

The Law

including Essex Police Magazine



Protection on the Beat - Centre Pages

The Newspaper of the Essex Police

May 1993

No 238

Brave Pc saves 85-year old woman from her smoke-filled cottage

Kiss of life for

Amy



CITIZENS OF THE FUTURE: When these energetic youngsters were given the chance to learn how to fight crime and promote citizenship in their schools they jumped to it. To find out how they and their teachers fared see page 7.

Picture: Mary Hughes, HQ Photographic.

BRAVE Boreham Pc Simon Halford received a big kiss on the cheek this week from an 85-year-old woman he rescued from a smoke-filled cottage.

Amy Halls had collapsed on the floor of the kitchen, which was rapidly filling with thick black smoke, when Pc Halford drove past her Writtle home while carrying out inquiries.

Spotting the smoking semi at The Green, he stopped the car, rang the fire service, broke down the door and raced inside.

"I couldn't see a thing, the whole place was filled with black smoke," said Pc Halford, a former physical training instructor at HQ and now beat bobby at Boreham.

PEKINESE

"I managed to find my way into the kitchen, Mrs Halls was lying on the floor and unable to get up" he added. "She had gone to turn the stove off and had fallen."

The 35-year-old Pc carried the shocked pensioner to the safety of her garden and then rushed back inside to save her



Mrs Halls and Fluffy show their appreciation to their hero - Pc Halford. Photo courtesy Essex Chronicle.

Pekinese dog, Fluffy.

Pc Halford discovered the smoke was billowing from a saucepan which had boiled dry and he turned off the gas burner.

Mrs Halls, who only walks slowly with the aid of a stick, was taken to Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford where

she was treated for smoke inhalation.

CUDDLE

As she thanked the courageous Pc with a cuddle, Mrs Halls said she had no idea how long she had been on the floor when the officer came to the rescue.

"It was quite a fright at the time, but I am all right now thanks to this gentleman," she said.

Supt Bob Ward, based at Chelmsford, said: "Pc Halford was extremely alert and did a marvellous job. I am recommending him for a commendation from the Chief Constable."

Facts for the future

AT A TIME when the Police Service is coming under scrutiny as never before, the Association of Chief Police Officers has laid its cards on the table with a far-reaching fact sheet aimed at exploding some of the myths about policing.

The pamphlet, "Your Police: The Facts" which aims to inform the public about the full activities of the service, has been prepared by ACPO with the support of the Superintendent's Association and the Police Federation.

"We have no hidden agenda," said Essex Chief

by Paul Dunt

Constable and ACPO President, John Burrow. "We simply want to inform the public so they are aware of the achievements of the service and they know we move with the times. We hope it will open up a constructive

debate about our role."

The document, which will be sent to leading members of the community all over the country, covers key areas of policing, such as the role of the police, their resources, public confidence and accountability. It is hoped it will make people more aware of the Police's responsibilities in today's changing society.

One major myth the fact sheet aims to change is that 'the only purpose of the police is to prevent crime and

arrest people'. It points out that over a typical 24 hour period only around 18 per cent of calls for help are about crime, although 30 per cent of the police's time is spent dealing with those calls.

The other 70 per cent of the police's work, it explains, is about reassuring the public, maintaining law and order, dealing with traffic and giving advice and assistance on a wide range of issues.

"Your Police: The Facts" also dispels the myth that the

police have been treated more favourably than other public sector services but are not coping well.

It reveals that in the decade up to 1991 demands on the police increased by 60 per cent although the total number of police officers in England and Wales rose by only 3.5 per cent (8 per cent including civilian staff).

In the same period crimes reported to the police rose by 82 per cent to almost 5.1 million, with emergency calls ris-

ing by 70 per cent to an average of 12,000 every day.

Other points of interest show that the police are now affected by 100 or so new Acts of Parliament since 1981; the detection rate has gone up by 37 per cent; the police service of England and Wales has one of the lowest police to population ratios compared with European countries of similar population size and the police service enjoys greater public confidence than all other British institutions which have day to day contact with the public.

Inside

Choir in Canada - page 8
Specials on Parade - page 5
Identifying criminals the high-tech way - page 9

FEDERATION NOTES... FEDERATION NOTES...

Police tired of being used as whipping boys

Fight criminals not the police

IN THE last edition I briefly mentioned the new Police Personnel Procedures document issued by the Home Secretary.

Your Joint Branch Board have now had the chance to study the document in depth and have submitted their views to the National Joint Central Committee.

The views of your Branch Board concur entirely with those expressed by other Federations and the Joint Central Committee.

The document has many inaccuracies and in some parts is economical with the truth especially with regard to the "Double Jeopardy" issue.

A strong letter has been sent on behalf of the Federation by the National Chairman Alan Eastwood to the Prime Minister John Major with a covering letter from Uxbridge MP, Michael Shersby.

Strike

Mr Shersby, parliamentary adviser to the Police Federation of England and Wales, has expressed his deep concern about the consultation paper on police personnel procedures.

"It seems to me that what the Home Secretary is proposing is to convert police officers into employees. This would be a profound change which could strike at the basis upon which men and women are sworn as constables to keep the Queen's peace. It appears that this unique and ancient public office is to be changed in a way that would deprive officers of legal representation and of an appeal to the Home Secretary in disciplinary proceedings.

"I must ask what has changed since 1984 when, under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, the police were given the right to legal representation when charged with a disciplinary offence.

"We must remember that the police have to deal with the worst villains and that as a result they are sometimes charged with acting in a way which is contrary to police regulations. In these circum-

stances, it must be right that our officers can have the benefit of proper legal representation.

Barred

"This is not a right that should lightly be swept away.

In response to the Government consultation paper on police personnel procedures, Alan Eastwood, chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales said:

"A constable is a unique appointment which means in effect that we are not employees and are statute barred from all industrial legislation. This paper, if approved by Parliament, would change the very nature of a constable by making us employees. We would demand everything all other employees are entitled to, namely the right to form a trade union, the right to affiliate with the Trade Union Congress and the right to have the strength of all industrial legislation to support us in our role.

Criminal

"In 1984 they agreed that the proper burden of proof in disciplinary cases would be the same applied to criminal cases. This has been supported by the Home Affairs Select Committee and again we must ask the question, what has changed since 1984?

"I have to say that police officers are tired of being used as the whipping boys when we are fighting an enemy the government should be united in fighting - the criminal."

Fed fears for drivers

I DRAW members' attention to the recent Force Order A 71/93.

Your Joint Branch Board were consulted with regard to this Force Order and made particular comment with regard to the Driver Authorisation category on page 3. The particular area was under category 3 vehicles part (ii).

This gives untrained drivers the ability to drive vehicles not exceeding 1800 cc but only in non emergency conditions. Your Joint Branch Board saw dangers in officers that were untrained being allowed to drive the above category vehicles on patrol whilst maintaining at all times speed limits.

Notice

In fact officers are required to sign a notice to this effect before being allowed to so drive.

Our main concern was that officers would automatically respond when receiving a call to an emergency life and death situation and it would be very difficult for them to comply with the above criteria.

Our views were listened to but not unfortunately taken on board. We therefore bring members' attention to this Force Order and remind them that they must comply with the contents and if untrained must only respond as directed in the order.

Leave it to us - Fed

THE agreement for the extra one day's Annual Leave for last leave year although ratified has still not come out in regulations.

Only last week a draft regulation appeared with regard to the extended hours shift systems (Ottawa). Attached to this was the new regulation with regard to the

Annual Leave.

However due to mistakes made in the first part of the draft regulation, the Police Negotiating Board have not been able to agree this regu-



By Brian Pallant

Payments for victims of crime

THE JOINT CENTRAL Committee has been concerned for some time that a number of instances where Courts, both Magistrates and Crown, have not been awarding victims of violent crime appropriate levels of compensation or, where not awarding compensation, not giving reasons in court for not so awarding.

As a result of legal advice from our solicitors, we have now identified a reasonably simple "legal" procedure to reopen a case where the sentence appears perverse.

Basically this entails a person with sufficient locus standi writing to a Court requesting them to rectify a mistake. This must be done by letter within 28 days of the Court sentencing the offender.

If the above criteria affects you ie. where you are not awarded compensation and no reasons are given, or alternatively the levels of compensation awarded are well below the prescribed guidelines, or the priority is given to fines or costs as opposed to compensation, then contact either the Claims Secretary Mick Englefield on extension 2795 or myself on extension 2797.

Copies of the compensation table are available from either of the above persons. They will also be reproduced in the next edition of *The Bugle*.

The matter has been referred back to the Home Office for clarification. This matter will be taken up as a matter of urgency nationally and hopefully will be resolved shortly. As soon as anything is to hand you will be notified.

THE LAW
OPINION

TRADITION is a powerful emotion, weaving together proud links with the past, handing down of beliefs from generation to generation and a sense of certainty that particular methods have stood the test of time.

Indeed tradition can be a solid foundation on which to build for the future. But there are pitfalls — in a fast-changing world tradition can prove a dangerous blindfold, shutting out the outside world and clouding out new ideas and change.

The Police are proud of their tradition and rightly so, but it seems the traditional image has left many members of the public unaware of how the role of the service has had to change to meet today's demands.

To redress the balance the Association of Chief Police Officers, in association with the Police Federation and the Superintendent's Association, has issued a factsheet, aimed at dispelling some of the myths about the service.

For example the traditional view that 'the only purpose of the police is to prevent crime and arrest people' no longer holds true in the 1990s.

Out on the beat too, many people are keen to maintain the traditional image of the police and remain resistant to issuing officers with protective equipment which may change the look of the British Bobby.

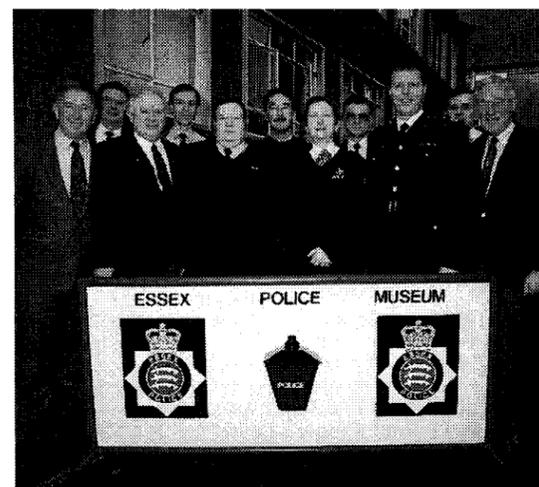
But the traditional face of policing has changed — as Rayleigh Pc Kirste Snellgrove discovered. It's now all too often battered, bruised and bloodied as assaults on officers increase.

A small wooden truncheon is no defence against criminals armed with knives, firearms and no respect for authority.

As the powers that be debate the future of the service it will be important to uphold many traditions. Others, however, may be ready to place in the archives of the Force Museum.

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.

Museum is an inspiration



The Essex Police Museum Committee, from left, Fred Feather, Roy Clark, Laurie Rampling, Barry Reynolds, Laurie Pipe, Mike Stanbury, Maureen Scollan, Cliff Collings, DCC Peter Simpson, Martyn Lockwood, Frank Shepherd.

THE Essex Police Museum has won praise for its "positive presentation of the history, purpose and cohesion of the Essex Force."

The acclaim comes from the Curator of Southend Museum, Arthur Wright, in a letter to Force Museum curator Fred Feather.

Mr Wright said "It was fascinating to see the collections, and I was very impressed with the standard of presentation and the research behind your presentations."

He continued, "I felt that for the first time I could reach out and almost touch the esprit of an organisation in which it was a privilege (not always comfortable) to serve."

Mr Wright said the museum was a "practical demonstration of inspiration", of value to new recruits and hardened cynics within the Force, as well as to children and adult members of the public.

"I offer these remarks because I have seen a few museums and "service collections" and am not easily impressed," he said. "You and Inspector Scollan have created something quite special here."

Meanwhile the Force Museum curator has two requests from correspondents to pass on to Law readers.

Firstly, does anyone have knowledge of an explosion at a Ministry of Defence ammunition dump at Chesterford Park, near Saffron Walden, in May 1947?

Secondly, a correspondent wants to buy a Southend-on-Sea white helmet and plate, and offers £95 — including £5 commission to museum funds. Contact Fred Feather at Police HQ on extension 2395.

Joint Branch Board
FEDERATION
OPEN
MEETING

Monday June 14th, 7.00pm
at the Marconi Athletic and
Social Club, Beehive Lane,
Chelmsford.

This year there will be no closed part of the meeting.

This is your chance to ask the Chief Constable, National and local Federation members questions.

Followed by: Buffet and cabaret

Contact Brian Pallant for more details.

This year will obviously be an important time for the Police Service so make a note in your diary now and come along to what is your meeting.

Off Beat

Rabbit, Rabbit

POLICE were on full alert when a report came in of a suspicious van on the M25 with the occupants wearing combat uniforms and carrying rifles.

Eventually the van was searched, but according to the report back from local officers there was "nothing in there except a dead rabbit".

The reason for their apparent lack of concern soon became clear, it was in fact a dead rabbit!

Jailbird

A CANARY caused a flap when it appeared uninvited in the lounge of a Mrs. Starling in Basildon. But Essex Police had the right remedy, they sent Pc. Paul Bird to arrest the intruder. The jailbird invoked its right to silence, refusing even to chirp its name.

Big Mac

ON the subject of appropriate names, an unfortunate worker whose fingers were crushed in an industrial accident in South Essex was called Mr. Careless. And a flasher in Braintree sub-division was reported by Mr. Mackintosh.

Milky Bar Kid

A WITHAM boy's love of chocolate caused a sticky situation. The four-year-old's mother was frantic when he went missing from home for more than an hour. But he turned in Fiveways Supermarket wheeling a trolley loaded with chocolates towards the checkout.

Chilterns project for cadets

A GROUP of Essex Police cadets will be learning about conservation and communication later this month when they team up with six local deaf youngsters for a work camp in the Chilterns.

The week-long conservation project, organised by Pc Jean Seager of Rayleigh Child Protection Unit, is based at the National

Trust-run Ashridge estate.

Last year Jean led a National Trust project at the same location involving blind volunteers.

Youngsters

Five cadets will work with the six deaf youngsters, who are aged between 18 and 25.

Jean liaised with the Royal Association for the Deaf (RAD) to

identify suitable volunteers. Money is tight for such ventures and the RAD is always grateful for fundraising and sponsorship support.

Cruise

★ The only Essex branch of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf has organised a charity cruise from Harwich to the Hook of Holland.

Departing at 11am on Saturday, September 18, the overnight trip

includes a berth in a two-berth cabin, lunch and breakfast for just £39. This price includes a £3 donation to Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.

Music of the 60s will be played by the Billericay School Orchestra plus the Waltham Forest Pipers. Tickets are available from Supatravel of Holland-on-Sea on (0255) 815018.

Braintree farewell

BRAINTREE Police will say a fond farewell to their current cramped police station at the end of July, when they move into their £2 million purpose-built new home in The Avenue.

And they have organised a special get together for pensioners and former Braintree officers to say goodbye to their old Nick in Fairfield Road, formerly a pub, which the police took over in the 1890s.

Among those invited is ex-Chief Inspector Tom Layzell, who was born in the station in 1928 when his father was the Inspector. The get together, which includes a buffet, will be on Friday, July 16, from 7.30pm onwards. Anyone who has served at Braintree is welcome.

Any pensioners with transport problems should contact Dc Dave Rogers or Dc Ian Bower on Braintree 551312 ext. 3961.



WELL DONE: Mr Burrow and Mr Waterer chat to construction bosses. Picture courtesy of the ESSEX CHRONICLE.

