

# The Law

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## Derek's dead keen on a fitter force

by Jenny Bullus

**CORONER'S** Officer Derek Sewell leads an unusual double life. By day, the Chelmsford-based Pc prepares evidence of circumstances surrounding sudden deaths for the Coroner.

But in the evening he dons his Lycra leggings and comes to life as an aerobics instructor, teaching better breathing and a healthier lifestyle.

Fitness-fan Derek qualified as an instructor after completing a tough Royal Society of Arts course two months ago.

The intensive training lasted some three months, involving five weekends with 10-hour days at Ardleigh Sports Centre, near Colchester, plus exams in anatomy, sports injuries, relaxation and First Aid.

### Breathe

Now Derek plans to breathe new life into the force, by holding weekly aerobics classes at police headquarters.

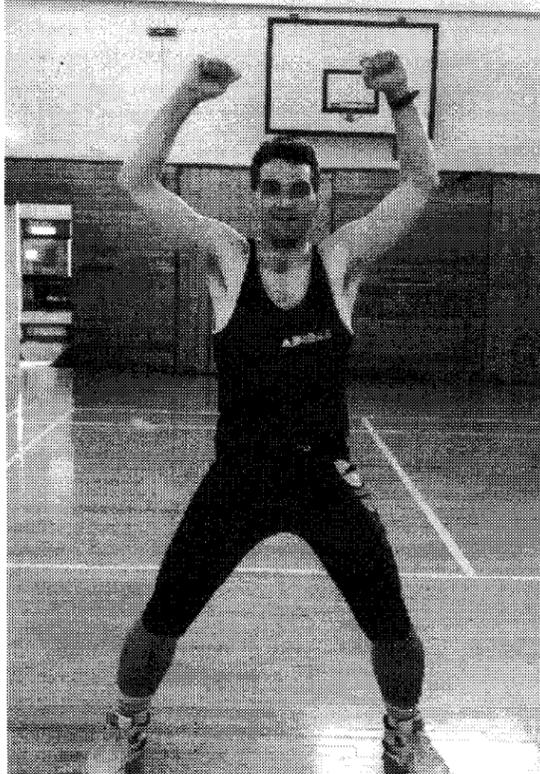
He started taking classes this month in the gym at the Force Training School, with fellow instructor Hilda O'Kelly.

The hour-long classes are held on Thursday evenings, starting at 7.30pm. Admission is free for members of the Force Sports Association, £2 for guests.

Derek was the only man on his instructors' course, and the second oldest at 37. He said, "With a male instructor more men turn up for the classes."

"They are not so shy about coming along. A lot of men have problems with co-ordination, and a man taking the class puts them at ease."

He also believes he has a



**CORONER'S** officer turned aerobics instructor Derek Sewell.

simpler style than some women instructors, teaching fewer technically difficult exercises and dance steps.

Derek's classes are designed for anyone to come along, male or female, young or old, at any level from beginner to aerobics expert.

He will also be taking a class on Tuesday nights at Trinity Road Church Hall.

### Warm Up

And Derek has been lined up to lead a mass warm up before the Great Baddow Fun Run, in which around 1,000 runners will be taking part.

Derek is not the only aerobics instructor in the Force. Scenes of Crime

officer Det Sgt Neil Davidson is also qualified, and before Derek's decision to become an instructor he participated in Neil's classes at the Riverside Centre in Chelmsford.

"I used to go along to aerobics classes, and I thought that I wouldn't mind standing up the front being the teacher," he said. "I have always kept myself in good condition."

"But I think I must be the only Coroner's Officer who is also an aerobics instructor," he laughed.

He promises a tough work-out, and maybe a few stiff joints the next day, but denies claims that he is trying to recruit anybody for his professional line of work!

## 999 TEAM TAKES AID TO ALBANIA

by Paul Dunt

**THEY'VE DONE IT!** After months of hard work, fund-raising and careful planning the "999 to Albania" team have delivered approximately £100,000 worth of medical supplies and food to the poverty-stricken country.

Pc Nigel Donkin, based at Rowhedge, who led the emergency team, said the effort by all those involved had been "absolutely superb".

But he admitted there was a time when it seemed the project could end in disaster, when the convoy of four lorries hauling around 75 tons of supplies ran into trouble on the 'road' from Kakavia (on the Albanian/Greek bor-

der) to Corch — the team's destination.

"A journey which should have taken seven hours took 27 on an uncharted road 10,000 feet up in the mountains," he explained. "We literally had to build our own roads — it was real Boy's Own stuff camping out in the mountains with the wolves."

### Jackknifed

"There was a time when I was wondering who we were going to bring back, with lorries jack-knifed up in the mountains, their rear trailer wheels hanging a few feet from the cliffs."

But eventually the 21-strong team made it to Corch

with the help of driver John Pettit, or 'The Colonel' as he was known, who was responsible for organising Band-Aid's haulage.

In Corch, a town of around 30,000 people they were met by the country's deputy Prime Minister.

"They were over the moon about our visit," said Pc Donkin, who explained that between 70 and 80 percent of the country's workforce is unemployed.

While in the country some of the team had the chance to visit hospitals which received vital medicines and equipment. This proved quite distressing although they were impressed with the determination of the people they met to improve their lives.

"The people were fantastic,

they treated us like Royalty and gave up their homes for us," said Pc Donkin, who said the team intended to keep '999 to Albania' going — perhaps registering it as a charity.

### Interior

While in the country they met the Minister of the Interior and the Health Minister, who both were keen for the team to return to Albania and carry on the good work.

Pc Donkin even had the chance to discuss policing issues with the Minister of the Interior — the equivalent of the British Home Secretary — and he expressed his wish to learn more about the differences in policing between the two countries.

A full account and pictures of the team's efforts will be reported in a future edition of The Law.

## Jailbreak nets charity cash

**CARING** coppers Dave Manders, Andy Nunn and George Lambeth delighted charity workers at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund by presenting them with a cheque for nearly £2,000 this week.

The intrepid trio raised the cash as part of their 7,000 mile charity jail-break to Phoenix, Arizona, last year.

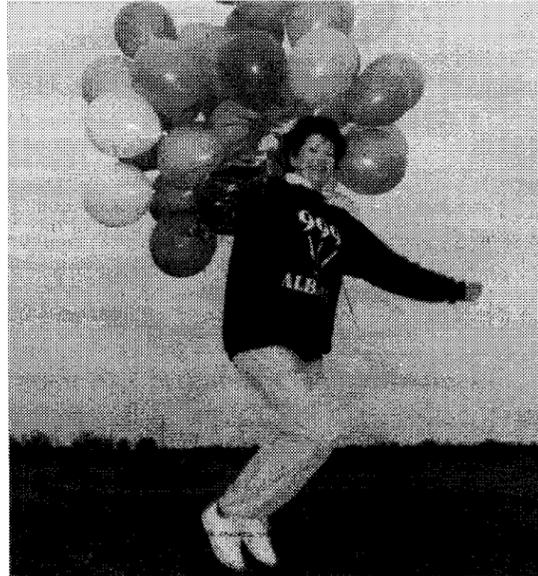
The off-duty escape to the States has already raised another £2,000, which was presented to six-year-old Russell Blake, from Canvey, who is suffering from Non-Hodgkinson's Lymphoma — a rare form of cancer.

The money is paying to send Russell and his family on a trip of a life-

time to Disneyworld — they leave on June 15.

Chelmsford Traffic Pc George Lambeth, said the original aim of the jail-break was to raise money for Russell's trip, with anything extra going to the Fund.

But support has been so high the officers had now been able to give the Imperial Cancer Research Fund a total of some £3,000, around £1,000 of which had been handed over earlier.



**SKY-HIGH** Special Constable Pauline Sherwood has organised a series of daring stunts to raise cash for the poverty-stricken Albanians.

Having been winched 50 feet off the ground into RAF Manston's Seaking helicopter, her next challenge is a trip in a hot air balloon.

But Pauline had her feet firmly on the ground when she travelled to Albania last week to deliver essential supplies. Picture courtesy of the EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES.

## Federation Notes



by  
*Brian Pallant*

# Eight - hour shift stays for now

**AGREEMENT** has been reached at Committee C of the Police Negotiating Board concerning Alternative Shift Systems. The amendments will take effect in the 1992 leave year:

### 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)

Amend the Table in paragraph 2 as follows:-

Relevant Service	Annual Leave
Under 5 years relevant service	21 days *
5 or more years relevant service	23 days *
10 or more years relevant service	26 days *
15 or more years relevant service	27 days *
20 or more years relevant service	29 days *

\*Annual leave shall be defined as days unless otherwise agreed by the Chief Constable and Joint Branch Board in forces where the normal daily period of duty is not a standard 8 hour period.

The effect of this agreement is that the normal 8 hour tour of duty will remain unless there is an agreement between the Joint Branch Board and the Chief Constable that this will be varied.

Any variation could in theory be less than 8 hours or more than 8 hours.

With regard to Regulation 29(2), any hours worked beyond 8 hours by way of a rostered tour of duty will count towards additional rest days, and these additional rest days will be treated as rest days for the purposes of compensation under the regulations.

Also contained within this agreement is an additional one days annual leave for all ranks across the Board.

The new amounts are shown under schedule 3 above.

Under schedule 3 of regulation 33 annual leave will still be shown in days however there is a codicil which reflects that it can be in hours with agreement.

The Staff Side negotiator will be raising the interpretation on annual leave at the next Police Negotiating Board meeting.

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

All the latest news on taxes, tesses and trusts

# Budget '92 - the full breakdown

### PERSONAL TAXATION

There will be a new 20% tax band on the first £2,000 of taxable income. The personal allowance and age related allowances will rise in line with inflation, but the higher rate threshold and the Married Couples Allowance remain unchanged.

Additional flexibility is to be allowed on the Married Couples Allowance from the 6th April 1993 whereby husband and wife will be able to allocate the allowance wholly to the wife or split it 50, 50 between them.

If no preference is expressed it will stay with the husband, but the wife will have the right to claim half for herself.

This situation of course could be useful where the allocation of the allowance to the wife could save higher rate tax

With the General Election now well and truly over, *Sid Foster* from George Burrows Group Insurance gives his views of Norman Lamont's March Budget and its implication for Essex Police employees...

or basic rate tax in the event of the husband being either a standard rate taxpayer himself or non-taxpayer.

A point to remember on this proposal is the decision to switch the allowance entirely to the wife, or half to the wife, must reach the Revenue before the start of the tax year, otherwise it will take effect only in the following tax year.

Although we have the introduction of a new 20% tax band on the first £2,000 of taxable income the relief given under MIRAS remains at 25% even where the borrower is now only liable to pay tax at 20%.

The same applies for contributions to Personal Pensions, Free Standing AVC's and Private Medical Insurance Schemes for the over 60's.

### INHERITANCE TAX

The threshold for this tax will be raised by more than inflation to £150,000 and measures taken to remove most family business and farms from inheritance tax altogether have also been proposed.

### INVESTMENTS

Personal Equity Plans will be able to have the full £6,000 invested in qualifying Unit Trusts and Investment Trusts.

A new taxable National Savings Guaranteed Growth Bond aimed at basic rate taxpayers will be introduced in the summer. The interest is added annually after deduction of the basic rate tax and is guaranteed for a year at a time.

The Bond can be cashed without penalty only on each anniversary. Minimum investment £1,000 and maximum holding £250,000.

The maximum holding limit for National Savings Income Bond will double to £50,000 next month.

### Main Income Tax Allowances

	1991-92	1992-93
	£	£
Personal Allowance	3,295	3,445
Married Couple's Allowance**	1,720	1,720
Additional Personal Allowance etc***	1,720	1,720
Blind Person's Relief	1,080	1,080
Age-related Increased Allowances*		
— Personal Allowance (Age 65-74)	4,020	4,200
— Personal Allowance (Age 75 or over)	4,180	4,370
— Married Couple's Allowance (at least one aged 65-74)**	2,355	2,465
— Married Couple's Allowance (at least one aged 75 or over)**	2,395	2,505
— Reduced by 1/2 of income over (single person's income or, where married couple's allowance applicable, husband's income only)	13,500	14,200
Allowable loan for main residences****	30,000	30,000

\* No taxpayer can get less than the basic level of personal allowance.

\*\* Available to husband initially. (From 6th April 1993 may be allocated to wife).

\*\*\* Available to those with young children, who are single, widowed or divorced.

\*\*\*\* Basic rate relief only (even if no tax or only lower rate income tax applies).

### MOTOR INDUSTRY

The rate of car tax was halved to 5% which should cut the cost of the £10,000 car by around £400.

Capital Allowances were boosted by 50% to £12,000 so that 80% of business cars will now be treated as normal business assets for tax purposes.

Personal taxation on company cars will increase broadly in line with inflation, but it is

proposed to move to scale charges based solely on the price of cars in the future.

### CAPITAL GAINS TAX

The annual exemption limit available to each of husband and wife, will be £5,800 in 1992/93, an increase of £300.

### TESSAS

There are no proposed changes to this investment contract.

## Income Tax Rates

Taxable Income	Rate	Total Cumulative Tax
<b>1992-93</b>		
£	%	£
1-2,000	20	400
2,001-23,700	25	5,825
Over 23,700	40	
<b>1991-92</b>		
First 23,700	25	5,925
Excess	40	

### Regulation 53(7) Removal Allowance:

This figure has now been increased and will be published in due course in a Force order. Details are available in the Federation Office. The new rates apply from 1st April 1992.

### Subsistence and Refreshment

An increase of 9% has been agreed in line with the RPI. The new rates when to be hand will be published in Force Orders but will also be applicable from the 1st April 1992.

### NEXT MONTH...

## FEDERATION MORTGAGE SCHEME

## JOINT BRANCH BOARD OPEN MEETING

6.30pm

Monday 29 June

Marconi Club, Chelmsford

Buffet and cabaret provided

**Off Beat**

CITIZEN'S Charters are all the rage at the moment, and the force is no exception in its emphasis on providing a quality service to its customers.

