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Violence down but burglaries and car crime soar – Annual Report

WORRYING RISE IN CRIME

Run-in with police to help Matthew walk



CARING COPS: Members of the London Marathon team with cerebral palsy sufferer Matthew Walters. From left, Dc Laurie Rampling, Pc Keith Bishop, Pc Alan Barley, Insp Ray Burman and Pc Dace Andre. PICTURE BY DAVE BARKER, COURTESY OF ESSEX COUNTY NEWSPAPERS.

TEN Essex officers are training hard to run next month's London Marathon in uniform.

The team aim to send three-year-old Matthew Walters from Kelvedon to the pioneering Peto Institute in Hungary for treatment. Matthew suffers from cerebral palsy.

The runners hope to raise £3,000 through sponsorship. Four of the team are veterans of last year's marathon effort, which raised more than £4,000 for the Essex Kidney Appeal and Leukaemia Research. For more details see page 12.

Welcome to 3,000 new readers

THE LAW extends a big Hello this month to 3320 new readers!

As part of the Force's on-going partnership approach to tackling crime the monthly papers is now being sent to all the county's Neighbourhood Watch

Coordinators.

It is hoped this will make all those who work so hard within the Watch feel more a part of the Essex Police family as well as encouraging a healthy flow of ideas between the two organisa-

VIOLENT crime in Essex fell by more than five per cent in 1991, according to new figures published last week in the Chief Constable's Annual Report.

But the total number of crimes reported in the county last year rose by 13.5 per cent to 106,686.

Burglary was up by a quarter, and autocrime, which makes up almost a third of all crime, was up by 10.7 per cent.

Chief Constable John Burrow reported to the police committee that although the reduction in assaults, and violence against women, was welcomed, the increase in crimes against property remained a worrying trend.

Self-help

A staggering 95 per cent of crime was committed against property, despite a whole range of crime prevention initiatives and increased community self-help.

A total of 33,518 offences were detected, an increase of 6,650 to 31.5 per cent.

Property valued at nearly £22 million was recovered, including 6,832 vehicles.

Mr Burrow was pleased to report that

by Jenny Bullus

despite the increasing demands made on the force, the number of complaints dropped by six per cent.

Meanwhile there was a 23 per cent increase in letters of appreciation to 1,615, more than four a day.

Fact File

The following facts and figures give some idea of the varying demands made on Essex Police:

In 1991 the force responded to 272 emergency calls every day, dealt with reports of 90 sudden deaths every week, and investigated 180 reports of missing people every month.

More than 27 reports of lost and found dogs were made every day.

347,930 incidents were logged, which means one every 90 seconds.

13,011 people appeared before magistrates courts on criminal charges, an increase of four per cent. 2,033 people appeared before the Crown Court.

2,878 police officers and 1,566 civilian staff served a population in excess of 1.5 million, and an area of 1,387 square miles.

Fatal road accidents fell by 29 per cent to 90, while injury road accidents were down 14 per cent to 6,223.

Police officers made 6,151 visits to schools. 665 organised visits were made to police stations.

Charter for quality

ESSEX County Council has launched a Charter for Essex setting out the standards the public are entitled to expect, and its commitment to meeting them.

The initiative is supported by Essex Police, and the force has laid down its own quality of service standards which are set out in the Charter.

These reinforce and add to the exiting "Statement of Common Purpose" and "Key Operational Goals".

The Charter says we will provide:

"A 24-hour emergency response to resolve matters of conflict or trauma speedily, efficiently and fairly."

"A helpful and courteous service whether you call personally at the

Police Station or by telephone.

"An appropriate response to inquiries within 14 days, or an explanation of any further delay within the same time.

"An early initial response to any complaints you may have about our service."



Federation Notes



by
Brian Pallant

Flexible rostering overtime rates and annual leave

YOU may well have seen recent reports in the National newspapers regarding comments attributed to the Home Secretary Kenneth Baker with regard to changes in Police Working Conditions.

He stated that he intended to introduce flexible rostering of shifts as an item within the Conservative Party manifesto.

Flexible

At the moment negotiations have been going on at the Police Negotiating Board with regard to flexible rostering, overtime rates and Annual Leave.

A small working group has been looking at changes and in particular flexible rostering between eight and 10 hour shifts.

Recently the Official Side published details of suggestions that they had made and they say rejected by the Staff Side. This is not quite correct and I have shown below for your information a resume of a letter received from Vee Neild the Staff Side Secretary setting out our position.

Vee states that two options were offered by the Official Side:

Changes

Option 1: involved phased concessions on Annual Leave and a rearrangement of entitlement to statutory Public Holidays, in return for major changes in regulations affecting Annual Rosters, length of working day, notification of starting times, etc.

Option 2: The Official Side members of the Working Party were prepared to recommend to Committee "C" One day's Annual Leave, across the board, effective in 1992, in return for an enabling clause in regulations to permit the following: Regulation 26(2)

The normal daily period of duty (including the period of refreshment referred to in paragraph 3) of a member of a police force to whom this regulation applies shall be eight hours unless otherwise agreed by the Chief Constable and Joint Branch Board. Regulation 29(2)

Subject to the following provisions of this Regulation, a member shall, so far as the exigencies of duty permit, be allowed a day's leave on each Public Holiday and be granted Rest Days at the rate of not less than two Rest Days in respect of each week. Schedule 3 (Regulation 33)

To amend the Annual Leave Table from days to hours. The Staff Side rejected Option 1.

Principle

However, they were prepared to recommend to the Full Staff Side committee acceptance in principle on the first two paragraphs of option 2.

With regard to schedule 3 Annual Leave in hours the Staff Side were not rejecting the suggestion but considered that this item could be discussed further along with the other working time issues.

This was unacceptable to the Official Side.

The Staff Side then reiterated their position and requested an unconditional Day's Annual Leave across the board effective in 1992.

The Staff Side has now requested a reconvening of the Arbitration Tribunal to enable an interim award on Annual Leave to be made.

I will keep you informed of any further developments.

Essex waits for results of Baton tests

The Joint Branch Board discussed the above matters with the Chief Constable at the last J.N.C.C. meeting. It was agreed that as there had been a change of mind by ACPO on Side Handled

Batons i.e. there was now agreement for evaluation of their use, we would await the outcome of the evaluation being carried out by four forces. Thames Valley from No.5 Region had been chosen as one of

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

The Unified Colours of Essex Police – Shirt Survey

All White as we are say Boys in Blue

THE results of the Federation Survey on the wearing of white or blue shirts is now to hand. I have set out the returns in three groups.

1. Total Force Response.
2. Response from Uniform Constables and Sergeants.
3. Response from Inspectors and above and C.I.D.

As you will see the majority of officers have voted to remain with the status quo — blue shirts for Sergeants and Pcs, white for Inspectors and above.

1. Total Force Response all Ranks: 1821 members responded to the survey — this represents 68.36%

1008 were in favour of blue shirts — this represents 55.35%

813 were in favour of white shirts — this represents 44.65%

2. Uniform Constables and Sergeants: 1437 members responded to the survey.

891 were in favour of blue shirts — this represents 62%

546 were in favour of white shirts — this represents 38%

3. Inspectors and above and others: 384 members responded to the survey.

267 were in favour of white shirts — this represents 69.53%

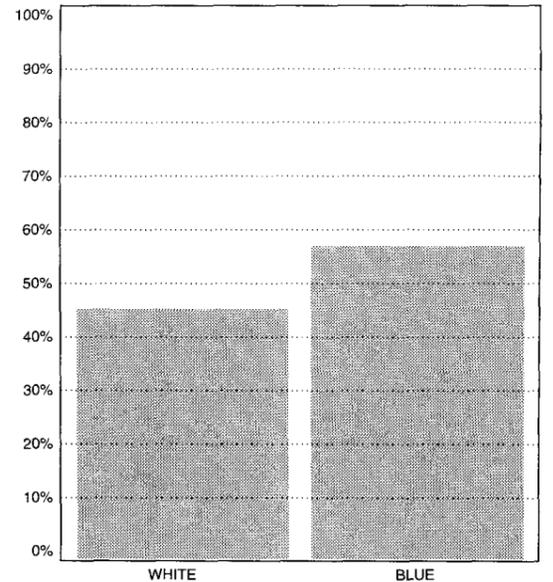
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117 were in favour of blue shirts — this represents 30.47%

The above views will be conveyed to the Chief Constable at the next Joint Negotiating and Consultative Committee meeting in April.

At this stage I have not gone into any depths as to Divisional responses as we just wished to obtain the overview of the Force. However this information might well be available in due course for any members that are interested.

SHIRT SURVEY RESPONSE ALL OFFICERS RESPONDING



Graph showing shirt survey response for all officers

SHIFT SURVEY RESULTS

THE total responses in the shift system survey are now to hand and although I am not yet in a position to give a breakdown of the figures by Division, I am in a position to give the Force wide response with regard to the three areas covered in the survey namely:-

1. Working an Ottawa type of shift system.
2. Working a 12 hour shift system.
3. Working an alternative 8 hour shift system.

The total response from the Force to the survey was 1843 which represents a return of 69.18 %

1. Ottawa Shift System: 1834 members replied to this part of the survey:

1298 were in favour of working the system. This represents 70.77 % of actual responses. 48.72 % of total force surveyed.

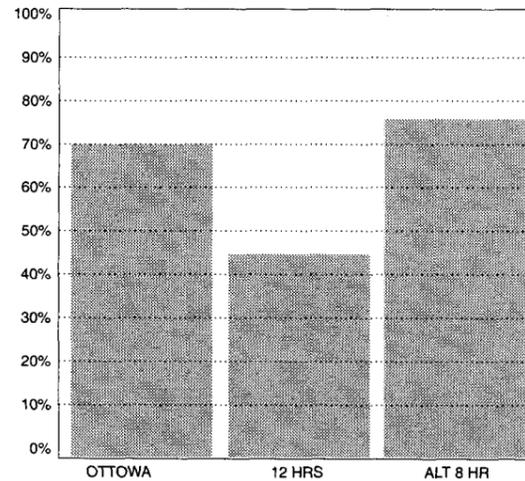
2. 12 Hour Shift: 1810 members replied to this part of the survey:

1004 were in favour of working a 12 hour shift system. This represents 55.47 % of actual responses. 37.69 % of total force surveyed.