Sergeant's cigar trick gets bees to buzz off

INFORMATION room Sergeant Paul Davey had a bee in his bonnet after making a rare sortie from his desk duties to tackle a swarm of bees earlier this month.

The swarm had descended into a garden at Galleywood, where the householder feared they posed a threat to her daughter, who is allergic to bee stings, and other children play-

ing nearby.

It was a Saturday and Chelmsford officers had tried in vain to contact registered beekeepers and the local authority. They then remembered former colleague Sgt Davey was a spare time beekeeper, with two hives at his home near Braintree.

The brave Sergeant, without protective clothing, mustered the best equipment he could — namely a cardboard box, plastic bag and a trusty cigar — and buzzed off to Galleywood.

Allegedly using the smoke to make the bees drowsy, or just using the break from his non-smoking environment to have a quick puff, he positioned the box with precision.

A quick shake of the bush where they had settled, an even quicker exit, and once the Queen bee was in the box the rest of the swarm soon followed.

Sgt Davey said "There were about 20,000 bees in the swarm. They are usually quite calm when swarming because they are full of supplies ready to set up a new home.

"But I was quite pleased not to get stung at all, I was only in shirt sleeves."

A nervous area car driver still had the task of transferring the bees in the covered box to nearby Galleywood Common, where they were deposited to set up home in peace.

FIR RAISES THE ROOF

by Jenny Grinter

CHIEF Constable John Burrow had an "aerial" view of the Force's new communications centre when he performed the "Topping Out" ceremony with Police Authority Chairman Geoffrey Waterer last month.

Mr. Burrow felt on top of the world as they were raised skywards on a hydraulic platform to unveil the glass lantern which forms the centre-point of the building's copper roof.

NERVE

The multi-million pound Force Information Room (FIR) which is due to go live next year, will become the nerve centre for Essex Police communications countywide. It will replace control rooms at each sub-divisional police station with a single central Information Room, which will control UHF personal radios as well as VHF car radios. It will also take all 999 calls and alarm calls.

Work on the new hexagonal-shaped building at Police Headquarters is due to be completed in August,



IN HIGH PLACES: Chief Constable John Burrow unveils the glass lantern on the roof of the new Force Information Room, accompanied by Police Authority chairman Geoffrey Waterer, as the Essex Police helicopter hovers overhead. Picture: Essex Chronicle.

two months ahead of schedule and only a year after the contractors started on site.

Construction work has been carried out by French Kier Anglia Ltd., and the contract to supply communications equipment has been won by Marconi Radar and Control Systems.

TRAINING

The FIR project includes a back-up communications room, which will be first to go live next May, allowing training for the main communications room to get underway.

This will be followed by the new control room at Stansted Airport, which

will retain its own separate control room because of the specialised nature of policing an international airport.

By late summer next year, FIR should be fully operational. It will be staffed by 38 operators, three sergeants and one inspector per shift.

POLICE NOTICE WANTED

Musicians for the ESSEX POLICE YOUTH BRASS BAND

Trumpet/Cornet Baritone
Horn Trombone
Bass Euphonium
Percussion (tuned)

Requirements:

1. Under 19 years of age
2. Able to attend rehearsals Wednesdays 5.45pm — 6.45pm
3. Successfully pass an audition, all places will be granted on merit.

If you think you fit "THE BILL", then apply in writing, giving full details of playing experience to:

PC Paul Holford
Moulsham Lodge Police Station
Gloucester Avenue
Chelmsford, Essex CM2 9DS
Tel: 0245 490296

CID dinner's £2,360 charity course



CID officers from Harlow Division have presented a total of £2,360 to three charities, thanks to a fundraising raffle.

They presented £1,000 to Harlow-based McMillan Nurses, who provide care and treatment for cancer patients, £1,000 to Guide Dogs for the Blind, to train one dog, and £360 to Farleigh Hospice in Chelmsford.

The raffle is held every year at the Divisional CID Christmas dinner and dance.

Representatives of the three charities attended a hospitality evening at Harlow Police station to receive the cheques.

Detective Inspector Bob Miller (right) is pictured with, from left, representatives of the McMillan Nurses, Farleigh Hospice and Guide Dogs for the Blind.



Join the Specials!

With reference to recent letters in *The Law* from Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators concerning the mounting of 'Citizen's Patrols' to aid the fight against crime, would it not be appropriate for *The Law* to publish, on a regular basis, an application form for enlistment into the Special Constabulary.

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators such as Mr Jennings and Mr Pearce could then make a contribution to the community at large, thus making Essex a safer place to live in!

Michael A. Holland
Westbury Road
Southend.

That was the station that was

I am a serving officer at Hornchurch Police Station which used to be an Essex Constabulary Station till April 1965.

I am researching the history of the station for the period of the opening of the "new" station in Station Lane Hornchurch around the middle of the 1950's.

Any information about the opening of the station would be appreciated especially the donation of a snooker table by a relative of the actress Millicent Martin (of *That Was The Week That Was* fame).

We understand it was given to the 'boys in blue' to be held in perpetuity by the Pc's posted to the station.

Any information would be gratefully received.

C.B. Horner
Metropolitan Police

Looking back with the Bard

I enclose a copy of one of my compositions entitled 'The Law in Retrospect' which I feel is even more topical today than when written.

Each time I receive your publication I have scanned it with interest and eventually spotted that from time to time you include items from "poets" on various subjects which has prompted this letter.

As a "Watch Co-ordinator" I feel that at least most of our aims, morals and desires are the same, namely responsible citizens, uniformed or not.

My reason for sending this particular rendering to you is obviously its content, although I have had other poems published on a lighter vein within book form.

LAW IN RETROSPECT

Thro' the eyes of a man of today
Violence seems to abound
Compared with times when as a lad
It was seldom to be found
You could walk the streets in safety
Never turn the key in the door
And children could play in freedom
But they can't do that any more
Though World War II was raging
The bombs they fell like rain
And with only a part-time Police Force
The law was hard to maintain
Explosions and shrapnel were commonplace
Almost every day
Though our enemy was the Luftwaff
And not the I.R.A.
Often I heard of Black Marketeers
Thieves, pick-pockets and "Shady's"
But never once did I hear of teenagers
Mugging and raping old ladies
A dispute often settled
With an old fashioned 'scrap'
Was considered honourable and manly
Instead of today, when they gang up at dark
And creep up behind with a "Stanley"
The unwritten rule of the lawless
Was a gun or a knife not to use
To avoid the ultimate judgement
And die in the "Hangmans Noose"
But alas in today's world of affluence
"Do-gooders" seem to be rife
And all they do in the end it seems
Is to cheapen the value of life.

Dennis Shrubshall
Richmond Avenue
South Benfleet

LAW Letters

Toothless Tigers

How Essex's Lagonda inspired motorists

WHAT is happening to this country's police service? There appears to be a definite trend towards soft options instead of hard crime fighting.

A recent report has declared that we should not put any pressure on suspects to admit their offences as it is tantamount to bullying! Will interviews have to be simplified accordingly?

"Did you commit the offence?"

"No"

"Thank you. Interview concluded."

Now, it appears, Essex Police have opted not to use the word "Force" because of its "physical implications."

Tell that to the Force Support Unit! God forbid that this highly trained team of troubleshooters, who throw themselves into the midst of all manner of public order situations, should be associated with any "physical implications".

What about Force Orders? The Force Sports Association? The Force Lottery will have to go. It obviously carries an image of baton wielding Sports Club secretaries intimidating their fellow officers into buying more tickets!

More seriously, we face the wider problems of the advance disclosure of prosecution evidence to the defence; Restrictions on revealing a defendants previous convictions in court (whilst the defence can use similar information about prosecution witnesses to discredit them).

Home Office resistance to the issue of side-handled batons for our protection and, finally, the de-sexing of the police due to someone's over reaction and misinterpretation of the Equal Opportunities doc-

trine.

As Constables our prime functions are the protection of life and property and the prevention and detection of crime; but instead of toughening up we are trying to run the police service like a commercial business, in which our prime function is to win approval, favour and custom.

Good public relations is an area I totally support and whilst I also agree with the principals of accountability, which helps to prevent abusers of our powers, I feel that things are just going too far.

It may not entirely be the fault of the police. A lot of the problem lies with the Criminal Justice Act but we are fast becoming the toothless tiger of the world's law enforcement agencies and the laughing stock of the criminal and job fraternities.

Peter Caulfield
Castle Heddingham

IN your April Edition, you printed a letter from Stan Webb in Tenerife together with a picture of "La Lagonda" on the Police Skid Pan.

What delightful memories this recalls for some of us who as Neighbourhood Watch members have access to your pages.

It was in the early 1950's that members of the London Motor Club inveigled Inspector Ron Priestley, your Head of the Essex Police Driving School, into its membership and we were encouraged to improve our skills on your skid pan.

I had thought to use my supercharged 2.3 straight-eight Alfa Romeo on the oily pan, but having seen what was involved, I was very much happier to use the dear old Lagonda as were most of my friends.

I am sure that the police staff on the skid pan thought we were much wiser in our choice too!

I believe Ron Priestley had more influence than he may have known in that many more of his proteges, including me, later proudly became early members of the institute of Advanced Motorists.

Dr Ronald Penny,
Cutlers Green,
Great Dunmow

Editor's Note:

READERS may be interested to know the magazine of the Cheshire Constabulary *The Cordon* featured an article on the police Lagondas recently.

Inspector Roger Burgess of the Cheshire Driving School noted that four Lagondas were donated to Police Driving Schools in 1936/7.

As many people will be aware, Lancashire received one and maintain it to this day. The Metropolitan Force had one which is now in private hands in Germany.

The other two went to Essex and Cheshire where they were used for driver training. It is believed both of these cars were scrapped, but *The Cordon* reports the Cheshire car is currently being rebuilt in Dorset.

SPOT THE 'F' WORD

I READ with interest, the article on page 3 of the April edition of *The Law*, about the new "F" word. My interest turned to amusement, as I counted at least 34 instances when THAT word was used in various articles in the same issue. Had I discovered a new game - "SPOT THE F-WORD"?

Then, more seriously, I began to wonder why the use of the word "Force" was, apparently, no longer acceptable in reference to Essex Police.

After all, definitions of the word, according to CHAMBERS 20th Century Dictionary, include "strength", "power", "energy", "efficacy", "validity" and even "a group of men assembled for collective action (as 'police force')".

Are these meanings not entirely positive and do they not describe the image we would wish to project in the constant fight against crime?

The definitions of "ser-



FLASHBACK: Last month's *Law* reveals the shocking truth.

vice" include references to "employment as a soldier, sailor or airman", "actual participation in warfare" and "a warlike operation", as well as "a performance of religious worship"

Which, then, is more accurate - police force or police service?

Yes, we provide a service to society and, yes, we sometimes have to use

force to provide that service. But we will be judged on what we do, not on what we say we will do nor what we call ourselves.

Efforts should be concentrated on tangible improvement of performance, not on the use of semantics to promote ethereal imagery.

Geoffrey Bishop
Moulsham Lodge

Chorus Lines

The choir concert at Christchurch, Chelmsford on April 17 was a success if audience reaction is any guide, and also received a favourable review from Mary Redmond, music critic for the Essex Chronicle.

Thanks are due to all of our guests who gave the wide variety to the concert.

TCP (Taylor, Card and Pheby), the Singing Policemen of Heddingham delighted the audience with their rendition of 'The Bold Gendarmes' and 'A Policeman's Lot' and Steve Card poked gentle fun at the judiciary in his recitation of 'A History of Coal Mining' to which His Honour Judge Greenwood took no offence.

The Braxted Singers demonstrated perfect pitch when singing both with and without accompaniment. Derek Lee sang two of the most popular songs from current London musicals with 'Music of the Night' from the Phantom of the Opera and 'Bring Him Home' from Les Miserables.

Folklore from Bedfordshire Police entertained with slots either side of the interval and provided a marked contrast with organ solos played by Keith Kent in which he demonstrated to the full the virtuosity of the Christchurch organ in his selection of five differing pieces.

Special thanks are due to Colin Thomas who both surprised and captivated the audience when, in full Highland dress, the pipes struck up to introduce 'Amazing Grace'.

The concert was followed by a buffet at Headquarters for choir members and their invited guests.

Kirste to go back on patrol

Brave Rayleigh Pc Kirste Snellgrove, who was savagely beaten unconscious with a baseball bat in January, has been given the go-ahead to return to full-time work after months spent recovering from her terrifying ordeal.

Rayleigh Supt Tony Davies said she was now physically fully fit, although understandably apprehensive. But she had been determined all along to return to work, he added.

"A lot of that is down to her personality. She wants to get back to her shift. Her relationships with members of the shift are such that she feels very secure with them."

Supt Davies said that Kirste, who was attacked while out on patrol on her own, would only be going out accompanied by another officer.

During her convalescence, Kirste has been active in supporting "Protect the Protectors" — a national campaign committed to ensuring officers are better equipped while out on patrol.

"Essex Police sets up waiting list to deal with rocketing demand"

Specials out on parade



SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Canvey Island Special Donna Cave is presented with the Norman Dooley Trophy for her professionalism and courage.

HUNDREDS of Specials, their relations and friends converged on Police Headquarters last weekend to take part in the Constabulary's Annual Parade.

by Paul Dunt

In a year which has seen the number of Essex Specials rocket to more than 800, compared with just over 300 in 1990, Commandant Tom Rodgers said 1993 had been a year of change and a milestone for the Special Constabulary.

The part time officers were becoming much better integrated into the operational commitments of Essex Police, he said, and one change quite visible at the parade was the introduction of helmets for all Specials.

This change was introduced to increase head protection and make them feel more a part of the regular force. Another change was in the name with "Annual Parade" replacing the old Muster Parade — a title now thought too militaristic.



BEST FOOT FORWARD: Section Officer Alan Abrehart, who recently injured his foot while orienteering, is introduced to the Chief Constable by Colchester Divisional Officer, Peter Boston. Mr Boston was also presented to the Chief, receiving a long service award for his 30 years as a Special.

Visitors to the parade received a free edition of The Law's sister paper Special Edition, from which they learnt that so many people now want to become Special Constables, Essex Police has had to set up waiting lists.

The Parade also saw many presentations with Canvey Island Special Donna Cave presented

with the Norman Dooley Trophy for her professionalism when dealing with an unruly teenager.

Donna, who joined the Specials in October 1991, was on duty when she called to deal with a girl who had taken drugs and was causing a disturbance. She was taken to hospital by ambulance but again caused a further disturbance while en route, so the ambulance stopped and she was once again restrained by Sc Cave.

At the hospital, the teenager continued to kick, spit, bite and throw punches but each time Sc Cave restrained her in a situation

which went on for three hours.

Also presented with awards at the ceremony were three Specials who between them have given more than 90 years service to Essex Police — Colchester divisional officer Peter Boston, Southend divisional officer George Cook and Brentwood divisional officer Brian Corbu.

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

Photos: Derek Winger HQ Photographic

Happy Birthday FSU!



PAST AND PRESENT: FSU Sergeant Steve Cast chats to former member Charlie Clark, now A.C.C. at Leicestershire.

NEARLY 300 past and present members of the Force Support Unit and their families gathered at Police Headquarters recently to celebrate 20 years since the specialist unit was formed.

Over a buffet meal, officers got the chance to relive some of the highlights of their careers, such as the Stansted Hijacking, and discuss what the future holds for FSU officers who are often at the sharp end of major incidents.

A special commemorative goblet was produced to mark the occasion and there are still a few left. If you are interested please contact Sgt Steve Cast at the FSU.

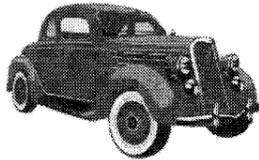


PASSING OUT PARADE: Standing still for over an and a half proves too much for one Special, but a First Aider is at hand to help.