But it looked like the message had failed to get across to one controller who headed an incident log, "Old bag in the road."

Fortunately, further investigation revealed a motorist had reported a large bag lying in the fast lane of the A12 at Colchester.

**Nick Nick**

Meanwhile, in neighbouring Suffolk, crooks in East Bergholt are hoping the new village bobby will live up to his name. He is Pc Nick Nunn.

**Tanks for nothing**

Finally, if you're having a bad day, spare a thought for the hapless motorist who ran out of petrol at Stifford Hill, Grays.

He was pushing his car off the road when he lost control and the car ran into a tree.

**DOUBLE TROUBLE**

**WHEN the force invited two Essex ambulancemen to join a Public Order Training exercise at Hounslow last week little did they expect double trouble!**

Divisional commander David Linwood and Clacton Station Officer Terry Howell took part to gain an insight into the likely role of the ambulance service in a public disorder situation.

But in the end, it was their medical skills which were needed. On the first day's training a Metropolitan Police officer sustained a suspected fractured ankle, which they treated.

**Distressed**

The next day, the two turned up late for training. They told the disbelieving instructors the police Sherpa van in which they were travelling had been flagged down by a distressed woman.

The mother-to-be had gone into labour, and with contractions becoming more and more frequent, it was clear her twins were well on the way.

Once again it was Dave and Terry to the rescue, as they rushed the mum-to-be to hospital in the police van in the nick of time.

And to prove all the doubters, the delighted mum rang to thank them later in the day after giving birth to healthy twin boys...

**Morris men join in Eastenders' May Day celebrations**  
**Belchamp bobby dances in**  
**Stars, stripes and tears**  
**Albert Square**



**BOMBERS back at Boreham.** Members of 394 Bomb Group take a look back in time from the airfield's Wartime control tower. Picture courtesy of The Essex Chronicle.

**ESSEX Police struck up the band this month to welcome back around 200 United States Army Airforce Servicemen who served in the county during World War II.**

During the war, the Marauder Men of the 9th Air Force flew from airfields all over Essex, including Stansted, Matching and Boreham — where Essex Police's Air Support Unit is now based.

And this year, the 48th since the 9th Army Airforce came to Essex, the B-26 Marauder Historical Society organised a 'friendly invasion' to the county.

To make them feel at home the Essex Police Band struck up some familiar tunes at a civic reception held at County Hall and attended by ACC Geoff Markham.

**Revisited**

The next day, the airmen met up with the Force again when they revisited their former base at Boreham, now used by Ford's rally development team as well as being home for the Force's helicopter.

The Air Support Unit are housed in the WWII control tower, which has barely been altered since the Americans left nearly 50 years ago, and the veterans were delighted to

see the Stars and Stripes flying from the roof of the tower once more.

The flag was specially brought over from America for the occasion by Pc Alan Addison of HQIR. It has now been hung on the wall in the tower as a reminder of their historic visit.

For some of the airmen it was the first time they had set foot in the tower because during the war only senior airmen were allowed inside, explained Pc Mark Shelley, who was among the Essex officers who greeted the Americans.

**Unscathed**

And the sight of the old base brought back vivid memories for "Wild Bill" Reagan, who crash-landed a B-26 Marauder aircraft fully-loaded with bombs and fuel at the airfield and crawled out unscathed after ploughing through an orchard.

The Air Support Unit presented the airmen with aerial shots of the airfield, taken from the Force helicopter, which flew off on a 'shout' while the visitors were there, as well as Air Support Unit mugs, to remind them of their visit.

**EASTENDERS fans were entertained last week by the Beaux of London City Morris Men celebrating May Day with traditional dancing in Albert Square.**

With their blacked up faces and black costumes, their somewhat sinister look gave poor Dot Cotton quite a turn.

But lurking beneath the disguise, the drummer was none other than performing policeman John Taylor, better known as the Belchamp St Paul beat bobby.

**Dancing**

Pc Taylor, an Essex policeman for nearly 20 years, has been dancing with the Belchamp Morris Men for the last ten years.

The side's big break came when the Eastenders production team contacted the Morris Dancers Organisation "The Ring". They wanted a side which performed Border tradition dancing, as opposed to the more familiar Cotswold tradition where the dancers wear white.

After an audition in the

village, the Belchamp side were signed up and spent two days filming at the Elstree Studios in April.

"We met all the stars, and they were all interested in what we were doing," said John. And he found out the secret of all the pints sunk in The Vic during filming — the actors are drinking low alcohol lager.

**Gruelling**

The Morris side, however, enjoyed some real ale as they filmed. The first gruelling day was devoted to the dance scene in the Square, with the six best dancers repeating their sequence time after time as the various acting parts were woven into the storyline.

The second day involved scenes inside the pub, and by the end John and his fellow Morris Men were feeling quite at home.



**DANCING the Cotswold Tradition in Sudbury to entertain a party of German visitors.** Pc Taylor is pictured front right.

The origins of the Morris are believed to be as a fertility dance, which tied in nicely with the Eastenders line where Grant Mitchell is trying to encourage wife Sharon to start a family.

Pc Taylor said the dancing is great fun, with a good social side. The men set off for their fifth trip to

France later this month, and have also performed in Germany.

He is interested in forming an Essex Police Morris side, and would like to hear from anyone interested. "It's very easy to learn, so get in touch whether you're a musician or potential dancer," he said.



**THE BELCHAMP Morris side in their full Border Dancing kit.** John Taylor is in the back row, without hat or jacket.

**By George! Ex-cop**  
**knocks out robber**

**NO NONSENSE Ex-Cop George Rushforth proved too quick for a mugger who leapt out on him in a dark Westcliff street and demanded money.**

Former Guardsman George, 83, floored the would-be attacker with a hearty blow and as he braced himself ready for combat, the terrified thug scarpers into the shadows.

**TWINKLE**

Recalling the tale with a twinkle in his eye, former borough Sergeant George said, "My reaction was too quick for him. I suppose at my age that isn't bad.

"When I told the blokes who knew me in the job they had a good laugh. They can remember how I used to hand out a lot of First Aid on the seafront."

**CHARACTER**

Ex-Dc Ted Churn confirmed, "George was one of the real characters in the old borough force. Anyone in their right mind wouldn't

ask George for his money.

**HOODLUM**

Smartly-dressed George was walking home from a pal's house in Prince Avenue at about 11 o'clock one evening when the hoodlum struck. "I wouldn't have minded, but he was a weedy-looking bloke," laughed George.

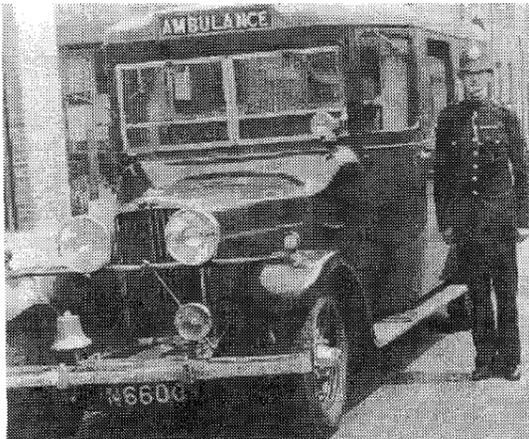


*Law* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Letters*

# Love thy neighbour

## Borough boy writes from N.Z. Model memories

I was most interested in the photograph of the reunion of some of the Police ambulance drivers in Southend-on-Sea, published in the January issue of *The Law*, as I was also one of the drivers.



Whilst on holiday in the UK last year my wife Joan and I visited the Southend Police Club and unbeknown to me Joan purchased one of the model ambulances from the Club secretary.

This was later 'presented' to me at the Essex garden party which luckily coincided with our visit.

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed photograph of the ambulance with one of the ambulance men — Pc Bill Ayres. I cannot recall the date on which I took it.

I have lived in New Zealand for the past ten

years but have only recently renewed my acquaintance with *The Law*, thanks to Dave Ashworth of Southend who kindly arranged for copies to be sent out to me when I met up with him at the Southend Police Club.

I served my 30 years at

Southend being attached to the Photographic and Fingerprint Department for the last 19 years.

Ex Dc Stan Taylor,  
 Lowtherhurst Road,  
 Massey,  
 Auckland 8,  
 New Zealand.

I WAS very disappointed to read Pc Alan Coley's reaction to the inclusion of Neighbourhood Watch in *The Law*.

While I can understand his desire to keep such a publication exclusive to his own profession, surely *The Law* is not so exclusive that Neighbourhood Watch is no more than

an uninvited guest.

I would point out to Pc Coley that as Co-ordinator of my village Watch I do not receive a regular newsletter from the NBO or DBO and neither do I receive the new *Beat* newspaper.

In fact, I receive very little by way of documentation and I am still waiting to receive the *Beat* newspaper for last Christmas.

I would also mention that I do not receive regular visits from local officers.

The Police have always been urging the involvement of the public to help them to prevent crime and investigate offences committed, but perhaps this is not so after all.

Now only through *The Law* does Neighbourhood Watch

have a 'voice' of its own but if Police Officers consider this to be intrusive then should we not contribute?

Neighbourhood Watches are civilians and from the Editor's reply *The Law* is also for civilians.

Yours faithfully,  
 R. E. Withers  
 Elsenham  
 Nr Bishops Stortford,  
 Herts.

## The name of Rose

### Some 'pin good for chari-tie

TOGETHER with a retired female officer I have been invited to attend the Essex Police Fun Day at Headquarters on Sunday 12th July 1992 and we hope we will be invited, the following weekend, to an Emergency Services Exhibition at Southend.

At both events we plan to put on a small exhibition of the very popular Police Charity Tie Pins.

We will have a number of different designs and other charity items on sale at both events.

All items we sell are at no profit to us and therefore we are able to say that every penny made over and above manufacturer's costs goes to charity.

#### DESIGNS

You may or may not be aware of how much interest these very small pins have generated since 1979 when it all began with Rupert Bear.

Interest is very high both within the various emergency services and with the general public.

This will be our first visit to the Essex Police area. Whilst many individual officers sell these pins at their stations, and amongst their friends and relations, it would appear few have time to hold the stock we carry.

There are of course, always designs produced that have never been seen in a particular area and this is what makes collecting these pins so interesting.

#### RUPERT

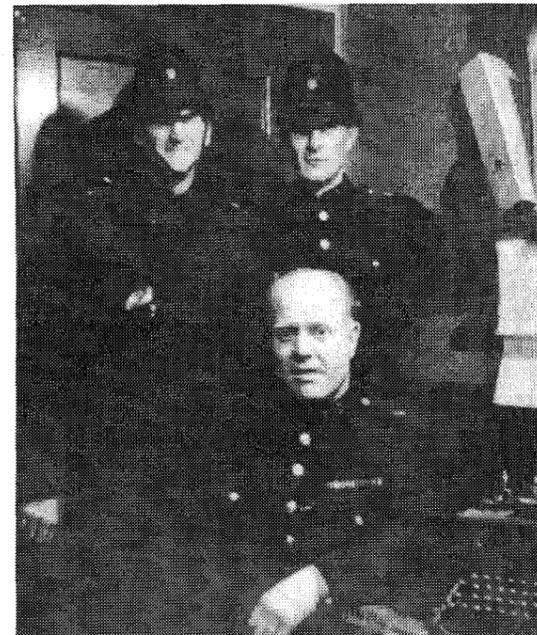
We have attended many shows in the past two years and have always been amazed at the level of interest this subject achieves.

The message we would like to get over is we would like officers, public and anyone else with cash, to know we will be there and so will Rupert and many friends.

To attend and spend £1 for a pin does so much good for the benefit of those less fortunate than us.

We both look forward to spending time with our fellow officers and hope that the weather is kind to all so that we may all enjoy the event.

ROGER E. JONES,  
 Rainham Police Station,  
 New Road, Rainham



Days Gone By: Tilbury 1954.

IN THE February edition of *The Law* you printed a letter from my uncle Ron, (ex-Ps Ron Rose) regarding the "Good Old Days" at Tilbury nick.

You may be interested in this photo kindly loaned to be by Ex Pc Les Skyring of Saffron Walden.

The photo shows the night shifts at Tilbury in 1954. My uncle Ron is in the foreground with Pcs Skyring and Mitchell at the rear.

I'm sure this would be of interest to all Tilbury survivors of that era and may rekindle some happy (I hope!) memories.

My father, Ex-Pc Wilf Rose, also did a stint at Tilbury as a young constable in the late 1930s, but sadly he is no longer around to enjoy this little bit of nostalgia.

Thanks to Mr Stan Gilder of Saffron Walden (ex civilian employee) for reproducing this photo for me from the original.

Dave Rose  
 Police Station,  
 Saffron Walden.

## Sincere thanks from Dave Smith

### THE START OF SOMETHING GOOD

MAY I take this opportunity to thank you for adding Neighbourhood Watch coordinators to your readership on behalf of myself and the other coordinators in Kelvedon and Feering whom I represent.

The two issues have been well read and initiated several comments. Any 'official' contact has got to be beneficial to us.

Let's hope that it's the start of something good.

Valerie Dasent,  
 Sherwood Way,  
 Feering.

MAY I through your columns express my sincere thanks to all those who contributed to my leaving presents after 30 years in the Police Service.

I hope all those that attended my leaving 'do' enjoyed themselves as much as my wife and I — it made it such a memorable occasion.

I hope I will continue to meet people that I have worked with over the years.

Dave Smith  
 ex-D/I Basildon Division.

## Police were a great comfort

MAY I, through the pages of *The Law* on behalf of myself and my family express our sincere thanks to all the ex-colleagues of my late husband, George Young (Pc 410 retired) for their letters, cards and kind

words at the time of George's death. The wreath was lovely.

I would also like to thank those policemen, in uniform and out of uniform, who attended the funeral service. It was a great comfort to see so

many of them there.

Lastly I would like to mention the Welfare Section for their practical help and kindness.

