

# The Law

including Essex Police Magazine



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## Drink-drive drama is chilling reminder



DETACHED beat officer Pc Chris Caten with pupils at St Andrew's School. Chris holds Epping Forest District Council's annual "John Pattison Memorial Trophy" for his road safety work. Picture courtesy of The Epping Gazette.

**THE TRAGIC** death of Jo Poulton in a car driven by her sister Judy hammers home a chilling reminder of the misery caused by drink driving in an award-winning play.

But it is more than just a play. It is the true story of events on a May night in North Weald eight years ago, and it has just won a Prince Michael of Kent Road Safety Award.

North Weald detached beat officer Pc Chris Caten was deeply affected by the tragedy. Chris was a close friend of the Poulton family, and on the night of the accident he had seen the girls drive past just minutes before. He did not know they had been drinking.

He was the first officer called to the scene of the crash. And the hardest part of all, he had to go the Poultons' house to tell Mum what had happened.

### By Jenny Bullus

"Too Much Punch for Judy", the play based on these events, is now set to tour Australia, having already carried Chris's message around the UK, to the USA and New Zealand.

The play was written by Mark Wheeler, then in charge of drama at St John's School, Epping, and currently Head of Drama at the Oaklands Centre, Southampton.

Chris collaborated with Mark to create the play, which was performed originally at St John's School. Then, with the title Quenchers, it was performed at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe by Epping Youth Theatre Company in 1986.

Chris recently ventured to Brent, where the play was being performed in schools and colleges throughout the borough by

the APE Theatre Company.

He said, "Every time I see it, all the memories come back. It is the worst job any copper has to do, telling parents that their child has been killed."

To Chris the tragic episode represented a cruel waste of life, particularly involving a family he knew so well.

Road safety had always been one of the main themes of his regular visits to local schools.

He holds the annual "John Pattison Memorial Trophy" for the road safety work he has done.

The aim of "Too Much Punch for Judy" is to warn other young people about the devastating effects of drinking and driving. Jo's family gave their permission, and an Essex Police tape recorder was used to make recordings of all the

people concerned.

The play uses the actual words of those involved, and those most closely affected.

It opens in a whirlwind of excitement. The two girls and two lads get ready, get drunk, and get each other, on a typical night out.

Hilarious scenes of flirting, bravado and drinking grab the audience's attention. Then the mood changes.

The actual crash is violent, using scaffolding poles similar to those in the real accident, in which the girls' car left the road and hit a bridge, and scaffolding sliced through the car.

The horrifying aftermath sees Chris Caten breaking the news to the family, and Judy coming to terms with her guilt. The play closes with a condensed version of Judy and Joanna's drunken evening . . . but this time the audience are left in stunned silence

## Movie-makers win three awards

# TV TEAM SHOOTS TO THE TOP

**ESSEX POLICE** movie-makers have shot their way to fame after scooping three national awards for keeping the force in the picture.

Judges at the annual Police Video Awards ceremony held at The Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in London this month voted the force's TV unit outright winners in two of the five competition categories and Highly Commended in a third.

The results in the competition, sponsored by JVC Professional Products in conjunction with Police Review, were among the best ever achieved by any force and came in a year which attracted 144 entries from 35 forces.

### CrimeWatch

TV unit manager, Marc Berners, who attended the ceremony, hosted by CrimeWatch UK personality Nick Ross, said the whole team were delighted

### By Paul Dunt

by the success, which could lead to more work both inside and outside the force.

The unit's 'Preservation of the Scene' video, using a Pink Panther-style drama complete with vintage cars, highlighted the simple mistakes probationers can make when arriving at the scene of a crime. It was voted winner of the Training Category.

### Briefed

Top of the In-force News section was a four-minute video from the Essex unit entitled 'Are you Properly Briefed?', and a video informing schoolchildren on a range of issues from drugs to skateboarding was voted Highly Commended in the Community Relations category.

"The competition is the yardstick by which in-force units are measured," said Marc, who added that officers were now beginning to realise

the benefits videos can bring to their policing.

The schools video was requested by a South Woodham Ferrers officer for his local school, but has proved so popular that other schools have also been given copies, and other forces in the EEC are also interested in the video.

"The success will certainly secure our future here and we have recently been picked to make a video for the Home Office", he said, adding they now had requests for videos booked until July 1992.

The winning TV team is made up of: Marc Berners, Ian Deal, Caroline Knight, Gary Clark, David Tyler, David White and Tracey Larcombe (who has recently left the unit for another job).

"Who's record is it anyway?" For details of the new national Home Office video being made by the TV Unit, turn to page 9.



MEMBERS of the TV unit with their awards. Picture: The Essex Chronicle.

## Christmas edition

Don't miss the action-packed Christmas edition of "The Law" which will be out on December 17.

And, with the busy Christmas period ahead we must have all contributed copy by Friday December 6. So, don't miss the deadline...

## Federation Notes



by  
*Brian Pallant*

## Pension Planners Face Overfunding and Overtime Trap

This month we take a closer look at AVCS, Free Standing Additional Voluntary Contributions.

Sid Foster from George Burrows has covered the advantages in his article below.

However the recent change in the Pension Regulations to allow more officers to take advantages of AVC's does not apply to an officer who has the scope to complete 30 years pensionable service before the age of 50 years.

For example:-

1. Officer joins the service at 19 years of age he cannot take out an AVC at present.

2. Officer joins the service at 20 years and 1 month, because he completes 30 years service after he reaches the age 50, he can take out an AVC.

If you decide to take out an AVC please beware, if you overfund you will be liable for up to 48 per cent tax charge at the present rates.

We would strongly recommend that you do not base AVC's on your overtime as this could cause a problem if in your last year of service you did not in fact do any.

If you require any further advice please give me a ring on extension 2797.

## Using AVCs to Boost the Future

In the event of an officer not being able to achieve the full thirty years for maximum pension the use of Additional Voluntary Contributions could be of benefit.

Under present rules a total of 15% of taxable earnings can be devoted by an officer as his payment towards future pension.

At present 11% of basic salary accounts for the Police Force Pension Scheme contributions thus leaving 4% of basic salary and 15% of other taxable earnings including rent allowance that can be contributed.

The AVC has two distinct tax advantages, the first being premiums paid are tax deductible up to the highest rate of tax paid and secondly the pension fund builds up in a totally tax free fund unlike the majority of savings contracts on the market.

There is currently a scheme with Equitable Life set up for police officers and quotations are available on Free Standing Additional Voluntary Contributions from independent financial advisors and other sources for comparison purposes.

The eventual benefit from an AVC can be substantial allowing for an improved standard of living at retirement.

SV FOSTER  
Assistant Director  
GEORGE BURROWS GROUP INSURANCE

### Please Note

Sid Foster from George Burrows Groups Insurance will be holding another surgery in the Federation Offices on Thursday 21st November.

Any officer wishing to avail themselves of this free service should contact the JBB Secretary Brian Pallant on extension 2797 for an appointment.

## Federation Notes... Federation Notes... Federation Notes...

## Fed Call for Urgent Debate on Law and Order

# CRISIS TALKS CALL OVER RISING CRIME

AT A recent national meeting held at Peebles, Scotland, the police federations for the United Kingdom launched their 'Policing Agenda'. This was designed to bring the public attention to the crisis facing law and order in this country.

I have set out below for your information the 'Nine points for the law of the policing agenda' — see table.

A General Election must take place shortly and the federations believe that there should be a public debate on the vital question of how best the rule of law can be maintained in Great Britain.

### LAW

In calling such a debate, the federations are not making party

political points. After the defence of the realm, the first duty of Government is the maintenance of the rule of law, and there should be common ground between all the parties that the law and order is not made a political issue.

It is our view that the criminal justice policies of all the major political parties, as so far expressed, fail to tackle the problems of crime and will not allay public

anxiety.

### RISE

The latest crime figures for England and Wales show that we are fast approaching five million reported crimes a year.

It took twenty years for the crime rate to rise from one million to two millions a year. It has taken just ten years for the figure to go from two million to five million.

The full report on the 'Policing Agenda' goes into much greater depth and I understand is being fully reproduced in the November edition of the magazine 'Police'.

### THE POLICING AGENDA

## "Nine Points for the Law"

1. Law and order must be a first priority of government and a first claim on resources.
2. The police must have the means and the powers to protect life and property.
3. Punishment must fit the crime, not just the criminal.
4. Victims must be compensated and helped to recover from their ordeals.
5. Priority must be given to cutting crime among the young.
6. More emphasis must be placed on crime prevention and partnership between the public and the police.
7. Criminal trials must become a search for truth.
8. The bail scandal must end.
9. There must be a Royal Commission on Policing.

## NEWS... NEWS... NEWS... NEWS... NEWS... NEWS... NEWS... NEWS

### Housing

A REMINDER for officers who are in receipt of the above allowance, DO NOT FORGET if your circumstances change you should inform Finance at Headquarters.

It has come to notice lately that officers who have reached 30 years of age and completed five years' service are not informing Finance. This in effect means that if they occupy property as an owner or tenant they would be entitled to receive the Housing Allowance and not just a flat rate Housing Allowance or, in some cases, a flat rate Transitional Rent Allowance.

Also, all officers who move house need to complete a new ACC3. If you are in receipt of

Transitional Rent Allowance this will still be protected, as the allowance goes with the officer, not the property.

### Anomalies

Since the change in regulations on April 1, 1990, there have been negotiations taking place nationally with regard to many anomalies which came to light as a result of the changes.

The Home Secretary has at last responded to the Federation General Secretary agreeing to some but disregarding others.

A further meeting is to take place with the Home Secretary before he publishes the agreements by way of an amendment regulation.

When this regulation is to hand, I will fully appraise you all of the consequences.

I hope to be able to give some idea of the changes in the December edition of 'Focus'.

### Legal

I am pleased to announce that solicitors, Lee Davies & Company, with offices at Bishops Stortford and Harlow, have recently undergone changes within the firm and are now committed to providing service to each of their clients.

Accordingly, they have agreed to provide a low fixed cost conveyancing package exclusive for police officers which includes:-

Remortgage — £175 (inclusive of VAT) + disbursements.

Sale/Purchase — £175 (inclusive of VAT) + disbursements.

No legal fees on abortive cases scheme available.

### Open Meeting

The Federation Open meeting for 1991 will once again be held at the Marconi Athletic and Social Club, Beehive Lane, Chelmsford on MONDAY 29TH JUNE 1992. Make a note in your new Federation Diaries now.

### Diaries

These are now available from your Divisional Representatives at the same price as last year 50 pence each. ALL proceeds from the diaries go towards Essex Police Charities.

### Insurance

Paul Johnson from Abbey Life has recently contacted the Joint Branch Board regarding this living insurance which basically offers a double form of protection. It pays out on the

first diagnosis of a range of serious illnesses or disability or in the event of no earlier claim will provide normal life assurance protection.

It will help with the adjustments necessary after serious medical trouble or provide money for the family if you die early.

If you would like further details of what Abbey Life are offering contact Paul Johnson direct on 04024 37333.

The above insurance is not cheap and is probably aimed more at the younger officer.

The older you are the more expensive it obviously becomes. This is not a Federation run scheme it is being offered by Abbey Life direct to the members.

# With all the Will in the World...

Making a Will takes ten minutes and saves the headache and confusion that may be caused after your death if you haven't done so.

