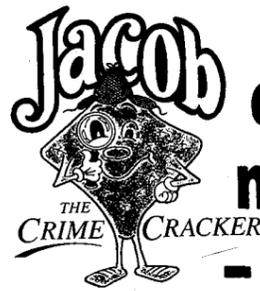


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JO'S CLASS WAR

Rover discovers a new beat

ON CRIME

by Paul Dunt

FORGET the Kindergarten Cop! Meet Mrs Johanna Charnley, who's all set to show Arnie a thing or two about nipping crime in the bud — the Essex way.

For the highly-qualified mum-of-three is the County's new answer to tackling teen crime, as the County Council's Education Department and Essex Police team up to become partners in crime prevention and reduction.

In a pioneering scheme, believed to be the first of its kind in the country, Mrs Charnley has just been appointed to a new post as the County's School Liaison Officer — a position which will be jointly funded by the two organisations.

Difficult

Her primary role will be to help set up and develop Youth Crime Prevention Panels in schools across the county, build on the success of existing panels, and thus nurture good citizenship qualities in the county's young people.

She will also be responsible for promoting Crime Prevention in the curriculum, and setting up a conference with Head-teachers to discuss the new panels.

Speaking from HQ Crime Prevention, where she will be based on a part-time basis, Mrs Charnley, a former teacher with a French degree, said she was looking forward to working in the schools on such an innovative and existing idea.

Recently returned from a conference specifically looking at Youth Action Groups, as pupils prefer to call them, she said she felt sure the formation of more groups in the county would prove a success — but one of the most difficult tasks would be keeping them going.

"I think I will be rather like a plate juggler running round keeping them all going, but as I discovered at this conference there is a lot of enthusiasm among young people to make the Groups work," she said.

Her aim at present is to set up one Youth Action Group in one secondary school in each



WELCOME aboard! Mrs Johanna Charnley is welcomed to her innovative post by Essex Police Crime Prevention officer, Chief Inspector Bob Hayes and Education Officer Martin Fee.

of the 14 sub-divisions, and her role will see her working closely with local Crime Prevention and School Liaison Officers as well as Neighbourhood Beat Officers, to achieve this.

Drugs

But she harbours no illusions of the difficulties facing her once in school; "My main challenge there is to get the bad boys on my side," she said. After spending the last eight years working in prisons and Police Stations as part of her husband's solicitors firm, she knows what to expect.

Once set up, it is hoped the Action Groups will tackle anything in the school from bullying to car crime and drugs and solvent abuse. Panels could start with small ideas, such as a cycle-coding session, and move on from there. "It has got to be fun," she emphasised.

It is thought the new youth panels could even prove more successful than adult groups. "Kids don't see the red tape, they just go forward and do it, so they can be more productive than older panels. In one school a Panel organised a Library book amnesty and 650 missing volumes turned up!"

Mrs Charnley's new job was a perfect move for her, she said. After years seeing the same youths ending up in trouble time after time, she was determined to do something to help break the cycle and she was also keen to get back into teaching.

"When I saw the advertisement, I thought this has got to be me," she laughed. "I've got no romantic illusions about what I am up against, but I'm delighted to be doing the job. No-one has ever done this before, it's very forward thinking of the Police and the Education Authority."

Key role for the Chief

CHIEF Constable John Burrow will become President of the Association of Chief Police Officers next month in a year likely to be crucial in shaping the future of Britain's Police Forces.

Mr Burrow will take over the helm from Lancashire Chief Constable, Brian Johnson, on October 2, at the ACPO conference in Preston.

With the Sheehy inquiry in full swing and crime still rising the year long post will see him playing a lead role in the debates and decisions ahead.

Next month, *The Law* examines the tasks that lie before him and his hopes and concerns for the future.



GARAGE technician Tony Campen with the Land Rovers he fitted up in police livery.

SEVEN new Land Rover Discoveries have taken to the roads of Essex to give the force greater flexibility in severe weather and on rough terrain.

Costing £19,800 each, the four-wheel drive vehicles will improve the force's off-road capability in dealing with hunts, poachers and other incidents on farm land or muddy tracks.

Airport

Six of the Land Rovers went into service on rural beats in Chelmsford, Colchester and Harlow Divisions at the beginning of September, whilst extra

equipment was added to the seventh, destined for Stansted Airport.

Fleet manager Chief Insp. Paul Adams explained the new vehicles should prove cost effective as they are expected to remain in service for six years.

Rural

They replace Ford Orions, which are half the cost but only last three years. The Airport vehicle replaces a Range Rover.

The Discoveries are based at Tillingham, Steeple Bumpstead, Thorpe, Mersea, Dunmow and Ongar.

Chf. Insp. Adams said, "We were looking for four-wheel drive vehicles for use in the rural environment and to give us all year round capability.

"They will enable us to police those parts of the county which were hitherto unpoliceable in an Orion, especially in severe weather."

Academic Oscar for graduate Graham

BRAINY Policeman Graham Carey has just proved he's a first class student by coming top of the form in his degree course at Essex University.

Inspector Carey, now based at Grays, has been awarded a BA with first class honours after completing his third year of studies.

He was also awarded the Jean Blondel Prize for the best undergraduate degree and the Oscar Arias Prize for the best undergraduate dissertation.

The force currently has three officers studying full-time at Essex University, Inspector Iain Logan (Policymaking & Admin), Inspector Michael Smith (Government) have both just successfully completed their second year of their BA courses and Sergeant Peter Colman (Philosophy) has just successfully finished the first year of his course.

Inspector Moira Owers (joint degree History & Government) and Sgt Jennifer Mitchell-Gibbs (Psychology) have also been nominated to start full-time studies at Essex next month.

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Federation Notes ... Federation Notes ...

Bosses go Potty as Alan gets the runs

JULY 27 was not only the date for Essex's Joint Branch Board Meeting but also the day fixed for the annual Porcelain Potty Challenge.

The event is a keenly fought and highly partisan cricket match between the Joint Branch Board and members from the Superintendents Association and Chief Officers of the force.

Some deft footwork and swift delivery enabled JBB Chairman Bob Needham to conclude the business of the day in time to lead his team on to the field for the start of play at 4 o'clock.

Having lost the toss, JBB were invited to open the fielding. Having put together a makeshift team (including Duncan Pallant, son of the JBB Secretary) the JBB found themselves on the end of aggressive batting from the Superintendent.

Displaying obvious skills in the field, presumably a

requirement in the promotion stakes, they began to build up an impressive score.

Sighs of relief greeted the first wicket, a superb out-field catch from the bowling of JBB Chairman Bob Needham.

The most spectacular bowling of the day came from CBB Secretary Mike Englefield who surprised himself and everybody else on the field with an impressive spell during which he claimed three vital wickets (well he is Claims Secretary after all).

TETLEYS

At the end of the twenty overs the governors looked to be in an unassailable position and they toddled off to the tea rooms with satisfied

faces.

Returning to the field gorged on salmon sandwiches and Tetley's (tea) the JBB team faced the prospect of a short innings and ignominious defeat which is the reputation of bowlers like Chief Superintendent Bill Pirie. (The prophecy looked like fulfilling itself when the sixth wicket fell and JBB were still below 50).

Some careful middle order batting aided by some abysmal bowling saw JBB come back into the reckoning. It gradually dawned that we had a match on our hands and it was going to be very close.

Close it was, the last over saw the governors adjusting their fielding places and setting tactical positions and it all became rather serious.

Now with two balls to go, JBB are in need of four runs to secure victory.

Constables rep Alan Coley faces his Divisional Commander and whack!



THE victorious Federation team proudly display their hard-won potty.

four runs ...we can't believe it, JBB have won the potty challenge for only the second time in ten years.

CHAMBER

A splendid occasion in which members of the policy group and force command had a chance to let their hair down on the

sportsfield and although it got very competitive towards the end, the result was of lesser importance to the value of the game.

Assistant Chief Constable Geoff Markham presented the resplendent Chamber Pot Trophy to the victors whilst all agreed it was a splendid event.

Special Report ... Special Report ... Special Report ...Special

INJURY INSURANCE ON DUTY

IN 1991 there were 521 recorded injuries involving police officers on duty. Some injuries resulted in periods of sickness, others of a minor nature, did not result in a loss of work.

The majority of officers are members of the Federation Group Insurance scheme and make claims when appropriate.

Few police officers are aware, it seems, that they can and indeed should have the injury recorded as an "industrial injury" with the Department of Social Security.

There may be a possibility of obtaining industrial injury benefit.

INCIDENT

The DSS define an industrial injury as: "Any unintended happening or incident at work resulting in personal injury."

It doesn't matter whether the effect of the injury is

by Mike Englefield

immediate or delayed.

All injuries on duty, no matter how minor, should be recorded by completing a form, A57 standing order section 11, 53B (7).

The DSS always requires confirmation of a claim and is aware that Essex Police records injuries on duty in this way.

BENEFIT

Claims to have the injury recorded are made on form B195 obtainable from DSS offices; it is the officer's responsibility to make the claim.

Once the claim has been recorded and the officer feels that he may be entitled

to claim industrial injury benefit, Form BI100A, again obtainable from DSS offices, should be submitted.

Following the submission of a claim, the DSS will arrange for the claimant to be medically examined so that an assessment can be made of the injury.

If your disablement is assessed at less than 14 per cent you will not receive any benefit.

Assessments from 14 per cent upwards will entitle you to weekly benefit, the amount of which will vary according to the percentage awarded.

DISABILITY

The DSS Adjudicating Authority can make a provisional assessment or a final assessment. A provisional assessment will be reviewed towards the end of the period.

A final assessment may be for life if the Authority considers that your disablement will be permanent and unlikely to change appreciably.

If you seem likely to make a full recovery, it may be a final assessment for a fixed and limited period.

If your disability increases because of a deterioration in your condition it is always possible to seek a re-assessment of a disablement award, even a final one, by applying for a review on the grounds of unforeseen aggravation.

DECISION

If you are dissatisfied with an Adjudicating Medical Authority's decision, you have three months from the date the decision was sent to you to appeal to a Medical Appeal Tribunal.

You must write to your local DSS office giving brief reasons for your appeal; this applies even if you have just had a provisional assessment.

In order to support an appeal you may have to obtain medical evidence.

Providing you are a contributor to Police Federation funds, you will be given help to obtain this evidence and with your representation at the appeal.

In all cases the Branch Board Offices at Headquarters, extension 2795, should be contacted without delay.

Next Month: The case for insurance; what happens if you are involved in a road accident while driving a police vehicle where no other person is responsible.

Latest Amended claims to Police Negotiating Board

THE STAFF Side has submitted the below amended claims on Police working times:

- ANNUAL LEAVE** — Our original claim remains.
- STATUTORY/PUBLIC HOLIDAYS** — The staff Side would be prepared to withdraw this claim.
- OVERTIME PAYMENTS** — The Staff Side would be prepared to withdraw this claim.