Vivien Young  
 Byron Avenue,  
 Lexden,  
 Colchester.

## Cop Capers

BECAUSE of their line of work, Police Officers often come into contact with the stranger sides of life and the past few weeks have been no exception.

### Breath arrest

So it was nothing new when police in New York arrested a 49-year-old for making heavy breathing phone calls. What was surprising though was that the phantom caller had been dialling the Police Station!

### Shock of hair

And it probably came as no shock to officers in Cooktown, Northern Australia, to learn that a 78-year-old pensioner had died in his sleep.

What was somewhat unusual however was that he died of suffocation after his brown wig slipped off his head and covered his mouth and nose during the nap.

His distraught widow, Mary, 76, said: "I had popped out for a few minutes to speak to a neighbour, leaving him snoring in his favourite chair. When I came back, Albert was dead."

### Name shame

But the only wigs Janet Wood, 24, had to worry about were those on the bench at Cambourne Magistrates Court in Cornwall, where she faced a number of motoring charges.

The court heard that after being banned for drink-driving she was given a new licence in the name of Mercedes Ann Diesel Car.

She was conditionally discharged after admitting obtaining a licence while disqualified, using it in a false name and failing to give her name and address.

The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency, Swansea, which sent her the licence, said: "We check for obvious impersonations — for instance Mr John Major — but we can't pick them all up."

### Water cheek

But nothing surprises a Shropshire Police spokesman anymore after raiders in Telford made off with an entire fishpond, complete with fish and two tons of water.

It was hauled into a get-away vehicle leaving the spokesman to say: "Nothing surprises me anymore. If something's worth anything it will get nicked."

### Bread line

But finally spare a thought (and perhaps a crumb or two) for police in the Belgian town of Liege where police services were closed as a hunger strike over low pay, spread.

A police union official said the Gendarmerie had been drafted in to ensure emergency services functioned while more and more city police were going home saying they were too weak to work.

Food for thought eh?

# Shooting stars on target



**FIRE!** The word had a familiar ring to London's Burning stars Glen Murphy and Sean Blowers, but this time they were trying out on the Essex Police firing range.

by Jenny Bullus

The TV firemen took a break after finishing filming the fifth series of the popular programme, to learn a few tips about shooting from Firearms Instructor Pc Gordon Bennett.

#### Stuntman

Glen, who plays fireman George Green, and Sean, better known as

**FIRE: TV fireman Sean Blowers checks out an Italian-made Franchi Spas shotgun watched by fellow London's Burning star Glen Murphy at the Essex Police range.**

sub-officer Hallam, were joined by stuntman Tom Lucy and other members of the production team for their visit to police HQ on May 6.

After a stint on the range, they also took the opportunity to try out the skid pan.

#### Baddie

Glen explained, "Often on other film sets I need to know how to hold and shoot a gun, and I haven't a clue what I'm doing. And I often seem to play the baddie."

Sean, meanwhile, has played a policeman — he featured as DCI Cudlip in the first series of Anglia TV's "The Chief".

The new series of London's Burning is due to hit our screens in the Autumn.

# CHANGE BEATS ON DIVISION

## Jo's car crime logo gives Dad a lift

**DESPERATE** dad Ken Dodd turned to his daughter Joanne when he needed an eye-catching logo to boost an imaginative Crime Prevention idea.

For National Car Crime Prevention Year, Sgt Dodd had dreamt up the unique Sold Secure Scheme, which sees the police and motor trade working in partnership to tackle thefts of and from vehicles.

But when he needed a colourful logo to make the scheme take off, he turned to 20-year-old student nurse Joanne, who works at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital.

He was hoping her artist boyfriend could help out, but Joanne sat down and sketched her own ideas.

In less than half an hour she had designed the simple, but effective, logo showing a car with Sold Secure stamped across it, along with the Essex Police crest, and neatly finished off with a chequered border.

It was a hit not only with Crime Prevention Officer Ken and his colleagues, but also with the force and the Home Office.

"It just came to my mind, it was the first idea I had," Joanne said modestly.

And Ken's scheme is also set to take off, with nearly 50 car dealers having shown an interest, and three other police forces asking for details.

The scheme commits motor traders to supply and fit a "security package" to all vehicles sold, at the point of sale. The extent of the security features varies according to the retail price

of the car.

Elements range from manual steering or hand-brake locks to full alarm and immobilising systems.

Police hope the scheme will heighten drivers' awareness of vehicle related theft, and reduce opportunities for car crime.

Sold Secure is due to be launched next month.



**SERGEANT Ken Dodd with daughter Joanne and her eye-catching logo.**

**MAJOR** changes will take place in four police divisions this summer as a review of the force's command structure takes effect.

Colchester Division will become the North East Division, made up of just two sub-divisions, Tendring and Colchester.

This will come about by the amalgamation of Harwich and Clacton sub-divisions to form Tendring sub-division, largely falling in line with Tendring District Council's boundaries.

#### Boundaries

Grays will also shed a sub-division, Tilbury linking up with the existing Grays sub-division to form the Thurrock sub-division, again conforming with local authority boundaries. Brentwood sub-division will be unchanged.

Both of these changes will take place from July 1.

The other changes, outlined in previous editions of The Law, involve the loss of Billericay sub-division which will be included in an enlarged Benfleet sub-division.

And two sub-divisions will go in Chelmsford, with Braintree and Witham combining into the Braintree sub-division, and Maldon becoming part of Chelmsford sub-division.

The philosophy behind the changes is to firmly establish the sub-divisions as the unit of command. Sub-divisional commanders will be at the head of all operational policing on their patch.

Chief Supt. Michael Blackwell, head of Colchester Division, said, "There will be a large number of changes to beat areas. In the towns, we are trying to match up beat boundaries to council wards.

"This will make the process of consultation easier and more meaningful. As a result of the re-organisation, we also hope, in the course of time, to have additional Neighbourhood Beat Officers."

Mr Blackwell said that, in policing terms, the public would not notice any real differences and the changes were largely of an administrative nature.

The Chief Inspector at Harwich will remain,

because of the town's busy international port, and its isolation from Clacton and Colchester.

Whilst the Tendring sub-division will largely be aligned with the district council boundary, there will be anomalies, with Wivenhoe and Dedham included in the sub-division. These come under Colchester Borough Council.

When Tilbury becomes part of the new Thurrock sub-division, its Chief Inspector will transfer to Grays. The new sub-division will, however, fall in line with Thurrock Borough Council's boundaries.

#### Changes

It will become one of the county's largest sub-divisions in terms of police manpower.

Changes have already taken place in the former Thurrock Section, with the creation of a dedicated Lakeside Beat Team of two Sergeants and 10 Pcs responsible for the shopping complex and retail park.

Other parts of the old section, including the Purfleet estate, have become the responsibility of the South Ockendon and Grays sections.

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A SPECIAL SISTER FOR THE LAW

THE LAW spawned a baby sister this week — Special Edition — a specially produced newspaper to act as a programme for the Specials' Annual Muster Parade, and as a source of information for anyone wishing to join the Special Constabulary.

history of the Specials would be interested in the investigations of Fred Feather, curator of Essex Police Museum, who has been researching the early days of the Force.

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As soon as the Force Museum is ready to open, this will be publicised in The Law.

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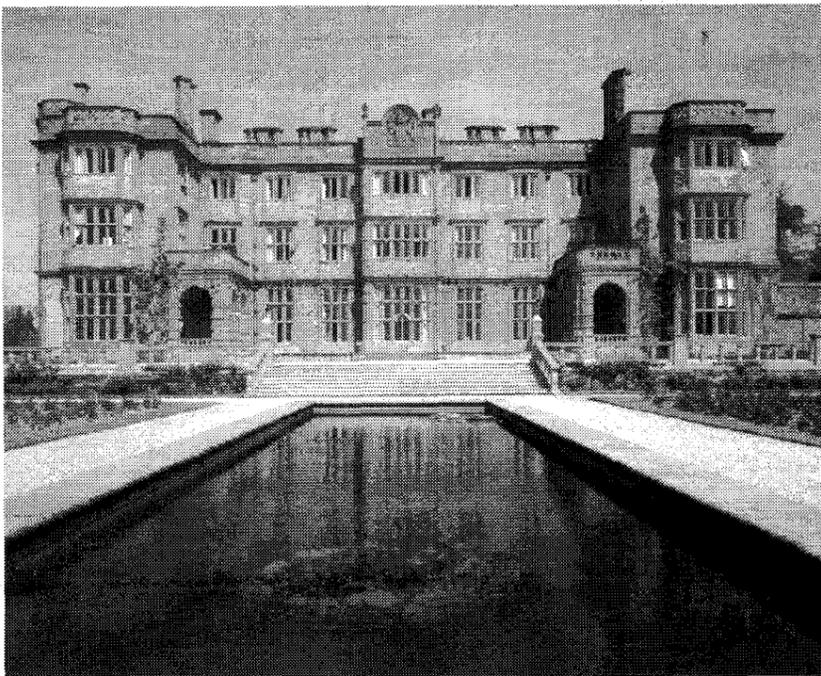
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EDITOR'S NOTE

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THE familiar frontage of Eynsham Hall.

TEN FACTS ABOUT THE NEW EYNSHAM!

- 1. The 1982 conversion of the Hall created three conference suites, each with its own adjoining syndicate rooms and 45 en suite bedrooms. 2. A completely new conference centre, Eynsham Court was opened in 1988 within the walled garden of the original hall and includes four conference suites, adjoining syndicate rooms and 36 single study bedrooms. 3. The new Lindsay building complex includes three conference suites and the lodge together with the Cottage annex offers 65 en suite study bedrooms. 4. Bed and Breakfast for a visiting delegate per day, including the use of conference facilities costs £62.50. 5. A full English breakfast is served from 8am to 8.45am. 6. Dinner is usually a table d'hote menu of four courses, but the chefs are always pleased to cater for special menus and dietary restrictions. 7. Sporting facilities include a squash court, two tennis courts and a Croquet lawn. Anyone remember these from the police days? 8. Clay pigeon shooting, quad biking and punting can be arranged locally. 9. Eynsham can be found 10 miles from Oxford. 10. The Red and Green rooms are silk-lined!

No more drills and Time at 'Morse'

Do you recognise this place? Supt Graham Dossett couldn't believe his eyes when he came across an advertisement in The Times for this conference centre set in deep 'Morse' country in rural Oxfordshire.

The exterior may be familiar to some of our older readers when it masqueraded as No.5 District Police Training Centre, but who remembers attractions like: "Study bedrooms with ensuite facilities?" "Leisure complex with indoor swimming pool and sauna?" "Exceptionally high quality cuisine?"

Some of the facilities no longer offered include: Compulsory six-mile cross country runs. Learning over 100 obscure definitions.

Drill parades and inspections.

It certainly seems they have changed somewhat since the days when many of Essex's probationers their first taste of Force there during a thirteen week course.

Either that or there is a gross breach of the Trade Description Act.

Seriously though, seems Eynsham Hall's role is only the latest in long history of change and development.

The old house, which was the first Eynsham Hall was built about 1780.

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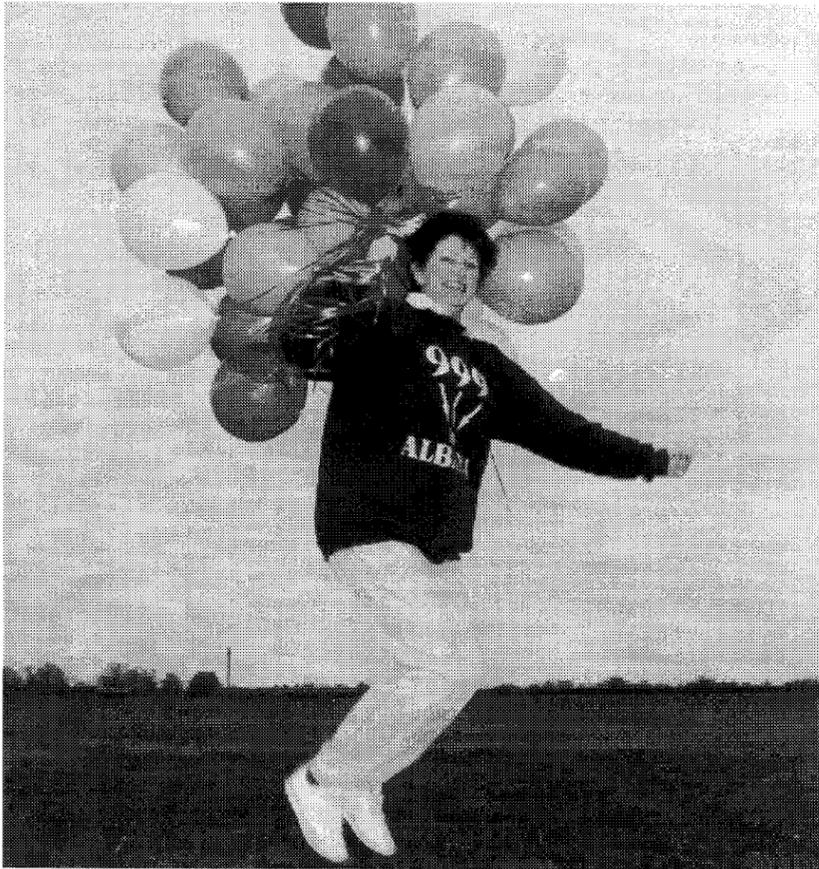


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### Sky - High Special



**THINGS are certainly on the up and up for Special Constable Pauline Sherwood, who has been reaching for the skies to help poverty-stricken Albanians.**

Pauline, of Rowhedge, near Colchester, joined a big-hearted band of off-duty police officers in organising practical help for the east Europeans after their plight was highlighted on TV.

But far from keeping her feet firmly on the ground, plucky Pauline decided to lift-off the '999 to Albania' appeal with a string of daring stunts.

Her first challenge was completed recently when she was winched 50ft off the ground into a Seaking helicopter by a search and rescue crew from RAF Marston, in Kent.