If you die intestate (i.e. you die without making a Will) then if you are married and have children, your surviving spouse is entitled to a major monetary share (at present £75,000) plus personal possessions and a life interest in half the residue, with the remainder going to the children who take the other half straight away.

If there are no children, a share of the estate goes to your parents if they are alive.

If your parents are dead, the share goes to your brothers and sisters, or if they are dead to their children, and if they are dead to their children.

If you have previously made a Will and since that time have married, remember that marriage automatically cancels a Will.

### SOME EXPLANATORY POINTS

ADMINISTRATOR is the person who deals with

your estate if you don't make a Will.

EXECUTOR OR TRUSTEE is a sensible person who you name in your Will to look after your affairs when you die. It can be anyone a relative, a friend, your bank or your solicitor.

BENEFICIARY is a person who receives something from your Will.

CODICIL is a document which adds or amends your Will.

ESTATE is the total value of all you own at your death.

INTESTATE is someone who dies WITHOUT making a Will.

PROBATE is a document which officially acknowledges that you left a Will and that it may be administered in accordance with your wishes.

TESTATOR is you (the person making the Will).

INHERITANCE TAX is paid on the value of your estate if it exceeds a certain level (currently £140,000).

If you require any further details contact the Federation Office or Lee,

Davis and Co. Telephone 0279 755555.

I have negotiated a deal for members with a local firm of solicitors Lee, Davis and Co, of Bishops Stortford. They have agreed a set charge of:- £25.00 plus vat of £4.37 total £29.37 per will. For a joint Will husband and wife the charge is £40 per couple plus vat.

Questionnaires are available direct from the Federation office, your local Federation Representative or from Lee, Davis and Co.



## OFF BEAT

Burnt  
pudding

WE ALL know that horrible feeling, when you've gone out and suddenly realise you've left the iron on, or the hot water.

But spare a thought for the poor woman from Sussex, who had arrived at a function in Brentwood before it dawned on her in a panic that she had left the gas cooker on — with a bread and butter pudding sizzling away inside.

And to make things worse, she could not remember the phone number of her neighbour who has a key, and he was ex-directory.

Her husband was dispatched to sheepishly dial 999, and send Essex Police to the rescue. The force got in touch with colleagues in Sussex who said they were happy to get the gas turned off, as they all liked bread and butter pudding.

## Hungary

AND on the subject of food, officers in Southend were called out to move on a beggar, who was allegedly carrying a sign saying, "Feed me, I'm Hungary". Guess he wanted a little bit of Turkey, dipped in Greece, as the saying goes.

## Vicar

FINALLY, a selection of some of the suspicious happenings reported by our sharp-eyed Essex public. There was the vicar who reported youths on his church roof.

It turned out to be the clock-winder, the vicar didn't realise he was winding the clocks that night.

And I don't know what one of our officers in Laindon was up to, when he was reported as a bogus Pc., "hanging around near OAP complex".

## Colchester's Christmas campaign tackles trouble makers and traffic chaos

## WHAT A CRACKER!

by Jenny Bullus

**POLICE in Colchester have joined forces with the community in a unique campaign to make this Christmas a Cracker!**

The main thrust of the Christmas campaign is to avoid traffic chaos, by improving car parking, promoting park and ride, cutting back on queues and encouraging other forms of transport.

The town's police are also targeting a reduction in crime, with high-profile uniformed patrols, undercover squads, and better security in car parks.

The Ministry of Defence Police, Royal Military Police and British Transport Police have all provided extra officers to make it a concerted campaign.

Divisional Chief Inspector Bob Ward explained that co-operation and the partnership approach were the driving force behind the initiative, launched with the logo, "Christmas in Colchester - let's make it a cracker".

At Colchester police station, a separate control room has been set up. A special hot-line has been sponsored by British Telecom, to help relay information about trouble-makers or traffic troubles, and ensure a swift response.

Uniformed police patrols in the shopping areas are being stepped up, using shift changes, overtime and the Special Constabulary.

These will be provided for late night shopping evenings as well as normal shopping hours, with the aim of making shoppers feel secure and keeping the criminals away.

Additionally a plain clothes team will keep a covert eye on the crowds.

The campaign is being led by Colchester Crime Check (the community crime prevention panel), and the borough council.

The Chamber of Commerce, taxi firms licensees and restaurateurs, have also given support, along with BBC Essex which will provide half-hourly reports on parking availability on the four Saturdays before Christmas.

At the town's car parks, council staff will advise queuing shoppers of other car parks where spaces are available. They will be kept bang up-to-date through radio contact between car parks and the police control room.

The council has produced a leaflet containing a map of all car parks, so



**COLCHESTER Mayor Paul Spendlove (second left) launches the town's Christmas Campaign. Pictured (left to right) are Chf. Insp. Bob Ward, the Mayor, John Reader (Chairman, Chamber of Commerce), John Hutton (Borough Council) and Alan Rustage (Chairman, Crime Check).**

Picture by Dave Higgleton.

motorists can easily be directed to where the spaces are.

The initiative was launched by Colchester Mayor Paul Spendlove on November 11. He said, "The spirit of this campaign is what Christmas is all about: co-operation and goodwill."

With the telephone hotline available for traders, licensees and business people to report any trouble,

Chf. Insp. Ward said, "We aim to get uniformed officers to the source of any problem within minutes, or even seconds."

And he promised that traffic wardens, deployed for extra hours to keep the town centre flowing as smoothly as possible, would respond "in the nicest possible way."

He said, "This campaign has tried to involve the whole community in a part-

nership approach to making Colchester a nice, safe place to shop."

The theme was essentially a positive one, moving away from the fear-inducing "Watch your purse" type of campaign to an emphasis on providing extra police, and extra security staff in car parks.

But the campaign will not end when the shops close. Publicans have promised to promote low-

alcohol drinks and discourage drink driving.

Extra police will be on duty on Friday and Saturday nights to respond to problems, and traffic officers will be vigilant against drink drivers.

Working hand-in-hand with the community, the town's police aim to make this Christmas a Cracker for shoppers, residents and traders.

Crooked Cops Crack  
Down on Crime

**GRABBER DAN, Billy-the-Bag and Grandma Swagg will all be taking to the streets of Harlow this Christmas to show how easily shoppers can be relieved of their yuletide goodies.**

But don't panic! The crooked characters will all be police officers in dis-

guise taking part in an innovative campaign to ensure Christmas is a time of great joy, rather than sadness and disappointment.

"Christmas is a time when people are especially vulnerable to crime because they have so many other things on their minds," said Crime Prevention Officer, Heather Alston, from Harlow.

"But we are determined to do our best to remind people they must be extra vigilant in locking their cars and securing their houses, for example, at this time of year," she added.

To get the message across in a light-hearted and thought-provoking way she is teaming up with Saffron Walden CPO Jeff James, Epping CPO Paul Gardner and HQ Crime Prevention liaison officer Sgt Neil Seymour in a lively campaign aimed at grasping the public's imagination.

Throughout the week beginning December 16, the

team of officers will be dressing up as characters from an Octopus book called 'Cops and Robbers' and visiting High Streets in Harlow, Epping, Ongar, Saffron Walden and Dunmow.

With them will be the Crime Prevention trailer and Father Christmas will be on hand to meet the youngsters. It is also hoped to give out Christmas cards with a Crime Prevention message on them and there will be a special Christmas crime competition.



**Grabber Dan prepares to meet Harlow.**

"We will mainly be concentrating on autocrime and it's a fun way to get our message across," said Heather. "If it saves just one person having a rotten Christmas then it will have been worth it."

New panel to beat Halstead villains  
Crime-busters

**CRIME-CONSCIOUS Halstead folk have set up the Braintree District's first Crime Prevention Panel, covering an area of some 150 square miles.**

And although only launched early this month, the panel has already lined up a full programme of crime prevention activities in the run-up to Christmas.

There will be a poster campaign, highlighting car crime, and leaflet drops to residential areas where certain crimes are prevalent.

On Halstead's late-night shopping evening, Friday December 13, the police crime prevention trailer will be on hand to provide advice.

The new panel is also arranging Santa's shopping lists to distribute to schools in the area, with crime prevention messages to take home to mum and dad on the back.

## Etching

Before Christmas, the panel is organising car window etching sessions in Halstead, allowing motorists to have their registration number etched on the glass.

And plans are in hand for cycle-coding sessions straight after Christmas, so those expensive presents can be security stamped.

The new Halstead Crime Prevention Panel is unusual in covering such a large geographical area, including 39 parishes, with a population of some 25,000 people.

It includes the rural areas of the Hedinghams, the Yeldhams, the Maplesteds, Gosfield, Earls Colne, Bures, Steeple Bumpstead and Belchamp St. Paul.

The wheels were set in motion by the area's police chief Insp. Nigel Robinson, but he was amazed by the wealth of ideas and speed with which the panel set about its task.

Members include county, district and town councillors, a licensee, solicitor, church minister, headmistress and scout commissioner.

The chairman is businessman Mr David Finch of the town's Ciba Corning Diagnostics Ltd, who lives in Borley.

## Business

He said, "Recognising that crime is on the increase, I thought it was a good idea to have a crime prevention panel to assist the police in combating crime."

"I think there are many ideas from business, and other disciplines in the community, which perhaps the police haven't thought about before. I think we will be very creative about it."

The most important thing, he said, would be to keep the momentum going after Christmas, and come up with a series of milestones throughout 1992 to work towards.

COLCHESTER SPORTS CLUB  
PRESENTA CONCERT  
FOR CHRISTMAS

The Essex Police Band, Local School Choir, The Essex Police Choir, at St Botolph's Church, Colchester

WEDNESDAY,  
11th DECEMBER  
8pm

Proceeds to:— Colchester Victim Support Scheme  
Ticket £2.50

TICKETS FROM INSP FINCH,  
COLCHESTER, Ext 4505,  
or CHF INSP GRIMWADE, HQ Ext 2457

## Letting the Force take the strain...



Digging in deep as the team put up a valiant fight during one of their many matches.

# Tug-of-war team rope in the trophies

IT WAS a pleasure to read about the past accounts of the force football and cricket teams, but I feel that I should jump on the band wagon with the history of the force Tug-of-War team which was the most successful sporting team the force has known.

It was formed in 1954/5 under the expert coaching of the late Pc Bob Cracknell and what a team it was: anchor-man, Pc Bill Brooks, then came Tony Brooks, George Breeding, Wally Hammond, George White, John Biggs, Arthur Mills and myself, Ray Skillin; with hard competition for places from Eric Robinson, Joe Arrowsmith, John Smith, with our relief coach Ernie Bryan.

In 1955 we asked the force

sports secretary for permission to enter for the National Police Championships at Liverpool. This was refused as it was on the same day as the force sports.

However, further representation was made to the Chief Constable, Sir Jonathan Peel, who gave us permission to go.

So off we went, ten men in two hired Morris Oxfords to drive to Liverpool. When we arrived we were an unknown team to our competitors.

As you are aware, we won. By beating Warwickshire, Kent, Liverpool, and Metropolitan Police represented by K Division. The cup was presented by the late Bessie Braddock MP.

The team was then on the scene. We went from strength to strength, winning competitions all over the country with little time off - rest days had to be changed etc.

We won the Heart of England championships at Leek, Wootton after rebuilding the show marquees which had blown down in a gale the day before - it was all good training.

Our bogey team was very local indeed. 'The Barber Brothers' from Totham could never be beaten by us. Their main rivals, were the Ford Motor Company. We could beat Ford's but Ford's could beat the 'Barbers'.