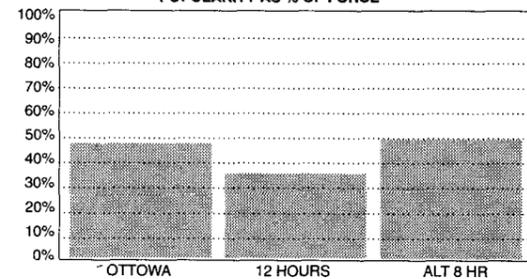
3. Alternative 8 Hour Shift: 1777 members replied to this part of the survey:

1320 were in favour of working an alternative 8 hour shift. This represents 74.28 % of actual responses. 49.54 % of total force surveyed.

SHIFT SYSTEM — FORCE RELATIVE POPULARITY



SHIFT SYSTEM — FORCE POPULARITY AS % OF FORCE



Granted or not?

I HAVE had numerous enquiries in the Federation Office as to whether officers will be receiving a Compensatory Grant this April.

The answer for those officers still receiving a Transitional Rent Allowance is YES.

Officers who are receiving a Housing Allowance DO NOT receive a Compensatory Grant.



the forces.

With regard to Body Armour. It would appear at this stage that there is no suitable equipment available that will give adequate protection against

knife wounds. The National Police Federation along with the Home Office are presently evaluating suitable equipment and will report in due course on their findings.

Off Beat

NATURE LOVERS

JUST as our recently appointed wildlife liaison officers are adapting to their responsibilities, it seems the force has taken on a new nature-loving role — at least according to a message sent via the RDS travel information system.

It read, "Test message for training PORPOISES... " Think someone was all at sea!

FIRE ALARM

WHEN a message came into Benfleet that a fire officer had been hurt and required 38 stitches everyone was alarmed.

Until they discovered he had tripped over the kerb and hit his head on a stone wall. And the poor guy was attending a hoax call! We wish him well...

ON the subject of the Fire Brigade, a concerned caller contacted us to explain how he, along with several other drivers, had stopped for the warning lights outside the Fire Station in Southend last month.

When the lights stopped flashing, all the cars proceeded... then the Fire Engine came out!

WHAT A BLOOMER!

WHEN a gov'nor is renowned for his efficiency — and his job is all about planning — then I guess he's got further to fall....

Which is exactly what happened to Chf Insp Dick Bloomfield, from HQ Emergency Planning, when he set sail for Hamburg on a police liaison trip.

Red-faced Mr Bloomfield arrived at Harwich with his wife's passport instead of his own. And, of course, passport control decided to be extra strict that day.

What's worse, the experience made him so flustered he left his best overcoat behind. I'm told officers at Harwich Port enjoyed watching the security video....

WHERE THE PLAICE?

AND FINALLY, to a fishy tale which was originally reported as a suicidal man walking into the water at Harwich fully clothed.

Police trawled the beach to find the plaice. But they felt right sprats when they discovered it was a fisherman checking his nets.

Paddling policemen tackle the Thames

KEN CLOCKS UP 27 YEARS

by Jenny Bullus

PADDLING policemen are planning to canoe nearly 200 miles down the River Thames in a bid to raise £15,000.

The Essex officers will be raising funds to send eight mentally and physically handicapped youngsters to compete in the Special Olympics in Reading in July.

The youngsters are all members of the Basildon and District Special Olympic group.

But the bulk of the money raised will go to the Cot Death Foundation to provide monitors and research equipment.

The canoeing event has been organised by Grays Pc Gary Dean, who will provide back up for the four Police canoeists: Det Sgt Christopher Hadley (Harlow), Dc Phil Caldwell (Brentwood), Dc Adrian Sharp (Tilbury), Pc Martin "Spud" Edwards (Grays), and five non-police canoeists.

The epic journey will get underway on May 22 from Lechlade in Oxfordshire, with the team aiming to finish at Fobbin Creek, Essex on

May 31.

All the equipment and extensive training, have been supplied by Lakeside based Olympus Outdoor World. The canoeists, all novices, have been training since the beginning of the year.

They intend to cover 30 to 40 miles a day, with a break near Windsor to spend the day taking local handicapped youngsters out on the river.

When they reach the busy stretch of the Thames passing through London, they will be escorted by a Metropolitan Police launch.

They have lined up a number of test runs on the Thames, including travelling up to Lechlade on the weekend of April 4 and 5, and practising the finish from Bruce's Wharf, Grays to Fobbing on April 19.

Pc Dean said, "We wanted to do something unusual, something that was a challenge."



ON PATROL for the last time: The county's longest-serving traffic warden Ken Sparkes clocks off at Colchester. Picture by Steve Brading, courtesy of the Evening Gazette, Colchester.

by Paul Dunt

THE COUNTY'S longest serving traffic warden, Ken Sparkes, has written his final ticket after clocking up more than 27 years on the beat.

Ken, who joined the Force in 1965 and has served his whole time in Colchester, says on the whole people have been helpful and cooperative towards him, despite two frightening experiences which left him flat out on the ground.

On one occasion, within about two years of joining, he came across a lorry in the High Street which was obstructing the traffic. Ken asked the driver to move, whereupon the driver threatened to hit him.

The next thing Ken knew he was down on the ground after being struck between the eyes.

Jaguar

Then about two years ago a driver in a Jaguar deliberately knocked him down outside the Hippodrome after Ken had told him to move. "I was

badly shaken up and my glasses were broken," he recalls.

But never once did Ken think of giving up. "I thought it's all part of the job," he said. But not all of Ken's run-ins have been with angry motorists — he has always had some rather interesting experiences with the clergy.

One Easter he and a colleague spotted around 35 cars parked illegally outside a church. It posed a certain dilemma since Ken was in the choir.

Vicar

Eventually the traffic wardens had no choice but to book them — including the vicar and the curate. "They said they couldn't blame us, but I was excommunicated!" joked Ken.

But if there's one thing Ken really would like to see removed, it would be the name warden, from traffic warden. "I think the name warden gets up peo-

ple's noses," he explained. "I would like to see it dropped and replaced, perhaps with the Traffic Corps."

Yet that is something 65-year-old Ken will not have to worry about anymore as he looks forward to retire-

ment at his home in Winstree Road, Colchester.

The only yellow lines he will be dealing with now will be his rows of Chrysanthemums — for Ken is a keen member of the Halstead Chrysanthemum Society and hopes to be busy entering shows.

New base at Stansted

POLICE at Stansted Airport have moved to their new office block, at last bringing their base close to the new terminal.

The Airport police station is now based in Enterprise House, although it has its own separate entrance and exit.

Provided by Stansted Airport Ltd, the new accommodation will be used until a purpose-built police station is constructed. Negotiations are continuing over the siting of this building.

Supt Brian Tyrell, head of Stansted Airport sub-

division, said, "The main advantage is that we are moving from the other side of the airport, about four miles away, to where all the activity is being undertaken."

"I feel the move will considerably improve our policing of the airport, and enhance our image at the airport by placing us more centrally."

The airport's 49 officers will not be sorry to leave

Path to be lit

WORK is going on to provide a well lit footpath between police HQ and the new car park by the Sports Field at the Training School.

A tarmac parking surface will also be laid and marked out, and the car park will be fully landscaped.

Chf. Insp Paul Stanley, of the planning department, said, "We do expect people to park there rather than using surrounding streets, which upsets the residents."

The direct footpath across the field has already been laid, and lighting, which should help overcome complaints from staff, will be installed by the summer.

behind the collection of demountables which has served as the police station, proving difficult for the public to find as well as causing problems in deploying officers to the new terminal.

The new accommodation will provide two cells and a detention room, although these are not expected to be ready for use until May. Until then prisoners will continue to be transferred to cells at Harlow, Saffron Walden or Chelmsford Police

Stations.

Mr Tyrell said, "Stansted Airport Ltd have provided us with everything we have asked for, but it is still a police facility within an office block."

"In the future there will be a purpose built police station, appropriate to our needs."

Stansted Airport Police telephone numbers will remain unchanged, and the new address is The Police Station, Enterprise Way, Stansted Airport.



Up in arms as Force 'skirts' equality issue

CAN somebody tell me why it is that whenever a female officer with a firearms permit is posted to Stansted we have to have a photograph of the officer in the local press posing with a gun.

I appreciate that firearms are now a sad fact of life in the Police Service but I don't think we or the public need it ramming down our throats with almost boring regularity.

I can remember a picture of my present Chief Inspector in the local paper on his posting to Saffron Walden.

Somehow he displayed remarkable self control by not brandishing his truncheon to the photographer.

Changing the subject slightly I must disagree with Ch Supt Pirie. Apart from the equality angle, I cannot see that to remove the "W" from Wpc will achieve anything except confusion

as it did before.

I thought my female colleagues were proud to be women. If we are now taking equality to such lengths perhaps female officers below the rank of Inspector will now be allowed to wear blue shirts.

Hang on a minute though ... perhaps I'll get issued a skirt, my last two winters in the job could be a bit chilly — shouldn't have turned down that 'researcher's' job.

Dave Rose
Police Station
Saffron Walden.

Candle story enflames Bill

By the law of averages, every Force or establishment must have a few odd ones in them — Essex was no exception, but at least they were kept in the background out of sight.

On Monday March 2nd, however, on the television news at 6pm it was decided to parade the fact to one and all — a police sergeant with a set of cards and a candle.

Will they now be having fortune telling sessions and having seances?

My wife, who was watching, remarked: "They've got the date wrong — it's not April the 1st for nearly a month."

I don't suppose you'll print this in case the stress has too much effect on the personnel.

Bill Feeke, Ex-Sergeant
Highfield, Clare,
Sudbury,
Suffolk.

STRESS RELIEF



Floral Tribute

Thank you for the floral tribute for my husband's funeral.

I very much appreciated the attendance of uniformed Police Officers.

Mrs Hazell,
Valkyrie Road,
Westcliff-on-Sea.

Many thanks from John Papple

MAY I, through the columns of 'The Law', thank all those who gave to the collection for my leaving gift.

The circular saw, briefcase and writing paper were just what I needed and will help remind me of my many friends and colleagues in the Force over the last 35 years.



Great Green-Eyed Monsters, the Dream Factory and Sexism

So Bob Needham states, quite correctly, that problems may arise when supervisors need to know whether an officer is male or female such as for an emergency call for support in a case of public disorder.

And Wpc (or is it Pc yet) Allen found this "disturbing" and "offensive". She goes on to say that male and female officers alike are able to hold their own in such a situation.

And still further on to say that she appreciates the argument that a carrier full of female officers at a public order (read "disorder") situation may not be effective, and I quote, "...but only from the point of view of the general public who may prefer to see a male officer in such a situation." (Who is it we serve?)