Start up that classic for Cerebral Palsy

CLASSIC car enthusiasts are being urged to rev up for action and take part in a car rally on Sunday July 4 to raise money for a two year old Canvey boy who suffers from Cerebral Palsy.

The classic car run is being organised by Police Press Officer Paul Dunt, a trustee of The Carl Andrews Trust Fund,



which has been set up to raise around £50,000 to pay for specialist treatment for Carl at the world-famous Peto Institute based in Hungary.

Already around 20 vehicles are taking part in the run which will include visits to the Essex Police Driving School and the

Ford Motorsport centre at Boreham, where enthusiasts will have the chance to take their cars around the track.

Entry costs just £5, which will go to the Fund and Paul is eager to hear from anyone else who can take part as soon as possible on extension 2450.

Essex Police Musical Society

presents...

'A Handful of Songs'

21-24 July 1993

Concerts in aid of the Diabetic Association and the Bridgemarsh Hostel for the physically handicapped.

At the Assembly Hall, Police HQ.

Refreshments, Ploughman's buffet, raffle.

Tickets £5.00. Contact Rod Clare HQ/CID Ext 2527

How does an unarmed Police Service protect its officers

DEFENDING THE THIN BLUE LINE

In 1991, 22,000 police officers in England and Wales were assaulted while carrying out their duties. 1,300 suffered serious injury and two were killed. But as an Essex Police Federation survey that year showed, the majority of officers, at least in Essex, are opposed to routinely carrying arms on duty.

WITH violent assaults on the police on the increase and the commitment to maintaining an unarmed Police Service still strong, attention has focused on just what officers can do to protect themselves on the streets. It seems not a week goes by without the advertisement pages of *Police Review* displaying the virtues of a new type of knife-proof vest or other form of protective equipment.

But what is Essex Police doing to ensure it's officers receive the maximum protection in an ever violent world? *Paul Dunt* spoke to Public Order trainers Sgt Ian Ellison and Sgt Malcolm Ding to find out.

Seventy seven per cent of those replying to the survey gave firearms the thumbs down with only twenty three per cent in favour of

being armed while on the beat. But most would agree that while they don't wish to carry guns, the traditional wooden truncheon has had

its day.

Greater protection on the beat is essential if officers are to remain unarmed into the next millennium and currently there is a wealth of research being undertaken nationally to evaluate the best possible equipment for today's police service, ranging from long truncheons to shields and knife-resistant vests.

Telescopic

With the coverage it has received in the media you could be forgiven for thinking the only alternative for the wooden truncheon is the American Side-Handled Baton.

But the Home Secretary's view is that the American Side-Handled Baton and the visible way it would have to be worn, would change the traditional image of policing in Britain and currently no force is testing or evaluating it for use, much to the disappointment of many of its supporters (it is however being used by the Prison Service).

But other alternatives are being trialled. Various forces are currently testing the plastic baton, which is six inches longer than the standard wooden truncheon, although it is generally acknowledged by this force as an interim measure, rather than a final solution.

Avon and Somerset Police are testing the ASP, a metal baton which is telescopic and comes in

three basic sizes — 16", 21" and 26". This will also be trialled by police on Merseyside.

The advantage of the ASP is that it is small (about six inches long when compressed) but can be quickly flicked into action, tapering thinly to a round node, which would be very effective against attack. It also gives a very firm 'clunk' when expanded, sounding a powerful image of control over a situation.

Expanded

Its size is also an advantage since it is small enough to be concealed in a pocket or jacket by plain-clothes officers if necessary.

Also on trial is the Expandable Straight Baton or 'Monadnock', which is basically a 14" aluminium truncheon with a plastic shaft inside which springs out with gravity expanding the baton to 25" or 26", locking into place with a pin.

This has the advantage in that it can be carried in the existing truncheon holder and, although made of different material, it would not change the traditional appearance of the officer on the beat.

Its ability to be quickly expanded would also give officers much greater protection than the existing equipment does.

However as Ian Ellison and Malcolm Ding explained, Essex Police still possess stocks of the traditional 27" long



LINE OF DEFENCE: Officers in full protective themselves from attack.

truncheon, which are available on division if needed. "There is nothing to stop officers making use of the protective equipment available to them," said Sgt Ellison.

Vest

"We will be closely monitoring the baton trials

day," he said. "It is very difficult to research them but it is an on-going project and a report is due shortly."

Tests on baton technology are currently being conducted by The Police Scientific Development Branch, a Home Office financed department, which is evaluating the effectiveness of each type. They are also busy researching knife resistant vests.

All knife resistant vests at present are very big and bulky and cannot be worn under the uniform, explained Sgt Ding, which means if an officer wanted to wear one it would mean permission was needed to allow a change of uniform.

"We would advise anyone who is considering a knife-resistant vest to contact the PSDB first to check where it is satisfactory," said Sgt Ding. "Every knife is different and the vest has to resist every single one."

Protection

Five different vests are currently being tested, and the Force Support Unit have participated in a national trial of all of them. The Police are now awaiting the results of the PSDB tests.

In the meantime, as an interim measure, Force Order A82/93 states that, at the discretion of each divisional commander, two round shields can be carried in every response vehicle, primarily to

BOB Needham chairman of the Essex Police Joint Branch Board said: "It's been long accepted that the traditional Police Truncheon is inadequate for its purpose."

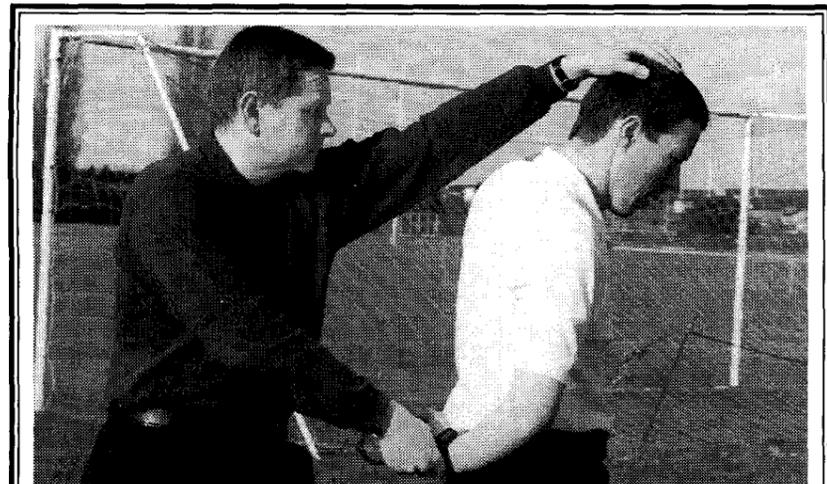
"That's why it's all the more frustrating to find that the Home Secretary has blindly refused to accept any objective trials for alternatives to the truncheon."

"Our message is simple. Give the go-ahead for trials and stop risking harm for the sake of an outdated image."

However, Sgt Needham was positive about Essex Police's decision to introduce Quik-Kufs.

"It's nice to see Essex in the forefront of providing this item so extensively for its police officers. It's a welcome move in the right direction."

taking place, but in many ways the decision on which way we go will probably be a scientific one at the end of the



FIRM GRIP: Sgt Malcolm Ding demonstrates the use of Quik-Kufs on Sgt Ian Ellison

THE introduction of Quik-Kufs is a good example of the steps Essex Police are taking to protect officers while out on the beat.

Already widely used in the United States, the revolutionary new handcuffs are being hailed as an effective piece of defence equipment, which should reduce the risk of officers being assaulted when making arrests.

Trainer Sgt Ian Ellison said: "Basically Quick-Kufs are a control and restraint device which should increase the efficiency of officers to protect themselves."

Because of the handle's rigidity, (the chain is reinforced), the new cuffs work almost as soon as an officer puts them onto a wrist. They use leverage



Quik-Kufs

techniques to control the prisoner and it is hoped they will increase officers' confidence when making arrests.

Essex Police has already begun a training programme to introduce Quik-Kufs, a programme which Trainer Sgt Malcolm Ding says will

take two years to complete.

Every officer will receive a full day's training before being issued with Quik-Kufs and must pass a practical and theory test before using them operationally.

Officers from Southend, Colchester and Basildon will be the first to train and some 500 uniformed officers should be using them by the end of June.

The new cuffs were trialled by the Metropolitan Police, but Essex is one of the first provincial forces to introduce them.



Search is on for War Specials

DURING the First World War, thousands of Essex Specials were appointed to take over the work of regular officers who were sent off to fight and the new recruits did sterling work keeping law and order back at home.

Now, Fred Feather, curator of the Force Museum, which opened last October, has volunteers busy compiling a record of all those who gave their time for their country. Many worked long shifts on top of tiring full-time jobs.

COURTS

Fred understands there were around 4,000 Specials who served in Essex during 1914-1919 and he is hoping to publish their names in a future booklet, which will follow previous publications on Force History such as 'The Borough Men' and the Essex Police 'Roll of Honour' — a tribute to officers who have died in the line of duty.

"The names of Specials who served during the Great War were displayed on commemorative certificates in local magistrates courts — so far we have 21 of these at the museum and there are four more at Grays, but we still have many names missing," said Fred.

PARISH

"We have a lot of names from the north east and centre of the county but not many from the north west and south west," he explained. The search goes on for the name rolls for Castle Hedingham, Great Dunmow, Rochford and Romford, which will show the names of Specials in each parish.

If anyone can help Fred in his quest, he can be contacted at the Force Museum on (0245) 452395.

'Numbers of Essex Specials treble in just three years'

FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Dogged determination!



Jacko's Backo: Special Constable Tina Robins reunites Jacko with his past.

A 100-year-old stuffed dog has taken pride of place in the Essex Police Museum, thanks to the dogged determination of Special Constable Tina Robins.

The tale of Jacko begins in the 1890s when he was the faithful companion of Camilla Holland, later to become the victim of the infamous Moat Farm Murder at Clavering.

But it was curious curator Fred Feather of the Force Museum who discovered the dog had been stuffed in 1907, and barked out the order "Find Jacko".

Buried

Tina took the lead, and tracked down the sprightly Spitzer, looking none the worse for his trip to the taxidermist, in Saffron Walden.

Now Jacko's back with Miss Holland, or at least a model of her, in the museum — along with photographs of murderer

By Jenny Grinter

Samuel Herbert Dougal and the detectives who found the body, buried under four feet of earth in a ditch which led to the moat.

Dougal was hanged at Chelmsford Prison in 1093.

Friend

When reading up an account of Dougal's trial, Fred discovered a reference to Jacko being stuffed. After Miss Holland's disappearance, Jacko had gone to live with her friend Mrs Wisken in Marken Row, Saffron Walden.

Tina, a Special Constable in the town for two years, undertook to search for Jacko as part of her research into the Saffron Walden Borough Police. She discovered by chance a reference in a book by local historian Jean Gumbrell, that the stuffed dog could be

found in a house in Church Street.

Breathlessly, Tina arrived at the address of the Reed family and explained her mission.

Antique

It transpired that the family had been in the house clearance and antique business for several generations, and Jacko had presumably come into their possession when they cleared the Market Row house after Mrs Wisken's death.

Jacko had been living under the stairs at the Reed's home, and they were delighted to send him to the Force Museum on permanent loan.

Tina said, "It had all started off in jest. Fred had a thing about the dog, and I went back and told the other Specials I had to find a stuffed dog.

"We all assumed Jacko had been dumped somewhere, and I never really took it seriously. You don't expect to find a dog after nearly 100 years."

SO MANY people now want to become Special Constables Essex Police has had to set up waiting lists to cope with the rocketing demand for places.

Over the past three years the number of Specials in the Force has almost tripled from just over 300 in 1990 to more than 800 today.

HELMETS

Commandant Tom Rodgers said ten sub-divisions were now up to full strength following a successful recruiting campaign which, although probably boosted by high unemployment and restricted places in the regular force, was nevertheless a great success story.

"There are some very public spirited people out there," said Mr Rodgers. "When I first took over the Specials I was quite flabbergasted at their dedication to duty — it's amazing."

He said the past year had been a milestone for the Special Constabulary with the part time officers becoming much better inte-

LEST WE FORGET THEM

THE names of those Specials who made the ultimate sacrifice for the Police service are to be recorded in a Special Constabulary Book of Remembrance now being compiled.

The book will record the full names, dates and causes of death of any Special Constables or war reserves killed while on, or as a result of duty since 1801, whether by accident, act of nature, criminal act or by enemy action.

It is hoped a Dedication Service for the book will be held in Coventry Cathedral in early 1994 where 10 Specials from every Force will be attending the service.

Before plans for the book were drawn up there was no national record of Specials killed on duty.

Research so far has revealed around 560 have been killed or died while on duty with around 12 murdered, including of course Special Constable Glenn Goodman, murdered by the IRA last year.

If you know of any Specials that have died on duty or would like any more information on the Book of Remembrance, please contact Bill Peircey on (0836) 211582.

By Paul Dunt

grated into the operational commitments of the Force.

One change to be seen quite clearly at today's parade is the introduction of helmets for all Specials, both to increase their head protection and make them feel more a part of the regular force.

This year has also seen Special Constables receiving Public Order Training for the first time, a move which has proved extremely popular, as has the continued policy of encouraging Specials to spend time with specialist units.

"I can't think of anything the Specials don't do now," said Mr Rodgers. "This year we have had Specials working in the Marine Section, the Dog Section, Traffic, Scenes of Crime, CID and Crime Prevention to name a few."

BOOST

The effects of the changes have been tremendous he said: "It gives them greater confidence and a good rapport with other officers. It gives them another string to their bow and gives them a great boost," he added.

Attaching Specials to shifts is now county-wide policy, and this again had strengthened the working relationship between the regulars and the Specials, making the part time officers much more confident and professional in their approach.

"I personally think the past 18 months have seen the standing of the Special Constabulary rise considerably. They don't get the silly remarks they used to and the public and the regulars alike now realise the vital and professional work they undertake in our communities," he said.

TODAY'S HONOURS

AT TODAY'S Annual Parade, Chief Constable John Burrow will present long service awards to twelve of the county's dedicated Specials.

Among them will be three Specials who between them have given around 90 years service to Essex Police.

Colchester Divisional Officer Peter Boston joined the Specials in November 1962 and, apart from a five month break in 1973 has served continuously. Southend Divisional Officer George Cook joined in December 1963 and Brentwood Divisional Officer Brian Corbu joined in July 1963.

Mr Burrow will also present the Norman Dooley Trophy for conscientious work to Canvey Island Special Constable Donna Cave, whose story features in the centre pages.

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

Inside

The Night of the Zeppelins — pages 2 and 3
A very Special mum — page 3.
From Special to Emperor — page 4.
Specials on the Frontline — page 4.

A message from the Commandant — see page 2

A very warm welcome from the Commandant

WELCOME to the 1993 Annual Parade and welcome to Police Headquarters.

As I am sure you will have noticed, there has been a change of name this year with 'Annual Parade' replacing the old 'Muster Parade', a title now thought too militaristic.

Yet the format of today's events remains much the same, with the only difference being that while the parade is being inspected a commentary will be given which should give you a better insight into the work Essex Specials have undertaken throughout the year.

And what a year it has been! Last year I was happy to report recruitment of Specials was rocketing and this trend has now risen to such an extent we have



Tom Rodgers

had to put a limit on numbers and some subdivisions have even begun waiting lists!

But sadly, it was also a year which witnessed the tragic death of North Yorkshire Special Constable Glenn Goodman and saw overall crime rise still further. Yet against this it is reassuring to see so many people, from all walks of life, choosing to give up their freetime to serve the communities they live in.

