



"Scheme could not have come at a better time," says Jack

SOLD ON SECURE IDEA



Crime Prevention Officer Sgt Ken Dodd shows Michael Jack how his idea will work.
Picture: Derek Winger of HQ Photographic Department.

HOME Office Minister Michael Jack has praised the force's "Sold Secure" car crime prevention scheme as a "unique and exciting initiative".

Launching the scheme on June 1, Mr Jack personally congratulated Crime Prevention Officer Sgt Ken Dodd, who devised "Sold Secure", and said he hoped the initiative would be adopted nationwide.

by Jenny Bullus

"Sold Secure" sees Essex Police working in partnership with the motor trade, committing dealers to fit a security package to all new and used cars before sale.

Sgt Dodd said, "We hope the scheme will heighten drivers' awareness of vehicle-related theft, and reduce opportunities for car crime."

Alarm

By the launch date, 12 Essex dealers had already signed up. They have agreed to supply and fit, included in the forecourt price, security measures ranging from handbrake and steering wheel lock to alarm system including immobiliser.

The security package is tailored to the retail price of the car.

Mr Jack pointed out that more than three quarters of drivers buy used cars. He said "Sold Secure" was particularly impressive, as it related the level of security to affordability and the value of the car.

Among those attending Furze Hill Conference Centre for the launch of "Sold Secure" was Assistant Chief Constable Bob Neville, who is seconded from Kent to the Home Office Crime

Ken's car crime initiative may go Nationwide after praise from Minister

Prevention Centre.

His discussions with the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), could see the scheme going nationwide. Already a number of police forces have shown interest.

The scheme is open to any dealer who is a member of the Retail Motor Industry Federation (RMI). RMI Director, Membership, Reg Corbridge said, "The RMI is pleased to be associated with the "Sold Secure" initiative, which provides positive action in increasing vehicle security."

The first dealer to sign up was Essex Ford of Basildon, whose representative Mr Tom Smith was presented with the first framed "Sold Secure" certificate by Mr Jack.

Challenge

Other "Sold Secure" dealers are Perrys of Leigh and Rayleigh, Jessups of Southend, Doe Motors of Maldon and Witham, Darlington Garages in Harlow, Lex Rover in Chelmsford and Lookers in Basildon.

Mr Jack said: "I congratulate Essex Police for their imagination in developing this scheme. With us only two months away from the August new registrations trading peak, this initiative could not have come at a better time."

He said the Home Office's Car Crime Prevention Year had been successful in improving security in brand new cars

leaving the factory. He continued: "The challenge has been to develop an effective, systematic means of providing the same benefits to vehicles already on the road."

"By involving motor traders in the campaign to reduce car crime, "Sold Secure" promises to do much to meet that challenge."

Lists of "Sold Secure" dealers are available to the public from all the county's main police stations.

Anyone who would like more information about the scheme should contact Sgt Dodd at HQ Crime Prevention.

Westcliff Pc pedals for Stuart

WESTCLIFF Pc David Ashpole is preparing to take part in the London to Brighton cycle ride on June 21 to raise money for a two-year-old Shobury boy.

Tiny Stuart Masters desperately needs a kidney and bowel transplant, but with media attention focusing on the case of four-year-old Laura Davies, who is recovering from a similar op in America, his family are finding it difficult to raise enough money.

So, B shift at Westcliff have stepped in and are busy collecting sponsors for Pc Ashpole's trip. Anyone who wishes to sponsor him, or make a direct contribution, should contact Pc Kevin McPoland at Westcliff Police Station or on (0702) 431212.

The Law goes green

THE paper for the boys and girls in blue is turning green this month with at least eight pages being printed on 100% recycled paper.

It will turn fully green next month.

Honours for two of the Force's finest



DCI Bright

THE QUEEN'S official birthday brought honours to two Essex officers this week for their outstanding service to the public and the Force.

Detective Chief Inspector David Bright, of Basildon CID, becomes an MBE, while Detective Constable Colin Wiggins, currently seconded to New Scotland Yard, has been awarded the BEM.

Det Chf Insp Bright, 49, who joined the Police in 1966, was recommended for his charity work over the years, and his energy and enthusiasm in running the Force's Crimestoppers scheme.

During his 25 years in

the service he has been commended 27 times, mostly for diligence in the investigation of crime, but also three times for bravery.

But his honour comes chiefly to mark his charity work and his efforts over the past five years in running the Force Fun Days, which have raised a staggering £154,000 for charity since they began in 1987.

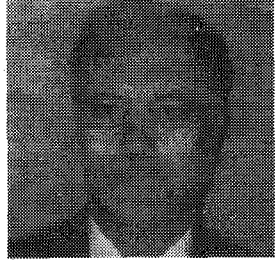
But DCI Bright said he saw the honour as a team award: "With both Crimestoppers and the Fun Day we got an awful lot of support from police officers, the Special Constabulary, Cadets, civilian staff and of course from the public," he said.

"We are very fortunate in Essex to have so many good people and I acknowledge that without all of their support I don't think I would have got this award.

His award was particularly special since it came on his and his wife Rita's 29th Wedding Anniversary. The couple have three sons.

Dc Wiggins' work may not have been as high profile as DCI Bright's but his dedication and enthusiasm for highly detailed investigations and research have made him a national authority on criminal intelligence work.

He joined the Force in 1966, aged 29, working at



Dc Wiggins

Benfleet Police Station, but his flair for administration was quickly recognised and he was transferred to HQ.

Later in his career, while working at CID, his talents came into their own with investigations backed up by a meticulously maintained and comprehensive set of records he compiled himself.

His skills are now in demand at New Scotland Yard and have developed to such an extent that he is now an international authority in the criminal intelligence field, conducting numerous lectures throughout the year.

Dc Wiggins is married with three grown-up children.

Federation Notes



by
Brian Pallant

Can you help a police orphan?

THE PROVINCIAL police orphanage founded by Miss Gurney in Hove in 1890 was the first attempt outside the police to service to assist orphans and fatherless children of the police.

It was a small beginning. With the help of local churches, the Home provided board, lodgings and what education it could, for as many of the eligible children in the large area served as could be accommodated in a ten room house.

Most of the upkeep was provided by friends of Miss Gurney.

Within ten years they were able to buy a large house, with accommodation for about 30 children at Gatton Park, Redhill, and a few years later the Woodlands at Redhill an estate of some 18 acres.

Catherine Gurney died on the 11th August 1930.

The orphanage closed in 1947 and, with the changing social climate, The Gurney Fund for police orphans was established. This enabled weekly allowances to be paid to mothers to ensure that children remained in their homes.

The 22 subscribing forces to the Gurney fund, each with its own local representative are as follows:- Avon and Somerset, Kent, Leicestershire, Bedfordshire, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Devon and Cornwall, Dorset, Northamptonshire, South Wales, Suffolk, Dyfed Powys, Essex, Surrey, Gloucestershire, Sussex, Gwent, Thames Valley, Hampshire, Wiltshire, Warwickshire, Hertfordshire.

Objects of the Fund:- The fund may help children not only of Police Officers who have died, but of those who have taken early retirement on ill-health grounds within the 22 subscribing Forces.

What Does Each Child Receive? The allowances are reviewed each year and all families are paid according to need, although there is a basic weekly allowance which again is reviewed at regular intervals.

Grants may be made for various items which families could not otherwise afford, such as educational trips, musical instruments, books and school uniforms.

Who Administers the Fund? The fund is administered by a Committee of Managing Trustees, comprising of ten serving police officers, (two from each rank) and two ex-officio officers. The committee meets regularly four times a year to discuss outstanding applications.

Who Supports the Fund? Income is derived from regular Police subscriptions, donations from the Police, and members of the Public, as well as Police col-

lecting boxes, deeds of covenant and Inland revenue repayments. Further revenue is raised from the investment dividends.

For Further Information Contact the Director, The Gurney Fund for Police Orphans, 9 Bath Road, Worthing, West Sussex BN11 3NU. Telephone 0903 237256.

Donations can be sent to the above address.

For your information the present members of the committee include The Joint Branch Board Secretary Brian Pallant and Bob Goodhall-Inspectors Federation Representative from Clacton.

FEDERATION NOTES... FEDERATION NOTES... FEDERATION

Home Secretary announces inquiry into police

Clarke paves way for great change

THE FEDERATION's National Annual Conference was held at Scarborough between 19th and 21st May. Your Joint Branch Board was actively involved again this year and sponsored six motions to the Conference.

Five of the motions were on the subject of Bail and came under the general headings of:- 1. Committing offences whilst on Bail.

2. An amendment to Section 38 of PACE.

3. Powers for Custody Officers to impose conditions on Police Bail together with 4. a power of arrest for breaching Police Bail and 5. a direction for courts to consider offences committed by offenders whilst they are on Bail.

The motions on Bail were comprehensively delivered by Steve Currell who was ably supported by Dave Jones. After a long and intense debate, all motions were successfully carried by Conference.

A further motion was proposed by Bob

Needham, seconded by Tom Stott. This motion sought to remove one of the limitations of punishment in discipline cases.

Briefly explained, if a member is convicted of a criminal offence at court, he/she is then liable for the discipline offence under Regulation 16 of 'Criminal Conduct'.

In such cases before a discipline hearing, punishment is limited by Police (Discipline) Regulations in such a way that no financial penalty can be dispensed on the accused officer.

In some cases it is believed that this removes an option for Chief Constables adversely affecting the outcome.

We believe that some officers are required to

resign from the service instead of being required to face a monetary punishment.

Unfortunately the proposal failed to gain overall support from Conference and the motion was lost.

Memories

The most significant contribution to the proceedings this year came shortly before lunch on Wednesday 20th May.

The date and time will become firm memories for all who had the pleasure of listening to Kenneth Clarke's speech.

He proposed the setting up of a Committee of Inquiry into the Police.

It will be some weeks before we know who is to be the Committee Chairman and what its terms of reference are to be.

What is beyond doubt is that our old standby, The Lord Edmund-Davies

Inquiry Report is seriously under threat:

The report was based on the principles that police pay should reflect the very special circumstances of the police service....

Career

"Those are the principles that Government totally accepts. But the time has come to recognise that situations change....if you are able to do your jobs better we need, as the Edmund-Davies report itself suggested, to propose variations."

I have therefore decided to set up an Inquiry along the lines of Edmund-Davies, but this time to look at several inter-related matters of police management...

The Inquiry will be asked to recommend what changes, if any, would be appropriate in the rank structure and pay arrangements of the police service.

Have we got the right pay and career structure?

Are we rewarding the right people fairly?

Is a blanket percentage increase to every rank and every officer (irrespective of type of work or competence) really the best way of reimbursing the police for the huge spectrum of work they do?...

I intend to commission research to provide a full analysis of the current staffing profile, the possible impact of changes in police retirement policy, the possible introduction of time-limited contracts for senior officers and also compulsory and medical retirement."

—Kenneth Clarke Home Secretary

To say that the police service faces interesting challenges in the years ahead must be the epitome of the understatement.

SPECIAL REPORT SPECIAL REPORT SPECIAL REPORT

INSURING FOR YOUR FUTURE

THE FEDERATION Group Insurance Scheme is reviewed every three years with regard to the COVER provided to both officers and spouses. The next review is not due until June 1993.

However our broker Peter Drummond at George Burrows has been in touch with the insurers in view of our good claims experience for the first 18 months of the contract. They have agreed that from 5th June 1992 the benefits will be increased without any further increase in premiums the new rates are:-

Life Insurance Officer - £68,800
Life Insurance Spouse - £21,500

A full review of all benefits will go ahead as planned next June 1993.

For the information of all members of the above scheme: Please note that if you are paying spouse insurance and you divorce the spouse is automatically removed from cover.

You must inform us if you remarry so that a new application form can be completed. If you do not then it could mean a new wife or husband will not be covered.

Any officer wishing to take advantage of the spouse scheme should contact Irene Black our Office Manager on extension 2798.

The Case For Insurance

A recently published case of a police officer in Dorset, who was invalidated out of the service due to injuries received in a road traffic accident whilst on duty driving a police vehicle, where there was no other person responsible, has caused a lot of debated in canteens and the back of police vans.

Concern has been expressed to both the Federation Office and divisional representatives as to what exactly officers are entitled to in such cases.