Blooded

Finally she requests an explanation from Ps

Needham (Incredibly he actually digs one up and finds one of the feeblest excuses ever to grace your pages effectively retracting his original statement which had been quite correct). Is the whole world going mad or is it just the Essex Police Force?

That the female of the species is not as physically adapted to deal with potentially violent situations, such as the rigours of a full blooded public disorder situation, is neither a matter for Federation "Dream Factory" debate nor for outraged personal opinion.

It is simply a straightforward matter of biological fact, an evolutionary fait accompli, and — except for those with a direct line to the Creator — is quite

simply not open for discussion.

Rioter

What is open for discussion is (W)Pc Allen's view that the greater effectiveness of male officers might ...ONLY be the view of the general public".

Don't forget to whom we are accountable. Perhaps there is a danger that we might credit the average rioter with a keener understanding of man management enlightened by his apparent awareness of current Essex Police policy than we should.

Perhaps, dare I say it, the views of 56 million (less about 2,700) members of the general public might be right.

Why on earth it cannot be accepted that male and female are not identical organisms in every respect and that we are not capable of performing every function with equal effectiveness is beyond me.

Would (W)Pc Allen suggest that the interview of a

rape victim (itself a "sexist" definition as males cannot be raped) by a male officer would be as acceptable as the same interview of a female officer? — No? Well chaps, do you find that "disturbing" or "offensive". Or would you find that totally logical and perfectly acceptable?

Isolated

Fortunately, from speaking to my female colleagues, I believe the views of (W)Pc Allen are examples of fairly isolated opinion but voiced loudly enough can do nothing but harm by turning the very important issue of sexual discrimination, both negative and positive, from a debatable issue into a Great Green Eyed Monster that sends Federation Representatives rushing for their oars amidst a great splashing of back paddling.

And I find that disturbing and offensive.

Charles Cadwallader
Clacton Police Station

Thanks

ON BEHALF of my daughter and myself, I would like to thank the Chief Constable and all ranks for their lovely flowers and words of condolence.

My husband, Sgt G.J. Llewellyn, enjoyed every moment of his 25 years in the Essex Force. Seeing so many friends and colleagues at the service gave us great comfort.

Mrs Llewellyn and Sheila,
Orchard Drive,
Braintree,
Essex.

UNIFORM

Regarding the article in the last edition of 'The Law' on civilian uniforms.

We SOAs hope we get different uniforms from the extremely naff things we wear now. I have yet to meet and talk with an SOA who likes the present uniform.

We hope if and when we get a new uniform it makes us look like we are employed by a Police Force and not a Building Society.

SOA T G Lack
Basildon.



THE ESSEX POLICE BAND
PROUDLY PRESENTS
TWO FORTHCOMING CONCERTS:

RIGID CONTAINERS AND ESSEX POLICE BAND
Saturday 4th April 7pm
at Christchurch, Chelmsford,
Tickets from Pc Bill Brightmore, FSU,
Police HQ
(The Rigid Containers Band were formerly the G.U.S. Band)

EASTER EGG CONCERT
Friday 10th April, 7.30pm
at the Marconi Club, Chelmsford.
Admission by donation of Easter Eggs to be distributed to Children's homes throughout Essex.
Free tickets are available from
Wilf Kennedy at Police HQ Ext. 2125.

Top Capers

LONG GONE are the days when probing questions by the press would be met with a police response of "belt-up!" but newly appointed Police Chief Dan Jackson must be wishing he had done just that.

During a TV interview about his new post in Clear Lake, Iowa, he was filmed driving his patrol car around the town centre — but several sharp-eyed viewers complained he was breaking the law by now wearing a seatbelt.

Jackson checked out the evidence on TV news and soon he was writing out his first motoring ticket in his new job — an instant \$21.50 fine to himself! Talk about buckling down to responsibility!

Chubby Cops

Mind your chubby cops in the Windy City are having real problems tightening their belts if a report in the "Daily Star" is true.

Chicago

Apparently the over-large law enforcers have been told to shape up or quit.

So that means they've been banned from eating doughnuts, burgers and ice-cream on patrol as well as having to face a daily one-hour workout, so watch those waistlines out there — it could only be a matter of time!

Dough

Now two robbers, one armed with a machine gun, who raided a post office in Hampstead, Norris, Berks, stand no chance of walking the Chicago beat. As well as snatching £100 they also made with off 12 doughnuts.

Perhaps a round of golf would do them all good yet they would be advised not to pay a trip to the Lee-on-Solent Golf Club in Hampshire. Thieves there cut out, rolled up and drove away with the 20-square-yard 10th tee. If police catch up with them they are sure to putt them away for a long time.

Flying Robin

Now what sort of speedy motor do you think they've chosen for the get-away? A souped-up transit perhaps, but what about a roaring Reliant Robin (albeit with a very large boot)?

If seems the joke-riddled Robin, made famous by Del Boy isn't quite as slow as most people imagine as police in West Malling found out recently.

So amazed were they when 25-year-old Clive Richley passed them doing 94mph in the whacky three-wheeler they had their patrol car speedometer checked.

Richley, from Maidstone, Kent, told magistrates he had reached the speed because he was going downhill on that stretch of the M20. He was banned from driving for 21 days and fined £150.

Bed-Stead

But finally, spare a thought for village Pc Bob Stead when you crawl under the sheets tonight. The bleary-eyed bobby can't sleep because of noisy traffic running over 'sleeping policemen' laid out in the road outside his house in Linton, Cambs. Now some would call that poetic justice!

Force Paper's readership expands to 10,256 a month

Watch out for The Law in your Neighbourhood



CHEERS: Friends say farewell to retiring Pc. Roger Parker. From left to right, Carette Ignace, Van der Velden Geert (Belgian Gendarmerie), Roger Parker, Angela Woods, Mary McBride, Con. Daly, Bill Curran (all from Dublin). Picture by kind permission of LES BRAND.

Roger and Out for Information Room Legend

COLLEAGUES and contacts from as far afield as Brussels and Dublin travelled to Chelmsford to make it a fabulous farewell feast for one of the force's most colourful characters.

Friends from the entertainments industry, media, MOD, Army and RAF, plus police officers from the Garda in Ireland and the Belgian Gendarmerie gathered together to provide a sensational send-off for retiring Pc. Roger Parker.

Sleeping

Pc. Parker had completed 31 years police service, the last 23 in

the Information Room at HQ, working extensively on PNC.

The 55-year-old officer started his police career stationed at Romford, with stints at Ongar, Braintree and on traffic, where he suffered sleeping problems.

The latter led to the legendary tale whereby he was due to be disciplined for being late on duty — and arrived late to be disciplined!

Bag

For his farewell bash, he hosted 120 guests at the Berni Inn in Chelmer Village, including former ACC Matt Comrie, many retired colleagues and representatives of the Federation, with which he was actively involved for some years.

Among the host of presents and good wishes was a reminder of the "briefcase" he used to carry, a supermarket plastic carrier bag loaded full of goodies!

Sign to combat crime with Crime Stoppers

A NEW INITIATIVE aimed at keeping Essex Police Crimstoppers at the forefront of the public's attention has been launched.

Since Crimstoppers began in July 1988 the formula of bringing together the media, business, the police and the public to combat crime has proved to be a big success.

Information given to the police on the confidential Crimstoppers phoneline has proved to be highly effective — often leading to the arrest of criminals and detection of crimes where traditional investigative procedures had failed.

By January of this year more than 1,360 anonymous phone calls had been received by the public resulting in the arrest of 169 people, who have been charged with a variety of offences ranging from rape to armed robbery to minor theft.

But one of the main tasks Crimstoppers has to tackle is making sure the public are aware of what it is, what it does and what the confidential hope line number is, says Chief Inspector David Bright, Co-ordinator of Essex Police Crimstoppers.

"The continued success of the Crimstoppers concept is dependent upon it maintaining a high public profile and ways of so doing are constantly being sought to keep the scheme in the public's attention," he said.

To become a recognised member costs £5 and in return for this members will receive professionally prepared Crimstoppers window stickers together with a key fob for the home and vehicles.

"By becoming an Associate Member, apart from indicating your own personal support for Crimstoppers, it is envisaged that by making use of the items you will receive, you will

THE LAW this month welcomes 3320 new readers to its pages with Neighbourhood Watch coordinators based all over the county now receiving copies of the paper through the post.

It is hoped the idea, which comes from Deputy Chief Constable Peter Simpson, will go a long way in nurturing and developing stronger links between the Force and those in the Watch.

"The dedicated people involved in Neighbourhood Watch schemes do so much to help us in our fight against crime that we thought it was vital to keep them bang up-to-date with the latest initiatives and ideas in the Force," said Mr Simpson.

Crime

"To tackle crime effectively we must adopt a partnership approach with the community, and this move to include Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators within the readership of The Law shows how strongly we feel that partnership should be," he added.

The coordinators will join serving officers and civilians, pensioners, members of other Police Forces and numerous other organisations in receiving The Law every month — boosting readership to well over 10,000.

Editors Jenny Bullus and Paul Dunt made it clear including coordinators in the readership of The Law meant they were now entitled to send in any letters, ideas or articles they feel might be appropriate.

"There should be many



stories and features of interest in this and future editions of The Law, but remember this is your paper too now so let us know what you think" said Jenny, adding that it would be a good idea to pass copies round to other members of the Watch.

Flare

Chief Inspector Bob Hayes, based at HQ Crime Prevention said two-way communications between the force and the Watch had not been ideal in some areas and hoped that through regular items in The Law the communications barrier could be overcome.

He also hoped the move might bring a new flare of enthusiasm to some Watches and he urged Coordinators to get in touch with their local Crime Prevention Officers if they had any difficulties or problems with the running of the Watch.

And he urged any members of the Watch who feared crime was taking place in their area to get in touch. "It's much better to be safe than sorry," he stressed.

COMMUNITY ACTION AGAINST CRIME

further assist in drawing attention to and promoting the Crimstoppers concept, which you may be surprised to know receives no financial support from Central or Local Government," he added.

"Crimstoppers, whilst not the complete answer, is one sure way of beginning to overcome the problem by arresting, charging and gaining convictions against some of the wrongdoers, whilst also endeavouring to improve the quality of life for all who reside in the County of Essex."

In two-thirds of North America, 40% of all detected crime is as a result of Crimstoppers' information."

Essex Police Crimstoppers is a Registered Charity. If anyone would like further information regarding the scheme please contact Chief Inspector David Bright at South Benfleet Police Station.