Her next task will be a trip in a hot air balloon followed by acrobatics with the Red Arrows, but not before she has had time to unpack — she only returned this week from helping to take a convoy

of supplies to Albania. The essential supplies have been delivered to the country's hospitals and villages and further sponsorship for the team will be used for purchasing more medical supplies.

Anyone who would like to sponsor Pauline can send a cheque made out to 999 To Albania, c/o Unit 2, Smeaton Close, Severalls Industrial Park, Colchester or phone the team on (0206) 844444.

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### TODAY'S HONOURS

**AT TODAY'S Muster Parade Chief Constable John Burrow will present long service awards to three of the county's dedicated Specials.**

Section Officer Elaine Petty who joined in May 1982 and serves at Canvey, Special Constable Angela Chatters (Halstead) and Special Constable Maurice Mansfield (also Halstead) are all to be awarded.

Mr Burrow will also present the Norman Dooley Trophy for conscientious work to Special Constable David Bruce, whose story features on this page.

The Salter Cup will also be presented today to Chelmsford and Grays Divisions whose Specials have clocked up the most duties over the past year.

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In Harlow, Specials are attached to shifts, a system David, a former nurse and soldier, wholly approves of, and it was during a patrol that he and a Pc noticed some pushing and shoving going on in a Harlow Street.

The concerned officers drove back for a second look at the group and were waved down by a woman pointing to a blood-stained man sprawled on the ground. Seeing the police, two men and two women

ran off from the scene.

While the 'regular' officer helped the injured man, Sc Bruce headed off after the four and when they split up and ran separate ways he stuck with the bigger of the two men, guessing that he was probably the one most likely to be responsible for the assault.

The chase lasted nearly three miles and he finally brought him down in a stream, where the man gave up after a struggle.

The determined Special's only problem then was how to find out where he was —

although he had kept in radio contact throughout the pursuit the messages had been somewhat garbled!

Eventually they were found by a dog handler. Chief Constable John Burrow commended Sc Bruce for: "courage and perseverance in pursuing a man over a considerable distance and arresting him following an unprovoked wounding."

It was not the first time Sc Bruce had found himself at the sharp end. Only a few weeks before he had crashed through a plate glass window after trying to carry out an arrest while he was off duty.

He has enjoyed his time in the Specials so much that he is hoping to join Essex Police as a Pc.



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**A Message from the Commandant — see Page 2**

## A very warm welcome from the Commandant

WELCOME to *Special Edition* - a new style of programme for the annual Muster Parade and, I hope, a useful source of information for anybody in the county thinking of joining the Specials.

Another year has passed which has seen the recruiting of Specials rocketing. Special Constabulary strength in the county increased to 642 in 1991 compared to 482 in 1990 and now stands at more than 700. Quite an achievement!

The year has also seen the completion of an important review of the Special Constabulary in Essex by Southend-based Chief Inspector Tony Davis.

Many Forces were



Tom Rodgers

contacted and members of both the Special Constabulary and the regulars were consulted during its research.

After passing through all the appropriate channels the report has now been accepted as policy. I always call it "The Way Forward" and I hope it will be seen and used as the Special's Bible.

If you haven't seen a

copy yet make sure you do and read it. There should be a copy in every subdivision.

I continue to receive many letters of appreciation from members of the public and from our colleagues in the regular Force, which endorses my thoughts that we are an efficient body appreciated by both the Essex public and the Essex Police.

I believe we are progressing in the right direction, but if you have any ideas to improve our efficiency and make the job more interesting please let your supervisor hear of your ideas.

Enjoy the day and enjoy reading *Special Edition*.

Tom Rodgers,  
Commandant.

## Essex's last Constabulary — a Special

# Zeppelins, medals and memorabilia

By Fred Feather —  
Curator of the Essex  
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Now Specials are the last "Constabulary" in Essex.

The Museum has been in existence only six months but has already acquired some "Special" memorabilia.

In 1990 a wall was broken down in Southend and behind it was a cardboard box.

Wrapped in paper inside it was a Southend-on-Sea Constabulary Special



Perhaps the most famous Special of them all - Admiral E. McHardy who became the County's first Chief Constable in 1840.

Sergeant's jacket (collar number 123) with black utility buttons, strips going golden, and four small red stripes above the right cuff.

It is one of the oldest uniforms we possess, dated between 1930-1945.

I have been able to assist in dismantling Southminster Magistrates Court and allowed to retain 3 large

pictures, illustrating the Specials who served there in the Great War.

Three more were found at Brentwood.

I understand there are two in Grays Police Station and I have been promised a further two by the Curator of the City of London Police Museum, Roger Appleby. He is a former Essex Special

now transferred to the City.

His collection of Special medals and badges is extensive, but he had not seen the Special Senior Officer's badge, loaned to us by Constable Ivor Dallinger of South Woodham Ferrers, another former Special.

We have brassards from Colchester Police (loaned by the Colchester Museum) and bands, some vertical and some with horizontal stripes, badges and merit stars.

We are hoping for the presentation watch which was awarded Special Constable Edgar Nicholas of Peldon for his sterling work in the capture of a Zeppelin crew in September 1916.

There are group photographs, sometimes centred around a parson with armband and badges.

We have also, of course, McHardy's 1839 warrant.

The difficult part is to display everything we have to its best advantage, but it is a pleasant task. We hope, in due course, you will be able to come and see for yourselves. Our opening will be advertised in Force newspapers — *The Law*.

## STRENGTH IN NUMBERS AT COLCHESTER

COLCHESTER Division has been coping with success in a way that was never envisaged when plans were laid.

The success lies in the large numbers of recruits that have joined the Special Constabulary over the last 12 to 18 months.

In Colchester Town there are 94 regular constables and 109

beat where he lives unless there is a good reason not to. Who will know better the problems of the beat than the man or woman who lives there and who owns the problem? This could be an exciting innovation.

One should not forget our members who are forced to work in our coastal towns. In the summer they have to walk the promenades and beaches to ensure law and order is upheld. They have our sympathy!

Having incurred their wrath, the imbalance should be addressed.

On a winter's night when others are sheltered in warm houses, these towns can be inhospitable places and their location means that help is not always readily to hand, especially in places like Walton and Harwich.

It is fair to say that they deserve those summer days promenading and, upholding law and order, of course.

An illustration of the dedication of our Special Constabulary in Colchester lies with the efforts of Sc. Claire Guarnieri.

Last year she was patrolling with a regular officer when they called at a house to interview one of two brothers who were inside.

The brothers were well known to be anti-Police and violent.

True to form, when the officer spoke to the brother he was given verbal abuse and then the brother became violent.

As he was being arrested, the other brother violently tried to release him. Sc Guarnieri did no more than jump in and restrain

the second brother. So vicious did they become that other officers had to attend to help them.

Not once, in very difficult circumstances, did Sc Guarnieri shrink from her duty.

For her efforts she deservedly got a commendation from the Chief Constable.

One wonders if the community appreciates what is done on their behalf.

"My heart is really into the Specials — I'm bubbling

# A day in the life of J

Janet applied to Essex Police three years ago but pulled out of the final interview because of personal reasons. But she has always been interested in police work and keeping her career options open. Janet was sworn in as a Special in October. She lives in Laindon and swims four nights a week.

"A while ago, I had my handbag stolen and the way I was treated at Laindon police station was absolutely fantastic. They put me completely at ease and were always willing and able to help me. I thought that if only I could do for someone else what they did for me it would be very worthwhile.

### Magazine

I didn't know a great deal about the Specials but three months later I saw a recruiting ad in a magazine and sent off for some info. It told me everything I needed to know and convinced me this is what I want to do. I expect there will be unpleasant aspects, but you'll get on and do them just like any job. But I believe I'll get a lot of job satisfaction out of it because I really like working with the public.

### Janet's second interview...

EIGHTY HOURS of duties in her first three months show that

BY DAY, 23-year-old Janet Ellis is a secretary with a publishing company, but when work is over she swaps her typewriter for a Police uniform and hits the beat as an Essex Special.

Her progress in the Special Constabulary is being closely watched by *Special Beat* — a sister publication to *Police Review* — which is aimed specifically at Specials all over the country.

Throughout her career, the magazine hopes to keep in regular contact with Janet and report on her achievements, concerns and experiences. *Special Edition* thanks *Special Beat* for allowing us to reprint their first two interviews with her.

Janet Ellis has taken to the Special Constabulary like a duck to water.

"It takes up every spare minute I've got," she said. But most of Janet's duties have been completed before her induction course. That means she has been able to observe, but cannot make an

arrest or write out fixed penalty

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"I was very nervous and j easier now, though. It's just a conversation.

Janet thinks her training is defence.

"We only had about an hour long enough.

I'd like to know I can protect officer's back as well."



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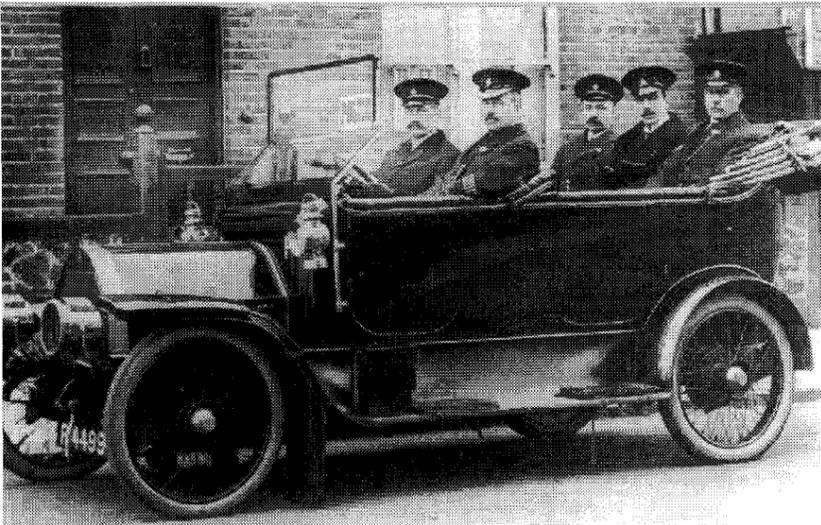
Specials. What to do when more specials parade for duty than regulars?!

This happens often, but it is a problem that is welcomed. The Specials' enthusiasm and dedication has frequently helped us out of difficult situations, especially when public demand has tended to outstrip our ability to supply.

Some Special Constables will shortly find themselves attached to a Neighbourhood Beat Officer in a new approach brought about by the extra numbers.

The constable will work on the

## place in the Force's history



Specials in Southend head off on patrol. The green Humber belonged to a Mr Alfred King, who is thought to have been a Special. It is believed the picture was taken in 1914.

# Shifting ideas bring results

**CHELMSFORD** Division covers nearly one third of the total area of the Essex Police District.

It shows great variance, from very rural to urban and from coastal marshland to ancient and historic centres of population.

The area therefore covers a very varied cross-section of the community.

Chelmsford Division currently has a strength of 162 Special Officers, of whom 40 are women.

They are spread right across the area, stationed at the main

section and Sub-Divisional stations, namely Chelmsford, Maldon, Burnham, Witham, Braintree, and Halstead.

Within the ranks are various supervisors, including one Divisional Officer, seven Sub-Divisional Officers and twenty Section Officers.

They work with their regular colleagues, dealing with all aspects of policing.

The members of the Chelmsford Special Constabulary come from all walks of life, providing a useful blend of age, social background and professions, enabling them to provide a good comprehensive support to their regular colleagues.

Training is provided in a structured way at both Headquarters and Chelmsford.

The excellent recruitment rate and high standards achieved in recent years are measured by the numerous successful applications to the regular force.

A recent innovation at Chelmsford Police Station has been the allocation of Special Officers to shifts, where they are



**A Friendly Face:** Two youngsters are pointed in the right direction by a Chelmsford Special.

encouraged to work as members of the team.

This leads to enhanced status and a sense of belonging. It is hoped the success of this venture means the idea will spread throughout the Division.

The Chelmsford Divisional

Special Constabulary is also supporting Neighbourhood Beat Officers in traditional policing methods and assisting to build up and serve neighbourhood Watch Groups in many areas.

This helps them to build on their social awareness and form excellent relationships with the local community.

## EXTRA

SPECIALS in Essex can earn top honours as the career of Gordon Austin, former Special Sub-Divisional Officer from Saffron Walden shows.

Gordon, who joined the Essex Specials in 1958 and retired in July 1990 was awarded the British Empire Medal in his last year as a Special for his long and dedicated public service.

And as well as his work in the Special Constabulary, Gordon, General Manager of a caravan company, also found time to chair Takeley Parish Council, Dunmow Road Safety Committee, and the Youth Club Advisory Committee.

## SPECIAL



**Help at Hand:** Chelmsford Specials help visitors to the town with directions.

## From lectures to bomb duty — Grays Specials see it all

# Never a dull day at Grays

**BY** virtue of its geographical location, Grays Division covers a highly varied cross-section of the community.

This in turn provides the opportunities for officers to experience a wide variety of situations and responsibilities — these range from supervising seasonal events to public Order.

The Division currently enjoys a strength of 60 Specials, a third of which are women. The contingent is spread fairly evenly between the various police stations, namely Grays, Brentwood,

Corringham, South Ockendon and Tilbury.

A useful blend of age, social background and professions ensure that the Division provides comprehensive support to their regular colleagues. Ongoing training is provided at Brentwood, sometimes involving guest speakers. All recruits serve their probation in the company of regular Tutor Constables. The excellent recruitment rate and high standards achieved are measured by numerous successful applications to the regular Force and indeed by the presentation of the Salter Cup for duties performed.

### Community

In line with the policy for 1992: "The Way Forward", the Grays Special Constabulary is supporting the Neighbourhood Beat Teams with traditional

policing, helping to enhance social awareness and form excellent relationships with the local communities. This service is, of course, the very essence of the Special Constabulary.

An example of the adaptability and enthusiasm of Grays Division Specials was demonstrated recently, after they had just finished lectures, held every other Tuesday evening.