The force team won the PAA championships three years running. 1955 Liverpool, 1956 Eastbourne, and 1957 Oxford.

I remember being on holiday in Devon, when I had a telephone call from Wally Hammond asking me to leave early as I was required to compete at Headquarters in the force open competition.

I had to be at headquarters by 2pm. Much to my wife and

family's disgust, I made it by 2pm, and we won the competition, eventually beating the 'Barber Brothers' in the final.

We really celebrated that day because we sank a gallon of scrumpy cider that I had bought back from Devon.

In 1958 we lost the PAA to K Division Metropolitan Police, we tried again in 1959 but the RUC were too good for us, even though we weighed 204 stone!

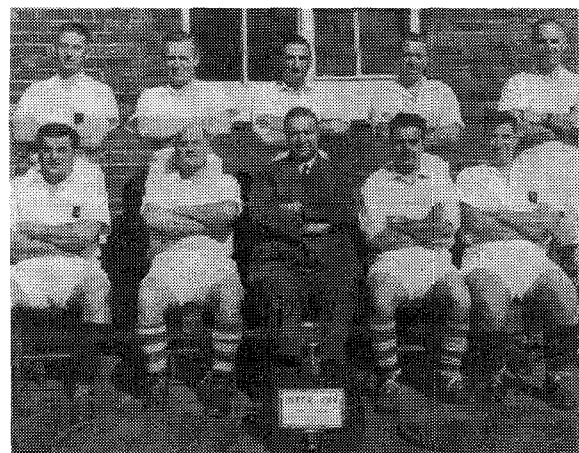
We in our heyday were the envy of both the football and cricket teams. They would compete all year to get perhaps a medal at the end, but we would get a trophy, plus each member would get a good class prize.

It was hard work, lots of training, travelling and dedication, but we enjoyed it all and looking back on it all, it is always a talking point when we meet up.

We were lucky that we had many officers trying to win places in the team such as Pc's Shoulders, Digby, Cousins, Barham, Phillips, Woodley, Little, Whent, Woolnough, and McGee.

Unfortunately some of these men have passed on, but the memories will last.

R.H. Skillin, Ex Grays, HQ Traffic Driving School and Colchester.



The Colchester Division Tug-of-War Team proudly display their Inter-Division trophy of 1958. Back row: Pc Barham, Pc Skillin, Pc Iley, Pc Woodley, Ps White. Front row: Ps W. Hammond, Pc McGee, Ch/Supt Simpson, Pc Bennet, Pc Phillips

## Our Deep Appreciation For Your Kindness

MAY we, through your paper, express our deep gratitude to the members of the Chelmsford Police for the way in which they handled the death of our son, Graham Morton Carter, on the A12 at Sandon recently. They went to great lengths to trace us through SE London, Kent and Sussex to break the tragic news to us.

Also the care and consideration shown by them for our welfare, also making arrangements for us to be brought safely home, was almost beyond belief,

and we would like to publicly state our deep appreciation of their kindness.

BILLIE AND  
BILL CARTER  
63 Raeburn Road  
Sidcup Kent.

(From the Essex Chronicle)

## Gym Class Thanks

MAY I, through 'The Law' thank Mr G Ball for his very kind and informative letter about the 1934 gym class. I was sorry he could not tell me if my late husband was on the photograph.

If he reads this, my many thanks for his and his wife's good wishes and for taking the trouble to write to me.

GWEN McENTEE  
Oakwood Avenue  
West Mersea.

## Stamp fund builds-up

I would like to thank, through your columns, the many people who so generously donated Green Shield Stamps to the Carr-Gomm (West Essex) Society, a charity for single isolated people, and sent them to me. The stamps are accumulating and I will shortly be sending them to Green Shield Co., for repayment.

The building of the house mentioned in my last

letter is well under way.

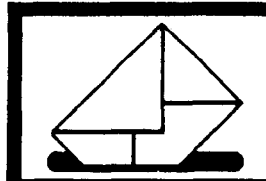
TED WILLIAMS  
The Carr-Gomm  
(West Essex) Society.

## A Night To Remember

MAY I through the columns of 'The Law' make a personal thank you to all my friends who made my retirement evening at Rayleigh bar on October 29 such a memorable evening and one which my wife and I shall never forget for the rest of our lives.

Many thanks also for the wonderful gifts, all of which will take a prominent place in our home.

B WALLER  
(Ex-cons Rayleigh  
Traffic)  
Maplin Way  
Thorpe Bay.



Law Letters

# Athletic pioneers were a Force first



I WAS wondering if this photograph would be of any use to 'The Law'.

This is a picture of the first athletic team of Essex Constabulary

in the late 1940's, early 1950's era.

The team were winners of five District Police Cup as a medley relay team not now used in modern athletics, ie

800 yards, 400 yards, and two 220 yards.

For some years the team took part in PAA meetings and John Porter standing behind C/Insp Salmon was quite a star at 100 and 220 yards.

Unfortunately he resigned from the force and went into industry with Davey Paxman at Colchester and then seemed to disappear.

The team carried on for some years and attended meetings at Southend Boro' and Norwich City Police to help get their meeting off the ground.

Having attended the PAA meeting we were approached by the late Wally Hammond as to entering the Tug-of-War team into the national meeting and they did very well for some years at all meetings throughout the country.

The line-up from left to right is: Pc Rowe, myself, Pc E Caley, Ps D Purvis, Pc R Rison, Pc Potter. At the front is Supt Phillibrown and Chf Insp H Salmon.

I do hope you will find this of some interest. It would be nice to see or hear from any of the lads.

J Crosby  
Cotman Road  
Colchester.

## Leigh van sparks memories



LAST MONTHS picture from W Smart of four Leigh officers standing beside a van brought back memories for Robert Grange of Hadleigh who was able to shed some light on its history.

Although he was unable to remember the year the photo was taken, he believes the shot was snapped to mark the arrival of the new van, believed to be a Morris, at the station.

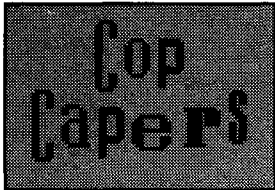
He is the officer on the far left, next to him is Pc George Smart, then Sgt Bernard Broad and next to him Pc Leslie Ghost. The picture, he recalls was taken behind the Police Station.

Both George Smart and Bernard Broad are now dead, but the whereabouts of Pc Ghost is unknown. Mr Grange explained, although he has a hunch he resigned and became the master of a remand home, possibly in Canada.

While at the station Pc Grange served as duty driver and he remembers Pc Smart was station clerk.

As for Mr Grange, he went on to become a sergeant at Southend, retiring eleven years ago. But his service didn't end there, for he spend the next ten years working as a civilian, finally reaching the post of Senior Administration Assistant, from which he retired 18 months ago.





**AFTER** all the trouble we went to last month to name the force's new horse it's reassuring to know such a problem would have a simple solution in Yorkshire.

Presumably one of their trusty steeds is shortly to be renamed 'Chomper' after it took one look at a blacksmith's van and decided it would make a great meal.

Blacksmith Dave Manger found four-year-old Grafton happily munching his way through the roof so the old bill at Starbeck, Near Harrogate, were promptly sent a new bill for £205.

### Sir Pete

Meanwhile yet another horse, this time in Metland, is also to get a new name - after Sir Peter Imbert who retires next year. How you can make that into an eight-letter name beginning with 'C' I'll never know!

### Oh Babe!

Surely if anyone deserves a horse to be named after them it's quick-thinking WPC Brenda Sharp who cut short her driving test to save a baby who had stopped breathing.

The WPC was in the middle of a three-point turn when she spotted mother Carol Smith clutching baby Jodie and screaming for help.

Brenda, 27, abandoned her examiner, rushed to the rescue and using her specialist training gave the little tot the kiss of life. After saving the Hartlepool youngster's life Brenda resumed her test and passed!

### Ouch!

Mind you police officers in Brighton are not so popular if a report taken from the Brighton Evening Argus is to be believed: "People in Preston ward are invited to a meeting ..... to meet councillors and beat police officers." Ouch!

And if that makes you hopping mad you'd better team up with a thief who stole £750 worth of sports shoes from a rep's car in Crewe - they are all for right feet!

### Hot Shot

But finally spare a thought for four policemen rushed to hospital in Canton, Cardiff after diners hurled vindaloo curry at them when they tried to cool down a heated row.

The spices spattered their faces and they had to be treated for burns and eye injuries. "A curry attack is a laughing matter," said a doctor, while a nursing officer added that they could have suffered serious injuries.

Fortunately the sergeant, two PCs and a Special went back to work after treatment, but sub-editors who dreamed up headlines like "Argy Bhaji Agony," were eating out on the story for days.

**"After five years of 'things' going wrong I knew the truth"**

# Bob's Battle Against MS

**UNTIL** last year Sgt Bob Fielding was in charge of the Dog Section at South Ockendon and enjoying the type of policing he relishes - out on the beat, with his dog, in the thick of the action.

But a year later his life has changed dramatically. After five years of illness he discovered he was suffering from Multiple Sclerosis. A multitude of emotions took their turn - depression, anger and relief - but he was determined not to give up.

After a long spell of illness he is now back in the job, albeit behind a desk in HQ, and he is looking forward to celebrating 20 years service in the force next May.

His life may have changed, but now Bob, 38, who is married with three children and who works in Operation Planning, is optimistic about the future and keen to tell others what having MS really means.

Here, he tells his own story to 'The Law'.

**DOCTORS will not look you in the eye when they tell you.**

"It's like cancer", my doctor explained as he told me I had Multiple Sclerosis.

Relief, panic, depression, sadness, horror and anger. An emotional roundabout with no way off.

After five years of "things" going wrong physically and emotionally, I now knew the truth. I had a label.

"What is the cause?"

"Not known."

"What is the cure?"

"None, yet."

So we had an aggrieved, a scene of the crime, but no hope of a result. Just another statistic.

It started over 5 years ago when I started to have numbness in my left hand. The doctors thought I had trapped a nerve, but after tests I was told it was a virus and the symptoms would go away.

A year later I started to have muscle spasms in my left leg. Again after extensive tests I was informed the virus that was causing the problem would go away.

Looking back on my stay in hospital, I was a bit slow on the uptake. I was in a ward of MS sufferers and they nearly all said their problems were the same as mine at the start of their illness. But MS is a serious illness which other people get. **WRONG.**

Then last year the left side of my body went numb and my left hand was a numb claw.

Back to the doctors, at last an answer. Multiple Sclerosis.

But what is it?

Well, your nervous system, which is the brain and spinal cord, can be likened to a system of electrical cables, transporting messages from the brain to every part of the body.

Nerves have a covering called a Myelin Sheath, like the insulation on an electrical cable. The Myelin helps the conduction of messages along the nerve, as well as protecting the nerves.

In MS the Myelin Sheath becomes scarred. The cause of this is unknown, but it interrupts the messages from the brain to parts of the body.

This causes a variety of symptoms, which differ in every sufferer.

However common symptoms are blurred or double vision, in some cases blindness, weakness in the limbs, loss of bladder control, loss of balance and extreme swings in mood.

The medical profession seems embarrassed by not being able to offer any comfort or answers. Especially to the 'big question'.

"How will I end up?"

