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CZECH IT OUT!



WHAT'S GOING ON 'ERE THEN? A British bobby on guard outside the Police Presidium in Bratislava?

No, it's Czechoslovakian-born Pc John Mertl of Essex Police, returning to the country with a delegation of senior British officers assisting the fledgling democracy to develop its policing system.

The group became the first British officers to patrol in uniform on the streets of Prague, including Wenceslas Square, the focal point of the uprisings against communism. For details of their visit, turn to PAGE 3.

Evil gang jailed

THE EVIL gang which kidnapped a Colchester family and forced Tesco store manager James Andrews to hand over £55,000 was jailed last week for a combined total of 65 years.

Gang leader John Calton, who masqueraded as "The German" Hans Schultze, and accomplices Sean Wain and Robert Moore were also convicted of robbing Barclays Bank at Kelvedon in April 1989.

Calton, 39, was jailed for 25 years while Moore, 23, and Sean Wain, 24, each received

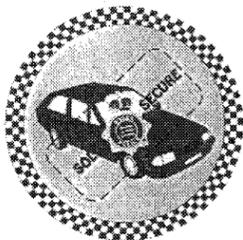
20 year sentences.

All three had denied four charges of robbery and four firearms charges. They were cleared of two bank robberies in South London.

The verdicts at Chelmsford Crown Court signalled the end of an exhaustive 15-month investigation led by Det. Supt. Malcolm Hargreaves, whose inquiry team was commanded by Judge Peter Greenwood.

For details of the detective work which led to the gang's capture, see next month's edition of *The Law*.

"SOLD SECURE" MAKES ESSEX A WINNER



ESSEX Police's pioneering "Sold Secure" scheme has won a national award for the best initiative devised by a police force during Car Crime Prevention Year.

Sgt Ken Dodd, the brains behind the scheme, received the award from Home Office minister Michael Jack at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in London earlier this month.

The "Sold Secure" scheme sees the police working in partnership with the motor trade, by encouraging dealers to sell both new and used cars with a range of security devices fitted.

Since the scheme was launched in June, more than 2,000 cars have been

Sold Secure, and 14 dealers countrywide are committed to fitting security devices to all cars before sale.

The Car Crime Prevention Year Local Scheme Award was jointly won by Essex and Northumbria Police, the latter for its PACT (Partnership Against Car Theft) scheme.

Originality

Seventy entries were considered for the award, which took account of originality, co-operation within the community, long-term viability, measurable results in terms of car crime reduction and the

number of vehicles achieving improved security.

Mr Jack said: "The 70 or so entries nominated for this award have demonstrated the great effort, imagination and enterprise the police have put into car crime prevention this year.

"I am particularly impressed with the way in which both "Sold Secure" and "PACT" have developed links with local businesses in a joint contribution to tackling crime."

The early indications are that the publicity and initiatives of Car Crime Prevention Year have bucked the trend of rising auto crime.

In Essex, the 1992 fig-

ures to the end of September show a slight reduction in vehicle-related thefts, compared with the same period last year.

Thefts of motor vehicles are down 2.2 per cent, and the total number of car crimes has dropped by 0.8 per cent.

Encouraging

So far, none of the 2,000 Sold Secure vehicles in Essex have been stolen, an encouraging sign for Crime Prevention Officer Sgt Dodd, who has been busy giving presentations about the scheme to other forces interested in launching it in their area.

This includes interest from as far afield as Canada, the USA and Hong Kong.

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Top drugs post for Payne

ESSEX detective Geoff Payne will be taking a key role in the fight against the international drugs trade when he jets off to America in January to take up a three-year diplomatic post in Washington DC.

Based in the British Embassy, the 44-year-old Det. Supt's new job is to liaise

between the National Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS) and American law enforcement agencies such as the FBI, DEA and United States Customs.

"I am there to look at links between the drugs scene in the US and that in Britain and pass back intelligence and information to NCIS," said Mr Payne, who said the main challenge he would have to face was the ever increasing amount of drugs finding their way to the UK.

"The whole art is to obtain a degree of credibility and interest in the eye of the American authorities. Often

people are very parochial about crime — I need to demonstrate the benefit in encouraging a flow of information about drugs between the US and the UK" he added.

Last year Det Supt Payne spent three months at the FBI's National Academy in Virginia, experience which left him with many contacts, which will be vital to make his new post effective.

While in the States, Mr Payne will live in Washington with his wife Ingrid. With around 500 murders a year it will be a world away from his relatively peaceful home in Colchester, but he says he will be returning to Essex Police in January 1996.

"You haven't seen the last of me — I've still time to do," he joked.



HOME Office minister Michael Jack presents the National Car Crime Prevention Year award to Sgt Ken Dodd of Essex Police.

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FEDERATION NOTES... FEDERATION NOTES...

Federation says abolish Chief Inspectors

Fed responds to Sheehy

THE National Federation Evidence to the Sheehy inquiry was submitted on the 2nd November, 1992 at the Central Hall, Westminster by 2,000 members from Police Forces from all parts of the country.

The update was given by National Chairman Alan Eastwood, followed by fuller content on parts covering such things as allowances by the General Secretary Vee Neild.

Copies of the Executive Summary are available from the Federation office at Headquarters. In total length it is six pages long.

The full evidence, a copy of which will be kept in the Federation office, is in two large volumes.

To assist members I have reproduced a brief resume on the recommendations in the Federation evidence:

1. We recommend that the inquiry takes full account of the increasing levels in crime, and recognises the increase in resources needed to combat it.
2. We recommend that specific and detailed attention be given to the police manpower resources required, not only in major cities but also in small towns and rural areas.
3. We recommend to the Committee the view that the nature of every officer's responsibilities: Call for the exercise of a high degree of intelligence; is concerned with maintaining the peace as well as with enforcing the law, and thus involves the exercise of a wide range of social and interpersonal skills; is client, oriented to the service of the community and answerable to it; requires a commitment to high ethical standards governing transactions with members of the public; requires officers to develop their understanding of the social and cultural contexts of law enforcement.

4. We recommend that recruitment procedures should be improved to distinguish more accurately the combination of personal attitudes, values and skills required to be a competent officer.

This would include the training of personal officers in selection techniques.

5. We recommend that Probationer Constables should be recognised and remunerated as Constables from the completion of their foundation training, which deems them competent to patrol unaccompanied.

6. We recommend the Constables' role as a beat manager be recognised; and informs the Inquiry's deliberations into rank structure, conditions of service, flexibility in the distribution of rewards and adequate levels of remuneration.

7. With regard to the role of the Sergeant we recommend that the role of the Sergeant be defined: full training should be given on promotion and at later stages to enable the role to be performed to maximum benefit; full recognition and support for the role of Sergeant should be given by senior officers; there should be sufficient numbers of Sergeants, particularly in specialist roles, such as that of custody officer, to ensure that the role is carried out to maximum effect.

8. It is recommended that a review be undertaken of all aspects of the training system to ensure, not only that it provides value for money, but also that it provides the training needed to developing roles of officers at all levels.

9. We recommend that there be one authority for national police training, through the Police Training Council.

10. We recommend that training be related to each rank's role descriptions with a clear distinction between skills and self-development.

11. We recommend that changes in legislation be also expressed as training priorities; and that a minimum level of training per officer be determined and be payable from central funds.

12. We recommend that a national Police University be established

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under the Police Training Council for both Police Officers and Civilian Personnel.

13. We recommend that awareness training for example, ethnicity and equal opportunities be prioritised.

14. We recommend that all operational officers who are tutors or mentors be recognised and supported by the Police University.

15. It is recommended that particular attention be paid to management training and to the encouragement of the continued development of modern management skills, adapted to meet the needs of the service.

16. After examination of the ranks structures it is recommended that the rank of Chief Inspector be abolished, with those presently in that rank becoming Superintendents.

We believe that a similar rationalisation of the rank structure may also be appropriate at higher levels of the structure.

17. We also recommend that incremental pay scales be retained, rationalised and enhanced to accommodate any changes to the rank structure.

18. With regard to Pay we recommend that: pay scales should reflect the unique nature of policing, whilst also recognising and rewarding the level of professional expertise which can also develop through experience; Pay scales should be such as to ensure continued recruitment and retention and to maintain satisfaction among officers;

The unique position of the Police Service makes it inappropriate to determine pay either by comparison with other groups in the public or private sectors, or through a pay review body system; The determination of pay through an index linking system be continued, but that the relevant index should be the non-manual average earnings index, used to determine increases in the total pay bill; The enhanced negotiating role over terms and conditions of employment envisaged in the foregoing should be carried out by the Police Negotiating Board, but with increased independence for the chairman and a somewhat streamlined committee structure; The present arbitration system should be retained, but on the clear understanding that is recommended will be implemented

by the Secretary of State unless there is an overriding reason of national importance why this should not be so.

19. We recommend the continuance of National Pay Scales is essential to maintain a strong sense of national identity and the flexibility and mobility of Police Officers.

20. We recommend the continuation of rewarding officers performing overtime and we continue to believe that there is a strong case for raising the premia for rest day and weekend working.

21. The Touche Ross survey highlighted our members support for some type of shift allowance.

We have reservations regarding the implementation of such an allowance and recommend that the committee might look at extending the incremental scales so that additional rewards could be given to officers at the sharp end.

22. We recommend the continued support for the London Weighting Allowance payable in the Metropolitan Police.

23. We recommend that Housing Allowance should be retained but consider that there should be a review to remove the anomalies created by the new system that came into being in 1990.

24. We have investigated Performance Related Pay systems in Britain and abroad.

Our initial conclusion is that a system based on an appraisal system would be the only one that could work effectively in the Police Service, however the Touche Ross survey has shown that our members are gravely dissatisfied with the current system of officer appraisal. Therefore introduction of an appraisal related pay system would have to be conditional on:

the introduction of a new appraisal system for appraisal related pay purposes, quite separate from the existing system; proper formal training for all those involved in appraisal; continued emphasis on the improvement of the existing staff appraisal scheme for career development purposes;

the system of appraisal related pay not being introduced unless the necessary training and career development counselling is available;

Federation involvement in the development of the appraisal related pay system; extensive consultation with officers; and piloting of the scheme to ensure that it will not have an adverse effect on morale;

monitoring and evaluation systems being introduced to ensure the effective use of the appraisal related pay system and to guard against unfairness, particularly in relation to gender or race; an appeals system for appraisal and APR grievances.

25. We have examined the idea of fixed term contracts for officers. We conclude that the objective of ensuring and indeed improving the fitness and competence of officers can be best secured by the introduction of an effective appraisal system.

We recommend to the inquiry the encouragement of a culture that supports and rewards achievements — critical to realising the full potential of the Police Service in the future.

26. We are similarly of the view that the open ended sick pay arrangements are appropriate to the particular risks and injuries to which officers are subject; and that any abuse of the system should be dealt with through the development of an Occupational Health System.

27. Equally we believe that there is every justification for retaining the present Police Pensions Scheme, which is appropriate to the rather different career patterns of police officers. Some modification might be made to cover circumstances of mature entrants to the service.

28. We welcome the contribution made to the increasing concentration on issues of performance and effective organisation by the reports and numerous 'Police Papers' of the Audit Commission.

29. We recommend the continuing development of Forces' strategic plans in which we and other staff associations fully participate.

The evidence given by the other Staff Associations was also submitted to the Sheehy Inquiry on the 2nd November 1992.

In the near future I hope to receive a copy of this in my capacity of a member of the National Committee.

I hope to be able to give members my views on the above in the December edition of *The Law*.

The National Federation will be allowed to give further evidence early in 1993 with regard to our responses to the other groups evidence.