- LENGTH OF WORKING WEEK** — The Staff Side would be prepared to amend its current claim of a reduction in the weekly hours from 40 hours to 38 hours, to a revised position from 40 hours to 39 hours.
- ROSTERING ARRANGEMENTS** — (a) Outline rosters which show shift patterns indicating provisional starting and finishing times for

- officers shall be published annually.
- Updated working rosters should be published not less than 3 months in advance showing actual start times. With 3 months or more notice, provisional starting times may be altered by 2 hours either way without reference to the exigencies of duty.
- Alterations of more than 2 hours

- shall remain subject to the exigencies of duty.
- Any alteration to starting times with less than 3 months notice shall subject to exigencies of duty.
- A response from the Official Side is not expected until the November meeting of PNB at the earliest.
- Federation Notes is compiled by Brian Pallant

THE LAW OPINION

CONGRATULATIONS to our own Sergeant Bob Fieldin who raised nearly £3,000 towards the cost of sending more than 200 British athletes to the Paralympic Games in Barcelona earlier this month.

What a pity the courageous efforts of our paralympic athletes, who brought home 128 medals, didn't attract more publicity.

Contrast the "mainstream" Olympic Games a month earlier which dominated our TV screens, coverage which cost £13 million to BBC Television alone. Top track events attract upwards of eight million viewers in this country, and the despite the British camp being rocked by the scandal of failed drug tests.

No one would dispute the dedication and discipline of many of these athletes, nor that there were courageous performances to applaud.

But how much more so at the 9th Paralympic Games! Despite having to cope with loss of limbs or visual handicap the ability of these men and women was phenomenal and the strength of character puts many of us to shame.

It would be easy to blame the media — we usually do — and undoubtedly these events need to be more heavily promoted.

But the truth is that many of us do not want to watch. Some of the more severely handicapped athletes perhaps even make us feel uncomfortable.

A Paralympic athlete was quoted saying, "Once we saw our selves mainly as paraplegics, amputees or blind. Gradually we are coming to recognise ourselves as swimmers, athletes and skiers."

Perhaps their biggest handicap now is other people's attitudes.

The Editors would like to make it clear that the views expressed in this opinion column reflect those of the Editors and not the Chief Constable or any other member of the Essex Police.

Voluntary support in time of crisis

by Bob Needham

HOW MANY times have we seen a colleague in crisis? Perhaps a more searching question is, How many times has a colleague been in crisis and we have failed notice?

My dictionary refers to crisis as... "a turning point decisive moment".

In many instances in our lives the crisis is the most demanding moment, but when we look back on it, the impact and seriousness never seems to be as great as we feared at the time.

This experience and knowledge can be put to good use should we face temporary crisis in the future. The inter thoughts that support an individual crisis may not be sufficient to get him/her through the rough passage.

In dealing closely with officers who have been suspended from duty, I have been alarmed at the depth of impact that this has had on the officer, the immediate family and friends.

To all concerned this is a period of crisis. It has never failed to dent morale, cause family friction, cause doubt amongst loved ones and generally impairs the health of those concerned.

At times like this a sympathetic ear becomes vital in the movement towards a normal lifestyle.

Who better for this role than somebody who has had the same experience, the same feelings and knows the ropes?

A number of formal groups are being established in and down the country.

Two that are emerging are: the Police Partners and Family Support Network and the Police Officers and Dependents Society. Both organisations are independent but each is based in Leicestershire.

Some exploratory work has been done in Essex and would be interesting to establish how many people with crisis experience are willing to volunteer their services for the benefit of others.

In conjunction with the force welfare office we already know of a wide range of people who are prepared to offer help. This extends from bereavement, debts and drink problems to discipline suspensions, some ill health problems and marriage breakdowns.

Obvious sources are wives of police officers, retired members and our colleagues in the civilian support services.

If you feel you have the right qualities to enlist in a voluntary support group for crisis and can spare some time, please contact Bob Needham at Police Federation Offices, Headquarters — telephone extension 2799. I will put you in touch with one of the parent organisations in Leicestershire.

Off Beat

Essex Pc joins journey of Discovery to bring Peto to the UK

Cabbies convoy Hungary to help

COLIN'S BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Khan do better than that

LAINDON dog handler Colin Elsegood won a top trophy in his first major competition when he took part in the Ministry of Defence National Police Dog Trials.

It was a perfect present for Colin, who collected the Field Work Trophy on his 34th birthday. Colin and his dog Khan were competing against 19 handlers in the Fieldwork section, which involved tracking and property searching.

He was the first guest of the MOD Police to win a major award at their trials, which were held at the end of July in Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Invitation

Colin was one of only two civilian police handlers competing by invitation at this year's event, which also included a number of Army dog teams.

He went on to come second overall of the 36 competitors. Former RAF dog handler Pc Elsegood said "I entered to gain some competition experience before our own force trials in October, so I was delighted with second place."

Colin and Khan have been together since his initial police dog course two years ago.

Meanwhile Colin's experienced Laindon colleague Pc Phil O'Connell has also been in competition-winning form.

Phil and his dog Jack



TOP DOGS: Colin Elsegood and Khan with their trophies. Pictures courtesy of the MOD Police.

swept the board in the police dog competition at the Norfolk Show earlier this month.

Competing against eight other handlers from the Home Counties and

Metropolitan Police Force, Phil and Jack came first in both the Man Work and Obedience sections to become the champion team. Phil, 34, has been a dog handler for six years.



TEAMWORK: Colin and Khan in action at the MOD National Police Dog trials.

The Gendarme of the Law

ESSEX policeman Steve Farmer met up with Gendarme colleague Daniel Cala while holidaying in the South of France with his family this summer.

Daniel, a Brigadier (equivalent of Sergeant) in the Gendarmerie of the Bordeaux area, had arranged a visit to Essex Police HQ whilst on holiday in England.

French-speaking Pc Farmer got the job of showing Daniel round his workplace in the Information

Room — and when the two found they would be holidaying on the Mediterranean coast at the same time, they arranged to meet up.

Steve (right) is pictured in the Gendarme's helmet, with Daniel sporting an old Essex Police helmet after the two swapped traditional police memorabilia.

CARING Essex policeman Graham Lowes will be joining a convoy of black taxi cabs on a 2,500 mile round trip from Birmingham to Budapest to raise funds for handicapped children.

The charity event "Cabbies and Cops" hopes to raise £100,000 for the Foundation for Conductive Education (Peto Institute), which has opened a treatment centre in Birmingham for children suffering from cerebral palsy.

The 14-day trip is due to set off from the BBC studios at Pebble Mill, Birmingham on October 21. The convoy of some ten black cabs will be escorted by two police Landrover Discovery vehicles.

Pc Lowes, who is based at the Traffic Investigation Unit at Sandon, will join five other police officers, two from the Metropolitan Police, two from West Midlands and one from Hampshire.

Remarkable

The remarkable work of the Peto Institute in Hungary has recently been well-publicised in Britain, with Essex Police's own London Marathon team raising £3,700 to help send a three-year-old Kelvedon boy out for a month's treatment.

Many parents whose children suffer from cerebral palsy have given up their cars, jobs, even homes to raise the cost of sending their child to the famous institute.

The treatment centre in Birmingham helps 18 children, who are treated by staff from Hungary. The staff who will be running this centre are themselves

by JENNY GRINTER

in Hungary receiving training.

The estimated cost of the new institute is in the region of £5 million, but the Foundation hopes building can get underway this year. The first phase is due to be completed, and open to patients, in September 1993.

Parliament

The "Cabbies and Cops" event was initiated by the Earl of Winchilsea and Nottingham and he raised support for it in Parliament. He will be driving one of the cabs in the convoy.

Each taxi will be funded by a commercial sponsor, on the basis that the sponsor pays the fare registered on its meter, which will keep running throughout the journey to Budapest and back.

Expenses for the journey will be met by hospitality from European taxi drivers and the International Police Association (IPA).

The route of the convoy will take in Calais, Reims, Strasbourg, Munich, and Vienna, with official

Harlow CID adopt a killer

HOLLY the young Orca is having a whale of a time in the waters off British Columbia, with a helping hand from Harlow CID.

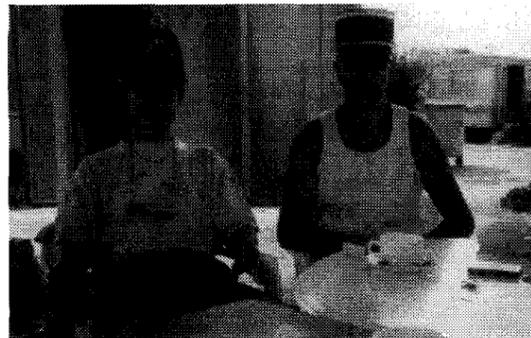
The hard-nosed detectives set up a swear-box to stop the air turning blue — and the money soon mounted up, from male

and female officers alike!

With the proceeds, they adopted a killer whale, and chose young mum Holly, who has a year-old calf called Ivy, and swims free in an area bounded by the Campbell River and South East Alaska.

They set up the adoption through the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society, and received a certificate — now hanging proudly on the office wall — and a photograph of Holly.

Anyone else who would like to adopt a whale should contact the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society, Freepost, Bath, BA1 1XR



HOOPS
ACK in June, we asked readers of *The Law* who receive their copy in the post to send us their correct postcode to assist in the prompt despatch of the newspaper.

Well, your replies were a bit slow coming — because we printed our own postcode wrong.....

HURRY HURRY

THE police are constantly reiterating their warnings to the public to be on the lookout for suspicious packages.

So a shop owner quite rightly phoned in when he saw a woman place a carrier bag into a wastebin in Heydon Bois then walk 30 yards to a car and drive off.

Officers dashed to the scene anxious to sniff out a hot tip — only to find the remains of a Vindaloo.

But a parcel in the cargo holds at Stansted Airport seemed even more suspicious — it was humming. Staff got the blues when police arrived and discovered an electronic guitar tuner which was switched on!

BIG TALES

A KEEN rookie recruit to the SB was trying to establish if little girl knew right from wrong, and asked if she knew the difference between telling the truth and telling lies. She said she did.

The conversation continued. "Who is the most important person in your life?" She answered, "My guinea pig". "If I asked you to swear on our guinea pig's life....."

WHAT A SAUCE

FINALLY to the saucy tale of policeman Andrew McGuire who recently married Hutton girl Kerry-Lee Huggins.

The local paper reports that the ketchup-mad cop had a surprise waiting for him at the table, a giant bottle of the red stuff on a silver salver, courtesy of Heinz.

And Heinz even chipped in with a further 24 bottles of tomato ketchup as a wedding present! Bet his bride saw red.



Essex Police Choir GRAND CONCERT

Saturday 3rd October

7.30pm

at the Ursuline Hall, Brentwood in aid of the Carr-Gomm Society (a charitable housing association)

Tickets £3 (concessions £1.50) from Mr C.E. Williams 0277 222610

MEMORIES OF SOUTHEND'S GERRY

IN VIEW of the recent spate of photographs depicting the 'life and times' of the Southend Borough Police, I thought the enclosed might be of interest to you and some readers of *The Law*.

The photograph was taken in the courtyard at the rear of the old Southend Police Station in Alexandra Street, Southend, it would be about 1951 or 1952, I have no doubt somebody will be able to pinpoint the date.