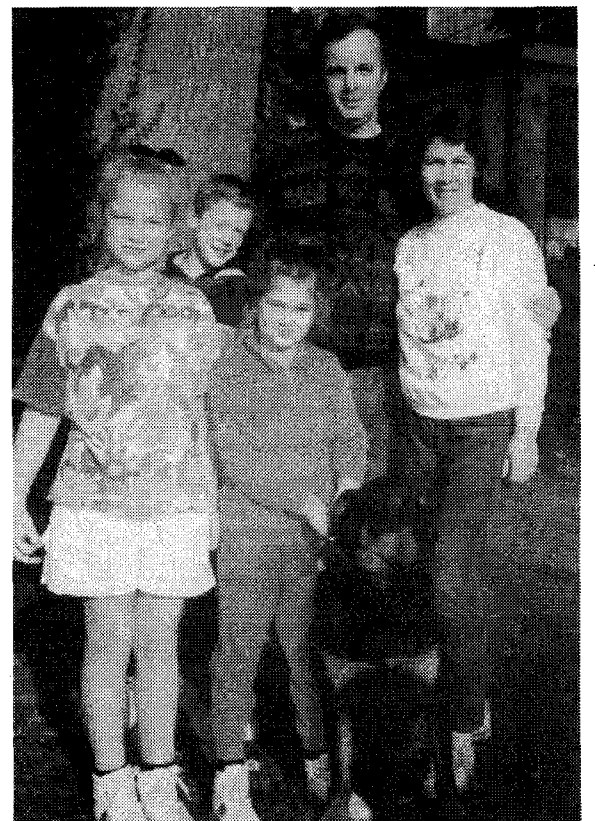
Thankfully, only a few sufferers will end up in wheelchairs. For the rest of us it is a case of relapses and remissions.

Sometimes the remissions last for years. In others the relapses occur more frequently.

It is a difficult thing to live with. From the outside and without close examination, we appear normal. In fact we are normal.

We can live as long as non-sufferers, do most things, depending on our abilities.

What we do not have is control of our destiny. The statement is not 100% correct, in as



**BOB** Fielding at home with his family. Determined not to let MS rule their lives, the family and pet Rottweiler, Ricky, decided to climb Snowdon. It was a struggle, but Bob made it - raising some £2,800 for Multiple Sclerosis sufferers in the process.

much as, if I look after myself, I don't get fatigued, eat properly and be positive in my attitude. I hopefully can control the illness.

However it would be an untruth if I did not say somewhere in your mind is always the question.

"When will the next relapse occur and what will be the result?"

From starting off bitter and asking myself,

"Why me?"

I am now more comfortable with the illness, and say,

"Why not me?"

There are over 80,000 MS sufferers in this country.

A lot are younger than me who will miss out on the experience I experienced in my younger days.

I must be thankful for what I got out of life before my illness, and look forward to new challenges.

It is not only me who has to cope with the on/off disability this illness provides. My wife and children go through a relapse with me.

"How do we as a family cope?"

The answer is simple, by being honest with each other, talking our problems through, and whenever possible seeing the lighter side of the life.

Self pity equals self destruction. Sympathy is for one's conscience. What I and other sufferers want is understanding.

There is always someone worse off than yourself. Positive thinking gives you an inner peace, and we all could do with a little of that.

For more information please contact:

The Multiple Sclerosis Society  
25 Effie Road  
London SW6 1EE

**Essex Police Musical Society**  
present

## GIGI

**24-29 February 1992**

Reservations for tickets may now be made on application to:

**R A Clare**  
HQ/CDU/Fraud  
Police Headquarters  
PO Box 2  
Springfield  
Chelmsford  
CM2 6DA



# From Phoenix With Love.....

**A TRIO** of globe-trotting Chelmsford traffic officers have made a dream come true for a five-year-old Canvey boy suffering from a rare kind of cancer.

When Dave Manders, Andy Nunn and George Lambeth heard about little Russell Blake who has non-Hodgkinson's Lymphoma they were determined to do something to help him and their cause took them on a whirlwind tour to Phoenix, Arizona.

In true jailbreak style their 'Hands Across The Sea' mission saw them bust out of Chelmsford Police Station at the crack of dawn and head off in a Ford Sierra 4X4 Cosworth supplied by Ford Motor Sport.

Once at Heathrow, Virgin Atlantic flew them to Los Angeles from where they picked up a hire car and began a six-hour drive across the desert to Scottsdale, Phoenix.

After a good nights sleep they met with three American police officers at the 'Peace Officers Memorial' in Glendale, Phoenix and exchanged police badges uniforms and anecdotes as well as being interviewed on Channel 12 TV.

"The police over there looked after us really well and we were given a guided tour of their new station as well as meeting the Chief of Police, Bob Ferry," said George Lambeth.

So impressed were the Phoenix officers they presented the British bobbies with a plaque 'in recognition of your public ser-

vice and concern for children.'

An afternoon spent on the police firing range with Captain Jerry McGown, the dept's firearms expert proved an eye-opening experience especially when they learned no licence is required for anyone to own any number of firearms in Phoenix. Capt McGown owns 49 of his own.

Fortunately during the six-day 1,700 mile round trip, the travelling trio also had time to take in some of the sights including the Grand Canyon, San Diego, Disneyland, Beverley Hills and Hollywood Boulevard before jetting back to Heathrow.

"It was a great experience but more importantly we hope to have raised around £4,500 to send Russell and his family to Disneyworld as well as donating around half that figure to Imperial Cancer Research," said George.

Russell's tickets have already been booked, Disneyworld have donated free tickets and he and his family fly out on March 7.

"Special thanks must go to Virgin Atlantic, Virgin Holidays, Holiday Inn, Dollar Rentals and Fords for making the jailbreak possible as well as the many people who kindly donated money such as the Southend Classic Car Club and Helen Downer, who did a parachute jump to raise money," he added.

Money is still coming in for Russell, but if anyone else would like to make a donation please contact either Andy, George or Dave.



**Our globe-trotting trio by the Peace Officers Memorial:** Back Row: (left to right) Pc Andy Nunn, Pc Dave Manders and Pc George Lambeth.

Front Row: Trooper P. M. King (Highway Patrol), Captn Jerry McGown (City of Glendale) and Deputy Ron Greth (Maricopa County Sheriffs Office).

## TIME FOR A CHANGE

COMMUNICATION is essential to effective policing, and radios have long been the mainstay of the force's communications.

From the hand-held UHF radio of the bobby on the beat, to vehicle-mounted VHF radios, from the 20 sub-divisional control rooms to HQIR, it is essential that the potential for misunderstanding is reduced to a minimum.

For this reason the force agreed to communications strategy back in 1989, which strives to eliminate areas of conflict by introducing a single level of control.

Existing UHF radio equipment has been in use for 22 years, and having exceeded its anticipated life span by seven years, is only kept going by cannibalising redundant radios for spares.

Enter FIR, the new Force Information Room project, under which new equipment and a single central control room will be introduced.

There should be fewer radio blackspots, with 12 additional UHF base stations, new digital equipment at UHF base stations, and interference reduced between transmissions.

All this could be the answer to a prayer for the anonymous editor of this poem, who takes a light-hearted look at the current situation. From the lads and lasses on patrol to those in control, it no doubt strikes a chord...

## A 'HIGH PRESSURE' ODE

WhEEEEEEEE ShEEEEEEE burp bang slop  
Whiskey Tango sloop whish bop  
Or was it Sierra cackle cackle whirr  
I can't hear a thing and I don't really care.  
We spend loads of money on choppers and cars  
Then make do with radios that could come from Mars  
Allo allo...gobbledegook  
Allez vous allez vous..cock me a snoop  
Belgians and Frenchmen in trawlers at sea  
Or on mobile phones shouting 'merci oui oui'.  
Are we being fair to the blokes on patrol  
Or the ones in IR (it drives them up the wall)  
The unit that's calling please try that again  
There's a screech in my ear going right thro' my brain  
We can't hear a thing for this much on the air  
It makes me go barmy and tear out my hair  
The car going 10 something, try that once more  
It sounds like 10-9. I'm not really sure  
There's screeching and whistles and a pop and a bang  
And something else that could be French slang

So whiskey be boop & Sierra whizz beep  
If we don't answer we ain't going to sleep  
Although we keep asking and calling them out  
The radio people say "we can do nowt"  
We'll come down and listen and see what you mean  
But you'll still have to cope with that god awful scream  
The one in your ear that blots out all speech  
That starts as a whine and ends as a screech  
It's down to the government, the ones with the cash  
So get hold of them and give their ear a bash  
It seems to get worse when we get lots of sun  
When you're out on the beat I know that's not fun  
There's one thing that helps, I know that you'll laugh  
BUT IF YOU'VE GOT A REPEATER...TURN THE THING OFF  
If its mobile or fixed it doesn't really matter  
But it seems to cut out that awful French chatter.



Umpire: Sgt. Mike Davies

## Essex Police Race to the Rescue as Fer

IT was 19.25 hours and everything seemed quiet across the county. But just as the Duty Inspector at HQIR was preparing for a smooth shift, disaster struck at Harwich. It was the call everyone dreads, but at least this time we had wind it was coming. For this was MARINEX, Britain's biggest maritime disaster exercise designed to test the emergency services to the limit. Paul Dunt was there to see how we coped .....

# Countdown to Disaster

**IT WAS one of the Force's worst nightmares. On a cold black night in the busy approaches to Harwich Harbour a packed passenger ferry was holed and listing badly after a collision with a cargo ship.**

The first reports were not good - news of deaths were already coming through and there were scores of casualties. The cargo vessel, the Apollo, was sinking while the stricken ferry, the DFDS Danish Star, with 350 people on board, was preparing to evacuate.

A list of ghostly names, etched forever in the notebook of the mind, shot forward -

Herald of Free Enterprise, Zebrugge, European Gateway - as the enormity of what had happened became clearer.

### FICTION

To the emergency services that immediately sprang into action, the scenario seemed very real, but fortunately for all those involved the 'collision' was all part of Britain's biggest

maritime disaster exercise.

Code-named MARINEX, it was designed to push the combined resources of Essex and Suffolk to the limit to iron out any problems in case fiction suddenly became all too real.

More than 1,500 people were involved, including over a hundred from Essex Police, in the five-hour exercise, which was the result of two years planning by the Harwich Haven Authority.

The Combined Accident Procedure, HARWICHCAP, was drawn up by the authority to co-ordinate the marine and on-shore emergency teams dealing with a major maritime disaster involving a large number of lives.

Those involved included the fire and ambulance services, coastguards, RNLI, social services, the county council and local hospitals, who tested their resources to cope with the influx of large numbers of casualties.

### FLOTILLA

The RAF and USAF also played a major role ferrying passengers to casualty reception centres, which were set up at Harwich, Felixstowe and RAF Woodbridge. A flotilla of small craft, including the ferry, Brightingsea, which carried around 200 'survivors'

also played a big part in the evacuation.

By the concentrated looks on the faces of all those involved, nobody treated the exercise as a piece of light theatre and indeed the 'players' often became so involved in their roles that reality and fiction blurred.

At one point during the evacuation procedure from the 14,400 tonne ferry, the captain of the vessel made it clear over his radio that he had a real-life casualty on board - it was a 'life

that the force learnt as much as possible from the simulation.

### CASUALTY

From an early stage it was decided that Marinex should be used to test a number of components the force would swing into operation had a real collision occurred to see if resources and emergency plans could cope.

The areas being tested were: Gold Command, Silver Command, Casualty Bureau,



Getting Ready: The RNLI head for their boat.