This is likely to be verbal and written evidence and it is expected sometime towards the end of January.

The final Sheehy report is not expected until May 1993 at the earliest.

Taxing time as Fed assesses Council Tax

THE Local Government Finance Act 1992 introduced the concept of Council Tax which will become payable from 6th April 1993.

If a dwelling is chargeable, then Council Tax will be payable in relation to that dwelling based on the band of capital value in which it falls.

In general the liability to pay such a Council Tax will fall on the resident, (being an individual of 18 or over who has his/her sold or main residence in the dwelling), or if

the property is vacant the owner of the dwelling.

There are also provisions pursuant to which the Secretary of State may make regulations determining that reduced amounts of Council Tax may be payable in particular circumstances.

You will be aware that the National Federation are at the present time trying to negotiate via the Police Negotiating Board for the tax to be met by the Police Authorities.

At the moment the Official Side is hiding behind the Sheehy Inquiry and has not progressed it any further forward.

We are not expecting any movement in the near future as

the Official Sides own evidence to Sheehy talks about doing away with Rental/Housing Allowance.

We have decided to pursue a claim ourselves via our own police authority for payment of the Council Tax for officers in Provided Accommodation (especially the detached beat houses) this will be taken to the Police Committee meeting on the 30th November 1992 and has the support of the Force.

The person liable to pay Council Tax in respect of a chargeable dwelling is the person who falls within the following categories:

A. A resident freeholder (so, for owner occupied property, the

owner will be liable).

B. A resident leaseholder (this includes assured tenants under the Housing Act 1988).

C. A resident statutory or secured tenant.

D. A resident licensee (which will include members within provided accommodation but see below concerning section housing).

E. A resident.

F. The owner (This applies whether property has no residents).

Therefore, members in provided accommodation (not being section house accommodation), will be liable to pay Council Tax. Further, those in owner occupied

accommodation or tenanted accommodation will also be liable.

In respect of section housing, it would appear that the owner of the section house will be liable to pay the Council Tax.

If the Police Authority/Chief Constable are responsible to pay the Council Tax then there would not appear to be any legal authority pursuant to which that liability is currently recoverable from members residing within the section house.

If any member requires any further details please contact the Branch Board Secretary Brian Pallant on extension 2797 at Headquarters.

THE LAW OPINION

CONGRATULATIONS to Sgt Ken Dodd for his excellent idea, 'Sold Secure' which has won a national award for the best car security scheme thought up by a Police Force during Car Crime Prevention Year.

In a year awash with initiatives, Sgt Dodd came up with a simple, effective idea which has a real chance of tackling car crime at its very root.

But if the scheme is to prove as successful as the idea, now's the time for the entire Force to sell it to the public, or in 12 months time the only thing to remember it by could be Sgt Dodd's gleaming crystal ball.

Any good product needs a damn good sales job out on the streets if it is to survive, and with over 4,000 staff based county-wide the Force has the potential for a sales team most marketing men or company reps would die for.

Crippled by the recession, only 14 dealers have so far signed up for 'Sold Secure'.

With profit margins and sales falling sharply, many dealers may feel the fitting of security measures under the 'Sold Secure' scheme is a luxury they can ill afford.

But even in a recession the customer still comes first and public pressure means many 'extras' such as catalytic converters, airbags and advanced braking systems are now standard features, often at little extra cost.

To sell 'Sold Secure' to the dealers, the Force must first sell it to the public, urging them to demand more secure cars for their money. It's a job neither Ken, nor the entire Crime Prevention Dept can do alone.

At the end of the day everyone has a responsibility to promote Crime Prevention and make ideas such as 'Sold Secure' the real successes they should be.

We either work as a whole or are left with one man and his bowl.

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.

HOLIDAY FUND

THE Holiday Fund for 1993 will commence 15 January. Application forms will shortly be forwarded to every current member.

When completed they should be sent to Mrs P. Burrows at Southend Police Station, by no later than Saturday 5 December 1992.

All existing participants must complete a new application form for 1993.

This is not a loan club but a means to save, open to police officers and civilian personnel.

Subscriptions are deducted from salaries at source, and the amount of the subscription cannot be altered during the year.

Three quarters of member's yearly entitlement may be drawn out, on written application, between 1 April and 30 September.

The remaining quarter will be paid in December, without application.

Withdrawal cheques may be cashed at Trustee Savings Banks in the Essex County area, or paid into a member's own bank account.

At least 10 days notice must be given for withdrawals, and applications will not be accepted over the telephone.

Big Bang

THE FIREWORKS display at Police HQ went off with a bang this month, raising a grand total of £690 for Chelmsford's Farleigh Hospice.

The annual event is organised by HQ Sports and Social Club. Admission was free, and the money was raised by donations.



ESSEX POLICE BAND

Christmas Concert

Marconi Sports and Social Club
Beehive Lane, Chelmsford.

Monday 21st December
7.30pm

Tickets available from Band Secretary

Tuesday 22nd December
7.30pm

Tickets from Band Secretary or Marconi Club

Tribute for crash team

OFF BEAT

Baby Sale

OH BABE! Everyone knows the financial climate is tough at the moment, but a Westcliff woman couldn't believe her eyes when she spotted a baby tucked up in a pushchair with a For Sale sign attached!

She immediately dialled the boys and girls in blue to cure the baby blues and officers arrived to discover a two-year-old child being advertised for sale or part-exchange!

But fortunately all was not what it seemed. It turned out the well-wrapped up youngster was part of a publicity stunt by a car sales firm to attract customers and raise a laugh.

Officers didn't report whether the pushchair was "Sold Secure", but any thieves were likely to be rattled.

Hooked

Now from baby faces to red faces. A Vange man found himself wheely embarrassed after reporting his trailer, complete with lawnmower on top, had been stolen from outside a taxi office.

Police arrived to discover the man had failed to hook up the trailer properly and had driven off leaving it behind. After reporting it stolen, he had driven home to find it was still there. A case of the missing hook rather than the slippery hook it would seem.

Leek link

But there is no doubt something strange has been going on in Harwich. Forget Watergate and Irangate — police in the town have been on the trail of a major leek.

Around 20 of them have disappeared from a Main Road garden already this month and police have refused to rule out a Welsh link. Current investigations reveal there may be a connection with the Water Board.

Cock Sure

Yet the final word this month must go to Harlow Constable Rebecca Lincoln. Following a public order operation debrief, the officer was giving her account of an arrest she had made: "He broke free and ran off. I chased him a couple of hundred yards, then I managed to grab him by The Cock, which for the benefit of you lot, is a local public house."

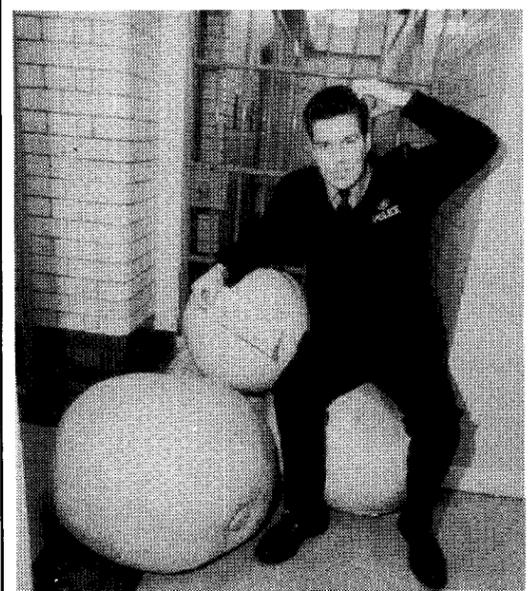
Fred Joslin dies aged 95

ONE OF the Force's oldest and best-known pensioners has died less than two weeks before his 96th birthday.

Ex-Sgt Fred Joslin, whose son Peter is Chief Constable of Warwickshire, joined the Essex force in 1919 and served until the end of 1945. His other son, Frank, joined in 1952, retiring 15 years ago.

Fred Joslin's funeral takes place at Danbury Parish Church on Monday, November 23, at 11.30am. An obituary will appear in the December issue of *The Law*.

Seedy secret puzzles police



Picture courtesy of the Essex Chronicle

MALDON-BASED Pc Gareth Jones felt a right prune when a puzzling Halloween prank left him with four in the cells.

Because the four detained in the cell block were giant pumpkins, mysteriously left outside business premises in the High Street overnight. And they didn't leave mushroom in the cells.

A note claiming responsibility was left by an organisation calling itself The People's Popular Pumpkin Liberation Army.

They claimed to be championing the cause of mistreated pumpkins, taking them into the Pumpkin Rescue Centre until they regained their health.

A total of five of the giant vegetables were left outside an accountants, greengrocers, the local newspaper offices and one outside the police station itself.

An attached press cutting referred to a Scotland Yard detective whose monster 75lb pumpkin had won a top Horticultural Show prize, and then been nicked!

Maldon Police, despite several leaks from grasses, failed to solve the pumpkin puzzler. The Crimestoppers scheme chipped in and dangled a carrot as a reward.

But to no avail. The pumpkins were sold off for local charities, leaving Pc Jones to tartly observe, "They exercised their right to remain silent."

THREE officers commended for their actions at the scene of one of the most horrific road accidents the county has ever seen have received a floral tribute for their actions from the family of one of the victims.

by Paul Dunt

Five people died after the multiple pile-up on the M25 last September, and when the relatives of one of the victims, 36-year-old Martin Argent, heard on local radio the officers were to be honoured, they phoned HQ to ask if they could also attend.

Bouquet

Pc Stephanie Hoskins and Pc Andrew Neil of Brentwood and Pc Peter Baker of Boreham were praised for their "professionalism and prompt action" at the scene by Chief Constable John Burrow at the commendation ceremony last week.

Also commended for his efforts was Pc Mark Enoch of the Met Police, who was unfortunately unable to attend the ceremony.

After receiving their certificates the officers were then presented with a bouquet by Julie Argent, Mr Argent's widow. Also there to thank the officers were Mr Argent's parents, sister and sister-in-law.

Although it was a sad occasion for the family they said they wanted to



A touching tribute: Mrs Julie Argent presents the officers with a floral bouquet for their efforts at the M25 crash

join in the recognition of police officers who often do a difficult and thankless job.

Traffic

Inspector Andy Norton, said the accident was one of the most serious the county had ever had and praised the officer's work carried out in pouring rain amid massive traffic jams.

"They exhibited great sensitivity and care towards the people involved," he said.

Also commended recently was Maldon Det Sgt Derek Nickol who was praised by the Chief Constable for his painstaking efforts over the last 16 months in trying to trace Tillingham Teenager

Dinah McNicol.

Dinah, then 18, went missing after attending a pop concert at Liphook, Hampshire in August 1991. She was last seen alive near Reigate, Surrey, after hitching a lift home from an unknown man who has never been traced.

Dinah

Det Sgt Nickol's attempts to discover what happened to Dinah have put him in touch with organisations and people most police officers have never heard of and barely a day goes by without him going over the case again in his mind.

He has become a skilled television and radio interviewee speaking on count-

less programmes about the case, including two appearances on *Crimewatch UK* — the first of which yielded valuable new evidence about Dinah's movements after the concert.

But despite all his endeavours the case remains open and DS Nickol keeps in regular contact with Dinah's father, Ian, to bring him up to date with the latest developments on the case.

Cracking crime in Cockney rhyme

WITHAM police have teamed up with the town's traders to crack crime in cockney rhyme.

On December 1, they will launch a Christmas Crime Prevention poster competition called "Cockney Christmas Crime Crackers".