### Drink

There had been nothing to suggest this Tuesday would be different to any other, so studies completed for one day the group headed into the bar for a well-deserved drink.

But they had barely downed one mouthful when a voice rang out: "Specials - you are required on urgent duty, please go to the next room."

It didn't take too long for Divisional Officer Butcher to convince the startled Specials something serious was up and soon all thoughts of relaxation

were put aside.

A suspicious package had been found in the front office of Brentwood Police Station. Not only were the Specials needed for a possible evacuation of houses in the area but their cars - all parked close to the station - could not be moved.

It also meant the Specials had the task of evacuating the area without their coats and hats - which were in the cars. It was a freezing cold night so beg, borrowing or acquiring anything warm was the first task!

Several officers had to be at the receiving station, which just happened to be the local pub (how they suffered)!

### Package

But with all seriousness, the Specials did an excellent job evacuating the area so the bomb disposal unit could deal with the package. It turned out in the end to be a computer - now available from Brentwood in lego form!

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# Special surveillance for arson attacks

## Focus on Basildon Division

Their progress is monitored by Special Constabulary supervisors who provide further admin support and training.

They are extremely enthusiastic, for during the past nine months they have performed over 3,850 duties amounting to a total of nearly 20,000 hours. Excluding the newly appointed officers, this averages out at five duties a fortnight per officer - well above the minimum requirement.

The majority are fairly young in service, 63% having less than two years service.

There is, however, considerable experience within the local Special Constabulary for 25% have up to ten years service and the remainder, up to 20 years experience.

In November 1991 the Specials were approached by a Shift Inspector for help with a specific problem. A number of arson attacks had occurred in the area over a period of time.

Severe damage to both residential and commercial premises had

been caused but fortunately there had been no loss of life.

After visiting the area concerned, two Special Constabulary supervisors drew up a plan of action and full-scale operations commenced.

The initial intention was for a high profile policing operation in order to gain information and to allay the fears of the residents in that area.

Each night static points were manned by uniformed special constables and vehicular and pedestrian checks carried out.

At approximately 1am every morning the uniformed presence was withdrawn and plain clothes observations continued.

At no time during this operation were there less than six Special Constables on duty, despite bitterly cold weather and having to work their normal hours in civilian occupations next day.

All information was collated and passed on to regular colleagues. Four people were arrested for various crimes; thirteen others were reported for other offences.

The operation contributed in no small way to the successful conclusion of the original problem.

**SPECIAL EDITION... SPECIAL EDITION... SPECIAL EDITION...**



**RECORD-BUSTERS:** Chelmsford Specials celebrate their cycle-coding success. Picture courtesy of the Essex Chronicle.

# Specials make their mark!

Chelmsford Specials made sure they went down in the history books after beating the world in a cycle coding session — their efforts are recorded in the Guinness Book of Records!

They stamped their way into Crime Prevention Week last year during an incredible four-hour stint in which they postcoded a staggering 500 bicycles.

by Jenny Bullus

Their efforts smashed the previous record, held by Northumbria Police of 267 bikes. A team from the Mets came in second place with 438 bikes coded.

The ten-strong team got off to a strong start, although as the statutory four hours came to an end, unsuspecting cyclists were

being grabbed off the streets!

The team, headed by Divisional Officer Brian Moye, was Sophie Rea, John Mimms, Dawn Savory (all Chelmsford); Jenny Nicholson, Geoffrey Claridge (both Maldon); Special Constables Potter and Hovell (Witham) and Brown (Braintree), and section officers Bill Chalk and Peter Hyam.

# Plucky Lynn wins award

by Divisional Officer J. Salmon

**HARLOW** Division covers around 600 miles and like most others in the county, is varied in its make-up, which has a knock-on effect on its workload.

From the leafy glades of Epping Forest in the south to the rolling hills of Cambridgeshire in the north it is punctuated in the centre by the large urban sprawl of Harlow.

Within the division are also the towns of Epping and Saffron Walden, but it is Harlow which faces inner city-type problems such as unemployment and minor crime.

But away from the new town the majority of the division is rural and police cover is provided by Neighbourhood Beat Officers, or what the public like to call old-time village bobbies.

## COURAGEOUS

It is here that the Specials come into their own, working alongside the NBOs, but as David Bruce's commendation story shows on the front page, Specials also work on shifts, in the thick of the action.

At present our strength consists of: 61 Special Constables, three Section Officers, one acting Sub-Divisional Officer, two Sub-Divisional Officers and one Divisional Officer.

The work of Section Officer, Lynn Anodin, clearly shows how courageous and hard-working our Special are.

She was awarded with the Cottis Cup for the exceptional courage she showed during several potentially dangerous incidents during February and March last year.

Cool-headed Lynn, a woman section officer based at Epping, kept her calm after a fight broke out at licensed premises in Thornwood. By making an arrest she calmed down the situation.

On another occasion at a public house Lynn restrained three violent individuals until assistance arrived.



Lynn receives her award from ACC(O) Geoff Markham. Picture courtesy of West Essex Gazette.

Another example of outstanding work which earned her the Cup followed the theft of an ambulance. Lynn arrested the driver while another officer arrested his accomplice who was armed with a knife.

And during one incident she attended, the plucky Special was assaulted — all those arrested have faced charges for serious public order offences.

Lynn was awarded with the cup by Assistance Chief Constable Geoff Markham at a ceremony held on January 23.

Also there to see the presentation were Chief Supt Mick Brewer, Chief Inspector Dennis Hicks and Sub-Divisional officer, Cliff Spencer.

# High flyers by the sea

Specials in the Southend Division enjoy a first class working and social relationship with their regular colleagues.

Southend Division is one of the busiest Divisions within the Essex Police District and it is essential such a relationship exists if the role of the Police, regular or special, is going to provide the best possible service to the community.

In addition to the normal Police workload, associated with any town, Southend has always attracted large numbers of people to the seaside and the pier.

There are also a large number of night clubs and discos, professional football, and the well established Air Show. All ensure the Police are never short of work.

## Civilian

The role of the Special Constabulary is twofold i.e. to assist their regular colleagues in a variety of Police duties together with assisting specialist departments, and to act as a link between the regular Police Service and the community.

It is the latter which specials is playing an increasing role in, and one which they are well suited to undertake because of their roles in civil-

## Spotlight on Southend

ian life and links within the community.

Many of the officers joining the Special Constabulary do so to find out if a career in the regular Police is what they want.

Southend Division provides all the ingredients for gaining a thorough insight into the numerous aspects of Police work.

## Europe

With the ever increasing demands being placed upon the Police the Special Constabulary plays an important part in assisting to provide the community which it serves with a high standard of policing.

The Air Show at Southend, held every May over two days is the biggest event requiring a Police presence within the Essex Police district.

It is also one of the largest air shows in Europe and attracts many many thousands of people.

Both days are extremely busy for the Police with thousands of people descending upon the town to enjoy the free spectacular.

## Humour

The Special Constabulary is actively involved in this event through all its stages of planning.

Requests for support from Special Constables in all the other Divisions are made, and as a result, all Special Constables are allocated specific duties.

The duties tend to be long and on occasions onerous, especially officers who are allocated to dozens of traffic control points.

To them falls the task of placating numerous irate motorists who, despite much publicity, cannot

understand why they cannot drive to where they want to.

This is where training and a sense of humour are essential.

## Tired

As a result of excellent planning, and the effective deployment of both regular and specials, a carnival atmosphere usually prevails throughout the two day event.

By the finish of the event on the Monday evening, many Special Constables go home feeling very tired and wondering why they joined the Special Constabulary! However, the price in participating in a Police duty successfully carried out, together with assisting their Regular colleagues at a time when they are very busy, is surely the primary role of the members of the Special Constabulary.

## FIRST AID ON THE WARD

**BRAINY** Specials from Harlow have been presented with the Ward Cup after taking first place in a First Aid and Law test.

The competition open to Specials in the division, involved a practical First Aid test followed by questions on law, procedure and First Aid.

The Ward Cup was presented to the Special Constabulary by Special Supt Ward some years ago.

The Cup is now to be competed for annually by teams from Harlow, Epping, Ongar, Dunmow and Saffron Walden.

The trophy was presented to the winning team — Specials Brian Dahle, Chris Gould and Dave Bruce — by Supt Greg Moss.

## Could you be a Special?

If you have a few hours to spare each week and would like to help your local community, then we would like to hear from you.

In the ranks of Specials you will find everyone from housewives to opticians, from teachers to taxi drivers. To be a Special you don't need a special kind of job.

If you are interested then contact Gill Songer at the Force Training School, Chelmsford on:

**(0245) 452746**

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## Essex Special Constabulary ANNUAL MUSTER PARADE

Sunday 10 May 1992

held at

Force Training School, Headquarters, Chelmsford

### Programme

- 11am Guests seated
- Parade Fall In
- 11.15am Inspecting Officer Arrives (General Salute)
- Inspection by Division
- Presentation of Long Service Awards
- Presentation of Norman Dooley Trophy
- Presentation of Salter Cup
- Address by The Commandant
- Address by The Chief Constable
- National Anthem
- 12..15pm Lunch

Inspecting Officer: The Chief Constable, Mr John Burrow.

Commandant Mr Tom W. Rodgers.

Parade Marshall Sc Eric Todd.

The Essex Police Band will play during the parade.

**Free Holiday Offer - see Page 11**  
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**ELECTION SECURITY TIGHTEST EVER**

**Job Swap at the 'Big House'**

**Special Commendation**

**Work, Special Constable David to the thick of the action — him a commendation from**

Bruce, 24, headed off after the four and when they split up and ran separate ways he stuck with the bigger of the two men, guessing that he was probably the one most likely to be responsible for the assault. The chase lasted nearly three miles through housing estates and across fields and he finally brought him down in a stream, where the man gave up after a struggle. The determined Special's only problem then was how to find out where he was — although he had kept in radio contact throughout the pursuit

**PARADE HONOURS**

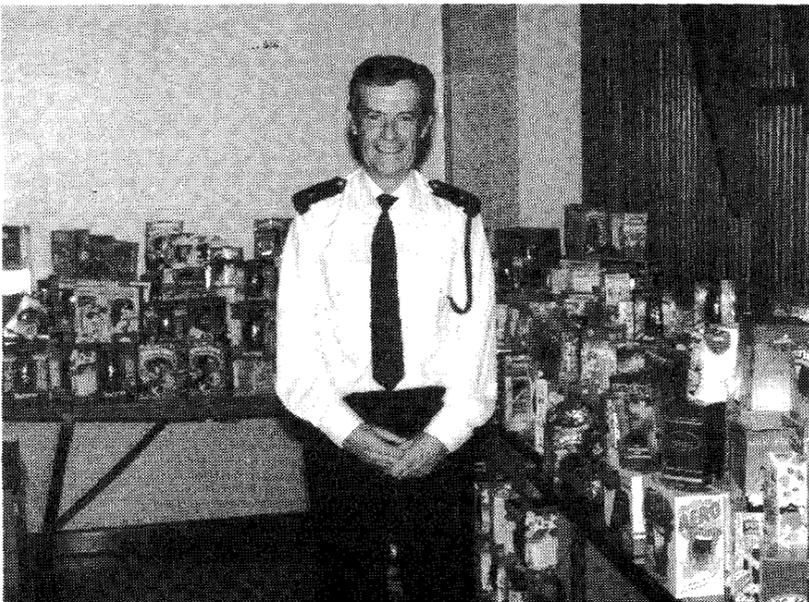
AT SUNDAY'S Muster Parade Chief Constable John Burrow presented long service awards to three of the county's dedicated Specials.

Section Officer Elaine Petty who joined in May 1982 and serves at Canvey. Special Constable Angela Chatters (Halstead) and Special Constable Maurice Mansfield (also Halstead) were all awarded.

Mr Burrow also presented the Norman Dooley Trophy for conscientious work to Special Constable David Bruce, whose story features on this page.

The Salter Cup was presented to Chelmsford and Grays Divisions whose Specials have clocked up the most duties over the past year.

**Eggs-tra special Easter concert**



**BANDMASTER Bob Coxon with some of the hundreds of Easter eggs donated at last month's concert at the Marconi Club.**

**A CHOCOLATE feast of hundreds of Easter Eggs poured in for less fortunate children at the Essex Police Band's Easter Concert.**

For the first time, the band held a special "Easter Egg Concert" with admission by donation of a chocolate egg. The Eggstra-ordinary

event took place at the Marconi Club in Chelmsford on Friday April 10. Some four hundred members of the

appreciative audience brought their Easter offerings, to be distributed to children's homes throughout Essex and to the Dr Barnardo's charity. Delighted band members scurried around the county delivering the eggs to scores of excited children.

**Ceremony rewards long service**

**TILBURY School Crossing Patrol Mrs. Lillian Madle was among three civilian staff receiving long service certificates at a presentation by the Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis, last month.**

Twenty-one police officers also received their Long Service and Good Conduct medals, which recognise completion of 22 years' service.

The following officers received medals at the ceremony at police headquarters:

- BASILDON DIVISION**  
Dc David Brooks (Basildon)
- CHELMSFORD DIVISION**  
Dc Christopher Brown (Chelmsford); Ps Paul Probyn (Sandon Dog Section); Ps Ronald Ricks (Witham).
- COLCHESTER DIVISION**  
Pc John Bolingbroke (Colchester); Pc Ian Crossley (Colchester); Ps Frank Ruggles BEM (Stanway Traffic); Ps Alan Rushbridge (Thorpe-le-Soken); Ps John Serjeant (Harwich); Pc Christopher Woodward (Stanway Traffic).
- GRAYS DIVISION**  
Ps Anthony Kirvell (Purfleet); Dc Laurence Rampling (Grays).
- HARLOW DIVISION**  
Ps Frederick Britnell (Saffron Walden); Ps Anthony Ellis (Ongar); Insp Michael Gurden (Epping).
- SOUTHEND DIVISION**  
Chief Supt Michael Benning (Southend).
- HEADQUARTERS**  
Dc Roger Coleman (CID); Supt Ian Cotgrove (Complaints & Discipline); Supt Graham Dosssett (Training School); Ch Insp Brian Storey (Complaints & Discipline); Ps Andrew Wilson (Complaints & Discipline).