In most cases of injuries as a result of a road traffic accident there is some other person either wholly or partially to blame, so capable of being sued for compensation. (A reminder that the Police Federation solicitors will act, free of charge, on behalf of any contributing member who has been injured in any accident or incident on or off duty).

It is the case where there is no other person capable of being sued that is causing most concern.

As you will be aware the Police Authority do not carry any injury insurance to cover police officers. Remember our endeavours on Public Order Training Insurance. Nationally the Police Federation have been trying for many years to obtain such an insurance without success as the Home Office and Official Side of the Police Negotiating Board have always considered that the enhanced benefits

under the Police Pension Scheme are adequate.

In the event of a police officer being fatally injured as a result of an accident the Police Injury Benefit regulations enable the Police Authority to pay to your dependant a lump sum equal to five times salary.

This also applies if you are totally disabled. In which case it is paid to you. This is in addition to the normal pension payable.

In all other cases where an officer has to leave the police service the basic pension is enhanced to an ill health pension: the enhancement differs according to length of service.

In addition an injury award would be paid. Again this depends on length of service, also the degree of disability as assessed by the Force Medical Officer.

The degree of disability does not refer to physical disability, but the reduction in your earning capacity caused by the injury.

Benefits may also be paid by the DSS.

The Group Life Insurance scheme still has cover with regard to serious injuries. However any officer wishing to take out any additional accident cover should contact the J.B.B. Secretary on extension 2797 or Sid Foster at George Burrows Group Insurance 081 514 1000.

In a previous edition I highlighted the problem some officers were having with regard to the increases in premiums of the National Federation Houseplus Scheme.

To assist members with an alternative quotation I have approached Peter Luckman of Seamark Financial Services, Westcliff-On-Sea, SS0 7EJ.

Some of our members have already received very competitive quotes. Peter can be contacted on (0702) 433021.

Maternity Help Update

YOUR Joint Branch Board in consultation with Chief Officers have reached agreement that officers who become pregnant and who get to the point of being unable to wear uniform will be able to claim Plain Clothes Allowance for wearing their own clothes.

Claims should be made in the normal way via the Gold Form to Finance.

FED PREPARES FOR INQUIRY

MENTION has already been made with regard to the Committee of Inquiry into the Police Service in connection with the Annual Federation Conference when the announcement was made by the new Home Secretary Kenneth Clarke.

The Joint Central Committee at their Post Conference meeting shortly after conference discussed the implications of the speech and agreed that the Joint Central Committee Chairman and General Secretary would investigate those organisations and individuals who may be able to assist the Police Federation in preparing its case for the Inquiry.

CHANGES

It was also agreed that there would be an early meeting of the Joint Central Committee once the terms of reference were known.

The next year will obviously be a busy and interesting one for the service. You can be assured that your Joint Branch Board will keep you all fully apprised of the situation and of any changes that are likely to affect you the members.

JOINT BRANCH BOARD OPEN MEETING

**6.30pm
Monday 29 June
Marconi Club,
Chelmsford**

Buffet and cabaret provided

Off Beat

Inspecting a hole

WE'VE ALL heard complaints about some Inspectors that go along the lines of "Now you see them, now you don't" but for poor Mick Jackson at Saffron Walden it came true rather literally.

Whilst involved in road checks on the A120 one night, he stepped sideways and vanished ... down a manhole whose cover was missing. *The Law* wishes him a speedy recovery.

Soggy Bobby

But on the subject of disappearing, spare a thought for the Felstead Pc searching at night for two thieves who had decamped from a stolen car.

Picture the scene. He looked up awestruck as the force helicopter beamed out the power of 30 million candles, and failed to see the swimming pool.

Flowers yer Trousers?

From water to plants, or should I say pants. According to a crime report, thieves stole "Plot pants" from a balcony in Basildon. The report goes on to say, "They are both 90 years of age." Not a bad age, eh?

And they were stolen from Honey POT Lane. What's in a name?

Name Game

Well, following on from last month's Offbeat when we referred to Suffolk village bobby Pc Nick Nunn. The Law has come across a run of names that make you chuckle.

There was the industrial accident in Southend where a worker severed his finger. The firm's First Aider was called Mr Cutts.

Just the Ticket

But officers thought they were being kidded on when a bus inspector reported a passenger failing to pay a fare — the inspector was called Mr Fairless.

Meanwhile, the keyholder called out to a shop named "Nasty's" was none other than Mr Nice.

Bone Groan

And to round off our "What's in a name?" section, a brief mention of a report made to officers in the north of the county of bones being uncovered in a 10th century churchyard. That was in Dugmore Avenue! I kid you not.

Finally on the subject of kids, a report came in to officers in Grays of "Kids with goat". Shouldn't it have been goat with kids?

This officer shows talent



STRIKING a chord with Chelmsford schoolchildren: Talent contest organiser Pc Ron Burrell, with one of his proteges, Robert Puttock, 10, of the Cathedral School. Picture by DIANE BAKER, courtesy of Essex County Newspapers.

Magical Pc's kids of note

by Jenny Bullus

CHELMSFORD-BASED Pc Ron Burrell is hitting a high note with the town's talented youngsters.

Schools Liaison Officer Ron is right on song with his annual talent show for ten and eleven-year-olds, held as part of the Broomfield Village Fayre.

Last month, the fifth show organised by Ron was held at Broomfield Community Centre, giving 44 schoolchildren the chance to shine. It was opened by the 1991 winners, recorder duet Claire Doherty and Ruth O'Brien from the Cathedral School.

The four-hour extravaganza featured 25 quality acts, including tap dancing,

karate, gymnastics, singing, musical performances on piano, recorder, saxophone, clarinet, flute, and even a Trumpet Rap.

The finalists were selected by Ron from 17 different schools which he visits regularly through his police work. At each school he auditioned the youngsters to select the top talents.

Ron said, "All the finalists are already winners, all are of a very high standard, and they all get a winner's medal." To add to that, the top six acts at the final win trophies.

Proceeds from the event totalling £501, will go towards the purchase of a minibus for the senior citi-

zens of Spains Lodge, Broomfield, via Broomfield Parish Council.

The origins of the Talent Show stem from Ron's previous post as Broomfield beat officer. For Ron has a talent of his own, he is a member of the Magic Circle, and used to entertain local schoolchildren with his tricks.

When he was asked to organise a fund-raising event for the Fayre, the Talent Show was born. But with Ron now responsible for 34 schools, it has gone from strength to strength.

Winners: 1. Katy Gurr (Saxophone/Flute), St. Cedds; 2. Jonathan Ma (Piano/violin), St Cedds; 3. Emma Fleurquin, Jennifer Hardy, Jennifer Smith, Danielle Constable (Musical Quartet), Lawford Mead.

Four into two will go, says Chelmsford

CENTRAL CHANGES

by Paul Dunt

A RADICAL shake-up in policing central and north Essex has seen the disappearance of two former sub-divisions and the creation of a newly-named 'Central Division'.

From July 1, the old Chelmsford Division will be split into just two sub-divisions — Chelmsford and Braintree — which will swallow the former Maldon and Witham sub-divisions respectively.

The new Police Division created will be re-named Central Division, which will be headed by Chf Supt John Rhymes, who now assumes an inspectional rather than operational role over the two new subs.

One of the main aims of the changes is to handover more decision making to the two sub-divisionals, both to be headed by a Superintendent, who will be responsible for operational matters on his or her patch.

In effect, the idea is along the lines of the 'mini-Chief Constable' principle with local problems being sorted out by local police, rather than a more 'distant' divisional HQ.

Gearing management to sub-divisional rather than divisional level, should also mean decisions which formerly had to be ratified by a Chf Supt

can now be made quite easily by lower ranks — saving time and money.

In addition, the creation of the new sub-divisions brings them much more into line with political boundaries — an obvious advantage when liaising with community groups and local authorities.

Supt John Deal, boss of the new Chelmsford Sub, said the changes will see his area increase in size to cover the whole of the Chelmsford and Maldon District Council areas.

Chelmsford Town Section will be enlarged slightly to include Chelmsford City Football Ground, Essex County Cricket Club and some recent retail developments skirting the town centre.

A new section — Chelmsford Rural — based at Moulsham Lodge will cover the areas previously known as the Moulsham and Melbourne Sections, with some minor changes transferring Sandon and parts of West Hanningfield into the Rural Section, for ease of policing.

Inspector Dick Madden will be the Inspector in charge of Woodham Ferrers and the new Rural section.

Roy Giddings will take over as Section Inspector at Maldon with Duncan Bright (who held the now defunct

role as Chf Insp of Maldon Sub) moving to Chelmsford Sub HQ.

The Maldon Section will be slightly larger than previously with a large northerly area, previously part of Witham Sub, being transferred to Maldon. This area contains the beats of Wickham Bishops and Tollesbury which will now be managed from Section HQ at Maldon.

Runwell Village will now be policed from Wickford.

Supt Graham Dosssett, formerly head of the Force Training School, will now be the new man at Braintree where the new Sub-Divisional area is now co-terminus with that of Braintree District Council.

The part which was formerly the Witham Sub-division and lies within the Braintree District Council area, ie Witham town, Kelvedon, Feering, Coggeshall, Hatfield Peverel and the parishes which lie between them and Braintree will become part of the new, enlarged Braintree Sub-division.

The police stations at Braintree, Halstead and Witham will be in the hands of an Inspector.

"Whilst the town of Witham has lost the post of Chief Inspector, the size of the area managed by the Inspector in charge is much reduced," said Supt Dosssett.

Beaux Gendarmes Musical Triplet

THOSE Patrolling Pavarottis have been airing those vocal chords again, appearing for the third successive year at the Yeldham and District Primary Schools Music Festival.

This year the festival was held at the Hedingham School and Pc's Stephen Card, John Pheby and John Taylor delighted youngsters and parents alike with their participation in the European Song Concert.

The musical trio first got involved in the festival back in 1989 when they were asked to perform "The Great School Robbery." Neither they,

nor the schools have looked back since.

For the '92 performance they featured in two numbers — 'The Happy Wanderer' and 'The Beaux Gendarmes' and then joined in the Finale with 'Song of Liberty'.

Marion Thompson, secretary of the Gt

Yeldham and District Primary Schools Music Association said the crime-fighting trio had given everybody enormous pleasure as well as showing what community policing is all about.

And if you want to see the musical maestros for yourself, then check out the latest edition of *Focus* where they appear in film in all their crooning glory!

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"Sometimes we just aren't equal"

New initiatives bring cheer to co-ordinators You've left us high and dry says lone Watcher

AS NEIGHBOURHOOD Watch Co-ordinator for the northern part of Maltese Road, I have just received a copy of the Essex Police Magazine "The Law" - for the first time.

Is this a new arrangement?

I found the contents most interesting and enlightening, together with the controversial view of including Neighbourhood Watch items in the magazine.

When P.c. D.J. Gilbey was our local beat officer I had regular visits from

him, together with a copy of his monthly "Watchword" sheet of local news, etc. which I reproduced and circulated to all residents in my area.

Pc Gilbey also supplied me from time to time with 3-4 copies of the "Good Neighbours" magazine, which again I circulated.

Since Pc Gilbey was transferred to other duties some 12-18 months ago we have been left high and dry in this rather vulnerable area whatsoever by visit or communication, although I was given to understand that there was to be a replacement officer.

Whilst it is fortunate that

many of the local residents are extremely vigilant, it is difficult to maintain and stimulate interest if there is no personal contact or printed communication from the police.

I was delighted therefore to read your article in the May issue regarding the measures which are being undertaken to rectify these short-comings, and to strengthen the Neighbourhood Watch structure.

Regular newsletters would be of considerable benefit, as would the visible presence of a local beat officer, and I can assure you that we in turn will be happy to co-operate fully

for our mutual advantage.

J/F. Rendell
Neighbourhood Watch
Co-ordinator
Maltese Road
Chelmsford.

FUNERAL

I WOULD like, on behalf of myself and family, to express our sincere thanks to all who attended the funeral of my husband, Thomas Ransome and also for the lovely wreath.

I appreciate greatly the help given to me by the Welfare Department and say many thanks.

E D Ransome
Maidment Crescent
Witham

Moriarty and handball at Eynsham

YOUR ARTICLE in May's copy of *The Law* regarding Eynsham Hall brought back a flood of memories and I have enclosed a photograph which may be of interest to you.