They will give Crime Prevention advice such as "Bottle and Stopper. Lump of Ice. Take care of your Total Wrecks and Bladder of Lard".

Get it? For those who don't, the poster will also be produced in the Queen's English.

And the competition involves matching up 12 sets of posters which will be displayed in pubs, shops and car parks.

Witham Crime Prevention officer Pc Mick Hall, who came up with the idea, said, "I believe this is the first time that crime prevention advice has been given in such a novel and humorous way."

The competition ties in with the town's traders' Cockney Evening late-night shopping event on December 11. Prizes will be security equipment.

British police pass on their 'know how' to Czech and Slovak Republics

On the beat in Wenceslas Square



POLICING PRAGUE Sussex Chf. Supt. Mike Bowron, Humberside Chief Constable Tony Leonard and Essex Pc John Mertl.

THREE British police officers made front page news in Czechoslovakia when they patrolled the streets of Prague in uniform last month.

One of the group was Czechoslovakian-born Essex officer Pc John Mertl, whose fluency in the language has helped the group to convey the concept of policing a democracy.

Under the auspices of the Foreign Office's Know How Fund, the British delegation was returning for its third visit to help the emerging Czech and Slovak Republics to shake off the old image of the state security police.

Pc Mertl said, "We attracted a lot of attention in Wenceslas Square. This was the first time British

by Jenny Grinter

officers in uniform had been seen on the streets of Prague." The four-strong delegation first visited Czechoslovakia in April 1991.

Pc Mertl said, "In the last year the change has really begun. The police are working very hard without much money being available.

"The indications are that the people are beginning to accept them, and beginning to turn to them."

The British delegation, led by Humberside Chief Constable Tony Leonard, has stressed the need for community policing.

Pc Mertl gave examples of a competition held by the Czech Police to produce a police logo, which was then used on T shirts and posters, and of regular meetings with the press.

A group of Czech crime

investigators are soon to visit Britain for crime prevention training at Stafford.

But the policing problems faced by the fledgling states are enormous.

The Federal Police have previously been responsible for border controls and tackling drugs, terrorism and international crime. The police forces of the two new Republics will take on these roles.

Drugs are a growing problem and, while a new Police Act has given them powers to stop and search, the police are facing an uphill struggle to combat the trade.

During their 12-day visit, the British delegation took part in talks with police chiefs and Government ministers, as well as observing preparations for a major football match between Slovan and AC Milan.



Death of Kenneth Moores

MANY of our older readers will remember (Arthur) Kenneth Moores who served at Romford in the early 1950s.

After an injury on duty and a long period of illness he eventually returned to duty at Colchester, only to be injured again.

After a while he commenced beat duties at Maldon but subsequently resigned.

I regret to report his death on 6 October, while suffering from Motor Neurone disease, as a full time patient in a Nottingham area nursing home.

Len White,
Sidmouth Road,
Springfield,
Chelmsford.

Your support kept us sane

WE WOULD like to express our gratitude to all our friends and colleagues who have supported us in every way over the past 18 months, while we have been in our "Protected Posts" and during our subsequent Court appearances.

We would like to thank, in particular, Ps Tony Rayner and Pc Dave Fincham from the Federation side, and Pc Nick Brewer for their total support and friendly faces during our recent trial at Chelmsford Crown Court.

The support that we received throughout our ordeal from friends and colleagues, and from senior officers, definitely helped us get through the trial.

Without this support, we would have found it very difficult to get through the week with our sanity intact.

It is very reassuring to know that there is this

support for brother officers from all ranks within the Force.

On a more serious and advisory note, we both found working a "protected post", albeit not one of our choice, far more agreeable than being suspended for 18 months.

Once again, our sincere thanks to all those who supported us throughout, and for all the phone calls and cards, and to those who came to the trial to support us in their own time, and those who just popped in whilst on duty to give us a friendly wave and a morale boost.

Pc Nick Padmore,
Pc John Best,
Harlow Division.

LAW Letters

Caring colleagues help brave Chris in cancer battle

MAY I, through your letters page, convey deeply heartfelt thanks to my friends and colleagues from my family and myself.

I have just returned to work on light duties after a period of 23 months sick leave.

My extended sick leave was due to a condition called Hodgkin's Disease, a form of cancer known as a lymphoma.

During this time my treatment consisted of doses of chemotherapy in conjunction with doses of radiotherapy, leading to a bone marrow transplant which I underwent in May of this year.

That I have been able to progress this far is due in no small part to the tremendous support, care and concern shown to my family and myself from friends and colleagues.

The many phone calls and cards received were a welcome boost when we were all at a low ebb.

It would be impossible to thank all those who responded so generously and who are too numerous to mention in this letter, but it is almost certain that the last two years would have been much harder to face without such support.

However, a special message of thanks goes out to Derek Lee from the Force Welfare Office. He was always positive, gave good advice and visited us regularly, discussing matters openly and frankly.

He experienced our ups and downs and is now a firm friend.

May I once again sincerely thank everyone for their support and good wishes, without which our struggle would have been that much harder.

Although it is too early to give any guarantees, initial follow-up examinations are encouraging.

Thank you all once again.

Sgt Chris Wood and family,
Grays.

Booking up for Christmas!

WITH Christmas on the horizon, everyone's on the lookout for those special stocking fillers — but look no further than the Essex Police Museum which has gifts to book.

Force curator Fred Feather has just finished penning the story of 'The Borough Men' (the Policing of Southend 1840 - 1969) and copies are now hitting the bookstands.

"It's a real stroll down memory lane, the tale of everyday life on the Southend beat," said Fred, who has written the 32-page book to coincide with the centenary of the Southend Borough this year.

It is also hoped the book will serve as a catalyst to building up a full record of all those officers who served in the Borough. On amalgamation in '69, many of the records were lost or destroyed, but nevertheless the museum already has a list topping 1,000 Borough veterans.

Reaction to the book which costs £1 (£1.50 with p+p) has been good and plans are already afoot for a second volume. Sister publications on the Colchester Borough, the Special Constabulary during WW1 and the River Colne Police are also in the pipeline.

'The Borough Men' joins a previous publication 'Roll of Honour' which is a tribute to those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for Essex Police, and is on sale at the same price. Both volumes are available from: Fred Feather, Essex Police Museum, Police HQ, Chelmsford, CM2 6DA. (0245) 452395.

Flashing in the line of duty

I READ the little poem "Flashing Ghosts on a Silent Night" in the last issue of *The Law* and it spurred me on to write this poem in reply.

It's only simple but I thought you might like to see it.

Mrs Doris Hollands,
Prince Charles Road,
Monkwick, Colchester.

THOSE GHOSTS IN THE NIGHT

These cars that you speak of are answering a call. In their line of duty — not going to a ball! There may be a break-in, a murder, or rape. Or a driver who's partaken too much of the grape.

It's comforting to know that there's great guys around

Someone to help you when you're mugged on the ground.

Or burgled at night, when you've nipped out for a natter

Or, gone to the pictures, or some other matter.

When you ring for the Police, it's lovely to see, The white that you speak of, now between you and me.

The blue light that's flashing may give us a scare But what a beautiful feeling to know that they're there!

When you are driving, and you see lots of white Go passing beside you with a flashing blue light, Think of the chaps who are doing a good job You may be the next one the villains may rob!

A copper's life is not an easy one

THE BOYS IN BLUE

Here comes the policeman all in blue,
Keeping crime down for me and you,
Helping us to cross the road
Teaching us our highway code.

Solving crimes both great and small
Catching villains who are short and tall.
For them justice must always be sought
That's why they are taken to the County court.

Checking in at the end of his round
Taking in all lost property he has found.
Bikes, jewellery, purses are in his find
No wonder the owners think he is kind.

Motorway police have no time to meander
Driving fast in their police panda
Fines in Court we will have to pay
If we are caught speeding by them today.

Children crying because they've lost their way
Listening hard to what they have to say
For our friend he likes to be
He may even come round for a cup of tea.

So when you see the copper walking down the road,
Smile at him and lighten his load.
He's just like us he likes to have fun,
For a copper's life nowadays is not an easy one.

WESTCLIFF

Neighbourhood Beat Officer Pc. Julie Jones sent this poem, printed left which was written by the children of Prince Avenue Primary School to give the beat officers a boost.

THEY LAUGHED THEMSELVES HOARSE!

KIDS have a way with words, but this thank you letter sent to the force's Mounted Section from a pupil at a Colchester junior school left our officers speechless...!

You could say they laughed themselves hoarse!

Dear Sergeant Sheffield and Pc Richardson,

Thank you for coming to our school. I really like it and I hope you come again.

PS. You chased me and my mum on the Poll Tax march.

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COLCHESTER
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Naked Truth
WITH cars now being made with even higher top speeds it seems ever more bizarre schemes are being brought into force to slow them down.

Traffic 'calming' initiatives are springing up all over the place, but it's doubtful an idea being tried out in Pennsylvania will do anything to slow down motorists' blood pressures!

In a barely believable campaign, Police there have put up a sign saying: "Caution — Nudists Crossing". It will be a streak of genius if it works — and that's the naked truth.

Meanwhile, Cumbrian farmer Ikey Milbourn is using similar tactics near his Crosby-on-Eden home. He has put up signs warning that his blind labrador, Emma, may be crossing the road.

Tied in a knot

Mind you, an unfortunate motorist could have done with his very own sign after getting tied up on the M25 recently.

He was trapped for two hours after his tie became caught in the bonnet of his Ford Sierra and was rescued by Lancaster man, Mr Tom Wild, who had seen him apparently closely examining his bonnet.

Bare-faced Cheek

But finally it seems the Pennsylvania Police could have plenty of takers if they advertise for real-life nudists to cross their roads — mind you they could turn out to be an arresting sight in more ways than one.

It seems the criminal fraternity are going au naturel for the 90s. Gone is the traditional stripy T' shirk and black mask — it seems all fashion-conscious crooks wear these days is their birthday suit.

And it's causing a few problems when taking down descriptions, as Dallas Police discovered after being called to a petrol station where an armed woman, wearing only a transparent dress with no underwear had escaped with £1,900.

Staff at the station said they could not describe her face.

And a petrol station was also the target for two naked shoplifters who struck at Canton, Cardiff and stole a 55lb bag of spuds. Again no-one could describe their faces. The bare-faced cheek of it!

Cadet Tim helps the handicapped have holiday of a lifetime

Dream trip to Egypt



ON TOUR: The party of handicapped people and their helpers pose for pictures in front of the Step Pyramid at Giza.

by Jenny Grinter

CARING cadet Tim Clarke from Maldon combined a dream holiday with hard toil in the hot sun when he helped take a party of handicapped people to Egypt.

Arrangements were made through Essex Police for Tim to assist the Phoenix Trust, when a helper had to pull out at short notice.

Tim, 18, who joined the cadets two years ago, said, "The cadets do a number of attachments with the handicapped, but I had done very little."

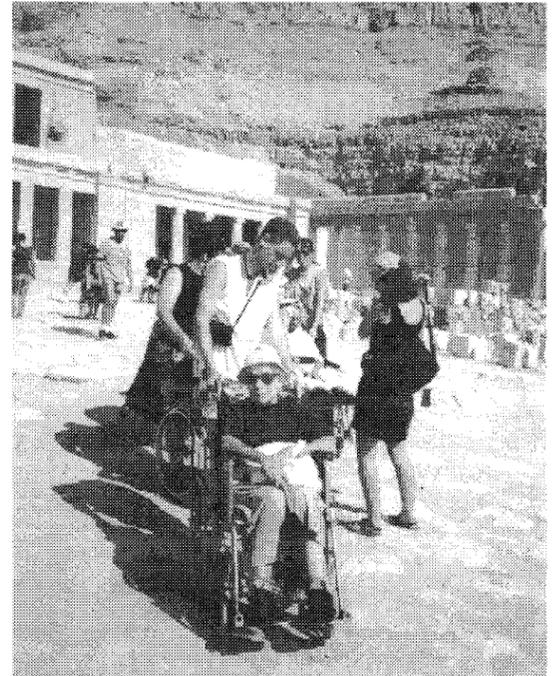
At Heathrow Airport he met up with Alasdair Moon, who was to be his room mate for the ten-day trip. Tim explained, "Alasdair was unable to do anything for himself."