Any Questions? Police Press Officers Jenny Bullus and Paul Dunt and Essex Fire and Rescue Service Press Officer Mike Watton (right), brief the media on the latest developments.



Tension: Rescue teams await the latest news.

or death' situation he was heard to say.

### BLOOD

In fact he had been convinced it was real by the play-acting of the Casualties Union, (who take part in many such exercises) complete with mock injuries, theatrical blood and screams for help.

But the captain was only one of many and the fact that it came across as so real was first-class way to test the response.

A Press Office request to let the media view the damage to the Danish Star (in reality the Dana Anglia) was met with the reply - "What do you mean? - there isn't really a hole for them to look at!"

But there were two real casualties and they were taken to Harwich hospital suffering only minor injuries.

It was the responsibility of Chief Inspector, Dick Bloomfield, the Force's Emergency Planning Officer, to gear the Essex Police response to the 'disaster' and a year of planning went into making sure

MILDU, Information Room, Temporary Mortuary, Marine Section, Press Office and the Hospital and Rest Centre documentation process.

"We knew that we could move large numbers of personnel about the county, so to do so in this exercise would be very costly," said Chief Inspector Bloomfield, who has been working in emergency planning for five years.

"The exercise itself was productive in that a number of procedural matters were exercised and are in need of review," he said adding that particular lessons were learnt about the transfer of information to the Casualty Bureau.

### HOLMES

It is also evident that in future the HOLMES computer would be brought into play very early on in an incident to deal with the massive flows of information during an incident which threatens to log-jam the entire operation.

"During the event because there is so much information being supplied to the police and required from the police all at the same time

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## Tragedy Strikes Harwich



Emergency workers prepare to tackle the worst.

congestion, but technically overcome this," said Chief Bloomfield.

was in operation, but the provision of satellite Holmes," he added. were also learnt in the with an evident need for power and resources to enormous media interest re would attract and the elements this would pose.

### DISASTER

he exercise around 30 the press took part, firing t the authorities during conferences and reporting re of the disaster.

y more than 200 press ected including perhaps , many from all over the l after the best shots and

ian Daily Times reporter police press officer Steve owed just what the force by managing to don an bard and get into the ertuary in a Parkeston use.

an effective test and we o the press for that," said o Roger Grimwade.

### PRAISE

onse of the force was team of umpires whose o scrutinise the police give praise or criticism

where it was due in debriefings after the event.

One of the important aspects of the operation was being able to share it with other countries and organisations keen to draw their own conclusions from Marinex.

Among the observers invited to watch were police officers from the countries Harwich serves including, Holland, Germany, Denmark and Sweden.

Officers from Kent and Sussex were also invited to observe.

According to Chief Inspector Bloomfield, though lessons were learnt from Marinex, which will be written into the force's emergency procedures, the exercise proved changes made in the force over the past few years had greatly improved

our response and capabilities.

"The performance of all concerned was greatly improved from that of 1986 when the last such exercise was held at Harwich," he said.

"One of the great failings in '86 was communications but that's definitely one area where we have improved greatly," he explained, adding that the Gold, Silver, Bronze, command structure had also been an improvement over previous methods of command.

"I think the force is very well equipped and there's no greater teacher than experience and without actually having the real thing that's as near as we could get. The force has derived great benefit from the exercise."



Survivors: Ferry passengers glad to be back on dry land.



Ready to Go: Haven Pilot boats ready for a busy night.

## Handicapped trio teams up with award group

# Going for Gold

THREE handicapped students joined a group of 22 able-bodied youngsters taking part in a week-long Duke of Edinburgh's Gold award course organised by Essex police.

This was the third residential gold course run by the force but the first time wheelchair-bound participants had been included.

This presented an extra challenge for the group, and the organisers who had to ensure doors were wide enough, ramps and other facilities were available.

Members of the group, mainly aged 17 to 19, were drawn from all over the county, but quickly learned to work together as they launched into a hectic programme of activities.

There was a full-scale major incident exercise, a table-top scenario where a lorry overturned at Chelmsford's Army and Navy roundabout, crushing a car underneath.

There were visits to the Dog Section at Sandon, a trip on The Alert with the Marine Section at Bradwell, the Skid Pan and Scenes of Crime at HQ.

The group also took part in a mock Crown Court hearing, self-defence classes and a visit to the MOD Police and Royal Military Police at Colchester.



GOLD course: Youngsters at the start of their residential Duke of Edinburgh's award course with the police.

The course was based at Brooklands Centre in Broomfield, Chelmsford.

The three physically handicapped girls, Alison Mitchell, Alison Street, and Jill Tuckfield, all members of the PHAB Club at Leigh-on-Sea, joined in all the activities.

Alison Street, 21, from Southend, said, "It's really interesting. It is different from what you might expect." Alison's father is former Essex policeman, Lawrence "Joe" Street.

The course, held at the end of October, satisfies the residential qualification of the Gold Award. It also provides a springboard for the police service section.

Those doing police service must complete a further 40 hours work with the police over the course of a year.

Schools officers and CSB officers organised the week, and hope to involve handicapped youngsters again next year.



CASSIE the German Shepherd, meets Alison Mitchell at Sandon Dog section.

# Calling cadets to 20-year reunion



NUMBER 4 course, Essex Police Cadet Corps, 1972-75.

CALLING cadets of 20 years ago. What are you doing now?

Many of Number 4 course, 1972-75, are working their way through the ranks of Essex Police. Others have joined City of London Police or the Mets.

And some have disappeared into civvy street, losing touch with colleagues on the cadet corps.

Now Lorrie Austin at the Force Training School is organising a 20-year reunion, to take place in September next year.

He is trying to contact all course members and staff, and to assess numbers likely to attend.

Can you spot some familiar faces on the picture? There is Brain Jeapes, and the girl he married, Julia. There are the two Ian Browns — one recently promoted to Chief Inspector in Essex and the other who joined the City of London force.

Martin Fayle joined the Mets, and Andy Odell, the one with the funny expression on the left end of the middle row, is now an Inspector with the City of London. He is co-organiser of the re-union, and would like help in tracking down those who are not still serving with Essex Police. There was Trevor Williams and Murray Coleman, who is believed to be in the USA.

Staff include Chf. Insp. John Hedgethorpe, Harry Fuller and Larry Piper, all retired, and, of course, Maureen Scollan, now Inspector. Warden and matron, seated front, were Major Yard-Martin and his wife.

The re-union will be held at Essex Police Training School on Saturday September 12, 1992. Partners are invited, and there will be a formal dinner, speakers will be invited, and dress will be lounge suits.

Please make contact with Lorrie Austin on HQ ext 2764, or Andy Odell on 071-601-2021/2020 (Fax 071-601-2060) if you are interested in attending.

# Winning day out at HQ



Our picture shows one of the youngsters testing out the helicopter during the visit last month.

GRAYS schoolchildren won a brief taste of life in the force as a prize in a Christmas Crime Poster competition.

Twelve youngsters travelled up to HQ in Chelmsford for the day, and were shown round the Information Room and the Skidpan. They also had a ride out to Boreham to see the force helicopter.

The children, mainly aged 10 and 11, had designed posters and come up with slogans in the Barclays Bank-sponsored competition.

# DIAL 999 FOR SEVEN DWARFS

**IF YOU happen to go down to the Information Room at 6am on Christmas morning and see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, don't worry... it doesn't mean you had a drop too much the night before.**

"B" shift, on early turn, are planning another festive fancy dress duty, to raise money for terminally ill children.

Last Christmas Day, the shift raised more than £550 for Chelmsford Hospice by collecting sponsorship money from headquarters and other staff, and performing their duties

in fancy dress.

This year they hope to beat that total, and the money will go to the Children's Hospice in Milton, Cambridge. Children from Essex attend this hospice to be nursed.

Members of "B" shift will be touring headquarters complex with their big collecting

bucket in the fortnight leading up to Christmas. So, HQ staff and anyone else who will be at HQ on a course or otherwise, make sure you have plenty of change and be prepared to delve into your pocket.

And, in case you were wondering, the costumes are kindly being loaned by the Palace Theatre, Westcliff. Will Snow White be male or female? Watch this space...

PS Dee Hawkins HQIR.

## Health check discounts

**ARE YOU worried about your health? Springfield Medical Centre in Chelmsford is offering special discounts to Law readers, on their comprehensive programme of health screening tests.**

Their full two-and-a-half hour HealthCheck tests include urine and microscopy analysis, sight test and audiometry, lung function with Vitalograph and Spirometer, resting Electrocardiograph, blood pressure, haematology analysis, and chest X-ray.

In addition, the test for women includes breast examination, mammography (if advised), pelvic examination and cervical

smear.

The discount rate would be 15 per cent on a full HealthCheck and a 10 per cent reduction on Heart Risk Factor, Well Woman and Breast Examination checks.

The full prices, until January, are as follows: Full male HealthCheck £225 (less 15 per cent), Female HealthCheck £235, or with mammography £280 (less 15 per cent).

Risk Factor Check £90, Well Woman check £115, or with mammography £165, mammography and breast check £85 (all less 10 per cent). For further details, fill in the form below.

## Chorus Lines

**IT SEEMS a little premature to be singing Christmas Carols in September but with the next few weeks being the busiest commitment in the Choir year it pays to "shop early".**

First sight of the carols to be learned raised questions about a sadistic streak hidden within our conductor's smiling good nature.

But we have tackled new arrangements of old favourites and some more recent pieces with enthusiasm.

All this will be put to the test with concerts at Coggeshall on Saturday 30th November and Witham on Monday 16th

December, and a repeat invitation to join Rochford District Council's Civic Carol Service at the Mill Hall, Rayleigh on Sunday 15 December.

The highlight of the Christmas season will be a "Concert for Christmas" at St Botolph's Church, Colchester on Wednesday 11th December where we will join forces with the Essex Police Band and the choirs of Rickstones School, Witham and Colchester Girls' High School.

On the social scene, choir members and their partners travelled to Golders Green Hippodrome on 15th November to join the audience for BBC Radio's long running and popular "Friday Night Is Music Night".

## Phone Fred

**MUSEUM Curator and Public Relations Officer, Fred Feather, has now moved into his permanent office in the museum, next to clothing stores.**

His new extension number is 2395, so if you have any ideas or articles for the museum he would be pleased if you get in touch.

## THE LAW

Please send me details of your health screening service:

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

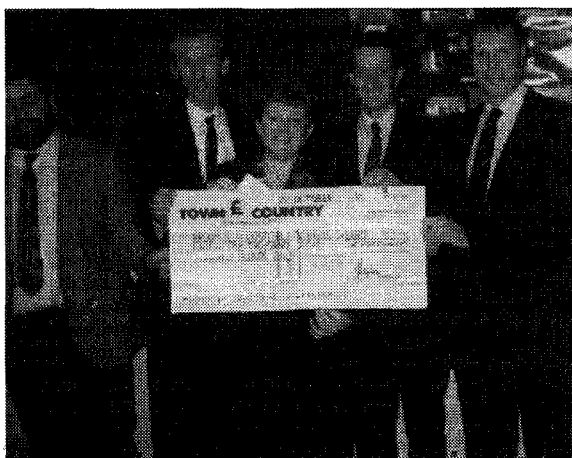
Return to Springfield Medical Centre, Lawn Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

## European marathon raises £1,800 for hospital

**THE CHELMSFORD traffic trio who drove round 10 European capitals in 100 hours have handed over a cheque for £1,800 to the Broomfield Hospital Intensive Therapy Unit.**

Deputy Chief Constable Peter Simpson (right) presented the cheque to the unit's administrator on behalf of Pcs Andy Butler, Harry Sexton and Ian Donaldson.

