It's Pc Jelf to the rescue as burglars wreck honeymoon plans

OVER THE MOON AS PC SAVES THE DAY

HOLIDAY HAPPINESS: Pc Brian Jelf receives a postcard from the honeymoon couple.

HE MAY not have been at the church, but as far as newly-weds Cliff and Linda Clancy are concerned, South Ockendon policeman Brian Jelf is certainly their best man.

The couple's wedding reception celebrations turned to tears after they returned from their honeymoon in Florida and discovered thieves had snatched vital holiday documentation for their dream honeymoon in Russia.

With their driving licences and £1,000 in spending money gone, their fly-drive holiday was left in tatters — but local Pc Brian Jelf, on attachment to CID, was determined their plans would not end in disaster.

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THE FEDERATION Open Meeting was held on Monday 29th June, 1992.

The meeting was a success with many good questions being asked from the floor. Can I take this opportunity on behalf of the Joint Branch Board for thanking those members of the Force who took the time to attend (72 in hall packed out. Perhaps we should continue to hold Annual Meetings.

From our point of view we would like to see the hall packed out. Perhaps next year if the Sheeby Inquiry to the Police is announced by June we will get a better attendance, assuming of course we have one.

Two of the areas addressed at the meeting were:
1. A request for the RUC Benevolent Fund donation to be increased from its present 50 pence per member.
2. The Joint Branch Board will be discussing this issue at their next meeting.

Pay to rise by 6.5%

The Government has announced that the increases in rates and Council Tax will cease and the Council Tax be introduced. There have been changes in the Regulations.

UNDER 5. That the Provided Accommodation Allowance should be increased to take account of hardship suffered by officers occupying police provided accommodation as a result of the changes in the Regulations.

6. To negotiate an amendment to the Police (Amendment) Regulations 1989 so that members occupying provided accommodation on the 31st March, 1993, may claim to the Police Negotiating Board meeting on the 21st July 1992 and full details of the amount of 6.5% have been circulated.

The Joint Branch Board will be looking at their next meeting.

Details of the Staff side claims to the Police Negotiating Board regarding the new Council Tax are featured on this page.

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Legal news

Lee Davis & Co Solicitors of The Water House, Water Lane, Bishop's Stortford are still offering Low Cost Disputing Conveyancing for Police Officers. Remunerated £150.00 (plus VXT + Disbursements). Sold Purchase as above. They are also offering a very cheap Will Service — applications for negotiation must be made direct from the Federation Office or direct from the Members. The above two services have been available for some time now and are being used by members.

Alexandra Hospital and Her Majesty the Queen (the Monarch that is) came to visit them?

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Bobbies in deep water

In KEEPING with trends on the national health scene, our Hospital is looking at its facilities with an eye on the private sector. In May this new day care unit opened. The unit has two operating theatres and beds for twenty patients.

There is a reception area and play facilities for children.

The concept of the day care treatment in growing in popularity is encouraged by Private Patients Plan. (Day care treatment get full refund in any hospital irrespective of the hospital band sold.)

So what is day care? It involves surgery where the patient is admitted, treated and discharged within the same day.

There is an emphasis on the patient being regarded as a real person, rather than thinking of themselves as a profit. Winns accreditation at hospital is achieved.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

So THE lifeboat bought by the National Police Lifeboat Appeal is to be named "Her Majesty the Queen", what a missed opportunity.

At a time when the police appear jaded in the public eye it seemed the perfect chance to launch a lasting memory not only to the success of raising over £350,000 for the appeal but as a reflection of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the service and their country.

Names like Special Constable Glen Goodman and WPC Yvonne Fletcher spring to mind and there are many more.

Naming structures, ships or landmarks after Royalty is a honourable and well-supported tradition, but perhaps this time has come to limit the number of Royal titles bestowed to make those occasions very special and significant events.

The present popularity of Royal naming could lead to confusing scenario — imagine of the OBE accidentally rammed the Queen Elizabeth II Bridge and Her Majesty is Queen (the lifeboat), that it was the first on the scene. An joint suppose the casualties were taken to the Princess Alexandra Hospital and Her Majesty the Queen (the Monarch) that it came to visit them?

Those who are rescued by the lifeboat in the future will have read the small print on the plaque to realise that Police's generous efforts have helped save them. Unfortunately though in usually only the large letters and tabloid headlines that stick.

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By Brian Pallant
**Names that make you chuckle...**

An elderly lady who was accidentally locked in an Essex cinema last week, was woken early one morning in June when a caller from Essex Police asked to dig out the key holder.

**No Kidding**

A passing motorist in the Grays area reported three goats in the road. Police sent a PC Kidd to deal with them.

But when a caller from Southend reported a three inch long insect jumping at people as they walked by (it turned out to be a dragonfly), there was only one man for the job. Wildlife tuition officer PC Wright was called. It was just his cup of tea.

**Eye Spy**

Police were called to a smash and grab raid at an opticians on the Essex/Herts border, where a quantity of glasses were stolen. There were no sightings of the suspects...

But when a woman in the Chaxon area reported a hole in the roof of the house opposite her, police sent an officer to "Look into it!"

**Dog's Life**

**FINAL AlertDialog**

The most bizarre call of all — a woman who reported an intruder in her garden who was asleep in her dog basket...