FROM THE EDITORS

As you can imagine, gathering together all the names and addresses for the county's 3320 Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators has been a mammoth task and we are eager to check if our records are right up-to-date. So, if you are a new reader please check the label your copy was sent under for any errors in the address or name.

We would also be grateful if you could let us know if your name or address changes in the future so you can be sure of receiving your copy. Likewise, if you resign/retire for your post please let us know.

Finally, a very important point. To enable us to update our records swiftly and efficiently it is necessary to store all Neighbourhood Watch coordinators names and addresses on computer.

This information will only be held to administer the sending of 'The Law' but if you do not wish for you details to be kept in this way please let us know immediately and they will be removed.

We regret however that we will be unable to send 'The Law' to readers who do not want their details stored on computer.

If you have any problems regarding sending of 'The Law' please contact the Press Office, Police HQ, Chelmsford, on (0245) 452450

Musical Society's show is a triumph for you

Gigi es magnifiq



OLD FLAMES Honore Lachailles (Roger Richardson) and Mamita (Molly Giggins) meet up in a Parisien cafe.

ONCE AGAIN the Essex Police Musical Society played to a packed Assembly Hall at HQ, in this its 27th production.

The six evening performances of Gigi,

Playing to a packed house

and the Saturday matinee, were a sell out. The audience was drawn into the bohemian lifestyle of Paris, as the musical

swung along with colour, humour, and memorable songs like, "Thank Heaven for Little Girls."

The Musical Society's

next performance will be its Charity Concert of songs through the century, to be held at Police HQ on June 25, 26 and 27. Tickets are £5, and proceeds will go to the Samaritans and a charity to help young Schizophrenics.

CLARA Smith's production of "Gigi" for the Musical Society was another triumph.

Fifteen year old Kim Garwood stole the show with a bravura performance in the lead role, with excellent support from some of the

more mature members of the society.

Old Flame

Roger Richardson's performance as Honore Lachailles, delivered in an accent to rival Maurice Chevalier, was matched by that of his old flame and Gigi's

grandmother, Mamita, played by Molly Giggins.

The lavish costumes provided colour, and evidence of the cost of



FRESH-FACED teenager Gigi (Kim Garwood) is instructed in the social graces by Aunt Alicia (Lynda Barkway). In this scene she is attended by the butler, Charles (Rod Clare).



THE cast of Gigi, perform photographic department

Pack up your troubles

A POCKET-sized pack of cards had been issued to Essex officers to help those who may be suffering from stress.

The packs, consisting of nine laminated cards with information about stress, have been issued to Sergeants, Inspectors and above, as well as civilian staff on Scale 3 or above.

Guidance

Chief Spt. Bill Pirie, head of personnel, explained, "Stress is a factor of our daily lives and we are constantly renewing our approach with medical guidance.

"The very nature of police work is stressful. Not all stress is bad — many people thrive on stress — but we need to address the harmful effects

of stress."

He said it was important to recognise the symptoms early, and obtain professional help if needed.

The pack of Stress Cards was supplied by Lancaster Associates of Nottingham, and has already been used by other organisations and in industry.

The force's Occupational Health Service agreed it would be a useful package and suggested a sample distribution.

Initially the force purchased 136 copies, distributing them to senior officers and civilians. They were assessed as being worthwhile and a further

1,000 were bought.

If the response is positive, they may be issued to Constables in six months time, said Mr Pirie.

Relaxation

The cards contain advice on symptoms of stress, situations which cause stress, ways of reducing stress and methods of relaxation.

Stress Reducing Methods include prioritising tasks, setting achievable goals, listening carefully to people to avoid mis-communication, and learning to say "No". Relaxation techniques include deep breathing exercises.

Mr Pirie said the force was also looking at making a video presentation for staff.



BRAVE Yvonne receives her commendation from Chief Constable John Burrow.

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GER GRIMWADE.



EILEEN Kligerman as Liane D'Exelmans in a scene from Gigi.



Essex Police Musical Society from February 24 to 29. Photos by HQ

Brainy Clifford hits the nail on the head



IF YOU WANT TO GET AHEAD: Get a safety helmet. Clifford Hornsby, 11, receives his prize in the Grays cycle safety competition. Picture courtesy of the Thurrock Gazette.

BRAINY youngster Clifford Hornsby hit the nail right on the head after taking part in an imaginative competition aimed at promoting road safety for young cyclists in the Grays area.

After answering nine questions on road safety, the 11-year-old took top prize with his effective slogan to encourage cyclists to wear safety helmets: "An unprotected head could leave a cyclist dead."

"It's very simple, but right to the point," said Grays Pc Jon Lane, who teamed up with Thurrock Borough Council, the Thurrock Gazette and Mobil Oil, to run the competition.

The idea for the competition was spawned at one of the regular meetings of the Stanford-le-Hope and Corringham ward Road Safety Committee, by Mobil Oil, Coryton, worker Ray Dunn.

Partnership

In true partnership approach, the oil company, which donated £500 in prizes, joined forces with the police and the local council, while the Thurrock Gazette agreed to publicise the idea.

Just before Christmas the Gazette ran nearly a page on the competition, aimed at 9-14 year olds, posing nine questions on road safety drawn up by Pc Lane and Thurrock Borough Council Road Safety Officer Denise Langan. It attracted 100 entries.

"The standard of entries was really good, over 50 of the

children entering got all the questions right," said Pc Lane. "Even those who didn't enter would have learnt something from the idea."

But the judges were delighted with Clifford's slogan and he won a top of the range mountain bike, which was presented to him by Supt Keith Free and Mobil representatives at the Mobil Oil Club, Pegasus.

Reflective

Along with the bike, Clifford was also presented with a whole host of safety equipment, including a crash helmet. Ten runners-up were also presented with safety helmets and all the other children who got the questions right were given reflective bands.

"It worked out really well Clifford winning because we found out that he didn't have a bike," said Pc Lane "We took him up to Halford so he could choose exactly the one he wanted."

"The competition really shows that the partnership approach to local problems works," he added. "Mobil are delighted with Clifford's slogan and may now adopt it to promote safety throughout their company."

And as for Clifford he will be meeting the police a few more times in the near future — so that Pc Lane can give him some lessons on safety on his newly-acquired bike.

Cups floweth over for brave Yvonne

CKY Westcliff Wpc Yvonne Taylor may well up wit a trophy room as big as Liverpool if her current record is anything to go by!

In the last few weeks she received a commendation from the Constable, the Mill Cup for bravery. May she is all set to receive the Wilson Cup for the Police Officer performing the most meritorious act during

Yvonne Taylor's awards all from an incident in the end last November during an armed robbery at Midland Bank in High Street.

search for a suspect

was mounted, Wpc Taylor, a mother of two, drove into the area from Westcliff and spotted a man whom she thought fitted the description.

After challenging him from her car the man ran off. Wpc Taylor chased him on foot, despite the real fear that he may have been armed. She caught up with and handcuffed and arrested him single-handed.

Wpc Taylor, 35, who has been in the force for 16 years, began her career at Basildon and then based at

Chelmsford before moving to Westcliff.

The Mitchell Cup is awarded yearly by Southend Council to a member of the emergency services showing outstanding bravery. "It's about the size of the FA Cup," joked Yvonne, who was also presented with a medal which she will keep when the cup is returned.

The Wilson Cup, awarded by the Force for the Police Officer performing the most meritorious act during

1991, was awarded jointly to Wpc Taylor and Dc Tony Martinez for his actions at

the scene of an armed robbery at Harlow in April.

This year the Millard Trophy for the greatest contribution to Social Service in the community on the furtherance of police/public relations during 1991, has been awarded to Ps Anthony Ellis, based at Ongar.

It was presented for his work with the community in relation to 'Keeper Watch' drugs misuse education and charity fund raising.

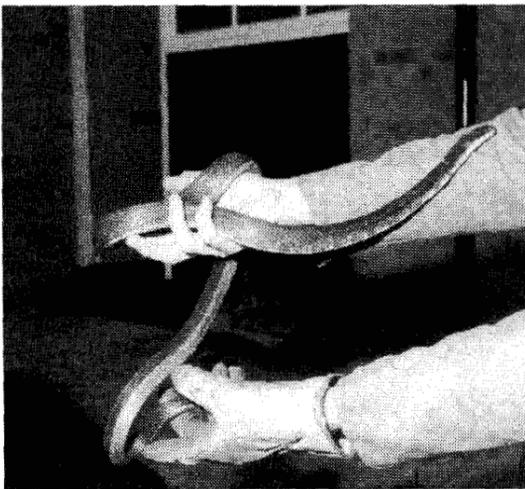
The Betts Trophy, awarded to the Traffic Warden performing the most meritorious actions in

assisting the Police during 1991, has been awarded to Traffic Warden Ian Prior, based at Southend.

His award was made for coming to the assistance of a police officer who was being assaulted by a youth and preventing the officer being further assaulted and ensuring that the youth was detained.

The Sir Jonathan Peel Trophy for the highest placed Essex Officer in the National Police Promotion examination to Sergeant for 1991, has been awarded to Pc Christopher Davers, based at Harlow, who was based 12th out of a total of 6,500 entrants.

Scared – but harmless



PC Steve Tyrell was called on to deal with a slippery customer found hiding in Hyde Lane, Danbury, earlier this month.

After police "snaked-out" the area, the five feet long American rat snake was found under a compost heap.

Pc Tyrell took the unusual find home, to keep with his own six snakes until the owner could be found.

The black non-poisonous reptile, which feeds on small rodents, is a native of North America, and Steve said the terrified creature had obviously been kept as a pet.

With the help of the Press Office, Steve appealed through the local media to find the owner. At the time of going to press, we were eagerly awaiting a response.

RETIREMENTS

THE Force extends its good wishes to the following officers and civilians who are retiring:

- 7.3.92 Pc B. CLOW Colchester/Clacton, 29 yrs 86 days.
- 21.3.92 Ps M. BANNISTER Southend, 30 yrs.
- 29.3.92 Dc B. EVES Southend, 30 yrs 163 days.
- 31.3.92 Ps J. ROSE Colchester/Mistley, 31 yrs, 164 days.
- 07.4.92 Ch Supt P. BLYTHE Southend, 36 yrs, 290 days.
- 12.4.92 Pc B. MARPLES Chelmsford, 27 yrs, 297 days.
- 22.3.92 Insp J. STENSON, Harlow/Epping, 29 yrs 228 days.
- 29.3.92 Pc G. PRITCHARD, Harlow/Epping, 11 yrs 246 days.
- 8.3.92 Mr J. SPARKES, Tr Warden, Colchester 27 yrs.
- 16.3.92 Mrs P. TALBUT, Tr Warden Supervisor, Basildon, 19 yrs.
- 23.3.92 Mrs K. BURMY, P/T Cleaner, Witham, 4 yrs.
- 01.4.92 Mrs B. JACKSON, P/T Clerical Asst, Chelmsford, 19 yrs.