The occasion was the retirement of Sergeant "Gerry" Sutton, I remember he was served with a 'summons' by the then Constable 104 Stephenson to attend No 1 Court to show good reason why he should not be retired from the Force with an exemplary character and be pre-



Southend Police Station circa 1951/2

sented with farewell gifts from fellow officers as a token of their respect and thanks, for all the guidance and help he had given them.

I remember that several officers went into the box to give evidence in his favour.

Sergeant Sutton had a distinguished war record in the 1914-1918 war, he was cited for the Victoria Cross at the battle of Zeebrugge whilst serving with the Royal Marine Artillery, he did not qualify for the VC

but was awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre in that action.

Sadly "Gerry" died some years ago and his shield of service with the Royal Marine Artillery held a place of honour in the centre of a line of shields over the bar counter of the Southend Police Club for many years.

**Mr A A Cundy — retired
Constable 230
High Street
Shoeburyness.**

Why going for gold is the write thing to do

I WRITE to offer encouragement to any officer who is contemplating entering the Queen's Police Gold Medal Essay Competition 1992 in response to Force Order B499/92 which sets out the essay title and rules.

I have entered the competition for the last two years and have found the process of writing stimulating and worthwhile. I have broadened my knowledge on subjects like crime prevention and the quality of the Police

Service.

The subject for this year is to do with the relationship between leadership and management and I have already got some valuable insights as I prepare to write.

If you are thinking that you are not good enough to write, I urge you to think again. I failed English Language O' Level at school and wasn't even put forward for English Literature O' Level after failing to read more than

100 pages of *Pride and Prejudice*!

If you enter the competition with the spirit of adventure and open yourself up to the possibility of success then you may surprise yourself.

It wouldn't be ethical for me to coach you in what to write but I hope this will encourage you to put pen to paper and join me in 'Going for Gold'.

**Sgt RENNIE CHIVERS
Colchester Division**

Has the time for sentiment finally gone?

HOW REFRESHING it was to read the opinion feature in the July/August issue.

I suspect that, like me, many people will question the sheer sentimentality attached to the continued practice of naming structures with 'Royal' titles.

It is surely about time that some recognition was given to the general members of society who do very difficult jobs and in some cases become the scapegoats because they happen to be in the firing line at the time.

It would be a fitting gesture if the lifeboat in question was named "The Fletcher Goodman" in honour of those people who gave the ultimate sacrifice in order that humanity should live on.

**DEREK BOVINGTON
Meadow Grass Close,
Stanway,
Colchester**

Many thanks for farewell

I WOULD like, through the page of *The Law* to express sincere thanks and appreciation to the many friends and colleagues who made my retirement celebration most enjoyable.

Retirement after 30 years police service is a daunting prospect - but the support and well wishes I received was most welcome and has gone a long way towards easing me into "civilian life".

My wife and myself

A clean change

COULD consideration be given to retired Police officers being given periodical refresher courses?

I started with Essex County Constabulary in October 1938, serving at H.Q., Grays, Great Dunmow, Stebbing, Hornchurch, Mistley and Colchester. Finally retiring from Essex Police for the second time in October 1979.

Many, Many, changes took place during that period, in fact even the Force title changed a number of times.

Since retiring I imagine further changes may have altered the Force, probably beyond recognition, but reading *The Law* and the National press gives one "food for thought".

A report in the Evening

were both very touched by the many gifts we received which will be treasured and remembered for the rest of our lives.

My very best wishes to you all and in particular the staff at The Driving School who have made me extremely proud to be part of Essex Police driver-training excellence over the past six and a half years.

**John E. Johnson
Hatfield Heath**

Gazette on Thursday 13th. inst. really did tickle my "taste buds". It concerned Clacton M.C. and commenced "Teenager with a clean criminal record."

Does CRO now send records to the laundry regularly, or does the arresting officer give the prisoner a good scrub and maybe a sauna also, before giving him his number, and posing him in front of the cameras?

It would be great to read "Expert" opinion in future issues of *The Law* and maybe finish up with a case states.

**W. H. Johnson,
Ex Ps 155,
Edgefield Avenue,
Lawford,
Manningtree.**

LAW Letters

A WELL DESERVED PAT ON THE BACK

WHEN we are constantly bombarded by the media's negative attitude towards the Police Force. I felt it very important to write to you to congratulate you on the understanding and totally professional attitude that was shown to me by your officers on two separate occasions recently at Colchester Station.

The first instance was when I was wrongly accused by an ex co-director of burglary of his business premises. I was asked to attend the station where I was arrested. Naturally I was shocked and extremely nervous but the two officers interviewing me, Pc Chris Tyler and Detective Barry Blackman put me at my ease and never made me feel guilty before proven innocent.

I was also very impressed by their quiet, methodical checking and double checking of facts and details.

My fingerprints were taken to compare against those found at the scene of the crime but because of pressure of work at your labs there was some delay in getting the results.

Being eager to have my name cleared, I phoned the Station quite often to check progress but your Officers never lost patience with me, they always extended the same polite and helpful attitude as had been shown during the interview.

Now that I have been officially cleared I would like to say thank you through you to them.

The second instance was more recent. I am a motor-

Back in the family

I JOINED Essex Police as a Station Officers Assistant in January 1991, based at Harwich.

Within a year I was given a date to go into hospital for spinal surgery. The date arrived and on 16th January this year I went into Basildon Hospital.

Then after three weeks I went to my parents in Hemel Hempstead for convalescence. During this time I learned more about "The Family" at Harwich Police Station, than I could have in five years of service.

Due to my lack of service I thought I would be quickly forgotten but Bob Coxan in welfare, and Inspector Byford constantly kept an eye on my progress.

Not only were they helpful and caring, but also all at the station, who kept a good flow of cards, flowers and wonderful presents that kept me entertained for hours.

I would like to say a special thanks to Trudy, Nicola and Wpc O'Toole for their welcomed home visits and to Sgt. John Sergeant, Pc Debbie Hart, Pc Pat O'Toole, Ds Dave Bardell and Dc Steve Myall for their hospital visits.

"The Family" at Harwich Police Station kept me as sane as possible for the seven months I was off ill.

**Karen Syson,
SCA 7504,
Harwich.**

A Zimmer for Slinger

MAY I through your columns express my appreciation to all those who attended my retirement party on July 17.

It was a pleasant surprise to realise I had so many friends and colleagues. A big thank-you for the bar-be-que and the plaque.

I can drive the BBQ, but haven't managed the Zimmer frame yet!! It was a terrific evening due to the hard work of several people - Peter Johnson, Andy and Nicki Orley to mention a few.

I must also thank my wife Gwen for the catering. Thank you all once again. Please call when you are passing, everybody is always welcome.

**John (Slinger) Woods
Ex Pc 1375.
Langford**

cycle rider and the bike I ride is a vintage Harley Davidson — it's my pride and joy.

One evening in early July I had the misfortune to have someone pull out in front of me causing an accident and minor injuries to myself.

I came down to the station where the officer on desk duty, Pc Craig Cook, was both helpful and sympathetic to my injuries and losses.

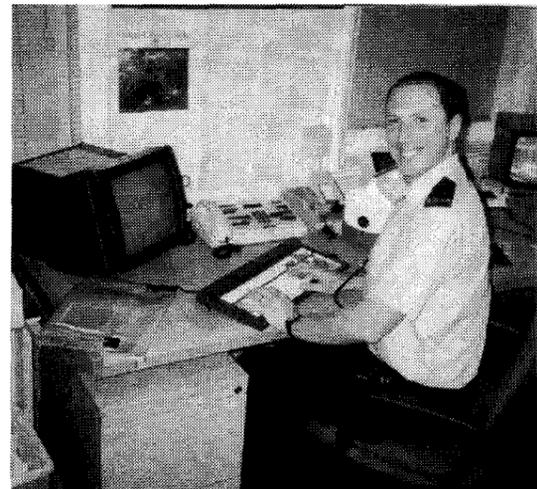
His cheerful, calm manner while he took the report helped to alleviate the shock of the accident and I left the station feeling much more relaxed than when I had entered. Please relay my thanks.

I think the thing that most impressed me about all the officers I had contact with was that, although none of them had ever met me before, none of them judged me by my appearance (I have been told by family and friends that my size and apparall can make me look quite ominous) and I got the feeling that whoever walked through the station doors they would be greeted with the same courtesy and helpfulness.

I came away from the station on both occasions with such deep confidence in the Force that it made me feel quite warm and safe — they really are a credit to you.

Name and address supplied.

Making his mark!



Pc Mark Galbraith — always ready with a wind-up.

I WOULD be grateful if you could print this photo and poem in *The Law*.

The reason is this particular person is responsible for numerous pranks and wind-ups — including one on yourselves! (He wrote to *The Law* under an alias of Robert Adcock SOA, Southend, saying how wonderful the SOA uniform was!).

He is always providing a source of humour for information room staff and we would like to repay him on behalf of everyone else he has wound up in the past.

Jackie Flynn (HQIR)

AT ROCHFORD there's a strange aroma

It's known to put folks in a coma. The source of this revolting smell Makes everyone else's life just hell.

The time has come, the worms have turned

And Mark might get his finger burned.

To start things off let's change his name

Something naff, we'll play his game.

Recently has come to light

A photo with his smile so bright

So let's begin his future grief,

From this day on we'll call him "Teeth" !!

Ode to Mark Galbraith, PC 13 at Rochford.

THE LAW welcomes letters from all our readers. They should be addressed to: The Editors, *The Law*, Essex Police Press Office, Police HQ, PO Box 2, Chelmsford, CM2 6DA.

JOY FOR BLIND BOY AS ESSEX POLICE LENDS ITS SUPPORT

Brave Nick's Bright weekend

CARING Essex officers laid on a weekend treat for heartbreak blind boy Nicholas Killen.

Brave cancer victim Nicholas lost his sight to save his life. And his tragic tale touched the hearts of the force's Fun Day committee.

They laid on an action-packed programme for the six-year-old from Yorkshire and his brothers and sisters.

They arrived at Police HQ on Friday September 4, where Nicholas met cuddly police dog Khan, was taken for a ride on the skid pan and fulfilled his ambition to take to the saddle of a police motorbike.

The whirlwind weekend continued on the Saturday

with a trip on the police launch from Southend Pier, then on to enjoy the fairground attractions at Peter Pan's Playground.

On Sunday the family enjoyed a trip to Colchester Zoo. Thanks to generous local businesses, all the family's meals, accommodation and transport were provided.