It is also pleasing to see that both nationally, with the planned Book of Remembrance, and locally, with the work

being done to trace those Specials who served during the First World War, that the past efforts of the Special Constabulary are being recorded for the future.

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

There is no doubt in my mind that the Special Constables you will see on parade here today are a special breed of person. With people such as them in our communities we can look forward to the future with great hope.

This is a day for all of us and our families to enjoy and mingle with our colleagues. Enjoy the day and enjoy reading *Special Edition*.

**Tom Rodgers
Commandant.**

New recruits brighten Grays

YEARS ago there were barely a handful of Special Constables in Grays. Today their numbers are approaching one hundred and the Division is a leading light in how Specials and the Force can work together for the best results, says Inspector Terry Bates.

Inspector Bates is the only officer of his rank to hold the post of Specials Liaison Officer, but it is a job he has been doing for the past 19 years and in that time he has seen through dramatic changes in the way the part-timers work.

Apathy towards the police and the full-time employment of local residents meant that

for many years the old Grays division had great difficulty in gaining and keeping Specials and for many years only six or seven covered Grays town, South Ockendon, Tilbury and Corringham.

Embargo

However with the amalgamation of Brentwood into the division numbers rose dramatically to around 20.

For the next five years, the division (now re-named South West Division) struggled to reach the magic 50 mark, but after a period of stagnation applications began to arrive, which Inspector Bates puts down to the recent embargo on regular enlistment and a change in recruiting procedures for the regulars.

"We now boast 88 members and are quickly nearing the century mark," he said, but made it clear the Division's emphasis was not on numbers.

"We have always maintained a 'Quality rather than Quantity' maxim and this has proved worthwhile as our drop out rate is the lowest in the county. Indeed most of the resignations are to take up

positions as regulars," he explained. In the past 5 years, 15 specials have joined the regular police.

Tutor

All officers are attached to shifts at stations with each probationary Special given a 'tutor' constable to give on the job training.

"This idea was first trailed in 1987 and was an immediate success as prior to this no other training was given except for normal lectures," said Inspector Bates.

"This came to the notice of the HMI upon his divisional visit in 1988 and he felt it an outstanding initiative and it was entered in the HMI's Good Diary of Practice. This has resulted in several enquiries from foreign Forces who wish to introduce the system in their own Force," he added.

Over the past few years three specials on the division have received Chief Constable's commendations for their work, the last one in April for carrying out three arrests on two separate occasions whilst off-duty in the early hours of the morning.

And last July Inspector Bates himself was presented with a Chief Constable's commendation for '19 years effective management of the Specials'.

Special's twenty two German prisoners p NIGHT OF THE

ESSEX Specials have always been in the thick of the action, but perhaps none more so than Special Constable Edgar Nicholas who, while out patrolling on his bicycle during the First World War, came across an entire Zeppelin crew ready to surrender to him.

L.33, an Imperial German Naval Zeppelin, was one of three cigar-shaped raiders bound for London on 23 September 1916, but the enormous craft, under the command of Leutnant-Komm. Bocker was under attack even before it reached the Essex coast.

A British naval vessel opened fire as she approached the Crouch Estuary, but without success

and by 10.30pm, L.33 was inland as far as Billericay where Bocker changed course for Brentwood.

The Zeppelin dropped incendiary flares over Upminster and bombed Sutton's Farm Aerodrome at Hornchurch, then evading the searchlights to push on for Wanstead, from where a series of zigzag manoeuvres took it across Woolich and West Ham.



A special Special! - Edgar Nicholas.

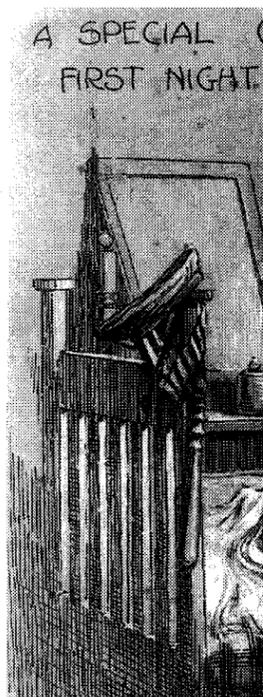
Just after midnight, guns at Becton and Wanstead, fired on L.33, while Bocker released incendiary and high explosive bombs on Bromley, and then on Bow. The Zeppelin attack caused considerable damage and left 11 dead and 25 injured.

But anti-aircraft fire had taken its toll on the marauder and she began to lose gas. Over Kelvedon Common the ship again found itself picked out by searchlights and in an effort to escape Bocker jettisoned the airship's water ballast.

At 12.30am the ill-fated L.33 was spotted by a patrolling British night fighter just west of Chelmsford. The B.E.2c aircraft scored many strikes on the airship but without apparent success and gun and engine problems forced it to abandon the attack.

But the giant intruder was now doomed. Machine-guns were thrown overboard in a desperate attempt to gain height but near Tiptree L.33 was almost scraping the ground.

After dumping any his remaining bombs at sea the craft then turned inland across the western tip of Mersea Island and eventually crashed close to Little Wigborough Church. The airship ignited on impact, but all the crew escaped uninjured.



A World War One car forced to think again the

After trying unsuccessfully to rouse the occupants of nearby cottages, Bocker marched his men along the Peldon Road with the intention of heading to Colchester and surrendering at the garrison.

But about half a mile along the Peldon Road, near Harvey's Farm the 22 German airmen were met by Special Constable Nicholas

Special Mission: from kidnaps and Albania to the Neighbourhood Watch

All in a year's work

FOR high-flying Rowhedge Special Constable Pauline Sherwood the past year has raced by with a daring mercy mission to Albania, a major project to strengthen links with Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and a whole host of charity ventures.

As a key figure in the '999 to Albania' appeal Pauline found herself on a special mercy mission to the poverty stricken country last May helping the team take four lorries packed with £100,000 of aid to the fledgling democracy.

And since her return she has been busier still, helping to organise more fund-raising ventures from flying with the Red Arrows to a charity Hockey match.



Special Care: The '999 to Albania' team hope to provide much needed resources for poorly equipped hospitals such as this one they visited in Albania last year.

Other members of the '999 to Albania' team are off to the country on a fact-finding mission this month and Pauline hopes to be going back to the eastern European country later this year with another relief convoy.

Meanwhile, back on her Rowhedge patch she has been busy helping to run a

in their area and to check if they have seen anything suspicious.

"It usually takes me a couple of hours on a Wednesday night to phone round my 21 co-ordinators, but it does mean people get to know us and they look forward to hearing from you," said Pauline.

"The idea has been going for about a year and I have seen people becoming a lot more vigilant. They are taking notice of suspicious activities in their area and writing down details of cars such as the registration numbers, make and colour."

And if all her volunteer work for the Force hasn't been enough, on top of this she has had her charity work which takes up a lot of time. But, as she explains, it can also be a lot of fun:

"We recently 'kidnapped' our SDO, Phil Dawes, and he was taken to Colchester

Jumble sale duty!

SOUTHEND Specials could be forgiven for thinking they had been placed on jumble sale duty after spending a training night sorting 17-year's worth of stolen goods.

The Aladdin's cave, including hundreds of items of clothing, was discovered in a pensioner's home. She began shoplifting after her husband's death.

Essex Police did not prosecute, but the goods had to be sorted. Sc Phil Burn said: "There were six van loads of stuff and by the end we'd made quite a hole in it. But it wasn't as if they'd just picked on the Specials to do it. The regulars had already sorted three van loads."

A very warm welcome from the Commandant

WELCOME to the 1993 Annual Parade and welcome to Police Headquarters.

As I am sure you will have noticed, there has been a change of name this year with 'Annual Parade' replacing the old 'Muster Parade', a title now thought too militaristic.

Yet the format of today's events remains much the same, with the only difference being that while the parade is being inspected a commentary will be given which should give you a better insight into the work Essex Specials have undertaken throughout the year.

And what a year it has been! Last year I was happy to report recruitment of Specials was rocketing and this trend has now risen to such an extent we have



Tom Rodgers

had to put a limit on numbers and some subdivisions have even begun waiting lists!

But sadly, it was also a year which witnessed the tragic death of North Yorkshire Special Constable Glenn Goodman and saw overall crime rise still further. Yet against this it is reassuring to see so many people, from all walks of life, choosing to give up their freetime to serve the communities they live in.

It is also pleasing to see that both nationally, with the planned Book of Remembrance, and locally, with the work

being done to trace those Specials who served during the First World War, that the past efforts of the Special Constabulary are being recorded for the future.

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

There is no doubt in my mind that the Special Constables you will see on parade here today are a special breed of person. With people such as them in our communities we can look forward to the future with great hope.

This is a day for all of us and our families to enjoy and mingle with our colleagues. Enjoy the day and enjoy reading *Special Edition*.

**Tom Rodgers
Commandant.**

New recruits brighten Grays

YEARS ago there were barely a handful of Special Constables in Grays. Today their numbers are approaching one hundred and the Division is a leading light in how Specials and the Force can work together for the best results, says Inspector Terry Bates.

Inspector Bates is the only officer of his rank to hold the post of Specials Liaison Officer, but it is a job he has been doing for the past 19 years and in that time he has seen through dramatic changes in the way the part-timers work.

Apathy towards the police and the full-time employment of local residents meant that

for many years the old Grays division had great difficulty in gaining and keeping Specials and for many years only six or seven covered Grays town, South Ockendon, Tilbury and Corringham.

Embargo

However with the amalgamation of Brentwood into the division numbers rose dramatically to around 20.

For the next five years, the division (now re-named South West Division) struggled to reach the magic 50 mark, but after a period of stagnation applications began to arrive, which Inspector Bates puts down to the recent embargo on regular enlistment and a change in recruiting procedures for the regulars.

"We now boast 88 members and are quickly nearing the century mark," he said, but made it clear the Division's emphasis was not on numbers.

"We have always maintained a 'Quality rather than Quantity' maxim and this has proved worthwhile as our drop out rate is the lowest in the county. Indeed most of the resignations are to take up

positions as regulars," he explained. In the past 5 years, 15 specials have joined the regular police.

Tutor

All officers are attached to shifts at stations with each probationary Special given a 'tutor' constable to give on the job training.

"This idea was first trailed in 1987 and was an immediate success as prior to this no other training was given except for normal lectures," said Inspector Bates.

"This came to the notice of the HMI upon his divisional visit in 1988 and he felt it an outstanding initiative and it was entered in the HMI's Good Diary of Practice. This has resulted in several enquiries from foreign Forces who wish to introduce the system in their own Force," he added.

Over the past few years three special on the division have received Chief Constable's commendations for their work, the last one in April for carrying out three arrests on two separate occasions whilst off-duty in the early hours of the morning.

And last July Inspector Bates himself was presented with a Chief Constable's commendation for '19 years effective management of the Specials'.

Special's twenty two German prisoners p NIGHT OF THE

ESSEX Specials have always been in the thick of the action, but perhaps none more so than Special Constable Edgar Nicholas who, while out patrolling on his bicycle during the First World War, came across an entire Zeppelin crew ready to surrender to him.

L.33, an Imperial German Naval Zeppelin, was one of three cigar-shaped raiders bound for London on 23 September 1916, but the enormous craft, under the command of Leutnant-Komm. Bocker was under attack even before it reached the Essex coast.

A British naval vessel opened fire as she approached the Crouch Estuary, but without success

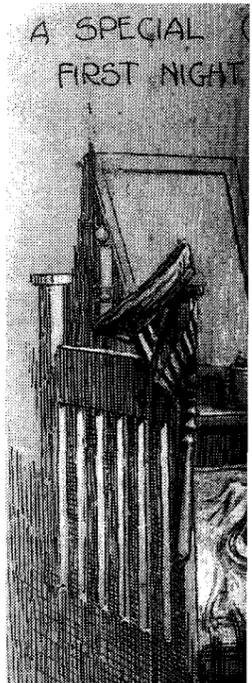
and by 10.30pm, L.33 was inland as far as Billericay where Bocker changed course for Brentwood. The Zeppelin dropped incendiary flares over Upminster and bombed Sutton's Farm Aerodrome at Hornchurch, then evading the searchlights to push on for Wanstead, from where a series of zigzag manoeuvres took it across Woolich and West Ham.

Just after midnight, guns at Becton and Wanstead, fired on L.33, while Bocker released incendiary and high explosive bombs on Bromley, and then on Bow. The Zeppelin attack caused considerable damage and left 11 dead and 25 injured. But anti-aircraft fire had taken its toll on the marauder and she began to lose gas. Over Kelvedon Common the ship again found itself picked out by searchlights and in an effort to escape Bocker jettisoned the airship's water ballast.

At 12.30am the ill-fated L.33 was spotted by a patrolling British night fighter just west of Chelmsford. The B.E.2c aircraft scored many strikes on the airship but without apparent success and gun and engine problems forced it to abandon the attack.

But the giant intruder was now doomed. Machine-guns were thrown overboard in a desperate attempt to gain height but near Tiptree L.33 was almost scraping the ground.

After dumping any his remaining bombs at sea the craft then turned inland across the western tip of Mersea Island and eventually crashed close to Little Wigborough Church. The airship ignited on impact, but all the crew escaped uninjured.



A World War One car forced to think again th

After trying unsuccessfully to rouse the occupants of nearby cottages, Bocker marched his men along the Peldon Road with the intention of heading to Colchester and surrendering at the garrison.

But about half a mile along the Peldon Road, near Harvey's Farm the 22 German airmen were met by Special Constable Nicholas



A special Special! - Edgar Nicholas.

Special Mission: from kidnaps and Albania to the Neighbo

All in a year's wo

FOR high-flying Rowhedge Special Constable Pauline Sherwood the past year has raced by with a daring mercy mission to Albania, a major project to strengthen links with Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and a whole host of charity ventures.

As a key figure in the '999 to Albania' appeal Pauline found herself on a special mercy mission to the poverty stricken country last May helping the team take four lorries packed with £100,000 of aid to the fledgling democracy.

And since her return she has been busier still, helping to organise more fund-raising ventures from flying with the Red Arrows to a charity Hockey match.



Special Care: The '999 to Albania' team hope to provide much needed resources for poorly equipped hospitals such as this one they visited in Albania last year.

Other members of the '999 to Albania' team are off to the country on a fact-finding mission this month and Pauline hopes to be going back to the eastern European country later this year with another relief convoy.

Meanwhile, back on her Rowhedge patch she has been busy helping to run a

phone-around scheme aimed at keeping Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators in touch with what is going on in the Force.

Every three weeks co-ordinators in the Colchester Division now get a call from a Special, who taps into the crime computer and lets them know what sort of incidents have been going on

in their area and to check if they have seen anything suspicious. "It usually takes me a couple of hours on Wednesday night to phone round my 21 co-ordinators but it does mean people go to know us and they look forward to hearing from you," said Pauline.

"The idea has been going for about a year and I have seen people becoming a lot more vigilant. They are taking notice of suspicious activities in their area and writing down details of cars such as the registration numbers, make and colour."

And if all her volunteer work for the Force hasn't been enough, on top of this she has had her charity work which takes up a lot of time. But, as she explains, it can also be a lot of fun:

"We recently 'kidnapped' our SDO, Phil Dawes, and he was taken to Colchester

Jumble sale duty!

SOUTHEND Specials could be forgiven for thinking they had been placed on jumble sale duty after spending a training night sorting 17-year's worth of stolen goods.

The Aladdin's cave, including hundreds of items of clothing, was discovered in a pensioner's home. She began shoplifting after her husband's death.