"He needed assistance with dressing, feeding and most of the basic things in life. I knew the next few days were going to be quite challenging for me."

The 12-handicapped members of the group were all in wheelchairs, the majority needing assistance on a one-to-one basis.

Each morning began about 6am for Tim by helping Alasdair to dress, then he was usually assigned one of the other handicapped people to look after throughout the day.

The group visited many of Egypt's most spectacular historic sights, including The Valley of the Kings, the Pyramids,



HELPING HAND: Tim feels the heat as he helps wheelchair-bound Joy Cowen visit an ancient Temple at The Valley of the Kings.

Sphinx, the tomb of Ramesis III, Tutankhamun's treasures, and the Papyrus Institute. And there was also time for a trip down the Nile.

It involved a great deal of lifting, manoeuvring the wheelchairs up and down steps, and on and off the coach, usually under the beating hot sun.

The group stayed in Cairo and then Luxor, from where they visited the Sphinx and Pyramids — the best day of the trip for Tim.

"I rode a camel, bartered with the locals and saw one of the Seven Wonders of the World," he said.

The trip came to an end back at Heathrow on September 24. Tim said, "There were a few tears from one or two people. I felt everybody was upset about the holiday being over as it was a total success, despite the hard work and long hours."

"It was a shame it had to end because you made such good friends but they are all spread over the United Kingdom. At the moment I'm trying to write letters to keep in touch with everyone."

Tim hopes to go to Belgium with a group next year, as he has been asked to assist again. But that depends on his work commitments, he joins the Force as a Probationary Pc next month.

Best of British

FOUR uniformed Essex officers travelled to Luxembourg this month at the request of the British Embassy to help promote British goods.

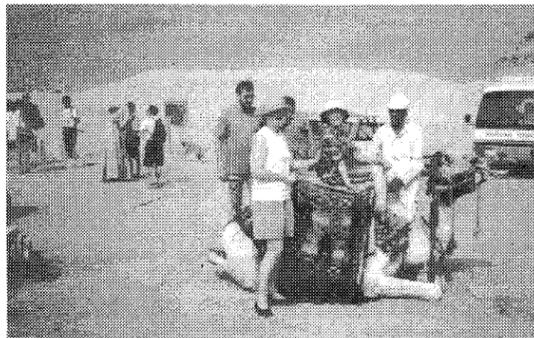
Sgt Gary Egerton (Brightlingsea) and Pc Keith Long (Clacton) flew out on November 3 for a five-day programme which included meeting the British Ambassador, and the launch of the promotion in Match department stores.

They were followed on November 12 by Pc Jennifer Cooke (Chelmsford) and Pc Julian Cooper (Coggeshall), as Essex officers were again at the forefront of cementing European relations.

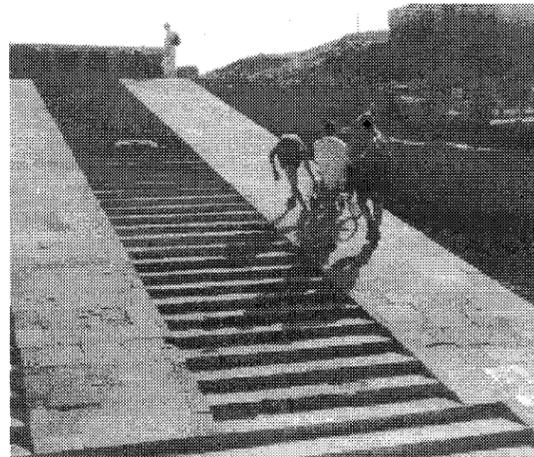
Brass at Christmas

GET into the Christmas mood with the Essex Police Band! The Band has released a new cassette tape of Christmas carols and favourites entitled "Brass at Christmas".

It would also make an excellent Christmas present, costing just £5 from Band Secretary Bill Brightmore at Chelmsford Traffic section, Police Headquarters. Cheques to the "Essex Police Band".



TAKE A RIDE: Helping Judith Smart, one of the disabled holidaymakers, to sit on a camel at Giza.



HANDY RAMP: Tim leads the way as the helpers improvise to get wheelchair access to a historic site.



OLD Soldier Alex Hudghton tries out his new bike watched by Richard Murdock, manager of Cycle Liquidation, and Pc Bill Crowhurst. Picture courtesy of the ESSEX CHRONICLE.

Trick or treat for 80-year old Alex

Pc Bill Crowhurst had to pull a pleasant trick on 80-year-old Alex Hudghton to get him into Chelmsford Police Station earlier this month.

Old soldier Alex, a wily Scot, whose old and trusty bike had been stolen thought he was in the New Street police building to look at machines that had been found.

A bemused Alex, of North Springfield, couldn't believe it when the real reason for his visit became apparent.

There, nestling against the wall in the briefing room was a sparkling new

burgundy coloured steed with a three speed hub gear and dynamo.

When Pc Crowhurst had explained the theft to Cycle Liquidation of Springfield Road, they were only too happy to provide a new bike for Alex.

Manager Richard Murdock, 29, decided on a sturdy upright model which was postcoded by Chelmsford police.

Pc Crowhurst said: "I asked Alex to come into the police station to look at bikes we had found. It was a shame his old bike was stolen and I thought it would be a pleasant surprise to him if we could help get him a new one."

Cycle Liquidation laid on a Professional gents model for him.

Alex, not normally lost for words said: "I don't believe it. I'll be able to cycle around again. I had been looking for another bike."

Alex, who has been

married to wife Grace for 54 years had his first sight of Chelmsford in 1932 when he was a groom in the Royal Scots Greys. He had to deliver horses to Danbury.

Until he retired, Alex used to cut rivets at Hoffmanns in Rectory Lane.

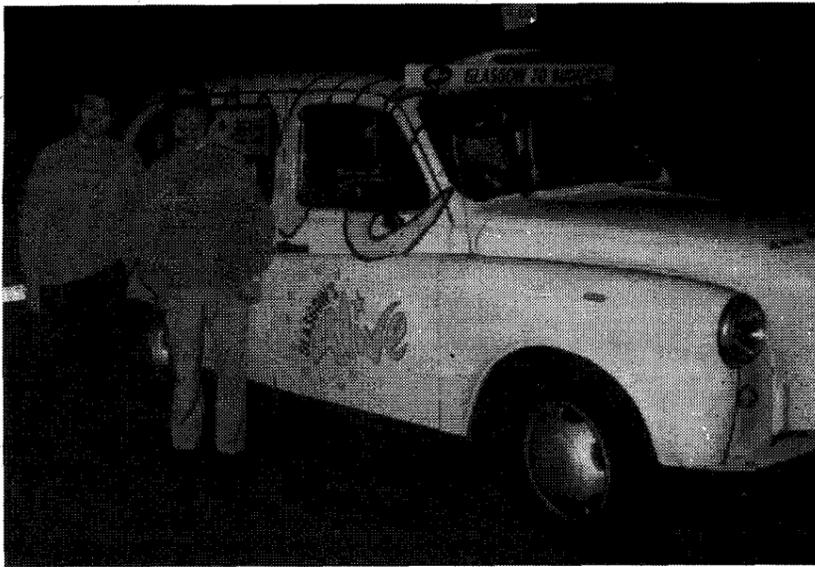
Pc Ray Stannard, Chelmsford Crime Prevention Officer said: "I know Alex had locked his bike when it was stolen but many don't and the average thief is put off by a good lock on a bike."

'Cabbies and Cops' charity convoy covers 29,000 miles to raise

Miracles of Peto



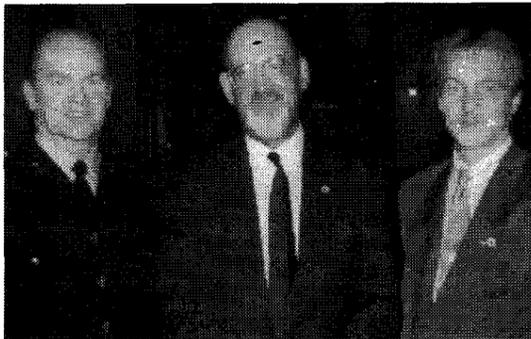
ARRESTING TIME: The Earl of Winchilsea (centre) enjoys a joke with Sgt. Keith Ingram (West Midlands), Sgt. Wayne Wealleans (Metropolitan) and one of the British conductors on arrival at the Peto Institute.



TAXI! Cabbies Dennis Wright (Blackpool) and Neville Linstead with Neville's flash cab from Glasgow.

Stepping Stones

Anyone who wishes to make a donation to the appeal should send it to the Stepping Stones Appeal, The Foundation for Conductive Education, Sixth Floor, Calthorpe House, Hagley Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B16 8QY.



BACK HOME: The Essex members of the convoy Pc. Graham Lowes (left) and Gary Clark (right) with the Earl of Winchilsea at the reception in Birmingham.



ON CAMERA: The police participants link up with Blue Peter presenter Anthea Turner before setting off from Birmingham to Budapest.

IT WAS as close as you could come to a miracle. A little handicapped girl who doctors feared would never walk taking her first faltering steps.

The group of hardened policemen and cabbies were close to tears.

But the miracles were repeated as they listened to each parent's tale of heartbreak and determination.

This was the world-famous Peto Institute in Hungary. British parents had given up their cars, jobs, even their homes and family life to enable their children to be treated there.

The 23-strong party of British bobbies and taxi drivers, led by the Earl of Winchilsea and Nottingham, were there on a fund-raising mission to make the same treatment techniques available closer to home.

Their trip raised some £40,000 towards the £5 million cost of setting up a treatment centre in Birmingham. They hope the publicity generated, including featuring on Blue Peter, will promote further fundraising ventures, helping to make it a reality sooner.

Among the group were Essex's Pc. Graham Lowes based at the Traffic Investigation Unit at Sandon and Gary Clark from the force's TV Unit, who video filmed the entire trip.

The charity event "Cabbies and Cops" set off from Birmingham on October 21 for the 12-day trip. The convoy of nine taxis was escorted by two police Landrover Discovery Vehicles and an AA vehicle.

Pc. Lowes said, "What an experience, total dedication from children, staff and parents. We could all learn a lot from the dedication in the Peto."

He met a mother from Kent and her 15-year-old daughter Denise. They had been coming out to the Peto Institute for five years, supported by fundraising within their local community.

The mother had recently taken out a bank loan to continue with the £1,000 a

month cost of treatment, plus £100 a month for her own accommodation.

She said five years ago Denise could not speak, stand or control herself. Now she can walk aided, speak and is toilet trained.

Pc. Lowes said, "If you were a parent of a child like that, you would do anything to keep them there and give them a better life."

Another patient, Luke, was the son of a London cabbie, and had been receiving treatment in Budapest for eight years. He had learnt to speak fluent Hungarian. While his mum stays out there with him, his dad drives 16 hours a day to meet the cost.



FANCY 'HAT': Pc. Graham Lowes helps out during a treatment session at the Peto Institute.