The photograph was taken in November 1951 when I was at Eynsham Hall for my initial training. I was then in the Southend-on-Sea Constabulary. Sgt Tommy Howkins was our drill instructor - not that many of us needed it, most of us had been in the armed forces during the war.

The P.T.I. Sgt Smith, from Cambridge, organised with six-mile-run. He would accompany us to the main gate where he would get on his pedal cycle and would

turn up at strategic places to ensure we completed the whole course.

Bible

Handball was played in the gymnasium. This was more like indoor rugby and was not considered to have been played properly unless somebody on the course broke a wrist.

Those walks around the lake, parroting all those definitions. The practical demonstrations in the grounds. No video camera to play

back our mistakes, the only visual aid was the blackboard.

There was the occasional handout, but mostly students made



copious notes in a very large exercise book. 'Moriarty's Law' was the student's bible.

Cycle

That was forty years ago when there were not

any yellow lines parking meters, traffic wardens or fixed penalty tickets. Instead, at weekends, Public Holidays, and on special occasions, such as the Illuminations, hundreds of 'No Waiting' signs would be put out and later collected.

Offending motorists would be summonsed for "causing an unnecessary obstruction." Obligatory lights had to be switched on on parked vehicles during the hours of darkness.

There were not quite so many motor vehicles in those days, in fact a Pc, a Sgt and the DCC were about the only

members of the force to own their own car. No parking problem at the Police Station, but the rest of us could never find enough room in the cycle rack.

Radar

However from fixed points, walking and cycle beats, we progressed to motorcycles, area cars, radar, firearms and riot training - no such thing as riot gear - and since my retirement, computers, close circuit TV and a helicopter.

It's comforting to know the Police Force has always strived to modernise and keep up with the times. I wonder what new innovations

the probationer of today will encounter before he or she retires. Good luck to them all. "Beam me up Scotty."

Ex P.s Jack Faulkner
Lawn Avenue
Southend-on-Sea

PS, I would like £1 for every shop door handle that I shook!

Grateful Thanks

I AND my family would like to thank all friends and colleagues for their messages of sympathy after the recent sad loss of Mick (former Pc Mick Waspe, who retired in 1984 and was serving civilian General Stores Supervisor at HQ).

Also for all the donations received for the coronary care unit at Broomfield Hospital. We are most grateful.

Kathleen Waspe,
Juniper Drive,
Chelmsford,
Essex.



WPc should stay - Shock survey

IN THE April edition of *The Law* I wrote regarding the 'W'. Since this time I have conducted a survey amongst all WPc's in Essex and would be grateful if you could find a space in *The Law* to publish the results.

Out of 300 WPc's there were 246 replies and 54 no

replies.

175 (W)Pc's wished to retain their 'W'. 25 wished to be called 'Pc'.

46 did not mind either way what they were called.

A second question was asked as to whether they

had ever felt discriminated against by having a 'W' in front of Pc.

11 stated 'yes' they had felt discriminated against.

235 stated 'no' they hadn't.

The most common complaint of those surveyed was that for those who had the same name as their husband, there was complications already regarding

paperwork etc.,

Quite a few WPc's stressed (and those who stated Pc or either) that although the Pc had now been taken away that the 3000 number should remain and that we were in actual fact being discriminated against by the use of calling us Pc (eg) Michelle Bloggs. Obviously the christian name implying that the officer was a female anyway.

WPc Chown,
Basildon.

Stepping down after 20 years

I WOULD be grateful, if I could be allowed a few lines in "The Law" to say a sincere thank you to the members of "The Comrades Association" for their kind wishes, and the presentation to me of a cut glass decanter, following my standing down as Chairman of the Association after 20 years.

I have always felt that the Comrades Association cemented a bond between serving and retired policeman of all ranks, and during the past few years there has been disappointment in the decrease in the numbers of serving officers attending the annual functions.

I would like to pay tribute to Sergeant Bob

Needham, for his hard work, enthusiasm, and organising ability in making every function a success.

Many thanks to all members for their support, and the best of good wishes to the future.

W.A. Petherick
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East Rushton
Norfolk

MANY memories were recalled on the evening of Wednesday 13th May when six ex-Colchester female civilians held a reunion at Colchester Police Station, these being Joy Buy, Billie Soar, Mollie Beales, Anne Cutting, Pat Claydon and myself.

We were the entire civilian staff at the Queen Street Station in the late 1950's (two with CID, two in Courts Office, one in Admin and the Road Safety Officer).

We had a very interesting tour of the Police Station with Inspector Anderson as our guide, and then relaxed in the comfortable surroundings of the Bar - all very different from the Queen Street furnishings of our day!

Many police officers' names were recalled and we send best wishes to any who remember us - hope you are enjoying your retirement - from one who is still plodding on!

Shirley (Carman)
(Admin - Harwich
Police Station)

Grateful Thanks

I AND my family would like to thank all friends and colleagues for their messages of sympathy after the recent sad loss of Mick (former Pc Mick Waspe, who retired in 1984 and was serving civilian General Stores Supervisor at HQ).

Also for all the donations received for the coronary care unit at Broomfield Hospital. We are most grateful.

Kathleen Waspe,
Juniper Drive,
Chelmsford,
Essex.

Cop Capers

IN JOURNALISTIC circles it has always been called the silly season the balmy, cider-scented months of summer when the winter's crop of hard new stories; revolutions, coups, budgets, wither away to make room for more fruity pastures.

Passion Wagon

Space aliens turn spotty youths into cabbages, giant fish appear off the coast of Cornwall, while in Warwickshire, hot lovers are discovered by officers making out on the hard shoulder of the M40 while juggernauts thunder past just inches from their passion wagon.

Doesn't say much for safe sex does it! But it's not only the youngsters who are practising motorway madness, according to the county's Chief Constable, Peter Joslin. One couple pulled over on the M6, took out deskchairs, a rug and their dog and had a picnic. They even offered a cuppa to police who came to warn them off!

Model Driver

But you are unlikely to find the police asking 92-year-old Lynus Jones of Brigend to hand over his keys. The veteran motorist has just celebrated 75 years of accident-free motoring by having his licence extended for a further three years. He began driving in 1917 in a Model T Ford!

Mobile Mystery

Now back in those days, the idea of a mobile phone must have sounded like a futuristic dream, but as Tim Sugden discovered, you have to keep a close eye on the useful handsets if you want to keep in touch.

Thinking his 'mobile' had been stolen he rang his number hoping to speak to the culprits. But he was surprised when he found himself talking to Andover Police. Apparently the phone had been handed in after he mislaid it on a business trip.

It goes without saying that the phone was probably a "cell" net and he immediately went down the station and asked them to "and it over".

Dressing Down

It just goes to show that it does no good imagining the worst as Sussex Police discovered. They launched a murder hunt after hearing that a woman had entered some woods and a "shifty-looking" man emerged moments later carrying her dress.

But the helicopter and dog units searching the area were stood down when a Frenchman turned himself in and explained: "I'm a transvestite and had just changed clothes." He was released without charge and the call was filed as "a misunderstanding."

Bone heads

But finally this month's prize for the story of them all must go to *The Times* for their classic tale headlined:

"FBI raiders seize a dinosaur called Sue."

For 65 million years the Tyrannosaurus Rex has been allowed to rest in peace, but now she is at the centre of a legal wrangle after a private research institute dug her up from Indian reservation lands in South Dakota. Two weeks ago the FBI mounted a dawn raid on the institute and thirty agents took three days to pack her 41ft by 13ft frame and 5ft skull into crates and carted her away.

Now three different parties are laying claim to her priceless bones — the Institute, the Indians and the federal government.

Sue is now "criminal evidence" and is being stored at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City. Still what's a few odd years if your that old? And just think of all those tabloid headlines. Plenty of old newspapers to wrap up her bones in. Silly, innit?

Countdown to July 12 Spectacular FUN DAY IS BACK

BELIEVE IT or not there's now only a month to go before the 1992 Essex Police Fun Day and organisers are busy with last minute preparations to ensure it's the best yet.

THE date's all set for July 12 and, as usual the gates open at 10am with free park and ride services shuttling people to and from the HQ site from Wharf Road car park and Essex County Supplies car park at Dukes Farm.

Once people arrive there will be plenty to keep them busy with spectacular displays including The Knights of the Crusade, The Flying Dragons Parachute Team and the Heart of England Falconry.

Also there to thrill the crowds will be Berni Bennett, King of the Low Wire and the finals of the popular Essex Police/Hi-Tec Football and Netball Tournament — now in its second year.

The Fun Day will also give sporting youngsters a chance to meet the stars, with a celebrity football match planned and international netball players taking part in

celebrity netball.

Also on a sporting theme will be the Croker Cup Tug of War championships.

New for this year is a Open Air Variety Concert taking place at 8pm on Saturday July 11 on the Fun Day Showground at Police HQ, Chelmsford. Acts include the Essex Police Band and a Country and Western Group which includes Southend officers in their line-up.

More than 20 charities are set to benefit from this year's event, which raised thousands for charity last year. Organisers say help is still needed on the day — if anyone can help please contact C/I Geoff Emsden at Stanway Traffic, C/I Dick Bloomfield at Police HQ or Fred Feather at the Force Museum on extension 2395. Alternatively get in touch with your divisional Fun Day rep.



Slip sliding away

IT WAS a case of "Mud Glorious Mud" when two teams of Essex Police Cadets swapped shiny shoes and pressed shirts for a mud bath in the Luton Volunteer Cadet Challenge.

It was the first time teams from Essex had competed in the event, organised by Bedfordshire Police and as they headed off they knew little except it involved mapwork and they definitely needed spare clothes.

But despite this lack of knowledge the Essex Police B team, made up of Senior Cadet Sally Muir, Cadet Suzy Pink, Cadet Fraser Machae, Cadet Cadie Down, Cadet Neil Armstrong and Cadet Timothy Littman, comfortably beat 14 other teams to take the trophy.

And the A team also did themselves proud, fighting off a strong challenge from a gaggle of teams including Godalming and earning sixth place by just eight points.

The competition consisted of a morning of map reading with activities in between and bonus observation



ANY one got any Persil? The mud kings of the B team celebrate their victory.

points, while the afternoon was taken up with various team challenges from raft racing to first-aid.

But the event that probably everyone will remember was involving a wet, slippery, muddy hill — the idea being that you had to go under a tarpaulin down the hill and fill your cup with water.

Then, trying not to spill it, get back up the hill and fill up a bucket. Needless to say,

but the clothes they were wearing no ultra washing powder would clean.

Most importantly, the team came home having enjoyed themselves and left a good impression on the organisers, who said they: "Worked so well together, in such good humour, many of the supervisors that day remarked on the quality and consistency of the team and that they deserved to win."



YOU will enjoy yourself! High-speed action at last year's event.

Crimewatch clue for missing Dinah

A MAJOR breakthrough has been made in the search for missing Tillingham teenager Dinah McNicol following the screening of her mysterious disappearance on BBC's Crimewatch programme.

Months of investigations and inquiries had brought the force no nearer to solving what happened to the bright 18 year old student and all efforts to trace the last person to be seen with her, had failed.

Even immediately after the programme, despite around 300 callers responding to Det Sgt Derek Nickol's appeal for help, all the vital questions still lay unanswered.

Then just as the Maldon detective thought he had hit another brick wall, the call he had been waiting for came through. Prompted by two friends who had watched the

appeal, a man, last seen with Dinah at the Liphook festival site, came forward.

Derek Nickol's investigation headed south once more, this time to Reigate, where the 26 year old lived. According to "Bill" as he is known by his friends, the day after the festival (Mon Aug 5), he and Dinah left the site and walked around two miles to the nearby village of Grayshott.

After buying some food in a local supermarket they hitched a lift to the A3 and then north up the road as far as an Esso garage on the London-bound track near the

Hampshire/Surrey border.

The couple stayed in that area for a while, ate their food and then walked further up the A3 in the hope of another lift. But finding the road conditions unsuitable for hitching they returned to the garage and caught a lift sometime between 1 and 2pm.

Dinah climbed into the front passenger seat while "Bill" sat in the back of the car with a rucksack containing his and Dinah's belongings.

He was dropped off at the M25, junction 8 at Reigate. The driver then headed back up the sliproad to rejoin the M25. Dinah stayed in the car, remaining in the front passenger seat.