Essex Police did not prosecute, but the goods had to be sorted. Sc Phil Burn said: "There were six van loads of stuff and by the end we'd made quite a hole in it. But it wasn't as if they'd just picked on the Specials to do it. The regulars had already sorted three van loads."

loves cynical cartoonist wrong! ZEPPELINS



Cartoonist pokes fun at the Special Constabulary – but just a year later he was sent to Essex Specials.

patrolling on his bicycle. Bocker gave his identity and asked to be directed to Colchester.

Nicholas ignored this, and told the German crew to follow him to where they were met by Metropolitan Police Sergeant Edwards, who was on leave. They carried on until Peldon Post Office where Pc Charles Smith, the local detached beat officer, made the formal arrests.

Smith then ordered local Special Constables to surround the prisoners and the captured airmen were then marched to Strood where they were met by the military.

It was an historic day for the Force and an even greater one for the Special Constabulary. Pc Smith was immediately promoted to Sergeant and Nicholas was presented with a watch to mark his part in the capture.

It was also a firm poke in the eye for one cynical cartoonist, who doubting the resolve of the part-time officers, sketched a Special Constable hiding under the bed during a Zeppelin attack.

Only a year after it was drawn, the actions of Special Constable Nicholas, and others like him, forced the anonymous cartoonist to think again.

A mum in a million

THERE is no doubt in three-year-old Leanne Heaton's mind that she has a very Special mum.

By Paul Dunt

For after a hard day looking after her and James, her 14-month-old brother, her energetic mother dons a police uniform and sets off to Harlow Police Station for a stint at the sharp end.

But for 37-year-old Lee, who has a third child due in the autumn, her work in the Specials has become a way of life she wouldn't swap for anything.

"The more I get involved, the more I want to do it," says Lee, sipping a cup of tea at home behind a pile of paperwork. She is 'off-duty' but there's always work to be done in her role as Harlow's sub-divisional officer.

She joined the Specials in 1982 while working as a full-time secretary and a part-time nurse after being encouraged to join by her brother, Steve Smith, who was also a Special Constable and now is an Inspector at Stansted.

SHATTERED

Lee took to police work immediately, loving the active life. Within weeks she found herself in the thick of the action.

She was on duty in the control room when news came through that two boys had been mown down by a car and killed: "I went to see the parents to take them to the mortuary," recalled Lee.

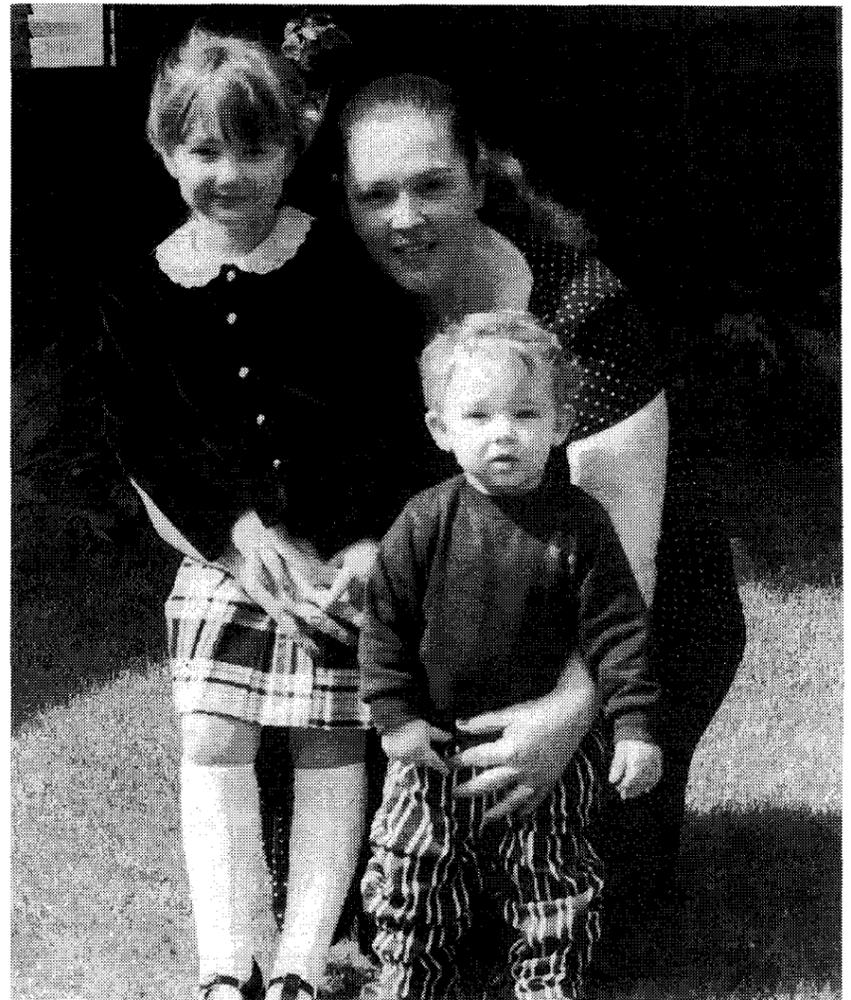
"It was the most horrible thing I ever had to do. My legs were like jelly," she said, remembering how she tried to comfort a shattered father who had just identified the body of his son.

With no formal training in counselling grieving relatives, she says she did the best she could. "I just didn't have time to think about it," she explained. The man later wrote to the Force saying if it hadn't been for Lee, he probably would have done something 'silly'.

HOSPITAL

She was later awarded the Norman Dooley Trophy for the most meritorious act of a Special that year and from then on it became clear she always wanted to be involved when anything was happening. "I'm afraid when I was young, I had to be at the centre of something if it was going on," she said. "It's the adrenaline that keeps me going."

Indeed her tenacity and courage have even seen her end up in hospital a few times. In 1984, while on duty with fellow



Special mum Lee Heaton with daughter Leanne and son James.

Special Janet Rimell, she was shoved and kicked after a motorist drove the wrong way down a one-way street.

When she arrived at hospital she passed out. But she caught her man.

On another occasion she was assaulted outside a night-club and knocked out, but she was awarded a Chief Constable's commendation for her efforts.

During her pregnancy she is off the streets, but there's been no let-up in her workload. As SDO, she is responsible for interviewing all new potential recruits, organising work schedules, reports, visits and

presentations.

Unlike some Specials, she feels positive about those who use the Special Constabulary as a stepping stone into the regulars. "If someone's ultimate aim is to become a regular officer we will do everything we can for them," she says.

BROTHER

Harlow has already lost three Specials to the regulars this year, with three more in the pipeline, but as her brother Steve explained, this process enhances the relationship between Specials and their full time colleagues.

In fact all Specials who

become regulars are presented with a special tankard from the Special Constabulary to mark the occasion.

Lee admits that she did once consider becoming a regular, but she is happy with the way she can combine bringing up a family and being a Special. "I wouldn't be able to do this without the help and support of my husband, Andrew, and my family, they have been very very good," she says.

And she certainly has no plans to retire when her baby is born. "I don't know what I would do without it now. It would be like cutting my left arm off," she said.

TODAY'S PRESENTATIONS Dooley Trophy for brave Donna

CANVEY Island Special Constable Donna Cave will today be presented with the Norman Dooley Trophy for her professionalism and courage when dealing with an unruly teenager.

The trophy was put forward by the family of the late Special Superintendent, Norman Dooley, to be awarded annually to the Special Constable who performs the most meritorious act, or renders exceptional service to the county.

Donna, who joined the Specials in October 1991 was on duty on a Saturday night in July last year when she was called to deal with an unruly teenager. The girl had taken drugs and was causing a disturbance.

She was taken to hospital by ambulance but while en route she again caused a disturbance so the ambulance stopped and the young girl was again restrained by Sc Cave.

At the hospital the teenager continued to kick, spit, bite and throw punches at nurses and the officer, but each time Sc Cave restrained her in a situation that went on for three hours.

Due to her professionalism and courage by staying with a very unpleasant and difficult challenge, the situation was contained and eventually a satisfactory conclusion was reached.

Today's parade will also see twelve Specials receive long service awards from the Chief Constable. These are: SO William Fancourt (Chelmsford); SDO Stuart Gibbons (Thurrock); SO Jennifer Kiely (Braintree); Sc David King (Chelmsford); SDO Julie Mallard (Chelmsford); Sc Trevor Matthews (Tendring); Sc Stephen Overhead (Southend); SDO Howard Rayner (Chelmsford); SDO Thomas Turnbull (Colchester); DO Peter Boston (Colchester); DO George Cook (Southend) and DO Brian Corbu (Brentwood).

Neighbourhood Watch

"Fire Station in the back of a fire engine," she said. While he was at the station one of the firemen made out to be a professional hairdresser and started cutting Phil's hair!"

"Phil took it in great spirit and agreed to let him do it if people paid some money



towards the appeal. He couldn't believe what was going on," she added.

At the end of the day theansom money to free SDO Dawes and money for his prompt haircut raised £148 or the appeal. "It's been a busy but exciting year," said 'auline. "Want to buy a stick or our giant Pooh Sticks race in the River Colne?"

SUCCESS ADDS UP FOR HARLOW SPECIALS

DURING 1992, Harlow Specials carried out 33 arrests and assisted in 28 others during 11,634 hours of duty in and around the new town area which has a population of around 75,000.

The 30 or so Specials who work on the division gave their time after a variety of day jobs. One is a surveyor, another a computer operator and one a cargo handler. There is a Marks and Spencer buyer, a factory worker, a publishing assistant, a customs and excise officer and a shop assistant.

"They come from all walks of life," says Lee, who says that most work two or three duties a week and cover all sorts of police work from dealing with criminal damage to public disorder incidents.

Some are assigned special duties. One Special Constable is attached to Crime Prevention with specific responsibility for running the crime-line for Neighbourhood Watch

Coordinators and organising cycle coding — 545 were coded in 92.

According to Lee, rumours Specials are only given mundane jobs are simply not true.

During the year they attended 46 special events as well as 15 plain clothes observations.

Nine new Specials joined the division during the year and some, like Lee will stay for years. Others may soon realise life on the beat is not for them, while others may soon find themselves joining the regulars.

SPECIAL EDITION... SPECIAL EDITION... SPECIAL EDITION...

From Special to Emperor! S.O. Janet tackles gunman

BECOMING a Special can be a shrewd career move, with the sky the limit, as Napoleon III discovered. Sworn in as a Metropolitan Special in 1948, just one year later he was Prime Minister of France and four years after that he made himself Emperor.

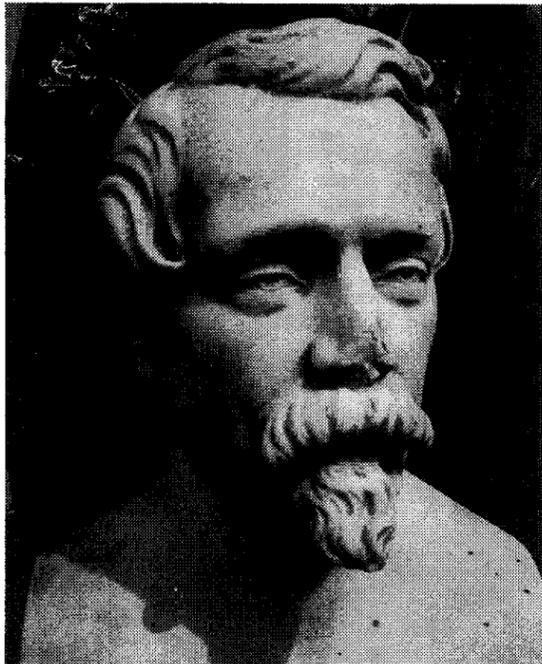
And as well as being a rising star Louise Napoleon Bonaparte III, to give him his full title, also has a fascinating connection with Essex, since his Specials armband was discovered in the county and later passed to the Chelmsford and Essex Museum where it remains to this day.

Little is known of Napoleon's duties while in London, although it is thought he may have served in Kensington at around the time of the Chartist riots. Rumours that his armband still existed were first aired in the force magazine, *The Truncheon*.

BISMARCK

It was understood the armband had last been seen in 1927 in the possession of a Chelmsford optician, Cecil Bocking, who lived in King Edwards Avenue. Further enquiries revealed it had been handed to the Chelmsford and Essex Museum in 1932.

Digging deeper, it was



Napoleon: A Special connection with Essex.

discovered Cecil Bocking, who was also an Inspector of the Special Constabulary, had been given the armband by his grandfather, Thomas Bocking, a former Metropolitan Chief Inspector who had been given it by Napoleon's Aide de camp.

Napoleon, who was born in Paris in 1808, was exiled to Britain in the 1870s after the battle of Sedan where he was defeated by Bismarck. He was a close friend of Queen Victoria and ended his days in 1873 at Farnborough.

"It just goes to show that as a Special you could end up anywhere," said Essex Police museum curator Fred Feather, who as a Napoleonic history buff, has a special interest in this incredible tale.

ARMLESS

In fact he is such a fan of the French leader that he has a bust of the great man in his garden. Sadly though, as you will see from the picture, there is no chance of reuniting Napoleon's armband with his armless bust.

FOCUS ON BASILDON

ESSEX Special Janet Ellis, who featured in last year's *Special Edition*, has been busy over the past 12 months. Now a Section Officer, she has received a Chief Constable's commendation for her part in arresting a gunman.

So Ellis was on patrol in an area car with three other Basildon officers when they spotted a man apparently in distress in a parked car.

However as the officers approached the car they found he had a sheath knife and a handgun. He began fighting with the officers and then a woman, who had also been in the car, joined in.

"I pulled her off and kept her away from the fight," said SO Ellis, whose career in the Force is being followed by *Special Beat*, the sister paper to *Police Review*. When reinforcements arrived it took six officers to get the man into a police van.

SO Ellis, Sc Constable

Robert Evans and Pc Sean Murphy were commended for their "initiative and prompt actions."

In fact all of Basildon Division's 114 Specials have had a very busy year with shift attachments, plain clothes observations and also short term attachments to specialist departments such as Traffic, Scenes of Crime and Town Policing Units.

All officers train on a fortnightly basis with instructions from regular officers at the various sub-divisions and Basildon Specials have also provided the manpower to police large entertainment venues, facing the same trials and tribulations as their regular colleagues.

Throughout the year,



Section Officer Janet Ellis receives her commendation from the Chief Constable

Specials on the Division have given an incredible 39,917 hours with 8207 duties. Absences from duty through any form of injury have been extremely small and commendations from the Chief Constable, crown courts and magistrates run into double figures.

Morgan gets his man

WHEN Epping Special Constable David Morgan spotted a youth suspected of threatening court bailiffs with a knife he was determined he was not going to escape arrest.

He chased him across a housing estate and into a wood, where he lost him. Using his radio, the innovative Special co-ordinated a search before spotting him hiding in undergrowth.

After a short chase Sc Morgan, who has been accepted for the regular force, caught and arrested the youth.

Pc Nicholas Padmore, who attended the original call to the house where the threats were reported, said Sc Morgan's actions were an excellent piece of police work, showing both courage and determination.

"Despite not knowing that the person he was trying to apprehend was armed with a knife or not, he continued to chase him and managed to use his radio to summon assistance," he said.

A youth was later cautioned following the incident.

IRA killing brings home 'Special role'

SPECIALS ON THE FRONTLINE

THE horrific death of Special Constable Glenn Goodman last June shocked the nation and brought home to the public the front-line role Special Constables play in the Police Service of the 1990's.

North Yorkshire Sc Goodman was on a routine patrol with his colleague, Pc Alexander Kelly, when, by chance they stopped a car containing two IRA gunmen on the A64 Leeds - York Road.

Paul Magee and the driver, Michael O'Brien, who had handguns and an automatic weapon, at first tried to talk their way out of the situation, but while the two officers made further checks on the Sierra car, Magee got out as if to go to the toilet.