Pc. Lowes discovered a number of the Institute's patients were adults, being treated for conditions such as Parkinson's Disease and Multiple Sclerosis.

A group of British parents had given up their cars, jobs, even their homes and family life to enable their children to be treated there.

The conductors, as the Institute are known, are teachers rather than nurses and their role is to teach children's parents as well as the handicapped young themselves.

A group of British



DEDICATION: One of the conductors works with the children.

A 50-year-old man from London, Peter, had suffered a stroke 18 years ago, on the use of the left side of his body. He was in Hungary on his wife and daughter's second visit to the Peto Institute this year.

He had started to regain use of his arm and could much better. His wife believed if they had come to the Peto Institute 18 years earlier would have made a recovery.

Margaret, the little girl who took her first steps when she was in Hungary, from Somerset. Wells-Detective Constable S Hughes, had raised £5 to help send her to the Institute and the news of her success was relayed back to him.

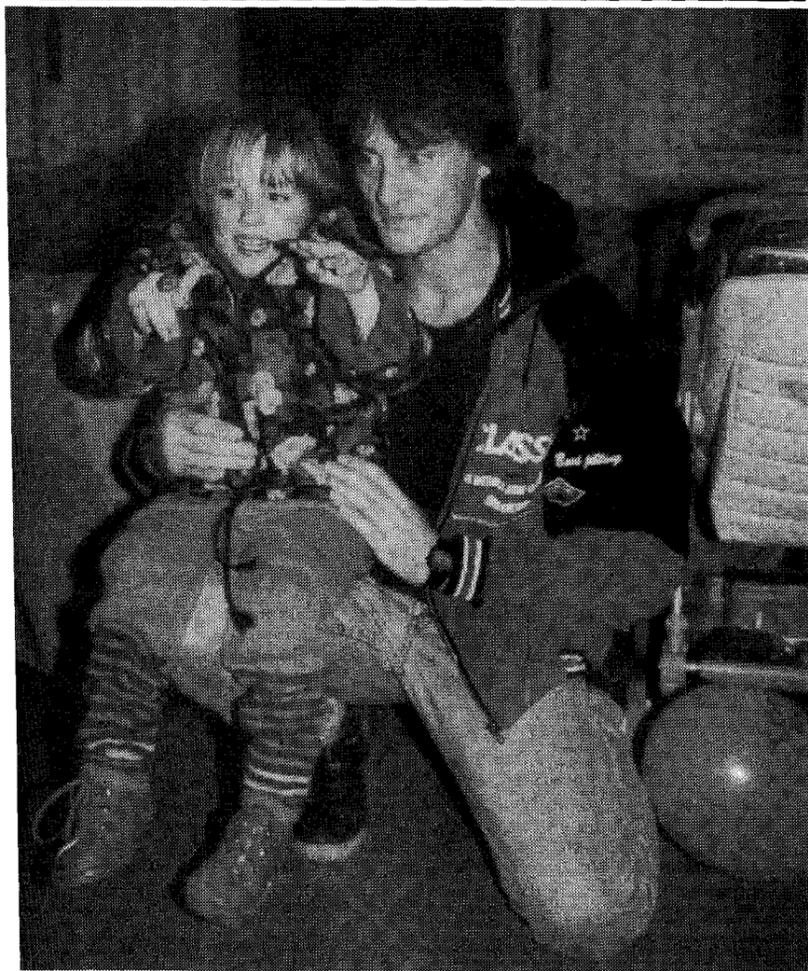
Pc. Lowes said, "When I left the Peto everybody choked but we had wonderful memories. The type of treatment can help many people."

He said the treatment based on repetition. With damage to part of the brain prevented patients moving their arms or leg repetitive tasks eventually stimulated another part of the brain to take over the function.

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0,000 for handicapped kids



ONE SMALL STEP: A big smile from little Margaret from Somerset who had just taken her first steps. She is pictured with her dad.

conductors are in their fourth year at the Institute, and will complete their training in June. They will then return to staff the new Institute in Birmingham and train other conductors in their techniques. Staff from Hungary are currently helping to treat the rest children at the Birmingham centre. Pc. Lowes said the staff and families in Hungary were delighted to meet the Cabbies and Cops group. "The parents here are having a hard time, and they were really pleased to realise they haven't been forgotten over in Hungary," he said. The group gave the kids the chance to see their vehicles, sit in the Police Discoveries and

play with the lights and horns, and try on their police helmets. The Hungarian Police, less familiar with community policing, looked on in amazement, and were completely bemused when Pc. Lowes stopped the traffic in the road to allow the families to cross. The hospitality shown to the group throughout the trip was tremendous, said Pc. Lowes. The International Police Association and the Taxi Drivers' Association helped provide meals and accommodation throughout the 2,900 mile journey. The route took in Lille, Reims, then Strasbourg, stopping at the European

Parliament, Karlsruhe, Munich and Vienna, where members of the group met the British ambassador, who had lived in Chelmsford as a boy! Once in Hungary the convoy had a permanent escort of two police cars and two motorcyclists dubbed "Red" and "Dead" because of their madcap antics of forcing the traffic aside using blue lights and two-tones. Their stay in Budapest included a visit to the Hungarian Parliament, where members met the Secretary of State for Health. And the trip was rounded off back in Birmingham with a reception in the Town Hall hosted by the Lord Mayor.



ON THE ROAD: Essex Pc. Graham Lowes with the Met. Police Landrover in which he journeyed to Budapest.

Brentwood Pc leads countryside project

National Trust

'In Touch' with blind people

by Jenny Grinter

BRENTWOOD-based Pc Jean Seager faced a new challenge when she led the National Trust's first conservation project involving blind and visually handicapped volunteers.

Jean, who has been a leader on several National Trust working holidays over the past three years, said the blind volunteers played a full part in the group's work

successful that it will be repeated next year, and Jean has again been asked to lead the group.

The National Trust is committed to making its estates and properties more accessible to handicapped people, and chairman Lord Chorley has taken a personal interest in such projects.

Jean has been invited to meet Lord Chorley at a formal luncheon on March 10, and to give a presentation about the project with the visually handicapped.

Teething

Jean, who works in the force's Community Services Branch, said the project had faced teething troubles, often due to insufficient advance planning, but there was no problem the group couldn't solve.

"With the blind people, everything was done by touch," she said. Two of the group, Aidan Gallagher, who was blind, and Keith Clancy, who has residual vision built a stile.

"You wouldn't believe they could have done it so precisely. The work they did was incredible," said Jean.

The project at Ashridge was one of five National Trust projects run this

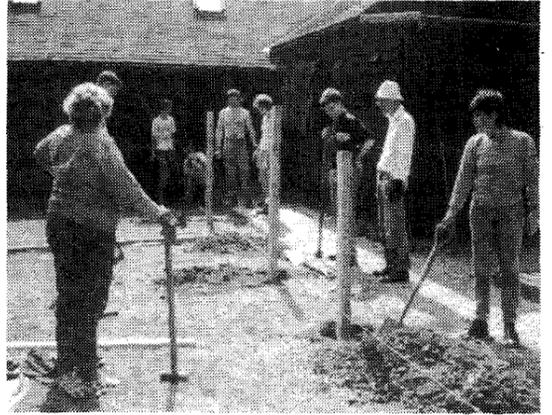


VISUALLY handicapped Keith Clancy (right) with volunteers Jim and Beryl and the new fence they helped to build.

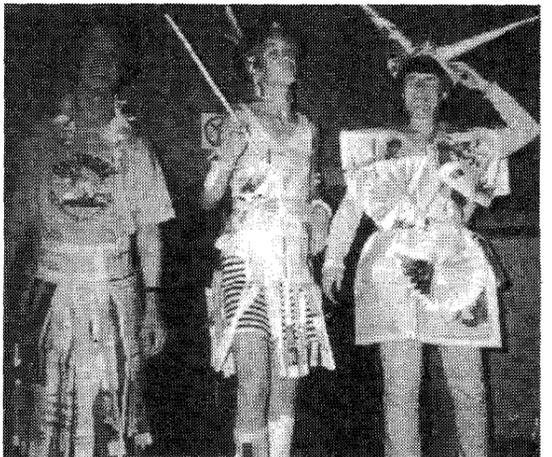
which included building a fence and stile and clearing brambles.

They were based for a week at Ashridge in Hertfordshire in a group made up of six visually handicapped and six able-bodied volunteers.

The pilot project was so



ABLE-BODIED and visually handicapped volunteers work together on their fence-building project.



IT'S NOT all hard work! Volunteers Kevin, Jane and Megan demonstrate their fashion designs out of newspaper during a relaxing evening.

summer involving volunteers with various special needs or disabilities.

The Trust's Residential Projects Co-ordinator Chris

Tews said, "The aim of the Trust is not only to achieve conservation work, we are also very keen to facilitate involvement in the countryside for people with disabilities.

"It has been a resounding success this year, because so many experienced volunteers found it valuable to work alongside and help volunteers with special needs. There was a sharing of experiences on both sides."

Jean's project with the visually handicapped aroused interest from the Radio 4 "In Touch" programme for blind people. Three of the volunteers joined the project as the result of publicity on the programme, and Jean was interviewed at Ashridge for a further broadcast about the project.



PARTIALLY-sighted Megan Hughes helps to remove a damaged fence.



DEPUTY Chief Constable Peter Simpson presents Charity cheques to Christine and Bob Drake (left) for the National Schizophrenia Fellowship, and Sandra Crowe and Paul Sack (right) on behalf of The Samaritans.

Musical Society members celebrate 25 years on song Silver lining!

THERE was a silver celebration for six members of Essex Police Musical Society when they recently received awards for completing 25 years service.

And the awards, presented by Deputy Chief Constable Peter Simpson, went not only to the stars under the spotlights but also to the dedicated backstage crew responsible for make-up, costumes and lighting for a quarter of a century.

The presentation had a silver lining for two local charities, which each received cheques for £1,250, the proceeds of the Society's summer concert of "Songs through the Century".

Representatives of the Chelmsford group of the National Schizophrenia Fellowship, which aims to provide a "drop-in" centre in the town, and the Mid-Essex branch of The Samaritans, each received cheques.

Mr Simpson, the Musical Society's President, then presented the National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA) long-service awards to former Assistant

Chief Constable Roger Richardson, Dick and Molly Giggins, Edna Johnson and Peggy Welham.

Operatics

Eileen Kligerman, who also receives an award, was unable to attend.

Make-Up artist Peggy has been involved in every show since the Society was formed in 1966, but her involvement in amateur operatics stretches back to 1937 with the Chelmsford Operatic Society.

She received NODA's gold bar, for adding 25 years to the 30-year award she received in 1971. Peggy said, "All the shows are great fun, and they've all got their characters."

"It's a marvellous challenge trying to make them

up to look different, especially trying to make policemen look older — they don't like it."

Edna has helped make the Society's costumes since the first show, "Calamity Jane." But of the hundreds of hours of stitching over the years, she has most enjoyed making the South American frills for the elaborate dresses in Viva Mexico.

Backstage supremo Dick Giggins has continued to work the lights for the Society's shows since he retired in 1977, along with his wife, Molly, who has often been a leading light on stage. She played Gigi's grandmother in this year's show.

Roger Richardson, a former chairman of the Society, has also been involved since its formation.



RECEIVING long-service awards from Musical Society President Peter Simpson were, from left, Peggy Welham, Dick Giggins, Edna Johnson, Roger Richardson and Molly Giggins.

Harlow satisfies the parts others strive to reach

by Paul Dunt

HARLOW has given its police a resounding thumbs-up following a far-reaching survey to find out just what the local community thinks of the service provided by officers and civilian staff.