Sorry

LAST MONTH'S Law recorded the death of Ex-Ps John Johnstone, aged 74. It should have stated that he retired in 1973.

The retirement of Insp. J. Stenson from Epping should have stated that he had served 29 years 228 days. We apologise for these printing errors.

Debtline

MONEY worries? Dial the Welfare Office's Confidential Debt helpline on 0245 452888, ednet 2888. If the service is unmanned, there is a 24-hour answer-phone.

EVER fancied swopping jobs for a day to see what life in someone else's shoes is like? Well now's your chance.

You've heard of Red Nose Day, well March 27 this year will be Trading Places Day — a charitable idea aimed at raising £15 million to combat Breast Cancer, currently claiming the

Putting Crime Prevention on the map

POLICE at Braintree have joined forces with a Witham publisher in a crime prevention initiative which is being taken up by police forces nationwide.

High quality town street maps are produced at no cost to the police for free distribution to people seeking directions from police officers or at police stations, and have also been distributed to tourist information offices, libraries and Citizens Advice Bureaux.

The maps carry crime prevention advice and, in Car Crime Prevention Year, simple but effective steps which can reduce the opportunities for auto-crime.

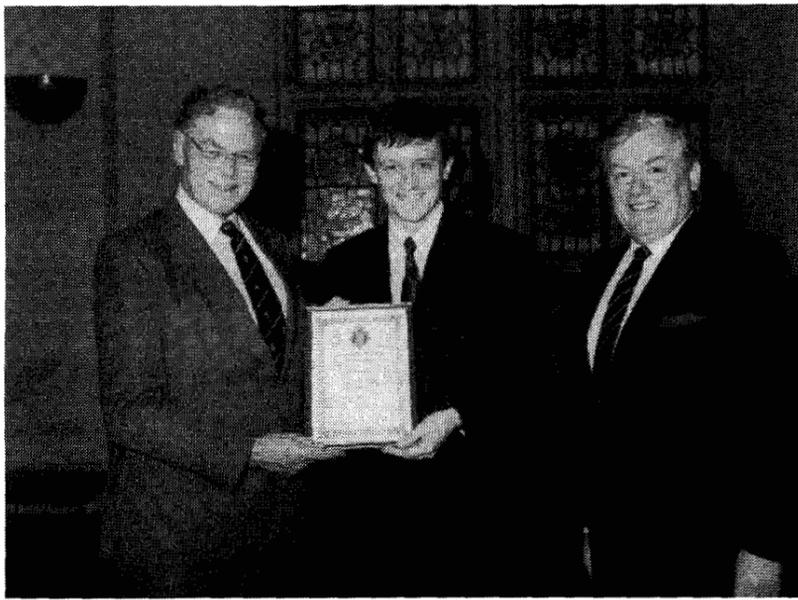
The publishers, Leisure Graphic Promotions UK of Witham have so far delivered 5,000 maps of each of

Braintree, Southend, Stansted and Colchester with printing imminent of Chelmsford, Witham, Basildon, Grays, Harlow and a driver's map of principal routes in Essex.

The scheme has proved so successful in Essex that it has already been taken up by Kent, Sussex and Thames Valley Police and following a report in the Home Office Police Requirements Support Unit Bulletin is likely to

spread to all police forces in the UK.

Superintendent Bernie Beesley of Braintree Police said "working with a local firm reinforces the community approach to crime prevention, and the maps give the police another opportunity to drive home the crime prevention message and to provide a high quality service to the public who seek advice or directions from us."



PROUD MOMENTS — David Franks of Southend receives his commendation from Chief Constable John Burrow (right) and Geoffrey Waterer, chairman of the Essex Police Committee.

CHIEF AWARDS BRAVE TRIO

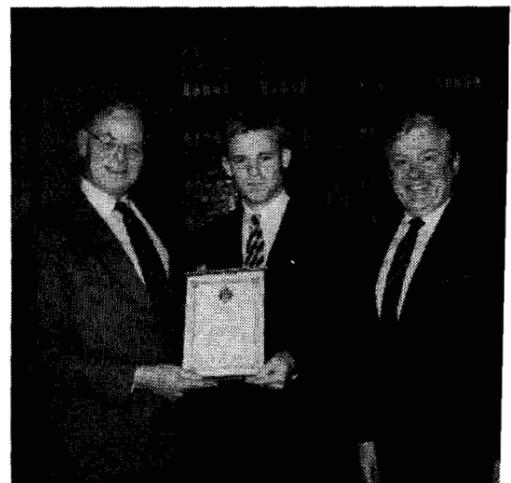
THREE brave men have been awarded with commendations from the Essex Police Authority for their meritorious acts in combating crime in the county.

The plucky trio, all members of the public, were presented with their awards at the last meeting of the Essex Police Committee on March 9.

Terry Webb of Thorpe Bay, was commended for his public spirited action by coming to the assistance of Police Officer who was being assaulted by two men who had been arrested on suspicion of a criminal offence.

David Franks of Southend was commended for his courage and presence of mind whilst detaining a man who had committed a burglary. In the course of detaining the man Mr Franks was assaulted.

Peter Blackburn, of Grays, was commended for his powers of observation and initiative in detaining a man suspected of committing a burglary.



COMMENDED — Terry Webb of Thorpe Bay commended for his public spirited action Chief Constable John Burrow and the chairman of the Police Committee, Geoffrey Waterer.

Move over Sarge! I'm in charge now

lives of 300 British women at week.

MADONNA

The basic idea of the day will be a chance for anyone to become someone else, be it your station sergeant or a world superstar such as MC Hammer, Dame Edna or Madonna.

Money will be raised by selling special character packs to participating members of the public and by sponsorship from family and

friends of participants.

CILLA

"Trading Places is a major UK event in which everyone gets the chance to be someone else and as part of it you can have a lorra lorra laughs," said Cilla Black, one of a host of celebrities backing the idea.

"In return for providing a day of fun, all the organisers ask is that while having fun you raise money for an

important cause," she added.

Any member of staff — police or civilian — wishing to participate in this event must obtain prior approval from Chf Supt, Personnel. A report (A57) should be submitted setting out proposals. For more information on Trading Places call the hotline — (071) 495 5551.

Chorus Lines

IF audience response is any measure, then the joint concert between the Essex Police Band and the Essex Police Choir on 7 March was a great success.

A varied programme by both band and choir was enjoyed by the combined items "Finlandia" and "The Battle Hymn Of The Republic", which really made the rafters ring.

Not a bad achievement when the only rehearsal had taken place three hours earlier.

Tickets for our next event, "Songs from the Shows" on 24 April in the Assembly Hall at Police Headquarters are now available at £1.50 from Maureen Scollan or Roger Grimwade. This will include a light-hearted look at an old story in "Captain Noah And His Floating Zoo" with words by Michael Flanders and music by Joseph Horowitz.

Traffic on the move

CHELMSFORD Traffic section is to move to new offices at police HQ.

The busy section is currently housed in overcrowded conditions two floors up at Chelmsford town police station, and with insufficient parking space.

Work is due to start in May to convert sub-standard and underused bedrooms at the Kingston Hostel, behind the force Driving School. This accommodation has previously been used for Driving School students.

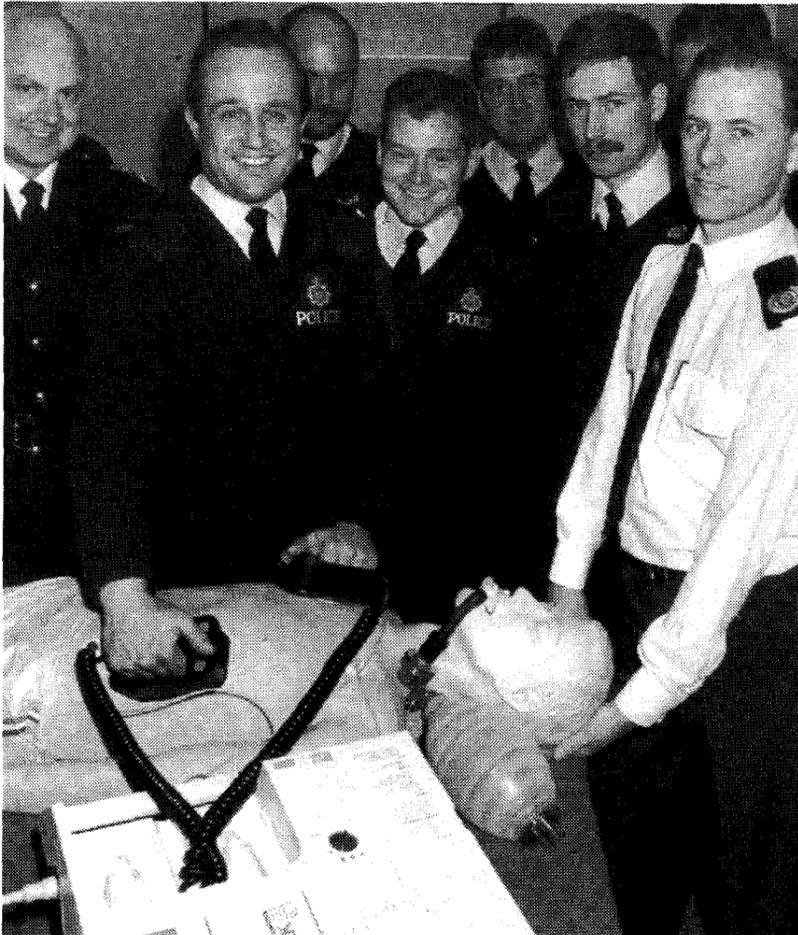
The work will also provide a new home for Traffic Management, freeing office space within the headquarters building.

The new offices should be ready for occupation by summer.

Chf Insp. Paul Stanley, the planning department, "It will give Chelmsford traffic officers a better working environment, and provide them with their own off-street parking, closer to the A12 with better access to roads."

CAR CRIME PREVENTION YEAR

New database takes on car thieves



DUMMY RUN! Ambulance Service training boss Steve Spurling (right) demonstrates the new mannequin to members of the force Diving section. Picture courtesy of the Essex Chronicle.