The fully grown man, somewhat the worse for drink, had broken into the wrong house (the living three doors down), and bedded down.

The woman was woken by her indignant dog, which had been kicked out of its bed.

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**HMS Brave fights crime on the waves**

**ESSEX and Suffolk Police have launched a combined Marine Watch and anti-marine crime scheme on the Essex/Suffolk border.**

**ACC James Conlan welcomes Captain Bradshaw and his Royal Navy Frigate HMS Brave as the first member of the Essex and Suffolk Police Marine Watch.**

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**A mountain to climb**

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**ESSEX and Suffolk Police have launched a combined “Marine Watch”, aimed at reversing the tide of marine crime which costs hundreds of thousands of pounds every year.**

**The Royal Navy Frigate HMS Brave was the first vessel to join the scheme**, which was launched on June 27.

HMS Brave was moored at Harwich for the ceremony, during which her commanding officer Captain Bradshaw was presented with a Marine Watch pennant.

**The Essex Police launch “Alert III” and the Suffolk launch “Ian Jacob” were present as Assistant Chief Constables John Cullen (Suffolk) and James Conlan (Essex) launched the scheme.**

**HMS Brave is part of a multi-force Marine Watch initiative, with a number of other forces in the region already joining the scheme.**

**The co-operation between the two forces, working with Coastal Southend, has been taken to another step to reduce opportunities for crime and to help recover stolen property.**

**Local residents have been prepared for all boats using the area to contact the Marine Watch scheme.**

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**ALWAYS REMEMBERED**

**ACTING Sergeant Adam Eves, who was murdered on duty 29 years ago, is one of 29 Essex officers who died in the course of their police duty who will be remembered at a ceremony at Headquarters in October.**

Following a media appeal to trace relatives of those officers who died during the first 100 years of the force, the great niece of Acting Sg. Eves came forward, and supplied this previously undiscovered photograph.

Adam Eves was beaten and stabbed to death when he disturbed a gang of men stealing cows at Maldon on April 15, 1983. One of the gang was later hung for the murder at Chelmsford Prison.

Names of many of the dead officers will be pre- sent at a Memorial Stone and Roll of Honour unveiled at a ceremony on the lawn in front of Police HQ on 4pm on Wednesday, October 7.

**The dedication will be led by the Bishop of Chelmsford, and the unveiling will be performed by the Lord Lieutenant.**

**Members of the Police Authority, the judiciary, Members of Parliament and past Chief Constables have been invited to be present.**

**There is only one invitee to each ceremony, so if you would like to attend, please complete and return the form printed below.**

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**The Law, August 1992**

**Rot sets in at the “Big House”**

IT’S OFFICIAL! The rot has set in at the “Big House”. Dry rot, that is. It all started in early June when Chief Constable’s secretary Linda Harris requested a new piece of skirting board in her first floor office.

Since then, things have galloped along, like the fungus which causes dry rot. The rot was quite extensive, and had spread to the ground floor, threatening the 100-year-old oak paneling in the hallway.

With the hallway screened off, the Chief Constable and senior officers were forced to use the ladies’ entrance!

But at the “house” it was business as usual, despite the fungus, smells and dust. However, at each of the monthly planning meetings, the contractors were given a firm date when work would have to be postponed.

**But, just as importantly, could this make a good storyline for the Anglia TV series? “The Big House”, which has been filmed at Essex Police HQ?**

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Cruise to Holland and Sweden

Four day cruise to Holland and Sweden from Harwich:

Timetable:
Tuesday 13 October 1992
1015 hrs Meet at Harwich for the 1130 hrs sailing of MS Stena Britannica to the Hook of Holland.
1900 hrs arrive Hook of Holland.

Following landing formalities board coaches for Amsterdam.
2045 hrs arrive Amsterdam and board MS Princess of Scandinavia where cabins will be allocated and you will be free to come and go as you please.
(Note that there will be no facilities available on board the ship while the vessel lays alongside overnight — only your bed.)

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A Fine Farewell for Toddy

WOULD you please allow me through your columns to thank all colleagues, friends outside Tilbury Station and colleagues from all stations at Thurrock for the lovely presents and not missing out Brewood, the ladies from Tilbury, and Grays Station for the lovely farewell buffet and the clever lady Special for the work and art put into the cake. I would also like to thank everyone for the numerous bouquets, floral arrangements, cards and gift vouchers plus the bottles of drink. Thanks also, last but not least, to the HGV drivers at Tilbury. Thank you.

Toddy Jones, Ex Traffic Warden, Tilbury Police Station.

Humour and cricket make a fine wicket

MAY I take this opportunity to thank Inspector Martin Reed of Dunmow Police Station for organising a very successful cricket weekend in Birmingham on the 27-28th June this year. I am sure that everyone who went on the Essex Police Veterans tour, including wives, had a very enjoyable time which was due to Martin’s organisation and the great spirit and friendship that there has always been amongst the cricket ‘vest’ since their first season a few years ago when Chief Inspector Johnnie Johnson was in charge.

The weather, accommodation, food and cricket was good and the humour gets better all the time.

My wife Ruth and I say thanks to all on the trip who helped make it one to remember and may we have more years of success on and off the cricket field.

Ex PCD John North Weald.