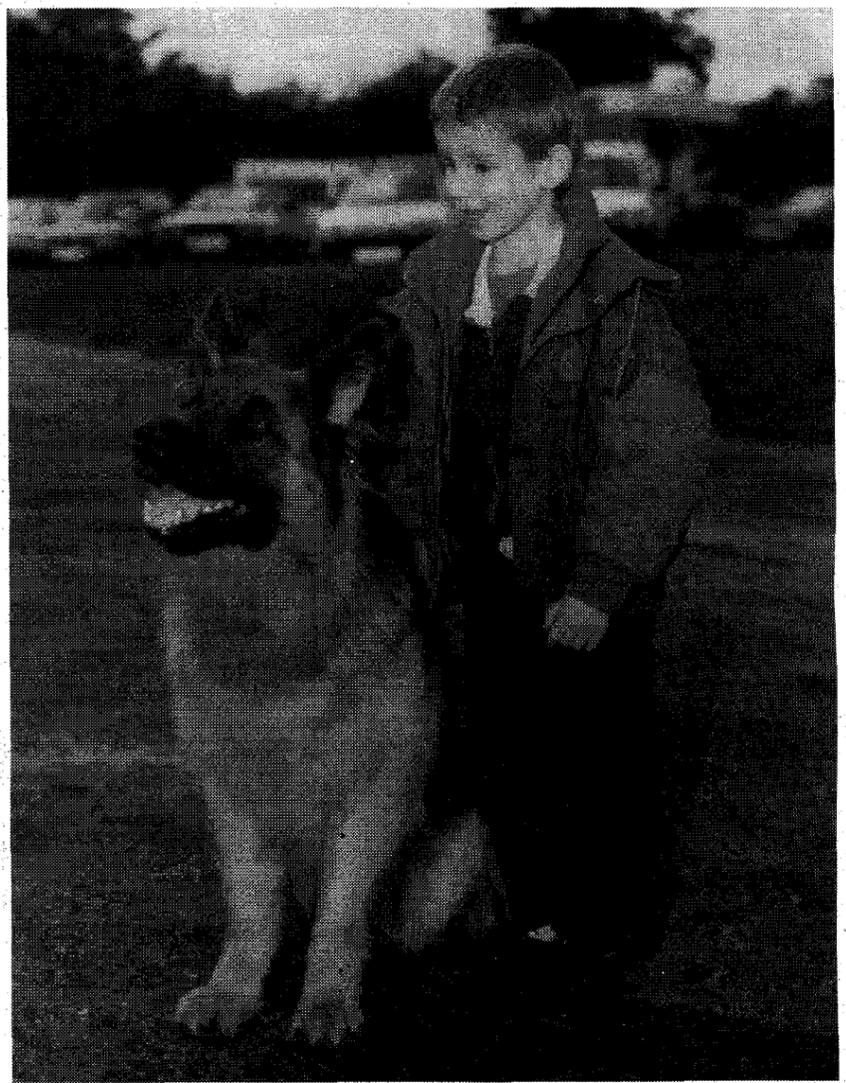
Chief Inspector David Bright, who helped organise the trip, explained that after hearing of brave Nicholas' fight against cancer, the original idea had been to invite him to Essex as a guest at the force Fun Day.

Although this was not possible, plans went ahead to provide a weekend of hospitality for the police-mad lad.

At three years old Nicholas lost one eye, and earlier this year surgeons were forced to remove his other eye to stop a rare cancer spreading.

His plight hit the national headlines, and a treasured meeting with pop superstar Michael Jackson followed.

Chf. Insp. Bright said, "We liaised with West Yorkshire Police to plan



BE MY GUIDE: Police dog Khan meets Nicholas Killen.

Pictures by HQ Photographic Department.



JOY RIDE: Motorbike mad Nick Killen, who has lost his sight through cancer, tests out a police bike, helped by Chf. Insp Geoff Emsden.



Marcus Dawes, 13, with his new wheelchair.

the weekend, bearing in mind that Nicholas is dependent on touch, sound and smell.

"But we couldn't have done it without the assistance of others in the community."

He thanked especially Stifford Moat House Hotel, Mobil Oil Company, Clarke's Fish Restaurant, Southend,

Pizza Hut, Basildon, Clowns Restaurant Colchester, Peter Pan's playground, Colchester Zoo, Sainsbury and Safeways.

Further heartache was in store for the Killen family when, three days after their weekend in Essex, they were made homeless by a blaze. Hundreds of cards and toys sent to Nicholas were destroyed.

New wheels keep Marcus mobile

PLUCKY teenager Marcus Dawes has a new set of wheels to keep him mobile - thanks to the Essex Police Benevolent Fund.

Policeman's son Marcus, 13, is a quadriplegic spastic, but his new £4,000 wheelchair gives him the chance to propel himself around his home and garden in Colchester.

Because Marcus suffers from curvature of the spine, he needed a wheelchair on which the shape could be modified to make him comfortable.

Jeanette Poston from the force Welfare Department, said: "Marcus sat in the chair and was soon whizzing up and down the garden. It means he can take himself off around the house and garden without needing someone to take him."

The force Benevolent Fund helps serving and ex-police officers and their dependents.

A real Dazz

ONGAR Sergeant, Tony Ellis may find himself the spotlight next month after being nominated for national competition to find the United Kingdom Community Bobby of the Year.

Sgt Ellis, district Sgt for Ongar and Epping, was nominated by the Chief Constable and is one of 26 candidates countrywide who must now wait until October 14 to discover who has won the prestigious award.

The presentation of the award, sponsored by the International Police Exhibition and Conference, will be the centrepiece of a formal dinner held in London on that date.

The winner, chosen by a panel of representatives from the three staff associations, HM Inspectorate and IPEC, will receive a bronze statuette and certificate as well as financial

THE CHIEF certificates of courage, dedication

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Ps Walker also commended Judge Greenwo

Insp Terence to the effective Grays Division

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The officers' Court on 20 Feb

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assistance to overseas research community policing

Sgt Ellis' pat 20,000 people an beat sees him de anything from drug badger baiters.

He was heavily involved in large drugs investigations ending in 60 seizures of LSD, ecstasy and amphetamines. He also began a series of lectures for parents on children warning of drugs.

Sgt Ellis has been instrumental in setting up the first Bagder Watch in the county which once attracted people taking part in horrendous 'sport

Constable presents certificates to outstanding officers

Commended for courage



CHIEF CONSTABLE John Burrow with officers who received their commendation certificates.

ABLE, John Burrow, has presented commendation to the following officers for their good work.

are commended "for extreme courage in a man who, armed with several knives, stabbed his wife and threatened the life of the child sentenced to imprisonment."

commend (was Basildon), **Pc Matthew Smith** (was Basildon), **Pc Graham Reed** (was Basildon), **Pc Dennis Saunders**, Laindon Dog Section, **Pc Paul Tinklin**, Basildon, **Pc Richard Hayday**, Chelmsford, **Pc David Frost**, (was Basildon), **Pc Robin Wickins**, Basildon, **Pc Paul Chesney**, Laindon Dog Section, **Constable Christopher Collings**, Basildon, who sustained knife wounds, were commended at Chelmsford Crown Court by His Honour Judge Greenwood.

David Lewis, **Pc Paul Maleary** and **Constable Christopher Collings** at Witham): "Consistent good work

between October, 1991 and March, 1992 resulting in a number of arrests and the detection of a large number of offences and recovery of property.

Pc Stephen Cross (Clacton): "For his initiative and bravery whilst off duty resulting in the arrest of two men for theft who assaulted him with punches and hit him with a piece of wood in their attempt to escape."

Pc David Rudd (Southend): "For his courage and tenacity in disarming and arresting a violent man who, when attempting to arrest him for public order offences, threatened him and others with a long-bladed knife."

Mr John Reed, Process Server (Benfleet): "For his initiative and positive actions, during the period August, 1991 to January, 1992, which led to the detection and arrest of 10 people for a variety of offences."

Sc Christopher Collings, Basildon: "For his initiative and positive actions, whilst off duty, which led to the arrest of four men for burglary."

Sc Andrew Wells, Chelmsford: "For his dedication and consistent good work while on and off duty over the past two years, which resulted in a number of arrests and detentions."

Pc Mark Needham, Colchester: "For his consistent good work over a 10 month period, resulting in a number of arrests and detections for serious crime."

Pc Darren Sibley, Laindon: "For his initiative, tenacity and prompt action in arresting a man at the scene of an armed robbery, involving a GPO van. The man subsequently pleaded guilty at Chelmsford Crown Court and was sentenced to imprisonment."

A/Ps Joel Henderson, **Pc Andrew Kemp**, **Pc Dean Thomas** (South Ockendon), **Pc Stuart Smith**, **Pc Malcolm Ellis** (Grays), **Pc Garry Talbot** (South Ockendon Dog Section): "For bravery and courage when arresting a man who was in possession of a firearm and who had threatened police officers previously."



PC JOHN PHEBY receives the Giancarlo Tofi award from the Chief Constable.

GREAT YELDHAM constable **John Pheby** has been awarded the **Giancarlo Tofi Trophy** for his courageous actions at the scene of a road accident.

Each year the Samaritan committee of Petriggane di Assisi in Italy award this trophy to individuals from the European Community, in memory of Giancarlo Tofi who was killed while saving the life of another at a road accident.

Pc Pheby attended an accident on the A604 near Ridgewell, where a car had brought down a pole carrying electric cables.

Tragically while Pc. Pheby was dealing with the

accident, the closure of the road and the calling out of the Electricity Board, one of the passengers returned to the scene from a nearby house and walked straight into one of the cables.

The 64 year old woman was thrown to the ground with the shock, the cable having caught around her neck.

Bravely Pc. Pheby managed to separate her from the cables, receiving burns to his legs as he did so.

He administered the kiss-of-life, but the woman unfortunately died. Pc. Pheby was treated in hospital for burns and shock.

Robbery

Wheel change sees traffic come 'home'



Sgt. Tony Ellis

AFTER nearly a decade's absence, traffic cars have come 'home' to HQ and no-one is more delighted than Inspector Monty Montgomery.

by Paul Dunt

an impressive suite of purpose-built offices with every facility from a drying room for wet clothes to showers for male and female officers.

traffic cars in the overcrowded car park was a continuing nightmare.

"It's great to have a place of your own to take pride in."

Now traffic's eight cars and four motorbikes have their own designated parking spaces and facilities for the officers have improved 100%. As well as the showers and drying room their new home now has a separate office for the four sergeants, a briefing room, report-writing room and a relaxation area, complete with TV.

And at last the department's long-suffering Admin officer

Brenda, has moved from her crowded corner in the old town parade room to an office of her own complete with new luxuries such as cupboards and filing cabinets. "It's paradise!" she said, without a moment's hesitation.

As a man who once slept in a hammock slung above a submarine's torpedo tubes, Inspector Montgomery is well qualified to talk about cramped conditions, but he has nothing but praise for the improved conditions which he was involved in choosing and designing.

"Morale is higher and they stay out longer because they know when they come back in they have good facilities to cook themselves a meal or relax," he said. "Now shifts will all cook breakfast together, which is great because they all

Chelmsford Traffic moved to Chelmsford Police Station in a 1983

"Everyone here is absolutely delighted, we've no complaints at all."

shake-up, but they have always viewed Springfield as their home.

They have now moved into offices adjacent to the Training School where former student bedrooms have been transformed into

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Chelmsford Traffic Division

Chelmsford traffic sub becomes a section

Traffic gets that New Year 1

Flashback to The Law in December 1983

work closer together."