The threesome completed a 5,500 mile marathon from London to Paris, then Lisbon, Madrid, Rome, Vienna, Berlin, Amsterdam, Luxembourg and Brussels to raise the cash.



## RETIREMENTS

- 20.10.91 Pc J Norris, Grays/Corringham, 30yrs 2 days.  
31.10.91 Pc B Waller, Support/Rayleigh, 30yrs 13 days.  
15.11.91 Det Chief Insp C Wright, HQ/ SOC, 30 yrs.  
15.11.91 Pc L Smith, Support/Mounted Section, 30yrs.  
15.11.91 Ps D Harvey, Southend/Rochford, 30 yrs.  
16.11.91 Pc G Farrow, Grays/Brentwood, 27yrs, 215 days.  
24.11.91 Insp J Viney, Support/Operations, 25 yrs, 35 days  
29.11.91 Pc W Kennedy, Personnel/Explosives/Firearms, 30yrs 133 days  
13.12.91 Pc S Lodge, Southend/Westcliff, 30 yrs.  
13.12.91 Ps L Weight, Support/Rayleigh Traffic, 30 yrs.  
26.12.91 WPs A Turner, Colchester, 26 yrs, 319 days.  
29.12.91 Pc B Wood, Southend/Westcliff, 23 yrs 53 days  
29.12.91 Pc J Woodcock, Colchester/Clacton, 25 yrs 295 days.  
19.01.92 Ps G Lee BEM, Harlow/Ongar, 29 yrs, 3 days.  
06.09.91 Mrs O B MacKenzie, Part-time cleaner, FTS, 17 yrs.  
22.09.91 Mrs J Fisk, Clerk/Typist, Harlow, 12 yrs  
22.09.91 Mrs J P Brown, Clerk, Basildon, 11 yrs.  
19.09.91 Mr F S Ratcliffe, Process Server, Harlow, 19 yrs.  
08.11.91 Mrs M Jackson, Part-time cleaner, Southminster, 12 yrs.  
10.11.91 Mr W R Gadd, Traffic Warden, Clacton, 6 yrs.  
14.10.91 Mr R C Hall, Tape Librarian, Colchester, 6 yrs.  
16.10.91 Mr E G Allen, Snr Photographer HQ CID, 18 yrs.  
21.10.91 Mr F G Brooker, Domestic Foreman, Grays, 8 yrs.  
23.10.91 Mr W E Smith, Part-time cleaner, Leigh, 1 yr  
31.10.91 Mrs J Smith, Clerk Typist, Tilbury, 17 yrs.  
20.11.91 Mrs H M Chopping, Part-time cleaner, Braintree, 25 yrs.  
24.11.91 Miss R J Tomlin, Station Office Ass. Maldon, 13 yrs.

## GET COSHHED

**HAVE YOU been COSHHed?**

The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health regulations have been in force for two years, and were introduced to protect people from exposure to hazardous substances at work.

Many substances used or encountered in the course of a police officer or civilian employee's work are harmful. Many substances used in the home can be harmful too.

Do you know how to recognise these harmful substances?

Knowing about COSHH is a way for you to understand the hazards you might be exposed to, and how to guard against them.

If you don't know, then ask your supervisor or manager for information, or call your safety Officer, Tony Corbett on Ext. 2439.

You should know how to protect your own health and safety at work. Be wise. Be safe.

**ESSEX POLICE BAND**  
proudly present  
**Annual Christmas Concert**  
at  
**Marconi Club, Beehive Lane, Chelmsford, on Monday, 16th December, 1991, at 7.30pm**  
Programme provided Ticket £2



Preserving the scars of Rochford's brushes with the Luftwaffe

# Brickie's boob blocks

Queen opens £86M bridge

## bullet holes



THE QUEEN unveils the monument giving her name to the new Thames bridge at hurlock. Picture courtesy of the Essex Chronicle.

THE QUEEN signalled the end of years of motor-misery for M25 commuters when she opened the £86 million Thames bridge at Dartford last month.

She arrived by car on the Essex side, to unveil a monument naming the four-lane bridge, The Queen Elizabeth II Bridge.

She was greeted by the Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis and introduced to a long line-up including Essex Chief Constable John Morrow, and his Kent counterpart Paul Condon.

Amid tight security, she is then driven across the 3 feet high bridge to Kent, where she pressed a button to mark the opening of the largest cable-stayed bridge in Europe.

Ten thousand red, yellow and blue balloons were released, flags were furled on the 450 foot high towers, tugs sounded horns and a massed choir sang.

Motorists waiting for the barriers to be removed, doubt echoed the same lifting sentiments.

Describing it as a remarkable landmark, the Queen referred to the familiar radio announcements about the length of the tailback at the Dartford Tunnel.

If the following weeks have been anything to go by, those announcements were mercifully a thing of the past. Apart from a hic-



HER ROYAL Highness signals an end to Britain's worst traffic bottleneck. Picture: The Essex Chronicle

cup on the first day, when sightseers contributed to the queues, traffic has been moving fairly freely.

The new bridge carries

all traffic travelling from Essex into Kent, while both tunnels carry northbound vehicles from Kent into Essex.

ROCHFORD'S grand old lady may have just enjoyed a £200,000 facelift, but an eager brickie spotted patching up some unsightly holes on her rear nearly found himself wearing concrete shoes!

Officers at Rochford looked on aghast as the finishing touches were added to the 77 year old building for the holes in question were the cherished scars of the station's brave brushes with the Luftwaffe.

Rochford Police Station may be in a conservation area these days, but back during World War II German bombers took little notice of architectural considerations as they dodged the flak to strike the RAF base which is now Southend Airport.

"PC Bob Brett, who used to work here, remembers the bombers used to line up for their bombing run by using the roof of the police station," said PC Rae Hill.

"Then on the way back to base the rear gunner took advantage of some

by Paul Dunt

gunning practice by shooting up the back of the station. There are four separate bullet holes where they hit, but one ricocheted around and made other indents."

"We think more probably hit the roof area. It was certainly cannon or machine gun fire and we are told they came from a Dornier bomber," he explained. "They are about the shape and size a snowball would make."

Fortunately the repair work was spotted quickly and the poor brickie, who was completely unaware of the hole issue, began scraping out the drying mortar as fast as he could.

"We had a feeling he hadn't realised their significance," said a relieved PC Hill. "They are quite an attraction and people are always visiting to see them."

But though the war wounds remain, a lot else has changed during the refurbishment, he says. "The architects have done us proud, it's like a home

from home."

Built at the beginning of the First World War, the police station was originally flanked on each side by a small house - one for an inspector, the other for a sergeant.

The houses have remained empty for more than a decade, but now they have been knocked through to the main station creating more room for the 19 sub-divisional officers stationed there.

In addition the six-strong Westcliff dog section has also moved in and nine more officers are soon to move to Rochford to make up a burglary squad.

"I think it's going to be a showpiece, it appears we got the best of everything," said PC Hill, adding that the building had been painted in restful colours like green to help relieve stress.

The station was officially opened on October 24 when the Chief Constable and the chairman of the police authority, Geoffrey Waterer, were present to welcome the old lady to the nineties.

Whose record is it anyway?

A NEW national police training video about the tape recording of interviews is to be made in Essex.

Scriptwriter Sgt Richard Ellis, a Kent officer on secondment to the Central Planning Unit at Harrogate, has been working in Essex for a month preparing material for the 20-minute film.

It will be filmed by the award-winning Essex Police TV Unit in December.

Funded by the Home Office, the video will feature a well-known television personality, although two or three names are still being considered.

Sgt Ellis, himself a four times winner of national police video awards for his work with Kent's TV Unit, said, "We want to make an interesting and dynamic programme which people will want to watch."

### Joyriding

Entitled "Whose record is it anyway?", the video will open dramatically with two offences being committed, switching from youngsters joyriding to a burglary.

The aim of the programme is to provide the police and Crown Prosecution Service nationally with definitive direction in preparing records to tape recorded interviews.

It will complement an "Investigative Interviewing" package, currently being prepared by the Metropolitan Police.

Requirements of two different types of interview record must be detailed (as per Home Office circular 39/91 regarding tape recording of interviews under PACE).

### Magistrates

A straightforward interview basically covers cases which are likely to result in a guilty plea at magistrates court, while complex interviews cover all assaults, not guilty pleas, and indictable offences.

Sgt Ellis, 31, has been working closely with Det Chf Insp Mike Todd, and the Force Training School, particularly its Interview Development Course.

He said, "Everyone has a very positive attitude, and the help I have received has been tremendous."

He said the Essex Police TV Unit had been chosen to film the programme because it was recognised by the Home Office as being among the best in the country.

## Holiday Fund 1992

THE HOLIDAY FUND for 1992 will commence 15 January. Application forms will shortly be forwarded to every current member and spare forms to Divisional Admin Offices.

When completed they should be sent to Mrs P. Burrows at Southend Police Station, by no later than Saturday 7 December 1991.

All existing participants must complete a new application form for 1992.

This is not a loan club but a means to save, open

to police officers and civilian personnel. Subscriptions are deducted from salaries at source and the amount of the subscription cannot be altered during the year.

Three-quarters of a member's yearly entitlement may be drawn out, on written application,

between 1 April and 30 September. The remaining quarter will be paid in December, without application.

Withdrawal cheques may be cashed at Trustee Savings Banks in the Essex County area, or paid into a member's own bank account.

At least 10 days notice must be given for withdrawals and applications will not be accepted over the telephone.

## PLA model ambulance

THERE'S good news for model fans this month with the announcement that the Port of London Police have commissioned a model Port of London Police Ambulance, in use around 1912.

Based on the Matchbox Model of Yesteryear Walker electric van, it has been carefully hand-finished by craftsmen, and money raised from sales will go to the Save the Children Fund.

Only 1,000 will be made with each model individually numbered and certificated. Models 1 - 200 inclusive will have distinctively coloured certificates signed by David Sebire, Chief Officer of the Force.

The van is being made by Creaks of Camberley and collectors will be interested to hear that the first Port of London model, based on a 1927 Talbot van, sold out within a year and is now changing hands for up to £100.

"This is the first Walker electric model to feature in Eric Creak's Alternative Collection and will undoubtedly be most sought after," said Sgt Sean Hollands. "We hope to raise at least £2,500 for Save the Children."

Models with certificates bearing a printed signature cost £17, while those with individually signed certificates will be £20.

PORT OF LONDON POLICE MODEL AMBULANCE ORDER FORM		Save the Children
Name:	Address:	
Town:	County/State:	
Post/Zip Code:	Country:	Tel:
I enclose £      in payment for      models @ £17.00 plus £0.75 post & packing each		
I enclose £      in payment for      models @ £20.00 plus £0.75 post & packing each		
If none available at this price, please send me the cheaper priced model(s) and		
*Donate the extra £3.00 per model to Save the Children		*Please delete as appropriate
*Refund the extra £3.00 per model		
Date order received:	/ /	Date order despatched: / /
Sterling currency/cheques drawn in sterling only payable to 'Sean Hollands', 8 Saxons Drive, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 5HS, England. Tel: 0622 758043		



# I.P.A. NEWS

MID-ESSEX BRANCH  
Fred Dyson

## Lesotho links

ON WEDNESDAY afternoon, October 16th, our Chairman Roger, Social Secretary Dick and myself went to Colchester where we met Mr Johnson Likoti, a Warrant Officer serving with the "Royal Lesotho Mounted Police" in Southern Africa.