Events thereafter remain a trifle hazy to this day. They say I posed briefly as Ajax and the Lightning but I flatly deny it. Memory is short.

An anonymous letter received this month — one regarding the Essex Police Fraud Squad and the other about part-time working. Neither will be published unless the writers let us know who they are.

We would like to make it clear however that signing a letter does not necessarily mean the writer’s name will be published. If the writer has a genuine reason why they do not wish to be named we can print Name and Address supplied and if requested their details will be treated confidentially.

No responsible paper would publish material without checking its content, and supplying your name and address allows us to get in touch and clarify any details before publication.

Jenny Grinter and Paul Dunn.
Thousands flock to the Fun Day ’92

ALL ABOARD: Smiles all round as some happy youngsters head off on a journey around the shoreline.

KNIGHT TO SEE YOU: The Knights of the Round Table bring pageant and ceremony to Fun Day 92.

DESPITE threatening clouds looming overhead, the rain stayed away for this year’s Fun Day — unlike more than 20,000 visitors who enjoyed a carnival atmosphere at the Force’s annual charity extravaganza.

To date, the day has raised well over £20,000 for charity and according to Fun Day treasurer, Chris Jacob, the money is still rolling in.

Fun Day chairman Dave Bright said he was pleased with the money raised considering the economic climate. “We achieved our aim of entertaining people while helping those less fortunate than ourselves,” he said.

“All roads lead to Rome when it comes to a community fund-raiser like this. It’s a real team effort,” he added.

One of the highlights of the day for many of the young- ers attending was the finals of the Hi-Tec/Essex Police Netball and Football tournaments.

The winning teams were: Netball: 7-10 yrs — St Helens School, Brentwood; 10-11yrs — Lee Chapel School, Basildon. Football: 7-10yrs — St Catherines School, Canvey; 11-14yrs — Eight Ash Green School, Chelmsford.

The winning teams were presented with individual prizes of Hi-Tec equipment at the firm’s premises in Aviation Way, Eastwood.

First prize in the Essex Police Crimestoppers Grand Summer draw goes to B. Ridgewell who will now be off on a Mediterranean cruise.

WINNERS: Victory for Lee Chapel School in the net- ball.

BIKE DELIGHT: Sophie and Jess-Paul Fitzgerald from Leigh-on-Sea get a taste of life in the fast lane.

GOING: Chief Supt Mick Benning plays it cool while hotshots queue to knock him off his perch.

PLAY BUS: Youngsters try their hands at the wheel of a big red London Bus.

ESSEX Police will be closely monitoring an experimental scheme looking into the possibili- ty of part-time working for Police Officers.

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A flexible future?

REMEMBER the tale we told in Cop Capers some months ago about the US Police Chief who fined himself for not wearing a seat belt after he was spotted breaking the law on a TV news bulletin? Well now it has happened again.

This time an Australian Police Commissioner booked himself for jaywalking after being shown on television breaking the rules for crossing the road.

Noel Newnham, Police Commissioner for the state of Queensland, said that after seeing the broadcast he had issued himself with a ticket for jaywalking and had paid a fine of four Australian dollars.

Crooked Cornets

But finally, think about this one the next time you try cuff and lock up yourself for jaywalking after being shown on television breaching the rules for crossing the road.

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THE CHOIR was given the privilege of launching the "Sandon Festival of Flowers and Music" on the evening of Friday July 10. The concert took place in the beautiful parish church of St Andrew which had been decorated with flowers for the festival.

Fitting the full choir into the Chancel of the Norman church was a tight squeeze whilst our own Norman (Eastwood) conducted and introduced the twelve items from the Nave.

Once again Hayden Oakley from Chelmsford joined as a guest soloist on the French horn.

Both choir and audience thoroughly enjoyed the evening which was rounded off with a glass of wine and a buffet in a marquee nearby.

**Brave Bob raises £2,800**

MULTIPLE Sclerosis suffered by Sgt. Bob Fielding has raised in excess of £225 on his behalf. Bob, who works at a factory, traveled from Chelmsford Cathedral to Brentwood Cathedral in a wheelchair challenge, will help the British Paralympic Association to send children to the Olympics for the disabled in September.

Braving driving wind and rain, Bob was accompanied by his 12-year-old son Matthew for the gruelling journey. He said the challenge had been tougher than he had imagined, with his family two years ago to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Among Bob's sponsors was Jo Gregory from Support Action who raised £255 on his behalf.

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**Clacton-based PC Steven Bennett received a High Commendation from the Chief Constable for his bravery and initiative in rescuing an 87-year-old woman who was trapped and overcome by smoke in a blazing house in Soham.**

PC Bennett smashed a first floor window and crawled into a smoke-filled bedroom to find the unconscious woman. He managed to get her to the window and hold her up till firefighters were able to take her down.

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PC Timmy Hills and Neil Barrett, stationed at Corringham, were also awarded the Royal Human Society's Resuscitation Certificate after assisting a woman who had collapsed with a severe asthma attack.

The two officers worked together under resuscitation techniques as the woman lost consciousness on several occasions before an ambulance arrived.