Since March, the Harlow subdivision has been putting itself under the microscope by sampling the public's reaction to the

whole range of its work, from front office enquiries to dealing with burglaries and road accidents.

Survey letters were sent to a random ten per cent of people who have been in contact with the police and the overall

response rate to the questionnaire has been an encouraging 53 per cent.

"We decided to carry out a survey to test the satisfaction we were giving, and also to act as a constant reminder to the sub-divisional staff of the need to provide a high quality service," said Chief Inspector Andrew Drane.

And the results were impressive. Over the first seven months of the survey an average 85 per cent of those who replied to the survey were satisfied or very satisfied with the service they received. Just over eleven per cent were not satisfied or very unsatisfied.

The result has varied slightly from month to month with a best figure of 89 per cent, while the lowest was 81 per cent.

But despite the good response, Chf Insp. Drane said staff would not become complacent. "We have not done this to pat ourselves on the back," he said. "It does give us a sense of pride in what we are doing though and makes staff aware they are being tested on quality of service."

And to bring that message

home, Harlow Police are adopting Japanese-style working practices by displaying charts showing the satisfaction levels on walls and noticeboards throughout the police station.

It is hoped that constant study of the surveys will allow officers and civilian staff to improve in the areas highlighted by the public. "Information is now readily available to help us address areas in which we are not providing satisfaction," said Chf Insp. Drane.

In fact the idea has proved such a success that the survey will be continued indefinitely as a means of constantly monitoring performance. But as Chf Insp. Drane explains, it will only continue to prove worthwhile if the public response to the questionnaire remains high.

"We have been very pleased with the feedback so far, but I would appeal to anyone who is surveyed to make the effort to reply. We can only tackle the issues the community feels strongly about if we communicate well."

On the track of stolen steam locos

TALK about the power of the press! When Chelmsford Pc Ian Jefferies appealed to the media to help trace two stolen model steam locos he was dead chuffed when possible clues about their disappearance started coming in from Tasmania!

James Meade of Braintree was devastated when the two 24-inch long models, both hand-made in copper and brass and worth around £4,000 each, were stolen from his garden shed early this year.

One of the trains, built in the mid 1960s, was the work of his father and held great sentimental value. But Pc Jefferies was determined his enquiries wouldn't be shunted into the siding when initial attempts to track them down failed.

Remembering the Press Office at HQ, he contacted Press Officer Jenny Grinter who contacted specialist magazines such as the Railway Modeller and Steam Railway News.

Months later, Pc Jefferies received a letter from a Tasmanian train buff, who had spotted a 2 1/2 gauge loco advertised in his local paper and was surprised at the seller's lack of knowledge of the engine and railway terminology.

He spoke to a friend who had read the report in Railway Modeller and immediately became suspicious, sending photographs he had taken of the train across the world to Pc Jefferies.

N.A.R.P.O. notes

CHILD SUPPORT APPEAL TRIBUNALS

CHILD Support Appeal Tribunals come into operation in 1993 and in most cases will be determining the income of parties to which a statutory formula is applied to reach a child support maintenance assessment.

In other appeals the issue will be whether there are reasonable grounds for believing that the mother

your message can get!"

Unfortunately, the Tasmanian train didn't turn out to be one of the missing locos, but the search goes on and, as the officer explained, it's good to know people are keeping their eyes open the world over.

herself, on benefit, or any child living with her, would be at risk or suffer harm or undue distress as a result of the Secretary of State being authorised to recover child support maintenance from the absent father.

Tribunals will consist of a Lawyer Chairman and two other persons selected for their knowledge of the area in which they live and the people within it.

It is felt that former police officers would have

by Doug Rampling

a great deal to offer in this connection and it is hoped that some may offer their services. Anyone under the age of 67 may apply.

Tribunal work is not paid although travelling and other expenses would be met and a loss of earnings up to a daily maximum of £41 will be paid.

Anyone interested should write to: Mrs Alexandra Murray, Independent Tribunal Service, Clements House, Gresham Street, London EC2V 7DN.

R.C.S. REUNION DINNER

IN APRIL 1993 No. 5 R.C.S. will amalgamate within the South East Regional Crime Squad.

To mark the occasion a formal dinner is being held on Friday 19th March, at the Novotel Hotel, A1 Stevenage. Cost will be £20 per head.

Any former member of the R.C.S. wishing to attend should contact Mr Hubbard, R.C.S. Headquarters, Telephone (0707) 323333.

RETIREMENTS

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

- Ps John Gardiner, 08.11.92, South/Basilidon, 30 yrs.
- Pc Raymond Collings, 08.11.92, Central/Danbury, 31 yrs 154 days.
- Dc David Holland, 22.11.92, N.E./Colchester, 31 yrs 281 days.
- Det Ch Insp Roderick Ellis, 03.01.93, S.E./Southend, 28 yrs 53 days.
- Dc John Williams, 10.01.93, HQ/Seconded/RCS Harlow, 16 yrs 273 days.
- Mr B. Featherstone, 18.10.92, SOA, S. Walden, 3 yrs.
- Mr J. Rudd, 20.10.92, Snr Clerk, Colchester, 10 yrs.



Town's police set to move out of Victorian Age into the 21st Century

Hats off to Braintree

police station

BOSS IN BORDELLO SCANDAL

by Paul Dunt

BRAINTREE Police will be moving out of the Victorian Age straight into the 21st Century when their new state-of-the-art Police Station opens its doors next year.

The Pentagonal-shaped building in landscaped grounds will be a far cry from their present home in Fairfield Road, which the police took over in the 1890s and which still possesses a stable for the Superintendent's horse!

And whereas the old station was made up of converted houses and a pub, their new £2 million home is to be a purpose-built station along the lines of Colchester's award winning divisional HQ.

Draughty

It will be goodbye to cold draughty rooms, cramped conditions and only one proper drinking tap and hello to a conference room, multi-gym and roomy offices.

"The facilities here are totally inadequate," said Supt Graham Dosssett. "There's very little room here and at the moment some of our support staff are working at Bocking on the other side of town. The new station will bring us under one roof."

Work on the new two-tier station is contracted to be completed next October, but builders Carters and Sons, who also built Colchester Police Station, are making good progress and could be finished before then.

Staff are already preparing



SUPT. Graham Dosssett raises his hat in Braintree's long awaited new police station, which is nearing completion. Picture by Steve Argent, kind permission of the BRAINTREE AND WITHAM TIMES.

for the move to the new site in The Avenue, which will bring the station much closer to the town centre, and are being kept updated on the new building's progress in 'building updates' written by Inspector Brian Jaggs.

The 66 officers and 14 civilian staff who will be stationed in The Avenue can look forward to much improved recreational facilities, around 36 car-parking places and convenient lockers, which are currently stored in the court house!

Prisoners

Prisoners too are set to benefit. Like Colchester the new station has a secure docking bay for transferring prisoners and the number of cells will increase in the new station to six for men and two for women. At Fairfield Road

there are just two for men and one for women.

Kitchen facilities for prisoners will also be improved, there will be a room for the police surgeon and a room where solicitors can see their clients in private. Interviewing rooms will also be a vast improvement and there will be an exercise yard for prisoners.

The public too will find the station much more user-friendly, with plenty of parking nearby, a much larger reception area and a private room in which they can speak to officers without having to enter the main station.

The Special Constabulary will have its own base in the upper floor of the building. "We are dead chuffed about the new station," said Mr Dosssett. Now it's just a case of keeping patient until next year!



OCTOBER saw the choir heading into new territory with our first concert in the Southend area.

A good rapport was soon established with the audience at Ferndale Baptist Church which resulted in an enjoyable evening for all.

NOVEMBER has been a month for social events with a coach load of choir members travelling to The Albert Hall for a Classics Spectacular and, on the 15th a pre-Canada get together when the DCC, Peter Simpson, gave us a taste of things to come with a showing of a video of his recent trip to the Vancouver area.

Musically, December will be hectic with concerts scheduled for East Mersea on the 5th St Botolph's, Colchester on 15th, Christchurch, Chelmsford on the 19th, and joining the Essex Police Band and The Howard Wallace Choraie at the Brentwood Centre on the 20th.

Rehearsals of carols and Christmas pieces have been going well and we have been joined twice by Det Supt John Clark with his very hi-tech electronic keyboard, and its wizardry has produced some terrific effects — I wonder if we could harness it to IRIS, and what the result might be?

ROGER GRIMWADE

EXCLUSIVE by Paul Dunt

ESSEX POLICE launched a top level investigation last night after reports of a sex scandal involving an HQ-based Chief Inspector were leaked to the Press Office.

The news, which has sent shock waves right through the Force, broke after photographs and correspondence revealing details of an officer cavorting openly in a whorehouse in London Road, Westcliff, were sent to 'The Law'.

But the scandal went from bad to worse when inquiries revealed the officer involved works in the Complaints and Discipline Department, and had mistakenly been asked to investigate himself.

A spokesperson for Deputy Chief Constable Peter Simpson today named the officer involved as Keith Bevell, a married man with two daughters who has worked for Essex Police for the past 28 years.

"This is an extraordinary case but we have decided to go public on it because of the large number of people involved. It will only be a matter of time before the press get hold of it," he said.

He added he understood hundreds of people had witnessed C/I Bevell's actions and had paid around £7.50 a time to watch.

When The Law tracked down C/I Bevell he remained unrepentant. "I don't know what all the fuss is about — it's the Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," he said. "You can buy tickets from the Palace Theatre box office!"

No offence to Westcliff Operatic and Dramatic Society but our reporter made his excuses and declined the offer.

Still sparkling at 57 — Jock's gal takes life in the slow lane



Pc 'Jock' Simpson and his cherished 1935 Morris 8, which is now up for sale.

SHE MAY not ever make a response car, but according to Colchester Pc 'Jock' Simpson you can't beat life in the slow lane in his delightful 1935 Morris 8.

Top speed is just 58.06mph on a three speed box, but Jock rarely takes her above 40 he explained, as we tootled around the winding country lanes near his Boxted home.

Gleaming

Her gleaming green and black paintwork and sparkling chrome grill attract many admiring glances for passing motorists, but the Post-Vintage car had certainly seen better days when Jock bought her in 1977.

"The car was in a pretty dilapidated state and had been kept in a barn, but I was looking for a replacement for my old Massey Ferguson tractor, which wasn't much good for

by Paul Dunt

taking the family out in," laughed Jock, who works on the Colchester Enquiry Section.

He set about a total restoration and by 1981 she was back on the road and has been threading through the high-ways and byways every summer since, clocking up around 1,000 miles a year.

"It's lovely to go for a drive on a Sunday — you can go anywhere in this car because even if it did break down you would probably be able to repair it yourself," said Jock, who rebuilt the car's engine in 1987.

Despite her 57 years the Morris boasts some surprisingly modern features like a sunroof, and legroom in the back is far more generous than most new small cars — due mainly to the absence of a boot!

When new the '8' would have set you back around £129 in the days when annual road tax was £8. Trafficators and bumpers were additional extras but you did get a speedometer, fuel gauge, oil pressure gauge and an ammeter.

Stately

But sadly Jock's time with the car has finally come to an end and he has swapped the Morris for a larger vehicle — no, not a Granada or a Carlton but a stately Rover 12 which is a year older than the 8! and which he hopes to use for weddings.

"I'm going to miss the Morris after all the work I have done on her, but she has to go," says Jock, who hopes the car remains in Essex.

She is in immaculate condition and is for sale at £3,950. If anyone is interested Jock can be contacted on Ednet 4415 or on (0206) 272532.