Aqua action aids ambulance crews

ESSEX Police divers have presented a lifelike £2,750 training mannequin to the county's Ambulance Service.

Affectionately dubbed Paramedic Pete, the Advanced Life Support (ALS) trainer can be used to teach ambulance staff defibrillation (applying electric shock to the heart), intubation (inserting tubes through the mouth), and infusion (injection of drugs).

The advanced training dummy was only introduced in Britain this year, and will help the Essex Ambulance Service achieve its goal of putting a trained paramedic in

every response ambulance.

The Force's Underwater Search Unit raised the money as part of its Aqua Action events, which started at the Essex Show in 1990 and have taken place at various locations over the past two years.

The divers have also sent a sick child to Legoland, given toys to Broomfield Hospital Children's Ward, and donated £1,000 to the Essex Police Memorial Fund, which aims to provide a memorial stone

naming all officers who have died in the service of Essex Police.

Earlier this month Sgt. Nigel Dermott and six of the divers were joined by Support Chf Supt Ian Wright and Chf Insp David Hicks at the Ambulance Training Centre to hand over the mannequin.

Staff there demonstrated the value of their new training aid, which is linked up to a computer, timing when drugs and other medical assistance are administered and finally producing a printout to examine with the trainee.

A NEW computer record of all cars stolen in Essex is set to help the force in the fight against autocrime.

The stolen vehicle database, which is expected to go live next month, is the brainchild of communications officer Mick Lawrence, who has worked in the Information Room at HQ for the past ten years.

Patterns

At the touch of a button, operators should be able to detect patterns of what vehicles are being stolen, where they are being stolen from and where they are being abandoned.

Mick said, "I'm hoping this will increase our crime detection on stolen vehicles. There must be some people repeatedly stealing vehicles from the same place, and dumping them in the same area."

"We want to have the

by Jenny Bullus

means to identify that sort of pattern, and take some action to catch the people responsible."

His new computer equipment arrived in February, and already he has entered more than 100 vehicles. Of the first 106 stolen vehicles in the system, 54 were Fords. Six vehicles had been stolen from the Lakeside car parks at Thurrock.

Abandoned

As well as the operational benefits of being able to deploy officers to likely spots where cars are being abandoned, there will also be tremendous advantages from the research and admin side, said Mick.

Although at the moment all information about stolen vehicles has to be fed into PNC, it is not readily retrievable, and statistical research would mean laborious

checking through admin. books.

Mick said, "I honestly believe the advantages to divisional researchers, LIOs and Field Intelligence Officers will be immense."

The data will be entered on the FIB micro computer, with terminals available in the Information Room and PNC Admin.

Kiljoy

COLCHESTER Police have launched a three-month offensive against car crime, codenamed Operation Kiljoy.

Officers have teamed up with local newspapers and radio, who publicise a different stolen vehicle every day.

The make, model, colour, registration number, and details of where and when the vehicle was stolen are published, with an appeal for information from the public.

Sold Secure Scheme

ESSEX Police are about to launch a pioneering scheme aimed at heightening drivers' awareness of car crime.

In conjunction with motor traders, the "Sold Secure" scheme will promote car security by introducing anti-theft devices at the point of sale.

The security features offered will depend on their retail price of the vehicle.

Already more than 40 motor traders have agreed to sign up for the scheme, including some of the county's major car suppliers.

Traders participating in

Sold Secure have agreed to fit a security package to all cars, with a stipulated minimum package for each of three price ranges.

For cars costing under £3,500, the package will comprise a handbrake or steering wheel lock, locking petrol cap and window etching, plus locking wheel nuts for vehicles with sports or aluminium wheels.

In addition, cars priced up to £7,500 will have a radio/cassette security device and a manual immobilisers/cut out switch.

For higher priced vehicles, costing more than £7,500, the package will include an audible alarm and an electrical/fuel immobiliser.

Already other police forces have shown interest in the scheme, due to be launched by the Crime Prevention department shortly.

Gulf trip

CRIME Prevention boss Supt Iain Munro has travelled to the Gulf to run a week-long Crime Prevention course for officers from the Abu Dhabi police.

THE ESSEX POLICE COMRADES ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting on 14th February decided the Annual Description should be at £1.00.

Additionally it was decided that a Life Membership of the Association could be purchased by members over the age of 55 years. This cost £5.

The committee decided to acknowledge the oldest member of the Association with honorary membership. Accordingly, this has been granted to Mr Fred Joslin.

Dates have been set for the Spring Buffet and the Annual Luncheon.

The Buffet will be on Saturday 9th May, whilst

the Luncheon will be on Friday 16th October.

Both will be held at Police Headquarters, and ticket reservations will be £7.00 and £9.00 respectively.

Members partners and friends are usually welcome at the Buffet, whilst the Luncheon in October is usually reserved for mem-

bers only.

Didn't know you could attend? The Comrades Association is open to all serving officers with at least 10 years service, and former members of the force.

Members attending these functions look upon them as an ideal opportunity to meet old friends

whilst at the same time being able to keep up with current gossip.

It would be nice if more serving officers attended, so if you are interested, give the secretary a ring and arrange membership.

Secretary,
Bob Needham,
HQ, 2799.



ESSEX POLICE CHOIR

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**"SONGS FROM THE SHOWS"
and "Captain Noah"**

at

**The Assembly Hall, Police
Headquarters, Chelmsford**

on

**Friday, 24th April, 1992
at 8.00 pm**

Tickets £1.50 from Inspector Maureen Scollan, Police
Headquarters (0245) 491491 ext 2395

or

Chief Inspector Roger Grimwade, Police Headquarters
(0245) 491491 ext 2457



I.P.A. NEWS

MID-ESSEX BRANCH
Fred Dyson

Annual Dinner

ON FRIDAY 14th February our annual dinner was held at the New Times Inn, Tiptree. A total of 67 members, wives and friends sat down to a three course meal.

Our secretary Mick Stanbury brought along a guest for the evening, Sergeant Dhourali Ramadan from Famagusta, Northern Cyprus. He had just completed a Police Training Course in Berkshire.

The food was excellent and plentiful, enjoyed in a friendly atmosphere.

Our chairman Roger Richardson gave a vote of thanks to all present for supporting the function.

I would like, on behalf of the Branch, to thank

our Social Secretary Dick Giggins aided by Roger for his hard work in organising this dinner.

Forthcoming events:

Monday 27th April — visit to a BBC Radio Show, Ken Dodd and Frank Carson. Tickets limited to 50.

Friday 8th May — Barn Dance in marquee, HQ Sports Field. Tickets £5 i/c fish and chip supper, available from all committee members and Tony Hillam at HQ.

Saturday 13th June — Visit to Chatham Dock Yard — evening meal being arranged.

Sunday 12th July — HQ Fun Day — suggested tea and cakes at the IPA tent.

Sunday 2nd August — A visit to Old Warden Aerodrome.

Sunday 16th August — Visit to Bressingham Gardens, Norfolk.

25th — 27th September — Weekend at Cardiff, staying at the Holiday Inn Hotel B.B. & D. Price £100 per person inclusive.

Friday 9th October — Home meeting to be arranged.

November — Evening visit to Romford Dog Track.

Friday 11th December — Christmas Social at HQ.

Three Towers Walk

THIS is a challenging 33 mile circular walk over the moors and countryside of West Lancashire, taking place on Sunday, May 31.

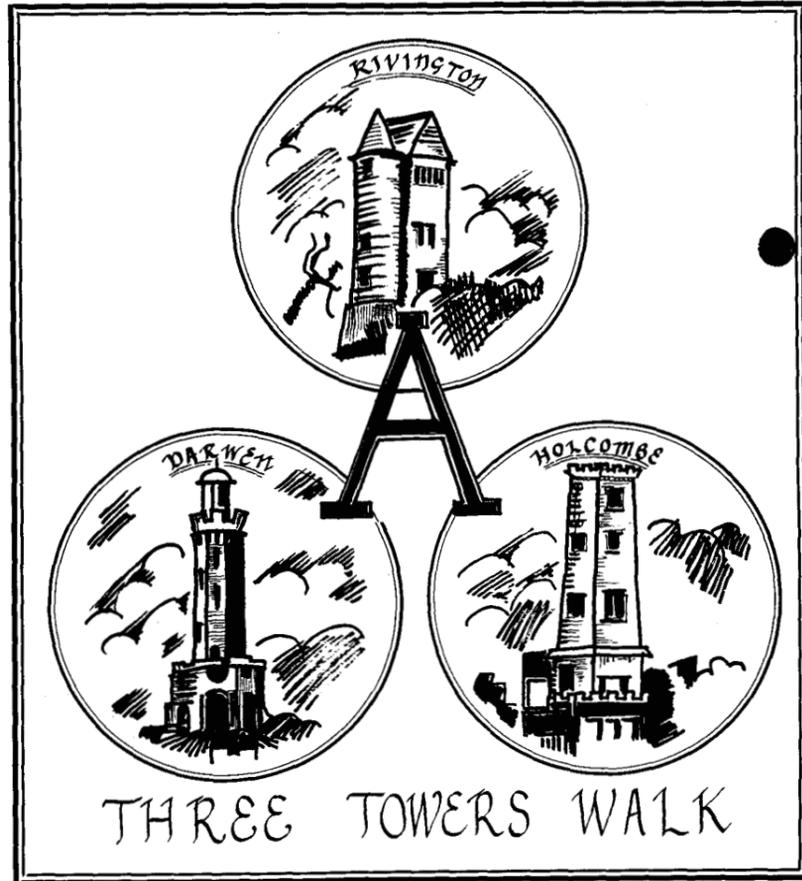
The walk starts and finishes in Tottington and visits in turn Affetside, Jumbles Reservoir, Winter Hill, Rivington Pike (Dove Cote Tower), Belmont Reservoir, Darwen Moor and Tower, Entwistle Reservoir, Holcombe Moore and Tower.

In fine weather spectacular views of Manchester, the Cheshire and West Lancashire plains and coast, Longridge Hall, Pendle Hill and the Pennines can be seen.

The walk is wholly over rights of way and contains a minimum of road walking.

The entry fee is £4 per head, this includes a commemorative 'T' shirt to all entrants and certificate to all finishers, together with hot food and drink on completion of the walk.

Bed and breakfast accommodation can be arranged at a reasonable cost at the G.M.P. Training School if required. For further details and entry form please contact one of the organisers from Greater Manchester Police: Sergeant Graham Glover (061) 855 3119; Pc Fred Burton (061) 855 3147.