**CLACTON-based PC Steven Bennett received a High Commendation from the Chief Constable for his bravery and initiative in rescuing an 87-year-old woman who was trapped and overcome by smoke in a blazing house in Soham.**

PC Bennett smashed a first floor window and crawled into a smoke-filled bedroom to find the unconscious woman. He managed to get her to the window and hold her up till firefighters were able to take her down.

**BBC Essex presenter Bill Dodd broadcasts from Superintendent Field's office.**

**SIMON'S NORTON IS THE LEADER OF THE PACK**

**THE weekend of the 10th, 11th and 12th July saw the first international rally organised by the Blue Knights (England) motorcycle owners club.**

This club is open to all serving and retired police officers, who own and ride motorcycles.

The venue was Eddle, in the heart of the Derbyshire Peak District, with accommodation provided at the Youth Hostel.

Most British Police Forces were represented, with Dave and Sue Knight, and Simon and Nicky Forrest from Harlow, flying the flag for Essex.

Everyone met at the Hostel on an evening. There had been told the event would be international, but that was an understatement.

A quick glance around the packed car park, full of beautiful motorcycles including Harley Davidson, BMW, Triumph, and others, showed that the theme of conversation revolved around a mutual passion - MOTORCYCLES.

**Registration**

After registration, we met for the evening meal. There were five of us leaving the next day, with local "Knights" joining in for the day’s ride. Nationalities included Belgium, Germany, Swiss, French, Dutch, Canadian and Americans (including the International President). My Frank Cusson from Chicago, together with wives and children, many of whom had travelled up in support vehicles.

The evening meal was followed by a "short talk", and it is a safe bet that everyone returned a further evening of hospitality generated new friendships.

Sunday was the big day, a cavalcade of over 100 motorcyclists, escorted by uniformed traffic colleagues from GMP, riding into Manchester to present a cheque to the conflicting charity, a holiday home for underprivileged children, and a reception with the Mayor and other local dignitaries.

The route was about 20 miles and through every village and town people turned out in force to watch the parade. The rain did little to dampen our enthusiasm.

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"The malicious caller will find it harder and harder to hide"

The end of the line for the dirty phone call?

By Paul Dunt

THE POLICE and British Telecom have engaged on high-tech battle to pull plug on phone pests.

THANKS to digital technology, the victim of menacing, obscene or malicious calls can now have these traced at the touch of a button - and the menace on the other end of the line could soon be up before the courts.

IT'S no small problem. Over the last year BT have received more than 250,000 reports of malicious calls nationwide.

WHAT'S going on here then? Looks like burly, the constant harassment of local residents by the telephone along with DBO Pc Higgleton, Mr Blackmore and other officers back on their bikes last month.

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But the effort of the day came from Pc Brian Hindley (on loan to the airport) and his wife. But the effort of the day came from Pc

Ian McShane (Lovejoy) relaxes after filming outside Finchingfield Police Station with DBO Pc Brian Higgleton, his wife Gwen and actress Phyllis Logan, who plays Miss Hardcastle in the television series.
They faced wolves, bandits and the mountains but the '999 to Albania' team arrived in Korca, about the fifth largest town in the country of three million people, in four articulated lorries fitted to the brim with 75 tonnes of food and equipment.

Just one small part of this incredible aid package was a supply of 500 baby bottles and teats, and when the team visited the local Maternity Hospital, it soon became clear this alone would make an incredible difference to the under-resourced staff.

A premature baby weighing only three and a half pounds was fed cold unpasteurized cow's milk diluted with Albanian tap water and fed from an old unsterilised medicine bottle, without a teat. This same bottle then went on to feed the next child.

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"Everyone had been about amazing in their efforts to be well as a large number of businesses who donated every from lobbies to medical supplies, everyone's response to the appeal was very good.

The Albanian landscape very different from home, hilly, treeless and bleak, yet a sense of survival. The team lost count of number of times a trailer's articulated around the hair-pins. At one point the women we staying with the local car in Korca, which has a population of around 30,000.

With lorries jack-knifed in the mountains and the threat of bandits and wolves never too far away, it had been a hair-raising journey and PC Donkin admits there were times he didn't think they were going to make it.

Volunteers load a Land-Rover, part of the aid effort, into a truck bound for Albania.

The Truckers arrive — with 75 tonnes of aid.

A new life in the maternity hospital — facilities, to say the least, are primitive.

A last minute batch of donated medical supplies arrives to be loaded up.
Albania's team are preparing to return

Focus your plans with the eye in the sky

by Mark Shelley
Air Support Unit

USING the force helicopter for photography and aerial observation seems to be regarded by the majority of police personnel as just RCS and CID jobs, or an unknown service.

Well they do take a fair share of requests, but is available to anyone, any rank, any department for any type of job.

Whether it be criminal damage to crops, scene of an RTA to planning observations on a car park, the scene of numerous thefts of and from motor vehicles.

Suspicious

Have you thought of how to organise observations on suspicious premises, i.e. what the layout of the rear yard or housing estate is like?

A set of large format photographs showing the area may help with planning, or giving more information about offences.

If you have a photographic request do not hesitate to contact the ASU

Aerial

If the photographs are of a non-surveillance type then a formal request by telephone to us is all that is required.

Please also supply full details i.e. names of roads and grid references.

Although aerial photographic requests are done going to, and from other tasks, wherever possible we will take the requesting officer with us.