IPA News: Mid-Essex Branch by Fred Dyson

Bratwurst and Brandy on Rheinland tour

EARLY this year our member Martyn Garwood, of Sandon Dog Section, suggested hiring a 24-seater coach and touring the Rheinland of Germany for 8 days.

It was agreed, and on a wet Sunday morning, the 25th October, twenty one members, wives and friends set off with Martyn driving the coach and Madeleine his wife, acting as navigator.

We motored through France and into Belgium for an overnight stay at the 'Novotel', Namur, alongside the River Meuse. On Monday we set off for Germany, via Luxembourg. After cross-

ing into Germany we stopped for lunch in the town of Trier.

Here Bratwurst and Broten (sausages in rolls) were eaten, accompanied by a glass of German wine purchased from a large wine stall in the market square.

We continued our journey alongside the River Moselle, with kilometre after kilometre of vineyards on the other side. As we travelled North we crossed the Moselle and commenced to climb the Hunsrück mountain range, negotiating severe hairpin bends.

Eventually we picked up the Autobahn for Mainz, our destination. At the Hunsrück Service Station we were met by Rudiger Schwert an I.P.A. Police Officer who escorted us to the I.P.A. Police House

about 10 kilometres outside Mainz.

Here we were greeted by our host Andreas Michels Polizei Obermeister.

Having selected our rooms, which were not en-suite, we settled down for an evening meal prepared by Frau Helga.

Breakfasts were typical German, cold meats, cheese, buttered rolls and choices of jam, coffee and tea - very tasty.

Come daylight we found the house was set in woods, the trees showing their beautiful autumn colours.

During the morning we were honoured with the presence of an I.P.A. friend and his wife, Willi and Brigitte Dietz, whom we had met during our visit as a group in Nuremberg in 1987.

Tuesday afternoon was a conducted tour of Mainz city, the capital of 'Rhineland Palatinate'. Our guide was I.P.A. member



BRATWURST for lunch in Trier. All pictures by kind permission of Les Brand.

Bernd Nagel who works in their Home Office. We were shown many places on interest, including St Martins Cathedral.

In the square outside was a statue of St Boniface, the Apostle of Germany, who lived and worked in Mainz in the 8th century. He was an Englishman born in Devonshire.

Also in Mainz in 1455 John Gutenberg printed the first book, a Bible.

In the evening we went to a winery at Nurstein am Rhein and sampled many wines.

Wednesday was a free day some members walked through the woods others took the opportunity of shopping in Mainz.

Brandy

Thursday morning was a visit to the Asbach Brandy Distillery at Rudesheim.

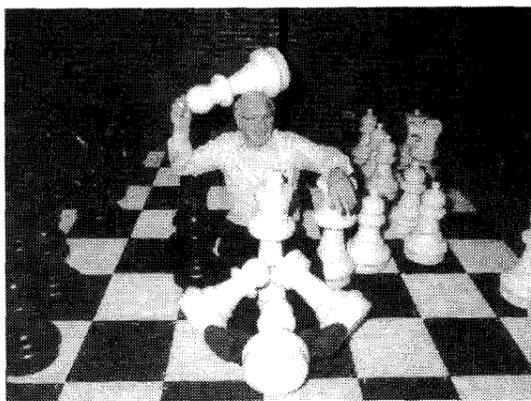
The brandy is stored in large 300 litre oak barrels on three different levels beneath ground and into the joining hills.

We were given a sample to taste, also the opportunity to buy brandy filled chocolates.

During our conducted tour, in another party was John Brundell, Secretary of the Leicester I.P.A. Branch, spotted displaying his I.P.A. badge.

After lunch we were joined by Rudiger Schwert for the rest of the day. We travelled along the Rhine to St Goarshausen, then drove up the hillside overlooking the Rhine.

Here is the statue of the maiden Lorelei, the legend is that she sang her magic songs, which lured to destruction the



CAUGHT ON CAMERA: Looks like it's Checkmate for official snapper Les Brand, caught enjoying himself in the Novotel in Belgium.

simple fishermen.

We returned to the lower road and crossed the Rhine by ferry to St Goar.

From there we carried on to the village of Waldalgesheim the home of Rudiger. Arrangements had been made for an evening meal with wine tasting, also to celebrate our member Dick Giggins birthday.

A birthday cake made by Molly was produced and cut.

On Friday morning we travelled South, our destination being Michelstadt where we had lunch and explored the town.

We moved on over the Odenwald mountain range seeing beautiful forests and countryside.

On reaching the City of Heidelberg, known for its

Gothic architecture, Cathedral and University, we travelled alongside the Rhine.

Back in the house we sat down to our last evening meal, after which our Chairman Roger made a presentation of a Mid-Essex Branch plaque to our host Gunter.

I presented Helga with the Essex Police 150th Anniversary Medallion for her hard work in preparing our excellent meals.

We then got into a party mood singing English and German songs with traditional German music in the background. Our member Derek Lee delighted everyone with a song from Phantom of the Opera.

The following morning we said our goodbyes after a lovely holiday. I can only say that the I.P.A. at Mainz made us most welcome and fulfilled the I.P.A. motto "Servo-per-Amikeco".

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all those on the tour to thank Martyn and Madeleine for making these arrangements, which involved a lot of preparation and hard work.

Forthcoming Events

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

1993
Friday 22nd January: Branch Annual General Meeting at HQ

Friday 12th February: Our Annual Dinner at the "New Times Inn", Tiptree. Cost to be arranged.



THE tour party at the IPA Police House, their base for the week outside Mainz.



TYPICAL building in the charming town of Michelstadt.



DICK Giggins celebrates his birthday in traditional style.

MARKET PLACE... MARKET PLACE...

WANTED — CANOE, spray deck, paddle and life jacket. Must be good condition. Ps Gary Heard 'D', Chelmsford Town. (0245) 491212.

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YORKSHIRE DALES, B & B in Kettlewell, ideal area for easy walking, highly recommended. Peter, Extn 5201 or John (Ex-Met-Retired) 0756-760293.

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o.v.n.o. Pc Thomson, Chelmsford Crime Unit. (0245) 491212.

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FLAT TO LET, Springfield area of Chelmsford, fully furnished, self contained, first floor, very comfortable, £230 pcm. H A Norman, Stanway Traffic.

MOFFAT PROGRAM GAS COOKER, £250. Electrolux Larder Fridge £90. 7.4 Cu Ft Electrolux Chest Freezer, £75. Open to reasonable offers. Sandra Slevin (0621) 857557 after 6pm.

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Cheering German crowds give Essex bobbies a marathon boost



A CHEERY wave from the force's marathon men as they pound the streets of Berlin greeted by cries of support from the German crowds.

Berlin braves hit the wall

by Laurie Rampling

THE FORCE's madcap marathon-running team of ten set out in late September for the big event of the autumn — the Berlin Marathon.

With their drivers Inspector Peter Brown and Supt. Mick Hicks, they travelled via Hamburg.

After billeting themselves in superb accommodation at the Smuts Barracks, Spandau, home of the 248 German Security Unit, they headed off to Stadium Barracks, in the shadow of the Olympic Stadium, for a hospitality evening hosted by 2RMP.

high 70's and similar forecast for the marathon itself, it appeared not one of the estimated 18,000 entrants was taking chances.

Just as well, as despite the 9am start, the temperature was in the 70's and guaranteed to "improve" for everyone except the competitors.

As the kilometres decreased, the temperatures increased, making things extremely difficult for all runners, and especially for those running in helmets and uniform.

Breakfast

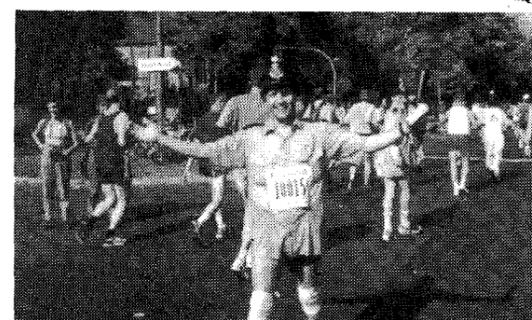
The Berlin Marathon celebrations kicked off on the Saturday with a visit to the Charlottenburg Palace, where the marathon combatants joined together for the traditional "Breakfast Run" through the streets of Berlin.

After taking the opportunity to do a lap of the famous Olympic Stadium track, they were given the traditional pre-marathon breakfast of Muesli/Yoghurt, fresh bread rolls and coffee.

The afternoon's entertainment was another pre-race favourite, the Pasta Party, outside the main exhibition area at the Deutschland Halle in Parkstrasse.

Mountains of Pasta and meat along with energy drinks and 'bier' were consumed to 'carbo-load' for the 26.2 miles journey ahead.

With temperatures in the



THESE old knees weren't made for running. Laurie Rampling smiles through the pain.

It was a pretty tired bunch that pulled themselves into bed for the final night, before yet another early start, for the 8 hour drive to Esbjerg in Denmark and the final leg of their journey aboard the Dana Anglia.

On behalf of the team, Steve Wynn, Bill Clark, Eddie Smith, John Newberry, Alex Vowles, Dave Andre, Grahame Hadley and Laurie Rampling, I would like to pay tribute to both Mick Hicks and Pete Brown for not only their sterling work at the wheel, but their constant encouragement and help throughout the trip.

Thank you also to Chief Inspector Paul Adams at HQ garage for his assistance, and Mick Toogood at the Training School.

Final thanks to everyone who dipped into their pockets to sponsor the team throughout the year, to help young Matthew Walters from Kelvedon.

Our next charity appeal strikes closer to home with all

monies being donated to the Southend Cancer unit, in memory of Peter Walker who sadly died recently, after fighting the disease so bravely for so long.

Mo Brazier who is also fighting cancer will be at the centre of our fund raising effort also hopes to join the rest of the team in uniform for the 'Nutrasweet' London Marathon next April.

Regarding next year's London, our entries have been confirmed by the organisers and subject to his availability Graham Gooch will be battling around the 26.2 miles with us.

If there is anyone out there who would like to give it a go, in uniform, then please contact either Pc Alan Barley at Chelmsford Licensing or Dc Laurie Rampling at Grays Scenes of Crime.

We cannot guarantee success, but rest assured if there's a place you will be given the opportunity.

REVIEW OF THE 1992 CRICKET SEASON

Strength in depth

by Lorrie Austin

THE 1992 season has seen Essex Police emerge as the dominant force in the South East region P.A.A. cricket section.

We won both the P.A.A. eleven-a-side competition by defeating Thames Valley Police by 150 runs in the final, and the P.A.A. six a side competition which we retained at Southend by defeating Bedfordshire in a tensely fought final.

Adversaries

All our performances in the P.A.A. eleven-a-side competition involved both excellent team work and fine individual performances as we comprehensively defeated both Hampshire and our old adversaries Kent before meeting Thames Valley.

Included in the season was a 10-day European Tour in July, when we played Mechelen, Belgium; Frankfurt and Munich, Germany; Zurich, Switzerland and Paris, France.

We were able to combine

European cricket with European culture and hospitality.

Our only disappointments were in being beaten by the Met Area 5 region in the Home Counties Cup and not able to play the Essex Police Veterans section because of the weather.

Our strength in depth was reflected with six players scoring individual hundreds and six bowlers taking eleven wickets.

The performances of the season for me were Errol Greene's 138 not out in 22 overs in the P.A.A. final.

I was able to witness most of this from the opposite end, and the sheer brutality combined with skill of Errol's batting will live in my memory forever.

The bowling performance of the season was Matt Clark's six for 14 destruction of Kent in the PAA semi final when Kent collapsed from a promising position to lose by 50 runs.