**CIVILIAN LONG SERVICE CERTIFICATES**

Mr Anthony Campen (HQ Workshops); Mr John Edwards (HQ Workshops); Mrs Lillian Madle (School Crossing Patrol, Tilbury).



**Lillian Madle**



**Anthony Campen**



**John Edwards**

**cross-country for Eynsham Hall!**

**marches on se' mansion**

**by Roger Grimwade**

Early in the last century the place was owned by one Bazley, who is only remembered for his hatred of holly trees. He had them all cut down and burnt, but the present owner's mother made up for it by planting hundreds of



**THE indoor pool and, beyond, some of the new accommodation.**

hollies all over the oak woodlands.

The Hall was then bought by the Earl of Macclesfield at about the middle of the last century to serve as a dowry-house for Shirburn Castle.

The present owner's great grandfather, James Mason bought it in 1867, who extended the grounds so that

when he died in 1903 he owned 10,000 acres and farmed it all himself.

The mansion was rebuilt by the present owner's grandfather upon the request of his wife in 1903, the original Georgian style house was replaced with the present day Jacobean style.

Eynsham Hall continued to be the family home until just before the war when it was taken over by the Ministry of Defence and later leased to the Home Office in 1946 for use as a police training college.

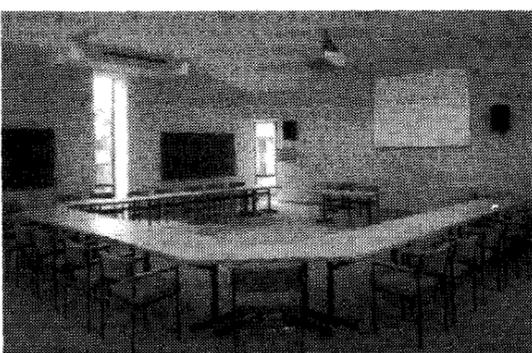
During 1982, the Hall was converted into a specialist conference centre and was also extended — Eynsham Court along with the leisure complex was completed in August 1988 with Eynsham Lodge and the Lindsay Building being completed in September 1991.

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**Springfield CM2 6DA**  
**Tel: 0245 452180**

## Howard's way with FIR

TOMORROW'S WORLD presenter Howard Stableford has been lined up to help Essex Police promote the new Force Information Room (FIR).

The TV star will present a 15 to 20 minute video produced by the Essex Police TV Unit, explaining how the force's up-to-the-minute communications strategy will be implemented once the purpose-built single control room is constructed.

The video is due to be released by the end of June.

A 16-page colour brochure was issued this month to some 360 control staff around the county, including Station Office Assistants and Pcs who do regular control duties.

Entitled "Your future with FIR", it sets out the issues raised by the project.

Building work on the new Information Room is due to start by early July behind the Headquarters garage.

Copies of the FIR brochure have been distributed to every station down to section level, but officers or civilians requiring their own copy should contact the project team by ringing HQ extension 2794 or 2137.

Application forms have been distributed with the brochure for staff to indicate if they would like to work in the new Force Information Room.

## European Conference

ACC Geoff Markham and CID boss, Det Chf Supt Ralph Barrington travel to Holland this month for the annual Cross Channel Criminal Intelligence Conference.

They will meet up in Rotterdam with Dutch Belgian and French police, plus representatives of the Kent, Suffolk and Sussex forces, whose areas also include channel ports.

During the four-day conference, Essex will present a paper on Emergency Planning, drawing on experience gained from last October's Marinex exercise, held at Harwich.

It will discuss "Component Testing". Mr Markham explained, "Instead of advocating a large scale exercise and spending an awful lot of money, we took particular items of our emergency plan to see if they would work in the eventuality of a disaster."

## Cornwall holidays

THERE are still a few dates left to book a holiday at the Force Benevolent Fund Villas at Carworgie Manor in Newquay, Cornwall.

Dates left are: June 13 - 20 - £140; July 4 - 11 - £200; July 11 - 18 - £200; July 25 - August 1 - £270.

For more details contact Wendie Rawlings in the Welfare Dept on Ext 2790.

# Rewarding suggestions from computers to cycle lights Force pays out £1,300 for

## SPLASHING OUT! best ideas



**BIG-HEARTED** Essex bobbies are planning a splashing time for charity when they set out to canoe nearly 200 miles down the River Thames.

Their 10-day charity paddle-athon gets underway on May 22, with the aim of raising £15,000 for two worthy causes.

Sponsors will be helping eight handicapped youngsters to take part in the Special Olympics at Reading in July, and helping the Cot Death Foundation to provide vital equipment.

Members of the eleven-strong team of novice canoeists and back-up crew were pictured at Olympus Outdoor World at Lakeside as they finalised their equipment for the epic journey from Lechlade to Fobbing Creek.

Olympus is one of their major sponsors, but the team still need more. If you can help, contact Pc Gary Dean at Grays on 0375 391212.

**FOURTEEN** officers and civilians have received awards for their time and money saving ideas put forward under the Force Suggestion Scheme.

These range from the creation of databases to help investigations into HGV and coach companies, and analysis of patterns of car theft, to practical alterations leading to more efficient paperwork.

The Awards panel accepted 30 items for consideration, with a further 22 items still being progressed. A total of 42 items were rejected during the year.

The following awards were made:

**Pc Ray Carpenter, Personnel (Firearms) £200.**

Pc Carpenter recommended a device which provides a constant light source for pedal cycles when the dynamo is not being operated, improving safety and saving an estimated £3,456 a year on batteries if there is a 100 per cent take up.

**Pc James Connolly, Laindon Traffic £200.**

Pc Connolly recommended fitting high intensity brake lights on all police vehicles, providing greater safety and setting a good example to the public. Research has shown a 30 per cent decrease in back end collisions as a result of these lights.

This has now been included in the specification for all new police vehicles purchased.

**Pc Norman Lipton, Laindon Traffic £200.**

Pc Lipton proposed to create a data management system to assist major investigations into HGV and coach companies. The idea won a PRSU award.

Field trials have taken place at Laindon, and the developed system will be trialled by a number of forces this year.

**Sgt. Bob Bell, Braintree, £200.**

Sgt. Bell proposed the force's Truckwatch scheme be enhanced by the circulation of stolen commercial vehicles over the CB radio network.

As training officer with his local REACT CB group he liaised to set this up.

**A/Sub Divisional Officer Lee Heaton, Harlow, £50.**

Proposed a forcewide guide for the Special Constabulary with information about radio equipment, call sign procedure, PNC Checks, reporting for duty etc.

**Pc Neil Everard, Newport Traffic, £50.**

Proposed amendment to an IRIS format removing the need to send a follow-up message.

**Pc Steve Farmer, HQ Information Room, £50.**

Proposed a change to the current system of allocating codewords.

**Miss Susan Hamerton, Property Officer, Colchester, £50.**

Suggested unclaimed clothing in good condition be offered to charity shops.

**Supt. Bernie Beesley, Braintree, £50.**

Worked with a local publisher to produce street maps carrying crime prevention information for distribution to the public, at no cost to the force. The initiative has been circulated for the information of all forces.

**Mr. Mick Lawrence, HQ Information Room, £50.**

Developed a stolen vehicle database to allow immediate analysis of trends in stolen and recovered vehicles.

**Inspector Roy Giddings, Maldon, £50.**

Suggested a better design for the Doctors Book.

**Sgt. Kate Sale, Basildon, £50.**

Proposed a smaller size for the Vehicle Mileage and Equipment book to fit inside the glove box.

**Pc Paul Henderson, Brentwood Traffic, £50.**

Proposed amendment to form A150, reducing the need for follow up inquiries.

**Mrs. Anne Ellis, Grays CID Admin, £50.**

Suggested including Arson offence details or Divisional Crime Micros dispensing with the need for manual registers.

## No Mucking about on the wildlife beat



**SGT Michael Johnson** demonstrates his wildlife liaison work to two members of the Essex Wildlife Trust.

**CONSERVATIONISTS** in Thurrock are going wild about the force's positive stance on wildlife matters.

After organising a display at Thurrock Borough Council conservation exhibition last month, Tilbury Wildlife Liaison Officer Sgt. Michael Johnson said: "From the various comments made to me, people are delighted to see the force becoming positively active in wildlife matters."

He was asked, and

answered, numerous questions on wildlife matters, receiving a positive response from other conservation groups and the general public, and making useful contacts.

The day-long exhibition was held at Cory's site, Mucking, on April 11, coinciding with the last day of the National Spring Clean-Up Campaign.

## Maldon reunion

**CALLING** all officer and civilians, past and present, from Maldon sub-division.

A grand re-union has been arranged at Latchingdon Villag Hall, at 8pm on Saturday June 20. There will be disco, and food supplied.

Tickets are £5 per person. Contact Pc. Le Bickford on 0621 85225 ext. 3740 to book your place.



## Force is top for First Aid

**ESSEX Police First-Aiders beat seven other teams to win the County Shield, competed for annually between Essex Police and St John Ambulance.**

Pc Justin Saunders and Pcs Stephen Smith both from Harlow formed the Force's team which took part in the St John Ambulance County Championships held in Chelmsford on April 11.

They competed against teams of St John Ambulance Brigade members from all over Essex.

During the competition team members had to deal with simulated sporting injuries and incidents including an asthma attack, a fall from a vaulting horse and a skull fracture.

There was also a pairs test checking out their skills in dealing with two people injured in a rugby game — injuries here include a fractured shin bone and serious bleeding.

## War story

WERE you in the force during World War II? Do you remember officers from Nottinghamshire being seconded to Grays and Tilbury?

Who were they? What did they do? How long were they there?

Inspector Maureen Scollan, Press Office HQ, would be glad to hear from anyone who can answer these questions, or who has any stories to tell from the War.

## Chorus Lines

"SONGS from the Shows" in the Assembly Hall at Police HQ on April 24 was a great success, with extra seats being placed in the aisles for latecomers.

A varied programme by the choir and guest soloists left ample opportunity for the audience to join in some singalong numbers.

The second half of the show was filled with a lively performance of "Captain Noah and his Amazing Floating Zoo", with some rapid changes of head gear by soloist Martin Woodland to depict the major characters.

Special thanks go to Ruth Le Poidevin from Tiptree Choral Society for providing the piano accompaniment, in the absence of Jo Dudley.

Our next performance is a concert in aid of Citizens Advice Bureau at 7.30pm on Thursday, May 14 at Witham Public Hall.

Tickets at £3 (concessions £2) are available from Witham CAB, Witham Town Council, or Roger Arnsby on County Hall extension 20367. There will be a licensed bar, to oil the vocal chords.

Roger Grimwade

"We need your support to fight crime" says Crime Prevention boss

# Trying hard to get it together

## Police 'pool' their resources



THE RUC divers prepare to go underground. Pcs Beggs heads down the shaft watched by instructor Sgt Leech. Pictures courtesy of Les Brand.

## Going down the drain

**DIVERS from five police forces went underground last week to search a tunnel system beneath the River Crouch.**

Representatives from the Royal Ulster Constabulary joined forces with divers from the Number 5 region for a major training exercise hosted by Essex Police. Some 50 police divers

worked together as they practised their searching techniques in confined spaces.

Sgt Nigel Dermott said, "There was a lot to be learnt. We weren't aware of how lit-

tle training the blokes had had for working in confined spaces. We identified a training need, and areas where equipment is required."

Helped by officers from the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, the divers' two-day exercise included high level searching for explosive devices.

The RUC divers' assistance proved invaluable. The mutual aid exercise involving Essex, Sussex, Thames Valley, and the Metropolitan Police diving sections takes place annually, and is organised by Essex once every five years. Kent Police were unable to participate on this occasion.

After a classroom-based first day, the divers moved to South Woodham Ferrers to search the Essex Water Company owned tunnel system which runs under the river.

Sgt Dermott said "The RUC would normally get involved in their own regional exercise, but we felt they are under a lot of pressure in Northern Ireland and it would be fun for them to join in a regional dive on the mainland."



THE DIVERS at work at South Woodham Ferrers.

## Large increases in PMS payments

Members of the scheme will be aware of the increases that have been implemented by P.P.P. at the time of the contract renewal on 1st May this year. In common with all insurers in the private health field P.P.P. have had to face substantial increases in their costs from hospitals, surgeons, consultants etc. Even though members may accept the reasons for the increases, they may well consider the levels too much to accept. Those that do decide to withdraw from Family Health Plan may wish to consider the cheaper Private Hospital Plan. (P.H.P.) provides for private hospital admission if a subscriber is unable to obtain an N.H.S. admission within 6 weeks. Because it is a cheaper scheme there are obviously lower levels of benefit. Should you need an acceptable level of cover at a substantially reduced cost, check out this option. Further details from Group Secretary, Essex Police Private Medical Scheme at Headquarters.

by Chief Inspector Bob Hayes

**RESPONSIBILITY for the 'Crime-Wave' is not that of the Police alone, all members of society have an equal part to play in the prevention and reduction of crime.**

'Ownership' of the problem belongs within all sections of the community, and effective pro-active crime reduction requires a multi-agency or partnership approach.

The Crime Prevention philosophy of Essex Police is "Local People Seeking Local Remedies to Local Problems" and the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has a major part to play in this, together with your Sub-Divisional Crime Panels.

### Dynamic

Now I would be the first to admit the Police Service has failed in many respects to service Neighbourhood Watch effectively, despite valiant efforts.

The main problem apart from the lack of Police resources has been that of effective, dynamic communication about the daily events affecting peoples lives.

Good communication is of paramount importance to Neighbourhood Watch but it needs to be 'two way' communication.

Simply agreeing to display a Neighbourhood Watch sticker in your window and postal code marking your property, does not fulfil a volunteer's obligations.