IPA - SOUTH EAST ESSEX BRANCH

Black Museum

ON WEDNESDAY 26th February a group of 15 members made a visit to the Black Museum at N.S.Y.

During the visit they were accompanied by Tim Mills, the London Reception Officer and three foreign Police Officers, one from Iceland and two from Spain.

by Dave Fox

After the morning visit lunch was taken at Peelers Restaurant, followed by a guided tour of the Command and Control Centre.

Thanks to Gordon Oakley for organising the trip.

As there are limited numbers on these trips Gordon is trying to obtain another date. If you would like to go please contact Gordon.

Dates for your Diary

7th April — The trip to the Ceremony of the Keys at the Tower of London is now full, but if you wish to have your name on the reserve list contact Gordon Oakley. The coach will leave the Leigh Elms at 17.00 sharp. The cost is £5 per couple (this is being subsidised by the Branch). For other pick up points contact Gordon.

5th May — We intend to hold a 'Banter and

Beveridge' Night at Southend Police Station Bar, starting around 8pm.

Just a chance for old and new members to come along and meet the committee and other members and see what direction you want the branch to go in.

If you are not a member but are interested please come along and we will try and give you an insight into I.P.A.

28th July — This is the revised date for our proposed visit to Adnams Brewery at Southwold. It is a daytime visit leaving at approx. 8am. Numbers are limited to 25 per visit so if you are interested contact Steve Cowland as soon as possible. We will lay on a coach (cost to be advised).

Finally a mention about Gordon Oakley's wife Jean, who is recovering at home following a major operation. We all send our Best Wishes to her for a speedy recovery.

London Visits

THE IPA's London Reception Officer Pc Tim Mills deals with all requests from overseas IPA visitors through National HQ, for visits to

the London area.

The following events have been arranged and all IPA members are welcome to get involved.

Date	Visit/visitor	Event	Time
March 24	Patricia Mcconnal (Winnetka Police Dept USA)	Lunch Peelers Restaurant NSY CCC NSY	12.30 14.00
April 24	Iceland group visit and lecture day. Talks in the Main Briefing Room NSY, by John Wild (Security Director Securicor), Mr Williams (Security Director Tescos).	Tescos Talk Securicor Talk	11.00 14.00
April 28	Two officers from Norfolk six from Chicago USA)	Lunch Peelers Restaurant NSY Lunch Peelers Restaurant NSY	13.00 12.30

If you would like to join in any of the above events please telephone the London Reception Officer, Pc Tim Mills on 081 549 6712.

National
Association of
Retired
Police
Officers by
Doug Rampling

CHELMSFORD Branch AGM: Police Headquarters on Saturday 25th April, meeting will commence at 10.30am. Sorry the date was omitted from the last publication.

I am pleased to say the coach outing to Windsor is

now fully booked. All we need is a fine day.

I expect that by the time this article gets into print the date for the General Election will have been announced.

Age Concern have produced a leaflet aimed at Pensioners, who incidentally make up some 24 per cent of the electorate, posing a few questions which might be put to prospective candidates.

Does the candidate understand the health needs of older people in your area?

Does your candidate believe older people have the same rights to health care as the rest of the population?

Is your candidate aware of the support available in your area to enable older people to remain in their own homes with visiting care support?

Does your candidate know of the local authority's plans for long term care in the future?

What are his views on concessionary far schemes?

Does your candidate believe the state pension should remain the foundation of all pensioners incomes?

These are just some of the points raised. If you would like any further information write to Age Concern, Astral House, 1268 London Road, London SW16 4ER.

DATES FOR DIARIES
Comrades Spring Buff — Saturday 9th March Headquarters.

Comrades Luncheon — Friday 16th October Headquarters.

Further details from B Needham at HQ extension 2799.

MARKET PLACE... MARKET PLACE... MARKET PLACE...

BEDFORD Cf Van, C Reg, v.g.c. approx 60,000 miles, taxed, MOT July £1,350 o.n.o. Mr T. Carter 0279 535551.

MARECHAL six berth frame tent, new April 1991, used twice, immaculate condition, price new £439, will accept £250 o.n.o. Dc Stoneham, Shoebury.

STATIC 6 berth caravan, Polzeath, Cornwall, 5 mins walk from sandy beach, self contained, colour TV. Most dates available, regret no dogs. D. Turner 0375 846704.

GOOD HOMES wanted for cats and kittens. Miss Parsonson, 0206 211237.

ONE BED FIRST FLOOR FLAT Boreham, well fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower, lounge/diner, carpets, curtains, £44,000. C. Turner F.T.S. Extn 2749.

THREE BED MIDDLE-TERRACE house, Moulsham Lodge, Chelmsford. Everything staying, I move out, you move in. £62,000. Snr Officer Dixon Chelmsford Prison or Chd 358553.

VILLA - MENORCA south east coast, available for rental throughout the year. Reasonable rates. Ps Walker on 0206 852336.

CABIN CRUISER 20ft grp, 6HP diesel overhauled, mariner 5HP outboard, moored Althorne Marina £1500, p/ex British Motor Cycle plus cash. Pc 1608 Walsh, Burnham. **A REG ORION GL** white, excellent condition, taxed and MOT for full 12 months, full service history. Any test/trial. Contact H. Norman, Chelmsford Police Stn.

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

Calling Ten-pin bowlers

DO YOU enjoy Ten Pin Bowling? Efforts are underway to revive the force Ten Pin Bowling section, and enter an Essex Police team in competitions.

Pc. Frank Holden at Colchester points out that interest in bowling is at a high, with new alleys opening recently in Colchester and Chelmsford.

But the force 10-pin bowling section folded after a representative failed to attend the Force Sports Association's AGM.

Pc. Holden or Pc. Andy Skillin would like to hear from anyone who is regularly bowling in a league team, who might be interested in an Essex Police representative team.

But interested bowlers of all standards, police or civilian staff, should contact Andy at Stanway Traffic (0206 - 762512) or Frank at Shrub End (ednet 4526).

Force Lottery

THE result of this month's Force Lottery is as follows: £1500 P. Dolphin, Westcliff; £700 L. Blyth, Headquarters F.S.U.; £300 B. Edwards, Stansted Airport; £200 H. Garwood, Colchester; £100 P. Hudson, Harwich.

The following will receive £50 prizes:

J. Crowther, Colchester; S. Pike, Stansted Mountfitchet; S. Bird, Ingatestone; R. Howlett, Harlow; M. Mueller, Headquarters F.S.U.; G. Frost, Tilbury; D. Burden, Harlow; N. Padmore, Epping; M. Hales, Rayleigh C.S.B.; and M. Payne, Harlow.

The Force Lottery is now open to Retired Police Officers and Civilians. In January we should be in a position to be able to deduct your subscription at source from your pension.

If you wish to participate prior to that, then you must pay in advance for a six month period.

Lottery shares are 50p each and you are allowed up to a maximum of £8, together with a 50p per month membership fee to the Essex Police Sports Association.

This would also entitle you to be able to purchase the cheap Sports equipment and leisure wear that is available to members.

At the moment approx £3,000 per month is spent in the Force Sports shop. (See application form on P12).

Essex to the fore in driving European links

Portsmouth Shield success for force



ESSEX Police retained the Portsmouth Shield, winning the No.5 Region PAA Indoor Games championships for the third year running.

The victorious squad received their trophy from ACC A Mr James Conlan following their success in the regional PAA Table Tennis championships held at Colchester (see report on page 12).

This result, together with the force's success in the darts event held in the City of London in February, ensured they retained the shield.

Mr and Mrs Conlan are pictured with the Essex team.

FORCE SPORTS ASSOCIATION

SNOOKER

THE Force Snooker Championships, held at Chelmsford Snooker Club, were won by Steve Wheeler, Chelmsford, with Peter Orpe runner-up.

Steve went onto to represent the Force at the No 5 Region championships in the City of London on Friday 14th February, where he reached the quarter finals.

CROKER CUP RUGBY SEVENS

THE date for this event has had to be changed to Wednesday 1st April, starting at 11am at Police Headquarters, Chelmsford. Anyone who requires further information contact Mick Hall on Ednet 2429 or the Force Sports Secretary.

VOLLEYBALL

THE P.A.A. National Volleyball championships will be hosted by Hampshire Constabulary at H.M.S. Nelson, Queen Street, Portsmouth on Saturday 12th and Sunday

13th September. Anyone who requires further information contact the Force Sports Secretary.

CROKER CUP — TABLE TENNIS

HEADQUARTERS received a walkover from Harlow. No Croker Cup points for Harlow. Headquarters now play Southend in the next round.

P.A.A. DARTS

THE No 5 Region P.A.A. Darts championships were held in the City of London on Friday 14th February, with the following success: Ladies Singles winner: Sue Jenkins, Harwich, Ladies Doubles winners: Mo Chaplin and Sue Woolard, Southend.

Mens Doubles winners: Julian Chadband, Westcliff and Paul Bates, Southend, Mixed Doubles winners: Mo Chaplin and Bob Fugl, Rayleigh.

All of these officers will now represent the Force at the National championships, to be held in Norfolk between Monday

27th and Thursday 30th April.

FOOTBALL

AFTER winning the Croker Cup football last year Southend were unfortunate to be drawn in the first round of this year's competition against the new combined Colchester/Clacton team.

The match was played at Wivenhoe's ground and a high class game of football was played.

The match was won by Colchester 5-2. 1 Croker Cup point to Southend.

DEBRA Cricket

A PRO-CELEBRITY cricket match is to be held at Mobil headquarters, Coryton, on July 26, to raise funds for DEBRA, one of the charities Essex Police has supported over the past five years.

Celebrities from Barry Hearn's Match Room team will take part, to help sufferers of a genetic disorder which can cause the skin to blister at the slightest touch.

IN CASE you have missed the fact that 1992 is a special year in European history, the Essex Police golf section most certainly have not!

Following their highly successful tour to France in October last year, a reciprocal trip has been planned, but which will also include teams from Holland and Denmark.

To that end in the week commencing May 4 our European colleagues will arrive in England.

It is only the time and general 'Logistics' of such planning that has prevented several other teams from joining our friends from three nations.

Operation

The planning for this event is comparable to that required in any major operation led by our 1992 captain, Tony Kitching and backed by a committee, chaired by Chief Superintendent Keith Southgate.

Golf courses have been booked (in one case closed for the day), transport, interpreters and liaison officers arranged, programmes printed, trophies

by Peter Moyes

ordered and sponsorship negotiated.

This is important, it is hoped there will be a generous amount left to donate to charity.