We also beat the M.O.D. Police in our annual fixture for the Roger Parker Trophy, as well as playing

14 other friendly fixtures against club sides throughout Essex.

Paul Gammon emerged as the leading batsman scoring 413 runs at an average of 68.5.

Matt Clark was the leading bowler taking 21 wickets at an average of a little over 14.

The emergence of several younger players will keep those more experienced on their toes as competition for places increases.

A season of such success does not go without hard work and I would like to thank all those officers who have supported the section this season, those that played also those that allowed and encouraged them to play.

Organising

In particular, I would like to express my thanks to John Butcher, my vice captain, for not going to Kent, to Phil Mellon for organising the European Tour and for his continued enthusiasm, and to Richard Argles for his administrative excellence, and for making the teas when no one else would.

I now look forward to next season, to the continued development of the Essex Police Cricket Section, to winning the National PAA Cup and for the sun to shine.

FORCE SPORTS ASSOCIATION... FORCE SPORTS ASSOCIATION...

FORCE LOTTERY

THE result of this month's lottery is as follows:

£1,500 Cons Jeanette Billings, South Ockendon; £700 Cons Keith Wooderson, Southend; £300 Cons Johnathan Lane, Grays; £200 Tonia Saunders, Basildon; £100 Cons Michael Dunion, Witham.

The following will receive £50 consolation prizes: Deirdre Wakeling, Grays; Insp Colin Owen, Westcliff; DSgt David Gilbey, Southend; Martin Morley, Southend; Cons Paul Barton, Colchester; Sgt Kevin Jacobs, Colchester; Cons Bryan Keefe, Witham; Insp Paul Kreyling, Westcliff; Geoffrey Licence, Harlow; Sgt Stephen Mailes, Harlow; Cons Julie Baker, Saffron Walden; Dlnsp Robin Naden, Headquarters.

Due to the increase in membership the committee have

decided to increase the prize money.

It has also been decided to stop the Hotel prizes for consolation winners and revert back to the £50 cash prizes, although Christmas hampers will be given to the consolation winners in the December draw.

P.A.A. BOXING

THE P.A.A. Novices' Boxing tournament will be held on Friday 23rd April 1993 at the G.E.C. Stychfield Complex, Stafford.

Any officer interested in representing the Force please contact Dlnsp Robert Miller at Dunmow (Ednet 5890) or the Force Sports Secretary.

CROKER CUP

Freshwater Angling championships were held on 20th October at Brentwood with the following results:

by Chris Jacob

1st North East (6 Croker Cup points), 2nd Central (4), 3rd South East (2), 4th South (1), 5th North West (1).

South West and North East were not represented at these championships.

CRICKET

THE Force Cricket Section will be holding their Annual General Meeting in Classroom one at the Force Training School, at 1430hrs Thursday 26th November. All interested persons welcome to attend.

ANNUAL LEAVE

THE Force Sports Secretary, Cons Chris Jacob will be on Annual Leave from Friday 6th November — Friday 27th November. Messages can be left on his answerphone on Ednet 2718.

For anything of an urgent nature please contact Force Sports Association Treasurer, Sgt Richard Soward at Southend Police Station on Ednet 6202.

Darts

Semi Finals: Southend beat Colchester, Grays beat Chelmsford. 2 Croker Cup points each to Colchester and Chelmsford.

Badminton

The Croker Cup Badminton championships were held at Hockley on 4th November with the following results: 1st Headquarters (6 Croker Cup

points), 2nd Central (4), 3rd South East (2), 4th South (1), 5th North West (1).

The Force Sports Shop will still be open most weekdays between 1200-1400hrs and Saturday mornings between 1000 and 1300hrs, but please contact Sgt Michael Ashton on Ednet 2419 first.

RETIRED OFFICERS AND CIVILIANS

ANY retired Police Officer and Civilian who would like to join the Force Sports Association and Lottery, can now have the deductions taken direct from their pension by County Hall.

If you wish to join please obtain an application form from Chris Jacob at Police Headquarters. Pensioners that have already joined should complete a form and send it once their current subscriptions expire.

EUROPEAN POLICE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS - GREECE 1993

THE P.A.A. Basketball team has been selected to play in the European Basketball championship to be held in Athens from 3rd June to 6th June 1993, inclusive.

The P.A.A. has been able to negotiate a "travel package" to facilitate players, families and supporters travelling to Greece for the championships.

This facility is to be made available to all police and civilian personnel in the country.

The package consists of a two centre holiday, departing Sunday 30th May, 1993, staying in hotel accommodation in Athens on a bed and breakfast basis for the first week, probably in the Stanley Hotel.

This will include coach travel to all the games for those interested.

The party will then depart to Skiathos, one of the Sporades Islands, on Monday 7th June 1993, for a further week's holiday, probably in self catering accommodation, returning to the United Kingdom on Sunday 13th June 1993.

The cost is estimated to be between £320-£350 for adults and between £180-£200 for children under sixteen, children under two travelling free.

Any person interested please contact Constable Eddie McKinley on Dunblane (0786) 825107.

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ON TARGET: Individual winner Doug Rawden receives the Bill Bishop Trophy from Mrs Sue Bishop.

Traffic team shoot to victory

THE ANNUAL Force Pistol Competition for authorised firearms permit holders was held this year at Wick North range, Fingringhoe on Tuesday, 29th September.

by Gordon Bennett

Early morning mist and cloud soon lifted, and a very warm and sunny day lifted spirits after a disappointing number of teams turned up for the event.

The morning shoot was confined to standard training practices at distances up to 15 metres and by lunch time the leaders by four clear points from Airport B (Brian Croucher and Alex Imms) were the FSU C team of Mick Hall and Simon Williams.

Individual leader at this time was Mick Hall closely followed only one point behind by Doug Rawden, Stumpy Last, Simon Williams and Phil Smith.

An exotic sounding lunch of Chicken Garmi and French fries (actually chicken and chips) supplied by the Force Caterers obviously weighed



The team winners, Del Brander and Doug Rawden receive their trophy from ACC(P) Mr Conlan.

heavily on the stomachs of the FSU teams and during the afternoon exertion shoot, the Traffic teams (proving that they do have legs) came to the fore.

An excellent shoot by Del Brander and Doug Rawden (Traffic Rayleigh) during the early part of the afternoon really put the pressure on the remaining competitors and almost all found the distances too much.

Final Team results were: 1st: Traffic Rayleigh - Del Brander and Doug Rawden. Runner-up: Traffic Laindon - Kevin Gladman and Mark Furneaux.

Individual Result: 1st: Doug Rawden - Traffic Rayleigh. Runner-up: Stumpy Last - Stansted Airport A.

Winners of the MP5 clay shoot: Stansted Airport A - Jim Tricker and Stumpy Last. - Trophies were presented to the winners and runners up by Mr Conlan ACC(P).

The 'Bill Bishop' shield for the best individual shot was won by Doug Rawden and presented by Mrs Sue Bishop.

One final point - congratulations to all competitors, this was the first year in the history of the competition that no one has incurred any penalty points.

League hopes high after defeat

Essex Cup hopes fall to Tring

ESSEX POLICE 5 TRING 32

THE ESSEX Police Rugby team have been moving from strength to strength in recent weeks winning the

By Mick Hall

Team of the Month award for their spectacular efforts in The Provincial Cup and maintaining an unbeaten run in the Eastern Counties League.

The team reached the last 16 clubs in East Anglia, remaining in the Provincial Cup after knocking out St Albans 13-11 - even though the St Albans team play in a league higher than Essex Police.

But their impressive run came to a shuddering halt on home ground on Saturday November 7 when the team went down 32-5 to Tring.

The Police team never

recovered from conceding 10 points in the first five minutes and with the Tring back row a much more effective unit than their police counterparts, the visitors added two more tries for a 22-0 half time lead.

The Police looked a different side in the second half and although they conceded a penalty after ten minutes they eventually got on the score board when centre Syd Payne dummied his way over from a penalty move.

With Tring centre, Steve Roseberry, struggling with a hamstring, the Police were seeing more of the game, but as they passed for another score, Tring centre Mike Smith intercepted on his own 22 for a 60 yard scoring run.

Tring were through comfortably to the next round leaving the Essex Force to concentrate on the league where memories of the 30-17 win over the Norwich Union brought some cheer after the defeat.

The win continued the Force's unbeaten run in the Eastern Counties 4 - but the team were well below form.

David Crighton-Smith opened the scoring with a penalty and this was soon followed by a penalty try to the Police which was converted by Crighton-Smith.

Essex Police were very inconclusive which led to Norwich Union's McGuire scoring a penalty. He then went on to score a fine try which he then converted.

An Essex Police penalty by Crighton-Smith saw the half time score at 13-10.

The Essex Police forwards established control in the second half and this led to two quick tries by Nigel Lowe and Jason Boots, the second converted by Crighton-Smith.

The Police then tended to rest on their laurels and gave away an interception try to Scott which McGuire converted.

The Police finally remembered what rugby is all about and the forwards moved up several gears. Fine second and third phase play led to a superb try by Paul Schwarz converted by Crighton-Smith, who added a penalty to close the game at 30-17 to the Police.

GOLF DUO ON PAR FOR SUCCESS

THE Police of Essex Golf Society held their Autumn Meeting at the Warley Park Golf Club and it was a case of the 'old and the new' in terms of individual success.

by Peter Moyes

This point was illustrated with the principal prizes being won by veteran member and vice-chairman, Bob Hayes and relative newcomer Richard Parish who promises to give many years of fine service to Force golf.

Richard, who is stationed at Tilbury, took the all-day scratch prize with some fine play in difficult conditions from Neil Gale, another accomplished young player who continues to improve all the time.

Handicap

At the other end of the 'service scale', it was Bob who won the Barry Price Trophy which is awarded for the best all day handicap score.

Not content with that, Bob with his drawn partner, Dick Greaves, also took the 'Two J's' trophy in the stableford pairs competition.

It was a welcome return to form for Bob, a past PAA champion, for he has suffered an indifferent year in his play.

Other winners on the day who had competed for an excellent selection of prize were: P. M. Nett, Pete Donovan (on countback from John Kreyling)

All Day Par 3's (lowes gross): Neil Gale, (again from John Kreyling on countback); Longest Drive: guest Ian Clar from Leigh.

AM Nett: Richard Parish winner again from vice-captain Nick Padmore.

Nearest The Pin: chairma Keith Southgate with a fine shot in the difficult conditions

Prizes

Our guests of member: who played an important part in making the day a success also competed for their own prizes and the winners were: Gerald McCarthy, Norbe McGarr (a regular winner here!), Mick Bennett and Captain Tony Kitching's guest: Mick Little.

After the prize giving, our AGM took place and details will be circulated to members in due course.

Upholding golfing links

ON SATURDAY 24th October a friendly Golf Match was organised between Headquarters Golf Section and three visiting Submariners from HMS Upholder.

The Navy was in Chelmsford as the vessel was being adopted by the Borough Council.

The game commenced after the presentation of plaques, in what felt like zero degrees.

Some awe-inspiring golf was played, and by the ninth hole the finger warming hip flask was being used to full effect.

The sun finally broke through, to help with the glow we were all feeling.

The game consisted of all the usual near misses, lost balls, and cries of "In the Hole Ball" only the crowd was missing, but at the end of the day it was declared an Honourable Draw, slightly in

favour of the Navy.

Our team consisted of Jim Hibbert, Ian Learmouth and Neil Hibbert.

The Navy team was Leading Steward, Paul Dickenson, leading seaman, David Cook and Patrick "Ben" Gunn.



FIRM FRIENDS: Jim Hibbert (left) pictured with leading steward Paul Dickenson.

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