During the journey he has told Ds Nickol that Dinah

gave every indication she was intending to go home. During their time together they had established a firm friendship and he had arranged to phone her soon.

He did so, the next morning, but on hearing a man's voice on the answerphone (Dinah's father) he hunt up. He tried ringing several more times but always got the answerphone. Eventually he lost Dinah's number and the contact was lost.

Ds Nickol said the man and his family were very co-operative in providing information. Despite widespread publicity, Bill had been unaware of the publicity surrounding the case — only realising when his friends told him.

Now efforts are concentrat-

ing on finding out what happened to Dinah after "Bill" was dropped off at Reigate. All he can remember about the car they were picked up in is that it was old and driven by a man aged 45-50 who spoke to him and Dinah with interest about festivals and folk music. It is believed he had sandy-straw coloured hair and had driven up from the south coast.

Last week a TV crew from Crimewatch filmed a reconstruction showing Dinah and Bill getting into a car on the A3 in the hope that he driver will come forward, or somebody will know what happened next.

The reconstruction should be shown on national TV on June 18 and Ds Nickol will be

waiting on the phones once again. Also hoping and praying will be Dinah's father for



MISSING teenager Dinah McNicol.

whom the months of waiting and not knowing, are becoming hard to bear.

This fresh news has pieced together more of the Dinah

McNicol story, but there are still some huge gaps in the puzzle.

Her cashpoint card was first used in Margate just two days after getting this lift. After that almost all the money in the account was withdrawn very rapidly.

And nothing so far has explained why a happy, intelligent teenager with a university place waiting for her and a caring family, would apparently vanish off the face of the earth.

So the search goes on and Ds Nickol's well thumbed blue file is still growing. One day, he hopes he will be able to close it for good and, though it almost seems like a pipe dream now, reunite Dinah with her father.

Work about to start on high-tech new central communications room

Build your future with FIR

CONTROL ROOM staff around the county are voting for a future with FIR.

With building work due to start on the new Force Information Room (FIR) at the end of next month, already 42 staff — 25 civilian and 17 police —

by Jenny Bullus

have indicated an interest in working there.

When the new central communications room goes live in early 1994, it will provide the force with the latest technology, and its

operators with a purpose-built environment in a new complex.

The aim of FIR is to provide Essex Police with the best possible communications, removing the potential for conflict between control rooms.

This potential for conflict was a factor highlighted in the reports on Hungerford and the Hillsborough disaster.

When FIR is up and running, a single group of communications officers will deal with all VHF and UHF radio resources, all 999 calls and contact with other emergency services.

In FIR, each territorial police division will be controlled separately, with its own group of operators, so an operator will always speak with the same officers.

It is planned to have six or seven operators for each division per shift; supervised by a Sergeant, who will have responsibility for two divisions.

The new £2 million FIR complex will be built behind the garage at Police HQ in Chelmsford.

To ensure the best possible layout for its operators, a full-scale

cardboard mock up of the operational floor was built last October to run a series of simulation trials.

The trials involved operators from all divisions and the existing Headquarters Information Room (HQIR).

FIR will be a hexagonal single-storey building, with the Information Room in the centre, and offices and other facilities around the outside.

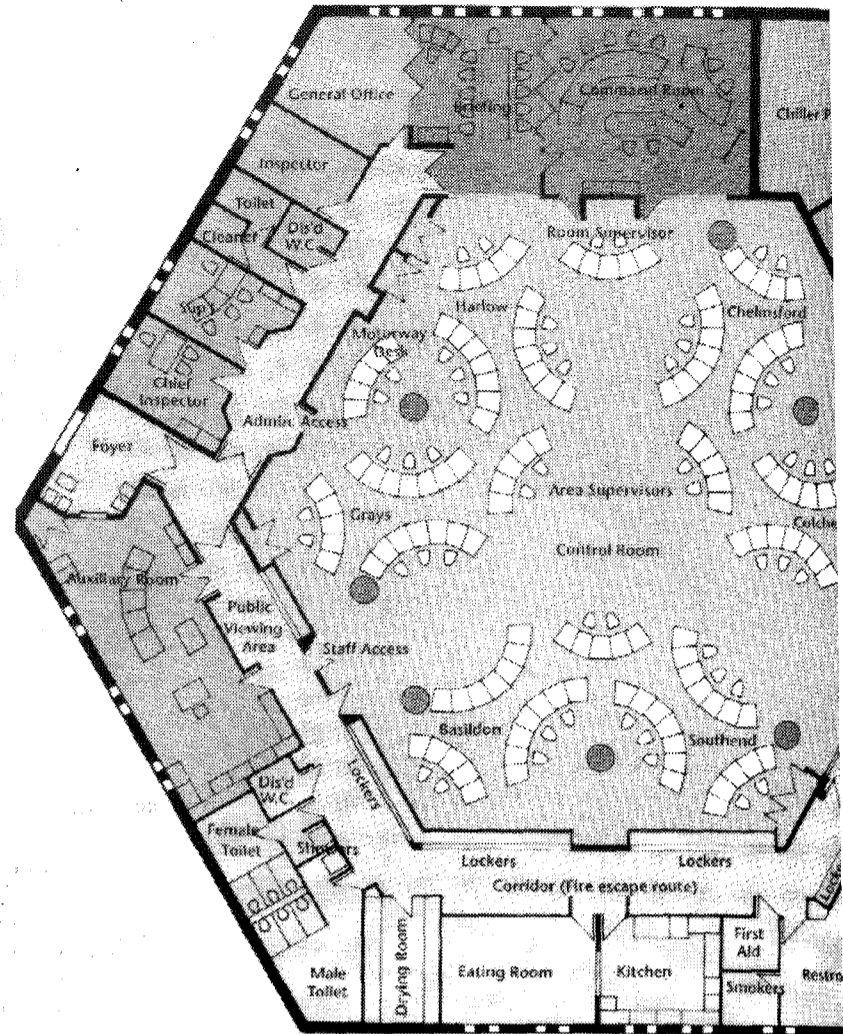
By controlling all resources from a single room, known as Single Tier communications, a complete picture will be maintained throughout the course of an incident.

This should ensure a fast, co-ordinated and efficient response, enabling the force to provide a better service to police and public.

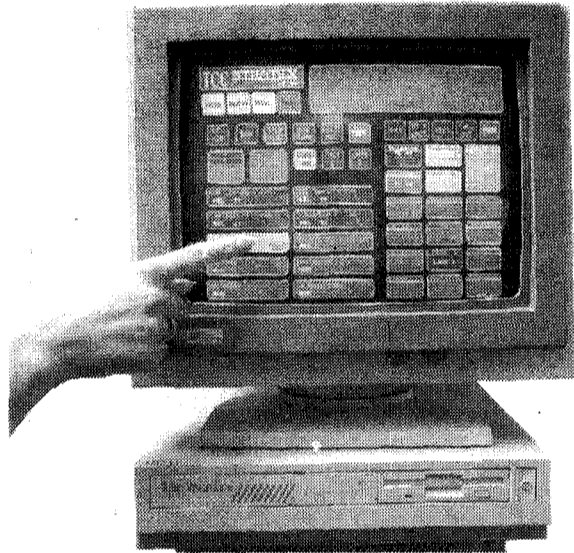
Another benefit of the new FIR will be the opportunity for all staff involved in communication duties to receive specific training.

A special ten-week course has been designed for new civilian operators, and conversion training will be provided for existing control room staff who transfer to FIR.

Staffing levels will allow for FIR to be totally self-sufficient, so there will be no need to draw officers from patrol duties to cover absences in the control



The planned layout for the new Force Information



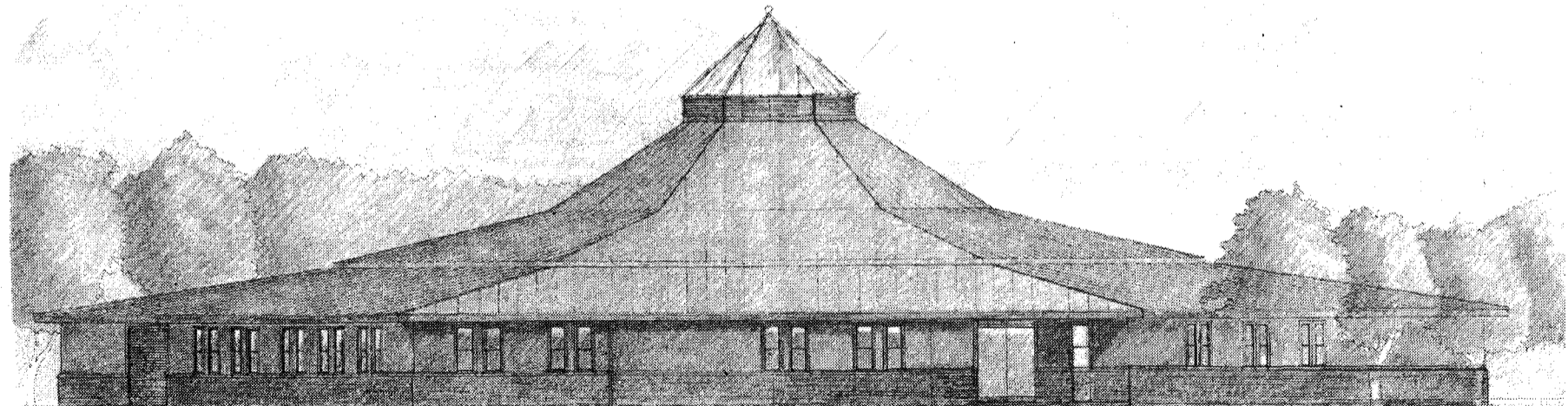
A TOUCHSCREEN terminal, similar to those which will be used in FIR.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

A GLOSSY 16-page brochure called "Your Future With FIR" has been published by the project team, explaining the major issues and changes in greater depth.

Anyone who would like a copy, or has any other queries about FIR, is invited to contact the project team on HQ, ext 2794 or 2137.

A video about FIR, presented by Tomorrow's World star Howard Stableford will also be available shortly.



Latest artist's impression of the new Force Information Room.

Always

THE NAMES of those off for Essex Police are to be an engraved Roll of Honour Stone.

The tributes are the idea who first thought of construction years ago, while attending P

As he listened to the Force was shot while trying to realise something more nee

"I thought to myself th respects to Bill, or anyone el

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Force's most recent death - November 1989 at Orsett in

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be forgotten, teamed up w through.

In fact, F.S.U. have been towards the £8,000 cost of th

Elm with 24 carat gold leaf Portland Stone.

These will be unveiled at, at HQ on October 7, with the

reception foyer at HQ, while flagpole opposite the Chief's

Relatives of many of the 6 invited to the service — but no surviving relatives have ne

If you are, or know of an please contact Ken Radley at

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QE1 drives force forward

THE FORCE'S new communications vehicle will hit the road next month, making the latest technology available at a major incident anywhere in Essex.

And operators working the new QE1 should find all the facilities they require, because it has been designed by those who will use it.

The man leading the design team was Pc. Phil Cane, from the Information Room at HQ, who is delighted with the new seven-and-a-half tonne vehicle.

"This is a stride forward, we have the latest state of the art radio equipment.

"We will be capable of speaking to virtually every force in the country, and of speaking to all other emergency services on their emergency bands,

including marine ones," he said.

But the most noticeable step forward is in the provision of command facilities on board. There is a separate small office for the Silver Commander, where senior officers can confer, and communicate with headquarters.

With other facilities such as mobile fax and mobile phones, an IRIS terminal, TV and video, tape recorders, and an 85-foot radio mast complete with adjustable base, Pc. Cane said, "I am confident that it is capable of dealing with anything."

He believes its potential

use is far greater than that of the present QE1, now more than ten years old.