Similarly an infrequent outdated 'Newsletter' from the local Police only serves to aggravate the problem.

So what is the solution . . .

Answers on a postcard please to . . . . .

Seriously though, we at HQ Crime Prevention together with Sub Divisional Commanders, NBO's & CPOs are trying to improve the 'Quality of Service' to you . . . members of our community, our customers.

We cannot do it alone, however. We need to work together to weave the fabric of a society that desires community safety and will not tolerate anti-social behaviour.

### Redress

Let me outline some of the measures which have been undertaken to try to redress the balance.

A more effective county-wide structure of Neighbourhood Watch is being developed. This standardised framework will be focused upon Sub Divisional Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators, Area Co-ordinators and Beat Co-ordinators with a nominated Headquarters Crime Prevention Department Officer playing the pivotal co-ordinating role.

On Saturday 29 August 1992, a Sub Divisional Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators Workshop will be held at the Force Training School to identify best practice and the 'Way Forward'.

The development of Sub Divisional Crime Panels throughout the county continues . . . there are 16 at the present time.

During the summer Essex County Council will appoint a 'Youth Liaison Officer' who will promote the development of Youth Crime Prevention Panels within our schools.

This is a joint Essex Police and Essex County Council Education Department venture.

### Trying

Essex County Council will shortly appoint a County Crime Prevention Co-ordinator.

Many of the 14 District Authorities have already appointed Crime Prevention/Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators/Risk Managers and others are planning to do the same.

Later this year a community magazine will be published and distributed free of charge throughout the county. It will be dedicated to enhancing the 'Quality of Life' for the people of Essex.

Regular 'Newsletters' and the 'Crime Line' facility are genuine attempts to achieve effective communication on a parochial basis.

Improved communication at beat level is a primary objective for Sub Divisional Commanders.

Yes we are indeed trying! Trying very hard to get it right, but we cannot do it alone.

We need your support to achieve the 'Quality of Life' deserving of the people of Essex.

Crime doesn't pay but Crime Prevention does — BUT it requires a long term commitment and enthusiasm from both the Police and the public alike.

ARE YOU WITH US??

## Crime-time viewing

**FOLLOWING the success of BBC 1's Crimewatch UK, programme presenters Sue Cook and Nick Ross have hit prime time viewing with a new ten-week series which gives an insight into police work.**

Crime Limited, which started at the end of April, goes out every Tuesday at 8.30pm on BBC1.

It offers an in-depth look into the world of the criminal, the effect on victims, and the variety of police work employed in the battle against crime.

It probes into aspects which Crimewatch is unable to cover: the use and development of foren-

sic science, the psychology of crime, and policing methods used in America.

Early programmes have featured Met Detective Inspector Jill McTigue coping with sexism as she led her first murder inquiry, and the experiment in which white police officers spent a weekend living with ethnic minority families to develop a better understanding of their culture and communities.

But Sue Cook has warned the police will not get an easy ride, at times the programme will be critical of police methods.

Meanwhile, this month's Crimewatch UK programme, which goes out on Thursday May 14, features the disappearance of Tillingham teenager Dinah McNicol.

Detectives hope the reconstruction of Dinah's last known movements at a rock festival in Liphook, Hampshire, last August, may jog someone's memory and produce some new leads in the inquiry.



**I.P.A. NEWS**  
MID-ESSEX BRANCH  
Fred Dyson

## Pull the other one

ON MONDAY 27th April 43 members went to the Lower Regent Street recording studios of BBC Radio for an hilarious one and a half hours of recording for the BBC2 comedy programme 'Pull the Other One'.

Hosted by David Jacobs, a panel consisting of Ken Dodd, Frank Carson and John Martin kept us in fits of laughter.

Each finished 28 minute programme takes 40 minutes to record to allow for editing etc, and having now heard some of the jokes and comments, that's not surprising!

A superb evening which closed with a meal at the

by Mike Stanbury

now re-opened Vitella D'Oro restaurant at Westminster.

Our programme continues with the Barn Dance at HQ on 8th May which will hopefully have proved as successful as last year, the next event being our visit to the historic Chatham Naval Dockyard on Saturday June 13th.

A social evening has been arranged with Kent Branch members, either at Maidstone Police Station or Maidstone Headquarters.

### Basics

Sunday July 12th is, of course, the Force Fun Day at HQ. Once again IPA will be supplying the basics that

all visitors need (No, NOT the loos!), namely a place to sit down and have a good cup of tea.

Help will be needed with cake making, so if you can assist, please contact Molly Giggins on Chelmsford 251082 for details.

### Welcome

We give a hearty welcome to a number of new members to the branch, including Linda French, Julian Cooper, David Jepson, Bob Hayes and Phil Weall. We look forward to seeing you!

If any other members or interested parties would like a branch Newsletter or more information on IPA, please give Mike Stanbury a ring on 0376 326400.

● Fred Dyson is on holiday.

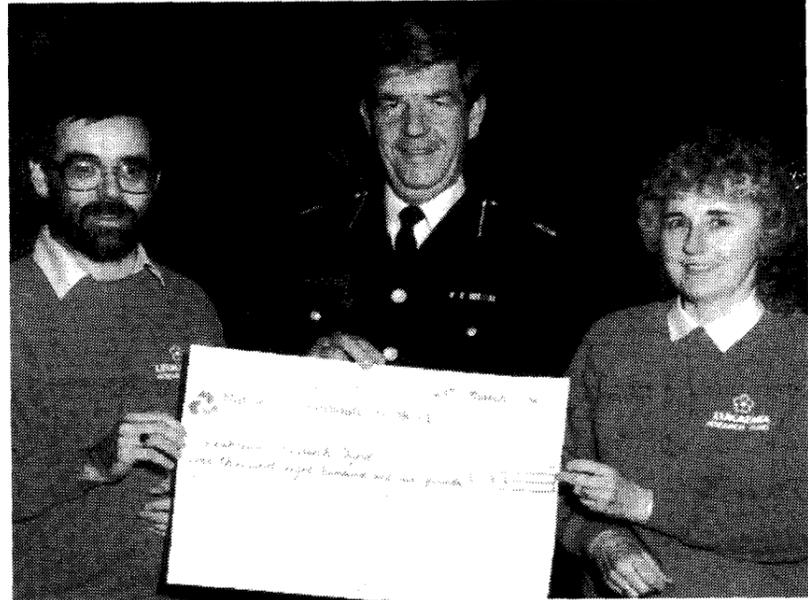
TO CELEBRATE the 150th anniversary of Essex Police, a limited edition commemorative cover with a special postmark was produced. A number of the covers were signed by Chief Constable John Burrow.

It was agreed the proceeds from sales of the covers would go to the Leukaemia Research Fund, at Great Ormond Street Hospital.

During the weekend 28/29 March Rayleigh Philatelic Society hosted Stamp Essex '92 at Mill Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, this being the stamp world's answer to the County Show.

De Ray How, stationed at Headquarters, is the secretary. Through him, Geoff Markham ACC 'O' was asked to present the cheque for £1,806 to Nigel and Brenda Lawley of Billericay who by selling stamps donated to them, have helped to raise over £7,000 since 1st January 1992.

The cheque presented to them on behalf of Essex Police represented the money raised through sales of the stamp covers.



ACC O Geoff Markham presents the £1,806 cheque for Leukaemia Research to Nigel and Brenda Lawley.

## Carry the card to combat drugs

ESSEX POLICE are urging people to 'carry the card' as part of an on-going community-based campaign against drugs in the county.

Last month the first of 25,000 specially produced drug guides were handed out to teachers, youth workers, social services and police officers — in fact anyone concerned

about the effects of drugs. The guides carry details on how to help spot the physical symptoms of drug-taking and the dangers linked to particular types such as crack, LSD

and heroin.

Also illustrated on the guide are life-saving techniques, the Essex police Crime-Stoppers number and telephone numbers for confidential advice on alcohol and drugs problems.

The cards have been sponsored and produced by Westcliff Rotary Club, who have raised over £900 towards the cost, with Southend Health Authority giving an extra £300.

Drugs Prevention and Education Coordinator, Inspector Dave Perry, based at HQ, said he hoped the cards would prove a valuable aide-memoir in the battle against drug taking.

Westcliff is the second Rotary Club in the county to help the force in this way. Last year Clacton Jubilee Rotary Club sponsored and produced more than 5,000 guides.

"The support from the Rotary Clubs has been really great," said Inspector Perry, "Now we are hoping other organisations will follow their lead."

Inspector Perry said it was vital people were educated and aware of how to combat drugs and deal with people who have been taking them.

### OBITUARIES

08.4.92 Ex Pc G. Benda aged 89, who retired in 1954.  
10.4.92 Ex Pc J. Linlo aged 59, who retired in 1983.

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### CHELMSFORD BRANCH AGM

THE Chelmsford Branch AGM was held at Headquarters on Saturday 25th April and all branch officers and members of the committee were re-elected for a further year.

My thanks to all who took the trouble to attend. Sorry if I misled you all with the last column, but The Law was published earlier than I anticipated.

### SOUTHEND BRANCH AGM

SOUTHEND Branch AGM will be held at

Southend Police Station at 7.30pm on Friday 29th May.

### COLCHESTER BRANCH

COLCHESTER Branch outing to Langham Glass and the Thursford Collection is on Saturday 13th June departing Clacton Railway Station at 8am. The Cross Wivenhoe at 8.20am, and Colchester Bus Station at 8.35am, finally picking up at London Road car park Lexden at 8.45am.

The cost of the trip is £7 per head and anyone wishing to take part should contact John Powell on Wivenhoe 824218 as soon as possible.

### SUBSCRIPTION INCREASES

A number of people have intimated that they did not view the last increase in subscriptions very favourably and questioned the need for such increases.

I am not acting as counsel for the defence but can only say this. The increase was voted on at annual

conference and indeed the final figure of £7.20 was agreed following debate. The first motion actually wanted £12 per annum.

The increase was proposed on the grounds of increases in all the items that were needed for the association to function effectively. Increases in printing costs for the bulletin, increases in postage, increases in office costs, increases in travelling and subsistence.

Plus one of the most important items of all: this year will see a change in national secretary following Alec Faragher's retirement.

This will mean a new appointment and to ensure a smooth takeover a transitional period of six months will be undertaken where the new secretary will work beside Alec.

This will mean two sets of salaries for that period.

It will also mean office accommodation will have to be found for the new incumbent, as Alec has worked from his home over the years.

The NEC have therefore to consider either renting or purchasing a suitable property from which the secretary can function.

So there we have it. I have no doubt a lot more talking will be done before any further decisions are taken and next conference in September could be the launching pad.

If you have any views please let me know, I will then pass them on to the NEC.

Finally can I please ask those members who have not yet sent in their subs for 1992 to let the branch treasurers have them as soon as possible.

There are still a number of people who have not subscribed for 1990 and 1991. It can only be assumed that these people no longer wish to be members and they will not be receiving any further communications from Chelmsford branch.

Southend and Colchester secretaries will be taking their own action on this matter.

Sorry I have gone on a bit but it is important that everyone knows what is happening.

## MARKET PLACE

SMALL ads can be placed in The Law free of charge by serving and retired officers and civilians. Please indicate in the advert how you wish people to contact you, e.g. at the station where you work.

If you do not want your home telephone number published, please indicate if you require a box number.

Adverts will only be accepted on the form published in The Law.

**PETRON TOUR CUSTOM GOLF CLUBS.** 1 Iron, plus 3 Iron to Sand Wedge. Full cord grips. £150. Pc Maleary, Thorpe Traffic.

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**DINKY TOY** Collectors items, shrink-wrapped pack of six Jubilee buses — mint condition OIRO £300. RAF Diamond Jubilee Spitfire — mint condition OIRO £180. Pc Caulfield, Hedingham Police Stn.

**GENUINE COLLECTOR** wishes to purchase any items of old police equipment, especially badges or Victorian painted truncheons. Pc A. Cook, 0279 454096.

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Name and Rank	Station
Home telephone	Signed

## RETIREMENTS

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

- 06.5.92 Supt D. T. Rulten, Colchester, 32 yrs, 16 days.
- 17.5.92 Ds R. Donovan, HQ CID/Rayleigh, 30 yrs, 1 day.
- 17.5.92 Ps K. B. Hutchins, Personnel/FTS, 28 yrs, 277 days.
- 18.5.92 Ps R. F. Clough, Support/Chelmsford Tr, 30 yrs.
- 31.5.92 Insp S. Rowley, DCC/C.D & I, 26 yrs, 207 days.
- 28.6.92 Insp L. R. Berry, Support/Info Room HQ, 16 yrs, 105 days.
- 28.6.92 Ps K. Thomas, Chelmsford, 24 yrs, 352 days.
- 12.7.92 Pc A. M. Conerney, Chelmsford/Witham, 29 yrs, 150 days.
- 19.7.92 Pc J. T. Stewart, Southend/Shoebury, 25 yrs, 361 days.
- 01.4.92 Mrs B. H. Jackson, Clerk/Typist Chelmsford, 13 yrs.

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

# Essex veteran Chris nets national title

## Bobbing on the bridge



ROVING BBC reporter Bob Wilson catches up with the force's London Marathon team at the 13-mile mark on Tower Bridge, and has a word with Inspector Ray Burman.

The ten-strong team completed the gruelling course in 4hrs 53 mins 57 secs to raise some £3,500 for Cerebral Palsy sufferer Matthew Walters from Kelvedon to travel to the Peto Institute in Hungary.

Full report on page 12.

# national title

by Peter Layzell

THE Police Athletic Association Indoor Games Championships 1992 were held on 28 and 29 April at Hopton on Sea, Norfolk.

They featured a strong contingent from Essex, who had qualified by winning the No.5 region PAA Championships in Darts and Table Tennis.

Paul Bates and Jules Chadband had the bad luck to draw the favourites and eventual champions from Scotland and went out in the first round of the men's doubles as did Bob Fugl and Mo Chaplin in the mixed pairs.