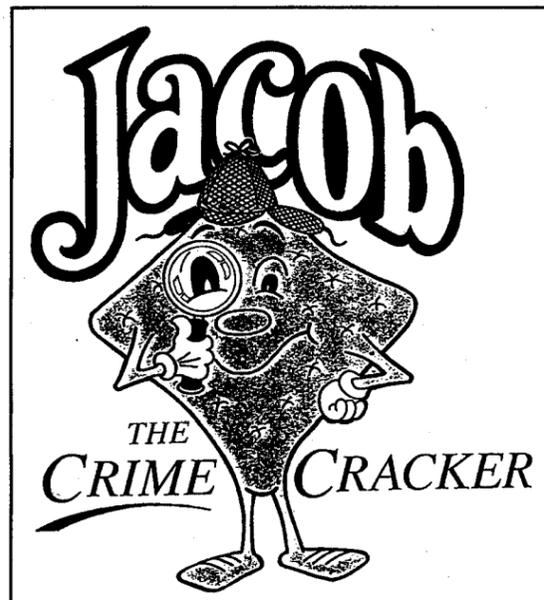
Response times too have improved and fears from local Springfield residents that they would spend their lives watching and hearing police cars scream by, have proved unfounded.

"We don't use two-tones from here and it's easy to get onto the A12 whereas in town drivers were already stressed just trying to get out of the town centre. Now our approach to an incident is much smoother and more professional," he said.

"It's great to have a place of your own to take a pride in, it's a fantastic improvement," he concluded. "I would say that the customer is certainly getting a better deal from now on."

Halstead greets Jacob – Cute and clued-up, but not cream-crackered

Crumbs! What a Cracking idea!



I SPY: Jacob (alias Paul Archer) clues up to his crime-cracking task.

CRIME-BUSTING cartoon character Jacob really took the biscuit when he hit the streets of Halstead last month.

For the zany over-sized cream cracker was out to promote the Halstead Area Crime Prevention Panel's campaign against car crime.

DEER STALKER

Jacob the Crime Cracker has been designed as an eye-catching way of getting the crime prevention message across, and will be used to highlight the panel's future campaigns.

These include tackling domestic and commercial

by Jenny Grinter

burglaries, credit car fraud, and promoting Neighbourhood Watch schemes.

Jacob was launched by Halstead mayor Mrs Jackie Pell at the town's Weavers Court shopping area. He arrived in style aboard a horse and trap, sporting the traditional detective's gear of deer-stalker hat and magnifying glass. Crime prevention panel members and local Crime Prevention Officer Pc Geoff Butler were on hand to dish out dozens of balloons and car stickers.

The life-sized "crime cracker" costume was

made by Essex Police Musical Society secretary June Clare, and worn by Paul Archer from local firm Ciba Corning Diagnostics Ltd.

David Finch, one of the firm's directors, is chairman of the Crime Prevention Panel, and with colleagues Ann Whyte and Trevor Marshall, he dreamt up the Jacob character.

SIMPLE

Mr Finch said Jacob was designed to appeal to all ages, and increase awareness of Crime Prevention in a humorous way. The panel has teamed up with the Law's cartoonist Pc Peter Caulfield, based at Hedingham, to produce the

Jacob cartoons.

Halstead Police Chief Insp Nigel Robinson is enthusiastic about the panel's initiatives. Although he stressed the town had a low crime rate, he said the panel helped heighten people's awareness of simple measures they could take to reduce the risk of becoming a victim.

Chorus lines

AT a time when British soldiers will be joining UN forces in Bosnia it was particularly fitting that our latest concert in support of the Royal Air Forces Association took place in the Garrison Church, Colchester.

The choir was joined by Derek Lee as guest soloist who reminded the audience of the poignancy of his second number "Bring Him Home" from "Les Miserables" and of the choir's final item "Let There Be Peace on Earth".

Our next concert is at the Ursuline School, Brentwood on 3 October in aid of the charitable housing association The Carr-Gomm Society.

Already our calendar of engagements is full until the end of June 1993 with the major event being our trip to Canada in May to participate in the Victoria Police International Music Festival.

Around 26 singing members of the choir will be travelling, with many taking their partners and families.

999 really meets the Bill

TV PERSONALITY Graham Cole, alias Pc Tony Stamp of 'The Bill' made his mark this summer when he gave his time to help out with Southend's 999 Spectacular' organised by the emergency services.

The big hearted star got to meet some real police folk on the day and posed with officers and the public alike to raise £750 which will go to local hospitals.

He is pictured right with Southend Traffic Warden Bernard Iley and eve ACC (A) Terry Rands had a chance to meet him during the event held on Southend Seaford.

And 999 was also the order of the day in Tilbury on August 23, when the Three Nines Fayre, again organised by the emergency services, brought fun and laughter to the Bata Recreation Field.

Attractions on the day included The Vander Brothers Wheel of Death, the Royal Army Veterinary Corps Dog Display Team and the Raging Bull Rodeo.

As well as the crowds, the day's fun and entertainment also brought in well over £6,500 which will be divided among a number of good causes including the Police, Fire and Ambulance Benevolent Funds.



Comrades lunch '92'

THE ANNUAL luncheon this year promises to be a little bit more special than usual. It was thought that it would be rather a nice idea to link the date with the formal opening of the Essex Police Museum.

Special guests at the luncheon will be the Chairman of the Police Authority together with representatives from the Authority. At the conclusion of the lunch, Geoffrey Waterer will formally open the Museum.

Comrades will then have the opportunity to view the museum and no doubt reminisce on the way things used to be.

Membership of the Association is by no means restricted to retired officers. Anybody who has served with the force for at least 10 years can join and serving officers are particularly welcome.

Check the date now — Friday, 16th October, 12 o'clock for 12.45. The cost is £9.00 inclusive of wine.

Reservations can be made with the Hon Secretary Bob Needham at Police Headquarters extension 2799.

LETTERS EXTRA... LETTERS EXTRA... LETTERS EXTRA... LETTERS EXTRA... LETTERS EXTRA...

Let's hear the laughter, tears and fears of Britain's war-time Bobbies

THERE can be no doubt that, during the 1939-45 war, the enforcement of emergency legislation, the Policing of large number of British and foreign troops, not to mention the hazards resulting from enemy action meant that Policing in those troubled times was a very different proposition to that which pre- and post-war recruits experienced.

Apart from official records, little seems to have been written about these eventful years so far as the "Bobby" is concerned and I am currently researching a book on the vital role played by the

Police in the Second World War.

To this end, I should be very pleased to hear from any of your retired members who served in the force during this time and who would be prepared to share their experiences with me.

I should be equally glad to hear from the wives, children and colleagues of such officers who have heard tales from them about their experiences, especially where the officer concerned is no longer with us.

I am interested in humorous and poignant anecdotes, as well as factu-

al comment and informed opinion.

I want to hear of the laughter, the tears, the comradeship, the acts of gallantry, the hopes and fears individual officers

Proud farewell to Peter

I AM writing to express my sincere thanks for the outstanding help and support the Police have given to both Peter and myself during Pete's long and painful illness these last eighteen months.

His funeral on Tuesday was the most overwhelming experience I have ever

experienced in those desperately trying times, as well as how the more mundane policing tasks were performed in the towns and villages of Britain during its "Finest Hour".

Even though it was a very sad day, the organisation by the Police to ensure the smooth running of the service together with the attendance of so many officers filled me with immense pride

**Roy D. Ingleton
(Ex Kent County Constabulary)
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ME15 7EB**

and I can only say that without this support I don't think I could have coped with such an ordeal.

I would be grateful if you would print this letter in *The Law* and to all those involved — thank you.

**Anne Walker,
Arterial Road,
Leigh-on-Sea**

Three cheers for 999 to Albania

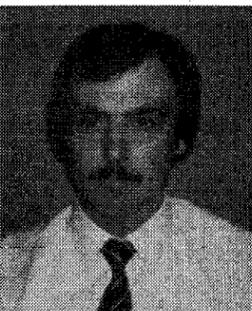
I RECENTLY received from a friend your July/August edition of *The Law*. It includes the good article on the centre page "999 to Albania".

Well done Essex Police! Congratulations to all who took part in collecting and delivering so many needed things — the journey sounded horrendous.

I would like to congratulate one Pc Nigel Donkin for his planning and the organisation needed for such an exercise. A big effort obviously from him and such help from so many unnamed helpers.

What a pity a photograph of him was not included so everyone could see who started this effort for so long before undertaking it all.

Miss C J Barnes,



Pc Nigel Donkin.

Grasmere, Cumbria.

Editor's note: Good point, Miss Barnes. Nigel did actually appear in one of the group shots, but here's a bigger print to show you the man behind the mission. Well don Nigel and the entire "999 to Albania" team.



Pc Alan Booth gets to grips with the Routemaster.

Buscop '92 gears up for Children in Need Charity fare on the buses

by Paul Dunt

TAKE a big London bus, sixty Essex and Mets officers and an empty aerodrome and what do you get? — A wheely great charity idea that's certain to drive you round the bend!

'Buscop' was set up with the aim of raising money for Children in Need as well as providing fun at the same time and this year's event achieved both.

BRIGHT

Held at North Weald Aerodrome, the Mets and Essex officers as well as some civilian staff, formed mixed teams of five and took to the wheel to undertake a series of driving tests on the cone-infested airstrip.

With little experience in driving buses, the five manoeuvres in the

bright red Routemaster were bound to prove a little difficult, and if that wasn't enough, a test in an articulated lorry (the Force's mobile canteen) was thrown in for good measure.

BULLSEYE

"Everybody had mishaps, every team did something wrong, particularly when attempting to park the bus on a 'bullseye', but everyone enjoyed themselves," said Pc Alan Booth, based at the driving school. "We are hoping to have raised more than the £1,700 raised in



Coning around again: the teams relax after a hard day at the wheel.

1991."

The winning team 'K' included Pc Mick Spalding, from Stanway Traffic, and they all went away with a prize and a medal. But next year, Pc Booth expects even more entrants with

the London Underground Emergency Response Team already inquiring about taking part.

Prince helps lead Essex forward

ESSEX Police is using a Prince to lead the way in the management of projects.

The Prince methodology, as it is known, is a Government-recognised standard which helps ensure better informed decision making and positive quality control.

It also ensures the project is controlled by the organisation in the interests of the organisation.

The expertise of Essex in project management, using this system, has resulted in recognition by other organisations that the force is a leader in the field.

PROJECT

Because of this, members of the force's Project Co-ordination Unit have been invited to give presentations on Prince to other forces, the Police Staff College, the Superintendents' Group of District Training Centres, the Central Planning Unit and the Civil Service College.

Essex has also developed a set of Prince User Guides, specific to each individual role within a project.

Negotiations are underway for these to be offered to other forces and organisations.

Model dog van offer

Pc Steve Wynn has commissioned a new model of a Police van to raise money for the Memorial Fund.

The model in question will be a representation of an Essex Constabulary Dog Section Van, and will be based on a 1930 Ford model A van. The Dog Section began in 1954. The Dog van will be a limited edition with only 1000 models being produced. Each model will be numbered and will contain a certificate with the same number on it. The Chief Constable of Essex Police, Mr John Burrow will personally sign the first 100 certificates, the remainder, will have his facsimiled signature on them.

The models with the Chief Constable's personal signature on the certificates will cost £20.75, and the models with his facimiled signature on the certificates will cost £17.75. Any requests for specific numbers will be met where at all possible. The models will be available from December 1992.