The programme for the week, which is fully supported by the Chief Constable, with some generous assistance from the sports association, driving school and systems support, will be as follows:

MONDAY MAY 4

Arrival of teams at the Harlequin Hotel, Stansted, followed by an evening reception attended by invited guests. Amongst the anticipated 200 attending it hoped will be senior county and local civic leaders, the Chief Constable Mr Burrow, other senior officers and guests from the force and the world of golf.

Gendarmerie

The visiting teams are being led by some senior officers, most notably the French with General Perenez, head of all 600,000 gendarmarie on foreign soil, as president of their group.

He will be supported by our friend and contact from last year, Gerard De Jardins, who is the Gendarmarie equivalent of ACC(P).

TUESDAY MAY 5 To

Mid-Herts Golf club for the first day of golf co-hosted by our colleagues in Hertfordshire.

WEDNESDAY MAY 6 A day's golf at the Warley Park Golf Club which will include the second round of the week-long competition for teams and individuals.

THURSDAY MAY 7

This is the main day, where the course at Woodham Walter will be closed for us and the final round of the week's competition will be played.

Balloon

There will be plenty to see and do from around 0930 including the hoped for appearance of a hot air balloon of a sponsor, and a golf clinic by a professional.

If you are an employee of Essex Police, we would be delighted to see you. The club is situated at Woodham Walter, off the A414 between Chelmsford and Maldon.

The day's golf, on conclusion will have the scores recorded and tallied by a computer to produce all their results.

A farewell dinner will follow in the clubhouse in the evening, when prizes will be given, commiserations offered and goodbyes said to what we hope will be a host of new friends.

Wanted: Small bores from Basildon

ARE YOU a hot shot, or just a small bore from Basildon?

Benfleet-based warrant officer John Reed would like to hear from officers or civilians in the division interested in small bore .22 rifle shooting.

At one time Basildon Division had a good following at the rifle range behind the Anchor pub in Benfleet, until the brewery offered the land for building.

Now a new range will be available from next month at Southend Police Station, and Mr. Reed is trying to negotiate a separate night for the people of Basildon Sports Club.

Social

He explained, "Most nights at The Anchor we

had anything between five and 15 people who either were interested in small bore rifle shooting or the chance to meet other people on a social basis with common interests.

"All these ladies and gents were either full or associate members of Basildon Police Sports and Social Club, which was part and parcel of Essex Police Sports Association.

"The Basildon Sports Club helped with funding for insurance, equipment, trophies and firearms purchase. We also fired in competitions, not only

between ourselves but also nationally."

He is currently negotiating with Sgt. Soward at Rayleigh to obtain a firm evening every week, enabling officers on shift patterns to attend perhaps every other week.

Rounds

The sport of .22 rifle shooting is also cheap to attend, said Mr. Reed, as the rounds used are about a quarter of the price of full bore rounds.

The average evening would cost between £3 and £4 including range fees and insurance.

Mr. Reed would like names of those interested as early as possible to estimate numbers for insurance purposes. For more information contact him on (0268) 756221 ext. 3312.

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Essex reach last four to face West Midlands

DEADLY DALE SLAYS WELSH DRAGONS

TWO GOALS by Colchester's Tony Dale sealed victory for Essex in this Welsh versus English battle played at Bridgend recently.

Their extra time win takes Essex Police into the national semi finals of the PAA football competition, where they will meet the favourites, West Midlands.

On a pitch overshadowed by the excellent facilities provided for their rugby counterparts, South Wales continually struggled to cope with the pace provided by Daryl Heffer, and the fearless tackling by man of the match Joel Henderson from South Ockendon.

Inspired

Both sides were missing key players through injury, Essex saw Glyn Evans and Graham Kendall benched, but their replacements, Phil Smith and Cliff Haines, played inspired stuff to help secure victory.

Essex opened the scor-

NATIONAL PAA QUARTER FINAL	
SOUTH WALES POLICE	1
ESSEX POLICE	3
(after extra time)	

ing, with good work down the centre allowing Dale to get behind the defence and drill a low powerful shot past the advancing Welsh keeper.

With twenty minutes to go however, the so far untroubled Phil Robinson was deceived by a shot through a group of players by ex-Welsh international captain Phil Dwyer to make it an uncomfortable 1-1.

Indeed Essex were fortunate just before the end of normal time when the 6'3" Welsh centre forward found himself free for once of Henderson's attention, only to knock the ball wide of the post when a goal looked certain.

Essex were, however, the only team likely to win in extra time and, with their opponents tiring,

Nigel Cockrell broke free down the left to cross for the delighted Dale whose header gave Essex a well deserved lead.

In the dying seconds, Cockrell was again on hand to push home the point that Essex were the best team and deserved to take their place in the last four in the country.

Favourites

The semi-final will be played against West Midlands at Headquarters on Tuesday 24th of March.

It will be a tough game for our lads as West Midlands are favourites for the competition having recently reached the quarter finals of the FA Vase where they were narrowly beaten 2-1 by Sudbury Town.

It will be the third time

in Essex Police football history that they have reached the national PAA semi-finals. So if you can, cheer them on, it's a 3pm start.

Still battling in the Intermediate League with only a handful of games to go, the first team are second on goal difference, with the reserves fourth in their division.

The team against Wales consisted of:-

Phil Robinson (Pitsea), Alex Deacon (Rochford), Joel Henderson (South Ockendon), Steve Bennett (Clacton), Cliff Haines (Basildon), Tony Dale (Colchester), Graham Moore (Southend), Phil Smith (FSU), Nigel Cockrell (Rayleigh), Steve Cross (Clacton), Daryl Heffer (Colchester).

Subs:- Graham Rendell (Saffron Walden), Glyn Evans (Harlow), Clive Day (Basildon), Vaughan Mullender (Training School).

Chris takes three titles

A SUPERB performance in the No5 region table tennis championships helped Essex to victory in the Portsmouth Shield for the third successive year.

Chris Jacob took three titles at the event, hosted by Essex at Colchester Police Station on Sunday February 23.

Favourable

The ladies were up against strong opposition with two of the top three ranked ladies in

the country playing, but due to a favourable draw Mo Chaplin and Jo Dudley reached the final of the ladies doubles where they were beaten by a very good Thames Valley pairing.

The Mens doubles proved a tense match with the Essex pair of

Chris Jacob and Dave Birkett beating Kent 21-18 in the third leg to reclaim the title lost last year to Kent.

Chris then went on to comfortably retain the veteran singles title which led to the mixed doubles final, where Chris and Mo were up against a Kent pair who had been national champions for eight years.

The Essex duo played

superbly with Mo putting on the performance of her life to win the 5 PAA title in straight sets causing the big upset of the competition.

Portsmouth

The table tennis is the last leg in the No5 region PAA indoor games competition for the Portsmouth Shield.

The splendid performance of the Essex table tennis following on a good series of results by the darts team meant that ACC Mr Conlan was able to present the Essex team with the shield for the third successive year. (See photo on page 11).

Peter Layzell

On course to help Matthew



ESSEX Police runners from the London Marathon team of '91 present their charity cheque. Picture courtesy of The Essex Chronicle.

THE FINAL presentations of cheques from last year's London Marathon charity run by the Essex Police team took place at Chelmsford Town bar last month, when £3,000 was presented to a deputation from the Essex Kidney Unit appeal, and Essex Chronicle.

Picture courtesy of the Essex Chronicle shows Alan Barley, Steve Wynn and Laurie Rampling with Alison Fisk and Ann Dovener from the unit along with the Chronicle's Anne Fitzgerald.

A further cheque for £1,000 was sent to the Leukaemia Research Fund. Preparations are well in

hand for this year's venture on behalf of 3 year old Matthew Walters who is suffering from Cerebral Palsy.

Sponsorship forms have been circulated throughout the county and representations to businesses in Chelmsford, Grays and Basildon Divisions are in hand asking for their assis-

stance. The team's training has also gone to plan, with members of the squad participating in the Watford Roding Valley and Hitchin Half marathons.

The full squad will turr out for the Hastings Half Marathon on Sunday 15th March, and the Sandon 'Four Villages' run on April 5, the week before the big day.

The squad will also be represented in the forthcoming Brentwood and Paddock Wood Half Marathons.

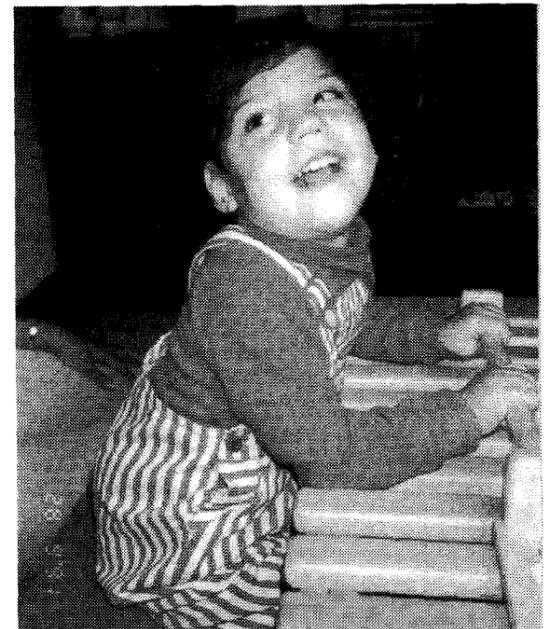
The venture has, as last year, attracted media attention and the squad will attend the official AD press conference in London on March 31, with a local media call being arranged at Headquarters, in the week before the Marathon.

Contributions

Finally, with the squad hoping to realise a sum in excess of £3,000 all members of the force are asked to assist.

Contributions can be sent to either Pc Al Barley at Chelmsford Town or Dc Laurie Rampling at Grays Scer of Crime.

Alternatively donations can be made direct to the Charities account held at the Nationwide Building Society, High Street (0299/702 210 593).



CEREBRAL Palsy sufferer Matthew Walters from Kelvedon.

APPLICATION TO JOIN THE ESSEX POLICE SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND FORCE LOTTERY

To Cons Chris Jacob, Secretary, Force Sports Association, Stanway N.B. (Office, Colchester).

I wish to make an application to join the Essex Police Sports Association and Force Lottery:

Name.....Address.....

I understand that tickets are priced at 50p each and that the maximum number of tickets that I can have is 16. Would like to have:

Tickets I enclose a cheque for £....., made payable to the Essex Police Sports Association, for tickets, for six month period, together with £3 membership fee.

IF YOU WISH TO KNOW YOUR LOTTERY NUMBERS PLEASE ENCLOSE A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE

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