The ladies featured our defending champion Mo Chaplin and Essex Police Champion Sue Jenkins who had the misfortune to be drawn together in round one when Mo won a close 3 leg match and progressed to the semi final, where she was beaten by the

eventual champion from Yorkshire.

Mo and Sue Woolard reached the final of the Ladies Doubles and played superbly, deserving to retain their title, but in the end were pipped by the Nottinghamshire duo who managed remarkable checkouts to snatch victory.

### Wild Card

Switching to table tennis saw Chris Jacob gaining a wild card entry to the Mens Singles but he unexpectedly lost in the first round to the Met Police No.2 player.

Chris and David Birkett did well in the mens doubles to reach the semi final when they ran up against the Met Police pair, who proved much too consistent and achieved a com-

fortable win.

As if she wasn't busy enough with the Darts, Mo Chaplin was given a wild card entry to the Ladies Singles and justified it by beating the South West Region Champion in the first round.

### Reversed

In the second round she was well ahead of the Number 3 seed from Merseyside when disaster struck and Mo broke her bat, which reversed the fortunes and she narrowly lost to the eventual runner up.

Buoyed by this success she combined with Chris Jacob in the mixed doubles and the pair played superbly to reach the National Final where they lost 21-13 21-18 to the No.1 ranked Merseyside

couple, and Mo became the first player in memory to reach national finals in Darts and Table Tennis.

The final event was the veterans singles, our entry was Chris Jacob who had an easy passage to the semi finals where he played Dave Solman from the Met Police.

Chris played very well to win a close game 21-18, 22-20 and reach the final where he was due to play Pat McCabe, a nationally ranked player who Chris had never beaten.

The final was a tense affair with dour defence from Pat and attacking play from Chris.

Much to the relief of the Essex team, Chris triumphed 22-20, 21-19 to lift the first ever National Table Tennis title for Essex Police, which made up for the loss of our two darts titles from 1991.

## FORCE SPORTS ASSOCIATION

### FORCE LOTTERY

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

£1,500 Ch Insp Paul Stanley, Headquarters; £700 Cons Michael Hollis, Basildon; £300 Cons Adrian Cross, Southend; £200 Cons David Gilbranch, Laindon Traffic

The following will receive a weekend holiday for two at selected Hilton

Hotels, within the United Kingdom:

Cons Janice Treadway, Pitsea; DCons Timothy Enstone, Grays; Insp Barry Ansell, Southend; Sgt Gordon McIntyre, Basildon; Sgt Philip Jewell, Clacton; Cons Philip Passfield, Dog Section, Colchester; Insp Ray Andrews, Southend; Christine Sullivan, Colchester; Cons Nigel

Brace, Wickford; Cons John Knott, Pitsea.

### P.A.A. TEN PIN BOWLING

The No.5 Region P.A.A. Ten Pin Bowling championships were held at Stevenage on Friday 10th April, with Essex finishing runners up in the team event. The Essex team consisted of:

Cons Andrew Skillin, Stanway Traffic; Cons Frank Holden, Colchester; Cons Robin Wickens, Laindon Dog Section; Cons Chris Phillips, Great Bromley

### CROKER CUP

Darts Southend received a walkover from Harlow, No Croker Cup points for Harlow

### Billiards

Southend 3 Chelmsford 2. 1 Croker Cup point to Chelmsford;

Basildon received a w/o from H.Q.

### Snooker

Southend 4 Harlow 1. 1 Croker Cup point to Harlow; Basildon received a w/o from H.Q.

### Football

Basildon 1 Harlow 0. 2 Croker Cup points to Harlow; Colchester 7 Grays 1. 2 Croker Cup points to Grays;

### Squash

Basildon beat Headquarters, Southend beat Chelmsford, 1 Croker Cup point each to

Headquarters and Chelmsford.

### PISTOL COMPETITION

The 1992 Croker Cup pistol competition will be held on Thursday 25th June at the Sandpit Hill Range, Hadleigh. The competition is open to teams of four. Each Division may enter as many teams as it wishes, but teams must be nominated before shooting and only the top scoring team will count towards Croker Cup points. All entries must be submitted to Insp David Perry, Headquarters C.S.B. before 26th May. No late entries will be accepted.

### P.A.A. NATIONAL SWIMMING

The P.A.A. National swimming championships were held at Wigan on 22nd and 23rd April with the following success:

Ladies Masters 50 metre Butterfly: 1st Cons Angela Simmons, Grays;

Ladies Masters 50 metre Frontcrawl: 1st Cons Angela Simmons, Grays;

Mens Masters 50 metre Breaststroke: 1st Cons Philip Whitehead, Laindon Traffic; Mens Masters 50 metre Backstroke: 2nd Cons Brendan Cox, Mersea Island.

Compiled by Chris Jacob

## Danbury lads are South East Champs

CHAMPION footballers from St. John's School, Danbury, are steering a course to Wembley in the national Car Crime Prevention Cup competition.

The Under-11 giantkillers trounced teams representing Millwall, Wimbledon, Gillingham and Arsenal to become South East champions.

They now travel to Swindon on May 19, to take on teams representing Leicester, West Bromwich and Swindon.

If they win, they reach the national final at Wembley Stadium on Sunday May 23. The game takes place before the Division Four Play Off final, which will settle the final promotion place to Division Three of the Football League.

The successful St. John's team won the Essex round of the competition at Police Headquarters in Chelmsford in March, when they won a penalty shoot out against

Southend's Heycroft School.

They travelled to the indoor sports centre at Highbury on April 29, where they represented Southend United Football Club.

They beat Millwall 5-1, Wimbledon 6-1, Arsenal 4-3, and Gillingham 4-1, before meeting Arsenal again in the final play off and running out 3-0 winners.

On May 7, Southend youth team coach Danny Graves visited the school to present the team with a cup and individual mementos, to add to the four leather footballs they received from the tournament organisers.

The aim of the tournament, sponsored by NCP, is to promote Car Crime Prevention Year.

## FREE HOLIDAY WINNER

ENTRIES flooded in for the Force Sports Association's FREE HOLIDAY OFFER to visit Efteling, Holland's most exciting leisure park. More than 500 members entered the draw, organised in conjunction with Sealink Stena Line, the winner, drawn by Sports Association chairman ACC Geoff Markham, was BARBARA ASHTON, from Recruiting at HQ. Congratulations to her.

### Lancashire Constabulary Caravan & Camping Section

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## The Preston Guild 1992

## National Police Caravan Rally

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Contact PC Graham Bull, tel 0695 576971 ext 6432 for further details.

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**Force success in London Marathon**

# TEAM OF TEN TRIUMPH AGAIN

**by Laurie Rampling**

APRIL 12th witnessed the biggest gathering of athletes and fun runners the nation has seen when they poured around the streets of the capital for the 12th London Marathon.

Among the throng was our own Essex Police marathon squad participating for the second year running, and on this occasion 'pounding the roads' in aid of 3-year-old local boy Matthew Walters, who is suffering from Quadraplegia Cerebral Palsy.

The aim is to send Matthew to the world famous 'Peto' institute in Hungary for the specialist treatment he so badly needs.

The squad of ten, Inspector Ray Burman, Sergeant John Newberry, DC Laurie Rampling, Pc Alan Barley, Pc Steve Wynn, Pc Paul Butcher, Pc Karl Oldfield, Pc Keith Bishop, Pc Dave Andre and Pc Ray O'Hare, set out in the best of spirits hoping to better their time from last year of 4 hours 36 mins.

## Aching

Unfortunately the 'passion' of the occasion got to them, nothing to do with the sore feet and aching limbs, and they eventually came home in splendid style in a time officially given as 4 hours 53 mins 57 secs.

This great occasion was highlighted by their coverage on BBC television, and subsequent interview by roving reporter Bob Wilson at the 13 mile mark on Tower Bridge. Didn't they look fresh?

The next few weeks will be taken up collecting all of your pledges and on behalf of the

team may I thank you for supporting our efforts on behalf of young Matthew.

I know it is an old cliché but every little has helped, and we are confident the final amount will be close to the £3,500 required.

A vote of thanks must also go to local businesses that supported the cause, in particular the manager and staff at Woolworth store in Basildon for their assistance on the eve of the Marathon. As a result of the kind donation of a 'giant' Easter egg, a total of £551 was raised for the fund.

We now have to start planning for next year's event and it is anticipated that some members of this year's team may not be so willing to attempt the gruelling 26.2 miles.

If there are any budding or seasoned Marathon men out there now is your chance. Contact Pc Alan Barley at Chelmsford Town. Also do I hear that some members of the team will be dusting off their passports and buying copies of New York phrase books?

Apart from the Marathon team many other members of the force competed in this year's event. Very creditable performances were achieved by Billericay Coroners Officer Roy Kebbell who finished in 3 hours 16 minutes, Mick Kliskey of the Air Support Unit competing in his first Marathon came home in 3 hours 22 minutes as did Basildon's Alex Vowles in 3 hours 11 mins.

Chelmsford's Paul Cakebread managed a sub 4

hour finish in his first attempt, and that old campaigner Dave Starr from Southend battled around in a Jester's outfit to complete his umpteenth marathon, very close on his 100th I believe in 4 hrs 28 mins. Also finishing in a time around 3 hours 25 mins was Colchester veteran Lance Williams whilst another first timer Pc Gary Jackson of Rochford finished in a creditable 4 hrs 20 mins.

## Aberdeen

Some of those who competed had barely time to get home, wash and shave before setting out at 5am the following morning for Aberdeen.

A mere 600 miles or so to represent the force in this year's National PAA Cross Country championships.

Those included Lance Williams from Colchester, Roy Kebbell from Billericay, Mick Kliskey from HQ and Laurie Rampling from Grays.

They joined Barry Daymond from HQ, Andy Down from Southend and Brian Murnaghan of Basildon, Moira Ainsley from HQ and Liz Boothman from Harlow, for the long trek northwards.

Star competitor for Essex was the ever young Moira Ainsley who finished the ladies race in a superb 7th place and second vets position.

For the men Barry Daymond and Andy Down came home 'locked' together, closely followed by Roy Kebbell and Brian Murnaghan and the old war horse Lance Williams.

Last, but by no means least, was Laurie Rampling suitably 'wrecked' by the previous Sunday's 26.2 mile jaunt around the city, suffice to say there were still a few behind him.

Unfortunately our star performer of the season Mick Kliskey was ruled out by injury at the eleventh hour, an injury sustained in the London Marathon.

The organisation of the event in respect of the timing, so soon after the nation's biggest road race, when so many Police competitors would be expected to take part, left a lot to be desired.

I understand next year's event is to be held at Minehead, Avon & Somerset, prior to the London Marathon, so at least we can be expected to give it our best shot.

That was the last event of the cross country season, but secretary Roy Kebbell will soon be on the 'hunt' for new blood.

If you are interested give him a ring at Billericay Coroners Office, especially you ladies.

# Danny boy's Belfast bid

MIDDLEWEIGHT boxer Pc. Danny Stoten put up a good fight when he competed for Essex in the PAA British Police Novice Boxing Championships in Belfast recently.

**by Bob Miller**

Brentwood-based Danny lost his semi-final bout against the eventual winner, Paul Pratt from Merseyside.

Pratt had previous combined services experience and was a noted hard puncher, but Danny kept him at bay until mid-way through the second round with some classy boxing and neat footwork.

Danny travelled to Belfast with force Boxing section secretary DI Bob Miller and Supt. Derek Rulten.

The event was hosted in spectacular fashion by the RUC, with a crowd of 1,000 supporters in a huge marquee.

## Right hook

Danny, who boxes for the Dagenham Boys Club, looked to be ahead at the end of the first round of his fight against Pratt, despite having taken a jolting right hook to the jaw.

Derek Rulten's advice between rounds saw Danny re-appear for the second attempting to box Pratt and keep the contest at long range.

## Champion

Pratt went on to become British Police Middleweight champion, beating the Metropolitan Police champion in the final.

This weight division attracted the largest number of entries, and is always the most difficult to win. Given this, Danny acquitted himself well,



FORMER British and European Bantamweight champion Freddie Gilroy presents Essex boxer Danny Stoten with his trophy. He is pictured with, from left, Bill Robson OBE, President of Northern Ireland Boys Clubs, Supt Derek Rulten (Colchester), DI Bob Miller (Dunmow).

This he succeeded in doing until mid-way through the round when the strength of Pratt showed through and he forced the Essex boxer onto the ropes, catching him with another first class shot.

Danny attempted to hang on, and took time to try to recover, but the referee had seen enough and stepped in to save Danny further punishment.

and enjoyed the experience of visiting the RUC.

His trophy was presented by former Bantamweight champion of Britain and Europe, Freddie Gilroy, who was also a world title contender in the 1960s.

Because of the Essex representatives' affiliation with the Boys Club movement, Danny at Dagenham, Derek at Colchester and Bob at Chelmsford and Dagenham, they were delighted to have the company of Bill Robson OBE, President of the Northern Ireland Boys' Clubs, as their guest.

The hospitality shown by Bill McAllister senior ACC and Chairman of RUC Boxing Club and his staff, made the event a memorable occasion.

# Ref Gary is on the ball

PC GARY BARRETT, stationed at Tilbury, has just been promoted to the Referees list of the Diadora Football League. Promotion followed ten seasons as linesman and an interview at the Hilton Hotel in London earlier this month.

This promotion means he will now be linesman on the Vauxhall Conference, and Football Combination leagues.

At 32, Gary now has an excellent chance to become linesman on the football league, being only one step or season away.

Having already been appointed to linesman in F.A. Cup games, Gary now awaits his first F.A. Cup game as referee.

## Athletics

THE Force Athletic Competition takes place on Sunday May 31 at the Garrison Stadium in Colchester, starting at 1pm.

For further information contact Laurie Rampling at Grays on Ednet 4872, or Lance Williams at Colchester.



A WAVE from the Essex Police team as they pound the streets of the capital in last month's London Marathon.

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