His rank is equivalent to that of Inspector. He is a member of the I.P.A. in Lesotho, holding the position of Secretary General.

We brought him to Police HQ and showed him around. He later visited the office of the D.C.C. Mr Peter Simpson.

He presented Mr Simpson with two brass plaques and an ashtray, all inscribed "Royal Lesotho Mounted Police" with their crest on.

He is here for four years studying Government, Sociology, Public Policy and Management at the University of Essex.

He is married with a young boy and girl, speaks very good English, has a friendly disposition and is a good conversationalist.

He is in lodgings in Colchester and during his stay will only be able to return home once a year every June for three months.

Should any member wish to show hospitality towards Mr Likoti please

contact Roger who will put you in touch. As a Branch we shall endeavour to involve him in most of our monthly functions.

### Bath trip

On Friday October 18th a total of 44 members and friends left Police HQ by coach for our annual Autumn weekend in Bath.

At lunch time we arrived at our four star hotel "The Hilton International", which we found very comfortable with good food.

On Saturday morning our coach took us to Cheddar Gorge. Some went for walks, whilst others took the opportunity to visit the caves and climb "Jacob's Ladder", some 300 steps or more.

In the evening we were joined at the hotel by some members of the Avon and Somerset South Branch I.P.A. including their Chairman David Dark.

Sunday morning we had a walking tour of Bath conducted by "Jim" an ex City of Bath Police

Officer, who is now an official guide.

On behalf of you all I must thank our Social Secretary Dick for arranging this successful weekend.

### Quiz night

On Friday November 1st a 'quiz night' was held at Police HQ, attended by a total of 36 members and wives. The guest to the evening was Johnson Likoti.

During the evening wine was taken at the tables and a raffle held. The table winning the quiz consisted of Dick Giggins, Doug Rampling, Reg Calver and their wives. Thanks to our Treasurer John Bray and his wife Sylvia for organising a well thought out quiz.

**Forthcoming events:-**  
**Friday 13th December** — Xmas social at HQ. Bring your own drinks and food.

**Friday 10th January 1992** — A.G.M. at HQ, after which a local Veterinary Surgeon will give a talk.

**Friday 14th February** — Our Annual Dinner, at the "New Times Inn" Tiptree. Cost about £10 — first come first served with the response slips.

Algeciras, Spain. Many belated congratulations to you both.

The Colchester Divisional Ball organised by Colchester/Clacton NARPO on 25th October proved a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. Thanks due to Reg Shelley for all his efforts.

By the time you read this column you should have received the latest National Bulletin, which gives updated information on the 1991 conference.

It will be noted that by a narrow margin, the motion to increase fees from 1st January, 1992 was carried.

This means that the full membership fee will increase from £4.80 to £7.20 per annum and the reduced fee from £1.20 to £1.80 per annum.

The same conference voted for an increase in the amount of precept that branches must pay to NEC as from 1st January 1992. This now stands at 40% of subscriptions paid.

### Vacancy Police Dependants Trust.

The Police Dependants

Trust, one of the leading charities serving the police throughout the United Kingdom is looking for a Charity Secretary — Central London.

The post carries responsibility for the efficient running of the secretariat, including management of two full time members of staff, processing applications from Trust beneficiaries for financial assistance, preparing documents for, and attending meetings of, Trustees and Management Committee and providing guidance and liaison with Force Welfare Officers throughout the Trust's catchment area.

A working knowledge of charity work and word processing skills would be an advantage. The appointment is on a full time basis of 36 hours per week.

Applications with full c.v. showing career to date and details of current remuneration package to: Gerry Wheeler, Secretary, Police Dependants Trust, Home Office, 50 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1H 9AT. Closing date 30 November.

# Fond farewell for classroom copper

HARLOW Pc Ivan Jacklin was sent back to school for the final years of his police career but the classroom copper, who recently retired, admits he loved every minute of it.

Since being appointed as Harlow's School Liaison Officer in 1979 Pc Jacklin became a familiar face around the town's seven secondary schools and one sixth form college - a particular challenge.

Schoolchildren could expect to see him at least 25 times in the course of their education, in a career that saw the Pc presenting almost 700 lectures a year on all aspects of the law and police work.

"When we first started the idea was to aim at the third year, as they were thought to be of the most impressionable age, but now we do all the classes in all the years," he said.

"I've never found any problems really," he explained, although there were always a few who were anti-police. "You could use their beliefs and attitudes to help open up discussion and get your message through to the others," he added.

He even saw a few former pupils go on to join the force, although that is not the aim of the job. "We don't go in to try to recruit police officers, it's a crime prevention role really to stop them breaking the law."

Despite giving so many lectures, he was determined to keep them as interesting as possible. One exercise involved setting up a simulated police station at school and then getting the



PUPILS from Mark Hall School, Harlow, say farewell to popular classroom copper Pc Ivan Jacklin.

pupils to role play as officers.

"We posed them real-life incidents such as an officer would meet, and in the afternoon we would simulate a court scene to show our role in that," he explained.

The next day the pupils would visit the real police station to see how accurate their role-playing had been, to meet the officers and learn more about their day-to-day tasks and responsibilities.

Other talks presented by Pc Jacklin included the dangers of drugs and alcohol, the use of forensic science in the force and even a pre-driver course with the fifth years. Teachers were

encouraged to follow-up the work after his visits.

And the hard work seems to have paid off, says the Pc who learnt a lot of skills for the job by running youth football clubs and scout troops. "Every school in Harlow is pro-police without a shadow of doubt," he said with pride.

With the coming of the National Curriculum, new pressures will face his successor, Pc Mike Kellett, who will see more and more of his work channelled through tutor time, as curriculum pressures leave less time for extra curricular issues during other lessons.

Pc Jacklin will miss the job and the children. "It's

something different would have loved to stay and carried on as a civvy," he says with evident sadness.

However he has not the force. The day retirement Pc Jacklin up a new role at Harlow Police Station as a p server.

## OBITUARY

27.9.91 Ex Pc J Briggs, aged 85 who retired in 1951.

10.10.91 Ex Ps Adlington, aged 7 who retired in 1960.

3.11.91 Ex Ds (Bob) Marsh, aged 75, who retired in 1951.

## MARKET PLACE ... MARKET PLACE

**Mini** - B Reg, dark blue, including radio/cassette, very good condition £1350. J Clapham, Switchboard, Harlow or 0279 653430.

**Nissan Sunny GSX 1989** F Reg, 4 door, 21,500 miles, power steering, central locking, electric windows, sunroof, excellent condition £5,300 o.n.o. Mr L H Barton (NARPO) 0206 271492.

**Servis Compact Tumble Dryer**, 12 mths old, good order, £35. Atar Kids Game System £25 plus games. Pc Allington, Ardleigh or 0206 230318.

**Marechal Six Berth Frame Tent** purchased new April 1991, used only twice, immaculate condition. Price new £439, will accept £260 o.n.o. Dc Stoneman, Shoebury or 0702 600359.

**Two Bedroom Cottage for rent** (due to lost sale). Kitchen, bathroom, lounge,

dining room, off street parking, £300 p.c.m. exc. electricity, water. Susan Barley, Chelmsford. Extn. 3525.

**Olympus OM10 Camera**, body and lens filters, tripod, kit bag and handbook. As new, £95. Pc Phil Golding, Laindon Traffic or 0268 757628.

**Pronuptia Lace Wedding Dress** size 12, complete with hoop, headdress and veil, £150 also wedding ring and solitaire engagement ring, small size. Mrs Benjamin, Rayleigh, Extn 6548.

**Fireball Racing dinghy**, number 12405, complete with set of sails, including spinnaker and outer cover, together with trolley and trailer which needs attention. £450 o.n.o. Pc Galbraith, Rochford, 0268 757892.

**One Bedroom Flat** Grays,

fitted carpets and amenities £42,000 wardrobe, economy 7 heating, off road parking, close Peasey, Grays ext. 5 0375 370494.

BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE — ONE WORD PER BOX


Name and Rank	Station
Home telephone	Signed

**National Association of Retired Police Officers by Doug Rampling**

ONCE again the time has come to settle down at the infernal machine and try to pen something of interest to us all. Not an easy task for an illiterate like me, but here goes.

It is always a pleasure to receive letters which convey good news.

All too often correspondence received by Branch Secretaries carries bad news, so it was nice to hear that one of our members, Edgar Masters and his wife Joan, celebrated their Ruby wedding on 4th November whilst on holiday in



## Squash competition



COMPETITORS in the Force Squash Tournament are pictured after the event, held recently at Kingswood Squash Club, Basildon.

The tournament was won by Pc. Adrian Bunting of Westcliff, pictured in the centre, front row, with runner-up DS. Graham Hadley to his right.

Winner of the Plate competition for first round losers, Pc. Ken Smith, is on the left. Trophies were presented by Det. Supt. Graham Furnival, who took part in the competition.

## FLY FISHING

On 24 September Essex Police fished their final P.A.A. match at Grafham Water. The weather was atrocious and most boats left the moorings late.

A hard day was had by all teams, and low weights were recorded. Again Bedfordshire section won the day, followed by Sussex.

Essex sadly came 5th on the day confirming their position of 5th for the season.

After the day's fishing the AGM was held at the lodge, where various prizes were awarded.

One of the high points to the season's events were Essex winning at Bewl Bridge, Kent on the 1st of August, and the second high point being Dave Ware coming 4th overall, this being an outstanding achievement as he missed one of the competitions.

## ESSEX POLICE CRICKET CLUB

### AVERAGES 1991 SEASON

#### BATTING

MATCHES INNINGS NOT OUT RUNS AVERAGE  
PLAYED

R. Abbott	6	6	5	158	158
R. Argles	22	18	0	617	34.27
L. Austin	20	14	6	523	65.375
J. Butcher	20	19	4	667	44.46
M. Clark	17	10	1	341	37.8
P. Gammon	12	11	1	300	30
D. Lewis	14	11	4	211	30.14
S. Lister	11	9	0	251	27.88
M. Loker-Boyes	11	6	2	124	31
J. Stonehouse	16	15	3	124	10.33

#### BOWLING

OVERS MAIDENS RUNS WICKETS AVERAGE

R. Abbott	29.2	4	117	3	39.00
V. Atkinson	41	17	92	7	13.14
L. Austin	142.3	23	489	47	10.40
M. Clark	139.2	22	527	35	15.05
R. Collings	37	5	122	3	40.6
M. Loker-Boyes	70.4	10	203	8	25.37
P. Mellon	147.2	31	443	21	21.09
J. Stonehouse	49	8	146	11	13.2
R. Woodhouse	65	15	224	8	28.0

#### FIELDING

Number of catches taken (Stumpings in brackets):

R. Argles 12, L. Austin 8, J. Butcher 9 (2), M. Clark 4, P. English 4, P. Gammon 6, D. Lewis 4 (6), S. Lister 4, M. Loker-Boyes 5.

## Force's freshwater fisherfolk find their form

# Anglers land Harlow title

ESSEX Police Freshwater Angling Club beat ten teams to win the overall first prize in the Harlow Industrial Open.