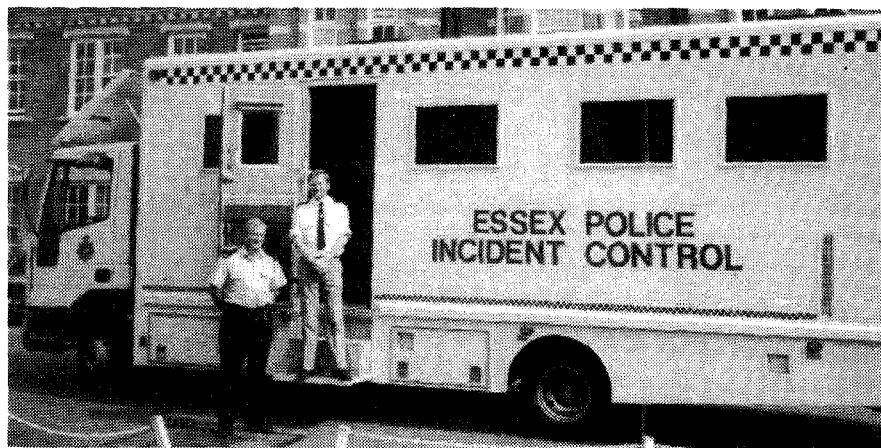
Newly decked out in its Essex Police livery, the new comms. vehicle will soon be taken round the county's major police stations.

Pc. Cane wants as many officers as possible, particularly at Inspector level, to see what is on offer.

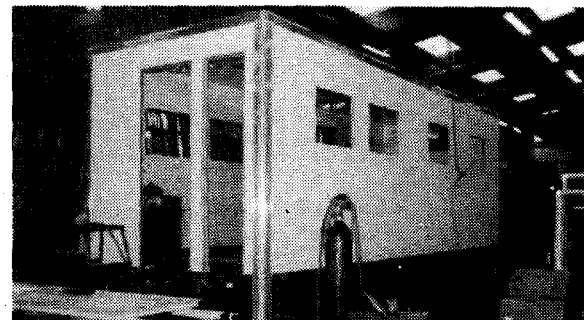
"Once they see what is available for them to call on, I'm sure they will have little hesitation in calling it out.

"It is a very important vehicle, and it will certainly improve the police response to large scale incidents. It is here for the whole force."

Pc. Cane has liaised closely with Hampshire Police who took delivery of a new comms. vehicle last



IN CONTROL: Pc. Phil Cane and Mr. Mick Wade inspect the new QE1 communications vehicle.



QE1 takes shape.

year. This gave him the opportunity to eliminate problems Hants Police had encountered, while he also ensured as many Essex operators as possible had an input, through his development team of Pc. Nick Milbank, Pc. Barry Reynolds and Mr. Mick Wade.

The specially-adapted Ford Iveco cargo van is almost twice the size of the current QE1, but still light enough to be driven by Information Room staff, without an HGV or PSV licence.

The new radio aerial is designed with lockable sections, which will allow the vehicle to be used in wind speeds exceeding 60 miles per hour, 43 miles per hour when the mast is fully extended.

With no need for guy ropes, and the moveable base ensuring it can be levelled up on uneven

ground, operators will get QE1 up and running quicker than ever before, and expect to get far better radio reception.

Although the initial cost including all equipment was £65,000, the investment is long term with the new QE1 designed so the box part can be removed and placed on a new chassis when the vehicle tires mechanically.

The vehicle has separate entrances to the command room and operations room. The ops. room has space for a maximum of six operators, and will provide

a comfortable working environment with air conditioning, hot and cold water, and a microwave oven.

Pc. Cane said with much better equipment on board, the aim was to encourage greater use of QE1, which attended 21 incidents in 1991. "A good example would be the multiple fatal accident on the M25 last year. If the new QE1 had been available, it could have been stationed on the carriageway and senior officers could have used it to control the situation," said Pc. Cane.



THE new QE1 under construction in Hampshire.

Essex Police launches 'Do It Yourself' Drug Awareness Guide

Dave designs drugs package

ESSEX POLICE have launched a "Do It Yourself Guide to Drug Awareness" which contains photographs, descriptions, names and nicknames, and the effects of a wide variety of drugs which are capable of misuse.

The teaching pack is intended for use by police officers who speak to those who have influence over young people rather than young people themselves.

Funding for the pack has been provided by the Home Office Drugs Prevention Initiative who will be monitoring its use.

The pack has attracted interest from health, social workers, and charities

involved with young people.

The pack was launched by the Chief Constable, Mr John Burrow, and David Rigby of the Home Office earlier this month.

It was compiled by Inspector David Perry, Force Drug Prevention/Education Co-ordinator.

Insp. Perry said, "There's a growing demand for drug awareness from parents and

other groups within the county.

"I gave 140 talks on the subject last year, but the reason for this training pack is to enable other officers around the county to respond to requests.

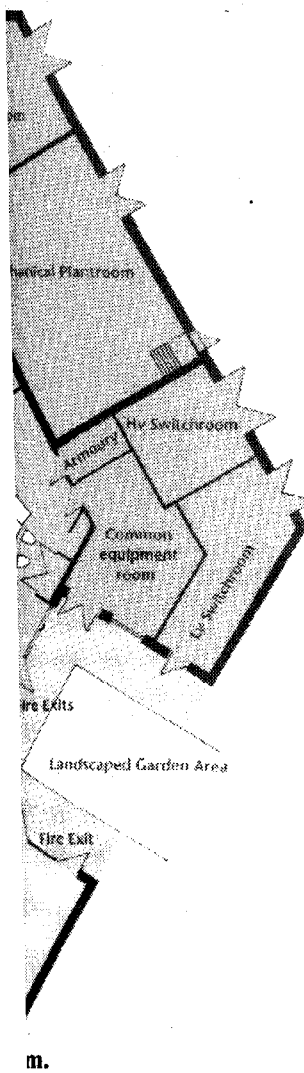
"Our objective is to prevent drug use by education, and the people we want to educate are those who have influence over young people.

"As the Chief Constable said at the launch, we believe the drug problem in Essex is serious, but not critical."



CHIEF Constable John Burrow and Insp. Dave Perry with Mr. David Rigby of the Home Office at the launch of the Drug Awareness guide.

at HQ



remembered

who made the ultimate sacrifice remembered for centuries to come on plaque and a carved Memorial

Chief Inspector Brian Hindley, some sort of memorial over eight months memorial service. tributes to the brave officer, who Post Office robber, he suddenly be done.

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Groups must establish better communication, says Kenn

Watch out for Basildon initiatives



LONDON TO BRIGHTON



Members of the Pushers and Pedlars in training for the big event.

Pushers pedal for hearty total

AN EIGHTEEN-STRONG team of Essex Police riders will line up amongst the 27,000 fund-raisers and cycling enthusiasts for this month's London to Brighton event.

The fifteen men and the women hope to pedal their way past the £1,000 mark to beat the total they raised at last year's event for the British Heart Foundation.

Among those who will just be happy to complete the 58-mile route will be Dc Dave Swann, who a year ago was undergoing open heart surgery. He will be accompanied by his teenage son Andrew.

Meanwhile Ds Bob Cordery, riding a tandem with his wife Julie, will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of joining the Essex County Constabulary.

The Essex Police contingent rides under the team name Pushers and Pedlars, reflecting the strong representation and origins within the Drug Squad at HQ.

Muscles

The ride sets out from Clapham Common on Sunday, June 21, and as the muscles tire, the One in Six Ditchling Beacon near Brighton will be a test of everyone's fitness.

Leading the team will be Inspector George Florence from HQ CID, who said, "Most of the team will just be riding for fun, only a couple of us are serious cyclists."

Sponsors should contact Insp. Florence on HQ ext. 2527.

The full team is: Insp.

Florence, Chf. Supt. Keith Southgate (Grays), DCI Tim Scotchmer, Ds Bob Cordery, Dc Chris Winstone, Dc John Fuller, Dc Dave Swann, Dc Stephen Coates, Ds Godfrey O'Toole, Dc Mick Brown, Ds Graham Carter (all HQ CDU), Pc Sally Brown (Braintree), Dc Ken Foster (Chelmsford), Insp Ray Burman (Basildon), Ds Arthur Brown (Harlow), Dc Alison Bourne (NCIS), Julie Cordery, Andrew Swann.

Woburn

Only three of the Pushers and Pedlars entered the Cambridge to Woburn Abbey and back charity cycle ride on Sunday 31 May.

Although leaving Cambridge over two hours after the official start time, Tim Scotchmer and Bob Cordery, with his wife, Julie on a tandem, were not the last to reach the destination.

The resultant late start to the return journey was to their favour as they missed a torrential rainstorm which engulfed many of the earlier riders.

The 91 miles were covered at an average speed of 14 mph which includes the drinks stops but not picnic time at the park!

Cash raised is for Action Research for the Crippled Child.

PEOPLE who join the Neighbourhood Watch are sometimes under the impression that the scheme is run entirely by the police.

Therefore they expect either to have a regular visit, or direct information and service immediately to their scheme, or personal attention whenever their demands are indicated.

Not so, maybe the police can go along with some of the requirements, but of course the prime objective is to know what is going on, in other words, establishing a means of communication. It is therefore important that we recognise the problems encountered when communicating, and learn to communicate in the most effective way.

THREE months ago, *The Law* welcomed 3,000 new readers from the county's Neighbourhood Watch schemes, and invited contributions from co-ordinators. Here, in an occasional series of articles, Basildon Watch Co-ordinator KENN COULTER discusses some of the problems the schemes run into, and describes some of the Basildon initiatives which have helped maintain interest and enthusiasm in the area.

As a Co-ordinator — Collator I have learnt to consider carefully what neighbourhood members are conveying: are they contradicting instruction or procedures, or perhaps

they have misunderstood the advice given them by their community police officer, or local police station.

Leader

Many Neighbourhood Watch Groups fail to have good communication amongst themselves, maybe the old saying that an army is only as good as its leader, applies.

It is essential that some form of interest is available to sustain the working of a group.

Good leadership, and Liaison people, are essential if you want your group to function.

Neighbourhood Watch is run by the community, the police are available to give advice and expect in return your assistance when problems become apparent. Remember, with incidents if you see it report it; be prepared to make a statement if you are involved or

a witness. Without your help, it can be difficult to obtain a conviction against the offender.

Basildon has always tried to encourage people to produce initiatives, in fact we have a challenge shield for this purpose, it goes to the group which produces the most worthwhile initiative in the attempt to reduce crime, each year.

Equipment

To sustain interest in home security, we have in the last four years formulated our own security supplies unit, this year we have included security equipment for cars.

These Security Supplies are made available for any neighbourhood watch members, all items are at cost-price, the service is run on a non-profit making basis.

For five years we have also introduced Petwatch, a successful initiative in which we encourage members to register their family pets, identification discs are made available at a small charge, and a Lost & Found Bureau helps to recover lost pets.

Attached is a table showing some of the other initiatives involving Neighbourhood Watch.

Bob's Chairathon charity challenge

BRAVE Sergeant Bob Fielding is in hard training for a 14 mile sponsored journey from Chelmsford Cathedral to raise funds for disabled athletes.

But Bob will not be walking, in fact, that would be a near-impossible challenge, he will be undertaking the trip in a wheelchair.

Multiple Sclerosis sufferer Bob, who works in Operational Planning at HQ, has organised the "Chairathon" to raise money for the British Paralympic Association to send a team to the Olympics for the disabled in Barcelona in September.

Two years ago Bob was diagnosed as suffering from MS, after several years of unexplained ailments. Before the onset of illness, he was a dog handler at South Ockendon.

Although, fortunately, Bob does not need a wheelchair, he suffers from numbness in his left leg and left hand. He said, "There's no way realistically that I could walk 14 miles, so I have been lent a wheelchair."

"I think it is important to show yourself and other people that you are still capable of doing things."

To that end he has thrown himself into training for the "Chairathon", the cuts on his hands bearing witness to his excessive enthusiasm to master the technique before the event on Friday, July 3.

Bob said, "It's not a crusade, but it is difficult to cope with an illness and this gives me something to aim at."

Bob will be accompanied by Barbara Durbin from Brentwood, who is blind, and her Guide Dog, Melda. They will carry a collecting bucket along the route, and Bob is also looking for sponsors. He has already raised thou-



Bob Fielding in training for his Chairathon. Picture by kind permission of the Brentwood Gazette.

sands of pounds for different charities, before and since the onset of MS, including Guide Dogs for the Blind, Riding for the Disabled and the Multiple Sclerosis Society, for which he raised some £2,800 by climbing Snowdon.

This time Bob has come up with a novel idea to encourage fund-raising support. He is offering a free Day Trip to France, provided by P & O European Ferries, for the person who raises the most sponsorship on his behalf.