But instead he turned his gun on 37-year-old Sc Goodman and then fired through the car windscreen at Pc Kelly.

Kelly was saved by a police telephone, which deflected a bullet, but Sc Goodman, whose ambition was to become a regular officer, suffered two shots to his chest and died in minutes.

The terrorists made off but were spotted five miles away by Pc Mark Whitehouse and Wpc Susan Larkin, who chased their Sierra, which then stopped suddenly. Magee got out and fired repeatedly from a Kalashnikov rifle as the police car reversed out of danger.

Magee, 45, was jailed for life with the recommendation he serves at least 30 years for the murder of Sc Goodman and the attempted murders of the other Pcs. O'Brien was cleared of murder but given 18 years for the attempted murder of the other two officers.

Essex Specials too have found themselves under attack while out on the streets, though fortunately the Force has escaped North Yorkshire's tragedy.

During 1992 one Essex Special suffered a serious assault with fifteen receiv-

ing minor assaults.

A typical example is Clacton Special Anthony Sheerer who suffered concussion and cuts after being assaulted outside a restaurant by two drunken women

Like their regular colleagues, Specials are giving the county their all to maintain law and order.

Could you be a Special?

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

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

If you are interested then contact Sue Youngs at the Force Training School, Chelmsford on:

(0245) 452746

SPECIAL EDITION

Editor: Paul Dant

Published by Essex Police, Chelmsford.
Printed by Essex Chronicle Series, Westway, Chelmsford.

Essex Special Constabulary



ANNUAL PARADE

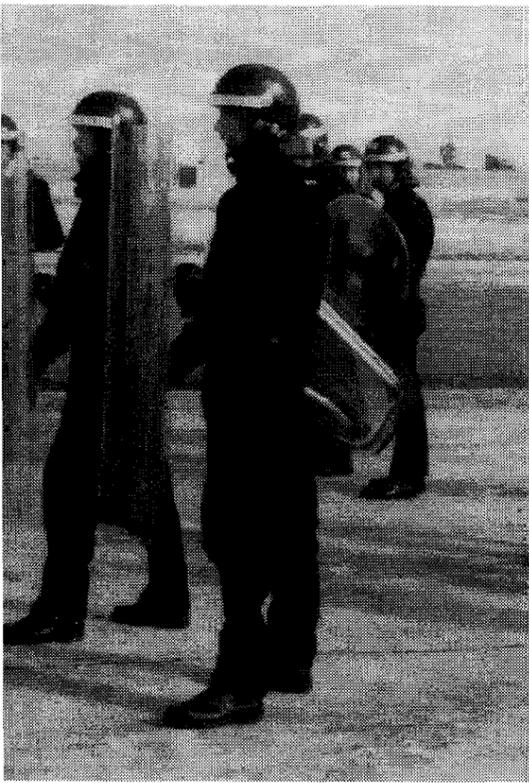
Sunday, 16 May 1993,
held at

Force Training School,
Headquarters, Chelmsford
Programme

- 11am Guests seated
Parade Fall In
- 11.15am Inspecting Officer Arrives (General Salute)
Inspection by Division
Presentation of Long Service Awards
Presentation of Norman Dooley Trophy
Presentation of Salter Cup
Address by The Commandant
Address by The Chief Constable
National Anthem
- 12.30pm Lunch

Inspecting Officer: The Chief Constable, Mr John Burrow.
Commandant Mr Tom W. Rodgers.
Parade Marshall Sc Eric Todd.
The Essex Police Band will play during the parade.

... from attack?



... using intermediate and round shields to protect

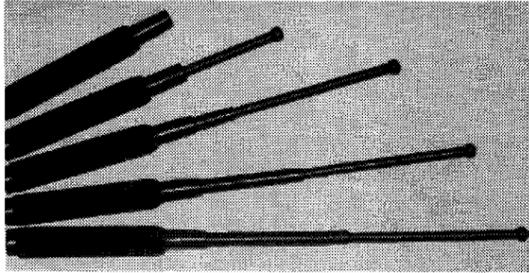
... officers some protection against knife attack.

Attack

However, Sgt Ellison made clear the shields are really

protection in certain situations, such as protecting a position by an internal door for example.

All are held on division and



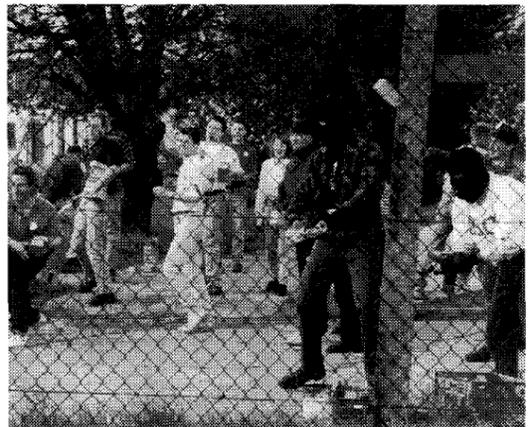
The telescopic ASP baton.

... to be used if under attack and should not be used as standard disarming equipment. The policy is for officers to stand-off until full protective equipment is brought to the scene, which will include a protective helmet, full shield, gloves, arm guards, gators and protective footwear.

Three types of shield are used by the Force — the round, intermediate and long. The first two are used for the same purpose of protection while under attack, but the long shield is now only used for

are available to officers at the discretion of the divisional commander. Some commanders choose to hold them all at divisional HQ while others have small stores at each station.

"We are always monitoring the equipment officers have to protect themselves, but the equipment that is out there is always among the best available," said Sgt Ellison. If anyone has any concerns about protective equipment they can contact Ian Ellison or Malcolm Ding at Public Order Training.



UNDER ATTACK: The best equipment available is needed to fend off violent attacks like this (Posed by Special Constables).

County-wide conference to promote Youth Action Groups

A Head start on crime

HEAD TEACHERS, school pupils and police officers from all over Essex met for a special 'assembly' recently to discover how to promote citizenship and help stamp out problems in schools such as truancy, bullying and drug-taking.

The Head teachers' Priority and organised by Conference, held at Leez Schools Liaison Officer,

by Paul Dunt

Johanna Charnley, was the first opportunity heads have had to meet together to specifically discuss crime and discover what could be done about it in their school.

The aim of the day was to encourage the setting up of Youth Crime Prevention panels or Youth Action Groups as the youngsters prefer to call them and delegates saw presentations from drama groups and over 70 youngsters who helped get the message across.

"The reaction from schools has been absolutely tremendous."

There are already around 20 Youth Action Groups up and running in Essex and the teachers heard how they were set up, how they were received in the school and what sort of issues they were tackling.

One of the main presentations was from Pendeford School in Wolverhampton which has had great success with Crime Prevention and is now a national example in the



Dramatic scenes from the Geese Theatre Company help get the messages across.



Youngsters take note of one of the many displays at Leez Priory showing what pupils can achieve.



The Chief Constable, Mr John Burrow, chats with some of the youngsters attending the conference about the work they are undertaking to tackle crime.

field.

As well as tackling issues such as bullying and vandalism, the 100 or so youngsters involved in Crime Prevention also helped elderly people fit security devices to their homes, tackled shoplifting and taken over the supervision of a subway to make it safer for people to use.

MESSAGES

Marie Newman, Vice-Chair of the Pendeford group said other pupils in the school reacted well to the work undertaken by their Junior Crime Prevention Panel and felt pupils responded better to messages from them, than from teachers.

Johanna Charnley, who has been busy visiting schools to promote the idea of Youth Action Groups, said she had been encouraged by the reaction to the idea of Youth Action Groups shown at the all-day conference.

"The reaction from schools and from the teachers who would be running and implementing change in schools and the pupils themselves has been absolutely tremendous," she said.

"Young people in Essex are obviously very very concerned about issues of bullying, drug mis-use, shoplifting and vandalism and they really do want to make improvements in their communities."

DRAMA

The Chief Constable also attended the conference and said he had been very impressed by the drama, which he felt was an effective way of getting the message across to the youngsters.

"It is everyone's responsibility how our young people are brought up."

He saw productions by the Geese Theatre Co, a touring group working in prisons, young offender institutions and probation centres, and also by Basildon Youth Theatre, which covered issues such as the way victims of crime feel.

CRIME

It is important for educationalists and the police to come together to discuss the problems of crime and to promote citizenship, Mr Burrow said, but he made it clear the responsibility for getting these issues across to young people lay with everyone in society.

"It is everyone's responsibility how our young people are brought up," he said. "The feeling amongst them that they belong to society and that society is something which is worthwhile is so important.

If we are to have responsible young people it's that feeling of belonging to a caring society which is all important."

Pictures by Mary Hughes, HQ Photographic

Children spared from court ordeal

CHILD victims of sexual or physical abuse will be able to give evidence without going to court, starting this month.

Under the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, they will be interviewed and cross-examined on video away from the intimidating atmosphere of the courtroom and well away from the offender.

The Act allows, for the first time, a pre-recorded interview with a child witness to be shown in court and used as evidence in chief.

Guidance

The videos will, therefore, have to comply with the rules of evidence, and officers carrying out the interviews will receive special training. A Memorandum of Good Practice is also available to give guidance.

The video interviewing of child witnesses, aged under 17 for sexual offences and under 14 for offences of violence, started in Essex from May 4. It will be monitored for a three-month period.

The five sympathetic interview suites around the county have been equipped with cameras and video recorders for interviewing to be carried out.

A short video is due to be produced in the near future explaining the new legislation.

Chorus of approval for Canadian music festival International song of harmony

by Roger Grimwade

THE Essex Police Choir undertook its first engagement out of the county on May 2, and as we never do anything by halves, our destination was British Columbia, Canada, for an International Police Music Festival.

We were joined by "Folklore" from Bedfordshire Police for the flight to Vancouver, which was followed by a picturesque ferry trip to Vancouver Island and

on to the University of Victoria.

Our accommodation was in a modern student block.

On May 5, we joined our hosts to welcome the Royal Hong Kong Police Choir which, despite a 13 hour flight to Seattle followed by an eight-hour coach journey, was still exuberant enough to join

in an impromptu concert by Folklore in the Students' Union bar that evening.

Rehearsals got underway the following day for the three concerts to be held in the acoustically superb 1,200 seat University auditorium. For the first time the choirs of Essex Police, the Royal Hong Kong Police, the Greater Victoria Police Chorus and Folklore joined to sing together.

The first concert was to an audience of schoolchildren who needed no encouragement when invited to join the choir

in "Supercalifragilistic..." and swarmed onto the stage, one young lady relieving Norman Eastbrook of his baton and conducting with an excess of enthusiasm over ability.

The two evening concerts were well received and gave

the choirs the chance to demonstrate their varied but complementary styles, while providing massed voices for the opening and finale.

On Sunday each of the groups took part in a youth service.

The next day the choir boarded a second coach which had been specially added to the Island's only train for a journey along the scenic Eastern side to Qualacombe Beach.

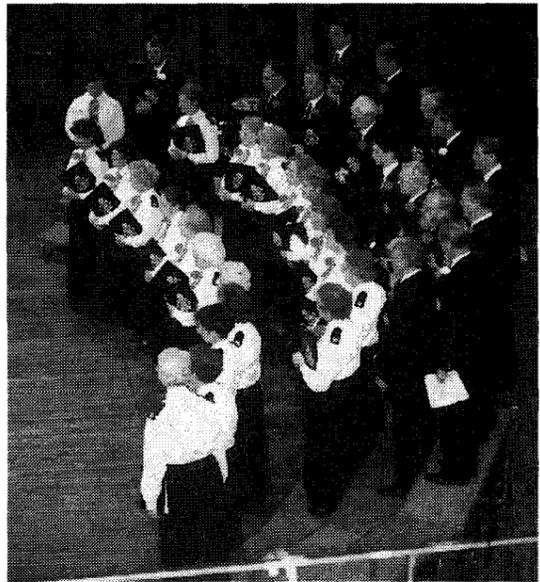
The evening of Wednesday 12th saw the choir in action again for a solo concert at Knox Presbyterian Church where members of the audience were keen to profess their Essex or British links.

During the trip the choir also visited a logging site and pulp mill which provide vast quantities of timber and paper.

We look back on a fortnight in which we received the hospitality of wonderful people and forged friendships across three continents, whilst getting to know one another better.

We must also praise the enormous amount of work undertaken by our chairman Bob Hayes, which made the Essex Police choir's participation move from a dream to reality.

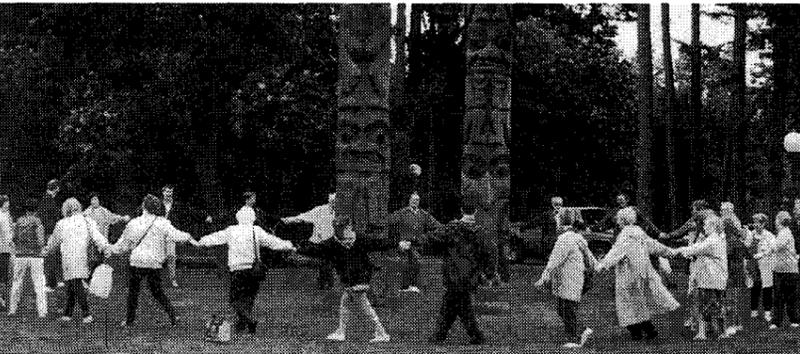
Who knows what may follow? A festival hosted by Essex in 1995, and to Hong Kong in 1997 before its return to China?



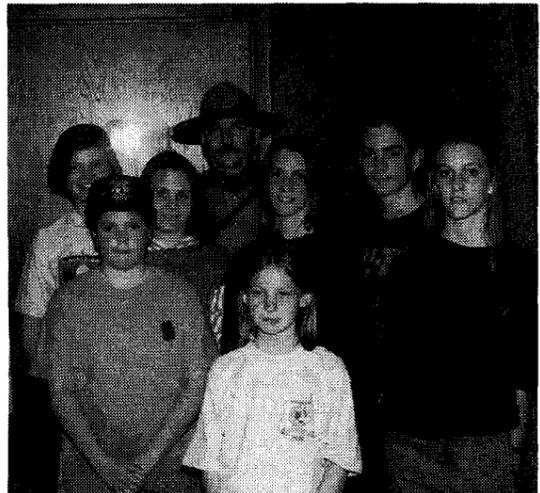
THE Essex Police choir in concert at the 1,200 seat auditorium of the University of Victoria, Canada.



MOTORCYCLISTS from the Victoria Police prepare to escort the choirs to the official reception.



YOUNG AT HEART Essex choir members link hands to sing "Let there be Peace on Earth" round the totem poles in the University grounds. The notes accompanying the song words say, "In 1955 180 young people in California linked hands and began to sing..."



THE children of choir members Roger Grimwade and Norman Eastbrook and four Canadian sisters meet a reserve Mountie in full ceremonial dress.

Top award for Tony



SERGEANT Tony Ellis receives his medal from council chairman Don Spinks. Picture: Herts Photographic Services.

ONGAR-BASED Sergeant Tony Ellis has won a prestigious award for his service to the community.

He was awarded the Epping Forest Police Medal for his efforts in co-ordinating the detached beat and neighbourhood beat officers in Epping sub-division into an

enthusiastic team.

He was also recognised for setting up "Keeper-watch", a scheme to combat poaching which has proved so successful it has been extended to other

areas of the county.

As wildlife liaison officer, he also gives regular presentations to community organisations.

Tony was presented with his medal by the chairman of Epping Forest District Council, Don Spinks last month.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GRUESOME MURDER



Sergeant Adam Eves.

THE STORY of the murder of Sergeant Adam Eves has been produced in pamphlet form to mark the 100th anniversary of the Essex officer's death.