The event was held on the Grand Union Canal at Hemel Hempstead on October 13, a day which started misty, but the sun shone through.

Elaine Partridge and Phil Brochen came second in their sections, and Alan Diver came third in his section. Backing up the winning team were Steve Adams and Jeff Wuyts.

### Lancaster

The force's freshwater anglers also achieved their best-ever result in the PAA Nationals, held on the Lancaster Canal at Garstang on September 19.

After a hard day's fishing Bob Hunter came 3rd in the match of 250 anglers, and the team took 12th place out of 36 teams. The other

team members were Elaine Partridge, Steve Adams, Phil Brochen, Graham Garnham, Alan Diver and Dave Delamain.

Back in force, in the Croker Cup Pairs Trophy, four teams finished on the same points.

### Carp

The result was decided on the teams' overall weight, with a 10lb carp caught by Tony Lewis 15 minutes before the end of the match, giving

the trophy to Tony and his partner from Braintree Alan Diver.

The event was held on October 2, a cold overcast day. It was fished on two separate lakes, one team member on Parsonage Mere, High Easter, and the other on Mersea Lake.

Results: 1 Alan Diver, Tony Lewis (Braintree), 2 Steve Adams, Phil Brochen (Southend), 3 Bob Hunter, Rod Leake (Chelmsford), 4 Mick Lawrence, Elaine Partridge (HQ).

## MIXED HOCKEY

ON SUNDAY October 27, Essex Police mixed hockey team visited Surrey for a friendly match.

On the day before the match we had a team of eleven, unfortunately by Sunday morning we were down to eight, and that included the 15-year-old son of one of the team and the daughter of another.

Surrey however were able to provide a few others, so we were a made-up team.

The match was played on Woking hockey club's brand new astro-turf, and it soon became apparent that our hosts had a good mixed side,

## Strong Surrey score four

Essex not getting much of the early play and conceding a goal.

However within a couple of minutes we forced a short corner, John Evans scored from this to make it one all.

Surrey were not going to be denied and came back strongly to score another two quick goals.

It was obvious they play together as a team regularly, their passing and team work being much better than ours.

The match settled down and we saw a fair

amount of the ball for the rest of the first half, some desperate defence stopped them scoring any more, and although we managed some good moves into their half we never had the strength in attack to threaten their goal. Half-time saw Surrey leading 3-1.

The second half followed much the same pattern as the latter stages of the first half but Surrey were only to score one more goal.

There were some quite spectacular solo

runs by young Ben Farmer who on several occasions ran the ball for 50 or 60 yards beating five or six Surrey players to get the ball into their 'D'.

Overall the match was played in a friendly atmosphere and we did well to hold Surrey to 4-1. Grateful thanks are expressed to those players who did turn out.

A return match has been arranged for February. If you are interested in playing mixed hockey whether Police or Civilian employee please contact either your respective mens or ladies captain or contact Steve Farmer at HQIR who will pass your name to the mixed secretary.

## FORCE SPORTS ASSOCIATION

by Chris Jacob

### Force Lottery

The result of this month's Force Lottery is as follows:

£1500 Sgt G.P. Coxhead, Harwich; £700 D Cons G.W. Roberts, Rayleigh; £300 Sgt B.K. Wilkins, Headquarters; £200 S. Neil, Southend; £100 Cons S.J. Smith, Dunmow.

The following will receive £50 prizes:

Cons K. Dryland, Kelvedon; M. Shelton, Headquarters; Insp M. Hales, Rayleigh; Supt J. Papple, Grays; DInsp R. Miller, Dunmow; Sgt P. Culligan, Headquarters; Sgt R. Sandford, Basildon; Cons L. Reeve, Harlow; Ch Insp G. Walker, Grays; Cons R. Cockett, Chelmsford.

Christmas hampers will replace the £50 prizes for the Christmas lottery draw next month.

### Croker Cup

THE Croker Cup Golf was held The Warren Golf Course on 25th October with the following result:

1st Headquarters 6 Croker Cup points, 2nd Chelmsford 4, 3rd Southend 2, 4th Harlow 1, 5th Basildon 1, 6th Clacton 1, 7th Colchester 1, 8th Braintree 1, 9th Grays 1.

**Snooker:** Final Colchester beat Southend. 6 Croker Cup points to Colchester 4 to Southend.

**Billiards:** Final Colchester beat Southend. 6 points to Colchester 4 to Southend.

### P.A.A. Tennis

THE No 5 Region P.A.A. Tennis championships took place at R.A.F. Halton, Wendover, Bucks on 16th October. The team plate competition was won by a team representing Essex. This team was: DCons Nick Treadway, Harlow, Cons Mark Wheeler, Rayleigh, WCons Nina Fletcher, Rayleigh, Cons Mark Hall, Shoebury, Cons Colin Elsgood, Laindon Dogs and Cons Alex Draycott, Burnham.

### Guernsey Police Golf

AT the Guernsey Police Golf Championships held between 28th and 31st October at the Royal Guernsey Golf Club, Cons Kevin Maleary, Thorpe Traffic was Runner Up

and Sgt Rod Booth, Halstead achieved the best gross score.

### Croker Cup

THE Croker Cup Badminton was held at Clements Sports Hall, Hockley on 23rd October, with the following result:

1st Headquarters 6 Croker Cup points, 2nd Harlow 4, 3rd Southend 2, 4th Chelmsford 1, 5th Basildon 1.

Colchester and Grays were not represented at these championships.

### Cricket

THE Final of the 1991 Cricket between Basildon and Harlow was unable to be completed, due to the weather. At the executive meeting of the Essex Police Sports Association on 17th October, it

was decided the Croker Cup points should be halved between the two Divisions, 5 each.

The current situation in the 1991 Croker Cup is as follows: 1st Southend 40 Croker Cup points, 2nd Colchester 38, 3rd Headquarters 29, 4th Chelmsford 25, 5th Harlow 20, 6th Clacton 19, 7th Basildon 16, 8th Braintree 15, 9th Grays 14.

### Freshwater Angling

THE Croker Cup Freshwater Angling championships took place with the following result: 1st Braintree 6 Croker Cup points, 2nd Southend 4, 3rd Chelmsford 2, 4th Headquarters 1, 5th Colchester 1, 6th Grays 1, 7th Basildon 1.

# The Law



## SPORTS SPORTS SPORTS

# Sharp-shooter Mac reigns on the range

ON TUESDAY October 1 the annual Force pistol competition was held at Fingringhoe ranges.

The competition is open to all current permit holders of this force, and each department is allowed to enter two teams of two.

The turnout this year was very good, with every uniformed department entering their full allowance of shooters.

But due to circumstances beyond our control, no plain clothes departments took part.

By Ian East

The shoot was divided into two parts, part 1 being in the form of standard shooting practices, and part 2 taking the form of a physical exertion shoot crawling under nets, carrying benches etc, the sort of thing one normally does on a firearms operation.

After part one Pc Rawden was leading the field with a score of 48 out of a possible 50.

But then the physical side of things started to

take their toll and the true athletes started to show themselves, namely Inspector Fairweather and Ps Macintosh both from the Force Training school, who ran out eventual team winners of the competition, and Ps Macintosh taking the trophies for individual winner.

A close second came Traffic North with Pc's Rawden and Griffiths.

Ps Macintosh also collected the "Bill Bishop"

trophy from Sue Bishop for the individual winner. All the other trophies were presented by ACC "O" Mr Markham.

A special thanks must go to all supporting staff, including the administrative task of counting scores, taken on by Ch/Insp Adams and Karen & Jo from Support admin.

A final thanks to APs Gordon Bennett of weapons training for organising the event, and a cheer for next years organiser APs Adrian Smart."



MAC Macintosh collects the Bill Bishop trophy from Sue Bishop.



FIRE: Competitors take aim in Part 1 of the Force pistol shoot.

MEN'S HOCKEY: ESSEX POLICE 4 CAMBS POLICE 0

## Agile keeper thwarts Matt's hat-trick

A FAST and furious PAA game resulted in the best win for Essex for some time, and a place in the next round away to Leicestershire Police.

Two goals from Matt Brooking and two from Gary Franklin set the seal on a fine all round team performance.

Cambs, playing with a

British Police goalkeeper, were a good side, and the scoreline reflected the superb approach play by Essex.

Matt Brooking was denied a hat trick on at least four occasions, including a superb top corner penalty save.

We now look forward to the Leicester game with

some confidence.

Bob Ward

# Andy revs up for RAC rally

RALLY ace Pc Andy Butler is revving up to take part in Britain's longest and most spectacular motor sport event, the Lombard RAC Rally.

Chelmsford traffic officer, Andy, 33, took part in the 1,400-mile event last year, finishing 71st overall and 12th in class.

Andy will be driving a near standard Toyota Corolla GT Coupe, in the 1600cc showroom category. His ambition is to make the top six in his class of more than 20 entrants — and qualify for some prize

money.

The race gets underway from Harrogate, North Yorkshire, on Sunday, November 24.

Last year's Seaxes Auto Club chairman Andy will be joined by another Seaxes member Lloyd Shelley, also using a Toyota. The two drivers decided to pool their resources to reduce the tremendous cost in taking part.

They estimate the total cost will be in the region of £10,000, with some commercial sponsorship helping in defray the expense.

As well as the two rally cars and their crews, the team comprises 12 mechanics, some of whom work at HQ garage.

They will be using three large vans, and two estate cars carrying enough spare parts to build another car.

They will also be carrying more than 40 wheels and tyre. The team have spent the past three months preparing the cars and raising money.

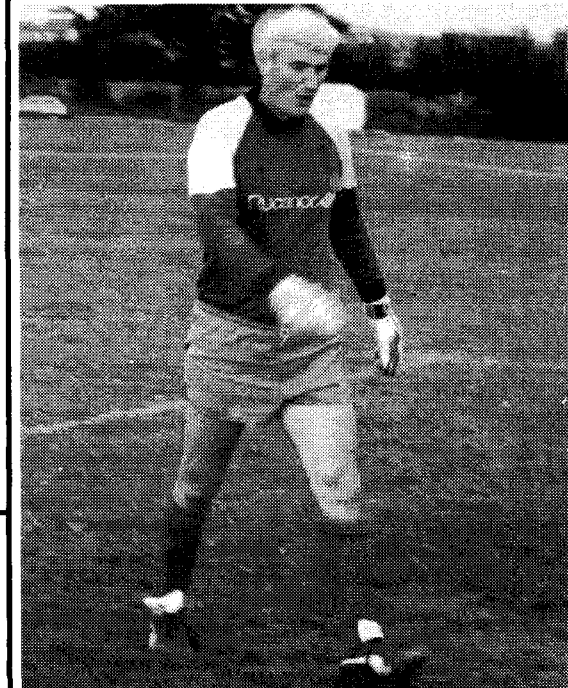
Andy's co-driver and navigator will again be Adrian Gladwin. They will be competing with drivers from 13 countries, including Argentina, Uruguay and Japan.

The route includes 353 miles of flat-out competitive driving divided into 37 timed special stages, the majority of which are on Forestry Commission gravel tracks in England, Wales and Southern Scotland.

## Veterans kick off



THE newly-formed Essex Police Veterans football team lines up before its first match, against Colchester United Veterans. The team lost 9-2. Report on page 11



IT'S a lot easier catching criminals! Police 'keeper Bob Cordery saw the ball go past him nine times in the Veterans' match.

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