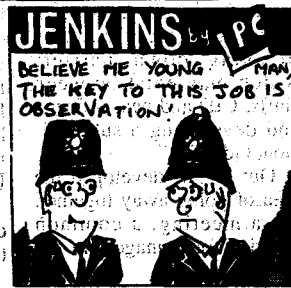
For sponsor forms or to pledge a donation to the British Paralympic Association, contact Bob on HQ ext 2404, or at home on

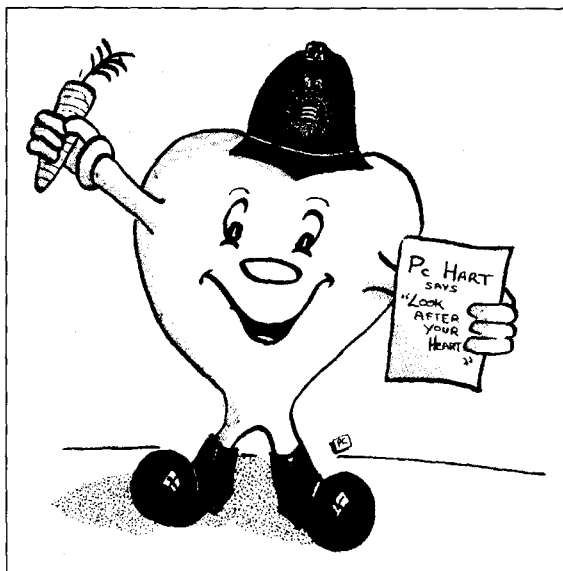
(0277) 822673.

New Year will be the 40th anniversary of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, and Bob's 40th birthday, so he is already planning his next fundraising event.

BASILDON DIVISION NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH INITIATIVES

Schemes	Measures to sustain interest
Operation Mark-up 1987-91	12,000 motorists, window etching, internal equipment marking.
Helping Hands Section 1989-92	Helping the disabled fit home security devices. Helped fit smoke detectors in pensioners' homes.
Neighbourhood Watch Youth Groups - 8 established in the Division 1989-91	Junior Crime Prevention Panels. 8,723 young people join scheme.
Youth Conservation teams formed, 1989-92	Clean-Green-Safe campaign.
Anti-Litter Campaign 1990-92	All areas involved moved 30 tons of waste in a major clean up.
Cycle Post Coding centres 1989-92	11,000 cycles post-coded within the Division from 1986-90.





Colchester's charity quizathon

A TOTAL of £400 was raised in 6 hours for two charities in three consecutive general knowledge quizzes organised by Colchester Police Sports Club.

Wakes Hall Residential Centre, Wakes Colne, and the Essex Autistic Society Home at Peldon will each receive £200.

From 6pm to midnight on Friday 29 May three separate quizzes, each lasting two hours, were set at the Colchester Rugby Club.

To add further interest there were three teams who competed in all three quizzes.

These were a team from each of the charities and a team from Colchester Police Sports Club led by Inspector John McCabe.

The victors in a close run but sporting contest were John McCabe's outfit playing under the team name of Mac & Co.

The final scores were:

Mac & Co 288
Autistic Soc 285
Young Pretenders 277
(Wakes Hall)

In the first session, thirteen other teams competed for the honour of being first winners of the evening.

First prize went to quiz league experts Brainfade who led all the way scoring maximum points in five out of ten rounds.

Drips

In the second period fourteen teams joined the 3 'marathon' teams and another regular quiz team, The Drips, came out on top.

Special mention must go to the team from The Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) who raised £33.50 for the event from a collection at work earlier in the day.

In the final leg, from 10pm to midnight, a few extra teams joined the 'regulars' and some teams stayed from the previous quiz to boost the total to eleven.

Bentley's Babes, from Harwich took the lead at the half way stage and refused to let go despite some good opposition.

Raffle

In addition to raffles run during each quiz, every team member was given an entry into a separate free raffle which was drawn just after midnight.

The lucky winner was K. Springett a member of the Strained Brains team, who received a selection of goodies.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who took part for their support.

The event was organised by Sgt Keith Beechener, Sgt Clive Butler and Dc Chris Farnell.

Essex Police joins campaign to promote a fitter force

TAKING HEALTH TO HEART ON THE BEAT

by Jenny Bullus

CHIEF Superintendent Bill Pirie has started walking the two-and-a-half miles to work once or twice a week.

Such is his commitment to the force's current campaign towards a healthier lifestyle, that he has taken its message very much to heart.

Essex Police has recently signed the "Look After Your Heart" charter, which commits the force to ten objectives concerning smoking, healthy eating, alcohol, exercise and stress management.

A number of other police forces and major employers have signed up for the Health Education Authority initiative, aimed at promoting healthy living in the workplace, and combatting heart disease.

Mr Pirie, head of the personnel department, said,

"This is one of the ways in which we are doing what we can to improve the fitness of members of the force, both police and civilian."

Sickness

"One of the main aims is to reduce sickness levels within the force."

The force has committed itself to:

- Publicising the "Look After Your Heart" message in offices and on noticeboards, and providing information about healthy living to staff.
- Providing more smoke-free areas, and ensuring healthy choices of food are available.
- Introducing programmes on physical activity, nutrition and stress management.

● Increasing opportunities for physical activity, and for staff to receive health checks.

● Adopting practical policies to encourage activity and maintenance of health.

Many of these objectives were already being promoted within the force, for example through its existing Occupational Health care service based at Basildon Hospital.

The force is currently reviewing options available for occupational health care, one possibility being an in-house scheme.

A Non-Smoking policy was introduced last year, and the force's caterers, DSO Catering, introduced their Healthy Eating charter on April 1.

Time off for sport is being extended to civilian employees.

And, said Mr Pirie, "Sickness levels within the force are already showing an encouraging decrease."

Facilities

Wally Thurgood, secretary of the Force's "Look After Your Heart" committee, said "We are not trying to force anybody to do anything. We are just trying to give more information and facilities so people can make their own decisions."

Suggestions like using the stairs rather than the lift, which may soon be appearing on cartoon-style posters around police stations, fall into this category.

Another area which is being looked at is the provision of multi gym equipment and better fitness facilities at police stations.

LOOK AFTER YOUR HEART

FOR more information about "Look After Your Heart" contact your divisional representative:

Chf. Insp. Brian Storey (HQ, C & D), Det. Insp. Bob Miller (Dunmow), Mrs Diana English (HQ, CID), Mr. Ken Radley (HQ Admin), Sgt. Mike Davies (HQ, Press Office), Chf. Insp. Gary Walker (M.S.D.), Chf. Insp. Ray Newman (Basildon), Insp. Barry Ansell (Southend), Chf. Insp. Malcolm Jolly (Colchester), Chf. Insp. Dave Murthwaite (Chelmsford), Insp. Gary Skull (Brentwood), Sgt. Bob Fielding (Operational Planning), Mr. Wally Thurgood (HQ, Personnel).

Bosses take fresh ideas on board

BOSSSES at Brentwood hit on a novel idea for helping the management team to take fresh ideas on board — they sailed through a sub-divisional meeting on a North Sea ferry.

The floating think-tank was the brainchild of Chief Inspector Denis Sheppard, and was paid for by the 19 officers themselves in their own time.

Officers found their regular supervisors' meetings

were disrupted by the pressures of work, the ringing of the phones and the problem of getting all the shifts together.

So they took advantage of the Conference facilities aboard Sealink's Stena Britannica and thrashed out new ideas as they sailed to the Hook of Holland.

Insp. Gary Skull explained, "The force management philosophy stresses the importance of participation and consultation, and this applies to staff as well as the public."

"We see our regular cycle of supervisors' meetings as an important part of this process. By having an open forum we achieve a lot, by breaking down barriers which may exist between shifts, CID and beat officers, and developing a sub-divisional identity."

Out of this developed the idea of going away together, for a meeting, a common practice for managers in the

private sector.

Chf. Insp. Sheppard negotiated a price of £31 a head, including lunch, a cabin overnight and breakfast, and the officers arranged supervisory cover for Brentwood with the help of colleagues at Grays.

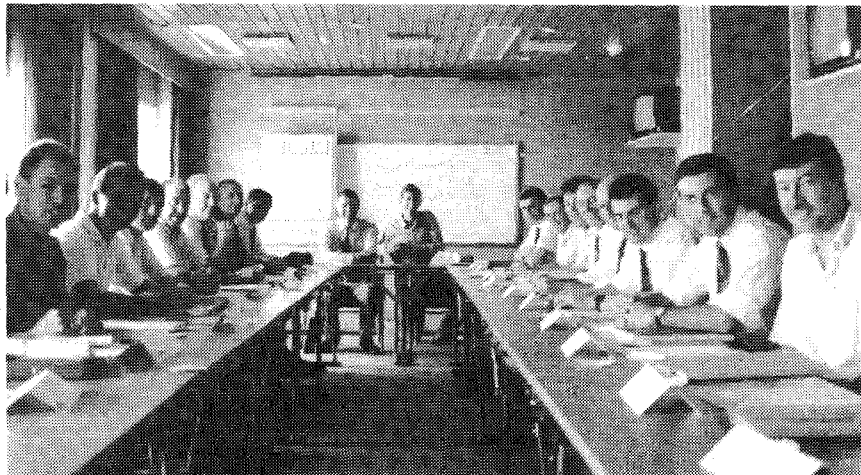
They embarked from Harwich at 10am on Thursday, May 21, were in conference by 10.30am and worked their way through a full day's agenda. They were still going strong when the ship docked in Holland at 7pm!

Insp. Skull said, "People were being open and honest, and really talking about how they felt, without the restraints of uniform and the police station environment."

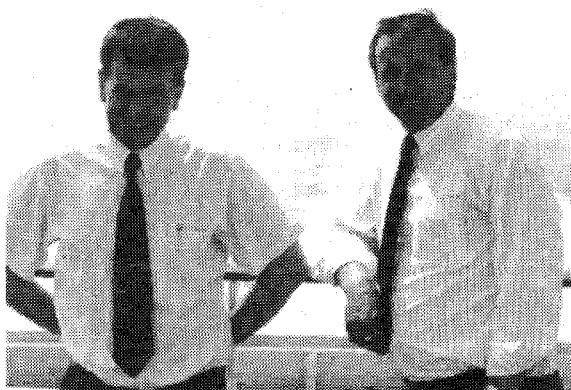
"From a team-building point of view it was superb, and we achieved a lot."

"We discussed issues like whether we are getting the best from our resources, and felt some fine tuning could help us achieve better policing for the people of Brentwood."

After winding up the day's business the group had two hours ashore before set-



CONFERENCE AFLOAT: Channelling new ideas through the management team from Brentwood.



TAKING A BREATH: Sgt Nick Hale and Supt. Keith Free take a breath of sea air during a break in the day's business.

ting sail on the return journey at 9pm.

In the morning there was just time for breakfast before docking in Harwich at 7am — bright-eyed and ready for a day's work.

The group was led by Supt. Keith Free from Grays and Chf. Insp. Sheppard, and included Insp. Skull and Det. Insp. Dave Delamain, eight

uniformed sergeants, two detective sergeants, and five Pcs who do acting Sergeant duties on their shifts.

Insp. Skull concluded, "I would certainly like to go away again, I see it as a legitimate management tool."

"Obviously it depends on the will of the officers, who travelled in their own time and paid for themselves."

Celebrity match

A PRO-CELEBRITY cricket match is being held next month to raise funds for DEBRA — the Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association.

DEBRA is one of the charities Essex Police have supported over the past five years. Last summer Essex officers John Stonehouse, Lorrie Austin and John Butcher played in a cricket match at a Fun Day for DEBRA.

This year, the pro-celebrity cricket match, to be held on July 26 at Mobil Headquarters, Coryton, will consist entirely of celebrities from Barry Hearn's Matchroom team.

Reunion

TILBURY officers past and present are invited to a get together on Tuesday, June 30, between 12.30pm and 3.30pm to mark the sub-division's amalgamation with Grays to form the new Thurrock sub-division on July 1. Ring Tilbury police station for details.



I.P.A. NEWS

MID-ESSEX BRANCH
Fred Dyson

Trondheim trip

Barn Dance

ANOTHER great success was the Barn Dance on Friday May 8th, held once again in a marquee on the sports field at Police HQ.