Once the photographs are taken they are passed either direct to the photographic department at HQ for processing or for surveillance photos via TSU.

On being processed and printed they are sent direct to the OIC, a contact sheet is sent for the officer's selection and return for printing to photographic department.

Should any re-prints or enlargements be required this can be done direct with the photographic department.

Quebec

In the near future there will be some examples of our photography being passed around your division, please take a look, as it shows what is possible and available to you.

Just a quick question, what is the call sign of the force helicopter? Most people know — but there are those who believe it to be, "The helicopter", "Quebec 88", "India 99".

It is "Quebec Hotel 99". The radio channel to speak direct to is channel 88 on your personal radios, not VHF/Marine channel carriage sets.

So if HQR request you to contact the helicopter, it is on channel 88 on your personal radios.

Once again if you have any questions or requests please do not hesitate to contact the ASU.
NEW NETWORK'S BORN FOR WORKING MUMS

Making whoopee at HQ

MUSIC in our ears: Representatives of The Samartians and the National Schizophrenia Fellowship receive cheques from Deputy Chief Constable Peter Simpson and the Musical Society cast.

IT WAS music to the ears of two local charities as the Essex Police Musical Society staged a sell-out concert of easy listening and showing songs. Once again, the force showed off its wealth of talent, with a varied programme ranging from songs such as "Making Whoopee" and "This, We Have No Business to Lend Webster" amongst others, with "Don't Cry for Me Argentina" and "Music of the Night" included.

The Summer Charity concert has proved such a success that the Society is considering increasing the number of performances to a fourth eight next year.

The concert, which took place in the Assembly Hall at HQ on June 25, 26 and 27, was staged in aid of the Chelmsford and Mild Essex Branch of The Samartians and the Chelmsford Branch of the National Schizophrenia Foundation.

STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE 150th ANNIVERSARY

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WOMEN'S SUPPORT NETWORK CO-ORDINATORS

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by Paul Dunt

Bainbridge decided career development interviews both before and after the birth of an officer's child would be of great help to him and to the Force itself.

"It's in the force's best interests that we encourage these women to stay on, or we will lose valuable experienced officers," she added.

There are around 20 women in the Force at present in either late pregnancy or on maternity leave, out of a total of around 354 women officers.

Letter

From now on, an officer will receive a letter from career development immediately she has told Personnel she is expecting, and a second letter will be sent as soon as the birth.

"Both letters are friendly in tone and project a positive image of the Force, and are written to women about details such as maternity pay, sick leave and special duties.

"A lot of people are very unprepared for it, but the majority of women I have spoken to have experienced difficulties," said Inspector Bainbridge.

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WOMENS SUPPORT NETWORK

"PSJ Mackey"

New network's born for working mums

Essex Police mums will soon be finding it easier to combine babies with the beat - thanks to a pioneering new idea from the Force.

The Working Mothers Support Network, set up by Equal Opportunities and Career Development Officer, Inspector Chris Bainbridge, aims to help sort out the problems and worries many officers feel when first pregnant or when wishing to return to work after the birth.

It comes in the list of worrying evidence that pregnant officers have faced negative, or sometimes hostile reactions from their superiors when they announce their pregnancy or desire to return to work after the birth.

Resentment

This feeling of resentment, at a time which should be of great joy, has often been made worse by the past by the lack of information and understanding about women details such as maternity pay, sick leave and special duties.

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VOLUNTEER drivers from Devon and Cornwall Constabulary visited more than 200 hospices around the country as part of the fundraising Hospiscare event.

The Round Britain Challenge helped raise public awareness of hospices, as well as generating funds.

On July 9, the "flying squad" arrived at St Helena Hospice in Colchester where Insp Bob Finch was among those who greeted them.

When must I start my maternity leave?

The Working Mothers Support Network has already received firm backing from senior officers including ACC Personnel Jim Conlon, Forces such as the Met already have similar networks.

The network, which is already up and running, is structured with a coordinator for each division who is a senior working mother.

Maternity Leave

It will give support and advice to officers in the first stages of pregnancy and after the birth, with the coordinator or other members of the network staying in touch once maternity leave has begun.

Insp Bainbridge said coordinators would provide a valuable link between the officer and her supervisor if necessary.

"The network gives a clear and positive message to the force in general, working mothers in particular, and negative and hostile attitudes and practices could be identified and dealt with," she said.

At present it is planned to keep administration of the network as simple as possible, with occasional coordination meetings to clear up any problems.

If you need further information on the network, contact Network Coordinator Insp Bainbridge at Career Development on 0245 452658 or Ext 2624 EDNET, or your divisional coordinator displayed in the table.

Police help Hospiscare

Inspector Bob Finch representing Colchester Police Force and Anderson PR manager for St Helena Hospice together with the Hospiscare 'flying squad' are presented with a cheque for £500 by Eric Sansom, front Covell of Colchester.
"Here the weather is hot, very hot, and very, very hot..."

Roy's passage to India

TWO EVENTS precipitated my journey to India, my wife's unexpected death followed soon after by my retirement from the Police. I felt completely lost and a long holiday somewhere new seemed a good idea.

I recorded the stories my children had told me about their journeys through India when they were teenagers. Accordingly, I laid my plans, and my own arrangements for the holidays came with me for the first month.

