Barker, started with a steady flow of runs, and batsmen remaining comparatively untroubled by the CID attack.

The fielding side then watched a succession of batsmen come and go, unfortunately this being due to a rule requiring batsmen to retire having scored 25 runs, and not to the fall of wickets.

126 runs were amassed before the breakthrough came with John Croot claiming the first wicket. Good performances from the CID bowlers restricted the batting side to 188 for 6 in their 30 overs, the most noteworthy coming from Glyn Evans taking two wickets for eight runs in a tidy three over spell. The other wicket takers were Keith Wheatcroft, Mick

Patrick and Errol Greene.

For the batting side, having retired with 25 and subsequently returned to the crease, the best performances were from D Warde 45 not out and Frank Hayes 29 not out.

With a target of 189, the CID innings opened with John Croot and Martin Reed putting together a solid first wicket partnership of 41 before Croot became the first victim of Frank Hayes' three stumpings. The CID innings continued with a number of retirements at the statutory 25 and a number of wickets falling, and never looked like reading the target until some particularly uncharacteristic bowling and umpiring took their total to within one run of the required amount in the allotted 30 overs.

The name of the day was

after all charity and fortunately that seemed to extend to the cricket. The score sheet therefore made the game appear closer than it may actually have been.

Successful batting performances were given by Martin Reed 25; Ian Brown 45; Glyn Evans 29 not out and a superb 25 not out hit by Mick Patrick in 9 minutes.

The cricket over, the entertainment continued in the Chequers pub where Graham Barker and his wife Wendy produced a superb buffet and, following a raffle and auction presided over by John Stephenson and John Childs of Essex Cricket Club, the presentation of a cheque was made to charity.

This year the Thaxted Physically Handicapped Centre was the benefactor and a cheque was presented to them in the sum of £1500.

TEAM PICTURE INSIDE — see p11.

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