It was supported by well over 100 members and friends, who enjoyed a sausage and chips supper during the interval. A raffle was also held.

Music was supplied by Mr Colin Carter, who was also an excellent caller. It was good to see everyone take to the floor as soon as the music started.

Everyone said how much they enjoyed it.

Norway Visit

ON Tuesday May 12th four of our members with their wives, accompanied by two IPA members from Edinburgh, flew from Gatwick to Norway for a 10 day visit.

They stopped in Oslo for four nights, then took the train to Trondheim, where they were hosted

by the local Branch of the I.P.A.

I am informed by Mick Stanbury that it was a fantastic visit, the scenery and the hospitality shown was out of this world.

He has written a full report of this visit which will be in the next edition of "Police World."

Trondheim I.P.A. send their best wishes to members of Mid-Essex and were sorry that more did not visit.

Fun Day

Sunday 12th July is Essex Police Fun Day. As our stall of cream teas was such a success last year, we propose to have a stall this year of "tea and cakes".

We would like members wives to help by making cakes, or for that matter any of our male members who may be capable of 'Knocking up' a dozen cakes or more.

Please help make this another successful day

towards charity. If you can assist, contact Molly Giggins on Chelmsford 251082.

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 2nd August - Visit to Old Warden Aerodrome, Beds, the home of the Shuttleworth Trust, also a flying display.

Sunday 16 August - Day visit to Bressingham Gardens, Norfolk.

Many of our planned visits are falling short of attendance by members who have indicated on the slips at the beginning of the year of their intentions to attend.

This causes financial problems for those who attend by making good the deficiency in costs when coach bookings have been made. It would be appreciated if full support can be given by those who stated their intentions of partaking in these venues.

Stark slogan promotes police crackdown



SPEEDING motorists in Essex will soon be picking up more than a fine or a caution from Essex Police. They will also be getting something to read.

With more than 20 months of 1992, the force has teamed up with Essex County Council's Road

Safety Department and Essex Radio to get across the stark message "Speed Kills".

From now on, anyone who is stopped for speeding will be given a leaflet produced by Road Safety

Officers called "Speed Kills" which explains the hazards of excess speed.

Chief Inspector Brian Ladd, of HQ traffic management, said: "We want to make speeding as socially unacceptable as drink driving."

"Although the number of people being killed on Essex roads has fallen, there are still too many people being killed and seriously injured.

"The aim of the campaign is not to cause misery to motorists by handing out fixed penalty tickets or hauling them before courts, but to reduce the misery caused by accidents."

Many serious accidents happen in residential areas where children are playing and 30mph can often be too fast. Fifty thousand leaflets have now been printed by the County Council to help police step up their three year anti-speeding campaign. A series of radio advertisements targeted at different groups of drivers will also run for four weeks.

The crackdown is being backed up by a car sticker campaign. The stickers will carry the message "Essex Drivers Do It Within Limits."



Watch your speed: Peter Loerns of Laindon Traffic demonstrates the radar gun outside the "Speed Kills" exhibition.

IPA - SOUTH EAST ESSEX BRANCH

I.P.A. S.E. ESSEX

ON APRIL 7 a group of 25 visited the Tower of London for the Ceremony of the Keys.

A guided tour of the Tower preceded social drinks in the Yeoman Warders Club, and at 10pm the Ceremony was witnessed.

It was easy to imagine the same Ceremony taking place many years ago under different conditions.

A very interesting trip and one of our most popular. Another to be arranged in the near future.

Forthcoming Events:

- 3rd July - Bar B Q at
- 25th Sept - Open night

Ceremony of the Keys

Brentwood - weather permitting. Names to Steve Cowland W-0375 846781. (H-0268 753150).

● 28th July - Visit to Adnams Brewery in Southwold. Coach booked. Leaving Basildon area 8am, limited number, last few places contact Steve.

at Basildon Bar to discuss what events we will have next year. This is your chance to have a say. If you don't attend - don't complain.

● 4th Oct - Annual Car Rally - starting point as usual will be Wickford. Names to Gordon Oakley (0268 734692).

● 10th Nov - We hope to

arrange an inter region 10 Pin Bowling Competition at Southend. If you would be interested in taking part, or watching, let Steve Cowland know.

For the caravanners amongst you, 'K' Branch is holding a Bonfire Night Rally at Chigwell on 4th November to 7th.

Finally sorry we missed the last couple of issues but we are still looking for a volunteer to be our full time editor. Only qualification required, you need to be able to write (joined up).

Dave Fox

Lock-out for Watch Fundraiser

RETIREMENTS

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

- 31.05.92 Insp M. Wombwell, Colchester/Clacton, 31yrs 134 days.
- 31.05.92 Ds E.A. Watson, HQ CID/Support, 31yrs 225 days.
- 05.07.92 Pc I.D. Pigney, HQ Personnel/Crime Prev. 30yrs 15 days.
- 19.07.92 Insp J. Baddeley, Harlow, 32yrs 191 days.
- 29.05.92 Mr A.G. Eede, Tr Warden, Basildon, 5 yrs.

THERE will be all the fun of the fayre at Shoebury on Saturday July 4 when the Shoebury Neighbourhood Watch Association holds a Fun Day.

The aim of the day, which is being held at Shoebury High School from 11am to 4pm, is to raise money to buy security items such as window locks for the needy people of Shoebury.

Southend and District Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Dulcie Green said attractions will include a Viking battle, Karate display, the Army cadets and majorettes.

Also on offer will be a craft fair and stalls selling everything from jumble to cakes. And a bouncy castle and rides are sure to keep the kids happy.

The local road safety officer will be there with his new vehicle as will an Essex Police horse. For more information contact Dulcie Green at Southend Police Station on (0702) 431212, ext 6191.

OBITUARIES

- 11.06.92 Ex Pc W. A. Minks, who retired on 02.06.92 after 16 years 346 days service.
- 06.05.92 Ex DCI C Ambrose, aged 78, who retired in 1972.
- 14.05.92 Ex Pc T. Ransome aged 81, who retired in 1960
- 03.05.92 Mrs N Churchlow, serving civilia P/T cleaner, Castl Hedingham
- 21.05.92 Ex Pc Frederic Bull, aged 66, who retired in 1975.

MARKET PLACE... MARKET PLACE...

WEDDING DRESS and accessories, size 12, brand new, £600 o.n.o. Miss Grayston, M.S.D. HQ.

FORD ESCORT Mk 2 1.3L 1978 Tax/MOT. Very Reliable, £300. Mr Emmens (0245) 421391.

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Kerton, HQ Typing Pool.

HONDA 50cc MOPED, Excellent condition. Blue, Top box and rack. MOT and Tested 3,000 miles from new, can be viewed in Chelmsford, £175. H.A. Norman, Stanway Traffic.

FORD MOTOR HOME, Petrol, 1984, shower/toilet cubicle, central heating, TV, tent extension, water heater, lots more, v.g.c. £6,900 o.n.o. Dc M. Ailward, Walton.

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SMALL FRIENDLY GUEST HOUSE, North Devon Coast, B & B/Evening Dinner, ensuite available, also modern caravan, garden situated, private, reasonable rates. Sae to Clive Ferrie, 'Sea Vale' Station Road, Woolacombe, Devon - Tel: 0271 870540.

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

Water performance by relay girls

Record time for champion Graham

ESSEX CLEAN SWEEP



WELL RUN: The Essex team at Elmbridge, from left, Pc Mick Kliskey (Air Support), Dc Laurie Rampling (SOC Grays), DI Andy Down (Rayleigh), Dc Ian Rayner (Chelmsford), Pc Roy Kebbelle (Billericay), Ps Lance Williams (Colchester), and front, Pc Moira Ainsley.

ESSEX POLICE runners virtually cleaned up at the recent SEPAA Half Marathon championships held at Elmbridge in Surrey, on Sunday 3rd May.

A field of over 300 runners started the race in glorious sunshine, which as the miles churned by made conditions very uncomfortable, with temperatures rising to the high 70s.

The race was won by Simon Morley from Sussex in a time of 68 minutes.

First Essex man home was the ever improving Mick Kliskey who was joined by Andy Down, Roy Kebbelle and Alex Vowles to register second place in the 'A' team event.

They were superbly backed up by Lance Williams, Ian Rayner, Steve Wynn and Laurie Rampling to take the 'B' team award.

Captain of the 'A' team Roy Kebbelle also chipped in with second place in the Veterans category.

The ladies have at last given us something to cheer about with the 3-strong team of Moira Ainsley, Janet Adcock and Liz Boothman tak-

ing the Ladies open and Police events, with the ever young Moira Ainsley again excelling to take the individual Ladies award.

So, encouraging signs for the future, and not to be outdone on a day of success, the remaining man in the Essex

team, the old warhorse Alan Barley came home in 1 hour 56 minutes, to register his best time for nearly six years.

The next representative running event will be the PAA Marathon which this year is being held in conjunction with the Nottingham Marathon on Sunday September 27th.

Laurie Rampling



THE victorious ladies team, from left, Dc Liz Boothman (Harlow), Pc Moira Ainsley (CSB), Pc Janet Adcock (CSB).

THE FORCE swimming team once again proved itself a team to be reckoned with at the PAA National Swimming Championships held in April at Wigan International Pool.

A specially selected team of eight competed in a high quality competition.

The events the ladies were looking forward to were the two relays. Angie Simmons, Lyn Smith, Sara Kedge and Nicky Coote were the only real threats for the two Metropolitan relay teams fielded in the 4x50m freestyle relay.

The girls swam their hearts out in the final managing to split the Met teams and force their way into second place.

This triumph made up for a fourth place in the medley relay.

In the individual events Angie Simmons added two gold medals to the relay silver by winning both the masters 50m freestyle and butterfly.

Both events were fiercely competitive.

by Phil Whitehead

Lynn Smith and Sara Kedge swam the 100m backstroke, Sara coming fifth in the final and Lyn sixth. Both girls recorded personal bests.

Competitive

In the mens team Phil Whitehead, Paul Eveleigh, Chris Mathlin and Brendan Cox were as competitive as the girls, the courageous Mathlin and Eveleigh swimming in 100m, 200m and 400m freestyle events.

Chris added the 100m backstroke and both relays to that tally.

Paul made fifth in 200m and seventh in 400m and just missed the final of the 100m.

Chris, our competitor of the year, made personal

best times in all events, his highest position being sixth in 400m freestyle.

Phil Whitehead swam 50m breaststroke masters winning by nearly two seconds. He came third in the 100m breaststroke and swimming in his first 200m breaststroke since 1977 managed fifth.

Old Boy

Brendan, a valuable swimmer in the two relays excelled by coming first in the Master 50m backstroke, not bad for an old boy who has always been a "breast-stroker".

This was a fine result for the team, improving on the successes of last year.

Who knows what will happen next year? Anyone interested in competing, contact Phil Whitehead at Laidon Traffic.

MAY 13th proved to be a lucky day for Essex cyclist Graham Snellin (Saffron Walden), when he took part in the PAA 10 mile National Championships near Swindon.

Graham claimed the title for the first time with a championship record time of 20 minutes 51 seconds.

This was eight seconds too good for the pre-race favourite Nick Yarworth (Gloucester Police) the current 25 mile champion, who had to settle for second place.

Commonwealth

Third place went to Paul Cannon (South Wales) but in fourth was 1990 Commonwealth Games rider David Baker, who recently joined the Met.

Tim Turner (Ongar) was the only other Essex rider to take part, and as usual rode his trike to a good time of 26 mins 4 seconds.

Training

Graham is now gearing his training towards the 25 mile championships in June where he hopes to do the 'double' along with the rest of the team who will be looking to retain their National Champions title of last year.

The team are expecting the main challenge to come from the Met whose team has been strengthened by Baker's arrival.

MIKE KLISKEY

Football side regains its pride

AS THE 91/92 season comes to a close, congratulations must go to all members of the Essex Police Football Club, supporters and players alike.

Under the new management of Ch Insp Dave Murthwaite and his assistants Brendon Cox and Timothy Stokes, in came fresh faces, legs and a lot of guts and heart, the team regaining their pride by climbing back into the very competitive Essex Intermediate First Division, assisted by players from the reserve team.

With the Club's AGM being held on May 15 at HQ, thanks and farewell must go to members of the committee who have stood down.