We flew out to Bombay in December '89 and for the next four weeks travelled about southern India by bus and train, staying in down market towns and cities.

I felt completely out of my element. I was not used to the pace of life in India.

This is how to see India, it is not the end but the beginning of a spiritual journey, you have to be fully involved with the children.

The weather is hot, very hot, and very, very hot. You wear nothing at all.

I have learnt a lot since first stepping onto Indian soil and I have a great deal to learn still, living in a truly spiritual community.

I have made no mention of food in this article, rice is always white and polished, they hate brown rice.

Money is a problem at the school and during my time at Auroville I was given a motorbike and have a good wind and a good seat on a bicycle.

I collect good quality children's clothes suitable for hot weather and anything that I think could be used in the class, teaching aids being virtually unknown.

I am always on the lookout for anyone with teaching experience to come and help and for help in the classroom, or for the conditions of service and lack of pay just put one off but I'll keep looking.

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A GROUP of pupils at New Creation School. Although poor, they are trusting and affectionate, says Roy.

TWO-AND-A-HALF years ago, former Essex Police Sergeant ROY WICKS was taken on as an English teacher at a school in South India.

Roy, 68, who retired from the force in 1980 after 27 years, served as an EOD, Reminford and Coltcheaster before his work as traffic and road safety officer in Chelmsford started taking him into schools regularly.

Here, he tells how he became involved with the New Creation School, and how his life now belongs with the 197 Indian pupils in his care...
Dockyard visit

ON SATURDAY 13th June about 30 members and wives left Police HQ by coach to visit the Historic Dockyard at Chatham. Kent.

On arrival we were told it takes at least five hours to tour the Dockyard’s 80 acres.

There are seven museum galleries plus skilled demonstrations, and crafts involving 400 years of Dockyard history.

During that time over 400 Royal Navy ships were built at Chatham, including Trafalgar’s finest wooden ship HMS Victory.

The first port of call was the Visitor Centre, where an audio-visual presentation, plus models and replicas introduced you to the Dockyard history.

Then there was the spectacular award winning Wooden Walls gallery which you discover the ships, uniform and secrets of the Dockyard as it was in 1756.

Next was the Royal Yacht, one of the known brick buildings in Europe, built by Spanish prisoners over many years when the British Fleet was sent out to do battle with the Spanish Armada.

Here we saw many strands of hemp twisted together to make rope, using the same methods used by our Dockyard ancestors.

Our interesting visit culminated in a visit to the Saltmakers and Flagmakers at work, cutting and stitching brightly coloured flags for nations and conquering all over the world.

In the early years of the Dockyard, over 200 heavy horses were used to transport materials from the ships to the warehouses. Now there are only two used, during the summer months for visitors to tour the Dockyard by horse-drawn wagon.

The Dockyard was alive withsurprise, a visit we all enjoyed.

At 5.30pm we left for a short coach journey to the “Brunn” Inn in Faversham Kent, for an early evening meal.

About 8 o'clock we left the Inn for Rochester Police Station where we were guests of Kent IPCC.

After allowing our evening meal to settle down, we were allowed to see in an excellent buffet the ladies had prepared.

Around 11 o'clock we left home for after a most enjoyable meal.

FUN DAY—TEA AND CAKES

With well over 1,500 cakes made by members, wives, and friends, together with milk and tea provided by local chemist shops, we were able to set up an IPA tea stall at HQ Fun on July 12.

This year we had many supporters of the Branch helping to serve and wash up.

We were kept very busy throughout the day, at times people were waiting for tea, some even sat on the ground and enjoyed.

Again we were honoured with the presence of the Chief Constable John Burton, and his wife calling in for tea and cards.

On behalf of the continue I would like to say thank you for all the hard work put in by members wives and friends who helped to make this a successful successful year.

All the £376.32 towards the charities.

On behalf of all members I would like to congratulate you to our Vice Chairman (now, Pension) Brian Mason who was taken ill suddenly on Saturday 12th July and was rushed to Borough Hospital. I understand he is now back home and will be on the road to recovery.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

25th-27th September - Weekend in Camber

9th October - HQ Fun on Video Show

13th November—Benson evening visit to Richmond Dock

10th December — Xmas social—probably Women Warders as guests.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all.

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...and some more

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Matthew thrives on Peto treatment

FOLLOWING the ‘92 London Marathon, on behalf of the ‘90 I won to thank everyone who sponsored me.

This was presented to Mr and Mrs Walters at Chatham Town Bar on May shortly before they flew off to Budapest, Hungary, with their three year old son Matthew, a treatment at the world famous ‘Peto’ Institute.

The presentation was made by Chatham Divisional Commander John Rhymes, with back up from Chelmsford Divisional and the team Ray Barman, Alan Bailey and Laurie Rampson.

Along with a further £200 from Mike Dicks, the Police at their recent presentation—using our total amount for Matthew to £3,000.

I am very grateful to the police and the community of Chelmsford and Chatham for their support.

I hope the NECC will understand why this is being voted through we are losing a substantial number of members.

We are finding it hard enough to get all the subs for this year by £7.30.

Chelmsford branch still has some 50 members who have not paid, and I take no one of those has not paid for 1991.

Our conference delegate knows the feeling of Chelmsford branch and do not think we are out of line with our colleagues at Southend or Colchester.