Written by Inspector Martyn Lockwood on behalf of the Essex Police museum, the pamphlet gives a full account of the gruesome April 1893 murder at Hazeleigh Hall Farm near Purleigh.

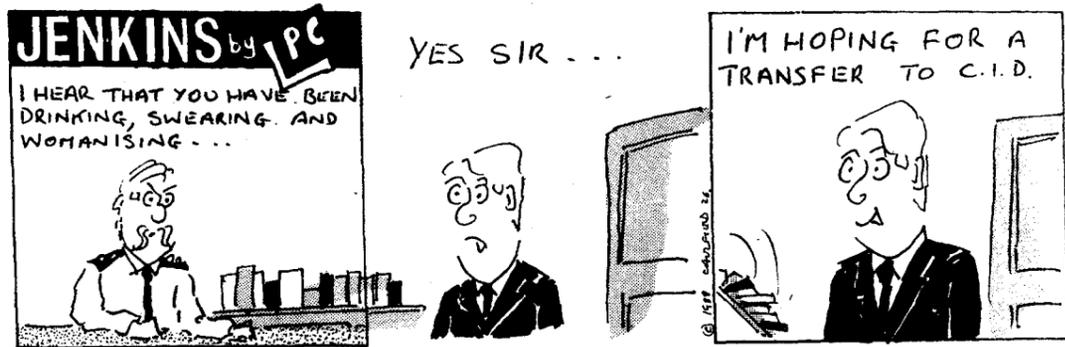
It tells how Sgt Eves disturbed three farm workers as they stole corn late one night.

After a struggle, Sgt Eves was left lying dead in a ditch, his throat slashed from ear to ear.

The booklet also details the trial and conviction for murder of two local brothers, John and Richard Davis, John Davis was hanged at Chelmsford Gaol, although his brother was reprieved and sentenced to life imprisonment.

A third man was convicted of breaking and entering a barn and stealing corn.

The pamphlet is the first in a series of "History Notebooks" planned by the museum. It is available from curator Fred Feather, who can be contacted on HQ extension 2395.



Jacob's Club fits The Bill

TWO stars of the TV programme "The Bill" have joined forces with Jacob, Halstead's own Crime Cracker, to launch an exciting new venture for kids.

Actors Graham Cole and Andrew Paul, who play Pcs Tony Stamp and Dave Quinnan, have sent personal messages of support urging children to join the new "Jacob's Club" and help to fight crime.

Pc Peter Caulfield said the club, run by Halstead Crime Prevention Panel, aimed to make children more aware of local crime problems and to channel that awareness towards improving their environment.

OWNERSHIP

By making its young members feel a degree of ownership of local crime prevention, Jacob's Club will, hopefully, deter them from becoming involved in theft or vandalism, said Pc Caulfield. The club will also reinforce the importance of personal safety.

Membership of Jacob's Club will be free and children who join will receive an action pack including a Jacob's Special Agent membership card, badge and a fingerprint game. It will be officially launched on June 5.

Jacob, a cream cracker cartoon character, was launched by Halstead Crime Prevention Panel last August, and has been used to spearhead subsequent campaigns.

New video database helps put criminals in the frame

A better image - the hi-tech way

A NEW high-tech video database is helping Essex Police to identify criminals.

The Photographic Image Retrieval System (PIRS) allows descriptions from victims and witnesses to be matched up instantly with pictures of potential suspects.

Features

With the new system, introduced last month, witnesses give details of age, build, hair colour and facial features of a suspect and these are fed into a micro computer.

The computers will search for photographs matching the description given and display them on screen 12 at a time, a process taking only half a minute.

If the witness identifies one of the pictures, a statement will be printed automatically for him or her to sign.

The micro-computers,

containing thousands of video images taken from custody suites, will be situated at every sub-divisional headquarters.

The system replaces the laborious task of manually searching volumes of photo albums, as Inspector Malcolm Oakey explained.

"Witnesses could have had 6,000 photographs to look at and we couldn't narrow them down at all," he said.

"The level of automation this system brings will greatly improve the efficiency of our criminal detection practices."

The system, which took ten weeks to develop, has been specifically designed for Essex Police. It is being evaluated by other police forces within the UK and

overseas.

By the end of this year the database should have up to 20,000 faces on file. Suspects will be captured on video by cameras kept at 29 PACE-designated police stations around the county.

These will replace the 35mm cameras previously used for taking still photographs.

Digital

The video pictures will then be converted to digital images on special optical disks at Headquarters.

The system was developed in consultation with the Crown Prosecution Service and the Home Office to ensure it met all legal requirements.

It will not replace identity parades, which must still be held if identification evidence is to be used in court.



THE Flying Dutchmen from Amsterdam Police meet up with British Bobby Pc Paul Holford (centre) at Chelmsford Police Station. Det Sgt Bob Cordery from HQ (second from right) cycled with the team from Romford to Chelmsford.

Going Dutch to help sick kids

THE Flying Dutchmen came to Essex this month, on a whistle-stop cycle tour to raise funds for sick children.

A dozen police officers cycled from Amsterdam to London via Harwich to raise cash for the Ronald McDonald houses in Holland and England.

Led by commanding officer Robert Croese, the group from a specialist unit which deals with security and prisoner transport, were on a team-building exercise.

They cycled more than 400 miles during the four

day trip, which included stops at Harwich, Colchester, Maldon, Billericay, Brentwood, Chelmsford and Witham police stations.

A rota of Essex Police cyclists accompanied them on the various legs through the county.

It was a tough ride for the Dutchmen, several of whom were unwell on route. And as Mr Croese added, "The bikes were not

used to the hilly countryside."

Donations from Essex Officers helped them to raise some £500 on the English part of the trip, which will go to the Ronald McDonald House in London, which provides a home from home for the families of sick children who are being treated at Guy's Hospital.

The first Ronald McDonald House opened in Philadelphia in 1974, and there are now more than 130 worldwide. The London house has provided accommodation for some 600 families since it opened three years ago.

The second Ronald McDonald House in England has recently been completed in Liverpool.

SHIFT SYSTEMS PROJECT

THE Shift Systems Project is progressing well.

The Project Team has now completed stages 1 and 2 of the planned 4 stages of work. This completes the research stage, during which time the team have examined welfare requirements, health and medical research and the operational needs of the organisation.

The final part of stage 2, was a presentation to Force

Policy Group, which gave approval for the project to research and design some different shift patterns for consideration.

Areas that are being considered during stage 3, are issues like the order of rotation of shifts, the start time of the working day, extended hours, and the quality of off duty time.

There will be extensive consultation with the shift-workers of the Force in the next few weeks, involving

visits to all Sub-Divisions to obtain individual thoughts.

But in the meantime, any member of staff who would like to comment on or discuss the project, is encouraged to contact the Shift Systems Team: Sgt Mark Schofield, Sgt John Bowman, and Moira Green, at Hatfield Peverel Police Office on (0245) 382469, or in writing.

Thank you to those who responded previously. All enquiries will receive a reply.



TOP DOGS: Essex Police representatives at the Regional Police Dog Trials, from left, Pc. Phil Passfield and Mabs, Pc. Colin Ball and Strachan, Pc. Phil O'Connell and Jack, Pc. Terry Scott and Flint.

Jack's alright

LAINDON dog handler Phil O'Connell was on the scent of success when he took third place in the National Police Dog Trials last month.

Pc. O'Connell and his dog Jack won the Man Work and Obedience trophy, and scored 716 marks out of 1,000 to take the overall third place behind teams from the West Midlands and Sussex.

Thirty dogs competed in the three-day nationals trials, hosted by the Metropolitan Police at Hendon.

Phil and Jack had qualified for the Nationals for the first time by coming fourth in the Regional Police Dog Trials, held in Hampshire in March.

Competed

Fellow Essex officers Pc. Colin Ball with Strachan, Pc. Phil Passfield with Mabs and Pc. Terry Scott with Flint competed at the regional trials.

And they proved successful for Essex with Pc. Ball winning the Combined Tracking trophy and Pc. Scott qualifying with a "good" certificate by scoring more than 70 per cent.

*Following Pc. Barry Barlow's appeal for a new dog in the March edition of The Law, he has now started his 13-week training course in Surrey with new dog Zak. Also attending the course with her new dog Major is Pc. Lesley Rosenwoud.

STANWAY TRAFFIC
25th Anniversary Celebration
 on
Saturday May 29th
7.30pm onwards
at Stanway Garage
 Light refreshments and bar
 Open to all who have served at Stanway.
Contact Bob Bourne
(0206) 762512

Private Medical Scheme

WHAT'S happening this year? This question crops up as members check out details of contract renewal.

The scheme has been insured with P.P.P. for some years and has an annual renewal date of 1st May.

The Group Secretary has sought out quotes and found that P.P.P. has been marginally better than BUPA for its group rates once more.

The Management Committee has therefore approved a further year with P.P.P.

Another important question...How much will it cost? The rates will increase by a little over 13%. This is reflected in all quotes.

P.P.P. were quite insistent on keeping to the levels of increase. However significant advantages for members have been obtained from the negotiations.

BENEFIT

When the annual documents arrive with members on 1st May they normally find a new contract and new benefit limits. The problem in the past has been that the benefits list is reappraised from 1st July each year.

This means our members are working with a listing that is almost out of date and they miss out each year on effective uprating of benefits.

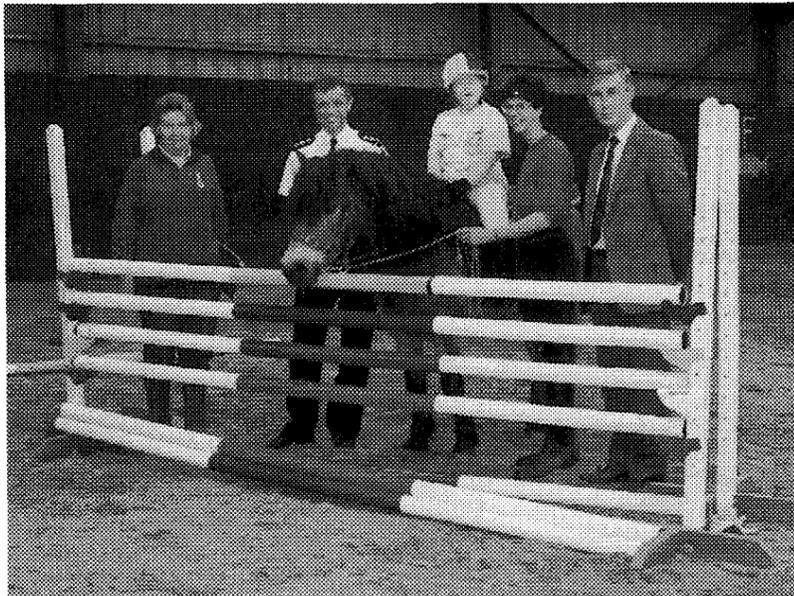
The new arrangements will extend the existing contract by two months and start the new one on 1st July.

Members will then have the advantage of an up-to-date benefits list, let alone staying off the increases for two months.

P.P.P. should be contacting subscribers soon with these arrangements and details of the direct debits.

If the new arrangements cause you problems, correspondence should be sent to: The Regional Manager (S.E.), Private Patients Plan, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2PL.

MUSICAL POLICE IN TUNE WITH DISABLED RIDERS



THISTLE ridden by eight-year-old Trisha Bragg from Springfield, inspects the new jumps. Looking on, from left, are Riding for the Disabled county chairman Liz Middleton, Chf. Insp. Denis Sheppard, Chief instructor at Barrow Farm, Anne Mitchell, and Nat West manager Les Miller.

But Thistle steals the show!

THISTLE the pony stole the show when he demonstrated the value of a new set of safety jumps donated by Essex Police to Riding for the Disabled.

As Brentwood based Chf. Insp Denis Sheppard formally handed over the jumps at Barrow Farm, Thistle leaned forward and nudged down each of the bars with his nose.

The jumps, made entirely out of plastic are designed to fall apart if hit, lessening the chance of injury to horse or rider — particularly

important when the rider is disabled.

Money for the jumps and a donation to help sponsor Thistle for a year, was raised by a collection at the joint Christmas Concert by Essex Police Band and Choir held at the Brentwood Centre in December.

Although admission to the concert was free, the collection raised £800.

Chf. Insp Sheppard

was joined at Barrow Farm by Les Miller, manager at Brentwood branch of the Nat West bank which sponsored the concert, allowing all the money collected to go to the Riding for the Disabled group.

The Barrow Farm group at Highwood is the largest of 19 RDA groups in Essex, with 129 riders. Many of these come from special schools in Brentwood, Chelmsford and Basildon. Disabled riders range in age from four to over 60.

Society's history is assured

HOME Office minister Lord Ferrers has launched a new book documenting the history of the Police Mutual Assurance Society.

The Story of the Police Mutual Assurance Society was written by Peter N. Walker, a former Inspector with North Yorkshire Police, and a former authorised officer of the Society.

Now retired, he is the author of nearly 80 books, including the Constable series, written as Nicholas Rhea, which inspired the TV series "Heartbeat".

The lavishly-illustrated story of the P.M.A.S. relates the story of the Society from when it was founded in 1922 with virtually no capital, but includes an account of the Police Mutual Assurance

Association which was formed in 1866.

Some of the Society's stalwarts, such as CCH Moriarty and Ben Pinkerton are profiled.

At the book's launch at P.M.A.S. Headquarters in Staffordshire, Lord Ferrers said the book encapsulated not only the history of the Police Mutual Assurance Society but also many of the changes within the police service itself.

The P.M.A.S., one of Britain's largest private membership assurance societies, serves every police rank, and all its external work is done voluntarily by authorised officers.

A copy of the book has been sent to Registry at Police Headquarters.



Home Officer minister Lord Ferrers launches the book.

N.A.R.P.O. Notes

CHELMSFORD BRANCH

by Doug Rampling
A.G.M.

THE Chelmsford branch AGM was held at Police HQ on Saturday, April 24, with 23 members present. Thanks to those who took the trouble to attend.

Before the meeting we had an unexpected update on the state of the Force from ACC(P) James Conlan who happened to be passing the canteen at the right moment.

All the current members of the committee and branch officers were re-elected to their posts.

GARDEN PARTY

Everyone should by now have received their invitation to the Force Garden Party being held at HQ on Friday, July 2.

To assist in the smooth running of the party, may I ask you please to return your invitation slips to the welfare office at HQ as soon as you can.

ANNUAL BOWLS MATCH

Our social secretary Vera Bayliss is still trying to arrange the annual fixture against the serving officers. She will be in touch with bowlers when she has some news.

COLCHESTER BRANCH

by Reg Shelley
AGENDA

THE newly-elected management committee met at Colchester on April 22 and set the following agenda of events:

Thursday, May 27 — Talk with slides by John Thorogood of Colchester

Branch of the Essex Wildlife Trust. 7.30pm at Colchester Police Station.

Saturday, June 12 — Hever Castle coach trip.

Friday, July 9 — Quarterly meeting, followed by a talk on "Essex Dialect and similar matters" by Wesley Sandford. 7.30pm, Colchester Police Station.

Friday, September 17 — Quiz Evening, teams of four, entry fee £4 per team. Limited to ten teams. Team names to the Hon. Secretary. 7.30pm, Colchester.

Friday, October 8 — Quarterly meeting, followed by talk "From Cape to Cassock" by ex-Detective Inspector Jim Glaister, now the Rev Jim Glaister, based in Felixstowe.

Members of other branches are welcome to attend any event. The committee has also provisionally arranged a Christmas buffet lunch and a branch dinner.

The branch is keen that retired officers in the North East Essex area who have never joined NARPO should consider doing so, and that those who have discontinued their membership should consider re-joining.

What better way of continuing your links with the service, and ex-colleagues?