Also a friendly hello to their replacements with: Mr Jim Dickinson DCC at Bramshill as

by Daryl Heffer

Club Chairman. Supt John Rhymes replaces Mr Charles Clarke as Vice Chairman; Keith Bevell as Secretary; John Watts as Treasurer; First Team Manager Ch Insp Dave Murthwaite; Reserve team Manager Andy Spink is replaced by V. Mullender but replaces Mrs Sue Bishop as Social Secretary. Veterans Representative Doug Adams; Press Correspondent Daryl Heffer; Committee Member is Timothy Stokes.

As yet the Club has no Bar Manager so if a budding Den

Watts is out there, let's hear from you.

On 22nd May, the Club held its Annual Presentation Evening at HQ with awards going to Mr Dudley Lay (Ex Bar Manager).

First team player of the year was Daryl Heffer.

Second team player of the year was John Carpenter.

Flowers and special mentions went to Mrs Dorothy Dickson, Sue Bishop and Cathy Robinson for their efforts off the pitch and Mrs Spink for making sure the players were turned out smart and clean.

The first team finished second in Senior Division Two losing only on goal difference to Gt Wakering.

Heffer netted 13 league goals and Diss 5.

The second team finished sixth in Reserve Div 2 with R. Skanes netting 13 league goals.

In the PAA trophies Essex lost out to Kent in the Southern Counties quarter finals, Bedfordshire in the No 5 region semi final and the most memorable event was losing to the W. Midlands in the semi final of the National Cup, only reached 3 times previously.

The West Mids finished as winners, with a 5-2 victory over RUC in the final.

Congratulations to the Managerial team who have got the Essex Police football name back on a high platform. For anyone wishing to be part of the Club there will be a 3 day pre-season training at HQ on 4/5/6 August 92, or contact Ch Insp D. Murthwaite on ex (7) 3503.

Six sharp shooters

THE FORCE'S newly-formed Clay Pigeon section earned a creditable third place at an event hosted by Leicester Constabulary At Kibworth Shooting Ground, Market Harborough.

Six officers formed the Essex team for the 50 bird Down-the-line and 50-bird Skeet shoot on April 29.

Essex star was Dc. John Potter who missed out on an individual trophy by a whisker with his 90 per cent total.

The lowest Essex score was 59 per cent, far above a high proportion of the opposition, as the team took third place out of 12 teams present.

FORCE SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Force Lottery

THE result of the May Force Lottery is as follows: £1500, Cons Michael Battersby, Grays; £700, Cons Paul Watson, Benfleet; £300, Olivia Nazareth, Basildon; £200 Cons Stuart Jeans, Shoebury.

The following will receive a weekend holiday for two at selected Hilton Hotels, within the United Kingdom:

D Cons Alan Brown, Wickford; Cons Paul Hughes, Stanway Traffic; Cons Keith Simpson, Sandon Dogs; Cons Dawn Cann, Clacton; Sgt Roy

Sutton, Melbourne; Cons Timothy Crux, Brentwood; Sgt Susan Mackey, Basildon; Cons Kenneth Midwinter, Stanway Traffic; Cons Henry Bates, Southend; Ch Insp Lee Weavers, Headquarters.

Bowls

SUPT Gregory Moss, Harlow has been selected to represent the British Police at Bowls in their matches on Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 2nd July at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Thursday 16th July at Carlisle, Cumbria and Wednesday 5th August at Grangemouth,

Scotland. Cons Lionel Lee, Brentwood has also been selected for the matches at Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Carlisle.

Judo

CONS Lynda Imrie, Witham, has been selected to represent the British Police at Judo against the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September.

This event will be held at the Greater Manchester Police Training School.

Sealink Offer—Holland Explorer

THIS package gives you the chance to explore Holland on your own by train or by car.

Why not go to Amsterdam or Rotterdam for some bargain hunting or perhaps do some sightseeing?

The Hague offers endless opportunities for shopping and leisure. Visit Madurodam and see Holland in miniature, or try a relaxing dip in the wavepool and lunch at the Kurhaus Hotel.

Holland has something to offer for everyone.

The price includes a "Rover" rail ticket or, if you would rather take your own car, you simply pay the supplement.

Prices Adults £44, Children £30, car supplement (min 2 adults) £40.

Remember you take five per cent off these prices, which include return sailing on two night sailings, two buffet breakfasts and a berth in a two berth cabin with en suite facilities. You will get approx a 14 hour stay in Holland.

The Law



SPORTS
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Record score as Essex win by 245 runs ERROL'S POWER BREAKS HERTS

ON a sunny May afternoon Essex played Hertfordshire in the Met Police Home Counties Cup.

A steady start was transformed into a competition record score.

At 20 overs, in a 40 over competition, Essex were 85 for one, at the end of 40 overs we had amassed 298 for six. Dick Argles 76, Errol Greene 73 and Joe Wrigley 64, the main contributors.

Stock is not a big ground but we still managed to lose five balls in the gardens and woods surrounding the ground, well Errol Greene did anyway.

In reply Hertfordshire

by Dick Argles

were-skittled for 53 leaving Essex winners by 245 runs.

Phil Mellon took four wickets for three runs. There were also wickets for Lorrie Austin (three), Vince Atkinson (two) and Martin Orley (one).

Hampshire

The following week saw the team in action at Chalkwell Park against Hampshire in the PAA Regional competition.

Hampshire won the toss and elected to bat.

Immediately the opening bowlers, Martin Orley

and Errol Greene pegged them back restricting the runs to no more than two an over from the first 10 overs.

Martin Orley then took three quick wickets and Errol one to leave Hampshire struggling at 29 for four after 16 overs, Martin Orley three for 14 bowled with great accuracy and much venom.

The other bowlers, Dick Woodhouse, Phil Mellon and Lorrie Austin maintained the stranglehold and Hampshire were bowled out for 91 in 38.4 overs.

On a good wicket this was a wonderful achievement. The bowlers and fielders all turned in good performances.

When we batted we showed Hampshire how it should be done knocking off the runs in 22 overs for the loss of two wickets, John Stonehouse 35 and Dick Argles 33 sharing an opening stand of 54 to see us home.

Grammar

Earlier in the season Essex had lost to Colchester Royal Grammar School, in the last over, and had drawn with Chelmsford CC only just failing to bowl them out.

VETERANS FOOTBALL



THE Essex Police Veterans Football team, pictured when they took on Chadwell Heath Veterans at Police HQ on May 17, in a charity match to raise money for the Gurney Fund for Police Orphans. The match was drawn 1-1. Picture courtesy of LES BRAND.

Belgian team tour fosters Euro-spirits

by Bob Cordery

IN MAY last year, whilst in Treis Karden on holiday in the Moselle Valley, Detective Sergeant Bob Cordery of the Fraud Squad wandered into a hotel and found a group of middle aged men in matching blazers, ties and grey flannel trousers.

They were the veteran football team of Studax Avelgem, on tour to play the local veterans team the next day.

Bob discovered the Belgian team tour to a different country each spring-time and many of them had been together for years, three of them having played in a team in 1961.

Although they had once been promised the opportunity to visit England, the English contact failed them. A new offer to tour in 1992 was quickly made.

Guests

During the past football season, Essex Police have established a veteran football team and it was decided the Studax Avelgem team should be invited as guests of Essex Police Football Club with a chal-

lenge match on the Saturday.

After correspondence throughout the year, Studax Avelgem arrived at Dover on Thursday 28 May.

The party was taken to Canterbury where the team discovered a French Restaurant. As Belgians speak both Dutch and French the patron was delighted to arrange a special price and the twenty strong party sat down to a three course meal with wine and liqueurs.

Two hours later they staggered around the cathedral and city centre before travelling to Chelmsford.

That evening the party visited the Six Bells public house at Boreham to taste traditional English beer at an English coaching house.

The next morning the group travelled to London.

After a long spell of sunny weather, the torrential rain threatened to ruin a tour of the capital.

When Docklands was reached, Millbank Tower was shrouded in cloud. On arriving at the Thames Barrier it was pouring with rain but the team were still in the best of spirits.

The sky began to clear as they boarded the Queen Elizabeth — for the journey up river to Westminster Pier.

On arriving at Westminster they walked to Piccadilly to take the sightseeing bus around London.

One of the party was French and has a friend who is the proprietor of a restaurant in Piccadilly — guess where they ate that evening?

On Saturday, they visited Cambridge, travelling via Great Dunmow, Thaxted and Saffron Walden. Centre of attraction in Cambridge was Kings College Chapel and, although the colleges were

closed to visitors because of examinations, the party enjoyed a morning's sight-seeing.

Then came the big match at 5pm at Headquarters Sports Ground. Before the kick off a pennant and plaque were exchanged but the visitors surprised their hosts with a presentation of a full set of team shirts and goalkeepers jersey emblazoned Essex Police Veterans Football Team and to each player a bottle of special wine.

In the event the police team were generally fitter and more mobile than their guests and ran out winners by 8-4, thus retaining their unbeaten record for 1992.

Although the football match was the 'excuse' for the visit, as with many of these tours it is the social aspect which is of major importance. The Essex Police Football Club were keen, therefore, to entertain their guests well that evening, with a barbecue and reception in the Club Bar.

Generosity

Presentations were made from both sides but once again the generosity of the Belgians was stunning; a plaque from the Mayor of Avelgem to the Club with the same to Bob Cordery for organising the trip; flowers for Julie, his wife, and a handsome silver cup bearing the Studax Avelgem name.

It has been decided that this trophy will now be presented annually to the Veteran Team Player of the Year.

Having drunk the Club bar dry our visitors then went on the town. They seemed to enjoy themselves even though there was an early start on the Sunday morning.

Some tour, some match and some wonderful people!

The police team has been invited to Belgium for a return match next year, and planning is already underway.

FORCE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Southend regains track and field title

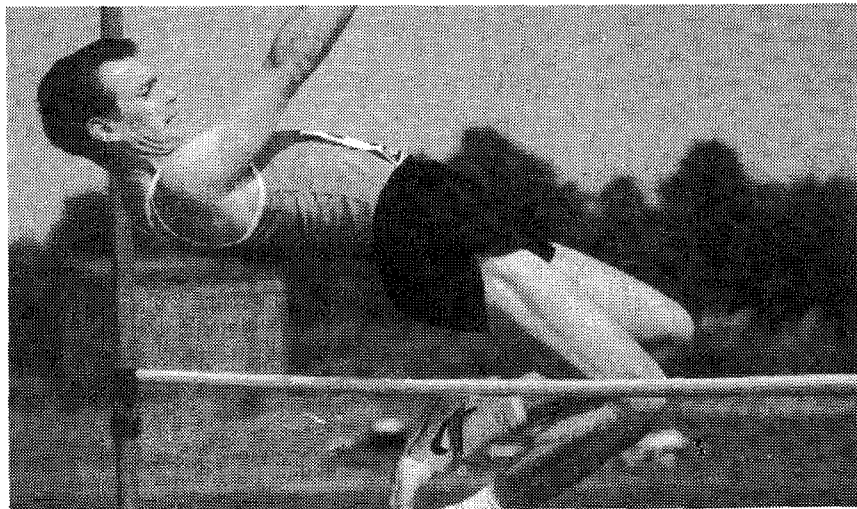
SOUTHEND has regained the Force Athletics Championship, winning back the title it lost to Chelmsford last year.

This year the strongest challenge came from Headquarters, when the event was held at the Colchester Garrison Athletics track on Sunday, May 31.

Final Result:

- 1st Southend
- 2nd Headquarters
- 3rd Harlow
- 4th Colchester
- 5th Chelmsford
- 6th Grays
- 7th Basildon.

● More action pictures from the Athletics Championships will be featured in The Law's "Summer Special" edition, out on August 5.



ON THE UP: Pc Dagleish from Southend leaps his way to second place in the High Jump. He also won the Men's 100m race.

SWIMMING GALA

The Croker Cup swimming gala will be held at Basildon swimming pool, on Sunday 19th July. For further information please contact Cons Philip Whitehead at Laindon Traffic.

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PAA Road Race

THE PAA National 10 Mile Road Race will be hosted by Northumbria Police at Craggside Country Park, Rothbury, on Wednesday September 16.

If any officer is interested in representing Essex Police in this event please contact Pc Roy Kebbell at the Coroner's Office, Billericay, Ednet 3228. The event is open to serving police officers only.