We will vote against this.

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The amendment was unfortunately received at NEC last to be included.

I hope the NEC will on this recommendation.

BOWLS

The annual bowls match against serving members I the force was regrettably due to an administrative error, had to be abandoned and we sincerely apologize to all concerned. There was a genuine misunderstanding. We determined that next year all will be well.

The next event will be the NEC bowling match, Friday October 16. I look forward to seeing you there.

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We hope to take him to a summer centre in South Wales for his fourteenth birthday and he be continued. Please thank everyone for their help.

30yrs.

THECCG Trip to Windsor in May was much enjoyed by all.

The weather was kind to us, although on our way back we left a heavy downpour.

However, all was well and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, visiting the local attractions in the morning, and after lunch, the village in Berkshire.

I am now looking forward to your World Cup April 1993 and, if I can have sufficient interest, will put together a week’s trip to Bernkastel on the Mosel staying at a four star hotel with indoor pool.

I am waiting for costs to come through and will then circulate full details for everyone’s information.

The next event will be during the first week in September.

The Force Garden Party was, as always, well attended this year, even though the weather did its best to stop the proceedings.

Unfortunately it was almost impossible to see so everyone due to the geography of the Training School, for some went up one corridor, others went down another.

Anyway those I spoke to seemed to be enjoying themselves. Our thanks to everyone concerned.

I know that a lot of hard work has gone into the preparations of the party and it is pleasing to see such a happy gathering.

CONFERENCE

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Sergeant Tickner recalls life on the beat in Kent in 1912

CENTENARIAN COP CELEBRATES 74 YEARS OF LOVE AND MARRIAGE

WHEN Peter Tickner was born, Queen Victoria was still five years away from her Diamond Jubilee and 74 years away from her 90th birthday. Rose, also 100, at a nursing home in Danbury, Essex.

Tim's on the mend

ONGBASED PC Tim Turner is recovering in St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, after suffering a stroke and an accident on the A12 in June.

Cyclist's inquest

PC Turner, 48, was riding his bike along the A12 at Mountnessing when he was involved in a collision with an articulated box lorry.

He was rushed into intensive care at Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford, suffering from a fractured pelvis and abrasions to his head.

Determined Tim has since been transferred to Billericay for skin grafts to be performed. He is in Langley Ward, and would welcome visits from family and friends in the Force. Visit times are afternoons and in the evenings.

OSCAR colleague Sgt Ron Holloway said: "He is in some pain, but he is in great spirits. He has a wonderful family and friends who have supported him through this time."

PC Turner was also helped. He has regularly contributed to the Force in police running events.

A slow healing process is expected, but the family are in the fight for him.

Look out for Jacob

A ZANY cartoon character called Jacob is set to launch Halstead Crime Prevention Panel's latest campaign, focusing on road traffic crime.

The idea for Jacob came from marketing men at Ciba Corning, in Billericay, after a discussion with The Law's cartoonist Peter Caulfield, who helped complete the design.

Meanwhile in Essex Police Musical Society secretary and cartoonist concept maker Jane Clare is busy making a Jacob costume.

A kick-off will be launched at Weavers Court in Halstead on August 25, and will become the emblem of all the panel's crime prevention activities. When the panel was formed last November, chairman David Finch of Ciba Corning, said: "We believed creative ideas from business could boost the community's efforts to combat crime. Jacob looks like he's set to prove him right!"

Look out for the launch of Jacob on next month's edition of The Law.

Sold on secure scheme

Pe Steve Fells on duty in the Cayman Islands.

ESSEX Police's pioneering "Secure" scheme is sold out in Cayman Islands.

Pe Steve Fells of Southend Police visited the Cayman Islands in August 1992 to introduce the scheme to Cayman's tourism industry.

The scheme was sold to the Cayman Islands police, who were looking for a way to combat crime.

The scheme was a huge success, and the Cayman Islands police have since sold out of all the "Secure" schemes they have.

Pe Steve Fells was also able to sell the scheme to other police forces in the UK, and has since helped other forces to sell the scheme.

The "Secure" scheme is designed to help police forces combat crime, and has been sold to forces in the UK and overseas.

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Essex on top at golf but comradship wins at the 19th hole

On course for European harmony

Victorious Veterans

by Peter Moyes

Essex Police hosted the inaugural European Police Golf Tournament recently.

The tournament, which was played over two days at Harlequin Hotel, Stoneham Park, Southampton, and at the Mid-Herts Golf Club, Wheathampsted, was a great success.

The players, who were from countries all over Europe, included officers from France, Dutch and Danish Police forces, and the Essex Police Force.

On the opening day, the Essex Police Force played against the French team, and the Essex Police Force won by 8-6.

On the second day, the Essex Police Force played against the Dutch team, and the Essex Police Force won by 7-5.

The Essex Police Force also played against the Danish team, and the Essex Police Force won by 5-3.

The Essex Police Force were the overall winners of the tournament, and were presented with a trophy by the Chief Constable of Essex Police, Mr. John Woods.

The Essex Police Force were represented by Mr. Martin Reed, who was the Essex Police Force representative at the tournament.

The Essex Police Force were delighted with their performance at the tournament, and were looking forward to participating in future events of this nature.