ESSEX CONSTABULARY DOG SECTION VAN ORDER FORM

Name.....Address.....
 Town.....County.....Post Code.....

I enclose a cheque for £20.75/£17.75 for model[s], payable to ESSEX POLICE MEMORIAL FUND. Send to: Steve Wynn, 16 Priors East, Basildon, Essex SS14 1JR.

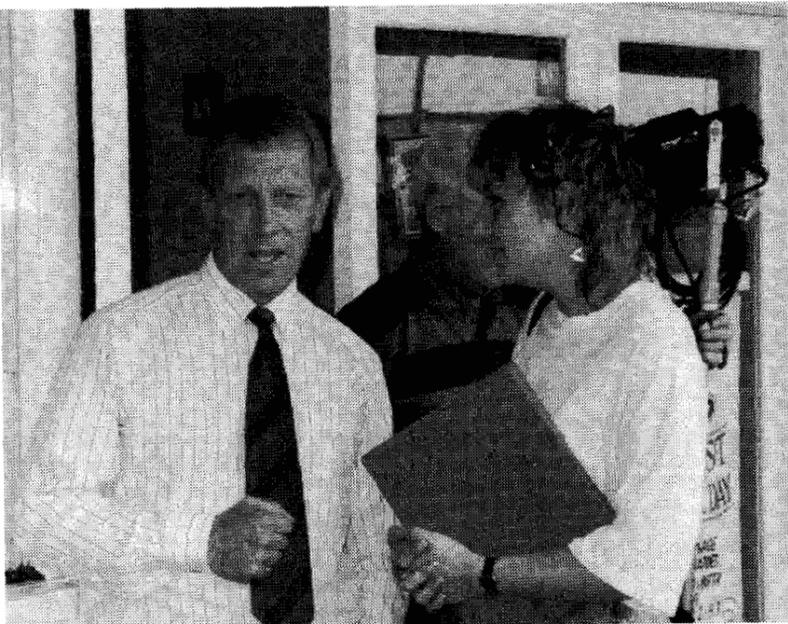
Telly spot for Paraquat poison case

ONE of the Force's most fascinating crimes was featured on national television this week as Michael Winner's True Crime series re-told the case of Westcliff woman Susan Barber, who poisoned her husband with Paraquat weed-killer.

Yet it was crime that very nearly went by without anyone ever finding out, as Det Supt John Clark, the officer in the case at the time, explained as he joined the film crew on location in Southend.

After being caught having an affair with another man, Susan Barber appeared to be doing all she could to win back the heart of her husband — things had been going well lately and they had even consulted their GP about their marriage.

And to cap it all, she had just cooked 34-year-old Michael Barber a steak and kidney pie, topped with the gravy he loved. But this was no ordinary meat broth, for she had laced his favourite topping with deadly



Det. Supt. John Clark discusses the case with the crew.

Paraquat.

He collapsed later at work and was rushed to Southend Hospital, but he never regained consciousness, dying on June 27, 1981. It was a tragic painful death.

It seemed she had committed

the perfect crime.

Incredibly, months later John Clark, then a Det Chf Insp, received a letter from a doctor at a London hospital stating there seemed to have been a mix-up over the cause of Michael Barber's death.

According to the doctor Michael Barber had been poisoned with Paraquat, although at the time of this death, due to a mix up in sending away samples, this had not shown up as the cause of death.

It was a miracle the slip-up was discovered — the file had only been retrieved by doctors as a case study, out of hundreds of other possibilities. But it left John Clark with a murder case on his hands.

Even more incredible, Michael Barber's organs and a urine sample still existed and both these tested positive for Paraquat.

Enquiries revealed the type of poison that killed Michael was an industrial version, rarely sold in shops and although his job as a landscape gardener would have given him access to it, ICI said a special ingredient had been added which would have made him sick.

The case seemed stuck, until it was revealed the safety device had not been added until 1978, seven years after Michael Barber left his gardening job.

Then came the arrests, first Susan's lover who had been caught in bed with her by Michael, then Susan Barber herself.

On November 1st, 1982 Susan Barber was found guilty of murder and conspiracy to murder at Chelmsford Crown Court. She was sentenced to life imprisonment. Her lover was sentenced to two years for his part in the plot to kill Mr Barber.





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

Flying High!

MEMBERS, wives and friends visited The Shuttleworth Collection at Old Warden Aerodrome, Bedfordshire in August.

The collection of aeroplanes acquired by Richard Shuttleworth has reached almost 40 and some of these were on display in the open and almost all were airworthy.

BLERIOT

The collection is arguably unique in the world. It represents the progress of aviation from the Bleriot of 1909 through World War I fighters, the sporting de Havillands of the 1920s and the record breaking aeroplanes of the 1930s, like the Percival Gull.

Then on past elegant Hawker Hind and Gloster Gladiator of the late 30s to the Spitfire of World War II fame.

AEROBATICS

Theme of the day was the flying display by twelve Tiger Moths doing aerobatics and at one period from these planes six parachutists jumped trailing coloured smoke to land individually at the same spot.

There was also a display given by a Grumman Tiger Cat twin engine Navy fighter, a Catalina flying boat, a German Messerschmidt fighter, a Spitfire and the RAFs well known Gulf War fighter/bomber the "Tornado".

ALARMS

The speed and sound was so great that it caused many car alarms to activate.

There were many other things of interest in nearby hangers, also many stalls selling memorabilia.

The weather was fine for the event and everyone seemed to have enjoyed it.

ON Sunday 16th August a total of 46 members, wives and friends made the journey by coach to Bressingham Steam Museum and Gardens, near Diss in Norfolk.

The museum is unusual because it combines the owners love of flowers with his other passion, steam driven railway engines.

HISTORIC

Although the weather was fine on arrival there was the occasional shower, but these did not prevent members from enjoying the day.

Some visited the large and well preserved engine sheds and the historic fire engines.

The special events of the day were marching exhibitions by two local majorette groups and a rally of miniature traction engines.

BEAUTIES

Many members succumbed to their boyhood fantasies and took a ride on

one or more of the three railway systems offering rides around the grounds.

After a final visit to see the beauties of the Dell Gardens it was back to the coach, our next stop being the "New Times Inn", Tiptree, for an early evening meal.

It only remained for Ian and Sheila of CI Coaches to transport everyone safely back to Chelmsford after a very enjoyable day.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 9th October: HQs Training School — Talk and slide show covering the Trondheim visit.

Friday 13th November: Visit to Romford Stadium Dog track. Cost £12.25 for 3 course meal this includes entrance fee if we book a party of 25 or more into the restaurant. If anyone is interested contact Bill Fancourt on Chelmsford (0245) 225569.

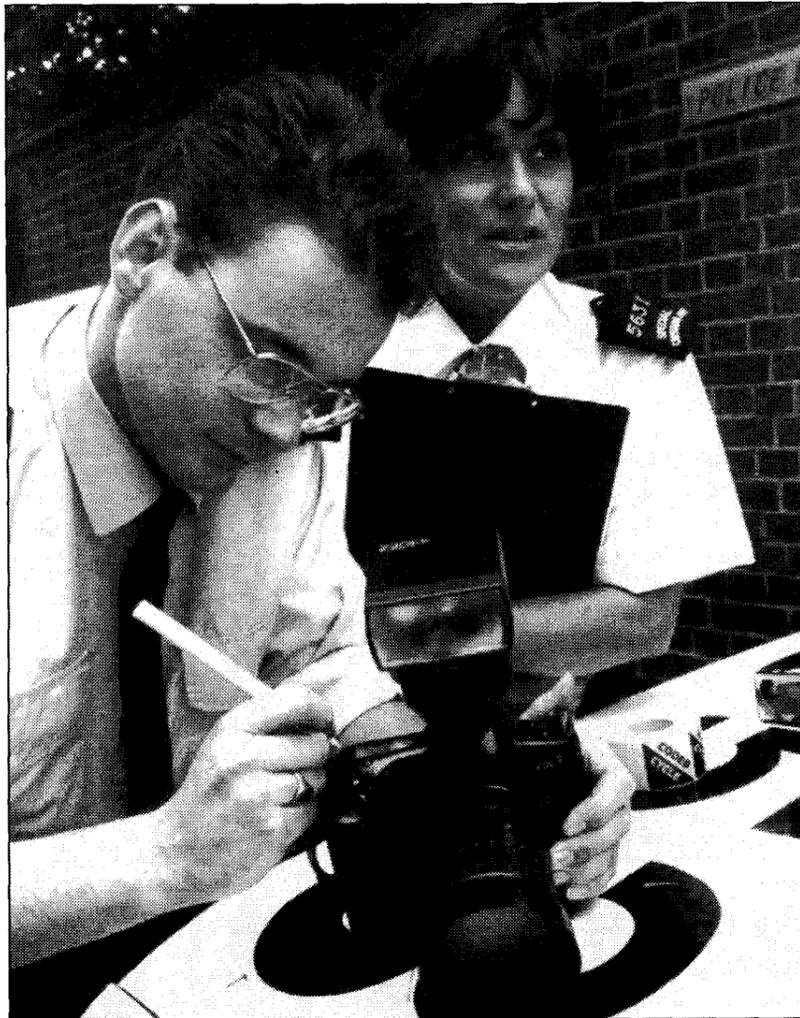
Friday 11th December: Christmas get together at HQs. American supper as usual and bring your own drinks.

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Friday 22nd January: Branch Annual General Meeting at HQs.

Friday 12th February: Our Annual Dinner at "The New Times Inn" Tiptree. The cost will be announced at a later date.

Les frames Special who lens him a hand



SPECIAL Constables Julie Thomas and Nick Bray were the focus of attention at a security-coding day held at Wickford Police Station recently.

While local children queued up to get their BMS's protected against thieves, freelance photographer Les Brand, a regular contributor to The Law decided he too would get in the picture.

So when the queue died down a bit the sharp-shooter asked if they could lend a hand with his Canon and they soon had it marked up in a flash.

Fortunately Les had another camera at hand and snapped the security conscious coppers at work.

Obituaries

Ex Pc P. Kilby, 26.07.92, aged 51, who retired November 1987.

Ex Insp A. S. Clarke, 05.08.92, aged 66, who retired August 1982.

Ex Ps P. Walker, 23.08.92, aged 36, who retired July 1992.

Ex Ps G. White, 24.08.92, aged 78, who retired November 1967.

Mr P. Stevens, 30.08.92, Serving Traffic Warden, Brentwood.

N.A.R.P.O. Notes

by Doug Rampling

MAY I remind everyone that the unveiling of the memorial store and roll of honour ceremony will take place on headquarters front lawn at 4pm on Wednesday, 7th October, 1992.

Dedication will be performed by the Bishop of Chelmsford and the unveiling by the Lord Lieutenant. Various displays and refreshments will be available from 2pm and everyone to be in their places by 3.30pm.

It would be appropriate if retired members of the force were present and if you would like to attend please contact Mr Ken Radley, the Force General Services Officer at Police Headquarters, telephone Chelmsford 491491 ext 2615.

HOUSING ASSOCIATION

AFTER many years of hard work and more than a few setbacks the above Association is at last able to offer Police Pensioners who qualify, sheltered accommodation consisting of two bedroomed apartments in the village of Yapton, West Sussex.