A further date for your diaries — the Colchester Police Charity Ball at Colchester Garrison Officers Club on Friday, November 12. This is being run by NARPO, with backing from Colchester Police Sports Club.

OBITUARIES

ESSEX Police extends its condolences to the families of the following officers and civilians:

Ex Sgt George Reid, aged 78 years who retired in 1967, and died on April 14.

Miss Doreen Mitcham, who retired in 1985, and died on May 6.

Flo Stone, who retired in 1982, and died on December 31, 1992, traffic warden at Grays 1970-1982.

RETIREMENTS

ESSEX Police extends its good wishes to the following officers and civilians who are retiring:

Ps Jeffrey Standen, 30.04.93, Clacton, 24 yrs 238 days.

Ps Kevin Street, 15.05.93, Basildon, 16 yrs.

Pc Norman Redmond, 16.05.93, Basildon, 26 yrs 125 days.

Pc James Ham, 15.05.93, Danbury, 30 yrs.

Pc John Tracey, 12.06.93, Stanway Traffic, 30 yrs.

De Ian Turner, 13.07.93, HQ CID, 26 yrs.

Mr B. J. Kelly, 23.04.93, Asst Caretaker, HQ E/Management, 8 yrs.

MARKET PLACE... MARKET PLACE...

SONY V700 HI8 video camcorder, very good condition with carrying case and usual accessories. HiFi sound system with a x8 zoom lens, price £400. Pc Allan Heaysman, Ingatestone Police 0277

352715 or Brentwood Ednet 5350.

ALBION TANDEM pushchair plus raincover, v.g.c. little used £95 ono. H Osborn, Colchester (0206) 795842.

FORD ORION Equipe

H/90 1300, 30,000 miles, maroon red, 5-speed, e/ windows, alloy wheels, immaculate condition, £5,250 ono. Barrie Bell on 0268 769146 after 6pm or 0474 564506 after 6pm.

ELECTRIC LOG EFFECT FIRE £25. Tricity larder fridge £50 ono. Tomy carry close baby carrier £5. Asstd maternity wear (work and leisure) size 10. Joy Arkley PMSO, HQ Personnel.

FRANCE HOLIDAY HOME, 2 bedroom house, sleeps 4 plus, near Toulouse, rural setting £120 pr week. Contact Jill Lambert, Colchester Police Stn, ext 4302.

SHOTGUN 12 bore, Lander u/over, case, security cabinet, ideal for beginner, complete kit £350, Mike Stanbury (0376) 326400.

FLAT TO RENT, Springfield, large first floor, two bedroom, partly furnished, off street parking.

£300 per month, quiet location. Sue Payton, Southend Police Station.

CAVALIER 2.0 Gi: 1989, red, 62,000 miles, immaculate, one owner, f.s.h. £4,800. Det Supt Hargreaves, HQ ext 2503.

ENTERPRISE Sailing Dinghy, v.g.c. 3 sails, aluminium mast, stainless steel rigging, launching trolley and trailer, £400 o.n.o. Karen Sloan, Colchester Police Station.

WHITE WEDDING DRESS, size 12 brand new with accessories £450 ono. Barbara-Anne, MSD, Ext 2297.

TENT Cabanon Nadia Six man, cooker and other extras, very good condition, £250. Contact Sgt Norman, Shoebury Ext 6271 or 0702 584877.

MENS 21" PEUGEOT Racing cycle, blue, vgc, lights, mudguards, new chain set 10 speed gears, carrier £50. Pc Longden,

Laindon Traffic.

FIESTA XR2 E REG, Low mileage, long MOT and tax, excellent condition inside and out, £2,800. Terry Anderson, HQ ext 2677 or 0245 467683.

BEAUTIFUL two bed mews cottage, Great Baddow, fully refurbished, c.h. Front and rear garden, garage, £62,000 ono, Sue Barley Ext 3525.

B & B, dinner available, beautiful surroundings, blue flag beach. Also large modern caravan, low rates Law readers, Clive Ferrie, Sea Vale, Station Road, Woolacombe, Nth Devon, EX34 7AW, Tel 0271 870540.

CORNWALL, Polperro, chalet sleeps 4/5. Heated indoor and outdoor pools. Club, all facilities, £55 to £195 pw. Vacancies in July and August. Craig Bailey, 0279 653570 or 0279 757601.

BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE - ONE WORD PER BOX

Name and Rank

Station Home Tel

Date Signed

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

Marathon marvels

FIFTY-YEAR OLD inspector John McCabe showed younger men a clean pair of heels when he completed the London Marathon in under four hours, knocking 11 minutes off his previous best time.

Clacton-based Insp. McCabe was the oldest serving Essex policeman running in the event, his second marathon.

He hopes to have raised up to £600 for the Special Care Baby Unit at Colchester Maternity Hospital and the town's St Helena Hospice.

John, who is a keen race walker and cross country runner, ran 3 hrs 53 mins, and was delighted with his time.

"On television they said 10,500 people had run it in less than 3hrs 50mins, but that leaves another 15,000 people behind me, and I'm happy with that," he said.



WHERE'S ROBIN? Southend-based Sergeant David Starr was running for fun in his 100th marathon, when he completed the London course dressed as Batman.

It was 4hrs 22 mins of spectators singing the Batman theme tune, and asking "Where's Robin?" David said the costume went down so well he hopes to run in it again next year. So he's looking for a little Robin to run with him...



Roving BBC reporter Bob Wilson chats to Barry Ansell as the Essex Police marathon men cross Tower Bridge.

KICK OFF FOR FUN DAY KIDS

HUNDREDS of schoolchildren are taking part in the third annual Essex Police/Hi-Tec football and netball tournaments which got underway this month at Chelmsford.

Last year 342 teams took part from all over the county, with six area tournaments culminating in the finals held as part of the Essex Police Fun Day in July. There are competitions in two age groups, seven to 10 years and 10 to 11 years.

The area qualifying rounds kicked-off with success for Chelmsford's Newlands Spring School, which won three of the four events held at

by JENNY GRINTER

Moulsham School on May 8.

The dominant team in the Chelmsford divisional tournament last year, Newlands Spring won both junior and senior netball competitions, and the junior football this year. Lawford Mead School from Chelmsford won the senior football.

Shield

A total of 48 teams took part from Witham, Braintree, South Woodham Ferrers, Maldon and Burnham, as well as Chelmsford.

The winners will join the other divisional winners at Police Headquarters

on Sunday, July 11 to compete in the finals for the Hi-Tec Cup (Football) and the Hi-Tec Shield (Netball).

Last year's winners were: Football - St Katherine's, Canvey (7-10 years), Eight Ash Green, Colchester (10-11 years); Netball - St Helens, Brentwood (7-10 years), Lee Chapel, Basildon (10-11 years).

Challenge

Chief Constable John Burrow said, "I fully support these events which provide not only a sporting challenge but also promote positive links between the police and young people."

At each area qualifying round, schools are encouraged to arrange fund-raising activities. There are also police exhibits and displays.

The other divisional tournaments take place as follows:

Basildon: 10am Sunday May 16, Chalvedon School, Wickford Avenue, Pitsea.

Southend: 10am Saturday May 22, Prince Avenue School, Westcliff. Harlow: 10am Sunday June 6, Harlow College, Harlow.

Colchester: 10am Saturday, June 12, Stanway School, Winstree Road, Stanway.

Grays: 10am Saturday June 19, Orsett Heath, Grays.

Knights meet at mediaeval castle

by David Knight and Dick Greaves

the conditions, by the Italian works Ducati rider Fallappa.

Fallers

There were a large number of fallers, including some of the big names such as Fogarty and Rymer.

New Era were grateful for the professional way we applied ourselves to the job of providing security for the Pit area, and crowd control during the presentations. As a result it was negotiated that we will probably assist at the British Grand Prix at Donnington.

The weekend of April 23 to 25 saw ten of our members and their partners attending the rally at Walworth, hosted by our England III colleagues, and attended by colleagues from France and Germany.

Our hosts provided a collection of Yamaha superbikes from an amenable

local dealer, including a GTS1000, XJ600, FJ1200, and the YZF 750 for us to "play on", which were well received.

Saturday brought glorious weather for the captained rides. The majority opted for the 115-mile tour of the North Yorkshire Moors, with lunch at Helmsley. The convoy was led in by a spectacular GL1500 Goldwing Aspencade, which turned a few heads.

The second route, chosen by most of our England II members who had already travelled more than 270 miles to get to Walworth,

was to Beamish Museum near Consett. We had a great day, including going down the Pit.

Detour

Essex's Dave Knight, the elected ride captain, took the group on a detour over the spectacular Stanhope Moor.

Our French colleagues have already planned a special rally at Mont St. Michel, solely for UK Chapters, for next Easter.

If anyone wants further details about the Blue Knights or their activities, contact Dick Greaves at Harlow Traffic or Dave Knight at Harlow Coroner's Office.

FORCE SPORTS ASSOCIATION

LOTTERY

THE result of the May Lottery is as follows:

£1,500 Pc Paul Keeley, Grays; £700 Pc Raymond Bailey, Grays; £300 Jennifer Young, HQ Command; £200 Ps Christopher James, Basildon; £200 Pc John Porter, W. Thurrock; £100 Tw Susan Bowsfield,

Basildon.

The following will receive £50 consolation prizes:

Pc Patricia O'Toole, Colchester; Ps Ian Weller, Colchester; Pc John Toms, Newport Traffic; Insp Jeremy Moore, HQ; Pc Michael Horrigan, Southend.

Pc Mark Harvey, Colchester; Pc Mark

Woodley, Billericay; Jennifer Luscombe, HQ; Ps Richard Mason, HQ; Pc Stephen Lever, Clacton; Pc Bryan Miles, Landon Traffic; Pc John Bollingbroke, Colchester.

CROKER CUP

Table Tennis:

Central beat South, HQ beat South West. One

Croker Cup point each to S. and S. W.

Football:

Semi final - South 4, Central 2; 2 Croker Cup points to Central.

Darts:

Headquarters beat South West. 1 Croker Cup point to South West.

Position as at 21st April:

Central 11 points
South East 11
North East 9
South West 8
North West 8
Headquarters 3
South 1.



ON THE BALL: The newly-formed Harlow Police rugby team took on the Army (striped shirts) in a closely contested match, played at Carver Barracks. Full details on Page 12. Picture by LES BRAND.

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

GLADIATORS IN THE RING

FOR ESSEX

CADET Andy Dareham and Pc. Tony Barton took up the fight for Essex at the National Police Novice Boxing Championships held at Stafford recently.

Heavyweight Tony from Southend and Light Middleweight Andy from Clacton Amateur Boxing Club fought valiantly, both losing to the eventual winners in their semi-final bouts.

In the first contest of the evening, Andy met Mark Connor from West Mercia, a stylish fighter who was voted best boxer of the night and is an exciting prospect.

Despite boxing a contestant several years his senior, Andy gave a gutsy performance, and certainly showed enough ability and

potential to return next year.

He met Connor punch for punch before being stopped by a short right hook towards the end of the first round.

This bout was followed by Tony's fight against the Metropolitan champion from the Five Star A.B.C. at Harold Hill.

Experience

Although in good physical shape, Tony lacked a good deal of ring experience and was facing a boxer who had enjoyed the benefit of training at some of London's prestigious

boxing clubs.

There were good exchanges from both boxers in the first round. In the second, however, the Met. boxer's punching power proved too much for Tony who was stopped in his tracks by a strong uppercut.

The biggest disappointment for the boxers was the lack of travelling supporters. Only two travelled with the Essex fighters, which contrasted noticeably with the support received by smaller forces.

Sparring

Any boxers in Essex Police should contact DI Bob Miller at Dunmow CID on Ednet 5890 or Dc. Dave Lowe at Southend CID regarding boxing next season.

Any officers who wish to pursue the sport should first of all contact their local amateur boxing club and get involved in the training programme, which includes sparring.

If there is sufficient support, the boxing section will get a team together at HQ in the months leading up to next year's Novices Championship.



ESSEX boxers Andy Dareham (left) and Tony Barton.

Powerful pack subdues Army



A TIMELY tackle by Harlow's Tim Oxley thwarts an Army attack. Picture by LES BRAND.

A POWERFUL performance by the Harlow Police pack helped produce a close result as the newly-formed rugby team met the 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers in their first fixture, played at Carver Barracks recently.

The result went to the Army side by 28-21. The Harlow team sported sev-

eral Essex Police 1st and 2nd XV players, ably captained by British Police

representative Peter Carr from Stansted Mount-fitchet.

The match practice served Harlow Police well, and they went on to become runners-up in the Croker Cup Seven-a-side competition at Police

Headquarters last month.

Harlow Police are keen to arrange one or two midweek fixtures for next season. Any interested teams should contact DI Bob Miller on Ednet 5890 or Peter Carr on (0279) 812211.

Chaplin wins national darts title as Jacob loses table tennis crown

One mo' cup to fill

THE National PAA Indoor Games Championships were held in April at Birmingham, hosted by West Midlands Police.

To get to these championships our officers had to win the Essex Police Championship and then go to the No 5 region Championship and win that title so merely to qualify for the nationals is an achievement.

The Force sent a strong team to contest Table Tennis and Darts. In the ladies singles Jo Dudley did well to reach the 2nd round. In the mens singles Dave Birkett (Billericay) had a good 1st round win over highly

rated Jimmy Craggs (Mets), but was beaten by the No 3 Seed Chris Budden (Mets) in the quarter final.

Combined

Dave combined with Chris Jacob (HQ) in the mens doubles and they reached the semi final stages, but were beaten by a top class pair from Cheshire. In the veterans event our defending national champion Chris Jacob played well in the semi final to beat Pat McCabe, who was his

opponent in last year's final, but then he came up against a new veteran Ian Johns (Cheshire) who won a very close final to dethrone Chris.

The darts started badly with our mixed doubles pair of Julian Chadband (Westcliff) and Mo Chaplin (Rayleigh) being knocked out in the quarter finals by the eventual runners up. The ladies doubles of Mo Chaplin and Sue Woolard (Southend) did better in that they reached the final but despite scoring splendidly they were unable to match the finishing power of the ladies

from Greater Manchester.

The ladies singles qualification took the form of a 6 lady round Robin and Mo Chaplin gave rise to concern when she lost her first match, but she went on to win the last four to qualify for the semi final. From that point she scored superbly and finished each match to beat the defending champion Janet Haag (South Yorks) with a 106 finish to take the title for the second time in three years. No one has ever won this cup 3 times so watch this space in 94.

Mr Ron Hadfield, the Chief Constable of West

by Peter Layzell

Midlands, presented the runners up trophies to Chris Jacob and Sue Woolard and the PAA Cup to Mo Chaplin to continue our recent tradition of having a cup to fill at the presentation and allowing Essex to boast another national indoor games champion.

SPORT IN SHORT

Calais rally

CALLING all sailors! The annual Calais rally for cruising yachts and motor boats takes place from Thursday, June 10 to Monday, June 14.

Anyone interested or requiring further details should contact Sgt. Roger Burrows at Stansted Airport on Ednet 5926. Just think of all that duty free!

Gentlemen of CID

A GENTLEMEN of Essex CID cricket side is being formed, with several fixtures already arranged.

Any currently serving CID officer who wishes to play should contact team manager DI Bob Miller at Dunmow Police Station on Ednet 5890.

THE LAW

The Law was edited this month by Paul Dunt and Jenny Grinter.

Published by Essex Police, HQ, Chelmsford.

Tel: 491491 ext 2453/2454

Printed by The Essex Chronicle Series, Westway, Chelmsford.

Next Issue

JUNE

Copy deadline: 11.6.93
Printed: 23.6.93