Comradship

A self-confessed non-golfer, Mr. Reed was clearly impressed by the skills and sportsmanship of the Essex Police Force officers, and the officers from the other European countries.

Mr. Reed was particularly impressed by the spirit of camaraderie and good comradship that he observed among the players.

Mr. Reed congratulated the Essex Police Force on their victory, and expressed the hope that they would continue to represent Essex Police Force in future tournaments with equal success.

Mr. Reed also congratulated the other European countries on their participation in the tournament, and expressed the hope that they would continue to represent their countries with equal success in future tournaments.

Mr. Reed was also interested in hearing from other British police officers who are interested in participating in future tournaments of this nature.

Mr. Reed expressed the hope that he would be able to provide further information and advice to any interested police officers.

Mr. Reed ended his remarks by wishing all the players well, and expressing the hope that they would continue to represent their countries with equal success in future tournaments.
The result of the June Force Lottery is as follows:

£1,300 Coen Kenneth Bamper, Chelmsford; £700 Mr Brian Boot, Basildon; £500 Cons Barry Johnson, Brentwood; £300 Cons Norman Guth, Clacton; £200 Cons Peter Batts, Canvey Island; £l Cons George Campbell, Benfleet; £150 Cons Graham Lowes, Traffic Management, HQ.

The weekly Odddays draw was won by Mr John Blythe, Barking. The next draw will be on Wednesday 17th June at Basebridge.

The following officers, representing Essex, won the team Croker Cup events is: The Constables, provided that employees of the Police Authority and Special Constables, such persons shall be full members of the appropriate Sports Association.

The Essex squad with their trophies: back row, from left, Paul Cakebread, Liz Boothman, Moira Simmonds, Sue Harries, Simon Halford, Tanya Payton, Dave Pickles, Bob Miller.

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The P.A.A. No. 5 Region Athletics Championships, Portsmouth, take place at Whitehaven, Cumbria on Saturday, 29th July.

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WHAT GOES UP ... must come down. Super fit Essex runner Mike Kilsken battles his way round for second place in the gruelling 3000m steeplechase at the police regional athletics championships, held in Portsmouth. The Essex team took second place to hosts Hampshire. Full report and more pictures on page 15.

**Ten-pin team takes title**

**by Bob Miller**

Joe Martin Reid had a world's last-bowling performance with Marten reaching a half-century. The real bonus started in The-Chequers pub afterwards, when joined by England bowler John Childs, John Stephenson and Nicholas Kulp, all from Essex County Cricket Club, a figure of £127 was raised. This has purchased a puppy called Venice that will now be trained by Mrs Cleaver from Felsted School to eventually assist a local blind person.

Sgt Alan Taplin had great pleasure in presenting a 'pair of size' cheque to Mr Ron Sanderson, the local branch Chairman of Guide Dogs for The Blind Association who was almost speechless at the presentation.

Meanwhile, John Childs was presented with a polerian with children's 'name' and Force Sports Association tie, as a token of the Essex Police's special relationship that exists with Essex County Cricket Club and his personal involvement with the Polis Charity Game which he supports religiously each year.

Graham Gooch has been a keen runner for many years, and can often be seen running around Brentwood and Harlow.

The 1992 Essex Police team, running in uniform from the 10th, raised £3,700 to send three-year-old Kelvedon to the world famous Peto Institute in Hungary for treatment. In 1993, a team of 10 will run again, accompanied by the Police Commissioner to ensure the fun.

The Essex Police marathon team handed over a cheque for £3,700 to the Walters family, to help Graham Matthews, who suffers from Cerebral Palsy, to the Polis Institute in Hungary. Picture, from left (back) are: Chief Supt. John Matthew, PC Allan Bailey and Insp Ray Burman. Front: De Lourie Rumply, the Walters family, Lorraine, Matthew, Wynn, and Nicholas.

**Essex and England cricket captain Graham Gooch raises charity cash**

**by Gary Matthews**

Graham Matthews was Mike Kilsken who survived the blistering heat to put himself on the leader board with an excellent time of 55 mins 48 secs.

Gary Matthews was next home and pleased with his time of 1 hour 8 mins 52 secs.

At this stage the Met Police held the first two places with David Baker in 57 mins 6 secs and Neil Stratford 58 mins 30 secs. Graham Snellin was next to pass the time-keeper and, despite losing time when baulked by traffic, made a bid for the title with 55 mins 35 secs. Mick St Leger wasn't without problems either, and he lost time when he began losing pressure in his front tyre in the closing miles, but his time of 58 mins 1 sec put him into third place.

It only remained to see what Gloucesters Nick Yarworth, the defending champion, could do.

A time check at nine miles showed him he was over 20 seconds down on Snellin and he abandoned the race when he found he was unable to increase his effort.

**Challenge**

So Graham Snellin clinched the title for the first time and with St Leger third and Kilsken fifth, Essex retained their team title, despite the strong challenge from the Met who filled the other three of the top six places.

Mike Kilsken also picked up an award for fastest in his group based on previous best times.

The only sad note of the weekend was that Tim Turner (Ongar) wasn't able to take part, having been seriously injured in a road accident whilst racing the previous weekend.

Tim is making a steady recovery and we all wish him well.

**Graham Gooch Picture courtesy of Essex County Cricket Club**

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