The only requirement for qualification is that the applicant must be in receipt of a Police Pension or Widow's Pension and be of state retirement age.

The apartments are available on an assured tenancy

at a reasonable rent and have the services of a resident warden.

Full details can be obtained from J. Smith, Esq., Hon. Sec. P.P.H.A., 121 Morris Avenue, Coventry CV2 5GS.

COMRADES LUNCH

If anyone has forgotten to reserve a place at the Comrades Lunch on Friday

16 October please ring Bob Needham as soon as possible at Headquarters, Ext 2799.

PENSION INCREASES

The time of year (November) is rapidly approaching when the position of the Retail Price Index figure is of the utmost importance to people like ourselves.

It is the November figure that will be taken to calculate any increases due to Police Pensions and on pre-

sent trends it seems that we shall not be receiving any great uplift, my forecast is somewhere in the region of three per cent — we shall see.

OUTINGS

I am still waiting for prices from the coach company in respect of the proposed trip to Cadbury's and the week to Germany, be assured that as soon as they are received I will circulate.

That's about it for this epistle. Hope to see some of you at the next function.

Retirements

Pc R Culham, 16.08.92, Benfleet, 30 years 303 days.

Insp M West, 31.08.92, Colchester, 30 years 135 days

Ps I Barnetson, 31.08.92, HQ CID/Crown Court Liaison, 30 years 16 days

Pc L Kestell, 03.09.92, Southend, 31 years 112 days.

Pc D Richardson, 15.09.92, Harwick, 30 years 1 day.

Pc K J Oelrich, 20.09.92, Support-Thorp Traffic, 30 years.

Ps D Austin, 28.09.92, Driving School, 30 years 191 days.

Pc B Cattell, 02.10.92, N E/Colchester, 30 years 1 day.

Ps D V Hambling, 04.10.92, Castle Hedingham, 33 years 74 days.

Supt K R Hawkins, 14.10.92, South Benfleet, 32 years 30 days.

Ps B Simmonds, 25.10.92, Burnham Marine, 30 years 6 days.

Mr H J Moxham 01.08.92, Process Server, Southend, 8 years.

Mr R J Woodley, 13.08.92, SOA, Canvey Island, 9 years.

Mrs C L Bradford, 16.08.92, TW, Southend, 8 years.

Mrs R Anderson, 31.08.92, Clerical Asst HQ Ais, 3 years.

Mr L Bennett, 02.09.92,

Process Server, Southend, 10 years.

Mrs M Brandon, 06.09.92, P/T Cleaner, Basildon, 2 years

Mrs S Hall, 20.9.92, Secretary, Colchester, 8 years.

Mrs C O'Donnell, 17.09.92, Supervisor, HQ AIS, 29 years.

Mr R Joslin, 03.10.92, Process Server, Braintree, 8 years

Mrs M Cattini-Butler, 09.10.92, TW, St Airport, 9 years.

Mr J Farthing, 10.10.92, Cleaner in charge, Stanway Tr. 7 years.

Mr J Mitchell, 11.10.92, TW, Southend, 11 years.

Market Place...Market Place...

PORTUGAL-ALGARVE, two bedroom apartment, sleeps six, patio back and front, own bar-b-que, restaurant and bar on complex. Contact Pc Spiers (Rtd) 0268-558211.

BICYCLE, Mens, Racer/Tourer, large frame, gold, excellent condition £50. Contact Pc D. Hill, Laindon Traffic or 0268 764602.

BMW K100RS MOTORCYCLE, G Reg, 19,000 miles, good condition, heated grips, silver, £4100. Contact Marc Beck 0279 680298.

FORD FIESTA Popular Plus, 1983 Red 1100cc, 52000 miles, MOT Tax, Alarm, new parts, stereo, grey interior, uses un-leaded petrol £995 o.n.o. Contact Miss L. Barker, Brightlingsea Police Stn.

COMPLETE DISCO SYSTEM, including lights, stand, speakers, light controller and extras, excellent condition, now £450 o.n.o. Contact Gary TV Unit, Extn 2755.

MID-TERRACE three bedroom house, Larkwood Road, Corringham. Double glazing, fitted wardrobes, newly fitted kitchen, garage. £54,000. Contact Pc Frost, Dog Section, South Ockendon.

VIOLIN (full size), excellent condition, including bow and case £150 o.n.o. Contact

Andrea Blake (C.P.O.) Extn 6157 or 0268 282914 eves.

PFaff 6000 Knitting Machine, hardly used, instruction video tape, pattern books, £900. Contact Pc Pickering HQIR.

OLIVETTI Electronic Portable Typewriter, hardly used, cost £350, accept £115 o.n.o. Contact Julie HQ Extn 2708.

ABSOLUTELY FREE Golf Clubs, 9 Mizuno Astron Irons 3 to S.W. in good condition, when you buy — Toyota Carina 1.6GL. 1190, 28,000 miles, immaculate condition

f.s.h. 41mpg on unleaded, a very nice car. £7,250. (Clubs on their own £130). Contact D Austin 0206 734517 or Extn 2773 Dvg School.

PREPARE FOR YOUR DRIVING COURSE. Get maximum benefit advice on Police courses from ex driving school sergeant. Contact Ex Ps D Austin 0206 734517.

WANTED Calor Gas Bottle and Regulator. Contact Basil West, HQ Ext 2553.

GOOD HOMES WANTED for cats and kittens. Contact Miss S. Parsonson, 0206 211237.

BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE — ONE WORK PER BOX

Name and Rank Station
Home Telephone Signed

Drugs squad stars at softball

THE Essex Police World Series Softball Championships began at HQ Playing Field on Monday July 13.

Led by player/coach Chris Barnes, the drug squad took on the might and majesty of Crime Ops, led by legendary big hitters Mark Pickett and Godfrey O'Toole.

At the bottom of the first, Crime Ops retired their opponents 6-2 and things were looking grim for a drugs squad team who looked long in the tooth and slow on their feet.

Coach Barnes gathered his disconsolate team and after a talk on tactics and teamwork led them back at the top of the 2nd from where they took command of the game.

KNUCKLEBALL

Catcher "Soft Shoe" Watson began to pluck the pitches of "Knuckleball" Barnes from behind the hitters, and fielders and basemen alike ran riot in an orgy of destruction of the Crime Ops hitters.

It was all over by the bottom of the 3rd innings, the drugs squad spraying the ball to the far flung corners of HQ sports field, leaving Crime Ops little hope of recovery.

CATCHES

Individual performances worthy of mention are Crime Ops' Mark Pickett, longest hit of the day; and big catches from Stuart "Lucky" Lowe and Bob "Unlucky" Scott who in Softball terms played with his unit out all day.

If your Division feel able to take on the CDU/HQ at a (friendly) level only, or if you want to know more about the new softball section, contact Coach Barnes on HQ 2177.

JANET SWIMS, RIDES AND RUNS IN GUERNSEY RAIN ... FOR FUN!



IN THE SWIM: Janet takes to the water for the first leg of the Guernsey Triathlon.



WHEELY TIRING: Janet completes the 25 mile bike race.



LAST LEGS: Janet sets out for the 6.2 mile run, and the final leg of the gruelling event.

FORCE SPORTS ASSOCIATION

FORCE LOTTERY

THE result of the August lottery is as follows:

£1500 DCons David Flack, Basildon; £700 Sgt Susan Mackey, Basildon; £300 Mr Peter Crook, Headquarters; £200 Cons Graham Ferris, Maldon.

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

Cons Alan Diver, Braintree; Mrs Liz Nisbett, Chelmsford; DCons Michael Brown, Headquarters; DCons Richard Day, Southend; Cons Peter Voss, Harwich; Cons Ian Pibworth, Basildon; Cons James English, Basildon; DCons Michael Robertson, S.B. Southend; Insp Leslie Bramhill, Wickford; Cons Tony Rust, Grays.

The result of the July lottery is as follows:

£1500 Cons Graham Brown, Pitsea; £700 Sgt Mervin Pickard, Crime Ops HQ; £300 Cons Peter Moyes, Tilbury; £200 Sgt Alfred Newberry, Brentwood.

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

Sgt Barrie Simmonds, Southminster; Cons Bernard Brooker, Rayleigh Traffic; Cons Colin Radley, Headquarters; DSgt Michael Gary Stansted Airport; Sgt Gary Coxhead, Mistley; DCh Insp Derek Cass, Grays; Sgt Roger Barkway, Driving School, HQ; Cons Robert Rogers, Rayleigh Marine;

Cons Kevin Nowell FTS, HQ; Cons Geoffrey Bright, Moulsham.

PAA ATHLETICS

The PAA Athletic championships were held in Cumbria on Wednesday, July 29, with the following success:

Cons Susan Harries, Westcliff — 2nd in both the Long Jump and 200 metres, 3rd in the 100 metres.

Cons Tanya Payton, Grays — 2nd Ladies Javelin.

MET. SPORTS CLUB

THE Metropolitan Police (Chigwell) Sports Club will now allow Essex Police officers to apply for membership.

Membership costs £25 per year, for which you can enjoy all the sporting and social facilities available in the 42 acre complex.

These consist of: Squash, all weather five-a-side, multi gym, petanque, tennis, nine hole golf course, bowls, hockey, netball, cricket, football and rugby.

A La-Carte restaurant and Sunday Carvery with two function rooms available for hire.

For further information or an application form please telephone 081-500-2735.

SPORTS FIELD

THE Force Sports Field can only be used if it is booked in advance with the Force Sports Secretary.

CROKER CUP

Badminton

THE Croker Cup Badminton will be held on Wednesday, November 4 at Clements Hall Sports Centre, Hockley.

Entry fee will be £20 per

team. The closing date for entries is Wednesday, October 21.

Squash

Semi Final: Southend beat Basildon (2 Croker Cup points to Basildon).

Cricket

Semi Final: Colchester beat Grays (2 Croker Cup points to Grays), Southend beat Chelmsford (2 points to Chelmsford).

Bowls Final

Southend 22 Colchester 20 (Southend 6 Croker Cup points, Colchester 4 points).

The following Croker Cup events have got to be completed before Wednesday, September 30.

Darts: Colchester v Southend, Grays v Chelmsford.

Snooker: Southend v Colchester, Colchester v Basildon.

Billiards: Basildon v Colchester, Southend v Harlow.

Table Tennis: Headquarters v Southend, Chelmsford v Colchester.

Squash: Grays v Harlow.

Wrestling

THE PAA Wrestling championships will be held on Saturday, January 23, 1993 in Blackpool.

Any officer interested in representing the Force, please contact the Force Sports Secretary.

Karate

THE National Police Karate championships will be held on Saturday, October 10 at the Peel Centre, Hendon.

Any officers interested in representing the Force, please contact the Force Sports Secretary.

SPORTS SECRETARY MOVES TO HQ

The Force Sports secretary's office and the Force Sports Shop moved to the Kingston Hotel, Police Headquarters on Monday, September 7. The new ednet telephone number is 2718.

Mick's success at second Tri

THE SECOND Guernsey Police Triathlon in Pembroke Cove began at 7.30am on Sunday August 16.

Essex again sent a full team consisting of Mick Kliskey from the Air Support Unit, Mark Harman from Harlow Traffic, Paul Cakebread from South Woodham Ferrers and Janet Adcock from Harlow CSB.

The weekend followed disappointing to see pouring much the same lines as last rain which continued throughout the event.

Saturday, I tested out the sea conditions whilst Mick, Mark and Paul reminded themselves of the cycle route. Our hosts provided the traditional pasta party in the evening where we had the opportunity to meet the competition who had travelled from all around England and Wales.

Alarm bells at 5.00am Sunday morning!! It was prepared for the pleasure and pain that was to follow. A quick briefing and down to the water - it wasn't this cold yesterday! I was first to spot a large fish's head and wondered what had eaten the body and where was it lurking now!

7.30am and 49 bobbing yellow hats were on their way to competing the 1500m swim. 29 minutes later, first Essex boy, Mick was out and on the bike.

Unfortunately, due to wet road conditions there were two minor accidents but both managed to continue and complete the course.

Alarm bells at 5.00am Sunday morning!! It was

The 40K (25M) bike race was followed by a 10K (6.2M) run along the coastline.

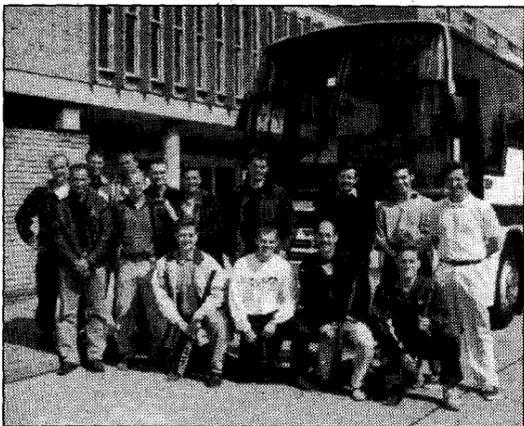
In first place was Alan Murphy from South Wales. Police in an overall time of 2.11.51 followed closely in 2nd place by Mick Kliskey in 2.13.27.

Paul completed in 2.31.54, Mark in 2.53.53 and thankfully not last this year (48th), I finished in 3.17.49. first team place went to the Metropolitan Police followed by Avon and Somerset.

All our times were an improvement on last year and again the event was a well organised and enjoyable occasion.

The 3rd Guernsey Triathlon will be held in August 1993 when again Essex hope to send a representation.

All officers who took part this year are members of Tri-Sport Epping and anyone interested in the sport or taking part in next's event should contact Mark Harman for further information at Harlow Traffic Office.



The Hockey squad sets out for Sheffield.

Geordie's caught on a short as Mets v. Essex is hard fought

THE FORCE'S Men's Hockey team proved hard to beat when they took part in the annual Police National Hockey championships in Sheffield earlier this month.

Two days of intense hockey started with a 0-0 draw against Lothian and Borders Police. The team's second and only bad game saw them lose 3-0 to Merseyside. Then followed two more 0-0 draws against Derbyshire

and Devon and Cornwall. On the second day the team met much stiffer opposition, and beat the West Midlands 1-0 — that was a shock for the national selectors!

COMPLIMENTED

The team lost 1-0 to the Metropolitan Police, who then complimented them as the hardest team to beat in the tournament.

Unfortunately Geordie Tyson was badly injured meeting a short corner too quickly, and was rushed off to hospital.

The team wishes him well and hopes the bones are mending!

Marvin Rothman won an Oscar in this game for his diving fall following a tackle. He was given much sympathy, and told to crawl off quickly as the team couldn't afford to waste any more time. (As you can see welfare is very important to the hockey management.)

Our last game against Gloucester resulted in our now familiar 0-0 draw. This meant we failed to qualify for the cup play-offs on goals conceded, and went on to contest the

Plate.

Our first game against Cleveland ended 0-0, but we went through on the higher number of penalty corners. Our next, and final, game was again against Gloucester.

CONCEDED

Another 0-0 draw with equal penalty corners meant we went out again on goals conceded.

So we came home with nothing but the knowledge that we were the team "hardest to beat," but that in itself is an achievement.

Diving club

THE first meeting of the newly formed Essex Police Diving (Sub-aqua) Club was held at HQ bar on September 1.

A temporary committee was formed, and the first dive arranged for Friday, October 9 at Stoney Cove, Leicestershire.

The club is open to any member of the force, serving or retired, police or civilian, and their families.

Anyone interested contact Dc. Gargan at Stansted Airport on Ednet 5951.

Law Sport ... Law Sport ... Law Sport ... Law Sport ... Law Sport ...

LAW SPORT... LAW SPORT... LAW SPORT... ERROL BLASTS ESSEX TO VICTORY

SIX SHOT WIN FOR MALEARY



CHAMPION Kevin Maleary demonstrates his putting style.

Master stroke as Kevin gets soaked

ESSEX Police sent a team to the English Police Golf Championships in August with high hopes of a trophy, following Keith Davies' excellent win in 1990 in the scratch competition.

This year, the competition was held at the Brough Golf Club on Humberside.

This competition, organised by the English Police Golf Association, was first played in 1979 and over the years has reached a high standard. This year, players entered with a handicap of more than eight were balloted out.

One of the players in that category was our own Kevin Maleary, from Thorpe Traffic, via Stanway with a club handicap of nine. Three days before the com-

petition, anxious phone calls from the organisers resulted in Kevin's late inclusion due to a withdrawal from another force.

PREPARATION

Perhaps this was just the situation Kevin needed as far as his preparation was concerned, since with little time to consider the task ahead, he played some excellent golf on a difficult course to win the coveted 'Scottish & Newcastle Breweries' cup for the best handicap score.

With rounds of 78 and 77 Kevin was the winner

by a massive six shot margin from his nearest rival.

With other single figure players carding scores of over a hundred and the standard scratch raised to 72 and 71 on this par 68 course, Kevin's achievement is put in its true perspective as a superb piece of controlled play.

The determination of Kevin to win is illustrated by his play on the penultimate hole of the championship, a long par four.

With his drive, he found himself in the deep rough and then sliced his second shot across the fairway in a stream, where, rather than drop a shot, he stood in the water and played a marvelous recovery to within ten feet of the pin, getting soaked in the process!

This obvious discomfort was surely forgotten when he sank the putt for par.

Kevin is only our second national title holder at golf and he is to be warmly congratulated.

One penalty for this success, however, is that his handicap secretary at Frinton has adjusted his handicap to eight - the price of being a champion!

ERROL Greene rolled back the years as he bludgeoned the Thames Valley Police bowlers for 138 runs to set up an Essex victory in the PAA Regional final.

Deadly Errol blasted his first 50 off only 26 balls, although his age began to tell as it took 33 balls to notch up his next 50!

Qualify

Essex won the match by 150 runs to qualify for the National PAA competition next season.

The cricketers of Essex have certainly proved themselves the best over the past few weeks. With the Essex County Cricket side winning the County Championship, Essex Police kept pace by adding the PAA 6-a-side tournament to their season's successes.

Patchy

The regional PAA final against Thames Valley was

played at the Bank of England Sportsground, Roehampton, on August 25.

Put in to bat on a damp, patchy wicket, Dick Argles (33) and Joe Wrigley (17) produced a solid start for Essex, putting on 60 in 17 overs before both were out in the same over.

John Butcher followed with the first ball of the next over, and Thames Valley sensed they were back in the match. Errol Greene had other ideas.

It was the Errol Greene of old, as the boundaries flowed in a devastating onslaught. Errol bludgeoned the Valley bowling to every part of the field, and frequently beyond it.

He received able support from Lorrie Austin (19) and Matt Clark (20). Just after passing his hundred Errol pulled a hamstring while running a single, and

Lorrie Austin returned to the crease to run for him.

Errol remained at the wicket until the Essex innings closed at 245-5, finishing on 138 not out.

After tea, Thames Valley set about the task of scoring 6 an over to overhaul the Essex total. Immediately they were in trouble, when Martin Orley struck in the first over.

After six overs, Valley were 6 for 3. There was no way back from there.

Wickets continued to fall steadily, with Clark, Austin, Mark Loker-Boyes and even Simon Lister chipping in. Thames Valley were eventually bowled out for 95, and Essex won by 150 runs.

Revenge

The six-a-side tournament was held on September 3 at Chalkwell Park, Leigh. Essex, the holders, had to play Thames Valley in their first match and Valley gained some revenge with an easy win.

Meanwhile, City of London were smashing their way to a championship record score of 177 against Herts.

Essex recovered from their early defeat to beat both Sussex and

Bedfordshire, with John Butcher and Joe Wrigley knocking off the required runs.

In the semi-final, Herts could only manage 46 against accurate Essex bowling, and Wrigley and Butcher again saw them home, despite a downpour.

The final saw a rematch against Beds, who had overcome the City of London.

Essex asked Beds to bat first. With the overs reduced from eight to six balls, Beds did well to score 64.

Butcher was out for 2, but Wrigley and Austin set about scoring the runs. Drizzle and poor light made batting difficult, and at the start of the last over, Essex needed 17 runs.

With a six counting as 10 and a four as six, boundaries were a necessity.

The first three balls only produced four runs, but then Wrigley rose to the occasion, hitting a six (10) and a four (6) to see Essex home with one ball to spare.

Superintendent Bernie Beesley presented Lorrie Austin with the cup, and Essex now have the honour of hosting the event again next year.

Seconds' First Win

THE Regional Police finals caused a fixture clash for the force cricket team, leading to the formation of a Second XI to honour the Dunmow Cricket Week fixture during August.

It resulted in a great deal of enthusiasm and a convincing five wicket win for the police side.

It has now been agreed to consider the viability of forming a force Second XI to have, say, half a dozen fixtures arranged for next season. Anyone interested in playing in such a side, contact DI Bob Miller at Dunmow on Ednet 5890.

MEN'S HOCKEY Summer League

OUR first attempt at League hockey saw us enter the Chelmsford Summer League Division Two.

Following a shaky start, we settled down to finish a respectable joint third place, and only missed out on promotion in the last game.

The Men's Hockey team is always on the lookout for new players. Contact Chief Inspector Bob Ward at Colchester on Ednet 4503.

● A FOURTEEN-STRONG squad travelled to Sheffield on September 4 to compete in the Annual Police National Hockey championship. For full report on the tournament, turn to page 11.



SUPT. Bernie Beesley presents the PAA cricket trophy to Lorrie Austin of Essex, after the force retained its six-a-side title.

Matalan clothing discounts

MEMBERS of Essex Police Sports Association are entitled to free membership to Matalan discount club, opening on 27th September at Lakeside, Thurrock.

Temporary pass cards are available from the Force Sports Secretary or your Divisional Sports Club Secretary.

You have to show these on your first visit, together with either your warrant card or pay slip. You will then be issued with your own personal card.

Matalan sell their products to card holders only. Ladies, Gents and childrens fashions are available at discounts.

Some examples are: Lee Ranger stone wash jeans £12.95; Falmer Sweat shirts £6.95; Ladies Wrangler stone wash jeans £8.95; Tefal non-stick Pan set £17.95.

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